THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING
The recent weeks of uneven violence between Palestinians and Israeli soldiers is sickening, yet only to be expected. Stones versus helicopter gunships is a very unequal conflict and as a result virtually all of the casualties have been Palestinian civilians.
The Israeli state which dominates the region is a racist apartheid-type regime which uses and abuses the Palestinian workers with a degree of arrogance and indifference that is difficult to believe. The Israeli government response to any Palestinian opposition has always been massive and unmeasured revenge - the bulldozing of houses, seizure of land and unrestrained violence.
The mini Palestinian pseudo-state is hardly a haven of peace and prosperity either. The Palestinian working people suffer incredible hardships in the Gaza Strip and on the tiny bit of the Left Bank which they have been allotted. As well as poverty and job insecurity, the Palestinians suffer the burden of a Palestinian (almost) state with everything that implies - graft, corruption, self-seeking politicians, exploitation and a violently repressive state apparatus.
Manipulative politicians have been able to channel opposition into the dead ends of nationalism and religion. The creation of the Palestinian (almost) state has done nothing for the Palestinian working class - a few acres of territory is no substitute for real liberation. Nationalist solutions do not challenge class rule and lead to war, as the middle east continually demonstrates. Militant Islam offers no way out either. The Islamic state has proved to be just another form of exploitation and oppression and Iran fully demonstrates this.
The current Arab states were created by the colonial powers in order to make exploitation of the area easier. Since then local rulers have tried to drum up nationalism to reinforce their own class rule and crushed any opposition ruthlessly. There is a solution for the Palestinian and other Arab workers and that is nothing to do with nationalism or religion. The region has the potential for mass revolution and the creation of an international federation of free and equal peoples. Without this, the workers are faced with perpetual imperialist interventions and home-grown dictatorships. A Palestinian revolution would be a positive step forward and could spark uprising in Jordan and beyond.

For background information visit http://www.slip.net/~knabb/SI/11.wars.htm and also read "A Brutal friendship: The West and the Arab Elite", by Said K. Aburish

Hackney resistance
Residents and council workers are continuing action against bankrupt Hackney council in the light of £22 million cuts announced last month [see also resistance #19]. Nearly 1000 people blocked the main road outside the town hall dancing to some pretty fine samba while councillors inside plotted which essential services would be cut. The two nurseries threatened with closure, that parents occupied, were reprieved - the council running scared of the PR disaster of being seen to evict parents. 1500 council workers crammed into nearby Hackney Empire on 20th November to discuss further action.
Council boss 'Mad' Max Caller asked to address the audience, obviously misjudging the mood of militancy from council workers who've had enough. This kamikaze mission was greeted by booing, heckling and hissing as he attempted to justify and play down the crisis that Hackney faces. Balloting is currently taking place for a one-day strike on the 18th December. Another day of action is due to take place on the 29th November, with further actions in the pipeline. This looks set to be a long protracted struggle. More reports in the next issue.
MayDay 2001

MAYDAY 2001 mini-conference December 16th, 10am-5.30pm. The Button Factory, Hardess Street, Herne Hill Road, Brixton, London.

An open mini-conference will be held to discuss what to do for next year's Mayday in the London area as part of the local and global celebration against capitalism and the state. The aim of the conference is to invite all interested groups, organisations and individuals to decide what actions and events will be held for the celebration of MAYDAY 2001. All contributions are welcome as long as they are non-party political and anti-capitalist/statist. These decisions will formulate a final co-ordinated framework of actions and events on Mayday in London.

Please bring fundraising ideas if possible, enthusiasm and co-operation. Let's make this a day to all meet up and build links in our local and global struggle against capitalism. There will also be a social event in the evening to celebrate past and future struggles.

For this mini-conference we hope to gain a consensus amongst the anarchist/anti-capitalist groups and individuals on co-ordinated actions and events to make Mayday 2001 a success.

NEVER AGAIN

On November 12th a huge police operation in central London enabled 50 fascists from the National Front to lay a wreath at the cenotaph war memorial. Despite our best efforts this time we were unable to get to grips with the fascists and explain to them the error of their ways. Next time...

We have also heard that there is a small but active branch of the NF operating in the Ramsgate area. Anyone interested in countering it please get in touch with us.

The counter demonstration was organised by the No Platform Anti-Fascist Network, BM Box 5827, London, WC1N 3XX Email: noplatform@antifa.net web: www.antifa.net/noplatform

IF you are interested in attending please come along with a clear idea of your proposal, focused on Mayday 2001. (This is NOT a conference on ideology, direction of the 'movement', party building etc... If you are interested in attending contact the organisers in advance. If you need a creche place (babies to 8 years old), 9-15 self-managed youth space or accommodation let them know before you come. [Note: there will not be a creche available for the social event in the evening].

If you cannot attend please send in clear ideas ASAP and a hard copy by post if you are not using email.

Contact: BM MAYDAY, LONDON, WC1N 3XX or email: mayday2001@hushmail.com

For more info check out: http://www.freespeech.org/mayday2k

People are asked to respect each other's space and also to support the facilitator in her or his role. Journalists are not welcome. No filming or photography is allowed in the building. We must also stress that you should always be cautious on what you say.

FOR FREE EDUCATION

A demonstration took place in London on November 15th and attempts to live up the official march were a partial success.... A student group broke through the heavy police lines at Holborn and marched up Oxford street - Regents street - Trafalgar Square - where they were met with a line of cops in Whitehall. But they managed to break through that, and run to Parliament ... where they were swiftly stopped by a large group of police and vans. Meanwhile in Holborn fights broke out between students and police. The President of North London Uni was arrested, students over-optimistically tried to push over a double decker bus onto the cops! A third activist group took Waterloo bridge for a few hours .... jumping on cars and causing chaos.... All groups eventually met back in Kennington Park where the rest of the march had located themselves, out of sight of the general public.

There were several arrests for minor offences, criminal damage, obstruction of a public highway etc. Many students have since expressed their support for direct action and now see it as a fun and effective form of protest. News coverage was small (as expected). Overall the objectives were not achieved because of lack of coordination and a rapid response by the police.... But a good day out never the less!!

Eclectic City

On September 26th, a disused building in Newcastle City centre was squatted. Dubbed 'Eclectic city' a vibrant resource centre was formed. A free food cafe was set up, gigs were put on and a temporary home was provided for homeless people. There was strong local support with people bringing food, candles and other supplies. When the inevitable eviction order came the occupants stayed one step ahead by moving to the empty building next door - which was not covered by the order! For more information contact: Think Globally - Act Locally, PO Box ITA, Newcastle, NE99 1TA
ANARCHIST PRISONER MARK BARNESLEY 

[see previous issues of resistance] has been moved to HMP Frankland. On 13th of September 2000, Mark Barnsley was transferred to HMP Frankland. Mark is currently amongst the general prison population (not in segregation) at HMP Frankland and is now much closer to his family and friends in the North of England.

THE MARK BARNESLEY SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

POSTAL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED. The new address is: PO BOX 381, HUDDERSFIELD, HD1 3XX. 

E-mail: barnsleycampaign@hotmail.com

The web site is at: www.appleonline.net/markbarnsley/mark.html

Write to Mark directly at his new address: Mark Barnsley WA2897, HMP Frankland, Brasside, Durham, DH1 5YD, England.

Support BARRILEE BANNISTER

US anarchist prisoner: Barrilee is one of our brave and fearless young anarchist sisters incarcerated in the state of Oregon. Since her unconditional sentence, her mother (Amelia) and overall judicial abuse. Since Amelia's incarceration she hasn't lost her spirit or determination to fight for her freedom, the clearing of her name and the injustices she's had to face and endure since incarceration and could benefit from our support. For more information you may contact Amelia's attorney: Myrtle L. McDaniel, c/o Amelia Johnson Legal Defense, PO Box 2973, Temple, TX 76503 USA.

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Support PRISONERS

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...I speak loudly and boldly about my rights as a human, a U.S. citizen and a prisoner”. Such spirited defiance from a sister locked down and whose suffered what she has by her captors only warms the heart of a true revolutionary to fight harder. Show directly: Barrilee Bannister #11309597, E.O.C.I., 2500 Westgate, Pendleton, OR 97801 USA.

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and a Hungarian woman were kept for more than 3 weeks in police stations and jails for NO REASON. The most serious allegations are of the kind that were made against the Hungarian woman, who was also charged with assault to police (although it was her who was illegally arrested, beaten up, handcuffed to the bench and the walls of her cell, threatened with pepper spray, not released as she should have after paying a fine for ‘participating in the demonstration against the IMF’, not allowed to make phone calls, not allowed to speak with a lawyer, and told that she would remain in custody and go to jail for trying to get the number badge of one of the cops beating her, in front of an open window...). Fortunately all the illegal things that were done to her are extensively documented beyond any doubt, making any allegations of assault to police based on police-men’s testimonies very difficult to believe.
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**Join the Resistance**

The Anarchist Federation have members up and down Britain fighting for the kind of world outlined above. We take part in everyday struggles which affect us all, such as industrial disputes, strikes and supporting prisoners. We are active in environmental struggles, anti-racism and against government attacks on our community.

For more information on anarchism, the Anarchist Federation and fighting back contact:

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**DECEMBER**

2nd - *Bristol benefit for S26 Prague prisoners* and legal funds, Easton Community Centre, Bristol. All night bands. Wanna place to stay? Contact Kebele 0117 939 9469

2nd - *Day of Action Against McDonalds in Liverpool* Outside McDonalds on Lord Street at noon. More info 07733200856 luvunigreens@yahoo.com


4th - *The International Campaign to Free Fred Hampton Jr* has called a picket of the US embassy in London, Grosvenor Square. 5 - 6.30pm

6th - *Day of Anti-Roads actions* 0961 517324

7th - *Demand Justice for Eddie Gilfoyle*! - 9.30am - At the Appeal Courts, The Strand, London. For more details contact Eddies’ Campaign, phone Sue 0151 6786528 or e-mail Paul.Caddick@btinternet.com

10th - *No To Plan Colombia, No Funds for US Intervention in Latin America.* Meet 2pm outside Downing St., Whitehall (nearest tube Westminster) Contact LASO Collective, PO Box 8446, London N17 6NZ

10th - *Justice for Mark Barnsley Campaign* supporters meeting 3pm Dog and Partridge, Trippet Lane, Sheffield. For further details phone 07944 52200

11th - *Trial of 6 anti-capitalists* who were arrested at a demonstration in Birmingham. Meet at Birmingham Magistrates Court 10am, email s26brum@hotmail.com


16th - Mayday 2001 planning conference, 10am-5pm, Button Factory, Hardess Street, just off Herne Hill Road (Loughborough Junction), London. In the spirit of Mayday 2000 this is all about anti-state anti-capitalists. More info from mayday2001@hushmail.com or BM Mayday, London, WC1N 3XX

21st - *MOJO Benefit Gig* for the *Miscarriages of Justice Organisation* in London. No details as yet, we suggest you check the local press.

**JANUARY**

22nd - *Bloody Sunday march* - Assembling at Victoria Embankment (Embarkment or Charing Cross tube) 12 noon, march at 1pm, rallying at University of London Union, Mallet Street WC1 3.30pm. Contact Bloody Sunday March Organising Committee, PO Box 10132, London SW2 3BZ, phone 020 8442 8778

**MUMIA MUST LIVE!** Radical US journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal is still on death row and faces imminent execution. *Regular meetings and activities in London and elsewhere*. For more information contact Mumia Must Live!, BM Haven, London, WC1N 3XX or e-mail: mumia@callnetuk.com

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