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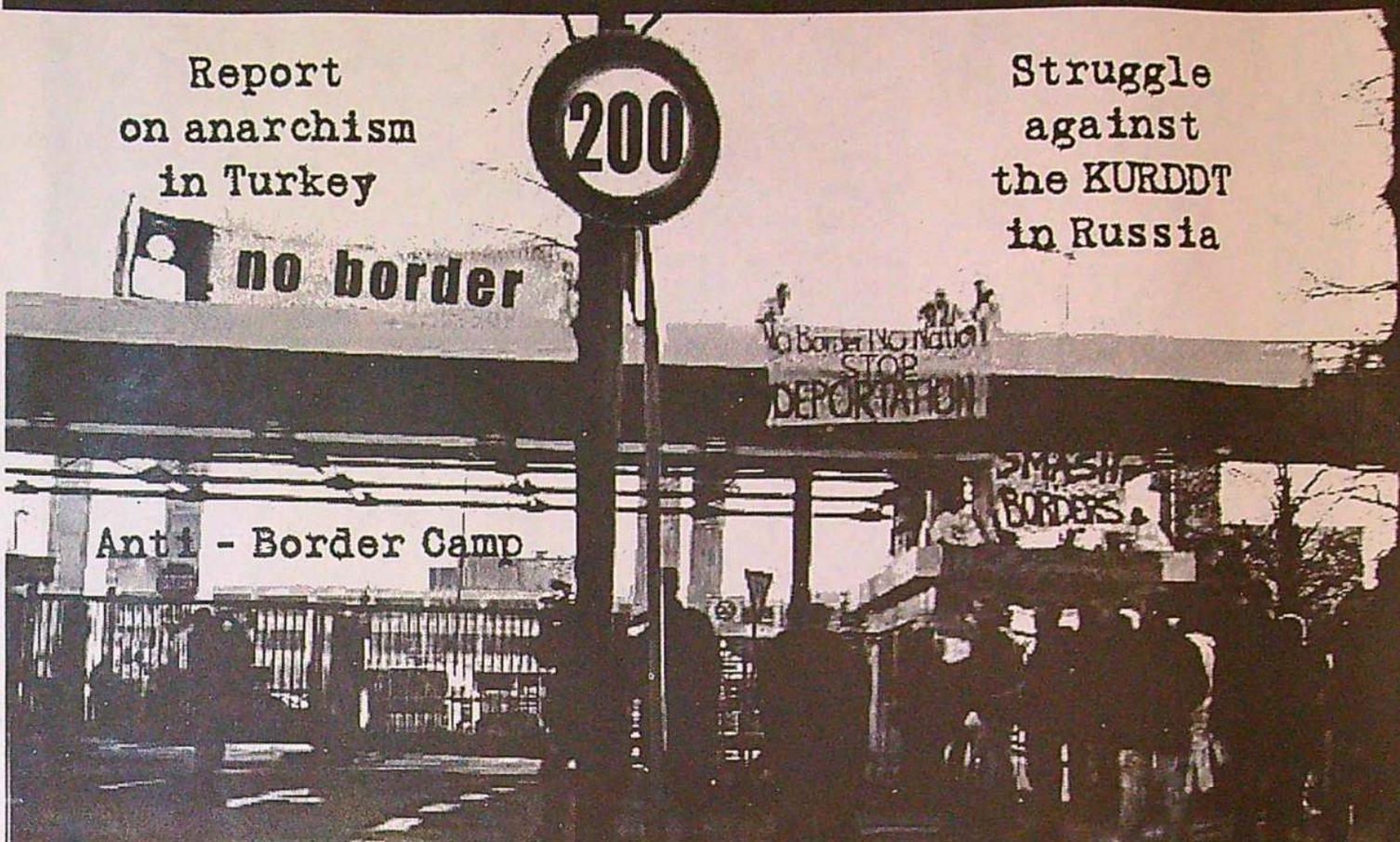
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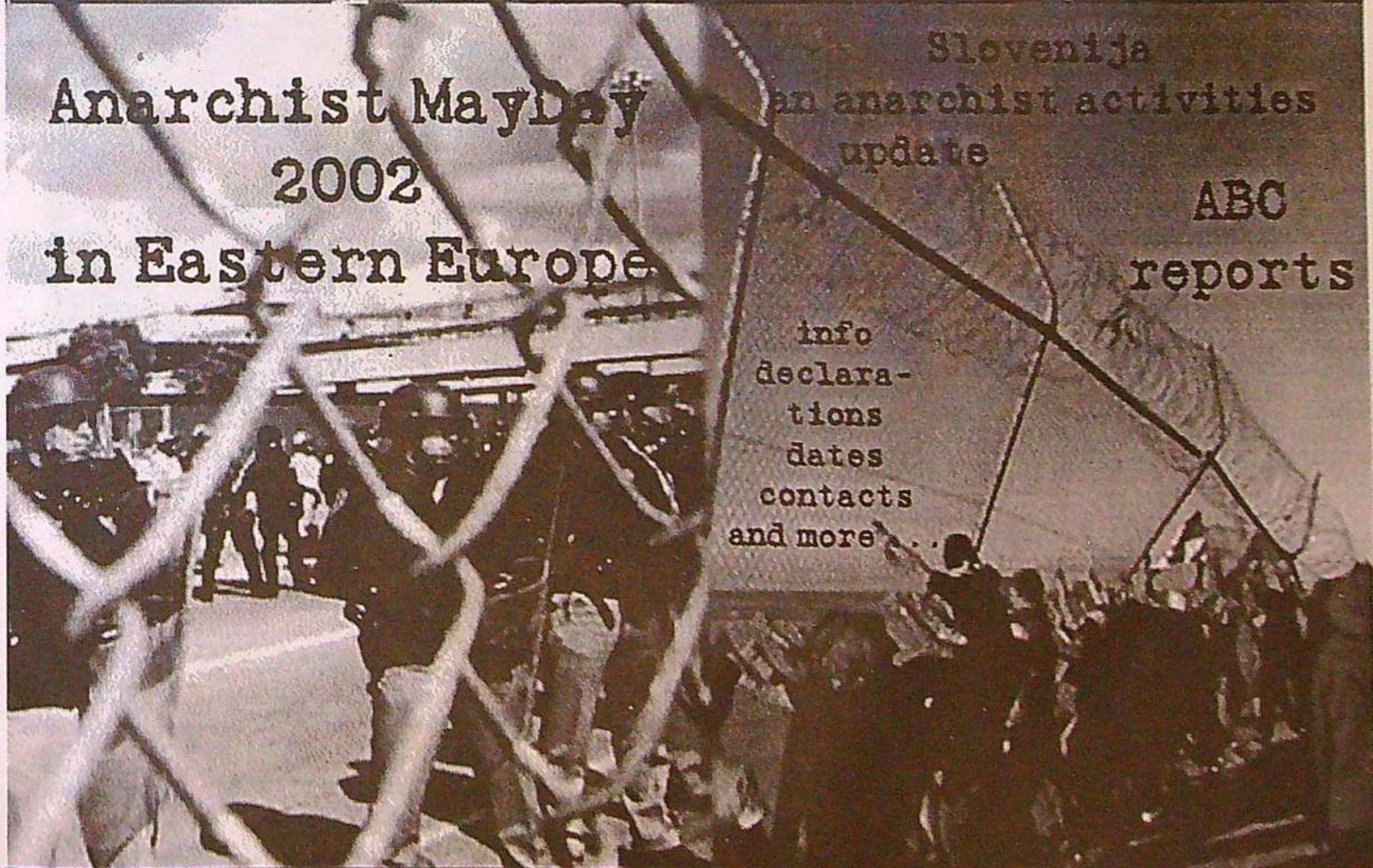
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Anarchist courier from Eastern Europe



**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), Saszka (Grodno - Belarus), Antti (Russia), (Ninja (Vilnius - Lithuania), Maya & Tine (Lubljana - Slovenia), Jelena & Sunsane (Zagreb - Croatia), Tomek (Gliwice - Poland), Soja (Bialystok - Poland), Wolf & Rafal (Trojmiasto - Poland), Kuba (Wroclaw - Poland), GAS (Poznan - Poland), Michu (Torun - Poland). More correspondents needed!

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

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

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."

covering different forms of activities in your region. All materials (incl. graphics & photos) send to: [abolishingBB@hotmail.com](mailto:abolishingBB@hotmail.com)

If you operate in other parts of the world you can help with distribution (see below). You can spread information about this publication or just make the most of the information here as effectively as possible. **Distribution:** we are looking for people/collectives ready to distribute this publication on a regular basis in their regions (especially in southern Europe). Previous issues are as well available.

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# DISTRIBUTION

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR DISTRIBUTION ... MESS !

It has to be said. After putting out of three first issues of *Abolishing the Borders from Below* we woke up in a pretty chaotic state of our distro-network. Without coming too deeply into details, what we realized is that while all our print-run (all together around 4000 newspapers) have gone into hundred directions we dont have any cent in our black-pig-money-box ! And this shortly before printing next issue. We never wanted that putting out this magazine dominate the whole of our collective activity. Oposite, actually we planed to cover costs of other kinds of our activity through selling an *AbolishingBB* Europe-wide. But what is happend now is that this project brought our collective to bankruptcy stopping this way development of other branches of our activity. This situation brought us to emergency meeting last weeks on which we decided to change immedietly our distribution-system. We have looked through other international anarchist magazines experiences (for example *PROPANE EXISTANCE*) and decided to learn out of it. So what is going on now is that we are trying to set up a more stable, regular, clear and guaranting return of money network of distributors. Below part of letter we wrote after our emergency meeting and sent around Europe in last weeks:

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Well, we really hope to take back a control about our own distribution in next weeks what could enable us to start thinking again about enlarging edition (at the moment we reduced from 1500 back to 1000 issues), about making *AbolishingBB* a monthly instead of bi-monthly bulletin, about developing our project and our collective activity without being limited by permanently self-costs problem. So on one side we are printing this issue from a completely bankrupt position, on the other side we believe that our last decision will bring its effects in next weeks. Below you can see current list of the persons/collectives around Europe where you can ask for new or previous issues of our newsletter. If you think that you can help with filling that network up (especially if you are living in Spain, Italy, Sweden, France, Finland, Irland or Portugal), LET US KNOW ! Your Abolishers.

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To all our correspondents: please try to attach photos or graphics to your reports ... by the way ... thank a lot for great cooperation - you giving a sense to this newsletter, you are *Abolishing the Borders from Below* !

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## Poland

# The following pickets are scheduled in Warsaw for in the near future:

- picket at the **Belarusian embassy** in support of the campaign for freedom of speech in which Grodno anarchists are engaged.

- picket at the **Swedish embassy** against repressions after Goteborg. Planned attractions: "swedish table" (idiom for a table at a party where there's free food) with handcuffs, batons and pistols: "eat all you can". Also alternative nobel pacification prizes for the most brutal cops. The prize is a pack of dynamite.

# The **Anarchist Bookfair in Poznan** took place on the 18th may. There were anarchist publishers from Russia, Lithuania, Czechy, Germany, Belarus and of course Poland. It was not a very big event but interesting enough. Most of the publications were bought or exchanged by other publishers, which would be good in terms of destroying the divide between writer and public if not for the small number of publishers active in Poland. The good side of the fair was that a lot of publishers got their act together for the fair and prepared new issues of their publications (for example important in past bulletin of Warsaw anarchists called "Podaj Dalej" appeared after 5 years break). Some agreements were made that will make things easier, like agreements for distro of "Abolishing the Borders from Below" newsletter in Poland. A commercial radio network broadcast some short report about the fair, so people outside of Poznan learned about it too. There are plans to organize a next fair in October in Lodz.

# **Workers Initiative of an Anarchist Federation** is a new group, finally formed after discussions in a movement about necessity of forming group which would deal with workers problems etc. As for now they are present in few cities, there are few papers published about the subject and whole idea is slowly getting popularity. **Workers Initiative** was present during few conflicts between workers and employers in Szczecin's shipyard and in other places.

# A meeting of the **Workers' Initiative of the FA (Anarchist Federation)** was held at 6 of April in Poznan has made preparatory steps to create a country-wide Self-help cash, which would act as a common cash for borrowing money without interest and insurance against difficult life situations like expensive medical treatment, children, etc... Purposes for lending money could be training or buying tools for work, etc... Part of the money collected will go to propaganda and solidarity actions with workers from the **Workers Initiative** who would act against their employers. The scheme will be open for workers presently being outside of the anarchist movement. The workers in a sanatorium for mentally ill in Poznan are already all members of a local cell. The statute is still in the works. This would be a huge step forward for the

movement as the creation of ABC and ABC-Life has been.

# Members of the **Anarchist Federation (FA)** participated in the **Day of the Unemployed demonstrations** against the liberalisation of the **Labor Code** organized by trade-unions in Gdansk, Szczecin and Warsaw. In Gdansk, anarchists held a happening with handcuffed workers. In other places leaflets with the principles of the **Workers Initiative** were distributed.

# At 26 of April, there was really a giant demo in Warsaw, organized (unfortunately) by **Solidarity**. The crowd was quite huge; the organizers say that they brought 60,000 to the capital from other regions by bus and about 20,000 locals joined in. It was about two hours difference from the beginning until the end of the line and the line of demonstrators was a couple of kilometers long. The demonstrators were particularly festive and noisy and there was long lines of supporters on the side; workers were going and shaking people's hands and inviting people to march with them in their groups, and they really wanted to have contact with people and talk, so the atmosphere was quite friendly and amazing. Everybody wanted to take information about **FA's Workers Initiative** and some recognized that group leaflets. The police unfortunately totally overreacted and gassed people by the Council of Ministers. There was quite a lot of interesting interaction with people on the side, but unfortunately there are a few asshole yuppies in Warsaw. There were unpleasant words between rich bastards at a cafe who were disturbed in drinking their lattes and workers.

# **Food Not Bombs** network is growing in Poland. There are already groups in Szczecin, Olsztyn, Wrocław, Gliwice, Białystok, Warszawa, Poznan, Zielona Gora, Lodz and few

April there was an Anti-Fascist demonstration. Half an hour before demo started Antifa security group of 8 people attacked 30 people strong group of nazis waiting for the demonstration. In scuffle which resulted from that one anti-fascist and 4 nazis were injured and fascist bastards were forced to run. Additionally they were afterwards stopped by police. Demonstration was very loud and colourful with over 120 people participating. During demonstration car with fascists inside was attacked and front window was damaged, but police prevented more serious action. After demonstration in the evening nazis 6 times tried to attack the squat "DE ZENTRUM" but each time were chased by Antifa crew. In night few nazis were also attacked on the bus stop by Antifa patrol, at least one of them seriously injured. Level of confrontation is increasing in Białystok as Anti-Fascists are doing more and more militant actions against the nazis. In recent case leader of nationalist and racist band from Białystok got attacked in his home during "night visit" from anti-fascist crew. There was also another one serious attack of about 20 nazis on the squat. They were repelled with bottles and stones, but they broke windows or damaged in other way 3 cars on a parking lot belonging to people who live in neighbourhood. Antifa is patrolling streets on daily basis now and most attempts of nazis to do something are finished before they have chance to start.

# **Another fascist attack on DeZentrum!!!** At last days of May in Białystok group of about 12 nazis has again attacked the squatters sitting in front of their house. As most of fascist took part in this action are known as **skinhead-veterans** it seems like they were asked by their younger comrades to do that job (younger fascists from Białystok are trying to fight back anarchists since 23 years without any results). After a wild confrontation in defence of project nazis were smashed again but some of squatters were seriously injured. As local fascists seems to not understand other arguments this time squatters were forced to use sledgehammers against the agrosors.

# **More trials against anarchists in Białystok.** There are already few people from local groups charged with various charges. There are also over 40 misdemeanour trials against anarchist from all over Poland who participated in support action outside prison for one of our comrades and few other actions. One of squatters from Białystok, **Jan Stolarski** was jailed in Gliwice, after he broke conditions of his release from prison, where he was serving time for assault on a nazi skinhead. His release date is September 2003. Another activist from Białystok is charged with assault and robbery after he participated in attack on nazi skinheads on a bus stop. Trial of "Ruffik", anti-fascist accused of assault with an dangerous item on a nazi skinhead is going to be finished at the end of May. "Lapa" - another anti-fascist accused of Greivous Body Harm is still waiting for his trial. Other trials also didn't start yet.



other places. Some of them distribute food regularly every week or even twice a week, some of them do it on less regular basis.

# **Anti-Fascist Actions in Białystok** (north-east Poland). Białystok is place of continuous conflict between growing nazi movement and militant fractions of anti-fascists. On 27th of

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# **New squats and some news about older ones** There is a new squat in Czeszochowa (central Poland), in an old monastery. It is called "Little Mary". As for now, no more info about this squat. In Białystok "DeCentrum" squat is preparing for some trouble, as city council sold ruins around the squat and all area will be better for investments. There are also plans to squat another building soon. "Freedom" in Wrocław (south-west Poland) as for now managed with all troubles from city council and they are still in control of the building but no one knows for how long and their situation is still unstable. The new squat in Warsaw "Black Frog" is developing its activity - first meetings, partys and gigs were organized.

# **Solidarity actions with occupied Palestine** In Wrocław, Warsaw, Poznań and. There were anarchist solidarity actions with Palestinians. All the time it was clearly stated that both Arafat and Sharon are murderers. In Łódź (central Poland) there was also program in anarchist radio about problems of Palestinians. In Wrocław nazis tried to join a demonstration but after short scuffle they were forced to go away.

# **Women's Day Celebrations.** There was an action in Warsaw as a celebration of Women's Day. About 400 participants took part in march demanding equal rights for women, availability of abortion and against domestic violence. There was also strong anarcho-feminist presence. In Białystok squatters organised a street theatre in the centre of the city, gave leaflets and put banners with feminists slogans etc.

# **Anti-police action in Białystok.** About 30 people from Białystok participated in action against police to protest against rape committed by two cops on a woman in a police car and decision of the court which stated that it wasn't a rape because she didn't resist. Main slogan for the action was "Uniform protects rapist". Action took part in front of police and secret service HQ. As organisers forgot to invite media, cops saw it as a chance to stop the action. They detained 15 people, saying that protest is illegal. After 2 hours all were released without charges but police confiscated some banners and leaflets.

# **Chechnyan refugees actions** In Warsaw, Białystok and Lublin. Chechnyan refugees made for few days hunger strikes and they also handed out petition to Polish authorities and media protesting conditions they are kept in. Also now Polish authorities decided that war in Chechnya is over and they can be sent home and they are not in danger anymore. Of course this is bullshit as war in this area is still on and people die there on daily basis. Most of the media ignored those protests, although surprisingly most pro European Union paper covered action widely. This is first sign that we have problem of refugees and state racism too and

that Polish state is becoming part of Fortress Europa. This treatment of refugees is linked directly to fact that Polish government tries to enter EU.

# **Start of Anti-EU actions.** In Warsaw on 11th of May group of about 30 anarchists joined so called *Schumann's Parade* - parody of public support for EU organised by government to show that all citizens are happy with this idea. Anarchist mocked idea of the parade, had banners which were pretending to be pro-EU but in fact were making very bad impression about this shitty institution. For some time organisers of this shitty spectacle didn't even realise that they were manipulated and that anarchists managed to sneak into a march. Action ended with no arrests. There are plans for more anti-EU action in various cities.

# **Anarchists from Łódź together with their Palestinian friends** came to a meeting organised by mainstream paper "Gazeta Wyborcza" about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. The Palestinian side was never allowed to speak, and the Jewish journalists expressed support for the military campaign. Despite difficulties to take part in the discussion, the anarchists managed to say their opinion about state terrorism before the microphone was torn away from them. In the evening they made an interview with some Palestinian refugees living in Łódź on the anarchist radio show broadcast in the region of Łódź and on the internet.

# **On Friday 19 of April there was a demo at the US and Israeli embassies in Warsaw** organised by Palestinians. Anarchists from Warsaw and Wrocław took part. The Polish prime minister keeps talking about wanting to organise Palestinian/Israeli peace talks in Warsaw.

ten protesters but they didn't succeed. Other action was taking place in Vilnius and Kaunas at the same time together with official green movement. It was quite good, also media coverage of the event. Next action was anti-McDonalds protests happened in 3 cities at same time, because McDonalds wanted some taxes down and said that it's possible that they leave the country cause profit is too little.

# **Eviction of BARBORA squat.** The worst thing happened in last months to the anarchist movement here was of course eviction of squat "BARBORA" which was existing since about 10 years. Here is a fragment of letter which was written by squatters in days of eviction ...  
*"Today, April 15th, Monday eviction of Barбора squat in Vilnius started. Barбора is squoted part of the old house. There is legal art gallery on the first floor. The rest of the house, second floor, is two squated flats. 10 people are livin here in general. Today's eviction was about flat where most of us are livin (people livin in another flat are going to court, and til file is not finished they can't do anything about them). 10 in the morning city council officials and police broke the door and went into the house. Then we asked what is going on they said they gona take out us and all our things. Then we asked about our rights. by the low they need an order from public prosecutor or court decision. then they have court decision they should inform illegal residents about eviction 7 days in prior. they had no order and as long as some people who was squating this flat before had lost the court, they had to inform us 7 days in prior. Officials answered that they decided to evict squatters right now and if we feel our rights was broken so we can go to court and search for truth. After some quarrels and long talking we made an agreement that the squatters will move out on next Monday, 22nd of April. While we think it's total breakdown of the law that they should keep. We gonna do protest demonstration near squat on B.Radvilaites street 6, Vilnius. And we would like to ask for help. Protest action near Lithuanian embassy in your country would be very useful 'cos everything what is said in Europe is very important and dangerous for those assholes. Even small demo could stop them from such a illegal actions. Everybody from Barбора squat."*  
It is sad that BARBORA got evicted so easily. There was some people gathering in Vilnius and try to get BARBORA back but it didn't help. Thanks a lot to people in Berlin who made solidarity action in Lithuanian embassy.



## Lithuania

# **Anti-fur and anti-McDonalds actions.** In winter here was two anti-fur actions one of them during the 'miss Lithuania' elections. Some organizers of event and security tried to threa-

# **Solidarity action with anarchist structures in Lithuania in Berlin.** On 22 of April there was an action inside Lithuanian Embassy in Berlin as a part of a solidarity campaign with Vilnius squat BARBORA. About 20 international anarchists from England, Poland, Lithuania, Denmark and Croatia, surprised the workers of embassy coming inside their offices with two banners ("Creative ideas needs creative people - creative people needs creative spaces!" and "Empty Houses for Free

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People). The ambassador, who seemed to be totally shocked, called immediately police and told activists to leave the Embassy. Activists answered that before they will leave Embassy they will explain why did they come there, then they will give a petition with about 50 signatures against the eviction and not till then they will leave a building to continue protest on the street. Then they made what they said! The police arrived exactly at the moment when activists left the Embassy to continue action outside. Number of 8 police-cars and more than 20 cops surrounded the action and after the while decide that the action is a sort of crime (although the activists had tried to register it as an "spontaneous demonstration"). Police took names of all persons and is going to start a lawsuit against one woman accusing her of "breaking a demonstration law". Action was organized by anarchist collective *Abolishing the Borders from Below*. On the flyers inviting people to this action appeared such a slogans like: "Stop the killing of uncommercial culture in Vilnius!", "Stop the repressions against Vilnius squatters!", "BARBORA back to its residents!", "Up with the cooperation of anarchists grassroots structures above the borders!", "Globalise the Resistance - Abolish the Borders from Below!"

**# Tit for tat - new squat in Vilnius III!** We have already a new squat in Vilnius called **KABLYS**. It is actually the same building where 'green club' (non commercial culture space) is and its ex-railways workers culture center. So imagine how big it is. Soon we will start Sunday Vegan Cafe, info-shop and video screenings. Please, if anybody could send a copy of any political/critical/alternative/etc. printed material or video would be a great help with starting that project. (po box 790 ,vilnius 2050 lithuania /nindze@hardcore.lt)

## Czechia

**# Antifa demo May 8.** May 8 is an anniversary of the end of the World War II. Every year anarchists and antifascists meet together to honour victims of fascist and to remark end of the hell which nazis unleashed. This year about 100 people gathered on yet traditional place Namesti Miru square on antifascist demonstration called by Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation and Antifascist Action. Because the demo was illegal a lot of police were presented but they were just checking peoples IDs and didn't arrest anybody. After two speech a march followed. The end of the march was before the building of the Czech radio where a memorial of fascist victims is installed. Anarchist placed two wreaths there, read another speech and stood one minute in silence in honour of fascist victims. Then marched back to Namesti miru where the demo finished.

**# Sladek = Czech Le Pen, go to hell!** Sladek, Czech ultra right-wing politician, racist, sexist, badly cover nazi and good friend of Le Pen started his election cam-

paign a few weeks ago. Nowadays he is rather funny but his party used to be in parliament just 4 years ago. In last elections it managed to received just 4%, too little to get some chair in parliament, but enough to received state money as a "state supported party" (for party which get more than 3%).

**# Fascist Sladek in troubles during his performance in Vysoke Myto.**

On Friday May 3 Sladek arranged a meeting in Vysoke Myto, a small town (about 10,000 inhabitants) in the East of Czechia. Despite the town is really small it has relatively big anarchist and antifascist collective operating there so the Sladek meeting was take as a provocation by local anarchists, especially because of two significant antifascist anniversaries (May 1 and 8). When Sladek started to talk in a Vysoke Myto's square, a small group of masked antifas wearing black came to the square. As soon as Sladek saw antifas he run away protecting his head by his hands, while his security went towards antifas. But they get run against security and despite security outnumbered antifas at least two times, they turned back and ran away as well. So antifas threw firecrackers, rotting vegetables and paint bombs towards Sladek and ran away before police came. One of the antifas was later arrested and accused of misdemeanor.

**# Two nazis sentenced.** On Thursday March 29 a trial with Zdenek Sobek (23), nazi-skinhead from militant neofascist hard core and member of the biggest and most militant fascist organisation Narodni odpor (National resistance), took place in Prague. Three years ago many people were in streets and celebrated a success of a Czech hockey team. Sobek with his friend brutally attacked one of the fans kicking him with steel boots to head - this attack

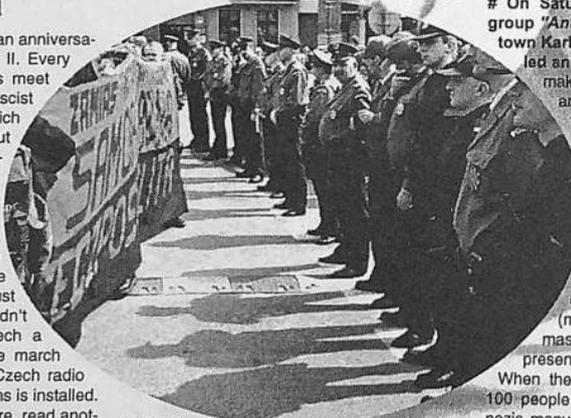
shocked

of another racist crimes and attacks since that. However, finally he was sent to jail for seven years.

On Friday March 30 a trial with Vlastimil Pechanec (22), a local militant nazi took place in Hradec Kralove, a centre of Eastern Czechia. Pechanec was before judge because of racial murder which he committed last July in a small Czech town Svitavy. A Roma man was stabbed several times and died in a place of attack (the pub). Vlastimil Pechanec is well-known locally as a nazi-skinhead and violator. He has already committed a racial murder several years ago despite the fact that time it was not a murder for justice. He cut a young pregnant Roma women down and kicked her by his steel boots along her body. Women survived, but lost her unborn child. Pechanec got a conditional sentence. Next time attacked an old Roma man with knife and stabbed him several times. This man had a fortune and narrowly escape with his life. That time Pechanec was sent to prison but only for a few years. After his release he organised a collective attacked against a group of punks and anarchists, a several fascist meetings and concerts. He also visited some fascist demonstrations and attacked several local anarchists himself. While waiting for trial because of the collective attack against punks and anarchists he committed his second murder. On Friday he received 13 years, mainly because of enormous amount of work of an anarchist JP who did a attorney of residuals. Pechanec could get up to 22 years, but nearly escape because of lack of evidence caused by police manipulation. However, he appeal this sentence immediately so another trial will take place. This time he is waiting in jail for it. Last day of a trial, on Friday, anarchist JP and several others visitors of court were attacked by nazis who gathered there in support of Pechanec.

**# On Saturday April 20, local antifascist group "Antifascist Resistance" from a small town Karlovy Vary in Western Czechia called an antifa demo.** It is very important to make clear that this group is NOT an anarchist group. But going back to the demo, they said it took place because of growing numbers of nazi attack, especially against young punk kids. Also, a few weeks ago the city saw a fascist march of about 200 bonheads.

Around 13:00 about 60 people gathered on a place of the demo, including relatively huge contingent of anarchists from CSAF (more than 10). A group of 15 masked nazis with sticks were also presented there, trying to attack corners. When the march started there were about 100 people. Despite antifascist outnumbered nazis many times the march was stopped by the nazi group blocking the street. Of course that anti-riot police made a cordon promptly and negotiated (!) with nazis. Anarchists tried to force police to crowd nazis out (which is their obligation according to law), but were stopped by organizers. What's more, organizers read their statement and several times repeated that they have nothing to do with anarchists.



publicity very much, because another fan shot whole incident and a TV broadcast it many times. Later it appeared he attacked also another man and a man with a pregnant woman. In spite of having committed heavily crimes before (racist attacks) and this serious attack, he hadn't been sent to parole and committed a lot

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However, CSAF delegate was allowed to read our statement. After that nazis left and march continue to a square where it finished. Anarchists were really pissed off this action. It should have show to nazis that they are people who are willing to stay against them but it showed just a group of people taking cover after police cordon instead. It all finished when organizers thanked to police for a good protection... Later the group of militant nazis was attacking people leaving demo and during one confrontation was one antifascist arrested. Maybe he regretted his thanks then... Demagogy marched, anarchists arrested.

# On Saturday March 23 a christian-fundamentalist movement "Pro-life" organised their annually Anti-abortion march. Their aim is to prohibit abortions by law in any case, even in case of rape. The fundamentalist demo, supported by several MPs of the biggest conservative party and christian party and with official guards from nazi organisation. Patriot front, was confronted by anarcho-feminist as well as other socialists. An anarchist counter-demo was called by the **Feminist Alliance of March 8** and about 20 people gathered there on a place of Pro-life demo, one and a half hour before. One of the anarchist was masked like Pope (who met there with Czech archbishop...) with blood on his hands holding cucumber with preservative on it. A lot of another preservatives were blown as a balloons so fundamentalist had a good decoration for their demagogy... Later around 300 fundamentalists gathered. When their march started, police stopped and arrested **anarchist Pope**. Two others tried to defend him and were arrested as well (two others **Popes ??? - red**). One of them was accused of "attacking policeman" and will appear before court soon.

## Russia

# Simultaneous actions against GMO's. "We modify our plants today - tomorrow they will modify us". On April 9 simultaneous actions against GMO's were held across Russia in Moscow, Yaroslavl, Voronezh, Kostroma, Kazan, Nizhni Novgorod. In Moscow the information action "WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT GMO'S?" was held on Komsomolskaya square, which is one of the most crowded places in the city, at an entrance in the "Ramstor" hypermarket, which is the largest metropolitan shop. Action participants talked to the consumers and handed out flyers. They asked what people know about genetically modified organisms (GMO's). The action was led by the participants of SEU's Campaign "For biosafety". In information sheets was the short illustrated story of GMOs, and what kind of consequences could happen. Besides there was the list of some potentially unsafe products. The students of school N1321 "Covcheg" helped to distribute the leaflets and to interview people. Dressed in colourful costumes of vegetables and fruits they distributed about 500 leaflets for 1,5 hours. The buyers showed their

interest. The action was successful. The hypermarket management showed their concern about GMO-related issues and gave assistance to the action participants. A huge thanks to them for it. In Russia such simultaneous action was held for the first time. It attracted significant attention of national and regional media. Similar actions were held in Yaroslavl and Kostroma. Activists went out to the streets of the cities, talking to consumers about GMOs. In Kazan Students Nature Protection Movement, besides street talk, made an exhibition on GMOs problem in the hall of Kazan University building. As all who attended the exhibition showed their interest in the issue, organizers decided to make the exhibition a kind of permanent action, updating constantly the informational materials. In Voronezh action targeted local McDonalds, or, to be more correct, the place where it is planned to be erected. Some more actions are planned for the Earth Day. Despite of the warnings that modern technologies of genetic engineering aren't balanced yet and can give unpredictable result (so they are dangerous), trans-national corporations (TNC's) hurry up to fill in the market by GM production. The biotechnological corporations proclaim, that their new production - various kinds of genetically modified organisms (GMO's) - would overcome the global famine, would cure epidemic diseases and would improve the health of society. Actually the leaders of GM industry by their actions in business and politics clearly show, that they want simply to use GMO to grasp and monopolize the world market of crops, foodstuffs, medical preparations, wood and other products. Because of that, the consumers, of course, should keep abreast of events to make a choice in the "ocean" of various products. They should understand consequences of using GMO for their health. For additional information please contact [seupress@seu.ru](mailto:seupress@seu.ru)

actions. McDonalds is supposed to be built on the place of the only park in the city center. On the 14th of March 2002 **Stop McDonalds Committee** was formed during the first public meeting against the building of McDonalds on the place of city park. The protesters' demand: 1. Stop the building of McDonalds! This project does not take into account the opinion of the citizens, and violates many regulations about the building of such objects. 2. Reconstruct the park as a historical place of Voronezh. In Spring 2001 McDonalds Corporation acting through the false firm has bought the right of the land-lease for the building of four fast-food restaurants, one of them was supposed to be built in the historical center of the city. Sale of the right for land-lease was carried out with many breaks, which was confirmed by the city prosecutor's department. Despite of the city regulations and the opinion of the citizens the administration of the city permitted the building of restaurant in the park. Blockade of the building process lasted for five days and on the 25th of March, the six day of the blockade, it was stopped by the active intervention of the police and administration of the city. The blockade went on since March 20, activists organized daily duty in the park and did not allow the builders to start their work, staying under the basket of excavator and taking apart the fence around the park. On the morning conference Voronezh mayor A. Kovalev, with red and angry face, shouted that the building should be continued in spite of the protest, which involved several deputies of the Regional Parliament, and that he was going to organize the ceremonial beginning of the building together with the main city architect. Instead of the promised ceremony the police regiment arrived in the park and pushed the protesters away from the building machines. Local citizens reminded to the police, that in this park two police officers were killed by the criminals ten years ago, and that McDonalds could not be a good memorial to them. Two hours later police arrested four participants of the protest for participating non-sanctioned meeting. "If this is called non-sanctioned meeting, than about 200 people participated in it together with us including bureaucrats from the city administration" - said one of the arrested activists, Svetlana Dorokhova. It seems that if you support the building of McDonalds then your participation is sanctioned, if you are against then you break an order in the city. Next day the local court made the decision that three activists of the **Stop McDonalds Committee** were not guilty. Beside of it, about 20 paint-artists were already left without place for selling their pictures as they were thrown out of the park, and more than 10 beautiful old trees were sawed off in the park. On 29th of March **Stop McDonalds Committee** organized the street party, musicians from Voronezh and several other cities played for free near the park to protect it. On the 3rd of April activists attended the exhibition of architecture projects, where the project of McDonalds was presented, and spoiled the opening ceremony, staying near mayor, head



# Actions against McDonalds in Voronezh. For more than two weeks the actions of protests against the building of McDonalds restaurant are going on in the historical center of the city of Voronezh. Local citizens together with the representatives of environmental, political and social organizations take part in protest

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of the region and the city main architect in the T-shirts with STOP McDONALDS slogan, and distributing the invitations to the meeting against the building. Later they were removed from the exhibition by the police for wearing wrong clothes. During the actions activists collected more than 1000 signatures against the building of McDonalds. After distributing call-for-solidarity letter we received more than 50 letters of support (and the city administration received the letters of protest) from France, Canada, Belgium, Sweden, Germany, Russia and USA. Activists from Nizhny Novgorod supported us with two pickets of McDonalds restaurants in their city. *Stop McDonalds Committee* is not going to stop its activity, the struggle is going on. More info [stop\\_mcdonalds@mail.ru](mailto:stop_mcdonalds@mail.ru) Photos: <http://no-corp.voronezh.net/photo/090402>

# Headquarters of the National Bolshevik Party was burned 17th of April, no human victims but huge material losses.

# 4 Anarchist & anti-fascist skinheads clashed with some 20 nazibols in somewhat spontaneous raid attempt of NBP HQ. Anti-fascist withdrew almost successfully although numbers were uneven.

# Chernobyl Day Protest in Moscow - Unprecedented violence from Kremlin police. Activists protesting against nuclear waste imports and journalists beaten by police near Kremlin. On April 25 young activists from 30 Russian cities gathered in the center of Moscow on the Red Square to protests against nuclear waste shipment to Russia and against nuclear energy development in general. Action was dedicated to 16 anniversary of Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Activists dressed in special uniform, marked by "radiation danger" sign crawled across the Red Square up to the Kremlin gates. This symbolized bringing of the nuclear waste right to the Kremlin, where the chief decision-maker sits. Journalists from international media outlets came to cover the event. One must say that action on the Red Square was a bold venture, as it is one of the most guarded places in Russia. The action lasted for approximately 10 minutes, when police came and without any warnings or requests to leave the place started beating people up. One of the girls was slammed with its head against bars of the metal fence, Vladimir Sliviyak, SEU Antinuclear Campaign, was thrown down and stampeded by police boots.

More than 20 activists from Moscow, Kallningrad, Voronezh, Vladimir, Yekaterinburg, Ryazan, Orel, Ozersk (city where Mayak nuclear waste processing plant is situated) got arrested. Not only activists suffered from unprecedented police violence. Journalists who came to cover the event were also beaten and arrested, their video and photo cameras were taken away, videotapes and film cassettes were take out of the cameras. One of the cameras was broken.

Multiple tourists walking around the Red Square observed this battlefield. Police searched the nearest streets for activists and journalists who escaped from the Square. Among police victims are journalists from Internews and several newspapers - they got arrested. Videotapes were taken from Reuters crew. "After the action square was covered by the light-stuck films" - says one of the witnesses. "We have not seen such violence from police for a long time. It seems that there was a special order to act like this" - says another activists who escaped the arrest and managed to smuggle the film and camera away. You can find action photos on <http://www.slupsk.pl/activists>. You can express your opinion by sending e-mail to Russian President Vladimir Putin - [president@kremlin.ru](mailto:president@kremlin.ru)

# On July 27-28 in the village of Priamukhino, estate of Bakunin family, second Priamukhino readings will be held. Organizers of Priamukhino readings consider them to be continuation of the cause, as well as a tribute to Natalya Pirumova, well-known Russian historian, who organized Bakunin readings in 1994 (and numerous other events devoted to Russian anarchist and revolutionary Mikhail Bakunin). Conference organizers, Bakunin Fund, invite those studying the history of Priamukhino and Tver region, history of Bakunin family and activities and ideas of its most prominent member, Mikhail Bakunin, to participate in this year's and future Priamukhino readings, which we hope will be regular. We also invite those involved in restoration projects similar to the one currently carried out in Priamukhino by Bakunin Fund, journalists, writers and all those interested to come and share their ideas and experience. In the XIXth century Bakunin's estate in Priamukhino

was



notorious for its harmonious atmosphere. However, now Priamukhino, which was known because of both its dwellers and its guests, which included Beinsky, Stankevich, Turgenev, Gorky and Tolstoy, is in ruins and desperate state. The main topics, which will be discussed at the readings, will include the history of Priamukhino

and Bakunin family, their role in Russian history, problems of restoration of historical monuments, life and ideas of Mikhail Bakunin, anarchist ideas of the past and present. You can inquire about all the details concerning participation in the conference with the organizers by contacting the organizers: *Sergey Kornilov*, chairman of Bakunin Fund [bakunin-fund@mail.ru](mailto:bakunin-fund@mail.ru) tel (7-08257) 75160 (in Russian) *Mikhail Tsovma* [tsovma@online.ru](mailto:tsovma@online.ru) tel (7-095) 269-49-35 (in Russian or English) Participants of the readings will be provided with transportation from Moscow or Tver, placement in country cottages in Priamukhino and food. Small donation is required to cover the expenses. Voluntary donations for purposes of restoration of Priamukhino are also welcome. Please, notify the organizers if you intend to come to the conference in advance. Materials of last year's Priamukhino readings are available in Russian at the website of the Bakunin Fund <http://bakunin-fund.da.ru>. You can also send your reports on the topics mentioned above for translation and publication in Russian. Articles (preferably in English, but also in other languages) can be sent to [tsovma@online.ru](mailto:tsovma@online.ru). During the last decade of July and first decade of August a volunteer camp is organized in Priamukhino for the purpose of restoring the house of Bakunin and the park. Volunteer work is carried out by anarchists predominantly, but all good natured folks are welcome. Please, note that conditions are Spartan and a sleeping bag, working clothes and things such as plates, cups, forks are required. All inquiries can be made to the e-mail above.

## Croatia

# On the 25th of April, in Zagreb, in the Hotel Opera an agreement was signed between Nestle and Croatian food company Podravka. In order to protest and draw attention on this issue, in front of a hotel 15 activists were giving away free vegan food (FNB) and flyers with informations about Nestle. A banner "Nestle - profit over life", which was on the building of a hotel, later was moved to the tram station, where was attracting attention of citizens because of its resemblance with billboard. The following day there were an article about whole event in newspapers.

# FNB activists are more and more active - despite of police threats about sanitary inspection and legalization. We hope that Zagreb's FNB will soon get a permanent space for cooking. There's a plan of squatting some place ... but more about that later.

The pictures on pages 4-8 show MayDay demonstration of anarchists in Slupsk - northern city of Poland.

## Praha: Capitalism against People - People against Capitalism!

"At a time when governments, owners and corporate media subordinates everything in the interests of capital, from human and social rights to our relationship with nature, we feel the need to stand up and defend our lives and the future of the entire planet. Anarchists are not just negativists, as they are presented by representatives of state and corporate media. We are struggling for a society based on freedom of each individual and solidarity among those people and their associations, which are organized exclusively from below, by the people themselves. No one has a right to oppress others from the position of power on the base of his nationality, colour of skin, gender or sexual orientation. We also deny the state the privilege to control others and make decisions about them without their consent. States were historically founded in the interests of power elites to protect their possession and power. The state today still plays the role of protecting and insuring the domination of the rich elite. Today, the state, or the wolf, is simply dressed in sheep's clothing. When the contemporary state is presented as a servant of its citizens, it's very far from truth. This is only a modern rhetorical package, which helps the ruling class defend its dominant position. The rights of working people and other non-privileged groups and all other social advantages gained by the lower classes are not a product of the state's good heart, but instead, were forced on the ruling class during the last 200 years of social struggle. We shouldn't forget this! This is why we celebrate the First of May as a Day of Working People and their struggle for human rights and a free society. We are part of the anti-authoritarian tradition, like are sisters and brothers before us we continue to struggle for emancipation and the removal of causes of oppression - the state and capitalism. We do not want to gain power, we want to abolish it! A free anarcho society can be reached only by as many people as possible joining together on the local level and our collective progress with others."

Get organized in the struggle for liberty! - Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation CSAF

This year two big Mayday demos took place in Czech republic. In Prague about 350 anarchists gathered on a demo on a traditional place - Strelecky Island called by Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation, Feminist Alliance of 8 March, Organisation of Revolutionary Anarchist - Solidarity and Antifascist Action. Ska sound-system and info-stalls of anarchist organisation were presented on the island. After three speeches of CSAF, FS8.3. and Solidarity a march was formed. Several kilometres long march through city centre to traditional working class area of city quarter Zizkov under black and red flags and with lot of anarchist banners and black-green samba band last more than two hours. People were shouting slogans against capitalism and expressing solidarity with antifa demo in Brno during march. The march was finished by speech against NATO and its upcoming November summit in Prague. Three anarchists were arrested by civil police provocateurs looking as punk guys.

Second anarchist demo took place in Brno. About 200 anarchist were trying to prevent nazis march of militant fascist organisation Narodni odpor (Nation resistance). As usual, anarchist were surrounded by anti-riot police while nazis marched under the flag of nazi German. Three anarchist were arrested.

## Anarchist MAYDAY 2002 in Eastern Europe

Ljubljana - Slupsk - Praha - Zagreb - Warszawa - Brno - Lodz - Wroclaw

Creating alternatives to global capitalism in Ljubljana

Between 27th April and 3rd May a project May Days 2002 Ljubljana took place, under the slogan «creating alternatives to global capitalism». The project was organised by *Antifascistična Akcija Ljubljana*, but lots of other groups and individuals were helping with the organisation and preparations. In the week of May Days some actions, workshops, activities and manifestations took place. Although we were expecting that more people and groups will get involved in the organisation of this project, we were satisfied with the first May Days in Ljubljana. We got a lot of new experiences and we believe that the next May Day(s) will be much better.

The May Days began with the first day of traditional *AntiFa Fest* in autonomus cultur centre *Metelkova*. Beside bands from USA, Italy, Croatia and Slovenia there was a video projection of past anarchist actions inside the global resistance. Also a lot of info and material distributions were attended. On Monday 29th of April first street manifestation took place. On the *Kongresni trg* around 50 people gathered. FNB food and infos on various topics were available. After two hours the *Critical Mass* took place which was supervised and filmed by the police, but it ended peacefully. **MAYDAY DEMO:** It was the first revolutionary celebration of the 1st May in Slovenia. At first we were expecting more people and larger actions, but we were satisfied with the first MayDay protest. It started on *Kongresni trg* in the centre of Ljubljana. Activists with their material gathered there. Besides anarchists from Slovenia the demonstrations were attended by activists of group *Antifascistična Akcija Zagreb* (Croatia), activists from *Anarhisticka Inicijativa Rijeka* (Croatia), the representatives of *Svobodni Sindikati Slovenije* (Free Trade Unions of Slovenia), a group *Reci NE NATO* (say No to NATO) and other individuals and anticapitalist activists. There were many banners, black&red flags, posters, leaflets and the sound system on which AFA activist read the introductory greeting and a statement in which he stressed the importance of 1st May and the fact that this protest is just one part of the global resistance network, because on the 1st of May a lot of actions and demonstrations are taking place all over the world. The participants gave statements to the media, distributed flyers and propaganda and listened to the music. When some 200 people gathered the march had begun. In the front were masked anarchists that carried a large black banner with the sign: «*Odpor je upravičen! Proti kapitalizmu in socialni neenakosti!*» (Resistance is justified! Against capitalism and social inequality!). In front of them were jugglers and a masked activist with a big black flag. Demo headed along the main streets and it first stopped in front of the building of Slovene government. A revolutionary trade unionist of *Svobodni Sindikati Slovenije* read his statement in which he called for social revolution and condemned the politics of Slovenian state, which serves only to the interests of capitalist elites. March headed towards Ministry of foreign affairs, where the spokesman of «*Say No to NATO*» group critically evaluated the NATO alliance and stated arguments against the process of Slovenian joining NATO. A few meters away the American embassy was fully protected with police barricades. At this point we must tell you that this was the only building that was protected - all slovenian government buildings were not - what states the real policy of Slovene government and who pulls the strings and to what priorities are directed. Here we had a speech in which we condemned the Israeli occupation of Palestine and demanded a radical disarmament. All time of action leaflets and propaganda were distributed and posters with anticapitalist messages were stuck on the walls. March passed by the parliament of RS and headed towards the Ministry of internal affairs, where the AFA activist read a protest statement about criminalisation of alternative opinion and about criminalisation of antiglobalisation movement. Demo moved along the main streets and ended in autonomus cultur centre *Metelkova*. Later it was a dis video projection from past actions of local movement. The police was fully prepared all the time and a lot of civil police were present. They were supervising and filming the activists but they didn't disturb the protest (which was illegal) and it all ended in peace, without provocations and violence. We were satisfied with the protest. The media presented the actions very well and very positively and they condemned the commercialisation of 1st May and encouraged actions such as this demo. The only disturbance was the strong police control as they were also constantly «checking» out squats where were infopoints, workshops and accommodations of the activists.

## Slupsk

northern Poland

In Slupsk about 200 anarchists took part in May Day action and disrupted speech of parliament member of a "leftist" party SLD. Police tried to push anarchists out of the place and some scuffles broke out. Later demonstrators broke through police lines and blocked traffic on the streets, marching around the city. After a demonstration police was following demonstrators and filming them. People put some trash containers on the street to block the way for police car. After some time in empty street dispersing people got attacked by police. More scuffles erupted, at least two cops were injured, one police car was hit with a brick. Police detained 8 people, most probably they will be charged with misdemeanour and one of them is charged with double assault on police officer, not giving ID to police and violent resistance. Some local residents also joined action.

## Mayday around Poland

In Wroclaw group of anarchists and socialists disrupted speech of SLD members but they were pushed back by security of the event.

In Warsaw over 500 people took part in Parade of Equality, demonstration for queer rights. In Lodz about 150 people took part in street party.

## MayDay in Zagreb: anarchists and workers on the streets

On May Day about 25 activists of initiative *DSM (Another World is Possible)* were marching through the city with their own banners and black flag together with Worker Unions to the park, where was a small info-point with anarchistic literature. That was the first time anarchists and Unions cooperated.

## YEARLY REPORT ON ANARCHISM IN TURKEY - 2001

In Turkey, year 2001 passed with the deep impacts of economic crisis that was declared to be the greatest since World War II. In the anarchist arena, unfortunately on the same days with the emerging of crisis in Turkish economy (on February) an attack to an anarchist comrade by a group of "so-called" anarchists caused a kind of "division" in the movement. But in general anarchism went on spreading all over the country and for the first time in their seventeen years of "official" history, a group of Turkish anarchists are arrested for the claim of "being members of an illegal organization".

**GROUPS & ACTIONS** In 2001, Turkish anarchists organized in lots of different autonomous groups and around some campaigns. Except the "isolated group" **Anarchist Platform** which organized few own demonstrations in Istanbul, anarchists from Istanbul formed a new group named TSK-1 "Initiative Against Domination and War-Istanbul". This group includes members from both **IAMI (Istanbul Anti-Militarist Initiative)** and **kara MecmuA** involvers with also individual participants from Istanbul. Mayday, Genova events etc. were among those demos that Istanbul anarchists participated. TSK-1 also succeeded to organize a self-performance demo and few seminars against the war. Anti-MERNIS campaign (a campaign against national identity card number system-MERNIS) was one of those initiatives started by the same group. **Ankara** anarchists have their own place named **Kara Kalem Sanat Atölyesi "Black Pencil Art Workshop"** in downtown since August 2001. More than dealing only with so-called "art", it is also an active meeting place for organizing every kind of activity. Last year they would manage to organize an anti-militarist festival and a press meeting for objectors. A number of fanzines published by various members of Ankara anarchist circle (including ANKARA fanzin). They've appeared in lots of demos, in some carrying their

own flags and placards. During Genova events, after the murdering of Carlo was heard, bank ATMs and walls of buildings in downtown met with anarchists. In **Izmir**, which is the third biggest city of Turkey, there are two main groups. One of them is **IAF (Izmir Anarchist Federation)**; in fact they are just an autonomous group of young anarchists-not a "federation" in the real meaning of the word. They have published their own fanzine and attended some local demos. This group has some relations with "isolated" Anarchist Platform. There are some other anarchists who had worked with Genova initiative and appeared on Mayday; they used the name of **Kara Gündem "Black Agenda"**. **ISKD (Izmir War Resisters Association)** must also be mentioned here as an important anti-militarist organization. This group organized an international meeting named "**Anti-Militarism and Feminism in Turkey**" on September. It does also include a women group named "**Anti-Militarist Feminists**". This year various autonomous groups from different cities emerged. **Anarchist Collective from Istanbul** dissolved itself after succeeding in a few actions and publishing some materials. Some groups dared to declare themselves as "anarchist autonomous groups" (**Upak** and **Samsun**) and some as local anarchists initiatives (in **Antalya**, **Mersin** etc.). This year on Mayday, Antalya met with anarchists carrying black flags. In other cities anarchists act either as "friend" groups or smaller initiatives.

**"ANARCHIST" PLATFORM AND ISOLATION POLICY.** On 10 of February, a group of 5-6 people attacked a well-known anarchist and conscientious objector grotesquely during a meeting about non-violent methods of struggle in Istanbul. The attack against him was probably because of his criticisms about the attackers but as it would be expected the attackers claimed him in other "personal" means. The incident was immediately condemned by most of the anarchist, anti-militarist and libertarian groups all around the country including **MecmuA**, **IAMI**, **ISKD**, **Kaos GL**, and **Ankara Anarchists** etc. The related group **Anarchist Platform** including **AGF (Anarchist Youth Federation)**, **SED (Social Ecological Transformation)** and their periodical **Efendisizler (Masterless)** did not make any statement about the subject, instead they preferred to claim the "other" groups and individuals for their isolation policy. As it was not the first nor the last violent incident against anarchists organized by this group, "isolation" policy seems to continue until they have gave up their treatments and violent acts against anarchists.

**ANTI-MILITARISM** Anti-militarist activities were mostly located in three big cities **Istanbul**, **Ankara** and **Izmir**. For the day of Conscientious Objection on 15th May various activities were organized; mainly in Ankara and also two other cities. In Ankara, three day long anti-militarist festival included a seminar, an inner discussion, film exhibitions, and a concert (although it did not last long because of the rain). This was organized by mostly anarchists from Ankara and few anti-militarists. On 27th of October, two people from Ankara declared their conscientious objection against the military service. For some people their declarations were more than conscientious, "total" objection as they rejected any possible corporation with the state and the army. One of the objectors was a gay from **Kaos GL** group. For the first time as a gay "objector" he and his group stated the oppression of the state and army on gays. On the same day Ankara Anarchists organized an illegal demo against the ongoing war and in order to support the objectors. Similar demonstrations and actions were organized by anarchists in various cities and universities in Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir mostly against the war in Afghanistan. On 27-30 September in **Izmir-Sığacık**, with the initiative of **ISKD** group an international meeting on anti-militarism, feminism and libertarian activities was organized. About 80 people attended; 30 of whom came from abroad. The issues were based on anti-militarism, pacifist methods of struggle, feminism, ecologism and anarchism. Although some disagreements among anarchists and some anti-militarists appeared, it must be regarded as a successful meeting.

**PRISONS AND ANARCHISTS.** On 1st of December, two anarchists were taken by the police in **Upak** (a city in Mid-West Anatolia) with the claim of distributing "illegal" leaflets in a meeting organized by trade-unions. Later on, 3 other were taken, and all (5) of them were arrested with the claim of "being members of an illegal organization" namely **Upak Anarchist Autonom**. In fact they had nothing to do except distributing their own materials/leaflets. But for this terrorist state, it may be enough to judge them with the claim of organizing in such a way "to destroy or to divide" it, although they did not even find any (in their own "words") "violent" or "terrorist" clues related with the group. Their trail will be held in **Izmir DGM (SSC-State Security Court)** and probably they'll be sent to **Nazilli Prison**. At the moment they are in **Upak Prison**; each of them was put into different cells, which is not "usual". As it was heard they were badly beaten and tortured by **Upak** police and refused the lawyer offered by the state. This is the first time that Turkish anarchists will be judged by Turkish State as an "illegal organization" and this trail will show the attitude of the state against anarchists and anarchist organizations. The last months of 2000 and the most of 2001 passed with the hunger strikes of revolutionary leftist prisoners against F type prisons and the terror of Turkish state against them. Some anarchist groups and individuals supported the riots of political prisoners without being a tool for the leftist groups' policies. Yet, among the prisoners there are only five people who were arrested because of anarchist activities; most of the others naming themselves

"anarchists" are former members of leftist organizations. Among these people there are some who are suffering from not only the oppression of the state and prison authorities but also the oppression of the leftists. This may even sometimes end up with death just like it happened three years ago in **Bursa** jail in suspicious murder of an anti-authoritarian/anti-militarist prisoner **Mehmet Cakar** by his former group **TIKKO** (Turkish Liberation Army of Peasants and Workers). "Anarchist" prisoners in jail did not "fully" support the hunger strikes as it was initiated by leftists - mostly led by **DHKP-C** (Revolutionary People's Liberation Army-Front) - but some of them partially want a few days symbolic hunger strike. Only one among all "anarchists" in jail, **Devriş Orhan** personally - although his former organization **PKK** (Kurdistan Labor Party) did not support hunger strikes - went on a hunger strike for over 150 days including a few weeks of break. His "requests" were mostly personal; against the prison administration that had taken his personal notes, books, clothes and furniture. But this was not a hunger strike just for "requests",

in fact more than that it was to protest the administration and on their behalf the State itself. In a few months time anarchists all around Turkey organized a campaign for the release of him, afterwards the needed money was collected to transfer him to hospital for medical control from Mersin (where he was imprisoned) to Istanbul. At last, after following some legal procedures with the initiative of his new lawyer, he was released on 31st of October for 6 months because of health problems.

**ANTI-SEXISM.** *Kaos GL*, which is the unique libertarian anti-heterosexual gay & lesbian group in Turkey managed to open the first homosexual culture center of Turkey (*Kaos Kültür Merkezi-Chaos Culture Center*) in Ankara on September 2000. *Kaos GL* is released periodically on every three months but fifteen days newspaper project *Parmak* (Finger) had failed after a number of issues. Unwillingly they have become very "popular" in the mainstream media with their participation in Mayday demonstration. Some women groups mostly from Istanbul and Izmir were active during this year; *Sýgacık* meeting was a good organization in this means.

**ANARCHO-SYNDICALISM.** Yet Turkish anarcho-syndicalists and other anarchists that are members of trade unions did not manage to organize. This is more or less because of the fact that anarcho-syndicalism does not have any tradition or historical background in Turkish syndicalism history. In addition, Turkish legal infrastructure is quite problematic about establishing syndicates. That's why, anarchists usually choose to work in recent syndicates as just members or even sometimes they are taking some responsibilities. Although they are very few in number for now, increasing day by day -most of them are former Marxists- in some syndicates like *KESK* (Confederation of Public Workers' Syndicates-office workers syndicate for government sector). In the riots against the new trade-union law -which gave "legality" to syndicates such as *KESK*- anarchists and anarcho-syndicalists were among those people who has fought against! the security forces.

**PRESS & PERIODICALS.** First issue of *kara MecmuA* (black Periodical) came on February and five issues were printed until January 2002. "*MecmuA* involvers" include different writers from -nearly- all of the previous anarchist periodicals; *Kara* (Black-first appeared on 1984), *Efendisiz*, *Amargi*, *Ateþ Hýrsýzy*, *Apolitika*, *Efendisizler* etc. Each issue - but not the whole magazine- has a different subject to discuss and has a two months period to be released again. Published in Istanbul, it is distributed in most of the country and as an average more than 1000 are sold. *Kaos Yayınları* (*Chaos Publications*) uses the same address with *MecmuA* and still the unique anarchist bookstore in Turkey. In addition some leftist bookstores publish -mostly translated- books on anarchist theory and history but yet "anarchism in Turkish" is not so rich. This year so called "Anarchist" Platform circle's periodical s like *Efendisizler*, *Anarþi*, and *Kara Toprak* (Black Land) did not appear so much (only a few issues). On the other hand zines are still active and lots of new anarchist and anarcho-punk zines born. Among them "AN *kara fanzin*" is different, as it looks like a "formal" periodical more than a zine-with both by number of the participants and with its page-format. The staff contains some anarchists from Ankara and the zine is distributed to many cities. Starting from May, three issues were published. Except this one, lots of zines *Oldsletter*, *KatrAn*, *Veganarþi*, *Kontra Atak*, *Twilight Zine*, *lctepi*, *Afanzin* etc. were published in 2001 and as a counter culture they have signed the development of anarchist theory and practice in Turkey. As a historical and effective a well-known Turkish periodical on culture and literature, *Varlýk* appeared to be an arena for spreading anarchist ideas. *Süreyyya Evren*, *Rahmi Ögdül*, *Yapar Cubuklu* and *Isik Ergüden* are among the writers whose articles on anarchist and libertarian thought are good sources for intellectual ground.

\* Written by B. O. from AN *kara fanzin* - January 2002

## NATO - summit in PRAGUE ... ... masks on demonstrations in Czechia prohibited !

Yesterday, on May 25, second chamber of Czech parliament passed a bill which de facto prohibits wearing masks on demonstrations. The new bill says that demonstrators have to unmask themselves in the moment when police is attacking the demo.

This bill was created mainly because of upcoming summit of NATO in Prague\* (November 2002). MPs and Ministry of Interior argued this new bill is a necessary weapon against left-wing violent vandals who are coming to do riots there. Corporate journalists repeated this statement and were constantly talking about demonstrations during IMF/WB meeting in Prague in 2002. According to newspaper reports Prague was nearly destroyed that time...

Except anarchists nobody is talking about drastic reduction of freedom of assembly. However, Ministry of Interior preventively defend itself by saying that the masks are not prohibited in case the demo is peaceful (for example fancy march in words of the ministry). But it is obviously a lie. When police attacks the demo and say demonstrators wear the mask during it, who will asks why they attacked the demo?

The bill assess a really big fine of 10.000 CZK (around 330 EURO) and will be valid since July.  
\* more info about up coming anti-NATO summit in Prague you can find in previous issue of *AbolishingBB* (# 3, page 3 ) and for sure in next issues of our courier.

## From Civil Rights Spokesperson's report about the situation in Polish prisons

As a result of a new, much more severe penal code, prisons and detention places are getting more and more overcrowded. Sentences are becoming more severe, it's getting harder to obtain parole passes and pardons. There are less suspended sentences. The use of temporary arrests has become so widespread, that currently Poland has the highest number of people imprisoned without sentence in Europe. There are 80.000 incarcerated in Polish prisons, whose capacity can cope with only 63.000. A number of them have 50% more prisoners than they should have. The Administration isn't able to provide prisoners with 3 square meters to which they are legally entitled. (It is significant that this norm is much lower than in EU countries. For example in Turkey, which is well-known for human rights violations where the norm is 8 square meters). Recreation rooms and infirmaries are made into cells. High overcrowding has a significant impact on health, sanitary and living conditions as well as the atmosphere among prisoners. Crowding people in small spaces results in increasing stress and aggression and contributes to more frequent law-breaking. The numbers of harassments, beatings, robberies, suicide attempts, self-injuries and rapes are increasing. Overcrowding also has the effect of new prisoners being sent to prisons as far as 300-400 km from their homes. This makes relatives visiting more difficult or even impossible for many. High increase in prison population isn't accompanied by the increase in numbers of prison-staff. It results in a negative impact on their duties. In practice it means lowering the amount of direct contact between staff and prisoners thus making the latter being left alone.

For more information check [www.ack.most.org.pl](http://www.ack.most.org.pl) or write [biuletyn@ack.w.pl](mailto:biuletyn@ack.w.pl)

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## Slovenian anarchists arrested during anti-EU actions in Barcelona

Maja was arrested during anti-EU events in Barcelona. Maja, comes from Ljubljana and beyond others activities she is a correspondent of "Abolishing the Borders from Below". Before being thrown into jail, she was badly beaten by the police and had to stay in hospital overnight. Here is her story...

On March 15 anarchist demonstrations were announced near the center of Barcelona. There were not enough people. Many were forbidden to attend the demos. After about an hour police brutally attacked peaceful demonstrators. I was in the crowd that felt the rage of police rubber truncheons. Some people were falling on the ground and we were all holding each other strongly, so we wouldn't be separated and then beaten one by one. I received many kicks on my back (luckily I had my rucksack on me), on my legs (probably with intention to knock me on the ground) and on my right arm. After that the police drew back and we started running up the street. We separated a lot at that time. I was in a group of 100-200 people. We tried to find others, because we were too little number. On our way to the streets we saw some barricades being set up and a couple of multinational corporations had their windows smashed in. Nothing special. Then we split again and I found myself in a group of only 30 people. First the ambulance passed us by, after that two police cars followed. We wanted to stay calm, but we didn't exactly look like an ordinary group of passers-by, so we started running - first in one direction, then in the other as more cars showed up. Many succeeded and got away, while one robo-cop ran after me. He hit me with his rubber truncheon, once on the head and then I stopped. He suddenly calmed down and I was taken to the police station along with this Spanish guy and a girl from Sweden. They read my rights there and some of our duties, which they didn't fulfil entirely. I was taken to a doctor. First, the doctor put one stitch on my head and one on my arm and he also took an X-ray photo of my hand. Due to the fact my arm

was broken (upper bone of my middle finger), I was taken to a hospital. I waited at least three hours, but in the end doctors were really nice. They put my arm in plaster and told me I'll have to stay in the hospital for two-three days since my arm was bleeding and there was a possibility of an infection. Two police officers were present by my side at all times; they watched over me when I was sleeping, and followed me to the bathroom, etc. Other morning they gave me my clothes without any explanation and without letting me speak to my doctor. I was taken to the police station, where I spent the night in a cell sleeping on ceramic floor without water, toilet and of course without a blanket. They also took my glasses, but not my piercings. In the cell of 1.5 m & 2m there were four of us at all time, at night six. I was with Ebba from Sweden all time, and we'll also be judged together, since we were arrested together under the same charges (attack, resistance, disobedience). We didn't receive much food. I got a couple antibiotics. The next night we were given blankets after several hours of pleading. I spoke with my lawyer (Sara), who is one of the people from the legal support group and has had experience of such situations before. I wasn't allowed to make a telephone call on my own. [Photo by Mark Estevez] The next day I was taken to another jail, where I gave the statement in front of the judge, who asked most absurd questions. (They also found nails in my rucksack - which were there from the time we were fixing the door - and they wanted to know, why I keep them. They asked Ebba, if she threw nails at cops. I also had the address of some squat and of the bus station, which was again very suspicious to them.) The great problem was also a question of my residence in Barcelona (because you can't mention squat, naturally). So I only gave them the name of the street, where I'm staying. In the end money was the most important question, since the judge demanded 600 for our release, otherwise we would stay in jail till the beginning of the trial. Sara then spoke with people outside the prison and legal support team from Sweden paid for me and Ebba, 600 is the bail for foreigners. If we win the lawsuit, we get the money back. All my personal stuff was returned to me, except documentation from the hospital. Next day I immediately went to the hospital,

where they took another X-ray photo of my hand and made a report, so I'll have evidence on the court. I have court on April 9. Two cops are to testify against me, so I have to get my witnesses. I will file a lawsuit against the ill-treatment of police and try to get my hands on video footage of the police attack. (there is much footage, but journalists turn them over to the police). For now I have a great chance to win the lawsuit. The other day, I heard, 80 more people were arrested, but were released, since the procedure has been changed and foreigners didn't have to pay bail anymore. While four Basques were detained for the longest and 1500 for each had to be paid. Another stupid one: Ebba received court order about deportation from the European Union, even though she's Swedish! On March 15 there was a struggle against police violence! Ok, I'll let you know, when something new happens. Once again, praise to all and thanks to the legal and medical support groups. A-groups from Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia, friends in Kranj and Ljubljana and of course to everyone else, who did and still take care of me. The struggle continues... NO JUSTICE. NO PEACE! - SOURCE: Erik Valencic for BLUE Email Maja: barricada13@hotmail.com

## ABC BELARUS

"I Write The Truth About President, Too. Am I Next?" - freedom of speech under Lukashenko regime.

Stas Pochobut, Belarussian anarchist from Grodno, singer of punk rock band "Deviation" was in a hungerstrike to protest 10 days prison sentence he received after having protested against closing a regional oppositional paper Pahnonia. In one from e-mail's which Stas wrote, he states that "Pahnonia is far from being anarchists, but I remember very well when in 1996, after presidential degree (of Alexander Lukashenko - ed.) to ban information about actions of non-registered

associations in media, they made a big article and interview about us (anarchists, who for sure never register - ed.)". And indeed, first charges procuror filed against the paper 27th of August 2001 were for printing an announcement of a non-registered organisation (in issue #40, 26th of October 2000). Later charges of libel against president in #36 were added, and this number was completely confiscated, as well as #37. Stas also wrote that much of the so-called "democratical opposition" has deserted the defence, and main work has been left for the anarchists to do. For continuous updates, check websites of newspaper Razam <http://razam.by.ru/> (a common radical left project in Grodno with anarchists included) and Pahnonia. <http://pahnonia.com/>. Unfortunately both only in Belarussian language, English page of Razam is still under construction.

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Police in the western Belarussian city of Grodno on Friday detained 13 journalists, who stood up to protest criminal prosecution against two journalists - Mikola Markevich and Pavel Mazaika - from the local private newspaper Pahnonia, closed down by the authorities last November. The Grodno journalists - most of them being members of the Belarussian Association of Journalists staged three unauthorized pickets in support of their colleagues under the slogans: "Hands Off Markevich and Mazaika", "I Write The Truth About President, Too. Am I Next?". Mikola Markevich and Pavel Mazaika are set to appear in court on Tuesday, 9 April on charges of slander against the Belarus president. Picket organizers had filed several applications to the local authorities requesting authorization to stage pickets, but the city administration rejected them all in breach of the Constitutional provisions which guarantee the right to freedom of expression. By having banned the pickets, authorities took up responsibility for the further development of the situation. On Friday night nearly all detainees were subjected to administrative prosecution, receiving terms in jail or fines. Dmitry Egorov and Vitaut Rudnik - 3 days of arrest; Alexander Dyorestkov - 4 days of arrest; Stas Pochobut and Andrzej Pisalnik - 10 days of arrest; Andrei Melesiko - 8 days of arrest; Irina Cherniavka and Alena

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Sinevich were fined to 30 and 20 minimum salaries, correspondingly. Olga Artemenko and Andrizej Pachobut received warnings. Sias Pachobut went on a hunger-strike. Other journalists will be tried today. 8 April: The Belarusian Association of Journalists expressed decisive protest against administrative prosecution of journalists, emphasising that Article 33 in Belarus Constitution clearly sets out that everyone shall be guaranteed the freedom of opinion, beliefs and their free expression. The freedom of assembly, street rallies, demonstrations and pickets is set forth in Article 35 of Belarus Constitution. Article 21 in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Belarus is a party, recognizes the right to peaceful assemblies. BAJ protested against the continued pattern of attacks on the freedom of expression by the authorities in Belarus, and appealed to international community to join the protest.

**ABC CSAF CZECHIA**

Anarchist PZ, member of CSAF and editor of A-kontra magazine, has been accused of "hooliganism" and "property damage" because of March anti-war action during a visit of George Robertson in Prague. US embassy claimed 14,000 CZK (about 460 EUR) damage for a smashed flag (!!!) because according to them PZ had destroyed some special flag holder (in reality usually iron stick)... PZ could now be sentenced up to 20,000 CZK (660 EUR) fine or conditional sentence up to 2 years (or both). Police is waiting for expert expression regarding price of flag holder now. When the real damage would be up to 5,000 CZK (160 EUR) PZ will be cleared of charge without trial.

**ABC CROATIA**

**Police repressions against anarchists in Zagreb**

On the Day of Europe, 9th May, a small group of anarchists gathered about 12 o'clock on the main square in the centre of Zagreb. Two of us carry a banner saying: "No Borders, No Nations, No Deportations" stopped in front of an extra tram line of European Youth, and the rest were distributing flyers containing a text against the deportation politics of

EU. Those two activists were standing only on one tram track rail, while in the other direction trams could pass without any hindrance. The newspaper reporters who happened to be there took photos of them, and then after some minutes when the motor men asked them to do so, they left the tracks. Afterwards we went towards the middle of the square and soon we were approached by six or seven policemen and asked to identify ourselves. Then they put us in the police car and took us to the nearest police station. Already during the transport they deprived us of our mobile telephones, and we were searched through. In the station they kept us for examination until two o'clock. Punishment penalties (about 7 EURO) for traffic disturbance were written for us all. Two activists were investigated ("informal" information conversation), then we were all together examined about the whole case (leaflets, political background...) and were then told that we would be transferred to the next central police station, where we would be kept overnight, since the regular working hours of the misdemeanor judge were over (which was not the truth!) There we were searched again, we had to pull out our shoe laces, all objects out of our hair, the piercing, the glasses etc. The three girls were put into one cell, and the three boys into another. After we all pointed out that we were vegetarians they brought for supper some bread and a sausage, and as we refused to eat that, the following day we complained to the judge and we were given a vegetarian meal. The light was not switched off during the night so that we could hardly sleep, also because of the noise. A few among us asked to be allowed to smoke, the policemen refused it and did not have any toilet paper. The next morning we were brought to the judge at 10.30, and present during the procedure were a representative and an attorney of Peace Studies and a journalist. After all the six of us had given our statements about what had happened, and the witnessing by the motor man and the two policemen who had been standing there during the action, the judge decided that all accusations (for public traffic disturbance and not having announced the gathering) could be discarded based on the witnesses' statements. Namely, the motor man said that he had to stop the tram anyway in order to let the people and fresh provision in, and also that the activists cleared off the tracks after he had asked them to do so. The two policemen who were watching it all decided that the tram stopped because of the banner and they informed the police. The judge deci-

ded they could have asked the motor man first and not decide by themselves, but he also praised their sincere witnessing. After we were set free, The Centre for Peace Studies decided to sue the Police Station where we were kept because we were brought in the course of the working hours and they had no right to keep us overnight. We are also going to complain about the punishment for traffic disturbance which is irrelevant after the misdemeanor judge's verdict. The press informed about the case on two occasions and in a positive context. The result of the whole is that a legal help would be established by the Centre for Peace Studies for activists in similar situations. In this way I would like to thank all those who supported us morally, ideologically and practically.

**ABC ACK POLAND**

**After winter riots in Krakow**

On 13 January in Krakow, during a punk concert, which was a part of a charity campaign, the police used brutal force against the concert's participators. The policemen shot plastic bullets at people and severely beat a dozen or so of them, including girls. 42 youths were detained. Hopefully, the brutal action of the police was recorded, and on basis of the video recordings a police officer (who commanded the action) of a high rank was dismissed. However, other policemen who took part in beating still remain unpunished. Of the detained youths, sixteen were held under arrest for weeks, being denied contact with families or lawyer's assistance. They were being threatened not to lodge any complaints concerning violent behaviour of the police during the concert. Most of the detained are suspected of assaulting a police officer (conviction may result in up to 10 years in prison), also of robbery and participation in a dangerous gathering. Polish ABC was fighting for the release of the arrested and for just punishment of the responsible for these incidents. In result at the end of March all arrested people were released, however they will face the court in following months.

**Rafal Gorski (FA Krakow) arrested, sentenced and back on freedom!**

On 7 February, an Anarchist Federation activist from Krakow, Rafal "Mocul" Gorski was arrested. In the evening the police entered his house and took him under arrest. Rafa? wasn't allowed to take any personal effects with him, even though he was to be detained for three months. He was charged with participation in a demonstration against evictions in April, 2001. It appears not to be accidental that Rafal's arrest took place only two days before the annual protests of the Anarchist Federation from Krakow against the city's authorities. After strong protests, Rafal was sentenced to pay 800 z? fine and one month of prison suspended.

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**Paymon still in prison**

Klaudiusz "Paymon" Gliklich, who was to be finally released, as we informed in the previous newsletter, is still in prison. The court did not accept the money that was offered by ABC as a fine. Moreover, the judge found in Paymon's files an old sentence of three months imprisonment, whose carrying out had been stayed, and decided to execute it now. Consequently, Klaudiusz has to serve this sentence in spite of his poor physical and mental condition, as he was previously hospitalized.

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**"Lapa may be sent down for up to 10 years" - antifascists from Bialystok needs help**

Slawomir "Lapa" Lapinski, an eighteen-year-old antifascist from Bialystok, was charged with an assault with use of a dangerous object and grievous bodily harm after he took part in defence of the De Centrum squat in Bialystok, which was attacked by nazi-skinheads. In result, one of the nazis suffered an eye injury after he was hit with a brick. Lapa was accused of causing this injury, even though the nazis know well that somebody else threw the brick. However, they decided to testify on Lapa, as he is an active antifascist. He had already been sentenced for beating a nazi-skinhead, the carrying out of the sentence being stayed. Now Lapa may be sent down for up to ten years. We appeal for help, as the case is really serious and hiring a lawyer is going to cost a lot of money. Meanwhile two other proceedings are in course regarding two squatters involved with anti-fascist actions and defending De Centrum

against police action in November last year.

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**Freedom of speech violated - Szczecin**

A legal proceeding is under way against Dominik Sawicki, an editor of "Stoecznowiec", an anarcho-syndicalist newspaper on workers' rights. Dominik was charged with fomenting sabotage in his newspaper, which he distributes in the Szczecin Shipyard. This case is an example of violation of freedom of speech. You can send your protests and opinions to court: Sid Rejonowy VI Wydział? Karny ul. Kaszubska 42 70-952 Szczecin

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**Severe sentences in Warszawa for Dawid Hass, Wladyslaw Matuszewski and Janusz Szewczyk**

Dawid, Janusz, Wladek and Jakub on 27 December 2000 were detained and arrested for three months after having a fight with neo-nazis. They were charged with beating of one of the nazis. While being under arrest one of them was severely beaten by other prisoners. In the meantime Jakub was released in order to take his matriculation exam. On 20 December 2001 the District Court in Warszawa sentenced Dawid, Janusz and Wladek for three years and six months of imprisonment as they were found guilty of robbery with use of a dangerous object. It appears a scandalous sentence, as their guilt wasn't proved - a person who allegedly used a knife to threaten the nazis wasn't among the accused. It is also a ridiculous punishment in view of little harm that was done. None of the nazis was seriously injured and an alleged sum of money lost by one of the skinheads equaled 10 zloty (3 euro). Moreover, it is clear that the judge was biased and sentenced Dawid, Janusz and Wladek for their beliefs and ideology. During the process the judge openly showed contempt for anarchists, denied punks participation in the process as an audience and made comments on appearance of the accused. At the same time the judge refused to take into consideration young age of the accused, the fact that they hadn't been punished before or the conditions of the alleged robbery - a conflict between anarchists and nazis. The convicted

are to appeal the sentence. Write to them to show your support in this tragic instance of injustice:

DAWID HASS, WLADYSLAW MATUSZEWSKI, JANUSZ SZEWCZYK, ARSIZT SLEDZCY UL. CIUPAGI 1 03-016 WARSZAWA POLAND

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**Anti-War protestors arrested in Poznan**

On 15 November in Poznan the police arrested 12 participants of a peaceful anti-war demonstration in front of the consulate of the United States. The demonstrators were not allowed even to begin their protest. They were charged with participation in an illegal gathering and not heeding commands of the police.

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**Activists arrested on anti-war demo in Krakow**

Eight people were arrested during an anti-war demonstration in Krakow. They were charged with obstructing police work. They are all under surveillance, i.e. they have to report at the police station twice a week. During the arrest one demonstrator received an eye injury and was denied medical care. Two people were fined 700 zl for participation in incidents in Krynk during 'no borders' camp in July 2001. A legal proceeding against an ABC member, who was accused of damaging a police car during a demonstration in May 2000 in Krakow, was discontinued. The public prosecutor decided that the demonstrator, who jumped at the roof of a police car to distract the police from beating people, did not damage anything and therefore did not commit a forbidden act.

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**25th June - action day for support Tomek Wilkoszewski**

Tomek Wilkoszewski was jailed in March 1996. He's been deprived of his freedom for more than five years. According to the verdict of the local court he must spend ten more years in prison. What did he do to deserve such a sentence? Tomek comes from a little village near Radomsko (a typical small town

in central Poland). He was a good student and was finishing a technical highschool. He wanted to continue his studies afterwards. He was working to

pay for his studies. He had never been convicted before and had never been in contact with the Police before that fateful day of March 1996. But he ran out of luck: First, there was a nazi-skinhead group in Radomsko who was trying to rule the town. The assaults and the bullying were daily occurrences that were overlooked by the Police and the local authorities. Most of the time "strangers" would be attacked, i.e. newcomers like Tomek who was driving to Radomsko each day. Someone who had been beaten by a band of these nazis went to the police and he was told: "If

you weren't looking for fights, you wouldn't have been beaten. You should stay quiet." Tomek had been a victim of the attacks several times. Once, someone tried to pick out one of his eyes. What happened next was nothing

more than the logical consequences of this situation: With no help to be found, the terrified youngsters tried to defend themselves. The death of a young man was no more than a part of this tragedy (after one of those

fights, a nazi-skinhead died from loss of blood while waiting for an ambulance). Second, Tomek was accused of the murder. As he had often been assaulted, he had a motive and, according to a few witnesses, he had a knife. This so-called crime instrument, which was used as evidence by the prosecution, has been subject to no examination or investigation that could unequivocally confirm the accusation. During the judicial procedure there were a number of similar uncertainties, but that wasn't taken into account by the Judge who at that time bowed to the pressure of public opinion which was asking for the most severe penalties. Third, the prosecution and the Judge wanted to demonstrate something. The fifteen year verdict and the lesser sentences given to the eight other defendants were outstandingly severe. The witnesses of this judicial process were outraged by the justification of the verdict which "should have an educational function for the convicted as well as for the entire underworld!" No extenuating circumstance was recognized and Tomek received one of the highest penalties in Poland. But on the other hand, nazi-skinheads, or other criminals would get away with eight years verdict for murder with premeditation and were out of jail after four years. This is what this justice is about: high penalties for the nonconformists

and the poor who can't afford a good lawyer and mild penalties for the Mafia and the thugs.

But Tomek had also a bit of luck. Anarchists Black Cross and other anti fascist groups got interested in his case. Polish TV transmitted a movie called "Riot", and the biggest Polish newspaper published a long article, about the case. While being interviewed for a newspaper as well as in front of the cameras, the nazis would tell openly about their actions of cleaning the town of all kinds of strangers. These two documentaries were quite highly publicised across Poland, but were ignored by the court. In the prison he managed to finish his secondary school, he got a job and the prison authorities have a good opinion of him. After four years Tomek's supporters managed to have the appeal trial (kasacyjna) held. It happened on 27 September 2000, but it was dismissed by the Court for burocratic reasons. Now the only chance to help Tomek is for him to appeal to the President, but the chance is pretty low, because Polish criminal law is getting more and more strict. To improve his chances, we have to support our application with plenty of statements from the whole country and abroad.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP,** we're planning to organise as many demonstrations as possible on 25 June. You can organise a demo in front of a Polish Embassy or Consulate and ( THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT ) hand in a petition. The petition in Polish and English you can find at [www.tomek.most.org.pl](http://www.tomek.most.org.pl)



**Anarchist sympathiser and human rights activists Evgeni Novozhilov still locked down**

In Soviet times, mental hospitals were one of the main institutions used to crack down on dissidence. Now 'anarchist sympathiser and human rights activist Evgeni Novozhilov has been sent to a mental hospital in Krasnodar, on the false charge of practising a "hoax about an act of terror". What he actually did was to say during a telephone conversation to an acquaintance that "I feel so bad that I would hijack a plane and crash it to a skys-

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craper". This was when he was suffering a serious phase of the chronic skin disease psoriasis, which had made it impossible to him to leave home for more than two years since March 1999. In 20th March 1999 Evgeni managed to get some facts about the reality of the Chechen war published in the regional press. This was both the first and last time this occurred as Krasnodar region is amongst the most repressive and chauvinist areas of Russia. Since then he was a marked man, with the FSB (formerly the KGB) tapping all of his telephone conversations. He has been imprisoned since 16th of November, under charges which would have been treated like a joke until the global anti-terrorist hysteria generated after September 11th. When being diagnosed as requiring forced treatment in a mental hospital, it is not the charges which count but what kind of "care" doctors see as necessary so there is no idea when he could be released. Upper-class careerists on Soros's payroll, in other words the regional human rights organisations, have refused to give any support to Evgeni. Thus the task to organise defence and support has been left solely to relatives and local anarchists from Autonomous Action. Read more about the case on the website of the support campaign: <http://www.anarchia.by.ru>

You may send letters to Evgeni through his mother, by writing to:  
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Russia

Evgeni speaks English, German and Swedish.

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## The anti-border camp - 5th-14th July 2002 near both the polish border with Kaliningrad and Lithuania

We are organizing a no - border camp in north - east Poland, near to the polish - Russian and polish - Lithuanian border. We think that the borders put artificial divisions between people and that what we need now - in the moment, when the polish eastern border will be more and more difficult to cross (at least in some parts of it) - is solidarity and co - operation between people living in different countries.

We are definitely against any form of political and economical separation and we want to work on abolishing the borders - from below. What we really need to do is to oppose to stereotypes, discrimination, and exploitation of any form. People from different cities and countries are already working on preparation for the camp. Join us ! Don't let the alienating divisions overcome you !

This year's camp is not only a no-border camp but a general camp for anarchists and others; there will be days of anti-fascism, anti-racism, feminism and critical theory as well. This year is especially important due to the fact that next year there will be a visa regime implemented and people from the east will have trouble coming. This visa regime will have a great negative impact on the region we'll be visiting — which by the way has some of the best natural spots in Europe.

### What is planned?

We would like every participant to be the organiser of the camp, so we count on all the possible initiatives, spontaneous actions, solidarity and critical actions.

The proposed forms of activities :

- workshops and meetings (to share knowledge, experiences, strategies);
- cooking, cleaning,
- medical assistance (hopefully we will just have it in case...);
- dancing, playing and passions;
- integration with other groups/ people/people living in the region;
- sports and swimming;
- actions/ demos;
- happenings, performances etc;

### Who is participating?

We invite all the antiauthoritarian groups/ persons to join the project. Some of us are anarchists, anarchy - feminists and similar. We do not invite any hierarchical or pro - etatist groups. Until now there are people from Poland, Germany, Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Czech, Lithuania and France, who decided to take part.

### How it will be?

We propose to divide the camp thematically to make it easier for everybody to know and to decide when to come (if he/ she cannot come for the whole

thing). So: 3 days of "no border" - things connected to the issues of EU enlargement, the migrations, border problems, stereotypes, nationalism etc. 2 days of feminism - women (forced) labour, stereotypes, the sexism in the new right, 1 critical/independent media day; 2-3 days of antifa - actions connected to the topic s).

Maybe we will do one day "free" - just to make a trip to Krynki or for other activities. Because of that we would like everyone willing to do something (any action, workshop, happening) to tell it until 15 June , just to make it easier to prepare a kind of schedule. We're looking for people to volunteer.

### What do we still need ?

We still need: equipment such as large tents, generators, film screens and a projector; videos; people who can make music or street theater; vehicles and drivers; cooking equipment..... Most of all, we need people who can help organize or come ready to help. .  
The camp will be in open air, so take tents, swimming clothes, badminton, and similar.

### Contact :

latobezgranic@wp.pl  
[www.zcnjn.most.org.pl](http://www.zcnjn.most.org.pl)

## Kolektyw Autonomistów

### Collective of Autonomists from Torun in their regular up-date (April - July)

Here we come with the up-date from autonomist/anarchist activity in Torun prepared by Kolektyw Autonomistów (Collective of Autonomist) - one of the most active groups in that region of Poland. Just to remind ...

... Torun is a town of 250 thousand inhabitants situated in central Poland. Since a few years the main meeting point of activists in that town is a bar called "PILON". This is usually the first place where young people from that city are getting in touch with libertarian and anarchist ideas ...

But there is as well another relatively new place in the city which actually has a lot of names depends of who you ask, some call it B-65, some BUNKIER and others NAGAKAKA. This multi-name space located on ulica Wschodnia 65 (next to the place which everyone in that city knows which is WISIENKA bar - main meeting point of local alcoholics) zawiera practice rooms for local underground bands, concert room, techno parties etc. If anyone wish to get in touch with that place can do it through Kolektyw Autonomistów (address below).

In last up-date we were advertising our upcoming Street Party named ALL DIFERRENT - ALL EQUAL which happend at 20 of April. This action was a continuation of our traditional spring actions called Week Against Fascism which are organized in Torun since several years. In this year the great idea of that party was to explain to polish citizens problems and difficult situation of refugees world wide and - generally and especially after September 11. Indirect idea was to change opinions of polish people towards refugees here in our city. That is why we decided on the form of action with which we could reach as wide as possible spectrum of people, especially youth. Afterwords we can say that this aim we released as party gathered around 1000 people of different ages and from different spectrums of society. The most interesting presentation of

culture: of North American Indians, Capoeira performance, reggae concert, alternative theatre spectacle performed by group from city of Bydgoszcz and all kinds of attraction for children. During all the day hundreds of inhabitants of Torun could get acquainted with alternative/anarchist/antifascists ideas, get anarchist press or independent culture. Local medias presented a positive picture of whole action. Our plan is to come back with similar (hopefully even much bigger) street party in the next spring and bring that kind of action as a constant one into cultural calendar in our city.

In the near future (probably when you read it it is more about the past) at 24 of May we planning the Alternative Movies Review of polish non-commercial movie-makers to the end with party, whole in our multi-name club - BUNKIER.

There is as well known a date of the 4 edition of zapowiadanego in last AbolishingBB - Anti-Racist Football Cup. This event takes as a goal promotion of antifascist attitude among football fans and youth in Poland as well as it is a good opportunity for antifascist activists from all over the county to meet and refresh the contacts. At this summer it will be at 6 of July. Football competition will start at 10 am and goes whole the day to the end with drinks, food, punkrock gig, party and other attractions in our best location of PILON!

That was for today from our city, we are going to keep informing you regularly, here again our contact address:

KOLEKTYW  
AUTONOMISTOW  
po box  
18 87-116 Torun 17  
Poland

## Slovenia - anarchist activities update

**Squatting activities: VILA MARA SQUAT:** - That is an occupied small private house in Ljubljana which has in the last two years provided space for local anarchists, for their activities, workshops and infopoints. Many actions have been planned and prepared there. It also provides accommodation for visitors who come to Ljubljana, either in time of some actions or events or just when they come to meet new people and other scene movements. In the last few months Vila Mara is going through the biggest crisis ever. It has a new owner now and he has not any interest for squatters and anarchist activities. The electricity and water was turned off and also the owner gave court order to police to have all authorities which they need. Now police can do whatever they please, which was not quite possible before. Latest police favorite activity is breaking in in the middle of the night without an order. The owner wants the house to be emptied, but now he is waiting to get all legal competence of ownership. Then the house will probably be evicted. The activists are still living there and maintaining the house despite the difficult circumstances. Date of eviction isn't known yet, but the squatters are planning defense actions with the help of entire movement. We will see what the future brings.

**AVTONOMNA CONA MOLOTOV** - It's a large building owned by Slovenian Railways and has been successfully squatted in last December. The owners have a lot of interest for such activities and that's why the conditions are very good. The water and electricity was also successfully installed. Place is used for living and various activities. It has a concert place with a club and in these few months many anarchist punk concerts and some benefit events for local anarchist movement were organised. There is a place for band rehearsals and a small infopoint with a possibility of computer use. In the time of May Days activities many activists from abroad stayed there and it also provides accommodation for anyone who needs it. Squatted place is also used for workshops, meetings and all preparations for Food not bombs.

**FOOD NOT BOMBS:** This project started with its activities in November, last year. Since then local anarchists from squats Vila Mara and Molotov are preparing a FNB event every Monday at the Kongresni trg - one of the main park squares in the centre of the city Ljubljana. Food is prepared in Molotov squat and the amount is great enough to feed 30-40 people. More people come every time to feed themselves and to get some informations on alternative scenes and anarchism. Also activists from different groups are joining and meeting at the FNB, talking and discussing about future plans and actions.

**SOLIDARITY WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS OF BARCELONA:** Some people from Croatia and Slovenia joined the demonstrations against the EU summit in Barcelona, this March. During the actions in Barcelona activist Maja from Ljubljana had been arrested. During the demo and arrest, she was attacked and beaten by the Spanish police. She had a broken arm, injured head and many bruises all over her body. That is why she spend the night in the hospital, where two policemen were controlling her all the time and the next day they took her to the prison, where she was kept for three days. She was released on bail, until a trial. She was accused of «atack, resistance and disobedience». Because she needed a financial resources for court trial, *Antifascistična Akcija Ljubljana (AFA LJ)* and other anarchist groups from former Yugoslavia started a solidarity campaign. 29th of March a benefit gigs took place in Avtonomna cona Molotov and in Teater Gromki in autonomous cultur centre Metelkova. Money was raised also in other Slovenian and Croatian cities. In the end the international movement managed to get enough money for trial expenses. 8th of April a manifestation of solidarity and protest was organised. For solidarity with political defendants of Barcelona and to protest against the raising criminalisation of antiglobalism. Action started at 2 p.m. on the Kongresni trg in Ljubljana with the Food not bombs project. Some 50 people gathered with leaflets, posters and banners, which were giving informations on circumstances of imprisoned and were calling for resistance to such politics. After two hours we headed toward Spanish embassy where we read some statements and distributed leaflets. March ended in Presernov trg where we repeated the action. Well prepared policemen were with us all along and they were filming us with cameras. When it all ended they even followed a group of activists that were heading home.

**Anti - NATO campaign:** In last months a lot of groups and organisations dedicated attention to campaign against NATO, because Slovenia is in the last stage of joining the NATO and expects the entering at Prague summit in November. Campaign started with distributing leaflets, sticking posters and graffiti making. There were a lot of discussions which showed the critical view of Slovenian partnership with the alliance. Also some actions took place. 14th of March the editor of the *NATOREVIEW*, a NATO protagonist had a lecture in the Faculty of the Social knowledges in Ljubljana. But the night before activists made an action in which they graffiti the Faculty and five large banners with antiNATO arguments were hanged on the main tower of the Faculty. The response from the media, Ministry of foreign affairs and other protagonists was big.

**27th of April is the Day of resistance against occupator.** The evening before the top of Slovenian politics gathered with the war veterans in the Cankarjev Dom. Slovenian first NATO protagonist, Minister of foreign affairs, Dr. Dimitrij Rupel used the occasion for NATO propaganda, but he came on the response of the activists, who were planning to disrupt the meeting. Although they didn't get to the main meeting hall, they waited in the lobby and raised the banners and cheered slogans when the participants passed by. Meanwhile the police closed and guarded all exits. Whit this action the activists tried to connect the antifascist struggle of the resistance in the 2nd World War with today's struggle against NATO. Slogans: «against the occupator-NATO, against colaboratos-Rupel» also stated this try. Also this time the response from the media was big, but police and the Ministry of foreign affairs declared the action as unacceptable and accusing the activists of public disorder. The newspapers again opened the discussion about criminalisation of alternative opinion and NATO.

Report by Tine & Maja

# Rumble in the Edge of the Europe

## The struggle against the KURDTT rocket engine- and fuel reprocessing plant Votkinsk ( Udmurtia - Russia )

### KURDTT

Votkinsk, birthplace of famous 19th century composer Pyotr Chaikovsky, is a city of 100,000 inhabitants in Udmurtia, an autonomous republic of the Russian Federation near the Ural mountains. The city was once built for the purposes of the huge soviet military-industrial complex, and now it is a planned site of KURDTT (Complex for Destruction of Heavy Fuel Rocket Engines), a plant for reprocessing fuel and engines of SS-24, SS-24M, SS-25, SS-N-20 ballistic missiles, which are to be discarded. 70% of Russian ballistic missiles are of these types. Better if not used, but no good anyway. Each of these missiles is a small-scale environmental disaster. Even if they are not launched, the project to bring 916 of them - altogether 17,500 tons of rocket fuel v to be disembowelled only nine kilometres from the city has met with fierce resistance from local inhabitants. An active and unique social protest movement has sprung up in what is generally a disillusioned post-Soviet society. The project was initially to be sited in the Nevada desert, but this plan was cancelled because of fears it would hurt the area's endangered tortoises. After being moved to a site about 250 kilometres from the nearest settlement, (which was a small Indian village,) in 1996 the US congress had an even better idea: move the entire project to Russia, make it ten times bigger, and pump US\$2.4 million into it. Lockheed Martin, one of the biggest military-industrial corporations in the world, was the project's original American partner. When they withdrew from the project in May 2001, the contract was given to the lesser known American corporation Energetech, who will continue using the special technology Lockheed Martin have been developing at California's China Lake complex since 1988. Protesters didn't find out about the change of contractors until last August. Local (Russian) journalists, who travelled to America while Lockheed Martin were still involved, discovered the project budget had already swollen to US\$150 billion - but it wasn't clear who exactly was going to foot the bill for the extra costs. Consensus decision making as the ruling class understands it The first attempt to build the plant in Russia's Perm area of Western Siberia was cancelled due to local resistance. Votkinsk was the next contender - carefully chosen because the city is completely dependent on the military-industrial complex, because the Government of the Udmurtian republic is authoritarian and corrupt, and because Votkinsk is located in the border with Perm area v which planners thought could take a big part of the pollution without risking influencing the project decision. Currently most modern Russian ballistic Topol-missiles are built in Votkinsk. In 1999 the project was put to a referendum in Votkinsk and 99.4% of the vote rejected the idea. Even then the result was skewed because little more than half the community actually voted, since the VMZ-factory sacked anyone who voted. This was what's called a 'binding local referendum - a speciality of the Russian constitution v binding in theory, but in practice something local governments always find loopholes to nullify. In this case the highest court of the Udmurtian republic decided the plant referendum wasn't valid, because it should have been held in the surrounding municipality where the plant was to be located rather than in the city of Votkinsk itself. In the neighbouring city of Chaikovsky which is located in Perm area, local ecological organisation questioned 12 000 inhabi-

itants in a Gallup which required giving ones full name, address and passport details - only 5 persons, that means 0.042% supported the project. Never trust a NGO Nullifying the referendum did not turn off the local movement. Ongoing petitions, mass meetings of up to 3000 participants, and taking up unsuccessful court cases against the Republic's administration kept protesters busy. Even a group of VMZ company engineers mobilised to protest against the rocket engine reprocessing plant, openly defying company threats. Some local specialists on ballistic missiles who had originally backed the project turned against it after learning more about it. They argued the project wasn't worth it as it would give little employment to locals, be governed from abroad, and be based on experimental technology. During 3 years of planned functioning of the factory, it is expected to produce 13 tons of cyanic sodium NaCN, not less poisonous than cyanic hydrogen which when mixed with water produces cyano-hydrogen acid, used as a chemical weapon. And they're talking about dumping this stuff in the area surrounding the factory, without providing any special facilities to protect the environment. The Ecological Impact Assessments that gave the project the green light was from the Green Cross, a corrupt business NGO founded by Mikhail Gorbachev which mostly runs by selling certificates to various business for money. It should be called a Green Wash. The local city administration has been against the project since the beginning, defying the authoritarian regime of Volkov (president of Udmurtian republic) who has by now managed to replace the leadership of all Udmurtian cities with his men. The last city to fall was Votkinsk, where A. V. Kuznetsov - not even a city inhabitant himself - managed to replace defiant mayor V.L. Friedrich in elections on the 14th of March 2002. Former mayor Friedrich suffered a mainstream media-blackout during a very dirty election campaign, which included an obviously false statement from Udmurtian government that the plant would be cancelled. The incoming mayor Kuznetsov's true position with regards to the project was not revealed to inhabitants of Votkinsk.

### Protest campaign in the summer of 2001

The local movement asked the social ecologist *Rainbow Keepers* movement to organise a protest camp against the plant over last summer. *Rainbow Keepers* have organised similar summer campaigns since 1990 all over the European side of Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine. The Votkinsk camp, co-organised with the *International Socio-Ecological Union, the Union for Chemical Safety*, and local ecological activists, ran almost six weeks from 18th of July until 30th of August. More than a hundred people from the Russian cities of Volzhsk, Kasimov, Moscow, Nizhny Novgorod, Kazan, Yekaterinburg, Kamensk-Uralsk, Volgograd, Saint-Petersburg, Samara, Ryazan and Tampere and Helsinki in Finland, came to take part. One of the camp's Finnish activists got a five year deportation from Russia for his troubles. Protesters organised daily info-stalls and civil-disobedience actions, and a public meeting on the 26th of July drew a crowd of 3,000 people. The camp was first attacked on the 29th of July when a group of five men threatened campers after midnight. At six o'clock that morning one of the tents was set on fire, but fortunately no-one was injured. On the 3rd of August 300 inhabitants took part in a peaceful protest outside the offices of Lockheed Martin in the

city in a legal meeting, but police violently dispersed the crowd and arrested several participants. A solidarity picket for the imprisoned lasted five hours. A closed court session against the meeting's participants was organised for the 7th of August, with locals and a bus-load of people from Chaikovsky turning up to show their solidarity outside. 25 *Rainbow Keepers* masked themselves up for the day, since the police had used video evidence to single people out after previous protests. Police decided to keep two of the arrested in jail until the next court session, although the court itself did not take any decision about the continuation of the arrests. This angered picketers, who then blocked the police van transferring the arrested pair back to prison, chanting "Free the prisoners!" It took police a few hours to break up the blockade after extra numbers had been called. Protesters went on chasing the van, and 40-50 were involved in more skirmishes with the police. Several were arrested and got fines and jail sentences of up to 15 days. The 13th of August saw several roads in Votkinsk blocked as a protest action. The day after a court declared July 26th's mass meeting illegal, even though it had been called by the city mayor himself! On August 30th thirty people, supposedly from fascist groups, organised a violent attack on the protest camp. Masked attackers surrounded the camp from three directions, and started fights with iron bars, knives and baseball bats. After half an hour of fighting five *Rainbow Keepers* were left with head wounds and other injuries, but no-one was hospitalised. On the 21st of August another mass meeting was organised, this time drawing a crowd of 1000 people. During the week of the 21st to 28th of August *Rainbow Keepers* blocked the main entrance of the Votkinsk administration, with supportive locals protecting the activists and giving them food. Federal Inspector S.V. Chikurov, who had steadfastly refused to meet protesters for two weeks, then demanded that the city mayor "put an end to the organisation of mass disruptions in Votkinsk". 20 000 copies of an anti-plant tabloid paper were distributed over the course of the summer campaign. The Future The Camp ended on the 30th of August, but the all-Russian campaign has stayed active over winter. In Moscow on the 3rd of November a theatre action was organised outside the Udmurtian HQ in Moscow. Three bourgeois officials from America, Russia, and Udmurtia, were acted out as pompously opening up the new factory, when thick smoke billowed from the factory, filling the street and leading to the painful deaths of several local inhabitants. On the 12th of March a cartoon cruiser called the "Aurora" bombed the Moscow bases of Energetech, the Ministry of Atomic Energy, and Duma, with firecrackers. The running street revolution that kicked off then lasted 5 hours, as protesters evaded arrest by dodging from one administrative area to the next. More protests will be organised in Votkinsk this summer. Officials haven't reversed the decision to build the plant yet, as the scheme was necessary to get their man elected city mayor. So far, building works on the factory's planned site are continuing. WORDS :1705 Read more (in Russian): [www.gorichiy.narod.ru](http://www.gorichiy.narod.ru) *Rainbow Keepers* online: [www.chat.ru/~rk2000](http://www.chat.ru/~rk2000)

If you are interested to participate to 2002 (2003, 2004?) protests, write to [tw@ecoline.ru](mailto:tw@ecoline.ru), [rkrl@ecoline.ru](mailto:rkrl@ecoline.ru) and [dikobrazi@lists.tao.ca](mailto:dikobrazi@lists.tao.ca)

## EAST EUROPEAN ANARCHEIST COORDINATION

Dear friends!

During the last month we held (activists from Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia and Germany) first meeting about east European anarchist coordination, so we would like to present you the idea and explain more detailed what it's all about. Also we would like to invite you to join the coordination and to participate in the creation of the future coordination which would provide real exchange of the information through-out all countries. All of our connections are happening more or less by coincidence and we see this as a big problem in developing our struggles. In this point we think it's important to connect ourselves and this is the purpose of mailing list. We just started through-out this list we would like to make possible that the informations are passing all the way from Turkey to Finland, we would like to make possible mobilizing together against our common problems. All the countries of eastern Europe share one specific problem. **The people of our countries have big and naive trust to the institutions as NATO, global capitalist machine and especially to the EU.** We can feel that the common idea of the people is that when we enter to the NATO or EU everything will suddenly become nice and sweet and that the everyday life will become easy. But many of us know that the reality is a lot different. All this processes are nothing but the new kind of colonialization (or as Nazi-Germany called it: *anschluss*) and the future of eastern Europe is exclusively in the hands of Brussels.

We can see on the example of Poland how unscrupulous and destructive the politics of the EU are. Ten years ago Poland had really cheap and productive agriculture. The prices of the food were by a light years cheaper than in the EU. When the ex-EEU decided to expand its *lebensraum* there was one problem. Low prices of food would endanger French, Spanish and Italian agro-industry. So in the moment that Polish government started to pray to the Brussels that they occupy Poland the prices of food started to grow. In this ten years long process the prices had grown up almost to the level of EU prices. Of course the salaries stayed the same. When the EU decided to occupy some more territories the important thing was to protect its markets by destroying markets of east European countries. They don't care that the people in Poland can not live a normal life. But they do care how to make easier to deport Polish "illegal immigrants". Polish? Slovakian? Kurd? Croat? Out! Deportations, disappearing of people, racism, black work under every normal salary, organized exploitation! That's the European Union!! Unfortunately there is almost no resistance against this. We were thinking about this problems and we asked ourselves: did we do enough to raise the people's resistance and if we didn't how to proceed. So we propose:

We want to start to edit an all east European anarchist periodical that could be connected to the already existing newsletter start to organize and mobilize together for the big important manifestations. We see here of big importance the anti-WEF demos in Salzburg in September and anti-NATO demos in Prague in November. We hope that you will like the idea and that very soon we will be working together! (we'll bring you an updates about this initiative - red)

## Anarchist Federation (FA) - Poland Ideological declaration \*

Anarchist Federation aims to abolish any social structures and law regulations, which are in any way restricting personal freedom; to abolish power builded upon means of coercion, production and indoctrination. We consider as necessary rights protecting life (and right for health) for every creature, freedom (of own body and mind) and work (and its fruits). Any other things should not be neither forced, nor forbidden. Decisions about one's own acting should come only from agreements of directly involved sides and never from other persons, especially institutions. Societal organizing of life should be builded upon solidarity and local self-organizing and not be forced through by power from above. People have their right to make mistakes on their own account.

\* We are not sure if there is not existing more current declaration/platform of FA - red.

## New anarchist project in Belgrade seeks help

Hello @ people! Some news from Serbia getto. Some people from Belgrade gathered to make info-shop (we don't have info-shops here), very seriously planning to develop that idea to something like meeting point for all kinds of activism, for all groups and individuals. It's gonna be a house with two rooms and kitchen/caffe. One room gonna be library and info shop, other we gonna use for meetings, workshops, video projections, discussions and sleeping place for people from other places. House gonna be in the centre of the town so it's gonna be very practical - also useful, we hope so... So what we need from you, if you want to support our project: issues, zines, books, videotapes, audio's, everything printed or xerox with/for anarcho-purposes. Also - contacts, distros, individuals who can help put our contact somewhere visible, let everybody informed about our project, send stuff, everything you think is important: Branka Zgonjanin; ul. Momčila Zivojinovica 28; 11400 Mladenovac; Serbia. +381 63 85 66 507; zgonja@ptt.yu pagan\_future@yahoo.com thank you.

## Hungarian comrades need financial help!

In a moment in Hungary there isn't any organized anarchist groups. Only one, known to us, anarchist space is existing in Budapest, where some comrades, since years already carry on infoshop project. They're renting a place from local government, which is now completely right-wing and threatens to close it down, if the debts wouldn't be immediately payed. Our comrades are organizing also performances, panel discussions, reading circles and so on... Their debt is ca. 1400 Euro, so if you could send them some money or order something from their catalogue (pamphlets, videos, tapes, etc.) contact them at:

[www.ainfok.ini.hu](mailto:www.ainfok.ini.hu) [shmintaka@yahoo.com](mailto:shmintaka@yahoo.com)  
GONDOLKODÓ ANTIKVÁRIUMBAN  
1066. BUDAPEST Ó. u. 40., Hungary

## Initiative for Anarcho-Syndicate (IAS) new e-mail contact addresses

Dear friends, we wanted to let you know that Initiative for Anarcho-Syndicate (IAS), anarcho-syndicalist group from Serbia, has new e-mail contact addresses, so please check and update your address books.

To contact International Secretary of IAS write to:  
[is@inicijativa.org](mailto:is@inicijativa.org)

To contact National Secretary of IAS write to:  
[ns@inicijativa.org](mailto:ns@inicijativa.org)

For more info on IAS write to: [info@inicijativa.org](mailto:info@inicijativa.org)

And to contact our bulletin write to: [da@inicijativa.org](mailto:da@inicijativa.org)

Our web page: [www.inicijativa.org](http://www.inicijativa.org) is being built, and we will inform you on it's official start.

The never complete list of anarchist groups, project and collectives from Eastern Europe.  
(Attention: if you would like to attach any address, or anyone from printed below is wrong - let us know)

## Czechia - Slovakia

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

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

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

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

"Feminist Alliance of March 8" - @-femi-  
nist group; 158.breznat@centrum.cz

Info-Shop - Sochárska 6; Prague;  
"MILADA" - squat in Prague;  
milada.sq@volny.cz

ORA "Solidarity" - organization of revolu-  
tionary anarchists; L.K. po box 223; 111 21  
Praha 1; oras\_intsec@another.com www.soli-  
darity.org

"PAPIRNA" - squat in Prague.

PH - international secretariat of CSAF inter-  
see@csaf.cz

REVOLUCNY KOLEKTIV 9 NOVEM-  
BRA - Poste Restante 851 06 Bratislava 57,  
Slovakia.

## Croatia

AnFemA (Anarcho-Feminist-Action) - anfe-  
ma@zamir.net

## Hungary

GONDOLKODO ANTKVARIUMBAN -  
book-shop run by anarchists; 1066 Budapest  
O. u. 4.0; www.a.info.k.in.i.hu;  
shmintaka@yahoo.com

## Lithuania

"BARBORA" - squat in Vilnius;  
EVICTED !!! EVICTED !!! EVICTED !!!  
"KABLYS" - anarchist squat in Vilnius; po  
box 790; Vilnius 2050; mindze@hardcore.lt

## Belarus

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

## Romania

Actiunea Anarhista (Anarchist Action) -  
splenpati@yahoo.co.uk

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

## Russia

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

Autonomous Action (antiglobalist initiative  
project) - po box 3472; Krasnodar 350001,  
anti\_bs@mail.ru

"Autonom" - regular publication of  
Autonomous Action.

"Victor Serge's Library" - anarchist &  
communist library; Balaklavskiy Prospekt, 4.6  
k.4, room 365; subway station  
"Tchertanovskaya"; Moscow; open: Tu 18-20,  
Sa 12-17.

## Serbia

RRR (Radical Resource Room) - polit/cultu-

ral project in Kraljevo. kontra@ptt.yu

## Slovenia

AFA LJ - Antifascistiska Akcija Ljubljana;  
freece@volja.net

"VILA MARA" - squat in Ljubljana,  
Smoletova 4; 1000 Ljubljana. c\_squat@hot-  
mail.com . barricade13@hotmail.com

## Poland

ABC/ACK - www.ack.most.org.pl  
ACK Warszawa - po box 30; 02-741  
Warszawa 121. biuletyn@ack.w.pl

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

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

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

ACK Trojmiasto - Bartek Pomierski.  
ul.Wiewiorcza 72; 80-126 Gdansk.  
pomierz@friko2.onet.pl

ACK Wroclaw - S.A.K.A. ul. Jagielonczyka  
10D; 50-240 Wroclaw. pbn@poprostu.pl

ACK Lublin - Piotr Hiller. ul.  
Cwiklinskiego 2/30; 20-067 Lublin.  
ekijer@poczta.onet.pl

ACK Lodz - Lukasz Pieczara.  
ul.Swiezianki 23/7; 91-496 Lodz 88. lukasz-  
pieczara@box43.pl

Anarchist Library - ul.Pulaskiego 21a;  
Poznan.

Anarchist Library - ul Jagielonczyka 10D;  
Wroclaw.

"A-zine" - an anarchist publication in  
english contains articles of polish anarchist  
groups. M.Barton, po box 66; 60-956  
Warszawa. cube@zigzag.pl

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

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

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

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

CZARNE SIOSTRY (Black Sisters) - anar-  
cho-feminist group; Pietruszka, po box 47;  
Miedzyczec, Podlaski.

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

"De Zentrum" - anarchist squat in  
Bialystok, address: ul.Czestochowska 14/2;  
tel.448 608082442

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food Not Bombs / Olsztyn.

Food Not Politics / Gliwice "S.E.K.W.  
Kryk"; po box 2;

44-101 Gliwice.

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

Grupa Anarchistyczna "Solidarnosc"  
(Anarchist Group "Solidarity") po box 12; 60-  
975 Poznan 61.

"INFOSZOP" - infoshop / anarchist &  
feminist library / info cafe; ul.Lotewska 11;  
saska kupa; warszawa. Open: Monday-  
Thursday 18"-20", Saturday 13"-17",  
Sunday 14"-17";  
www.alter.most.org.pl/infoshop (tel. 448  
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 activ-  
ist po box 13; 87-116 Torun 17;  
michow77@poczta.onet.pl

KONSOLA - anarcho-feminist group; Marta  
Maciejewska. ul.Newtona 12a/35; 60.161  
Poznan.

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

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

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

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

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

"Mac Paradiadka" - monthly anarchist maga-  
zine in polish; paradiadka@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.  
pkropatkin@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.448 504878370).

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

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

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

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

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

# Educate - Organize - Protest

3th International Conference of Critical Geography

Bekescsaba - Hungary

25th-30th June 2002

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## Anti - Border Camp

Near both the Polish border with Kaliningrad and Lithuania

This year's camp is not only a no-border camp but a general camp for anarchists and others

5th - 14th July 2002

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## Anti Fascist Football Cup

4th edition of the most famous antifa football event in East-Europe

Torun - Poland

6th of July

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## Second Priamukhino Readings

Priamukhino (estate of M. Bakunin family) by Moscow - Russia

27th - 28th July

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

## NATO - SUMMIT

Prague - Czechia

21th-22th November 2002

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## International Anarchist Gathering

27th June - 1 July 2003 (!!!)

The date of that meeting is not casual - 1 July 2003 will be a day of official removing of the east borders of EU ... More details about this event (as for example the location) you will find in the next issues.

# Analyse - Resist - Create New