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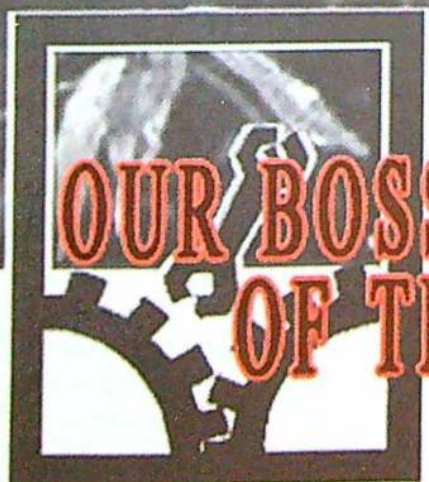
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## ALL REAL CHANGE MUST COME FROM BELOW



OUR BOSSES MUST LIVE IN FEAR  
OF THE FACTORY-FLOOR



Anarchist courier from Eastern Europe



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

There is an enduring need to instantly abolish all states, governments and authoritarian institutions so that communities based on common values such as freedom, respect, collaboration and solidarity can be formed. These communities in turn can lead to the transformation of the world order into one based on the above mentioned values. In an attempt to push forward both of these goals with support for development from the anarchist movement above the borders we have created ...

## “Abolishing the Borders from Below” an anarchist courier from Eastern Europe

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

### An anarchist courier

“AbolishingBB” is a bi-monthly bulletin with information on different political and cultural anarchist/anti-authoritarian activities in Eastern Europe.

### Editorial team

Is a part of an international anarchist collective based around east-european activists living in Berlin. Our work would be not possible without great cooperation with our correspondents around EE.

### Abolishing Collective

This collective was created in Autumn 2001 in Berlin by east-european migrant anarchists. As well as this publication the collective also organizes an ABC-like support group, a libertarian library, various solidarity actions, informative meetings, cultural events, cooperate with other anarchist groups, projects and campaigns (mostly in EE but not only) and supports local and global struggle against all kinds of oppression.

### Correspondents

Our work is based on relatively stable network of correspondents from different regions of Eastern Europe which are covering the most current, important and interesting issues. Our correspondents team for today:



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Rebel Mouse (Belgrad - Serbia)

*New correspondents are welcome!*

### Other sources of info

These are: “alterEE” east-european-anarchists internet discussion list, “Warhead” - internet info service of @-activities in Poland, ABC/Poland - info bulletin, “Autonom” russian magazine of Autonomous Action Network, Russian indymedia; KOLOKOL newsletter “AATIV-ist Newsletter” from Romania.

### Co-operation

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

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

## Distribution

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

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More complex information on page 5.

## Free copies / Print-Rin

Free copies go to all info-shops and libertarian libraries in Eastern Europe (which get in touch with us) as well as to our correspondents who supply a postal address. At the moment we print by ourselves 1200 copies of each issue, and there are some local groups which make more copies by themselves after our agreement on that.

## Financial side

Unfortunately until now we are not able to cover our editorial costs only through selling the newspaper so the money for printing is collected as well through our breakfast-benefits performed regularly in autonomous center "KÖPI" (Berlin) as well as through our pizza-circus, and benefits from outside.

## bad enGlsH reputation

As you probably noticed the *english* which is used in this newspaper is very far from its grammatical and stylistic ideals. It is mostly because this is *english* in which most of our correspondents, big part of our readers and most of us (as the editors) are communicating. So obviously we choose to use *english* which is understandable for ourselves. Secondly, we decided to be rather "bad english reputation" newspaper as to rise a level of language and this way eliminate probably 30-60% of our regular readers, especially in south and eastern Europe. From better news: we're welcoming MrJFK as a new proofreader of ABB.

## AbolishingBB online

You can find us as well online under:

[www.abb.hardcore.lt](http://www.abb.hardcore.lt)

This website is from one side a source of information about our collective but basically - an archive of all texts which appeared in our newspaper in the past. Some of them will never lose of its worth! Check it out (unfortunately some chapters are still under construction).

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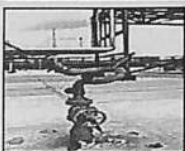


"They learned to fear us, and they are right!"  
"Workers discovered a new way of class struggle"  
"Fired from work for founding a trade union"

## RESISTANCE AGAINST MCDONALDS AND BIG BUSINESS IS GROWING IN EE

reports from anti-McBusiness actions in Russia, Poland, Macedonia, Serbia, Romania and Lithuania on the Day of Fight Against Multi-National Companies.

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"In fact, the United States has even helped finance the tortures and murders in Uzbekistan, knowing full well what they were paying for"

"In other words, the United States is content to let fascism reign when it sees fascism as being in its own interests. The lesson to be learned is that freedom and democracy are not ends in themselves but good only when convenient"

## UZBEKISTAN AND WESTERN CAPITALIST INTERESTS

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"The fable about the autumn struggle for Bakery Squat in Saint Petersburg"

"The campaign of support for a self-organised center for homeless" in Poland

"New independent locations in Lithuania"

"First anarchist squat in Macedonia"

## SQUATTING ACTIVITIES AROUND EE

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"We must not forget that our organizations - anarcho-syndicates, are in fact structures of the future society created within the old - that means that structure of our syndicate today will be structure of the economy of the tomorrow"

## INTERVIEW WITH MEMBER OF SERBIAN ASI ANARCHO-SYNDICALIST INITIATIVE

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"We are glad to announce that this year there were not many incidents with nazi scum around" - clashes with nazis on the National Independent Day in Poland "It's frightening enough to see chairman of LNP Mindaugas Murza as a chairman of Public Order Committee of Siauliai city. LNP use almost the same symbols as fascists did and declare similar pointviews" - report from Lithuania

## ANTIFASCIST RESISTANCE

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"Workers of Ozarów Cable's Factory appeal to everyone for help. Both material and physical help is needed. Fights with police and security can start any time"

"However, at one of the industrial giants, the Petrovski Factory (with about 10,000 workers) things went a little differently than the bosses had planned"

## WORKERS' PROTESTS IN POLAND, UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

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"Anarchist attitude to October patch, and thus to 7th of November is anything but uncontroversial. In some cities anarchists go happily to queue with bolsheviks to celebrate their common assault against provisional government 86 years ago, forgetting what happened just 5 months later. In some other cities anarchists just use celebration as an unique opportunity to leaflet critical citizens, and in some cities anarchist stay far from these pathetic and demoralizing actions"

## ANARCHIST ACTIONS CONNECTED TO NOVEMBER 7 IN RUSSIA

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## "Our understanding of so called "hot issues" concerning EE is and will be always very different from the mainstream-media ones" editorial proclamation

Lets begin from the end. After you have already read this whole issue we can understand if you are a little bit disappointed. Disappointed because you have probably expected to find some articles here about topics which have focussed all of the world's attention on Eastern Europe recently. Such sensational news like for example bombings in Istanbul, changing of power in Georgia or the arrest of a Russian oil-magnat in Moscow. Yes, actually it could be interesting to read opinions of our Turkish, Georgian or Russian comrades on above mentioned events but...they just did not sent to us any comments in time. But if you really expected that we would only cover these topics in this newspaper than you are wrong. Instead of just sitting in bloody confrontations between islamic extremists and Bush-coalition extremists (see Istanbul), in smarty deal between pro-Moscow and pro-Washington elites about control over Kaspi-oil (see Georgia), or in dirty games between some multi-capitalists and multi-statists (see Moscow arrestment) - we would rather focus on all these activities which are pushing this world (or at least a part of it) into some more constructive directions than extending war and exploitation. Such constructive issues are being continuously covered by our anarchist comrades around EE and reported on by our correspondents, so it could be set together and edited by our modest editorial team. You can be sure you would mostly not find the following news, reports and stories in any national or commercial media around you as they are obviously more interested in a daily count of the numbers of victims of wars and extremists assassinations as covering these topics brings them profits and popularity.

This long introduction is just to make it clear that our understanding of so called "hot issues" concerning EE is and will be always very different from the mainstream-media ones. We are trying to be not only a different source of information from our region but we are also trying to bring you completely different and original highlights of events from Eastern Europe. These are highlights of struggle for a different life, one based on humanitarianist principles. Welcome to Abolishing the Borders from Below #13!

It makes little sense to

focus here on the contents of this issue as you can find them on a previous page. But there is one thing on which we would focus your attention. 2004 will bring to Eastern Europe an abnormally high number of special events. Just to mention this coming spring time ("when the beings are coming back to the life ..."), there is the NATO-meeting in Turkey (probably in order to bring the beings lives straight to the end...), and the European Economic Summit in Poland. So far there is not much to report about resistance being prepared against both of these gatherings, but it is to be anticipated soon. As you probably know, in both countries local anti-authoritarian movements do not have even 10% of the capacity needed to be able to effectively resist those summits. It doesn't need further explanation that both our Turkish and Polish comrades will need very strong support of all kinds in their confrontation with these upcoming scam-summits. Other 2004 events in EE which shouldn't be missed, from our perspective, are the European Union enlargement and it's effects, as well as the PGA-conference in Belgrade which will probably gather a lot of East European anarchists around there too. We hope to could keep you informed about all these events in future editions of our magazine.

There are some develop-

ments around our newspaper/collective which we need to share with you. The first one is the long awaited appearance of our web site: ([www.abb.hardcore.lt](http://www.abb.hardcore.lt)) which is set up with cooperation with our Lithuanian comrades. It will still take some weeks

until the site is completed, but now you already can find some information. That is for sure interesting news for many of you which have asked us over the last two years about this development. As you know we were from the beginning very sceptic as to whether we really liked the idea. Just to remind you of our words from July 2002:

"We are not too inter-

ested in travelling with information through virtual reality. We are focusing on giving information to people directly in their hands! Secondly - we don't like the elitist aspects of internet. When we say elitist, we mean not only a limited access to internet - especially Eastern and poor activists are finding themselves out of the game - but as well the phenomenon which we call "disappearing information", which is caused by activists which for different reasons are absorbing but not sharing most information. Persisting in newspaper format is as well our tiny attempt to bring people back from online-rebellion to the streets. This doesn't mean that we can't see positive aspects of using the internet for specific purposes. Thirdly - if you wish to find AbolishingBB as a website, then just do it. You may use all our texts regardless of our scepticism."

Well, obviously nobody accepted our offer in this sense so at the end we made some compromises and set it up by ourselves. The very important aspect of this compromise is that we would like to keep a character of this web site as mostly archival. It means that you will be able to find there very soon almost all texts which have appeared in AbolishingBB in the past (as well as some other info such as the current *Communities in Struggle* list, etc.), but each time the new issue appears

- it will be consequently place there within a few weeks. In case you are asking yourself why - it is because we still believe in what we were believing 16 months ago: in bringing people back from online-rebellion to visible public resistance! Our priority remains in publishing

with a newspaper format.

The other important fact is the change of the price of the paper. This is of course caused by our permanent financial problems - for example this issue is printed partly with money which is borrowed. We were trying to keep the same price as long as possible but in recent months the newspaper was not working for itself at all and our

mostly symbolical breakfast benefits which we are performing twice a month are not helping any further. Permanently dealing with lack of finances, not only for newspaper but for other activities as well, is making us sick and we are very tired of each week having the same discussion about from where we should take some euro for one or the other project. Just to let you know: the process of making one issue of AbolishingBB costs us somewhere around 600-700 euro (incl. editorial costs, correspondence costs, printing costs and the costs of sending the newspaper around the world). This money is partly coming back from distribution but with incredibly big delays, and then ... we only get partial repayment!

On the other hand, as maybe some of you realised, in the times of setting the old price for 50 cents the newspaper had 12 pages and was printed in one colour. Today as you can see we have 32 pages and extra colour on the front and back pages so obviously our costs are much higher. We know very well that in some places, especially in EE, a new price will make our newspaper quite expensive but we have really not other choice for the moment. Well, of course we would be very glad to get some additional benefits, but we really believe that there are many projects and causes which need more urgent support than ours. From the other side we would even prefer to reach a kind of financial stability instead of being continually dependent on various benefit ideas. That is why this issue and the following ones will cost 1 euro. The old price of 50 euro-cent will be kept for sure in all ex-Soviet countries, in Romania and in Turkey - our criterion for making these differences was basically due to the economic situations in particular regions. Regarding some countries we still need to make an ultimatum decision, but so far everywhere there we will be a new price. We hope you will understand our need to make this decision, which was not easy for us.

In the end, our traditional words of thank and respect to all of you that helped in the process of creating this magazine, especially to our correspondents. We will be back to you in the beginning of February 2004. Love and Anarchy

Abolishing the Borders from Below  
Editorial Team.





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by Serbian anarchist); ABC/ACK Poland; Communities in Struggle (list with about 150 @-  
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spectives" (Poland); Rainbow Keepers conference (report);  
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## GROWING RESISTANCE AGAINST MCDONALDS AND BIG BUSINESS

## Workers discovered a new way of class struggle

## Anti-McDonald's Hooligans in Moscow

This article has been published in *Avtonom #20, Journal of Autonomous Action (Russia)*.

Russian labour market is built almost completely according to interests of the employers. Employer has a huge authority over employees, a power which is seldom limited by workers resistance. Trade unions are not everywhere, and where they are they are usually a group of bureaucrats, to whom defence of workers' rights is of little interest. One does seldom discover solidarity and mutual aid amongst waged workers, but problems related to daily work are not disappearing anywhere. Working place conflicts are everywhere, taking most different forms. Workers of McDonald's chose a quite unique way to resist, a completely unforeseen way of struggle against employers in Russia. But before going to the main theme of the article, few words about the corporation itself.

McDonald's is the biggest fast food chain in the world, according to their official website they are present in 119 countries. If in USSR in every city and village one could find a statue of Lenin and a park named after Gorki, the yellow letter "M" on red background is their

## capitalist equivalent.

Georgian president Eduard Shevardnadze was present in the opening of the first McDonald's outlet in Georgia, that gives some picture about the financial and brand power of this global fast food chain. This reputation has not come to company without a price - in any globalisation critical demonstration a couple of outlets are trashed as symbols of the global capitalism.

Different transnational corporations producing goods for "mass consumers" have different methods of adaptation to local

markets, some make their products look as local as possible, in accordance with local traditions. This is for example what Nestle does with confectionery brand "Rossiya". McDonald's uses the very opposite approach - in any point on earth one finds the same menu, almost same prices and service. There even exist such a concept as "Big Mac rate", since value of one hamburger in different countries measures oscillations between different currencies.

But McDonald's has most various kinds of problems - besides typical critics such as bad quality of food and violation of

workers rights. In India McDonald's outlets have been targeted due to exploitation of cows, considered in India as sacred animals. In South America McDonald's has been criticized for destruction of the tropical rainforests. In the official website of McDonald's one finds much promising slogan of the corporation to attract new workers: "We value You, Your career and Your input in development of our company". To put it straight:

that is NOT true.

McDonald's appeared in Russia some ten years ago, in beginning as a fine, expensive restaurant. McDonald's was a fresh new thing, a symbol of the beginning of the nineties. Work was much more intensive than "Soviet citizen" had get used to,

corporation had reached in the beginning of the nineties helped McDonald's to become biggest fastfood chain in Russia, and to expand to other CIS countries as well.

Working conditions in McDonald's are tough, everything is built on a strict hierarchy. Majority of workers are "krushiks" (from English word crew), that means janitors, clerks and kitchen workers. "Krushiks" are

controlled by sly

and complicated hierarchy of managers, whose goal is to ensure that 100% of the working time is used for the cause of the company. Every minute of the working graphic of a "krushnik" is regulated. Most of the "krushiks" are students, who would not find a

qualified work and agree to work for a small (in Moscow around 100\$) salary which is guaranteed by reputation of the transnational corporation. Usually "krushiks" do not stay in McDonald's very long time - few people like treadmill. Managers are a bit more old people, selected from the ranks of the "krushiks". Managers aren't given any free time either, but their work is easier, and salary better. And an important psychological factor is that when one already climbed first step of the ladder, he has some further motivation to stay employed in the company.

In a system where employers try to maximally exploit employees, one may not escape friction and conflicts. So web-site <http://www.mcdonaldz.narod.ru> appears in the autumn of 2000, site is made by workers of McDonald's outlet in the Pushkin square. Group publishing the site named themselves "hooligans", their activity is covering skeletons in the closet of McDonald's. Site publishes information about contents of the food which is sold by the chain, as well as a sort of diary from which the three following stories are extracts.

## First story

Let us take such an important issue as health of the workers. As in any big industry, McDonald's has its own professional diseases. So which kind of trouble may a person getting employed in McDonald's expect? First of all,

swelling and tired knees,

resulting varicose veins. Workers must stand all the time, and only in times of breaks they may sit down for a while (although usually the legal one hour break does not exist, and we have only 30 minutes). Second trouble is

mental stress



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followed by nervous breakdown in the course of time, with some people one week of work is enough. Work with clients, which are most various types is stressing in itself, besides that managers keep breathing to your neck, demanding continuous activity. Hustle and bustle all around. This is reason of the high turnover rate of the employed, this does not bother employers but first of all those in the bottom because everyone has to work for two others who just left the company. Third trouble are

### burns,

food is cooked in very high temperatures (168-218 celsius). No matter how much you try, you may not avoid burns, especially when grilling meat. Grills are located pretty low, and pork fat easily drops to ones hands, it is also easy to accidentally touch blazing parts of the grill.

Safety measures are about zero. Everything is open, drops of melting pork fat are flying all around. Sometimes spray, gel and other drugs against burns are available, sometimes not. Third professional disease is overweight, although this is not a problem for everyone. No further comments about that one!

## Second story

In every corporation one does have inspections, in this chapter we cover inspections in the system of McDonald's. These are various - inspections of quality, culture, hygienics and safety. Let us talk about the last one. Inspection day begins, it may be inspection of Ts.O. (Central Office) or SES. All SES specialists are bribed, all the results what one may expect. You may ask where are our proof, we answer in our eyes and ears. Where are their documents? "Which documents?" Nothing is made in written form, all talk only face to face. Yes, it is practice in most of the companies, but here we talk about McDonald's which is boasting how they abide every law.

Or every law except some. Lady from SES arrives and goes around staff area, special attention is given to kitchen. This time a full hustle is going on in outlet everything is washed, brushed, glancing. But that is a pure formality, everything is always ok.

Then we have internal checks, organised by the Central Office, usually inspection of time and quality of service. For smallest deviation from standard or graphic punishments are expected along every single ladder of the hierarchy. But most outrageous was the food safety inspection, organised in the middle of last June. Lady from central office came with a stack of papers, we had been expecting her for three



days during which panic passed all critical limits (hustling alone is always in the limit). Everyone is controlled, hands must be washed and rags changed

## Third story

In McDonald's you may also find "McBucks" and "McShop". Around twice a year workers whose work is qualified as excellent, such as those who won a competition in selling some certain product and those who have kept fulfilling rules and standards, are given "McBucks", small pieces of toy money. They are used only inside McDonald's. They include stamp of the outlet, worker's personal number and autograph of manager who gave the coupon. Nominal value of one coupon is 10 roubles (30 cents).

Then management sets

up the happy date - "McShop". This is a shop, where one may buy souvenirs with this toy money, such as pens, mugs and t-shirts... to put it simply,

every 15 minutes.

corporate gifts.

In the middle of October we had "Italian weeks", Central Office squandered "McLiras" instead of "McBucks", this toy money was well printed and designed which is unusual. In the end of the month we had "McShop", prices of souvenirs were set by the central office as well. Cost of a mug was 9 coupons, a bag costed 40 coupons, clocks were 8 coupons, t-shirts 8 coupons, cd 10 coupons and a bottle of coke 2 coupons. But the hilarious thing in all that was that these "McLiras" were given in a very stingy quantity, average worker had maybe 5 or 6 coupons. Not because they had worked little, but because conditions to get these coupons were incredibly strict. A girl runs

around all day, smiles, fulfills any demands whatsoever and after all that receives one single miserable coupon, just figure out!

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In <http://www.mcdonaldz.ru> one may read more such sketches from life inside McDonald's. This is what "hooligans" tell about themselves:

*"Our site was founded in November of year 2000. Since then we have collected materials, written articles, planned design. Since September 2001 we have registered our site in internet search engines. Some 50-60 persons visit our site every day, so obviously information we are providing is interesting to people. We receive most various kinds of feedback, from "why are you doing this?" to "thanks, I was planning to work in there but I changed my mind". What is especially interesting is that half of our visitors are former and current employees of the company. Interest of the rest is employment opportunities or contents of the products. Main activity of our group is to provide true information about attitude of McDonald's to its employees. We try to provide pure facts, to get readers a real picture on what is going on inside the firm. We want to tell people, that McD is nothing as cool as people would expect, standards are not followed, no attention paid to human rights or labour codex."*

"Hooligans" is not the first group of McDonald's workers in Moscow fighting for their rights. Not so long time ago there was a scandal connected to an initiative to found a trade union. Management launched a campaign of serious harassment against the initiative, but in the end union got a legal status. Union was not organised in an outlet, but in a factory providing food for the chain, but now activity of this small union seems to have deceased.

Management of the McDonald's in Pushkin square is well aware of the site of their unruly workers, but it is not that easy to single out who are the edi-

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### Anti-McDonald's *Hooligans* in Moscow

tors. Restaurant in Pushkin square is one of the biggest in the whole world, and has hundreds of staff. Is activity of hooligans gaining any results? Maybe. In site one may find section "progress", which includes reports about reforms which have taken place in the outlet since the site was opened. One may suspect that partially these reforms are made by management which is afraid that protest may take more serious forms than just a site in the internet. Another success of "hooligans" is due to stupidity and ignorance of McDonald's brandmakers. In Russia McDonald's spends thousands and thousands of dollars to advertisement in television, they finance enormous

To sum it all up, it is definitely positive that working class resistance takes place in McDonald's, the very symbol of the "generation which chose Pepsi" (at least until they do not have to sell it...). It is also great that people do not believe in sell-out unions, but fight with the System (even if only in the framework of their own workplace) themselves, counting on themselves and their friends, putting to the process of resistance lots of creative energy. It will not be that easy to fool "hooligans" to FNPR union or to any of the Parties of "Work". In another hand it is discouraging that yet resistance exists only in the internet, and yet



billboard ads in streets and metro, they engage in charity, invite journalists to have a lunch and golf. But official Russian website of McDonald's just does not exist! So a person looking for information about the corporation through any search engine very soon finds site of the "hooligans". This way quite many people have learned about the order of things inside McDonald's.

Success of "Hooligans" has brought some follow-up, such as another Moscowite group in <http://www.mcdonaldc.narod.ru>, and groups in Minsk - <http://www.belmac.narod.ru> and <http://www.kompaktor.narod.ru>. In contrary to "apolitical" Moscowites, Minsk sites are clearly more left-wing. We specially recommend the second Belarussian site, where one may read characterisation of "corporate ethics" of McDonald's in the spirit of Beavis and Butt-head.

it is not clear if there are chances to

move struggle "offline".

It seems likely, that currently anonymous "hooligans" may only appear in daylight when a more massive resistance movement gets organised in the fast-food chain. Listev

Post Scriptum: Soon after publication of this article in Avtonom #20 in summer 2003, management of Pushkin square McDonald's managed to single out and fire author of the <http://www.mcdonaldz.narod.ru> site, and we finally had a chance to see in the real life this person with whom we had clandestinely cooperated almost two years. But resistance against McDonald's is

to be continued.

### Fired from work for founding a trade union Growing resistance to activities of big business in Poland

Half of staff from McDonald's restaurant in Swidnica (middle size city in Poland) had been fired from work. Reason for this purge was fact, that few days earlier they founded trade union. Workers were fired disciplinary and official reason was "fraud of money". "McDonald's is not against trade unions. We are against breaking a law" - said press officer of McDonalds.

In Poland its more and more frequent to break trade union and workers rights. Although in case of big factories workers can rely on help of trade unions, in sector of services and small trade they are usually deprived of all help. This practices are lead by big multinationals like McDonalds or owners of supermarkets like OBI.

Existence of trade union could limit those practices, that's why for founding one people get fired immediately. Economical sense of such activities is simple - profits should go

only to hands of individuals, rest of society is meanwhile getting poorer, unemployment grows, social help is being liquidated. Resistance to activities of big business is growing also in Poland. About 100 trade union members picketed McDonald in Swidnica in defence of sacked workers. Firecrackers had been thrown. Restaurant was closed during protest.

On 15th of October there were next solidarity actions in few cities of Poland. Members of the Worker's Initiative (IP), Anarchist Federation (FA) and sympathisers as well as trade-unionists from "Solidarity'80" (about 50-60 people) have picketed one of the McDonalds restaurants in Poznan in protest against the firing of half of the employees in a McD restaurant in Swidnica. In addition to the picket, a local Food Not Bombs team has served about 100 vegetarian meals.

### One week old vege-soup more useful than fresh Big-Mac Anti-McDonald mess in Skopje / Macedonia

On 9th of November the Food Not Bombs Action took place in Skopje. Some of the food was prepared on this day was left afterwards. Activists kept that food for 5 days. It started to stink when they thought: "Oh, yes - we can do some Anti-McDonalds Action with this". So, they made soup bombs, printed some flyers and went to the center of city. The plan was to throw the stinking soup bombs inside, deliver some flyers, lock the front and back door and throw the rest of the flyers among the young people, which are always hanging out in front of McDonalds. Everything

went according to plan till the security manage to catch one of the activist and maled him. After that, they let him go.

The reaction in the start was none. After a while, when a boy tried to go out and he could not, he tried to call friends, then personal staff and so on.... till many people gathered inside and outside McDonalds. There were young people already reading the flyer outside. The back door was immediately realised and security people came and cut the chain from the front door. In ten minutes everything was finished.



**GROWING RESISTANCE AGAINST MCDONALDS AND BIG BUSINESS****The Day of Fight Against  
Multi-National Companies  
and The Day of Health Food**

Belgrade / Serbia

This was another beautiful day, as it usually is when some action is planned. We gathered ourselves in the "Rebel House" squat in Belgrade, in order to prepare an action at the Day of Action against Multi National Companies and at the Day of Health Food. It was already announced that there will be actions against McDonald's and the actions of Food Not Bombs (action by way of giving vegetarian food for free). About 10 people appeared to prepare food and leaflets and at about 12:30 we were in front of McDonald's. There were already other people there. We started to give out food & leaflets to the people and we had a banner reading: "Hrana a ne oruzje" ("Food Not Weapons"), with the logo of FNB. The action was very nice but after five minutes two cops came up to us. The bad thing was that at this time the streets in the cen-

ter of Belgrade were blocked by cops because some delegation from Greece passed by, so cops were placed every 50 meters. We didn't register this action with the police either, so they asked us for permission for the action. Of course, we didn't have it, so they asked us to move from this place, after our short talk with them. Everything was filmed with a camera, so the cops started to investigate the cameraman also. He was from a student television station and at the end they let him go, and after checking us out, we were also able to go. We decided to then move our action in front of another McD restaurant, one kilometer away. After changing our location we again put up our banner and were giving food to passangers. Then the cops came again. For the second time, they took our identity cards and called their boss. After they let us to go again, we

appeared in front of yet another McDonalds restaurant. There the action was continue. People accepted our ideas excellently and supported us - poor people are here basically against multi-national companies. In any case, this was very nice action. After this action one person was called by the police to come to their station for an informative conversation. So, we went there yesterday together. Fortunately, the situation did not turn so bad as we had expected. It was basically to create fear among activists.

**"Policemen said,  
they don't eat  
in McDonalds"**

Klaipeda - Lithuania

Activists from port-town Klaipeda joined Worldwide Anti-McDonald's Day and organised action in their home town. It was the first anti-McD in Klaipeda and people were quite interested in it - about 400 leaflets were distributed in an hour. People encouraged and supported the action. Police and McD official arrived, but they could do nothing, because there was no violation of law. Policemen said, they don't eat in McD themselves and don't see anything illegal. About 30 people stood for few hours in front of McD and talked with people. The action's received positive coverage in mass media. Another action took place in capital city of Vilnius.

**"They learned to fear us, and they are right!"  
visiting McDonald in Timisoara / Romania**

As some of you know, last year in Timisoara, the biggest city in the west of Romania, on the 16 of October there was an action against McDonalds organised by AActiv-ist Collective. Then the action gathered about 30-40 persons. This year people also organised and made action against Mcmurder.

In the evening of 15th October people went out in the city and stuck posters about the 16th of October action day telling why people should be against this corporation. Some people were met by some strange guy who went out of the car and started to put a lot of questions about a lot of things. This got some people paranoid about what might happen next day...

So, next day only 8 people turned out to the action. But still, the leafleting was much better organised than last year. There was not only the poster but also 4-5 different kinds of leaflets explaining the Mc-issues. Also people distributed, like last year,

apples together with the leaflets and a lot of people were very receptive to the message. Again, like last year, the manager came out, this time they said that we are paid by someone to ruin their image, and he was impossible to be convince that it was other reasons, actually, that make us want to hate this corporation. He was standing all time out threatening people with calling security company and

in the end he admitted that he was afraid that we might go inside and make some more chaos.

It's a wonderful thing that they learned to fear us, and they are right because next year we will continue OUR tradition and we have bigger surprises for them.

There were no arrests or problems with police or security company. We proved one more time that our strength doesn't lie in our numbers, but in our ideas. For World Wide Vegan Day a concert and leafleting are planned.

**Smash the big mac!**

**In struggle anarchist  
autonome punx  
of Timisoara  
Romania**

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## Anti-War and anti-capitalist movies projection in Belgrade - Serbia

Projection of Food Not Bombs film was held in House of Culture in Student's Town in Belgrade. Unfortunately projection was prepared in "last minutes" so there was no time to make advertisement for public but at least some activists came to see it. People got strong impressions from movie: "I am glad to see that there are existing so many activists all over the world who we don't have a chance to meet. They organized excellent actions".

After film projection, Keith which was presenting the movie spoke to people about history of Food Not Bombs groups/actions. There were question from public also, for example about methods of FNBs actions: *Does FNBs use Gandhi methods or participants try to protect activists from arresting through fight with cops?* Keith said that USA is very dangerous capitalism so if somebody attack cops that person could get very big punishment (5 years) and also on the example of Black Panthers we could see that movement could be destroyed if people attack state's forces, namely, Black Panthers are killed). Keith himself was also many times arrested, spied, beaten as many other activists also. He spent 500 days in prison too because it is against the law to serve food to homeless (it is forbidden to be homeless also. So it is the pressure made by capitalists to push people in slavery market). People in Belgrad had a chance to get info from first hand about the fact how much is american capitalism horrible/brutal.

After it, a part of the film "We Interrupt This Empire..." was showed. It is an anti-war film, full of information about war profiteers, about protests against war in Iraq, about killing of people in wars, etc. There is a hope that these movies will be soon titled in local language.

## Anti-fascist Food Not Bombs action in Skopje Macedonia

Food Not Bombs group in Skopje distributed some free food, marking 9th of November, against fascism, xenophobia and nationalism (which is the most present hating form in Macedonia). During the food preparation and it's distribution a friend from Spain played some revolutionary songs on his guitar which helped to create a nice atmosphere. Not so many people were walking in the centre on that shiny Sunday afternoon, and much less were interested to try the food. Passing by, they were mostly supporting the action, except for one crazy old man who was interested on our anarchist flag. After he found out that anarchists are organizing the action he got furious, started to swear and said that he use to imprison these people.

## Fortress Poland Visa regime introduced

On 1 October, in preparation for its accession to the European Union, Poland introduced visas for citizens of Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia. The immediate result was a drop of some 70 percent-90 percent in incoming traffic at Poland's eastern border-crossing points. At one crossing point with Ukraine, which usually had about 8,000 people entering Poland daily, the number on 1 October was less than 800. Railway stations close to the frontier reported a similar drop in numbers: for one train from Belarus to Poland, only seven tickets were sold instead of the usual 500 plus.

## Red light for single parents Krakow - Poland

People from Anarchist Federation (FA-Krakow) have participated in a picket organised by lonely parents (mostly women) against the plan of the government to cut the funds for single parents. The government argues that it's trying to decentralize social services and bring it closer to the people, by placing the cost of social services on the local government. The local government of course doesn't have funds for it, so in fact it's a way of liquidating the service. The cops

have made some court cases against the women, because they didn't register the demo.

## Solidarity action with the "Thessaloniki 7" Warsaw - Poland

14 of November there was a small picket at the Greek embassy in Warsaw in solidarity with the Thessaloniki 7. At the picket were present people from Warsaw, Bialystok, Lodz and Torun. A protest letter was handed to a representative of the embassy. Other actions are planned at the office of Greek press agency and other places.

## "They would also like to have one I" anarchists towards independence day Krakow - Poland

During the all polish pro-government media were still crying after dead of first polish hero in Iraq, and polish nationalists were proudly celebrating polish independence day (11 November), anarchists in Krakow have put a banner on one of the bridges in the city on that occasion. The banner read:

IRAQIS, AFGHANS,  
CHECHENS - THEY WOULD  
ALSO LIKE TO HAVE  
THEIR INDEPENDENCE DAY!  
STOP OCCUPATION!

## Don Chaos' critical vision of world order reached Poland

On the 8th of December commercial center of Torun was hosting an annual number of punx & anarchists from the region. The reason for that was a visit of Mike Spike Froidl vel "Don Chaos de la Nada", famous artist and punk-rocker from Berlin. His presentation took place in one of popular Torun's pubs *Piwnica pod Aniolem*. Audience could admire Don Chaos's paintings which were manifesto against systems, wars, and capitalism. The parts of the event were spontaneous performance symbolising "holy war of global market", movie demonstration and presentation of Don Chaos's book "Pogo-Do". The message of Don Chaos could get

to the people who never had any contact with alternative culture due to organising the event in the place that is not in any relation with alternative or social critical ideas. A day before Don Chaos appeared at squat *Rozbrat* in Poznan. You can find Don Chaos's paintings at: [www.don-chaos.de](http://www.don-chaos.de)

## It is becoming to be a routine Finish activists banned from Russia

Russian officials are banning consequently Finnish radicals from Russia. After 2001 actions in Votkinsk two Finnish got 5 year deportation and 2 other FSB blacklisting, most likely 12 years. 3 other Finnish were banned from Russia for occupation of the consulate roof in Turku as a protest against war in Chechnya. This sums up 7 Finnish radicals banned from Russia. This practice is rendering all efforts to unite Finnish and Russian movements during last 6 years useless. It is not so many Finnish people interested to participate to Russian events anyway due to language problems and the fact that it is difficult to predict reaction of Russian officials to various protest actions. Places like Berlin and Amsterdam are much more spectacular attractions of radical tourism with their massive radical ghettos, even if they are 5 times more far from Finland than Russia.

## Anarchist in Turkey against YÖK and against war

Anarchists did participated in the action which was organized as a part of the activities against YÖK (\*) in Ege University.... Number of anarchists carrying a banner of 'CAPITALISM KILLS' and black-red/black flags have reached 15. They have shouted slogans against the education and war... Group of anarchist participated also in anti-war demonstration in Izmir on 19th of October. \* YÖK (Yüksek Öğretim Kurumu/Higher Education Council): An institution which was established after the military coup in 1980 (on 6th of November 1981) to strengthen state control over the universities

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## Some thoughts about the idea of NoBorder camp in Eastern Europe from our Croatian correspondent

*This text is a reaction on "a proposal for the next year NoBorder camp" which appeared in previous issue of AbolishingBB and can be found on our web page ...*

### May 1st

We discussed the situation concerning entrance of Slovenia in EU, and the establishing of Schengen border between Slovenia and Croatia. As far as we know, it's supposed to happen on May 1st, which can be very symbolic. The border is very near the capital of Croatia, Zagreb, so we want to do something on the border - combination of May 1st and NoBorder action. Since immigration problems are not yet such an issue in Croatian public, focus could be more directed to workers' rights. If we succeed to make more good contacts, it would be great to have action of workers and activists together.

Regarding campaign against entrance of Croatia in EU (it won't be soon for sure - something like 2012...) it's not so important anyway, because it's bad sides are already here or coming soon: adjustment or so called "harmonisation" with the requests of EU. Here I want to mention our horrible new Labour Law, pension reform, changes in health and school systems, cuts in social benefits and other neoliberal shit.

### Ideas for summer no border camp

The idea of No Border camp in this region (Balkans) has been randomly discussed during last two years. There were some proposals, like the Piran bay - sea border between Croatia and Slovenia. Every couple of months there are incidents between fishermen and border police which lead to diplomatic scandals between the countries, so it would be nice to make No Border camp by the sea. The other place is border between Croatia and Vojvodina (northern part of Yugoslavia, near is also border with Hungary). Our friends from Novi Sad showed interest in this, but both places could be very dangerous. I doubt that any local group could do anything about this without help from other countries.

There was a proposal by someone from Bike Caravan to Thessaloniki, to make No Border camp somewhere in Bosnia and Hercegovina if possible. The town of Mostar could be good place to do this, the town is divided by ethnic groups but there's something called Intercultural festival there by local people who could be interested, unfortunately haven't heard from them yet.

p.s. if anyone has any informations, data, materials, leaflets, texts... about the impact of EU and adjustment to their rules - especially concerning workers' rights, agriculture, border regime, social benefits... please send to this address (errante36@yahoo.com).

## UZBEKISTAN AND WESTERN CAPITALIST INTERESTS

As repetitively we've been reporting and commenting on war in Chechnya, we would like now to put a bit light on situation in Uzbekistan, as it is perfect example to see how function political ties and alliances between US & other western powers and local dictatorships of whatever kind. In this moment Uzbekistan is an great friend of US and Great Britain, but how fast this situation can change we've seen recently in Iraq. Because we don't know about existence of any anarchists or libertarians in that country, for now we need to rely on reports of local or international human rights groups. Article presented below in shortened version we found on US-libertarian (but not much radical) website [www.zmag.org](http://www.zmag.org) which provides updated in-depth analyses on global politics, war, racism, economics, etc. Obviously we prefer to hear always local radical voices than smart views of western "experts" (also those "radical" ones) and we hope in future to get in touch with some activists in Uzbekistan. Unfortunately we did not find enough space in this edition for this very long text so the second part you will find in the next issue of AbolishingBB.

### Uzbekistan and US

Much of what Bush said about Iraq under Saddam Hussein could be said about Uzbekistan today under Islam Karimov, but with respect to Central Asia rather than to the Middle East. Bush was trying to justify his decision to invade Iraq and install a new government. And yet, despite a few unmaterialized threats to link U.S. aid to the improvement in its human rights conditions, the U.S. attitude toward Uzbekistan has been extremely friendly. In fact, the United States has even helped finance the tortures and murders in Uzbekistan, knowing full well what they were paying

for. After 11 September 2001, the United States strengthened ties with Central Asian nations, not only for the sake of maneuvering into a good position to invade nearby Afghanistan, but also to improve American access to central Asian oil and natural gas. This eventually led to a strategic alliance with Uzbekistan. Unfortunately, the Uzbek government uses this alliance as a carte blanche to wage its own war of religious persecution in the name of fighting terrorism, as the U.S. government well knows. America refrains from any serious admonishment, much less regime change, despite the Uzbek government's mass arrests and chambers for torture and killing.

### History

Joseph Stalin divided Central Asia into a number of socialist republics, the "stans," in order to cripple Muslim resistance to Soviet rule. In the early 1990s, the government of Uzbekistan was newly independent of the collapsed Soviet system. The former First Secretary of the Communist Party, Islam Karimov, was elected President in December of 1991, but foreign observers did not consider the election to be free or fair. Officially, Uzbekistan allows free speech, separation of powers, and representative government. But the legislature actually holds very little power and the judiciary fails to show independence from the will of the executive, virtually all power residing in the hands of President Karimov. There are repeated referendums, denounced by international observers as fraudulent, which always extend Karimov's presidency. Currently, he stands to be President to the end of 2007. Provincial governors are selected and replaced by Karimov. The news media are either controlled by the government or avoid covering politically sensitive issues. In the absence of traditional Soviet controls on the practice of Islam, the government built hundreds

of mosques in the early 1990s. According to the State Department's International Religious Freedom Report for 2002, this proliferation of Islam, or at least of its more open practice, was accompanied by the emergence of many highly reactionary Muslim groups. The Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), whose aim is to set up an Islamic state in the Fergana valley, a region multiply divided by Stalin's stan-making, appeared in the city of Namangan. In 1990, the IMU began to make public demands of President Karimov, e.g. that Uzbekistan should be declared an Islamic state instituting sharia law. At the IMU's invitation, Karimov arrived in Namangan in 1991 to discuss the matter. The journalist Ahmed Rashid describes the discussion as being little more than a "shouting match," with Karimov returning to Tashkent bitter and the IMU deciding to wage a jihad against him. Prior to the de-Talibanization of Afghanistan, there were a number of attacks by the IMU in Central Asia, mainly in the Fergana valley.

Continuing with the International Religious Freedom Report, Hizb ut-Tahrir, an anti-Semitic group, also with theocratic goals, emerged early in the 1990s as well. Vigilante groups began to appear in the Fergana region enforcing some of the harsher Muslim customs, such as full cover for women. To counteract these theocratic trends, the Uzbek government began to harshly punish political Islamists towards the end of 1991. The government's stated viewpoint is that this is not an infringement of religious freedom but simply an attempt to protect the government from violent attacks and attempted overthrow. Violence directed against the Uzbek government is a reality, although much of it may be in response to Karimov's autocratic bullying of pious Muslims.

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# SQUATTING ACTIVITIES - SQUATTING ACTIVITIES

## The fable about the autumn struggle for Bakery Squat in Saint Petersburg



### Squat Pekarnia part 1

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**Activists taking  
ex-bakery  
in their hands**

One floor of the 3-storeyed empty house in the industrial region of Petersburg is seized by anarchists and activists of punk scene. Accommodation was seized by the group of anarchists from "Punk Revival" and PLA already in the beginning of summer 2003, and since the beginning of October other anarchists and anti-authoritarian activists have joined the project. Now electricity is conducted into the house (...). Squat was named "Pekarnia" (Bakery), because in the wing of this house bakery earlier was located. Now in squat are living more or less constantly 4 people. Also PEKARNIA is the free space for other anti-authoritarian people and groups. On the second floor of the house are living homeless people, with which activists reach understanding and pass key from the main entrance door. Thus far authorities manifested no interest in the house or in the people, which live there. If squat does not undergo by repression in the next future, we are planning to organize there first acoustic concerts (...)

Petersburg (middle of October)

### Squat Pekarnia part 2

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**Alert of eviction!**

28. of October 2003 police officers of Kirovskiy district in Petersburg raided the squat "Pekarnia". The reason for cops to check the house was, that a day before one of the homeless people, who live at 2nd floor, fall out from the window and was taken to hospital because of severe head injury.

One day after the accident, when the cops came to the house, there where 2 people inside "Pekarnia". One of them was taken to police station as a captive, the other one was asked to find the people, who live permanently at the squat. Cops take sound system from Pekarnia to secure that the squatters show up at the police station until the evening. In the evening some squatters went to the police station to free the squatter, who was caught, and also to get back the sound system. The squatters where first accused in "creating criminal surroundings", and soon demanded to leave the house, because "the house is empty, and nobody should live there". Cops gave the squatters one week (until 4th of November) to move away from the house or to show official documents from KUGI (City Committee for Dealing with the State Property) about the right to use the house.

Discussions or some

**"We don't need your  
piece of the cake, we  
take the whole  
Pekarnia!"**

demands with KUGI would be hopeless, as far as the house is officially "in dangerous condition and don't fit in to the sanitary norms". Squatters deci-

ded, that, as former, they have no reason to move away from this house, which used to be empty.

Now the house have normal conditions for living, meetings and for con-

on 28th of October but, fortunately, not written down by the cops). The cops demanded that

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sed to visit

"Pekarnia" on Friday of Saturday (7th-8th of November 2003).

Squatters found only one reason for cops' relatively nice behavior. Practically for sure, the homeless people from 2nd floor pay money to them for their ignoring of the things that happen there (we remind that about a week ago a person fell out of the window on the 2nd floor). The same evening squatters talked to the homeless - and the opinion was proven right. It's clear that cops want to get some money from the 3rd floor (read: from squatters) as well. But for the squatters not paying to the cops is a matter of principle. We will keep you informed. The struggle continues!

Petersburg 5 of November

### Squat Pekarnia part 4

**(and not the last one!)**

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**Eviction  
of the Pekarnia**

On Friday, the 7th, November 2003, the squatted house in Petersburg was evicted. Early in the evening two policemen - a man and a woman came up to the house. As we didn't open the door on repeatedly request, one of the policemen began smashing the windows with stones. Then we opened the door. Although we were prepared to the

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cultural and other  
events. As well the squatters decided not to give any black money to the cops, just for the fact, that the house is located at the territory, which is controlled by them. The future of "Pekarnia" is now dependent, for the first, from the activity of the squatters and other anarchist and anti-authoritarian activists, but also from the next steps made by the authorities against "Pekarnia".

Petersburg, 30.10.2003

### Squat Pekarnia part 3

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**What do the cops  
want from us?**

In the evening on 4th of November squatters from "Pekarnia" had a meeting with the cops who control the area where "Pekarnia" is located. Unfortunately, the squatters have no legal basis for their activities, because according to the law the house is not fit for living. To the squatters' question why the cops don't show any interest in the homeless people living at 2nd floor, the cops said they first will kick out the squatters, then the homeless, and after that close the whole house. The cops also threatened to inform OVIR (Office for visas and registrations) about a foreign girl living at the squat (her passport was checked during the last raid



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eviction (we carried all worthy and not immediately necessary things away already two days ago), the time of the eviction was very bad for us. Out of twelve people who were in the house to the time of the eviction, seven were foreigners. There was a Finnish women's band, which arrived one day ago and two of the squatters who lived in the house since the very beginning of the squat. Because of this, we decided not to take up a confrontation with the policemen, but to leave the house voluntarily.

The police told us to leave the house within 15 minutes and disconnected the electric heating. It was visible, that the heating was self-made, but the illegal connected electricity was not of any interest for the policemen. Meanwhile the squatters packed their stuff, the policemen collected the passports of the Finnish band and told them to come to the next police-station. There they returned their passports, without noting the personal dates. The squatters were told to come round in the next days for the keys to carry away the rest of the stuff.

The behaviour of the police is irrational. On the one hand they collected not the all passports. Some of the

squatters could leave without getting touched. In fact the police lost the overview: The walk of the Finnish people to the police station was nonsense, considering the fact that they didn't take the personal data. Why didn't they show any interest in the illegal connected electricity? Why did they evict only the politicized anarcho-punks and not the homeless people from the second floor? Why didn't they take the personal data of the squatters? The squatters confronted the police with the idea, that they take bribes from the homeless people. Both the police and the homeless rejected this in presence of each other. We will see if the policemen will, as they told us, evict the homeless in the next days, or if they won't touch them.

We come back ...  
we squat again ...  
we don't give up !



## FIRST ANARCHIST SQUAT IN MACEDONIA

Ciflik Voska exists. Five days past since we squatted a house in Skopje. The intention was to squat another building, which looked abandoned, but was inside a complex of other functional buildings. It was big enough for concerts and working and living place as well. The day when we went to squat it we confronted some workers from the other buildings and we were told to speak with the director of that place. As we were going back, we agreed to go to one house that we spotted some time before. On our way somebody saw this new small beautiful house, hidden and away from the road. It was abandoned. The bills stop coming in 2001 and neighbours confirmed that nobody lives there. We broke in. It is a nice small two-floor house with a backyard. The

second floor did not need big changes, we found beds, tables, old gramophone and some old music. We moved in the same night. The first floor is full with garbage and many stuff that we can use in future, there is a small garage also.

These days we plan to investigate a little bit more on the house history and in a month or two start the plans. Which are, second floor a living place, first floor working place for infoshop-library, bike workshop, small kitchen, printing and so on.

The name Voska, which means lice coincident with the lice invasion in our group in the moment. So if you are in Skopje and if we are still there, you are welcomed to visit us. (address going to be published).

## NEW INDEPENDENT LOCATIONS IN LITHUANIA

Though famous "Kablys" squat in Vilnius experienced the police raid and was visited by the owners of the building, Soviet style house is still handled by local activists (for about 3 years already). It seems that promised renovation of the building stuck somewhere. At the moment there are 4-5 people living there. Also some bands (SC, Frekenbok, Toro Bravo, dr.Green) rehearse.

Legendary "Green" club which was recently closed is back too! New "Green" club was opened in November. More than 300 crowd gathered to celebrate this event,

locals SC, Madame Germen from Spain and Remains of the Day from USA played. The place is run by the same crew as before and is a part of a big art centre "Menu Spaustuve". It is going to be half-legal (as public organisation) and open space for various diy activities, mainly gigs.

Other collective is going to open a DIY Centre as well. Welcome news, that local activists from smaller towns are joining Lithuanian underground network. Mostly it's connected with booking gigs, but it's a good environment to send/receive various information.

## THE CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORT FOR A SELF-ORGANISED CENTER FOR HOMELESS IN TORUN - POLAND

People from Anarchist Federation FA-Torun are participating in a campaign of support for a self-organised center for homeless in Torun, which was squatted by the homeless and furnished with the help of neighbours. The local government not only didn't help the center (which of course could only be expected) but tried to evict the center using pretexts such as "fire hazard" or an "alcohol problem" which in fact do not exist. The solution proposed by the government is the eviction of the centre and giving control over the homeless to a NGO called "Mar-Kot", which runs prison-style centers for homeless, where the homeless families are separated and put in humiliating situations. The "Mar-Kot" has made attempts to sabotage the self-organised homeless center in a bid for sponsor money for their activity. The homeless have refused and started a campaign of resistance with the support of local activists. For the moment the center has avoided eviction.

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A year ago group of homeless people squatted abandoned PKP (Polish State Railways) building. Although they were there illegally local government and newspaper had positive attitude. Inhabitants of the squat had renovated the building, had tried to find a job. We (FA-Torun) contacted with them in February during our Food Not Bombs action. After a while they started making by themselves free food on Sundays without any official donation. In August 2003 first serious troubles appeared. Local government and PKP gave Mar-kot Association rights to the place and buildings. Association built its centre in the second building and asked Guliwers to move there. They were against new rules in new centre and against director of it. Local newspapers had changed their attitude to the squatters in 180° - squatters were from now "alcoholics who can't get out of homeless". We contacted with them again in September. With help (writing articles, sending protests, being with Guliwers people) of local activists, FA-Torun and local Indymedia group, squatters will not be removed from their building till spring. In the future the building is to be destroyed and people had to move into new centre of a different rules. There are 26 people - families with children and probably most of them would not like to live in the new centre. If you want to read more about this case go to polish indymedia site:

pl.indymedia.org



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"We must not forget that our organizations - anarcho-syndicates, are in fact structures of the future society created within the old - that means that structure of our syndicate today will be structure of the economy of the tomorrow"

## Interview with member of serbian ASI Anarcho-Syndicalist Initiative

What is your political history?

I have been involved in to the libertarian activities for 8 years now. I've been active in several heterogenic anarchist groups that were functioning in Belgrade area - "Belgrade libertarian group" (BLG), created as a loose network of libertarian orientated individuals after '68 happenings in Belgrade, and also "Group for libertarian initiatives of Belgrade" (GLIB), a group of mainly young anarchists (predominantly anarcho-punks) created in 1998. Groups had different concepts of organizing, and were talking to different population: BLG being mainly involved in organizing anarchist discussions and, together with GLIB, maintaining of the anarchist library of our Center for Libertarian studies (CLS); GLIB, on the other side, being mostly "activist" orientated, dealing with different "anti-something" or "pro-something" days and focusing it self on the anti-war campaign and production of the anarchist zine "Radenik", orientated mainly to the "alternative" youth. Both groups dissolved for different reasons: nationalism and tactics differences that existed in BLG and total lack of strategy and clarified goals and aims in GLIB were something that stopped us from being efficient in what we wanted to do.

Since the end of 1999, several of us, having clear anarcho-syndicalist ideas, decided that it was the time for creation of the well organized, clearly politically positioned anarchist, anarcho-syndicalist organisation. Since, we have been working under the name of "Initiative for Anarcho-Syndicate" (IAS). In the May of the year 2002 first issue of our propaganda bulletin "Direktna Akcija" (Direct Action) (DA) was published, and our founding congress followed in October that year. Founding congress changed the name of the organisation to the "Anarcho-Syndicalist Initiative" (ASI) and

this is the name under which class orientated anarchists are now organized in Serbia.

Although some progress in the anarchist "scene" in Serbia has been made - meaning more people getting interested in the idea of anarchism etc., ASI is still the only organized anarchist organisation. Apart from several non-active anarcho-punk collectives and anti-globalist morons.

Could you present current economical situation in Serbia?

Shortly, economical situation in Serbia could be described as horrible. According to the last researches Serbia was placed on the list of the countries that, according to their production/consuming index, are on the eve of hunger. So called Argentinean model is something which is approaching this state rapidly. Neo-liberal government, unable to deal with loads of country's economical problems is a puppet in the IMF and WB hands, and is continuing the destruction of the already non-existing economy. As well as on the global level, on the level of Serbian state you can spot reach north - poor south differences (although that kind of comparison is somehow outdated, taking in the consideration number of poor people everywhere in Serbia). Unemployment, being one of the main problems, is something that our Syndicate is dealing with a lot. According to the official statistic in Serbia, country of around 8 million people, more than 1 million is unemployed. Again, this is according to the official statistic,

After months of covering in our magazine activities of the most active serbian anarchist organization Anarcho - Syndicalist Initiative (ASI), a time came to get more familiar with each other. We are presenting very interesting interview with member and co-founder of ASI: "Rata"

**Ratibor T. Trinuvar**

and some of the worst predictions are presuming that the real number of the unemployed is maybe even double that number. Officials are saying that average pay in Serbia, which is usually arriving splitted in to several parts and with several months delay, is around 130 Euros a month. Many factories and work-

places are, of course, just dreaming about that figure - they don't get more than 50-80 Euros monthly.

As the time passes since creation of IAS, then transforming into ASI how you evaluate whole this process?

What can be said about organization is that we have been, because of the different circumstances, pushed in the cold water of the Serbian political scene too fast. It is a true fact that in the countries as Serbia, young people, and our organization is still consisted mainly of the youth, have to grow old much faster than the youth in some other regions of the world. Arrests, contacts with different mass organizations interested in joining us, public pressure from the government, police and union bureaucrats affected us in the manner that we are now organisation much more mature than in the beginning. It made us analyze our goals, actions and strategies in much clearer way.

Those circumstances created stronger solidarity ties in our organisation and, despite several splits we were pushed through, we can say that ASI is now one of the best organized anarchist/anarcho-syndicalist syndi-

cates in this part of the world.

We made loads of mistakes as well, but thru the time, even if we didn't correct all of them, we become aware of them. And I do believe that this auto-reflection moment of our organisation is essential for our future progress. Statutes of our organisation, that was adopted at our founding congress, showed it self not good enough in the situation of mass interest in our syndicate and we are in the process of creation of the totally different statutes (of course, based on the same principals of non-hierarchical, direct-democratic organizing) that is going to be adopted in, shortly approaching, II congress of our organisation. From my point of view, I guess the moment of the self-discipline, complete materialist analyses and responsibility for the words publicly said in front of the organisation are the three most important aspects in which our organization progressed. Atmosphere in our organisation is now, as it was before also - but not so strongly underlined, atmosphere of the comrades, fighting for the same goal, using the same methods and being aware of all consequences that will be met on that way...

In recent years in anarchist movements in the western countries are spreading strongly primitivist tendencies (Zerzan followers, etc.), which consider class-struggle & anarcho-sindicalism merely as "relics of the past". What do you think is a role of anarchist syndicates in political landscapes of 21 century?





Historical conditions are luckily showing that primitivist ideas about what is "relic of the past" (very funny, if it was relic of the past we should see the primitive bunch supporting it - after all they are the ones who would like to live in the past) are wrong. Class war is, after a period of stagnation, getting new potential. Death of the state communist model was a mark of the narrowing of the alternatives to the system which is, obviously to everybody with brain (and that is the majority of the population), killing us, itself and the planet we are living on. "Third way" social-democracy, implemented by Blair, Schroeder and co. is not having any support of the working class masses and now it is the question: are we going to repeat errors of previous forms of working organizing or not. Even the petit-bourgeoisie bunch of anti-globalist is turning now, after years of their manic dancing on the streets, to working with unions. Of course, like in selecting strategy and politics of their movement, their made another error and are now working with mainstream bureaucratic, hierarchical unions. The result of that will be the fight for new welfare states, that are disappearing after the collapse of the Soviet union - because of the lack of the role to play in present capitalist relations (they were pushed forward as capitalism with the human face alternative to the Stalinism of the "East")

But situations that we are finding ourselves daily are showing us that the battle for freedom is just to be launched again. This time with knowledge of our previous mistakes. Non-dogmatism and freedom of acting according to ones own opinion, as well as revolutionary character of our organizations, is the advantage that anarcho-syndicates will always have to the statist unions. All fights on the bourgeoisie scene were fought without any benefit to the workers, obviously now it is the time for the only fight that counts: class war.

Anarcho-syndicates are only one part of this war, and it is terribly important to understand that without unified front of all, truly, anti-authoritarian organizations (such as anarchist federations, anarcho-syndicates, anarchist groups etc.), without falling in the cretenization trap of refor-

mism, is the only choice we have if we really intend to win it.

A short note which is not directly linked to the question: I wouldn't, in any way, link primitive freaks to anarchism. As we all know, anarchism means struggle for freedom for everybody. Freedom and possibility to live. As everybody, also, know right now there is over 6 billion people living on the planet Earth - that is too much, some would say, and I could agree with them, but we are stuck with it and that is the fact - so every concept of future society which is not presenting strategy for fulfilling of the basic needs (such as food, water, education etc.) of all those people is based on the idea that large percentage of them (and we are not talking about the victims of the Revolutionary war now, which are going to be high, but not nearly as high as primitive beings would like) should die. How authoritarian, and thus anti-anarchist, is that so obvious that it is hurting my eyes. The idea of primitivism, fight against technology is directly contradicting the idea of feeding all of those people. Thus, it can not be perceived as anarchist in anyway. I would label it as only one more capitalist degeneration.

Some of also anarchist syndicates fall into attitude of being careful to not "scare out" the workers as concerning certain issues controversial or not easily accepted (or even understood) by most of society. Yet, your syndicate choosed uncompromised way, as in your publications you use gender-neutral language, you take very open stand against homophobia, etc. Can you say something about experiences concerning this issue and general perception of your efforts by workers, which come in touch with it?

First issue of our propaganda bulletin DA, which was handed, as the following too, in front of the Serbian factories, carried the list of things our organization supported/organized/participated in. In that list, second or third thing was the fact that our syndicate supported celebration of the Gay Pride Day in Belgrade and that some of our members were heavily beaten by the Nazi counter-demonstrators.

Although we do not

support fights for particularistic issues, and are constantly pointing out to the fact that any of those particular liberations (women liberation, gay liberation etc.) can not be fought to the end until the basic problem, which is perpetuating it self in all other aspects of life, problem of the hierarchical relations in the society, relations between workers and the bourgeoisie, is solved, we enable all of those fights to be fought by our syndicate too. Thus, enabling unified front of class, women, gay, race etc. liberation. Placing priorities to one or other aspects of this fight is the consequence of the lack of the sound analyses of the world we are living in and oversteering of the individual needs of all of us. Clearly, when talking about different liberation struggles we are always pointing out to the class based source of that problem and are trying to fight it together.

Of course, Serbia - being very conservative country, is not the best place for this kind of politics. In the beginning we did have some problems with some homophobic workers etc. But, as time passed by, and as workers had got aware of some other of our positions, and found their own interest in them, the problems we were facing fastly disappeared. Now, only paid goons of the mainstream unions are using these positions of ours when trying to physically take us away from the factories where our bulletin is being distributed.

What is actual development phase of ASI - changing the status, membership procedure, etc. - by what it is caused and what you wish to emerge from that?

As I already mentioned in one of the past paragraphs, our statutes showed to be unusable in the situations when there is more than 50 people interested in joining us. When we first made it we didn't have any experience with creation of the statutes and it was an amateur try to create structure that would be able to work. It is working, but as I said before, only in the situations when membership of the organisation is not



going over 50 people.

We feel that creation of our new statute is important for few reasons: first, it will enable us much easier integration of large groups of workers interested in joining us, it will also enable creation of the structure that is capable of fight with state and capitalism; second, for the long period of time, especially within the International (IWA-AIT,

www.iwa-ait.org), the so called praxis was something which was "flying in the air" and was determining the politics of the organizations, the statutes weren't large - they just gave basic standpoints of the organisation and everything else was part of the praxis of the organisation. We feel that this was one of the reasons for problems that occurred with some of International sections. Also we are aware that that was a reason for some problems that occurred in our own organisation. We mustn't forget that our organizations - anarcho-syndicates, are in fact structures of the future society created within the old - that means that structure of our syndicate today will be structure of the economy of the tomorrow. That fact is too important to be left only for praxis of the organisation to deal with it. That is the reason why we decided that the praxis of our organization should be written down in our statutes - and we hope that it will, more or less successfully (again, praxis is de facto measure of the success of theory) prevent any problems which are caused by the lack of detailed agreement to occur.

One of the important changes which is going to be implemented in our statutes is giving more focus to the alternative organizing of the workers. As I mentioned before, unemployment is one of the biggest, if not the biggest problem of Serbian economy. In that case we, as a syndicate are not of much help - there is no boss to fight against, therefore concept of cooperatives is developed within our organizations and

now the cooperatives are going to be placed in the level of the union in ASI. Of course these cooperatives would not be social-democratic creatures of what majority of cooperatives are turning too, but will be fully class aware organizations of the workers in, little bit, different form. We were already approached by several large (going to several thousands members) unions of unemployed people (union by the name, not by the statutes or practice) and we created very good links with them - thus our new structure will enable them participating in the work of our organization too...

The educational part, as well as in majority of anarchist/anarcho-syndicalist organizations, is essential to us. Therefore our educational board will develop different courses for new members which will get them educated about the goals, aims etc. of our organization.

**In the Balkans there are growing efforts to connect anarchists in the region in more organized and functional way. Can you shortly describe history, present and planned initiatives of this cooperation?**

Balkan is the region which is known for it's troubled history and that is the reason why, among anarchists in the Balkans, idea of the closer cooperation did emerge. That is in no way isolationist concept of presenting Balkan as something totally different from every other spot on the Earth, but it is recognizing of the historical and material events that are determining us, more or less, and our movement. After initial contacts that existed for a long period of time, but didn't have any practical fulfillment, in last couple of years links between anarchists on the Balkans became more intensive. Anarchists from Ex-Yugoslavia are already, and for a longer period of time, in strong and fruitful contacts, having the experience of the war and nationalism which we were working together against on all sides. Greek comrades are maintain good contacts with Turkish and Bulgarian comrades, and after the meeting that was held in Thessalonica in the eve of the Iraqi war, much stronger ties were created among all of us. That is when the idea of the **Balkan Anarchist Federation** was men-

tioned, and this is the idea that is intensively being worked on by several anarchists groups (in Serbia this is a group created by



several anarchists involved, among other stuff, in the work of ASI). Hopefully until the end of the year we will be able to see founding congress of the BAF. BAF would be used as a coordination structure for anarchist groups throughout the Balkans and will, most probably, apart from other things maintain a magazine of it's own which should cover the happenings in the Balkan anarchist "scene" as well as provide space for theoretical discussion, which is so lacking in the movement today.

**For all of us outside of Serbia little is known about extreme right-wingers, fascists, etc. in your country? What are the groups and parties, how is their influence? I saw Belgrad full of anti-NATO posters made by one of nationalists groupings - who are they? Also what is the actual state policy towards people described as "ethnic minorities"?**



Mainstream fascism, fascism with little bit less ugly face, fascism created and implemented by the neo-liberals in Serbia is, I feel, much greater problem than the self-proclaimed fascist groups that do exist. Yes, several fascist or crypto-fascist groups do exist in Serbia (such as *Obraz*, *Zbor*, *Svetozar Miletic* etc.), but their influence is not as

big as one could presume according to their visibility (for example, mentioned posters were made by *Obraz*, and they said: *Nato -*

*the eternal evil*). Serbian orthodox church was always, as all churches are, gathering point for all kinds of backward conservative ideas. This is the situation now too. Also the army (strongly infiltrated by *Obraz* members) is other stronghold of extreme right-wing politics. The extremist groups were used by the police or the army as goon squads used to do the dirty work. For example, mentioned gay pride parade that was destroyed, by members of different skinhead groups, *Obraz*, and orthodox church priests.

"Ethnic minorities" are, according to what I know, treated farley well by the State. Several reasons are for this: first, old state communist organisation of the State, gave full liberty for minorities to organize in the way they wanted; the second is that number of so called minorities is getting so big that, hopefully, soon Serbia will be consisted mainly of minorities and Serbs will become "minority".

But on the other hand the problem of poor educational and economical situation of roma people is not being solved in any way. Rear number of professions, such as street cleaning, are usually reserved for them. Percentage of them assimilated to the general population is rather small. Latent racism is present in the general feeling toward roma people here, very similar to the US liberal

racism towards the people of color, seeing them mainly as entertainers. Different skinhead groups carried, in past couple of years, several attacks on roma families. One of those attacks ended in the death of a roma kid.

**Especially after death of Djindjic was clear how near or intertwined police, politicians and mafia are in Serbia. Recent statements said by some politicians concerning anarcho-syndicates, will definitely put your group in focus of repression ... sooner or later. How you evaluate this and what kind of support you wish to receive from comrades abroad?**

Statement that our organisation published after the murder of Djindjic, as well as our participation in different syndicalist demonstrations, were already triggering State's oppression. Several different State ministers and union bureaucrats marked us as big problem makers. It is clear that government needs somebody to throw their guilty off, but thanking to the support we got from some influential media, we were able to clearly present our positions and escape from misinterpretations. That doesn't mean, on the other side, that we got the State of our back - we are in constant talks with different sections and groups of the mainstream syndicates and unions of unemployed people - thus we are still perceived, rightfully I may add, as enemies of the State and capitalism. The good thing about this "transition" period that Serbia is taking, is that Serbian government is under constant fear of the "world's" reaction to its actions. Thus every demonstration held in front Serbian consulates or embassies, every protest letter sent to them is making a big fuss here. It is important to note that at least two of our members are under court investigation right now for at least two different crimes, such as assault on the police officers, preventing of the police officers in doing their duty, non-authorized gathering etc., with possibility of several years prison sentence. We are going to be informing our comrades on the development of those cases and will request solidarity if needed.

**All the best,**  
Ratibor T. Trivunac - Rata



Below we present excerpts from Summary of last Polish FA meeting, which took place in Poznan. May some issues seem boring for some of our readers, yet we want to present with transparency what is going on in FA, as we see very important and positive development within this organ. Also organizational matters could be interesting for our comrades from other EE countries, as to learn and criticize, yet of course we want to stress that those concerns and dynamics are developed strictly as Poland specific. We all need to look for tactics and means corresponding to our direct environment.

We omitted issues concerning Workers Initiative. This circle of FA activities and its issues supposed to appear soon as a separate document. We going to publish it as well as more widely present this group. Also whole part including Level B of declaration, as it is yet very internal and to be worked out. *AbolishingBB*

At XXVII General Assembly participated groups or persons from almost all cities. It started 8 november evening with the meeting of Worker's Initiative. Group from Wrocław proposed to start general talk (9 november) from speaking about actual sense of existence of FA (Anarchist Federation), its condition right now and attempts concerning its further direction. All groups spoke their opinion, so interesting picture of local sections revealed as part of them goes now through big changes. Wrocław group didn't been satisfied with this discussion as, in their opinion, FA doesn't exist as whole-polish organization. This idea been also expressed by some others, yet that discourse wasn't followed any further.

Afterwards internal questions been on agenda, like, once again, question of organizational platform (see below). Big part of assembly was given to issue of publications, so for example ways to come out with distribution more towards wider spectre of society, basing on Poznan's activists experiences. Concerning this things also tips for avoiding problems with taxes, etc. been given by one comrade from Warsaw. Also project of organizing workshop for eventual alternative "journalists" been presented - it suppose to happen around February or March of 2004.

## Informational bulletin of Polish Anarchist Federation No.41 Decision from XVII General Assembly of FA 8-9.11.2003 Poznan - Poland

Krakow comrades proposed to change profile of their magazine "A-Tak", so as to transform it into regular publication of whole FA, yet for that cooperation of all sections is needed. For lack of time or absence of particular persons, many issues been postponed till next General Assembly (ABC, anti-border camp in 2004, 1st May, anti-war campaign, etc.)

### Formula of FA Functioning ways

**Membership:** Group, which wants to join Federation in the future, applies for access at next Assembly. Needed is also confirmation, to be given by "introducing" section (the best from neighbouring city or so). Informations about group must appear in preliminary bulletin (issued always before General Assembly), then decision is taken by voting-consensus necessary!

**Existence of few groups in one city:** In case of disbanding one or few persons from local group, those persons are not losing membership of general FA. If in one city 2 or more different groups organized in FA will be builded, longer belonging group stays by its name and the new one must take another name. In case of split, when group divides in two including similar number of members, and conflict concerning name starts, only General Assembly decides how to solve it.

**Exclusion:** On appeal of any group, supported with arguments, Assembly can decide through voting about exclusion of particular section. Consensus rules then too, yet group, which is to be excluded, has no right to vote.

### General Assemblies of FA

They are only decision taking organ of FA on country level. It takes place twice a year and discussions concerning agenda of Assembly are done before. Organizing section collects proposals, discusses preliminary issues and puts out preliminary bulletin as summary of these, which is mailed to all sections. Then that section organizes Assembly, writes down decisions and puts out summary-bulletin (like this one). There is possibility of calling up additional Assembly in serious cases.

**Voting:** internal issues - majority of participants; external issues - veto (consensus). During Assembly one

group has right to one vote. **Working groups:** Meetings of groups interested in particular topic. Not obligatory for all sections and can include groups not belonging to FA.

### Platform/Declaration proposal by sections of FA-Krakow & FA-Trojmiasto for 27 General Assembly of FA

It was decided at Assembly, that for now only valid document for whole FA is Ideological Platform. It should have 3 levels (parts). Level A is Ideological Platform, Level B is its general widening (without developing of specific ideological details) and Level C should include broadening of any kind, created independently by particular local sections. These developments can in a future be possibly added to General Platform, if wanted and needed. Till next Assembly discussions concerning Level B will be done, based on presented below proposal of above mentioned sections. So, sections FA-Krakow & FA-Trojmiasto will work further on Level B, proposals could be sent, yet must be concrete and supported with arguments. In February there will be Working Assembly, when proposal for text will be developed to be presented then for a discussion at the next General Assembly.

### Level A Ideological Declaration

Anarchist Federation aims at abolishing all social structures and legal regulations, that in any possible way are limiting freedom of person-power based on usurpation of centers of coercion, production and indoctrination. We see as necessary identification of property with work and right protecting life (and health of all creatures), freedom (of own body and mind) and work (and its fruits). All else should not be forbidden or coerced and about character of any act only agreements of involved ones should decide, and never will of third persons. Organization of life on social scale should be based not on power from above, but on solidarity: workers councils, local initiatives, etc. People have right to make mistakes on their own, but not others account.

### Other topics

Widely discussed was proposal of

renewal and development of webpage, as to include general and local documents and issues, as well as translations in other languages and contact group for international connections. (...)

### Cooperation with FAU (german anarchosindicalist group)

FAU delegates at FA assembly gave 500 euro, as support for Workers Initiative. Reports concerning using this money will be presented to FAU. A proposal of spending this money on organizing mobile (travelling) workshops dealing with protest methods, etc. which should be given to striking workers crews, was approved and will be realized. Preparation of pamphlet and other helpful materials and eventually educational movie "Organization of social protests, self-organizing and work with media" was given. At such a workshops it will be possible to how to prepare demonstrations and other actions, how to make flyers, posters as well as: legal matters, food organizing (FNB), ABC, press conferences, etc. Workers movement is very bad prepared concerning this issues. Also through this workshops finding more radical persons and making new contacts in workers spectre will be made. FAU will help in this processes, in next months program of workshops will be worked out and dates cleared and arranged. To minimize the costs, workshops will be regionally organized. They can help also to make contacts more solid, propagate our ideas and help to collect materials (reports, interviews, etc.) and experience for our publications. Szczecin section together with FAU want to organize common actions to protect rights of seasonal workers (ABB: there is a lot seasonal workers in Germany, many of them from Poland, which are shifting for slave-wages and without any legal protection, additionally of course to thousands of others, which are without any work-permits). There is many concrete proposals concerning this cooperation.



## CAPITALIST ELITES MEETINGS IN EASTERN EUROPE

### NATO Summit 2004 in Istanbul - Turkey

The NATO Summit attended by Presidents and Prime Ministers of NATO member states will be held in June 2004 in Istanbul. In the last NATO Summit, which was held in Prague last year, a consensus concerning the Alliance's enlargement was reached. Thus, in Istanbul, the memberships of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia will be officially approved. The agenda of the meeting is expected to cover issues such as NATO-EU relations, terrorism and Iraq primarily. The representatives of the states cooperating with NATO are also meeting with the member states' officials within the framework of EAPC (European Atlantic Partnership Council). Meetings with Russia and Ukraine are on the agenda as well.

#### Attention Anarchists and Antiauthoritarians

We as anarchists from Istanbul have started meetings to make a wide organisation against NATO meetings. Such a large organisation that we want to make will be a first for us in Turkey, therefore all of us should take responsibility and toil. The meetings we have done is a start, we need exchange of ideas and common action with this organisation. For this reason we call all anarchist and antiauthoritarian groups and localities to coordinate together. Like in all areas of life, let no one else decide in our names !!! **Anarchists from Istanbul**

### European Economic Summit 28-30 of April; Warsaw - Poland

In days of 28-30 of April 2004 the European Economic Summit will take place in Polish capital Warsaw.

European Economic Summit is a part of WEF (World Economic Forum) which holds its regular meetings in Davos - Switzerland. Both, European Economic Summit and WEF are just the elements of global capitalist conspiracy based on such organizations like IMF, World Bank, WTO or meetings of the most powerful states - G8.

The Warsaw summit will take place a day before official joining of Poland to the European Union structures.

### Anarchist March in Warsaw - MayDay 2001



## NEW INFOSHOPS ESTABLISHED - SUPPORT NEEDED

### "Epicenter" new infoshop in Petersburg, Russia

Infoshop called Epicenter is just established in Petersburg, Russia. The space is provided by feminist NGO (Petersburg Center For Gender Issues).

We distribute newspapers, magazines (mostly in Russian, but also in English), patches, t-shirts, music and videos in different formats. We also have an opportunity to show some videos so you can send videotapes. One of the first public happenings in the infoshop was the screening of "McLibel: two worlds collide" movie on 16th of October, world anti McDonalds day. Epicenter is going to function one day a week. Wednesday was chosen, since noon until (at least) 6 p.m.

In PCGI there is a feminist library so you can contribute books, because anarchist / libertarian current of feminist movement is underrepresented in this library. We are also starting to collect our own archive / library - now it has some videos and some books as well.

People organising the infoshop are involved in anarchist radical environmentalist movements hardcore punk scene. As a collective we have chosen consensus decision making. Donations of any sort will be greatly appreciated. Epicenter collective; Phone: +7(812)2323344

Address: Epicenter c/o Vladimir Tarasov, PO Box 103, 190013, St.Petersburg, Russia. e-mail: epicenter-infoshop@nm.ru

### "Tabula Rasa" new Infoshop in Cakovec - Croatia

Infoshop "Tabula rasa" is finally opened on new location. Infoshop is placed in centre of Cakovec city, in old buildings across Pilka brewery. We are sharing rooms with Youth Centre Cakovec. Infoshop is opened every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 7 pm till 10 pm. More informations you can find on site: [www.actnow.hr/infoshop\\_index.htm](http://www.actnow.hr/infoshop_index.htm) This is also our call to all of you to donate us your materials. In this moment we don't have any money (we spent all for renovating rooms), so your solidarity is very welcomed. Thank you. Infoshop Crew

#### Address:

Infoshop Tabula rasa, Josipa Kozarca BB, Cakovec

#### Address for post:

Infoshop Tabula rasa, p.p. 18, 40315 M. Sredisce, Croatia

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With special request we may mail also our English titles, buttons t-shirts, cd's or videos.

It is especially useful to become a "**friend of A-distro**", if you want to have full picture what is going on in Russian anarchist scene but due to geographical distances you seldom find Russian press.

If you want to become friend of A-distro, mail to [taoom@seu.ru](mailto:taoom@seu.ru)  
More info: <http://a-distro.avtonom.org>



## UZBEKISTAN AND WESTERN CAPITALIST INTERESTS

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In December of 1997, four members of the militia were mysteriously murdered in Namangan. Islamists were blamed. More spectacularly, on the 16th of February 1999, a series of nearly simultaneous bomb blasts in downtown Tashkent killed sixteen people and wounded over 100. President Karimov, who survived unscathed, appeared to have been the intended target. The IMU was blamed. Juma Namangani, the head of the IMU and likely to have been an associate of Osama bin Laden, had been the most wanted man in Uzbekistan until he died in Kabul from wounds sustained while fighting anti-Taliban forces in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan in November of 2001.

After both the 1997 murders in Namangan and the 1999 bombings in Tashkent, according to the State Department's International Religious Freedom Report for 2001, police arrested at least hundreds of people labelled "Wahabist" and detained some as long as two months, only for the majority of those detained to be released. Real Wahabists are religious extremists, but the term is used loosely by the Uzbek government to refer to any devout Muslim.

According to the 2002 edition of the aforementioned report, the government's campaign against Muslim extremists mainly targets three groups: Alleged Wahabists, those suspected of being involved in the 1999 Tashkent bombings or of being involved in the IMU, and suspected members of Hizb ut-Tahrir. For the period from January 1999 to August 2001, the Moscow human rights organization Memorial estimates that over 2,600 were convicted on political and religious grounds. The lack of a free press and the pau-

city of public trials in Uzbekistan make calculation difficult, but the actual figure of those arrested for religious or political reasons is probably between 6,500 and 7,000. Roughly 5,000 are suspected members of Hizb ut-Tahrir. The Independent Human Rights Organization of Uzbekistan estimates that only 200 of those arrested were not accused of Islamic extremism.

The Uzbek government is secular, there being no state religion. However, the government tries to control religious affairs in the country through its Spiritual Directorate for Muslims (a.k.a. the Muftiate) which it finances. The Muftiate, in turn, controls the country's Muslim hierarchy as well as the content and quantity of Islamic sermons and publications. The government funds an Islamic university and bankrolls citizens for participating in the ritual pilgrimage to Mecca, but it acts to outlaw and dissolve Muslim groups which it claims to be extremist and a threat to its secular system. The result is that many Muslims are jailed and intimidated simply for being pious. Any religious group must register with the government. The government can effectively ban any religious group by denying its registration petition. The government makes this task easy for itself by requiring any such group to contain at least 100 citizen members, a requirement which it can waive at its discretion. This selective enforcement of a rule is designed to make it hard for Muslims who worship outside the state-organized mosques to register. Another requirement designed to make it hard for suspect Muslim groups is the demand for a legal address. This can be a problem for Christian groups too (...).

## PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS

### Anarchist publications in Macedonia

*Plotad Sloboda*, or Freedom Square is responsible for making the first more serious attempt in anarchist publication in Macedonia. Till now, the whole anarchist material that you could find on macedonian language were some fanzines and pamphlets.

Reproduction of "Everyday Life" from Fredy Perlman and "Globalisation, ideas for Understanding, living with and opposing the new model of profit-making", text from ArivistA, are published in 300 copies each and distributed in bookshops and through independent distros, mostly in Skopje and Prilep.

There are three more translations waiting to be published from *Plotad Sloboda*: "Abolition of work" from Bob Black, "Temporary Autonomous Zone" from Hakim Bey and "Bolo, Bolo" from P.M. as soon as there are some more money gathered to do it. Any benefit would be more than welcomed. Contact: [plotad\\_sloboda@hotmail.com](mailto:plotad_sloboda@hotmail.com)

### New @-zines out in Malatya

Anarcho-communists in Malatya issued several zines in last period. New ones are "Kizil Öfke" ("Red Anger") and "Kontrast". Inside "Kontrast" zine there are writings on aphorisms, poems, an article on picasso, theater article, book offer, an article about hayyam, interview with a psychiatrist, nietzsche and nihilism, religion and repression ... etc. address to ask for it:

[agnostikak@mynet.com](mailto:agnostikak@mynet.com)

As well "Ozgur Karart" ("Free black art"), anarchist art-zine is finally out with its 3rd issue. This time it is 40 pages, it has Alexander Brenner, Barbara Schurz and Rosalind Krauss's translated articles on art as well as aphorisms, black poetry, art, music, sculpture, writings on art, cartoons, a page introducing other zines, a writing of ozgur karart collective. Adres:

[arode@mynet.com](mailto:arode@mynet.com)

### New issue of "VOLJA"

We are happy to announce that after a month or so from the previous issue of Moscow based anarchist paper "VOLJA" (russian word for freedom or will), a new one was published in October 2003. Contents:

- an editorial on anarchists' attitude towards the elections and after it two articles, promoting two tactics (boycott and voting "against everyone", which is an opportunity in Russia);
- an interview with human rights activist Alexandr Cherkasov about the presidential elections in Chechnya and whole situation there;
- 10 years of October 1993 (Yeltsin's conflict with the parliament that ended in bloodshed);
- miners' riot in Warsaw (translated from Polish newspapers);
- Do we need ourselves? - an attempt of critical analysis of some parts of Russian anarchist movement - by an anarchist from Irkutsk, Siberia;
- Mania of getting married - feminist observations about the "importance" of marriage;
- promo texts about a new feminist magazine Wargasm, based in Minsk, Belarus;
- Russian-language Indymedia website;
- reviews of: latest book by popular Russian writer V.Pelevin, Terminator-3 movie, a demo cd-r of anarcho-punk band Adamkus Ir leva (Vilnius-Berlin) and several anarchist-related zines from Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.

If you want to order the paper, 1 issue costs 1 USD (postage paid) for ex-USSR countries and 2 USD for other countries.

Volja's website is <http://volja.nm.ru>. Those who read Russian should check it out, because it's gonna be updated really soon. Others may go to the international section of the site which contains the basic history of Volja, translated into several languages (and more to follow).

If you want to contribute articles, comments, pictures, or anything else you feel is relevant, you can contact the editorial collective at [volja@nm.ru](mailto:volja@nm.ru) or [obschtschina@pisem.net](mailto:obschtschina@pisem.net) or at the following address:

Vladlen Tupikin, PO Box 80,  
Moscow M-208, 117208, Russia.

Please note that as of now we are only able to communicate in Russian, English or German.

### The first modern anarchist book translated into lithuanian

Various people got in touch through [www.hardcore.lt](http://www.hardcore.lt) forums and started to translate well-known book "Days of War, Nights of Love", published by American Crimethink collective, into Lithuanian. Translation is almost finished, now there are discussion about publishing it: leave it on underground level or get ISBN and spread it through official bookshops. This is a precedent news as there are so far almost no anarchist books translated into lithuanian.

## PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS

## ANTIFASCIST RESISTANCE - ANTIFASCIST RESISTANCE

## Chronicle of the fascist and antifascist activities around Romania during last year

## ANTIFASCISTS IN ACTION ... AGAIN !

Following the participation in the International Week Against Racism events organised in Timisoara in March (for those who didn't heard, see below) and the International NoBorder Camp in Timisoara, as well as the whole activity during this year (graffiti, direct confrontations, leafleting, internet fight, concerts...) antifascists in Romania get organised again. After friends in Craiova went to the Sighisoara Medieval Art Festival, it was time for antifascists in Timisoara to make another move.

So this is how the story of mobilising for 9 november, International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism, started. Having little time to prepare actions, we didn't took direct action against the legionnaire (=fascist) bookstore in Timisoara. So, on the night of 8th of November antifascist posters

were put around the city. There were 6 different models for the posters: 2 posters had more text on them giving definitions of fascism, nazism, antisemitism, scapegoats and about current situation in Romania with fascist groups; 2 others had images of antifa blocks in action with the messages: "Who should we blame now?" and "Against fascism, racism and nationalism!"; one had the words "never again" written in many different languages; and the last one had a manga drawing with the message "The fight against fascism is not only about words!" and a character saying: "I wonder when the people will realise that only through direct action we will stop them [meaning fascists - eg]? We must strengthen our words by deeds!". Also, there was in the same night graffiti action in different areas of the city. Next days media was

furious with one graffiti that appeared after our action on a 20 000 euro renovated monument of the Holy Trinity (the religious thing, not the character from the movie Matrix!). The graffiti was saying "Anti Romania! Pro Autonomia!" and had anarchy, squat and equality symbols on it... anyway, we do not take credit for such a great graffiti, but we do not blame the "hooligan" who did it...

Everything ended up good that night and second day, on the 9th of november, people choosed to change in the last minute from leafleting in the center to putting the leaflets in peoples mailboxes in their neighborhoods. Some argue that this way we lost contact with the passerby and we lost the opportunity of giving the image of antifascists on the streets and others argue that this was a good idea because this way we took the antifascist struggle

into our own communities. The main place where this action happened was the "Gazza Strip" (a street well known for the many arab and chinese migrants and their shops). The leaflets included very good texts from an anarchist friend from Bucharest and were about: "What is the fascism?", "The ceausist fascism of C.Y. Tudor" [leader or right wing party PRM], "Nationalist communism" and also the 2 versions of the posters with the definitions minimised. Attempts to sabotage the office of Great Romania Party - PRM failed due to lack proper preparations...

So, this was pretty much what happened in Timisoara for the International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism.

## A SHORT LIST OF ANTIFA ACTIONS IN ROMANIA

- 2 active nazis are arrested for sticking illegal posters and get 5 million lei fines each (which meant at that time 150 euro) and also they had police searching in some houses and computers of them

- December 2002: people go with paint and fill one of the offices of PRM in Timisoara with graffiti;

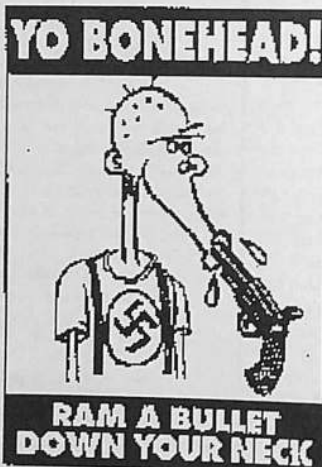
- tradition is settled: when you see a fascist poster you take it down!

- January: in Timisoara was planned second edition of the "Carlo Giuliani Antifascist Meeting" but because preparations failed it was only a concert with bands from Macedonia, Serbia and Romania

- March 2003. The International Week Against Racism gets a week of events in Timisoara. Several movies were shown (movies that touched different issues - like

fascism, gays, transsexuals, etc. - and were in several languages); also there was an german autonomous/antifa poster exhibition; there was also concerts at the end of the week; and people also did some antiracist graffiti around the town. Also both in Timisoara and Craiova posters were put around.

- during the summer, C.A.F. (Craiova Anarho Front) went in action at the Sighisoara Medieval



Antifascists infiltrate in small group of nazis in Craiova

- Autumn: new group appears in Bacau, north-east of Romania Building where 2 active nazis live is totally filled with antifascist graffiti and messages with expli-

cit content. Fascist teacher Grigore Oprita from Brasov is convicted to 2 years in prison for giving fascist propaganda to the kids... still he will not go to jail because the acts that he is accused of are dated before the law against fascism was changed. Resistance is going also on the punk rock site [www.miscreapunk.go.ro](http://www.miscreapunk.go.ro) Several fights went on in Timisoara with nazis (some of them only suspected nazis, because they said they are no longer...), also one fight went one at one football game between small groups of fascists and antifascists. The publication "URA" from Craiova is backed up by the new ones: "LOVE KILLS" in Craiova and "REVOLTA!" in Timisoara

- November: in Timisoara there were poster and graffiti actions and leafleting. And also the new issue of the newsletter Revolta! is dedicated to the antifascist struggle and contains several articles on fascism and it's different faces and implications.

## ANTIFASCIST RESISTANCE - ANTIFASCIST RESISTANCE



## ANTIFASCIST RESISTANCE - ANTIFASCIST RESISTANCE

## A SHORT LIST OF NAZI CONNECTED EVENTS:

- the 4 teenagers who killed a street kid under clear influence of nazi black metal bands and *Noua Dreapta (New Right)* ND fascist group are set free without any accusations after only 8 months in arrest. (...)

- In Bucharest nazis from ND join protest against war. Reformist students refuse to challenge them physically, waiting for the police to make order and forbid the fascist symbols and leaflets at the demo

- news are sent in about ND fascists in Sibiu entering in poor roma houses and beating them with the silent agreement of the local police who are happy "to see people cleaning the scum!"

- In Cluj, recently, boneheads stabbed with the knife one black person. The person choosed not to go to the police. We remind you that Cluj has a mayor from the PRM party and ethnical tension between romani-ans and hungarians sometimes goes up.

- Fascists in Timisoara try to attack antifascists on internet. They use the site alternative media for publishing their "Let's laugh with antifa" serial... the serial deals with making fun about antifascist graffiti and this childish attitude shows easily that fascists in Timisoara are in total regress because they don't even go to stick posters around and a direct confrontation with antifas is not exactly what they would want.

- In Craiova a hand of nazis try to organise a local group, but are very afraid of consequences. Antifa people are watching them closely and wait for them to move.

- A pathetic little book is written by some obscure sociology teacher about racism and anti-racism. Suggestions there are about how to put together groups for roma rights with fascist groups like ND and how many papers and pens do you need for everything to go alright!!! *The fascists are not very serious people, but have their right, and the gipsies should not be extremists and generalise the hate towards them -* says the author between the lines ...



## Clashes with nazis on the National Independent Day in Poland

11th of November is known as Polish National Independent Day. Of course like with all this kind of patriotic shows, this is perfect opportunity for all sorts of right wing scum to show their "pride" from being Polish and all connected shit. We are glad to announce that this year there were not many incidents with nazi scum around.

In Bialystok (north-east Poland) about 30 nazis gathered in the city centre. This time people from antifa admitted that they let them gather without any problems. Rare mistake, but sometimes happens. Nazi scum didn't do anything except from hanging around and trying to look dangerous ... In Torun (central Poland) about 30 nazi-skins from NOP marched through the city screaming racist and anti-semitic slogans. Manifestation was legalised and protected by police forces. Antifascist did not managed to stop the march, yet confronted fascist short after it. During clashes on the main railway station fascists got bitten. One antifascist was

arrested and is facing a court. On 22 of November in local club *Pilon* a benefit concert in connection with that case took place.

In Warsaw after "official" demonstration of right wing, about 30-40 nazis decided to attack squat *FABRYKA*. To their surprise they were warmly received by "special committee" inside. After few molotovs were thrown on nazis (although not even one exploded) nazis decided that its time to show their white pride in different part of the city and tried to run as fast as possible. Few of them got caught and they received some lectures about mistakes of racism. Unfortunately those important lessons were interrupted by cops, who detained 4 squatters and about dozen of nazis, releasing everyone without charges.

In Rzeszow (south-east Poland) few nazi clowns appeared on "official" celebrations and shouted some of their lame slogans, before departing somewhere else not to be seen anymore (we hope forever!)

## Right wings extremists on the streets and as a chairmen of public order report from Lithuania

It's frightening enough to see chairman of Lithuanian Nationaldemocrat Party (LNP) Mindaugas Murza as a chairman of Public Order Committee of Siauliai city. LNP use almost the same symbols as fascists did and declare similar pointviews. LNP have no real power in Lithuania, but M. Murza was elected to municipality of Siauliai, despite his well-known radical right views and the fact, that he was jailed for public order violation because of illegal meetings of LNP. The same person is responsible for public order in Siauliai. One of his last statements is to keep teenagers at home at night. Besides all the other aspects of personal freedom violation, it has straight connection with local DIY scene. Local centre called "*Bendradarbei*" ("Associates") is quite active recently and building up a base for local movement. If Murza's proposal get into law, late night events at "*Bendradarbei*" will face serious troubles for public order violation. One more idea of M. Murza is to bring back compulsory morning physical exercises in schools as it

used to be in Soviet times. Luckily, it seems both proposals were rejected, but Siauliai still has fascist oriented man in power.

Lithuanian public television with Centre of Civil Initiatives broadcasted a programme titled "Skinheads in Lithuania". There was discussion about boneheads movements, how to solve the problem in a family. Positive thing, that skinheads were shown as dangerous movement and as a problem in general. So-called passive and innocent racist/national views (for example towards Lithuanian/alien marriage in a countryside) are quite common among regular Lithuanians and programmes like this are really useful and educational. Meanwhile there are regular music festivals called "For the country" and like this, where under cover of patriotism, nazi bands are playing and zieg-hailings are heard. Though the most dangerous places are football stadiums and few pubs in Vilnius, sometimes you can face few aggressive bald-heads anywhere.

## ANTIFASCIST RESISTANCE - ANTIFASCIST RESISTANCE

## IT'S ALL THE SAME SHIT

### ELECTIONS IN CROATIA

#### 23 OF NOVEMBER 2003

The first unofficial scores of elections showed the great victory of HDZ (Croatian Democracy Party), and just after them, SDP (Social-democrat Party), which was the leading party before the elections. Other parties had great difference in percent in compare with those two the biggest. Just after that, people started to talk about block-policy, about how Croatian policy is divided on left and right wing, and off course, about convincing victory of rightists. I think that this classification is not really based upon facts, considering that politicians who are sitting today in Parliament, are the same ones who were solving questions about minorities through ethnic cleanings, camps, and even bloody conquer war in Bosnia. Beside that, other facts, like the one that the last coalition government with SDP on the head, accepted a program for building the big gathering center for immigrants, which Europe put on waiting outside the walls of fortress Europe. Now I'm asking can we talk here about social and left policy of ex-coalition government? And what is HDZ, as leading party of the right center, doing in the same time? They do not agree with the policy of cooperation with the Court of war in Den Haag, then they're resisting to policy of taking care for people of Serbian nationality, who are coming back in Croatia, they want dynamic and severe policy with Slovenia, considering Piran bay and borders. And in last couple days before the elections, leading face of HDZ is asking Serbs to come back, then talk how it is normal to expect cooperation with tribunal of Den Haag, because, it's showing the democracy of Croatian society, and beside that, HDZ excepted that cooperation as a leading party in Croatia after the war. And finally, on demand and under the pressure of EU, he disciplined his party, and also more radical rightists, like HSP (Croatian Party of Justice), since they were always both for coalition. As a conclusion, we could say that both blocks are flexible toward instructions coming from EU, and that they'll do anything to satisfy cooperation at all levels,

and so on that way, to get closer to Europe itself, and also to NATO. That means to keep credits coming, cause don't forget it, they're the only source of money suitable for robbery considering devastated economy in Croatia. And for that condition both leftists and rightists are to blame, so there could be no revanshim between parties, cause they're covering each other in robbery. Eventually, conflict could be expected on the level of mafia, which can't be reflected in negative context on people in Croatia. This is why the best name for all of them together is national-capitalists, with the accent on this second part. All in all, Croatian policy put down on two clans, who, under the curtain of national interests, are putting through their own interests, and not the social policy. That's why I can't see the difference between the government with SDP on the head, and the one who will HDZ create as winners on these elections. We can't exclude as a possibility that parties, which were in so-called left block, could make a coalition with HDZ, on its demand, and also we shouldn't be wondering if the greatest parties, HDZ and SDP, make a coalition. Here, politicians will dance, as Europe wants them to dance, as long as money will be coming from European banks. In other words, people will stay on the side, but put on the first place when it comes to take their voice on the elections. But people after all, recognized the real fascist and robber policy in Tudjman junior and Pashalic, who didn't have enough points to pass the line (by the way, Pashalic was Tudjman's right hand in the war years in Croatia, and later he was, together with Tudjman junior, supervising the secret services, which were used exclusively to disable all those who were against the regime on power.) Anyway, extreme rightists collapsed completely. The new party on political scene was also Party of pensioners, who realized that none would take care for them if they don't. They're also in Parliament. Now we're coming to 20% of failed voices, which means one fifth of people

who haven't give their voice to the "left" nor the "right" side, cause none of those two sides offers concrete solutions for problems such as over-crowded kindergartens, not to mention much bigger problems. That's a good sign that there's a quite amount of people who are aware of the situation, and they do not see the solution in programs and democracy, which comes from changeable parties. And on the end, we're coming to our, anarchist part in all of this. Everything indicates that there's critical mass of people that are fed up with repression, but how to organize and gather people in this imperialism as a last stadium of capitalism? How to take responsibility to carry it out together with people, when it seems to me that the most people are walking into opportunism, or simply stand a side? Anarchist movement is working on direct action, but is not able to pass from direct action to direct democracy, because people rather choose someone, cause it's easier to blame someone else, then to admit to itself, yes, I'm wrong. To change something from the bottom, we must pass hard and thorny way.

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#### ANTI-ELECTION NOISE

##### ONE DAY OF VOTING -

##### FOUR YEARS OF SILENCE

##### The 22nd of November, 2003

*"State's organization, which was always the force in which minority found it's shelter, reestablished and organized it's power over the masses, can not be the force by whom these privileges will be destroyed!" P.A. Kropotkin*

#### ZAGREB

On a pre-election silence day, on one of the main city squares, we made a happening in which, through the performance, Food Not Bombs, and info desk was given criticism of the following elections, and generally on that kind of democracy. Elections are opening new horizons for attack on the state, and for agitation itself. We used that, off course, but in educational way. We pointed out that voting doesn't bring any changes, because all politicians are the same shit, who wants authority and power only! With your vote, you are giving them power, and they are putting through the interest of rich elite! Basically, nothing new, but certainly worth of repeating. People really doubted weather to go to vote, and cross the voting list, or not to vote at all. Both ways give the

system a space to function, off course if it doesn't go to the extreme amount. Anyway, action lasted for two hours and for a change there wasn't any arrests, evidently because it was too sensitive day for that kind of interventions. It's important to point out that "Food not bombs" was given away till the last portion just in one hour, which only shows the social state of people in Croatia. Beside that, many people reacted positively on our story and on literature offered on info desk. Great amount of people wanted to make a contact, some wanted to join to our work, or come to some lectures, and some even asked for help. But there is our lack of efficiency on which, maybe too slow, but for sure is working young and perspective anarchist movement.

#### ZADAR

During the week before parliamentary elections in Croatia, Zadar Anarchist Front organized small anti - election actions and propaganda. During these days we were distributing anti - electoral leaflets called "Don't vote - organise!" where we were trying to explain citizens some important fact about parliamentary elections - irony of electoral policy, of "right" to say our opinion every four years etc. But we also tried to explain, and that is of biggest importance for me, them what we see as alternative to this system - Direct Action, Direct Democracy, Solidarity, Mutual Aid and Workers Control and we explain all of this principles in the shorrest words. During the nights we were putting leaflets in the post boxes all around the town.

One day before elections - on "the day of silence" we organized, together with one feminist group and two "alternative" NGOs, first "Take it or Leave - it" fair where we exchanged goods (clothes, shoes, toy, books etc...) with our citizens. Unfortunately, the rest of organizations rejected us when we tried to put some of anti - electoral posters screaming shits like "this is non - political fair". So we put posters on our desk, where "Food Not Bombs" group served free vegetarian food.

In the "night of silence" we were putting anti - electoral posters with sarcastic meaning - where you have empty face of politician (who ever you like to choose) who is saying that he will obey you, exploit you and continue to serve rich classes. The politician from poster is president of party called "UNITED COLORS OF POLITICANS" - who assemble all politician of the world. We stucked posters all over the centre of the town and we even founded some of the Voting Places and stucked it walls with posters. Unfortunately, biggest right - wing party won - pro American party, so what we can expect in next future is struggle with core neoliberal/fascist policy.

reports by Sunxana & Mate



**"From the two sides of the conflict anarchist, as they have used to, chose the third - side of the suffering people ..."**  
**An unhappy anniversary of the bloody October events in Moscow 1993**

A decade has passed since the bloody October events in Moscow 1993. Events, which some (such as Zyuganov, Glazev and Anpilov) call "Yeltsin coup", and others (such as Chubais and Gaidar) call "attempt of a red-brown punch". And both sides have much right in these definitions. During those days, when these two enraged branches of power, who felt the living space provided for them by the constitution too narrow and decided to set their records straight in the middle of Moscow by shooting each other with attack rifles and tanks, from the two sides of the conflict anarchist, as they have used to, chose the third - side of the suffering people.

Anarchists and other left-wing radicals set up a first-aid brigade named after Maximilian Voloshin, to commemorate a great poet, close to anarchism, who during civil war chose an independent humanitarian position, and helped all persecuted people. This first-aid brigade was active in barricades of the Smolensk square 2nd of October 1993, during withdrawal of the blockade around White house 3rd of October, during assault against mayor's office, during battle of Ostankino and still during 5th of October during massive repressions and executions by winners, who were drunken from blood.

We helped everybody - peaceful demonstrators, defenders of the White house (although these were defending different things: some "Holy Russia", some "democracy and legality", some "Soviet Union"), and even cops. We did not had much of experience, only few drugs and professional medicines, we were around twenty anarchists and left-wing radicals under gunfire, giving first aid to wounded and carrying to cars corpses of those who did not need any help anymore.

We could not defend barricades of

the likes of Barkashov and Anpilov, since they were not our barricades. But we either could together with Yeltsinite oprichniks to crush heads of people with batons and shell White house from tanks. But we could not stay ignorant during the events. On those days Moscow organisation of **Conference of Anarcho-Syndicalists (KAS)** made a leaflet, calling every participant of the conflict not to sacrifice their lives for selfish interests of the politicians. When anarchists were distributing these leaflets around city council, around which Gaidar had invited thousands of Yeltsin supporters (already drunken from happiness of the victory), our comrades were almost beaten up. This was while other anarchists were participating to the first aid brigade named after Maksimilian Voloshin.

So, no matter how bitterly we remember the events 10 years ago and hundreds of killed people, there is nothing we should be ashamed of. One anarchist, who then happened to be in the very center of the events, who managed to stab a nazi while on barricades around White house, was twice arrested and only due to good luck escaped execution, will soon publish an autobiographical book dealing with those events (in case you are interested, contact editorial collective of *Autonom or A-Distro*).

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2nd of October this year we, veterans of the M. Voloshin first aid brigade (participants of which were anarchists, members of Democratical Union DS, narodniks and human rights activists from Memorial), gathered to commemorate this unhappy birthday. Among many greetings said in this meeting was also the following: "I hope to live to see the day when I will build the barricade which I would not be ashamed of to defend". Pavel Sentyabrski

**Moscow the city with the biggest deportation capacity in Europe ?**

Besides existing 3 detention centres, Moscow authorities plan to set up 3 new detention centres with capacity of 500 places each until end of the year. This would bring detention capacity of Moscow to 6 centres with capacity of 3000 persons altogether. These centres will be placed in former homeless shelters (I suppose they just kicked homeless to streets). Since traditionally in Russia jails are packed with 3 times more people than there are capacity, I suppose this means like 10 000 detention places in Moscow altogether. Detention centres will be maintained from the city budget. Since April of this year 1104 persons altogether have been jailed in existing centres. Some of the deportations have been financed by relatives (I wonder how cops managed to squeeze money out from them), some by employers, some from the federal budget. Another hilarious thing is that there is no any existing law on administration of these centres, government optimistically supposes that such a law will be passed "soon". Unexistence of the law has not bothered functioning of the existing centres. Until now illegal immigrants have been often held in SIZO's (meant for prisoners on

remand), sometimes months or years, these are of course overpacked and horrible, but because of the lack of capacity many illegal immigrants have just been let go. And in first place at least until now only unlucky ones without any money get caught, standard bribe to a cop asking your documents is 100 roubles (3 euros).

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Then a bit old news... 12th of May this year there was a fire in elite housing construction site of "Don-stroy" corporation. According to official information around 10 construction workers died, but there is some testimony that real number of deaths is around 70, all reported victims have Russian names but there is testimony that vast majority of the workers were illegal gastarbeiters from Ukraine and Tadzhikistan, these remaining 60 corpses just "disappeared" and no-one will never know how many really died. Russian mainstream press was mostly silent about this event.

This two news prove, that issue of illegal immigration is as actual in Moscow as in any West-European country. Maybe Moscow is now the city with the biggest deportation capacity in Europe? A.R.

**"Anarchy is the Mother of Order" - Proudhon's saying should not be treated as a joke"**  
**story from Black Guard Camp in Donetsk - Izyum**

Donetsk - Izyum, August 2003

**My summer trip to the Black Guard Camp**

Many people know Proudhon's famous phrase "Anarchy is the Mother of Order" but, unfortunately, after a long time of being twisted in the public consciousness, almost everybody has a bad association with anarchy, considering it to be chaos and anarchists to be a drunken mob. In August I was at a camp organized by (RKAS) the Revolutionary Confederation of Anarcho-Syndicalists Makhno from Donetsk. At first there was the travel from Donetsk to Izyum to Diborovo to Belaya Gorka (a remote place on a riverbank). The travel went down without any adventures but a week before this, it had rained for almost a

week and there were lots of puddles and flooding in the forest. In order to make it through the forest, you sometimes had to go through this muck which could come up to your knees or sometimes even up to your waist. In addition, our group of 23 was carrying quite a load - besides tents and personal belongings, we had to lug provisions for 2 weeks. The weather was unpredictable - it rained and cleared up only to pour down again. We had to send reconnaissance ahead to find the best trails and at one time it poured for two days straight. Nobody had any dry clothes left, it was near impossible to dry anything and when people started to dry their shoes and socks by the fire, a lot of them burned. When the weather finally cleared up, the anarchist commune came to life. Despite the stereotype that anarchists

are a disorganized crowd, at the general meetings the daily agendas were set. There was a tabu on drinking and smoking and playing cards. It should be noted that everybody observed these rules.

The days looked like this: we got up at 5:30 (people on duty at 4). We had tea to wake us up and at 6 there was training with exercise, running and meditation. After breakfast there were psychotraining sessions. Later there was hand-to-hand combat and training on collective resistance at actions. During the theoretical sessions we discussed problems in the Ukraine and around the world. Everybody told something about the situation in their city or country. (There were comrades from France, Germany and Spain at the camp). There was talk on the theme of mass fascist currents and how this

problem may be solved by active work with the public, especially with youth. After dinner there were campfires and each night there was a talk on a particular subject, for example on the theory of anarchism or history. (I personally did a talk on the psychological character of Nestor Makhno). There were talks on the history of UNA - UNSO and on skinheads among many others. I should add that in addition to my great moral satisfaction, I also improved by physical condition. I have to say that anarchists do not live up to their stereotype and Proudhon's saying should not be treated as a joke. Practice shows that anarchist society is capable of building an ideal world with self-discipline, self-management and can make order!

Arkadiy Povazhnyy,  
 Sumy, Ukraine

# WORKERS' PROTESTS - POLAND

## Conference of Workers' Protests Movement in Poland

On 8 of November the Conference of Workers' Protests Movement in Poland took place in Poznan. The purpose of this gathering was to bring as many as possible of those radical workers' protest committees together, exchange information about the current situation in particular plants, compare experiences of these local struggles and to search for ways of unification and common strategy for the future. About 50 persons took part in the conference from about 15 plants as well as members of anarchist groups Anarchist Federation (FA), Workers' Initiative of FA (IP) and German guests from the anarcho-syndicalist FAU.

In spite of my expectations the whole meeting turned into mostly an informational event without enough time being left for constructive discussion and further conclusions. This was basically due to the limited quantity of time. Nevertheless, on the whole this presentation made a very positive impression on me. Firstly, most delegates, regardless of how successful or not their particular battle had been, declared readiness, will and determi-

nation for further struggle. They were also conscious of the necessity of radicalisation of its methods.

Secondly, all of them unanimously, one after another, expressed their disapproval for the politics of big Polish unions (especially "Solidarnosc" and "OPZZ") and were in favour of creating a new way of unification of the workers' movement in Poland separate from these anti-workers unionist structures. Unfortunately, not many concrete ideas were set up. It was clear that for some reasons Polish workers are still not ready to go the anarcho-syndicalist way of taking plants in their own hands through occupation, throwing out old structures and continuing work in new non-hierarchical conditions based on solidarity and common satisfaction. This is mostly because in most places the active workers' protest committees are consisting of a very small number of people. They have very large support from the rest of their colleagues so the potential is big but so far it is still not possible to take radical steps. In such a situation, developments which are continuing at the moment are not bad either. It is mostly about taking

more and more control and influence in the plants through bringing representatives of workers into decision making bodies. In particular plants these tactics create real changes within the local communities.

At the same time, anarchists from IP are preparing for the beginning of the next year to start a country-wide campaign. It will be about helping with the formation of workers' protest committees around Poland connected with educational work. This should mean in the first line to prepare workers through workshops to carry on protests and actions as effectively as possible. The new generation of workers in Poland seem to have little idea and little experience of how to do it and many very simple mistakes are made. German activists from FAU are supporting this campaign and already donated 500 euro for the preparation process. I quote here one of the FAU activists: "This money should serve as a groundwork for an educational foundation, which will help by development of education work among the Polish workers movement made by IP and 'Solidarnosc 80' (...). We,

the guests from FAU, still keep in our minds an impressive picture of the Polish syndicalist movement in the beginning of the 80's, which led a struggle in defiance and for continuation of libertarian legacy of the Polish worker's movement, without being anarchists or libertarian as such. Pure syndicalism - Polish style. It tastes great and makes one even more hungry!"

The links between various protest committees in the whole country have been tightened and the dream of growing resistance leading to a general strike and true social changes, remains alive. I see this cooperation of the German FAU directly with Polish anarcho-syndicalists and indirectly with Polish workers' protest committees as well as one of very interesting and promising results from this conference. I have heard that a more extensive report from this conference is in preparation - this one you will find in the next issue of our newspaper.

Veronica Shewali  
(AbolishingBB)

## Situation of railroads industry in Poland

The railroads are one of many industries in Poland that have either gone on strike or plan to soon. Their strike was called for end of November. They have decided to strike because of planned privatization which will lead to restructuring and job loss. The government announced that since this is not a strike about pay or working conditions but about privatization, this is a "political strike" and is therefore illegal. Workers will not only receive no pay for the duration of the strike but also may face charges for participating in an illegal strike. Railway workers were given statements to sign that they understand that their action is illegal. But this did not intimidate them.

Privatisation of the railways here has meant: fewer jobs, fewer and later services, higher fares, more accidents, more state subsidy to the private companies than the old nationalised one got. No one from either of the main political parties will defend what was done, but none of them is prepared to fix it, either. One of the reasons for the

almost (though sadly not fully) terminal decline of the Conservative party is that a substantial chunk of their natural supporters are commuters, who are reminded daily that privatisation can make things a lot worse.

We just cannot even believe that the Polish railways are "not profitable"; we're sure that some corruption is taking place which causes the financial difficulties. Further, international structural policies always seem to favour the development of highways and motorway over railways; over the last ten years, many many railway stations have been abandoned, even when there is a need for them. Finally the government took a stab at the railways unions, claiming that they cost an extra 20 million dollars a year in expenses, and of course insinuating that unions are just an expense on public finance and ultimately hamper the market from setting labour prices at a rate that would lead to job creation. In the next month or so we should see strikes in many sectors and probably even a national day of strike.

## Workers of Ozarow Cable's Factory continue their struggle - help needed

In November 2002 there were dramatic events in Ozarów's Factory of Cables, near Warsaw. First, against the law, security guards hired by the owner removed violently workers blocking gate of factory. Then by five days workers and trade unionist supporting them fought with police protecting convoys removing equipment from factory. Eventually there was an agreement signed, stating that on area of Cable Factory there was supposed to be Special Economic Zone created, new industries and new places of work. Promises, signed from one side by TeleFonika and government, from other side by Protest Committee, were never kept.

Polish Minister of Economy and Work Jerzy Hausner said on 24th September 2003 after one of talks about future of Special Economic Zone in Ozarów, stopped by guests from Kraków, that "TeleFonika is dishonest and not reliable company". Though many months of negotiations we believed that both sides wanted agreement. Now we can see that this was only cover-up of TeleFonika. Minister stated, Sacked workers of factory knew from the very beginning of protest, when B.Cupial (president of TeleFonika and football

club Wisla) handed them papers firing them from work on 23rd of May. During this time all equipment of the factory was supposed to be removed. Workers blocked gate of their company and stopped this manoeuvre.

B.Cupial reached his goal on 26th of November 2002, when security guards from Impel company protected by police attacked workers. Press revealed that: "Bogdan K., Andrzej S., Włodaw O., Janusz G., Bogusław K. and Wojciech S. being high ranking police officers in Małopolska region went on invitation of their friend, businessman Bogusław C. With airplane chartered by him to football match in Italy".

Short time later police with surprising determination together with hired security guards defends property of same businessman against workers, who had serious pretensions again him. Protest was legal, and people in front of gate, not knowing about contacts between police and B. Cupial asked cops for help. Police of helped security guards. Question is if B.Cupial will reach for same methods this time?

Workers of Ozarow Cable's Factory appeal to everyone for help. Both material and physical help is needed. Fights with police and security can start any time.



# WORKERS' PROTESTS - UKRAINE & RUSSIA

## Strike of electransport in Zaporozhe June 2003 Ukraine

A strike of electransport (tram and trolleybus) workers was called due to unpaid salaries and their low level. They suspended operation of several routes and work in the depot.

Zaporozhe is one of the largest industrial centers of Ukraine and as the industrial centers are, as a rule, located far from residential areas, the strike had a big impact on the city. An important moment in this strike was a confrontation with strikebreakers.

The strikers had blocked the main roads and in connection with this, towards the end of the strike, a few fights broke out between the strikers, the militia and the special services. This is the first time in the 12 years of strike movements in independent Ukraine that such a thing has happened.

The strike ended when all the back pay was paid and they were promised a raise effective January 1, 2004.

## Strike in Petrovski Factory in Dnipropetrovsk July 2003 Ukraine

On Metallurgists' Day, there is a tradition going back to Soviet times that grand celebrations are held in metallurgical enterprises organized by the administration and the yellow trade unions. However, at one of the industrial giants, the Petrovski Factory (with about 10,000 workers) things went a little differently than the bosses had planned. A representative of the workers from 3 shops delivered an ultimatum: either pay up back salaries due after freezing them for six months in 2001 or a strike would start as of July 1.

In the days before the deadline, the administration used all possible forms of pressure on the workers from threatening to fire workers' activists to paying out only one month of the back salary. As a result of these tactics, on July 1, only one shop went out on strike in full and only one other shift from the second shop. The strike lasted nearly 3 weeks and the workers' demands were not met.

The failure of the strike was due to a total information blockade, the failure to spread the strike to the other shops and having no union organization.

## Strike in Experienced Pipe Factory in Dnipropetrovsk August 2003 Ukraine

At the beginning of the month the workers of the Experienced Pipe Factory (Opytny Trugnovy Zavod) tried again to institute an 8 hour working day. In spite of the Labour Code, the workers are forced to work 12 hours, 6 days a week at OTZ (like at many other enterprises in Ukraine). Like a year ago, the workers tried to solve this their own way by working only 8 hours and referring to the Labour Code and saying that there have been no written instructions from state authorities that the Labour Code has been suspended on the territory of the factory. Formally, only one shift from 3 shops participated in this action but in reality, all the factory had to readjust the shifts so everyone lost those 4 extra hours of work.

The workers had to return to the normal twelve hour regime after the bosses threatened to fire all protestors. The organizer of the strike received a disciplinary warning and in September 2003, exactly a month later, received a second warning with the made-up pretext that he read the paper at his work place. After the two disciplinary warnings, in full accordance with the Labour Code, they were able to fire him.

## Siberian airlines against unions SIBERIA AIRLINES Russia

This company doesn't like trade-unions. In Novosibirsk, where it is based, the management closed the office of the trade-union of pilots, seized its computers and dismissed the chairman. In protest members of the trade-union went on a hunger strike and on the 5th of September pickets were staged at offices of the company in various Russian cities.

In Omsk members and friends of the *Sibirskaya Konfederatsiya Truda SKT* held a picket of an hour holding flags of the SKT and of the trade-union of air-traffic controllers and several posters. When they wanted to use a megaphone a plain clothes told them that the use of a megaphone was not permitted. So, they made protest noise using strings of soft drink tins, against which Russia doesn't have a law yet. The management ignored the picket but office workers came out one by one to get a copy of the leaflet the picketers distributed.

*"The management of Siberia Airlines has started harassing the independent trade-union of pilots because they take the company to court in case of serious problems and refuse to join the trade-union supported by the company. The management have sealed the office of the trade-union and seized its office equipment with the documentation of the trade-union, the trade-union bookkeeper and lawyer are no longer let into the company premises, the chairman of the trade-union, a second pilot, was at first no longer scheduled and then dismissed for absence, on a day when he was doing trade-union work of which he had advised the management two weeks in advance as is stipulated in the collective labour agreement. At a picket at the head office on 28th August a speaker for the company said the trade-union office had been closed to give the trade-union better spaces and the office equipment seized to give the trade-union better equipment. Meanwhile the management puts pressure on more members of the trade-union. The dismissed chairman has taken his case to court and has started a hunger strike. Protest actions took also place at other offices of the company in Russia and Germany.*

*[the latter organised by members of the German Freie Arbeiter Union FAU]. (e-mail Sibirskaya Konfederatsiya Truda, Omsk, 9.9.2003)*

# WORKERS' PROTESTS - UKRAINE & RUSSIA

7th of November is day of remembrance of the October "revolution". After collapse of the Soviet Union, official name of the date was changed to contentless "Day of pacification and agreement", since cancelling a general holiday would have angered people. In many cities bolsheviks organise mass meetings, 7th of November is their thirdmost important celebration after the first of May, and victory day 9th of May, and 7th of November is the most politically controversial of them, in has a specific "bolshevik", not a popular character. For vast majority of their supporters these three are only reasons to get to streets. Official yellow trade-unions and governing "United Russia" party organise meetings as well in order to create popular image.

Anarchist attitude to October putch, and thus to 7th of November is anything but uncontroversial. In some cities anarchists go happily to queue with bolsheviks to celebrate their common assault against provisional government 86 years ago, forgetting what happened just 5 months later. In some other cities anarchists just use celebration as a unique opportunity to leaflet critical citizens, and in some cities anarchist stay far from these pathetic and demoralizing actions.

This year anarchists in Moscow decided to give a completely new context for 7th of November - for coincidence it happens to be also birthday of Nestor Ivanovich Makhno! Nestor Ivanovich was born 26th of October 1888, although later on his parents announced false date 27th of October 1889 in order to avoid draft (later on this fraud saved his life, because he was too young to be executed). Tsarist Russia followed old Yulian calendar, where 26th of October 1888 corresponds with 7th of November 1888 of Gregorian calendar, approved in Russia after October putch (this is also reason why October "revolution" is celebrated in November). Since long 3-day weekend from 7th to 9th of November was an opportunity to organise actions not to be missed, Moscow anarchists used 115th birthday of Makhno in order to avoid any positive judgement of the October putch. We'll see, if this approach is approved in other Russian cities in upcoming years. In many other cities anarchists organised actions connected to 7th of November ...

## Remembrance day of the October-revolution ... day of pacification and agreement ... or birthday of Nestor Ivanovich Makhno? Anarchist actions connected to 7th of November Russia

### KALININGRAD

7th of November was a day of political circus in Kaliningrad, all flavours of authoritarians, in another side KPRF and other self-declared "communists", in another side United Russia were fighting for spheres of influence. First calling day "a day of Great October Revolution", second "a day of pacification and agreement". Anarchists decided not to make peace or agree with either of them, but to make their own show instead.

First anarchists appeared in communist meeting, raising black, red and black diagonal flags and banner "People before profits". Both communists and cops tried to harass anarchists, but they managed to set up their own bloc of some 30-40 persons in the demonstration. March went from hotel Kaliningrad to victory square, during march anarchists shouted "smash bourgeoisie!", and "kick fascists out from Kremlin!". Nazis marching in front of anarchists shouted "Kaliningrad is a Russian city", but anarchists shouted "Kaliningrad is a city for everyone" louder. In square anarchists gave a shame present to journalist Mark Kibanov from bourgeois paper "Noye kolese", who had libeled anarchists. After giving the shame price anarchists decided not to listen bullshit speech any further, and they moved on to fountain next to Schiller monument, close to meeting place of "United Russia". Anarchists moved to center of the fountain (which is not working during season), and set up their counter-meeting with revolutionary shouts. From here anarchists moved to Kant statue, where they set up an acoustic concert playing reggae, early Grazhdanskaya Oborona and Bashlachev. Concert was closed around 5 PM, there was no problems from the side of nazis or cops, since all right-wing forces were concentrated to Victory square around the pompous show of United Russia. (Translated and edited from report by Patsifist)

### KAZAN

Anarchists distributed paper of Russian-Chechenyan friendship association in bolshevik meeting, which gathered 800 people. United Russia gathered 100 persons, exclusively party bureaucrats and trade school students who were forced to attend by school leadership. Party

leadership was heard yelling orders "to send quickly 50 more persons" to mobile phone. (Translated and edited from report by AKA)

### KRASNODAR

Only 11 anarchists came to demonstration, Krasnodar scene has recently suffered seriously from repression. Anarchist decided to join the general demonstration, which in Krasnodar was even more post-modernist than in other cities, here ruling elite was cooperating with "communists", organising march and meeting without any obvious political content... Anarchist marched together with workers of the compressor factory, who were forced to attend the demonstration by pro-government administration of the factory. Anarchists raised banner "Autonomous Action", "We negate negation" and some red and black diagonal flags. Anarchist scanned "Not to fascism, not to war!", "Against power of transnationals!", "Peace to world, flush Putin!" and sang Warshavyanka. Workers of the compressor factory were booing vodka and laughing to other participants, such as cops and bolsheviks. Some workers showed some minor interest to anarchists, one felt offended when anarchist refused vodka offered by him, anarchists declared that they do not booze during actions.

Anarchists met some nazi-skinheads, this time physical force was not necessary in order to underline anti-fascist lecture. Anarchist marched whole Krasnaya street without any problems, it was decided not to attend the general meeting but to have some beer instead. Not a big success, but anyway anarchists succeeded to show that they won't give up, no matter the pressure of cops and FSB! In the evening, some unknown group of anarchist anti-

fascists raided a fascist center, but did not found anyone to beat up. Better luck next time! (Translated and edited from a report by Asmodey)

### MOSCOW

Anarchists from Autonomous Action and Rainbow Keepers together with independent anarchists and supporters of Radical Union of Artists organised a three-day festival to celebrate 115th birthday of Nestor Makhno. Although attempt to organise a concert failed, festival altogether was biggest single success of anarchists in Moscow during many years.

In the morning of 7th November anarchists were distributing leaflets and literature in the "communist" meeting. Festival itself was launched 2 PM with opening of anti-sexist exhibition in the Jerry Rubin club in Lenin street, where all festival events of the first day were organised. Corridor of the center was saturated with real and hypothetical sexist employment advertisement ("Looking for waitress... salary will be dependent from the size of your positive qualities"), together with various banners selling products with help of women's bodies. But among all those female tits and butts also appeared advertisement using men's bodies as an attraction and sexual object, due to rarity of such phenomena organisers of the exhibition could not recycle existing advertisement but to make their own. Male "top-models" were used to sell flowers, tights, perfumes and bakery products among others. For some reason many male guests of the exhibition did not liked all this male beauty. In their manifest, authors of the exhibition write: "Gender discrimination is not women's trouble only... it is problem of the society, where everyone is suppressed and humiliated. And if for you sexism is





## Murmansk



nothing but imagination of the feminists, and has no any relation with you, you probably just do not figure out some things... bloke."

After opening of the exhibition, a press-conference with title "Modern anarchist movement" was organised. Press did not appear yet, but who cares, there were plenty of interested people from outside the movement. In press conference activists of the anarchist movement told about current campaigns. Most attention was given to Azov campaign, where local inhabitants supported by Autonomous Action and Rainbow Keepers managed to halt construction of a terminal meant for export of methane this summer. Currently "Azovproduct" and Italian transnational Triboldi are trying to continue the construction, so campaign has to be continued. Short video about summer protest actions was shown. Other anarchist projects presented was fight against black hundred "Holy Russia" party in Moscow suburb of Zhukovsky, Russian Indymedia and several anarchist publications.

After press-conference, there was a discussion with theme "Ideas of Nestor Makhno today". Some guests were sceptical with personality of Makhno, where anarchists present appreciated Makhnovist experiment on the self-governance of the Ukrainian peasantry in conditions of a civil war. After discussion, Ukrainian video "World is not for sale" about Prague protests of 2000, and another video by Undercurrents collective were shown. Anarchist literature stall was met with unforeseen demand during the meeting. Currently there are at least 12 regular anarchist periodicals in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, and two anti-authoritarian feminist ones. Recently published interesting books include translation of "The joy of revolution" by American anthropologist of the Situationist movement Ken

Knabb. Around 60 persons participated to events during first day of the festival.

In evening of the 7th of November an anonymous group of anarchist anti-fascists attacked the headquarters of the National-Bolshevik Party in Luzhnyki. What could be better way to celebrate birthday of Nestor Ivanovich than some good bolshevik-bashing! Red-brown scum hanging in the headquarters received some well deserved punches and kicks, and were knocked down faster than you may spell "left unity". Unfortunately tactical retreat was not completely successful, one anarchist was caught by fascists, taken to HQ and beaten there while nazbols attempted to get some information from him. But we'll be back!

Event of the second day of the festival, 8th of November was a non-legalised march along the busy shopping street Arbat, which is one of the most popular tourist attractions of Moscow, and usually quite tightly secured by police. Theme of the demonstration was "Reclaim the city", the following are extracts from the press-release:

"... Arbat such as most of the Moscow centre has been recently transformed from a popular hang-around to mix of expensive bourgeois restaurants and shops. For those who do not belong to elite these places are closed, some of them filtrate 'undesirable elements' in the door, in others there is nothing else to do that have a glance to their super-expensive offers..."

"Our city is not ours anymore, it is separated between closed zones, a ghetto archipelago. Those who have something to loose, exclude themselves from the others with fences, security guards and electronic surveillance. Yards become closed to trespassers, fences appear around prestigious premises, green spots are occupied by parking places and shopping centres. If you have not money, you

are not necessary to no-one..."

"But we do not want to have 'respectable outlook', we do not want to spend all our days to earning money, in order to at least once a week afford to be a human being in the center of all this commercialized existence. We want to be alive every day, creatively, in a city which loves us. We want to write to walls, sing and gather with groups 'bigger than 3 persons'..."

The logistical operation of anarchists in prior to demonstration, which included 5 separate meeting points, including publicly advertised separately from the one for people known to us, and a separate meeting with journalists managed to overperform police intelligence. Some 60 participants of the demonstration appeared in the beginning of the Arbat street only in the very last minute, and march was quickly started. Demonstrators raised banner of Rainbow Keepers and huge 6-meter banner "Death to state and capital" and banners "Rainbow Keepers" and "Against power and capital" and moved on Arbat towards Smolenskaya scanning:

"Trash all generals!"  
"Russia without fascists,  
Moscow without  
Barkashovists!"  
"Down with FSB!"  
"We do not want to pay  
communal services  
with our crap salaries!"  
"No Justice, no peace,  
fuck the police!"  
"Shame to FSB!"

"We wish to whole military HQ a quickly date with Hattab" (Hattab was a wahhabist leader of Chechen resistance murdered by federals last year).

"Our enemy  
is not in Chechnya,  
our enemy is in Kremlin!"  
"Raise black flag higher,  
the state is our main enemy!"

Demonstration finished Arbat street in 30 minutes and turned to right towards Smolensk square, after which a decision to disperse was made in order to avoid arrests. Unfortunately some 9 persons dispersed too slowly, and were arrested - besides them also the whole legal support group, consisting of one person, was arrested while monitoring the arrests! Arrested were threatened and shouted in the station, but let free the same day, with exception of one anarchist from Volgograd who was only 15 years old, and due to official regulations should have been sent to juvenile prison waiting to

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Two ex-squatters  
from DeCentrum  
sentenced!

Roman and Cimek are two activists connected with DeCentrum squat in Bialystok. At the end of November they were sentenced to 1 year of prison suspended for 2 years probation time, plus 90 zlotys fine (20 euro) and costs of trial (50 euro more probably). They were charged with unlawful breaking and attempt of robbery. Their supposed "target" was police transmitting station placed near the squat. Trial was set up from the beginning, judge never let defenders finish their sentences and listened gladly to cop's version.

Solidarity Action for  
Thessaloniki Prisoners  
and for eco-prisoner  
Marco Camenisch  
Istanbul - Turkey

On 16th of November 2003 in Istanbul some ELP volunteers, hang 2 banner on a bridge in the name of supporting Thessaloniki prisoners on hunger strike and Swiss eco-prisoner Marco Camenisch... On the banners there are written "Free Thessaloniki prisoners" and "Free Eco-Prisoner Marco Camenisch - Destroy Prisons! ELP"... After the action ELP volunteers stated that they'll support and be in solidarity with the prisoners/activists who are were active in the defence and liberation of earth and its residents and everyone who are interested in the liberation of earth and its residents should support and spread the solidarity for prisoners... We share their feelings and desires of freedom.

"Prison is a weapon  
used by the State  
to crush individuals  
who step out of line"  
Michael Collins - former  
Mayday 2000 prisoner

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deportation to his home city, in which he has no relatives with whom he is connected. Solidarity picket was waiting until release of the last from the 9 other prisoners the same evening 0.30 AM, fortunately cops let the juvenile arrestee go the next Monday two days after, maybe due to pressure from outside.

Sunday program consisted only of the discussion on self-governance, which was part of the weekly "Bespartshkola" series of lectures and discussions by Moscow anarchists. This event did not anymore gained such a popularity as events of the previous days, maybe due to exhaustion. (translated and edited from reports by Olga Mirysova and Ukrop)

## MURMANSK

Already in the beginning of the action police confiscated placate "I want to live", where only letters H, U and I ("cock") were coloured. 15-20 anarchists marched behind KPRF march, "communists" threatened with arrest in case placate "Lenin was uncle of Putin" would not be hid. There were plenty of cameras, all those of cops or FSB's, media was completely silent about the protest. During march, anarchists yelled "KPRF is filth!" and other slogans. When Komsomol was shouting "Lenin, Party, Komsomol!", anarchists shouted "fuck it all!". Anarchists had two orange flags with encircled A, one black flag with red sabocat, only placate which did not get censored by hostile forces stated "we demand higher standards of boredom". For some reason this one really irritated KPRF. During meeting, anarchists sold Autonome and other publications. When three anarchists left meeting, cops immediately caught them, confiscating flag and wrote down personal details. Fortunately they had not a car nearby, so anarchists managed to escape arrest. (Translated and edited from report by Autonomous Action of Murmansk)

## NIZHNI NOVGOROD

This year anarchists gathered some 15-20 persons. They decided not to participate to march of bolshevik pensioners towards Lenin square, memories of shouts of last year such as "Stalin will return from the grave" and "Real communist is not freemason, not a Zionist" were too fresh. However anarchists from Autonomous Action decided to go distributing their fresh paper "Situation" to meeting, raising 4 red and black diagonal flags when they approached the square. But they

were stopped by plain clothes cops and OMON. After heated discussion police let anarchists to square without flags, but in square anarchists were assaulted by OMON, who were confiscating sticks and arresting one person. All other young people were cleaned from the square as well, seems like in Nizhni Novgorod participating to communist meeting is now banned for young people, since political elite wants to show opposition as deranged elderly people only. (translated and edited from report by Autonomous Action of N.N.)

## ROSTOV-NA-DONU

7th of November anarchists from Rostov-na-Donu with guests from Krasnodar and Novorossisk went to demonstration of KPRF. Anarchists raised two red and black diagonal flags, and banner of Autonomous Action. Anarchist press was sold, and an interview was given to one local television channel.

8th of November anarchists organised a non-legalised picket in the center of city with red and black diagonal flags in order to commemorate 115th anniversary of Nestor Makhno. When picked had lasted one hour, some person asking for permission to have a picket appeared, he showed some unclear identification and demanded from anarchists to roll their flags. He was almost beaten up, after which he called cops. Two anarchists were arrested, but they did not faced any legal consequences. (translated and edited from report by Neponyatiy)

## SAINT PETERSBURG

Altogether several thousands of people participated to demonstrations. Two demonstrations moved on Nevsky street, first the "red" one, moving from Oktyabrskiy concert hall to Palace square, after "reds" mix of Putinist "bears", Mironovists, Seleznevists, yellow trade unions and other scum, having their meeting in Isakievsk square.

After stalinist RKR had asked cops to stop "all provocations" during march, police officer Mezhevich had announced to "pick up all anarchists". However Saint-Petersburg League of Anarchists

decided to participate to general demonstration, due to sorry experience from attempt to have a separate march last 1st of May. Anarchists distributed a call for "Revolutionary internationalist block" with some other leftists. Altogether this block consisted of some 70 persons in the "red" demonstration of some 5000 persons. Some two thirds of this block were anarchists with black and red and black diagonal flags, and banners "all states are concentration camps" and "long live revolutionary self-governance". Anarchists shouted:

"Anarchy is mother of order!"

"Ungovernance!"

"Anarchy!"

"No any power to anyone!"

"Destroy all power!"

"Fascism won't trespass!"

"Death to fascism!"

"Irak, Palestine, Chechnya!"

"Get to streets, reclaim the city!"

"Revolution!"

"Free political prisoners!" and

"Down with cops!"

In contrary to their promises, police did not attempted to stop internationalist demonstration, but they filmed it to videotape. In

Palace square anarchists formed their own group with some 40-50 persons. There was more demand for anarchist literature than ever during last 11 years. During day anarchists distributed some 2000 leaflets. After meeting anarchists organised a weekly meeting in Vasilev island in a cafe, occupation of which had blessing of it's elderly clerk who had invited anarchists.

9th of November, to commemorate international day against racism and xenophobia, a demonstration was called by "Punk-revival" (organisation of anti-fascist punks) and members of Saint-Petersburg League of Anarchists, demonstration was joined by members of Autonomous Action and one liberal with tricolor flag of Russia (!). Demonstration was announced to city government, but they did not legalized it. Some 30 people marched from BKZ by Nevsky street to Konyushennaya street, where a weekly picket against war in Chechnya has been organised during 4 years with participation of anarchists. Demonstrators raised banners "Death to fascism" and

"Nationalism won't trespass", and scanned slogans "Anarchism is mother of order!", "Fascism won't trespass!" and others. Police did not interfered with the demonstration during the march, obviously they were caught with surprise. Anti-war picket after demonstration lasted two hours, with overall participation of some 50 persons which is several times more than the usual. (Translated and edited from reports by R-17 and Makhno)

## YAROSLAVL

In Yaroslavl anarchists organised a common demonstration and meeting with KRI and Revolutionary Alternative, which gathered altogether some 30 persons and several friendly and hostile observers. Although action was not a big one, local anarchists judge it as most successful organised in Yaroslavl lately. March started 12 o'clock in a busy Kirov shopping street. Participants raised red and black flags, 2-meter symbolical guillotine and sizeable banners "Time to destroy!", "Shame on stalinism" and "Death to bureaucrats". Plenty of fascists from National Bolshevik Party which has a relatively sizeable organisation in Yaroslavl came to meeting, surrounding anarchists and verbally abusing them. Demonstration moved to direction of the Volkov square, shouting "Death to fascism", "No other saviour than class war!", "Let us break the bars, our demand is free labour!", "Electorate take up arms!" and so on. In Volkov square local militants and guest speakers from Moscow anarcho-syndicalists spoke, attacking stalinists. United Russia party, gathering in neighbouring square was verbally attacked by I. Ovsyannikov from Autonomous Action. Andrei Stuzhev, one of the most talented poets of Yaroslavl shouted out some revolutionary rhymes. Event was also attended by anarchists from Tver. Unfortunately during meeting megafon declared a strike, and meeting had to be closed before planned time with singing of International.

Nazbols kept observing event, and when meeting was finished 7 of them assaulted some of the participants in the vicinity. Anarchists took a successful stance, but also suffered some casualties. This episode however did not spoiled the celebration, which continued in informal atmosphere. Local anarchists saw support of anarchists from neighbouring cities as the most encouraging detail of the action. (Translated and edited from report by I. Ovsyannikov)

# COMMUNITIES IN STRUGGLE

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

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AFA (Antifascist Action) - Minsk; [restless81@mail.com](mailto:restless81@mail.com)

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

<http://kompaktor.narod.ru>

ANTYFA - antifascist group; [antyfa@mail.ru](mailto:antyfa@mail.ru)

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

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"Ataka" - anarchist newspaper; [ataka@tut.by](mailto:ataka@tut.by)

BAF/ Belarusian Anarchy Front -;

[baff@list.ru](mailto:baff@list.ru)

Belarusian Linux Community -

[www.linux.hitech.by](http://www.linux.hitech.by)

"Ecoresist" - anarcho-ecological group; [ecocaction@tut.by](mailto:ecocaction@tut.by)

FAB / Federation of Belarusian Anarchist -

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"Free Theatre" - anarchist theatre from city of

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Initiatives "Together" - 230005 Belarus; Grodno

P.O. Box 237; [kds-razam@tut.by](mailto:kds-razam@tut.by);

[www.razam.by.ru](http://www.razam.by.ru)

"Navinki" - satirical anarchist weekly newspa-

per; Minsk; [kampramat@tut.by](mailto:kampramat@tut.by)

"Rebellious girls" - anti-sexist initiative in

Minsk; [rebelgirls@mail.ru](mailto:rebelgirls@mail.ru)

[www.anarchisthistory.boom.ru](http://www.anarchisthistory.boom.ru) - history of anar-

chy in Belarus

[www.37screw.org](http://www.37screw.org) - d.i.y. political punk \ hard-

core culture of Belarus

### Bulgaria

"Anarho Sprotiva" (Anarchist Resistance) -

newspaper; <http://resistance.hit.bg>

"Chlyab i svoboda" (Bread and freedom) -

newspaper / discussion forum;

<http://savanne.ch/svoboda>;

[svoboda@bulgaria.com](mailto:svoboda@bulgaria.com)

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

[anarchy@bulgaria.com](mailto:anarchy@bulgaria.com)

[www.stand.at/struggle](http://www.stand.at/struggle) - anarchist web-site

with lot of interesting historical material

### Croatia

AFA - anarchist antifa network;

[www.vjeeniotpor.vze.com](http://www.vjeeniotpor.vze.com)

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[ma@zamir.net](mailto:ma@zamir.net); [www.anfema.tk](http://www.anfema.tk)

"Monte Paradiso" - squat/social centre in Pula;

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"Tabula Rasa" - anarchist/libertarian infoshop

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ZAP / Zagrebacki Anarhisticki Pokret -

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AKA AnarchoCommunist Alternative -

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ber: +420777637863

"A-Kontra" - anarchist magazine and collect-

ive; po box 223, 111 21 Praha 1; [a-kontra@csaf.cz](mailto:a-kontra@csaf.cz)

CSAF / Czechia - (CSAF - Czech-Slovakia

Anarchist Federation); po box 223, 111 21 Prague

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Feminist Alliance of March 8" - @-feminist

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Info-Shop - Sochanska 6; Prague.

"MILADA" - squat in Prague;

[milada.sq@volny.cz](mailto:milada.sq@volny.cz)

ORA "Solidarity" - organization of revolution-

ary anarchists; L.K. po box 223; 111 21 Praha 1;

<http://alarm.solidarita.org>; [intersec@solidarita.org](mailto:intersec@solidarita.org)

"PAPIRNA" - squat in Prague.

PH - international secretariat of CSAF inter-

sec@csaf.cz

### Estonia

[www.hotlee/anarhism](http://www.hotlee/anarhism) - Future Anarchist Party of Estonia

### Hungary

"Gondolkodo Barikad" - Logodi utca 51; 1012 Budapest (it is near Metro station "Moszkva ter"); open Monday-Friday 12-18; [www.aifok.m.hu](http://www.aifok.m.hu)

[www.geocities.com/anarchinfo](http://www.geocities.com/anarchinfo)

### Latvia

"ZABADAKS" - DIY political/cultural project, infoshop etc.; Vijaļiņu 24; Kuldīga; LV-3300 Latvia; [www.nekai.lv](http://www.nekai.lv);

[maris.steinbergs@kuldiga.lv](mailto:maris.steinbergs@kuldiga.lv)

### Lithuania

"BENDRADARBIAI" - autonomous culture centre in Siauliai; Vytauto g.103 A, Siauliai; tel. 370 69909049

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Anarchist Library - ul. Pulaskiego 21a; Poznan;

Anarchist Library - ul. Jagielonczyka 10D;

Wroclaw.

"A-TAK" - anarchist magazine from Krakow;



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atak@poprosta (contact); atak.dystyrbuja@wp.pl (distro); www.red-rat.winteria.pl/atak.html

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

"BUNKIER" ("B 48") - underground concert/party space; ul. Wschodnia 48; Toruń.

"C-4" - alternative culture centre in Łódź (ul. Węgłowa 4).

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

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

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

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

Food Not Bombs / Olsztyn - cdelweiss@o2.pl

Food Not Bombs / Rzeszów - ul. Kuźnia 6/48; 35-303 Rzeszów; tel. 602769138.

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

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

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

"INFOSZOP" - infoshop / anarchist & feminist library / info cafe in Warsaw; ul. Lotewska 11; Saska Kępa; Warszawa. Open: Monday-Thursday 18:00-20:00, Saturday 13:00-17:00, Sunday 14:00-17:00; www.alter.most.org.pl/infoshop; tel. +48 503676482

Inicjatywa Pracownicza FA / IP-FA (Workers Initiative of FA) - federation of groups linked to FA focusing on support for workers;

IP-FA / Szczecin - Dominik Sawicki, po box 53; 70-474 Szczecin 34.

IP-FA / Silesia - po box 2; 44-100 Gliwice; inicjatywa.silesia@hoga.pl

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(Collective of Autonomists) - group of activist po box 13; 87-116 Toruń 17; michoo77@poczta.onet.pl

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

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

LETS - Local Economy Trade System in Kraków. lets@kr.edu.pl

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

"Mac Pariańska" - anarchist magazine in Polish; pariańska@polbox.com

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

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

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

"ROZBRAT" - squat / anarchist centre, ul. Pułaskiego 21a; Poznań.

S.E.K.W. "KRZYK" - squat / anarchist centre, po box 2; 44-101 Gliwice (ul. Sienkiewicza 25; tel. +48 504878370).

"streFA" - infoshop in Szczecin; ul. Domaskiego 1c; tel. 504935357.

"SZWEJK" - anti-military service; ul. Pułaskiego 21a; po box 5; 60-966 Poznań 31

"TEKNO COLLECTIVE" - underground techno crew from Toruń; sadi@poczta.onet.pl

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

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

## Romania

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"Revolta!" - anarchist newsletter; aactivistcollective@yahoo.com

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A-Distro - distribution of anarchist publications; po box 13; 109028 Moscow; dikora2@listbox.ru; http://a-distro.avtonom.org

Alliance of Kazan Anarchists - antimil@narod.ru; http://antimil.narod.ru

"ANARCHIVE" - Russian language electronic library and archive of anarchist theory and practice; http://anarchive.dar.ru

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ASSOCIATION OF ANARCHIST MOVEMENTS (ADA) - see "Noviy Svet" newspaper contact address

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

"Epicenter" - anarchist infoshop in St. Petersburg; Phone: +7(812)2323344; post: Epicenter c/o Vladimir Tarasov, PO Box 103, 190013, St. Petersburg, Russia. e-mail: epicenter-infoshop@nm.ru

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

Indymedia Russia - (in Russian language) http://russia.indymedia.org; e-mails: indyru@mail.ru; indymoskwa@pochta.ru (Moscow); indymedia\_piter@pochta.ru (St. Petersburg); smeshno@riseup.net (Kiev, Ukraine)

IOKAS / Irkutsk Organization Of Anarcho-Syndicalist Federation; www.angelfire.com/ia/IOKAS; sidorovan@mail.ru

JERRY RUBIN CLUB - Moscow punk club, cooperating with anarchists and environmentalists; jrc@nm.ru; http://jerryclub.narod.ru

KRAS - IWA (Confederation of Revolutionary Anarcho-sindicalists) - Moscow; c/o Vadim Darnier; Pereulok Alynova 13 Kv 24; 107258 Moscow; comanar@mail.ru; Saint Petersburg : MPST; mpst@mail.ru; http://www.geocities.com/libcomru; http://mpst.sx.org; Saint-Petersburg

"MEGAPHON" - magazine of anarchist, anti-capitalist, antiwar, labour, environmental and other kinds of activism; megaphon@mail.ru.com

"NOVIY SVET" - anarchist newspaper; new-world@mail.admiral.ru; http://novsvet.narod.ru (all issues since 1989).

"NOZHI I VILKI" - political punk/hardcore fanzine; zlonis@mail.ru.com; Dmitry Ivanov, p.o. box 30, S.-Petersburg, 195009, Russia

OLD SKOOL KIDS - punk/hardcore label and distro oldschoolkids@yahoo.com; http://oskids.nm.ru

PETERSBURG ANTIWAR COMMITTEE - see "Noviy Svet" contact address

PETERSBURG LEAGUE OF ANARCHISTS - see "Noviy Svet" contact address

RAINBOW KEEPERS - radical environmental movement. Contact addresses: Nizhniy Novgorod - yulika@dront.ru, klem@dront.ru

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Rostov - rkostov@don.sitek.net  
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**Russian Anarchist Party** : www.rpa-karelia.narod.ru - page of anarchists from Karelia  
**S.H. SOUND SYSTEM** - label & distro including political punk stuff; http://svinokop.narod.ru; diyhc@yahoo.com

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

**"UTOPIA"** - anarchist magazine of revolution and counterculture Vladimir Tupikin, p.o. box 80, m-208, Moscow, 117208, Russia; utopia@mail.ru.com

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

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

**"ZHEST"** - anarcho-feminist magazine; zhest@pisem.net

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

**Autonomous Action of Krasnodar** (also for Avtonom-paper) P.O. Box 3472, 350001 Krasnodar Russia fak-kr@mail.ru

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

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## Websites of groups linked to Autonomous Action:

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

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

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

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

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

http://www.wad-narod.ru - Nizhni Novgorod group of anarchists

http://www.poet5.narod.ru - website of anarchist culture, maintained from Nizhni Novgorod

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

http://www.almaty-liberta.boom.ru - Libertarian communists in Kazakhstan



## Serbia

ASI / Anarcho-Syndicalist Initiative - is@inicijativa.org (international secretary); www.inicijativa.org

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

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

\* www.anarchy-serbia.tk - new anarcho side from Serbia

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

PRIAMA AKCIA (Direct Action) - radical social anarchist organization / anarchist union; po box 16; 840 08 Bratislava 48;

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## Slovenia

AFA LJ - Antifascisticka Akcija Ljubljana; anarchist AFA group; afa.lj@volja.net

AKD IZBRUH KULTURNI BAZEN - autonomous culture centre in squatted swim-pool in Krain; www.akd-izbruh.tk; izbruh@yahoo.com

SAF / Social Anarchist Federation - saf.info@email.si

www.ruleless.com - slovenian anarchist portal

## Ukraine

Autonomous Action / Lugansk - com.act@mail.ru

"Nabat" - ukrainian libertarian anarchist newspaper; www.nabat.info; azaroff@hotmail.ru

www.zaraz.org - page of anarchists from Kyiv www.tigra-nigra.by.ru - anarchist group from Kyiv

"anarh akbar" - @-zine from city of Sumy; P.O.Box 131; 40-030 Sumy, Ukraine (no name on envelope!)

## Turkey

ABC / Anarchist Black Crescent - abcanka-ra@yahoo.com

"Isimsiz" - anarchist counter-magazine; isimsiz.dergi@yahoo.com

"Kara Gazete" - anarchist street newsletter; http://karagazete.ports.com

kara tren kolektifi (blacktrain collective) - traveling distribution of anarchist literature, info and material; karatren@softhome.net;

http://ankarafanzin.freesevers.com - zine from Ankara

http://veganarsicjb.net - anarchoprimitivist zine

www.geocities.com/kaosyayinlari - anarchist publisher in Istanbul

www.meemu-a.org - magazine from Istanbul

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