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200 years after its abolition: Slavery Today

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The US Govt said, "The United Kingdom is a destination country for the trafficking of women into prostitution and the trafficking of labourers, mainly men, into agriculture, sweatshops and industry. Female victims are trafficked from Eastern Europe, notably the Balkans. Trafficked labourers come from a variety of countries, including China, Congo, Angola, Colombia, Romania, Yugoslavia and the Indian subcontinent."

If it is so bad, why don't they just leave? It is very difficult to escape. The slaves are often locked in, beaten and also shackled. They are told that, if they leave and the police find them, they will be tortured and imprisoned. Often coming from a country where this frequently happens, it is all too believable. They cannot read or speak English and are extremely vulnerable.

Sweatshops
Many more are brought in to work cheaply in sweatshops or factories as bonded labourers. That means that they are told they have to work to pay off their travel costs, otherwise they will be thrown into prison. The police turn a blind eye and the workers are left to sort it out for themselves.

The 21 Chinese cockle pickers who died in Morecambe were trafficked over here. They were forced to work in slave-like conditions to "pay" for their travel and living expenses.

Deporting Victims
Although the government has said it tries to help these people, in practice it often doesn't. The BBC reported, "Vietnamese are also smuggled in to work in Vietnamese nail salons. Recently the UK authority planned to deport over 500 children back to Vietnam who had been smuggled into the country." This hardly makes...
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Dead Nazi Blog

It was with great sadness the UK antifascist movement received the passing of Mick ‘Beleza’ Sanderson – yes he was actually nicknamed after a holocaust deathcamp – at the hands (well, knife) of a friend in a fight outside his house last November.

Gutted, an online memorial blog was set up so we could pay our last respects! After initial queries about how his friends could be saddened by one death yet applaud 6 mil, already were deleted, more subtle tactics were adopted. The calibre of genuine memorials was funny enough in itself ‘Mick – gone to Liberalville. We’ll miss you white trooper’. So it was decided to simply copy them: ‘MICK YOU WERE A TRUE VO PRAYER OF THE WITE RACE, GOOD BYE COMRAID YOU ARE WITH THE FUHRER NOW IS IT NICE? PROBABLY’. Sincere epitaphs from ‘Blood and Honour Calculas’ were also of note.

This led to a number of messages being deleted, and as they were indistinguishable, a lot of genuine ones too! When it was discovered the picture gallery was also editable, countless were removed, copyright of Adam. Viewers were treated to pics of dead Nazis, facemorphs of Mick, antifa action and of course, hard core gay porn. At this point the boneheads claimed the whole site was a sting attempt to harvest the IP addresses of ‘reds’ and report them to the police for having a sense of humour’.

That might have worked if the site was run by them, but its actually a massive public website like myspace or livejournal. Lads, if you could hack a site like that you wouldn’t be the fat also-rans of the master race that stab each other so often you are more of a menace to yourselves than racial minorities.

Keep it up!★

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International of Anarchist Federations

Day of action against war and state violence.

The Anarchist Federation is a member of the International of Anarchist Federations (IAF). Like our sister federations across the world, we will be taking part in a day of action against the wars and political violence of capitalism on 17th March. The poster here has been produced by our comrades in Spain, the FAI.

Copies in other languages are available on the IFA website, www.iaf-ifa.org.

COPS BEAT UP PARTY GOERS IN MANCHESTER

One girl who sat down and refused to move for the police was grabbed and beaten up with a baton.

ON JANUARY 20TH a rave was planned by the Manchester Rave Systems Alliance (MRSIA), a collective of all the different sound systems in Manchester. It was attended well, by around 1000 people. Unfortunately, the police crashed the rave almost immediately it started, and were extremely aggressive, causing intimidation and fear.

Only 4 people were arrested, but far more were attacked and injured by the police, and their dogs, which landed one person in hospital.

Many of the ravers blockaded the roads, and fought back. This was The Battle of Belle Vue. Following several baton and dog charges, we all headed in the direction of Piccadilly Gardens. On the way, we blocked roads with fencing from building sites, wheelie bins and various other items that we could get our hands on. We were gradually dispersed leaving only about 20 in Piccadilly Gardens.

Despite the general good feeling of resistance, it was very disappointing that the rave didn't go ahead, and also that some idiot smashed an ambulance window. The media latched onto this.

On Saturday 3rd February, the rave organisers held a demonstration and march against police brutality, attended by 150 people, consisting of ravers, crusties, punks, some members of the Solidarity Federation, the Anarchist Federation, and Rhythms of Resistance Manchester, who added some real energy to the demo. Many had not been to demos before and hopefully there are some who got more politicised as a result of the rave.

A stall was set up before and after the march, where free propaganda was distributed and copies of Beyond Resistance, The Battle of Belle Vue, was grabbed and beaten up with a baton.

Free parties still live on, the truth is that they never really left.

Free parties are important as they take money out of the music. They have a more idealistic tendency, with a great sense of community allowing, people become to be less atomistic. There are many people who have similar personalities to themselves, something that people who go to raves can find very difficult in normal mainstream society.

This community gives a very positive effect to the self and the collective.

AGAINST THE BNP

Demonstration against BNP in Reading

In response to the BNP plans to start organising locally, the people of Reading from various political backgrounds rallied together on Wednesday the 21st of Feb, with only 2 days notice. The massive turnout (which was not expected), with such little planning, proves one thing: the people of Reading are not happy about the BNP plans to bring its racism and bigotry to our streets. The attacks on our community ranging from the closure of the postal centre, to various developments and the building of databases, were not caused by immigration or multiculturalism, they were caused by the capitalists and politicians in their attempts to make Reading more profitable. The BNP can’t trick us into ignoring that simple reality.

Plans for building an antifascist front, to combat the long term threat of the BNP to our community are underway. ★

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