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More in common than in conflict...

The Middle East

While the conflict between Israel, Lebanon and Palestine continues as a temporary stand off, the superpowers do nothing but give the green light to Israeli attacks. As anarchists, we refuse to see this as a war between nations. The real oppressors here are the ruling classes, the ones in command of the armies, the ones with the weapons, the ones with the mass propaganda machines that generate enormous popular support from angry and displaced peoples, regardless of the cause.

States and their stooges

The Israeli government and Israeli Defence Force, nothing more than a long arm of the Western ruling classes, coupled with the Iranian ruling class and the Hezbollah as their proxy army, do nothing but bring death and oppression to the working class people of the region. While the illusion maintained is that of Olmert and the IDF bravely standing up for the freedom of Israeli citizens, or the Iranian-controlled Hezbollah defending the helpless Lebanese civilians from the ever-mightier invader, the reality is that neither of these "noble" organisations help working class people beyond what is necessary, beyond what they need for maintained support.

Mutual aid in the war zone

While the IDF destroys whole Palestinian



villages with Caterpillar bulldozers bought from Western companies, and the Hezbollah fires Iranian-made rockets into Israeli residential areas, the organisations who really strive to make a difference are the grassroots ones, ones without leaders, run by the people who need them and for the people who need them. There is the Sanayeh Relief Centre in Beirut, which operates out of schools and is run by volunteers, giving refugees from Southern Lebanon shelter, food, and medical and psychological support. There is al Badil al Chououii al Taharruri, or Libertarian Alternative, whose analysis of the situation is an important and valid one. In Palestine

and Israel there are the Anarchists Against the Wall, a group of Israeli, Palestinian and international anarchists who work directly with Palestinian communities threatened by the apartheid wall, using methods of direct action and protest to dismantle fences that separate villages from their crops. These organisations and more like them deserve and need our support.

Sanayeh Relief Centre:

www.sanayehreliefcenter.blogspot.com

Al-Badil: flag.blackened.net/revolt/inter/albadil.html

Anarchists Against the Wall:

www.squat.net/antiwall

ANTI-ID NATIONAL GATHERING

The Nottingham group of the Defy-ID network will be hosting a national meeting to discuss opposition to ID cards and the National Identity Register.

The meeting, happening in November, will provide information about opposing ID, a chance to share resources and ideas and also to meet and discuss with other anti-ID campaigners.

Nottingham Defy-ID will be providing a brief recap on legislation so far, but say that a small amount of background knowledge on the issue would be helpful (see Nottingham Defy-ID bulletins for more information, available from their website). The meeting is open to all, but is particularly intended for those who are already active or looking to get involved with the struggle against ID cards.

A spokesperson for the group said: "This is not so much a public meeting to discuss

the overall implications of the ID scheme, but as a planning day of how we are going to stop it."

The meeting will take place on Saturday, 25th November 2006 at The Sumac Centre, Nottingham, starting at 11am. Food will be available as well as the possibility of lift shares and basic accommodation.

For full details of the day, as well as posters and flyers to advertise the event, visit: www.nottingham-defy-id.org.uk/gathering

Hotting up in Chile

On September 26th, special forces of the police broke into a squatted house in downtown Santiago, and six people, were detained. Police say that molotov bombs and all the stuff required to prepare them were found in the place. Empty bottles (who doesn't have them at home?), kerosene, sawdust (used for catlitter) and of course "subversive material": zines, posters, banners, books, and videos. Four ready made bombs were found, according to police. All the four bombs were allegedly to be used in the protest organized for that day by teachers and high school students' organisations.



This is an intelligence operation directed by the Vicepresident himself together with A.N.I. (National Agency of Intelligence), a sinister institution that resembles the ones that operated during the Pinochet dictatorship. Of course, this is just one part of the operation, they have been filming during protests, investigating activist groups, infiltrating grassroots movements. We suddenly start to hear and see on television that "anarchists" are responsible for all kinds of destructive actions during protests. This year has been tough for the public image of anarchists in Chile. What used to be "infiltrators" in protests are now identified as "anarchists", which is, at least in the mass media, new.

"A network of anarchist activists has been dismantled", said the General Director of Carabineros (Police). "We've seen this for a long time, [these people] breaking into authorized protests, with their faces covered and molotov bombs". Belisario Velasco, the Vicepresident said "intelligence operations are being developed by the Police and the Investigation Bureau and some houses where molotov bombs are being produced have already been identified and will be raided soon"

President Bachelet was satisfied with all the operation. She said that the government is "going to do whatever is necessary to preserve the rights, not only of those who want to express themselves, but also of the ones who want to live in peace and quiet". This is what democracy looks like.

THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ID CARDS

Stealing our freedom and identity

Just over a decade ago, the Conservative Party very nearly gave us ID cards when Michael Howard was Home Secretary under John Major's government. But they ran out of time and Labour won the 1997 election. Since the ID Card Act became law in March this year Tony Blair has said it will be a "major plank" of Labour's next election manifesto, whilst heir-apparent Gordon Brown aims to increase even further the use of ID databases by private companies like banks and supermarkets. It's clear that both main parties have a history of repression when in power, whatever they say in opposition. This makes it all the more annoying that No2ID, the so-called 'non-partisan' campaign against ID cards, seem to want to convince us that the Tories have changed and will scrap it if they win the next election. Don't believe a word of it - anything we hear from now on will be electioneering rubbish. Conservative MP Anne Widdecome voted in favour of Labour's identity scheme on many occasions. On the other hand Labour politicians like Frank Field strongly supported ID even when the Tories were in power, when we were led to believe New Labour policy was against. This is the same Merseyside MP who stamped on the unemployed by supporting Tory work-for-dole schemes which carried over into the Job Seeker's Allowance, and is now very vocal about keeping migrant workers out of Britain. Also, if we go back to 1995 we see that the reasons why the Conservatives wanted

ID cards then - crime, fraud, illegal immigration - are all part of Labour's justifications for ID except they have now added terrorism & security. As the human rights organisation Liberty said at the time, "They are not backed up by research or evidence from other countries, but are myths masquerading as arguments. "This is exactly what anarchists are saying now about the 'terror threat' whereas Liberty, now a supporter of No2ID, have moved their arguments to saying ID cards 'won't work', which is not at all the same as saying these justifications are a complete sham.

There are some other differences from eleven years ago. Labour is most keen on using an ID system to help 'modernise' the welfare state. So they are prepared to spend billions of pounds on tracking our every move, whereas Tories are traditionally more into direct cuts. Cash handouts to private companies and consultants all add to the overall cost, as do the biometrics (fingerprinting and eye-scanning) equipment they intend to use. Britain has led the call for high-tech passport and identity schemes across Europe. The Home Office admits it spent £46 million on its ID project between May 2003 and May 2006, most of it before the ID Cards Bill was passed in March! As well as using databases to help control spending on public services, Labour no doubt sees contracts for British telecoms and security industries as a boost to the economy, one that we will all pay for of course, both in our pockets and by our loss of freedom.

Send Shell to sea

Shell are currently attempting to resume control of their refinery construction site at Ballinaboy, Mayo in the west of Ireland. Building has been shut down by pickets since the beginning of July 2005.

Protests at the site began after five residents were imprisoned for opposing Shell's plans to devastate the area with a refinery complex and production gas pipeline.

From Monday the 11th of September onwards we have been on a heightened state of alert in Mayo.

At most crucial moments this has involved people staying up all night to keep watch on the gates of the onetime refinery construction site in Ballinaboy, and the picket there starting up at between 4 a.m. and 5

a.m. instead of between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. with numbers at around one hundred rather than the usual half a dozen. Last Tuesday September 26th the cops and Shell sub-contractors arrived, but were turned away. When they don't show up the situation is not that they are not trying to get in. Each day they are being stopped.

You can be sure that numbers at the picket are being checked each day and that various means are being employed to lessen the mobilisation, such as smear stories in the media, an increased police presence, intimidatory intelligence gathering, extra security guards.

This is a test of determination and resilience. The sub-contractors have been

Drax, lies and videotape

Late August saw the establishment of a Climate Camp in the Yorkshire countryside. The Camp consisted of workshops for people involved in environmental issues and culminated in the blockading of the coal-fired power station, Drax, and a nuclear power station in Hartlepool. The message was clear: we have to find alternative, renewable and clean fuel sources now, but the nuclear option is not acceptable. A wide-variety of different types of people attended, from those who wanted to share ideas to angry activists eager to make a stand against big business and government wrecking both the planet and people's lives.

Bolting for cover!

The Camp received a fair amount of media attention, including a smear campaign on the part of the news agency Reuters. The agency circulated a photograph of a violent looking 'protester' being arrested. In fact, it was a farmer who had driven his tractor at a group of activists! In another Reuters story, dozens of people were arrested for carrying concealed and offensive weapons, when in fact these were tools to be used on the actions: bolt croppers are for taking down fences, Reuters, not for attacking people, and the arrests were mostly only for trespass anyway.

Doing it our way

One reason why the camp was considered so threatening, aside from its targeting of the power stations, is perhaps that it demonstrated that 600 people can establish a sustainable living space and organise themselves in effective action on non-hierarchical lines. The camp consisted of



'neighbourhoods' as centres for decision making. Each day issues affecting the whole camp would be discussed (for example, should cops be let on site and under what circumstances, which occupied rather more of the business of the meetings than some would have liked). Two delegates were then chosen by each neighbourhood to take its opinion to a larger meeting of delegates, who would discuss the matter further and decide what to do.

The open nature of the decision making made it easy to feel involved in the camp. Although much advance planning had obviously taken place (the site squatted and made habitable, and the possible focus of demonstrations explored, for example) new-comers were not excluded from contributing. The decision making suited the nature of the camp. Large numbers of people needed to make rapid decisions but over a relatively short period of time. As such it avoided unnecessary bureaucratic inertia. It demonstrates one of the ways forward in organising non-hierarchically in campaigning and in action on other issues relevant to working class people.

For more information visit: www.indymedia.org.uk/enactions/2006/climatecamp

mobilised to be ready to enter the site. This is an attack, for the most part not very spectacular but very real nonetheless.

At the time of writing - the 3rd of October - police, brought in from around the country, are gathering in a nearby town, mostly likely to attempt to break the picket.

Shell's currently published schedule had them doing preparatory civil engineering works and water treatment from September onwards, peat removal in spring 07, and full scale refinery construction in mid July 07.

One analysis has it that it is crucial for them to sort out the water-logged almost lake like mess the site has become, which is only going to become worse as winter beckons,

hence the current push.

Solidarity actions at the premises of Shell or the Irish state are very welcome.

More information see: www.shelltosea.com
www.indymedia.ie/mayo www.struggle.ws/rsc/ or call (00353) 857629614

Shell to Sea Campaign, public meeting.

Two speakers from the Rosspoint Solidarity Camp will be speaking in Manchester on 2nd November 2006. The meeting will start at 7.30pm at The Basement, 24 Lever Street (off Piccadilly Gardens).

A TALE OF TWO DEMOS

September's Labour Party Conference in Manchester saw several demonstrations against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and against Labour's policies in Britain. Members and supporters of the Anarchist Federation joined in on a number of them. On Saturday 23rd September, thousands of people marched on the CND/Stop The War "Time to Go" demo. The Anarchist Federation had worked hard with our friends in the Solidarity Federation to organise a very successful anarchist block of over 100 people on this march. We made flags and placards and distributed thousands of copies of anarchist literature to fellow protestors.

The following Wednesday a much smaller rally took place near the Town Hall in Manchester. Around 70 people met to protest about Labour's war, health and asylum policies. This time the police reacted heavy handedly. The small group, including people with children and walking sticks were surrounded by hundreds of cops.

Indymedia reported, "Then they decided, for whatever reason, to shove people as hard as they could into a smaller cordon area, and add a second ring of police. Several protestors were badly shaken, and the police narrowly missed shoving young children and elderly campaigners. A group of students who were trying to stick together were shoved against a tree, and were forcibly separated. The police then began trying to clear onlookers to prevent people seeing what was going on.

When the situation nearly stabilised, senior police were seen and heard discussing how to get into the cordon to arrest "ring leaders", and cameras were shoved in the face of anyone trying to reason with the officers.



Protesters were allowed to disperse for a short while, from the end of the cordon farthest from the fence. Then this was stopped for some time, as the protestors who managed to leave were deemed too dangerous. Later, protestors were allowed out in pairs to disperse. Some took refuge in the Friends' Meeting House, while some officers stood on the doorstep. Others were followed for some time.

Solidarity needed for anarchists in The Philippines

The 'Sagada 11' are a group of anarchist prisoners falsely accused of taking part in attacks by communist guerillas on a military outpost in the northern Philippines. Please spread information about this case as much as possible - they have been in prison for 7 months now, and have received very little international support.

Darwin Alagar, Cell 1 (age 21); Rundren Lao, Cell 3 (age 24); Jefferson Dela Rosa, Cell 3 (age 22); Metro Villegracia, Cell 4 (age 24); Neil Russell Balajadia, Cell 5 (age 25); Ronron Pandino, Cell 8 (age 23); Arvie Nunez, Cell 8 (age 23); Aldous Christian Mafosa, Cell 9 (age 19); Anderson Alonzo, Cell 12 (age 18).

Mail can be sent to: (name and cell number), c/o Jail Warden James Simon, Benguet Provincial Jail, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet 2601, Philippines

Support

All of the prisoners read at least some English, and they are very interested in connecting with other anarchists, learning about punk and activism, as well as daily life, around the world. Gig posters and photos, flyers, stickers, patches and shirts would also be very well received. Bear in mind though, that they are accused of being

communist guerillas and overtly political material could be used against them. The solidarity actions that have happened in the past have meant a lot to them, and would make a difference, especially if they could be sent photographs. Also, funds are needed for basic necessities, transportation and lodging for friends and family to visit, which also greatly assists their legal process, as the lawyers prefer to deal only with relatives. For information on how to send money or other items to Manila, contact Solidarity South Pacific at solidaritysp@lycos.com.

Polish anti-fascist jailed

Igor Kisielewicz, 24 yrs old antifa activist and ex-squatter from DeCentrum was few days ago arrested and sentenced to 3 months of prison. 3 years ago he was fined 1000 zlotys (about 250 euro) for the beating up of nazi scum in his home village. He applied to change it into social work, which was granted, but in a meantime he started education and work in Bialystok and didn't report for social work in his village. As a result court decided to change it into three months of prison. Igor needs letters of support.

Igor Kisielewicz, syn Aleksandra, Zaklad Karny, Grady Woniecko 34, 18-312 Rutki Kossaki, Poland

SUBVERT!

When going on demonstrations stay sober, don't talk to the police and if you're arrested give only your name and address then say 'no comment' to any other questions. For more info visit: www.ldmg.org.uk

October

6th – Film night for Sack Parliament Demo. Part of the 'weekend of resistance' in build up for Sack Parliament on Monday 9th October. 7pm at the London Action Resource Centre (LARC), 62 Fieldgate Street, Whitechapel, London E1 1ES. Phone: 020 7377 9088 www.londonarc.org Free/donation. Check www.sackparliament.org.uk for programme and details.

7th - Migrants on the march for their rights. In London, Assemble 12.00pm, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ and in Glasgow, Assemble 12.00pm, George Square, Glasgow. See more see www.ncadc.org.uk and www.openborders.org.uk

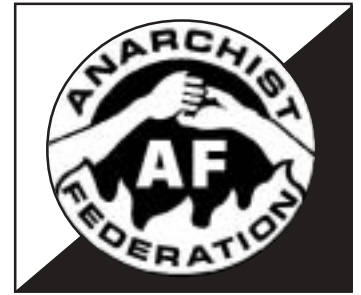
7th - 70th Anniversary of Cable Street Comemoration Gig - and to raise awareness of the growing right wing threat worldwide today. Organised by Antifa U.K. with Inner Terrestrials, PAIN, Liberty, Fear of Fear, Headjam, Beyond Repair, Bottlejob and Moral Dilemma. 5pm 1am Chat's Palace, 42-44 Brooksby's Walk,

Homerton, London. £6 - with proceeds to Antifa. For more see www.antifa.org.uk

7-8th - Training days for Sack Parliament Part of the 'weekend of resistance' in build up for Sack Parliament on Monday 9th October. A second training day for those who couldn't make the first with workshops including: Affinity groups, medic/ trauma, legal, mass action, autonomous actions. Bring ideas and food to share. 10am-4pm at RampART (not LARC) 15-17 Rampart Street, London, E1 2LA, free entry, email bringthewarhome2006@yahoo.co.uk web <http://www.sackparliament.org.uk>

9th - Sack Parliament Demo Over the past few years the UK parliament and government have led this country into war upon war, torn up age-old rights and made the division between rich and poor to grow ever wider. MPs and Lords return from their summer recess on October 9th. We need to ensure they can't get back inside Parliament. Take part! Stop them continuing their wars. 1pm Houses of Parliament, London. web bringthewarhome2006@yahoo.co.uk web www.sackparliament.org.uk

21st - Anarchist Bookfair, at the 25th Annual Anarchist Bookfair you'll find all things anarchist including books, pamphlets, t-shirts and other paraphernalia. Visit the Anarchist Federation stall. 10am-7pm, at the Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Rd, London, N7 6PA. Tube - Holloway Road. www.anarchistbookfair.org



The **Anarchist Federation** is an organisation of **class struggle** anarchists aiming to abolish capitalism and all oppression to create a free and equal society. This is **Anarchist Communism**.

We see today's society as being divided into two main opposing classes: the **ruling class** which controls all the power and wealth, and the **working class** which the rulers exploit to maintain this. By racism, sexism and other forms of oppression, as well as war and environmental destruction the rulers weaken and divide us. Only the **direct action** of working class people can defeat these attacks and ultimately overthrow capitalism.

As the capitalist system rules the whole world, its destruction must be complete and world wide. We reject attempts to reform it, such as working through parliament and national liberation movements, as they fail to challenge capitalism itself. Unions also work as a part of the capitalist system, so although workers struggle within them they will be unable to bring about capitalism's destruction unless they go beyond these limits.

Organisation is vital if we're to beat the bosses, so we work for a united anarchist movement and are affiliated to the International of Anarchist Federations.

The Anarchist Federation has members across Britain and Ireland fighting for the kind of world outlined above.

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