

# No to new killer

Nuclear power: expensive, dangerous and polluting. A one time by-product of nuclear weapons production, it remains indivisibly linked to it. In the 1960s the industry promised 'electricity too cheap to be metered'. It never happened.

The industry is in steep decline. Their latest PR stunt is to say nuclear is carbon free, that it can solve global warming. However, nuclear technology is extremely dangerous, relies on dwindling supplies and is so expensive that it needs massive government subsidies. It's vulnerable to terrorism and to nuclear weapons proliferation. It produces volumes of toxic waste with no safe storage solution.

Governments, including Britain, are set on nuclear programmes to be less reliant on increasingly expensive oil from volatile areas such as the Middle East. They also like it because it is highly centralised, giving them greater control and making more uranium for their weapons of mass destruction. Last but not least, it's a way of throwing technology at a problem, which avoids tackling the causes: over-consumption of oil based transport and industry, pollution and waste.

### Carbon free?

The nuclear process uses energy intensive industries which depend on huge amounts of oil and coal-uranium mining, enrichment and transport across the world, construction and decommissioning of nuclear facilities, transporting and storing radioactive waste.

Nuclear produces almost twice as much carbon dioxide as wind power production. Power stations themselves release chloro-



and hydro- fluorocarbons as well as sulphur hexafluoride. Electricity production globally only contributes 16% of greenhouse emissions. The vast majority is produced by transport, mining and manufacturing, which are heavily dependent on fossil fuels. If all fossil fuel power stations were replaced by nuclear and exploitable reserves of uranium, it would run out in 3-4 years (as it is now they will last only 30-40 years).

### Subsidies

Between 1953 and 2002 the Canadian government gave the nuclear industry \$14.5 billion; between 1948 and 1998 the US government gave the industry \$67 billion. The European Union spends 61% of its research and development budget on nuclear, although the industry only supplies 13% of EU energy.

### Alternatives

The real alternative is to generate power from renewable sources: solar, tidal, hy-

## And the war drags on...

The Blair regime has now been responsible for at least 100 dead British soldiers and it is sending a large number of British troops to Afghanistan, to a particularly dangerous area in the South. The number of British casualties will surely mount. This is not to mention the numbers of injured and maimed who are carefully hidden from view.

Alongside all of this have been the recent video revelations of British Army brutality Basra and the appearance of more photos of the American prison at Abu Ghraib showing more scenes of humiliation, torture and death.

These images cock a snook at the much vaunted claim of the American and British governments that they were bringing freedom and peace to Iraq. Let's not be under any illusion that these scenes are the work

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dro, wind, geothermal etc. This would mainly be small scale, locally produced for local consumption, to avoid the waste and surrender of control of the national Grid. Renewable energy should also be under genuine community control, rather than government or private hands. Large scale insulation of homes and workplaces is essential to minimise energy waste. The current oil powered traffic system should be replaced by free public transport, with cities and towns designed for people rather than cars.

### Resistance

Labour is set on reviving the flagging nuclear industry. It will only be stopped by community resistance based on direct action. There is a long history of successful resistance to all stages of the nuclear chain, from mining to transport, nuclear plant construction (Germany, France), to dumping (seafarers defeated British plans to dump at sea) and four British communities defeated Tory plans to dump near them in the 90's.

## ON THE FRONTLINE

Resistance reports on the industrial disputes and struggles of the UK and the world.

The notoriously arrogant and bullying Royal Mail Management goons have faced trouble almost everywhere they've looked these past few months. 200 Post office workers in Belfast decided that they'd had enough of the constant harassment and intimidation and staged a wildcat walkout on January 31 - the union immediately repudiated the action and the bosses thought they'd together managed to put out the flames, but 18 days later the unofficial strike is still going strong and stopping deliveries to most of the city as well as all mail being sent to Britain.

Well done to those who've stayed out and sent a clear message to the bosses that they'll not be intimidated away from their livelihood - which is what many people put the arrogance of the RM bosses all over the UK down to, deliberate management provocation in order to avoid redundancy payments come full privatisation.

Whilst this was going on in Belfast, London PO workers staged over forty 24 hour strikes in various London PO's in protest at plans to shut down yet more local offices in restructuring plans designed to cut wages - managers were forced to fill in as ineptly as they could on these days. Meanwhile, up in Dundee PO depot staff also staged two 48 hour strikes in response to proposals to switch all full time jobs to part time positions - management have again been drafted in to some proper work for once. The low paid and highly exploited cleaners at Parliament have won all their strike demands after staging a number of 24 hours strikes - for the first time they now have the right to both 28 days paid holiday a year and sick pay - they also won the wage raise they were demanding, they now will earn £6.70 ph compared to an M.P's £60 000.

The government and the fire-fighters may once more be heading for a national show-down with plans to raise the retirement age for full pension rights from 50 to 60. A strike ballot has been postponed for 4 weeks until a mid-march conference to discuss a tiny concession by the government, but all indication suggest that the fire-fighters are in an angry mood and fed up the last 5 years disputes dragging on and want a clear and quick victory that can't be grabbed back afterwards on this one.

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## AND THE WAR DRAGS ON...

...Continued from the front page of a minority. The military machine-the armed forces - is a killing machine. Its function is to kill and intimidate. The face of the murderer might have a thick layer of cosmetics from the House of "Peacekeeping" but it's the face of a murderer just the same.

The British and Americans are now bogged down in Iraq and Afghanistan and the war will drag on, with the possibility of hostilities against Iran now in the picture. As with the war in Vietnam, this opens the way to growing disaffection in the armed forces and increasing unrest at home as the casualty figures mount. Show piece demonstrations are not the answer. As the American anti-war activist Mario Savio said at the time of the Vietnam war in 1964: "There is a time, when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part; and you've got to put your bodies upon the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon

all the apparatus and you've got to make it stop. And you've got to indicate to the people who run it, to the people who own it, that unless you're free, the machine will be prevented from working at all."

## IAF DAY OF ACTION

As in previous years IAF, the International of Anarchist Federations, has called a day of action for the 18th of March. On this date, thousands of anarchists around the world will show their refusal of the state of permanent war into which we have been led. The tension that has been created by politicians and the State is a means to create consensus in societies that feel under threat. Then internal dissidence can be easily smashed.

In London the Anarchist Federation will be holding two events (see right). There will

also be a book stall during the demonstration on Saturday morning (see back page).

## LONDON ANARCHIST FEDERATION

\*Wed 15th march - Jose Couso: State murder. Plus anti-war films. 7pm at The Square, 21 Russell Square, London.

\*Thursday, 16th of March - Hostage cities: London and Madrid. 7pm at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WC1.

\*Friday, 17th of March - Iraq today (Civil War) and War in Iraq. 7pm at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, WC1.

**Cancelled**

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Sofia, Bulgaria

The Federation of Bulgarian Anarchists staged a protest in Sofia on Saturday 11th February, handing out circulars with anti-EU and anti-IMF messages. According to the protesters, the European Union and the International Monetary Fund were "thieves," applying restrictions on Bulgaria regardless of people's needs. The message also slammed the Bulgarian government for allowing a recent increase in the prices of many products and services, including energy, heating, transportation, food, alcohol and cigarettes. The anarchists marched through downtown Sofia and called on people to "stop the social genocide."

### Barcelona, Spain

Three anarchists were arrested in Barcelona, Spain on the 9th February. The arrests started at 8 in the morning when one anarchist was coming out of work, he was arrested by balaclava wearing Mossos

d'esquadra (a police force belonging to the local government of Catalonia). He was taken to his home where the police arrested his housemate and began to search the house. Later on as another anarchist was leaving his home in the center of the city he was also arrested. In the afternoon one of the anarchists was released without charges. For the moment the other two are being charged with arson and public disorder. Apparently the charges are related to attacks on the company CIRE, a public enterprise whose business it is to make a profit from prison labour in the Catalanian prison system. So far in Barcelona there has been one demonstration with about 150 people that took place in the city centre. These arrests are part of a continuing attack on the anarchist movement in Barcelona, it's the same repression that has imprisoned since September 2003 four other anarchists without trial. International solidarity is needed now more than ever.



## WHAT'S NEW, PUSSYCAT?

Tough times for the Respect bunch, indeed! Last time I saw someone wearing the badge I couldn't stop myself. I know it was cruel, but I had to ask. So, how's George Galloway in the house? And I didn't mean the House of Commons, but the Big Brother one. A sigh and lengthy explanations followed: well, you know, he's not the party, etc.

But I'm sorry, actually he is. That's the problem of following a leader. That's the problem when a bunch of people rally behind someone, and send him to parliament. The bloke is the cause. All Respect's efforts in the last months were to get him to parliament. They succeeded. But how did they benefit from it? Or better still, how did any one in his constituency benefit from having him in Westminster?. Not a bit.

It doesn't really matter who is your leader, who you follow. When you give someone the power to decide for you, you're done for. Granted, Galloway is an extreme example, but there are countless others in which politicians mock their voters, once they've got the seat. So the moral is clear.

## NOT A NUMBER - TIME TO REFUSE ID

As predicted, most of the Lords amendments to the ID cards bill have been ignored. Labour has now voted itself the power to give anyone applying for a passport (or any other 'designated document') an ID card and at the same time build a vast database of personal and biometric information, starting in 2008/9.

Four out of five of us already have passports and just one more act of parliament will be needed to force ID cards on everyone.

So what if compulsory ID wasn't in the Labour manifesto as some opponents have complained. Why should anyone want us to have faith in authority-obsessed warmongers? Politicians who voted to impose war in Iraq have now voted to invade our lives, for our own protection!

Forget the media sound bites about identity theft and terrorism, which are designed make us fearful of other people, and make us feel like we need a State to protect us. What will hurt most in the long term is the State's use of the National Identity Register and other database schemes like 'Government Connect' to control access to public services, and give the majority of us the day-to-day hassle of having to produce evidence of 'entitlement'. Labour is intent on taking away any privacy we have left, tracking every part of our lives, and selling our details to private companies.

How long will it be before we start getting billed for healthcare if we don't appear on the register for any reason?



Make away with leaders of any kind.

All that said, it would be a nice idea to gather all politicians and put them in a BB type of house and make them do some proper work. Scaffolding or whatever. See how many nervous breakdowns we can see in a week.

How long before we are stopped in the street (more than now) and get asked to produce our cards, or perhaps worse still, have our private information read invisibly from a distance, just to show we are entitled to exist.

The real work must now begin to make this scheme completely unworkable. This world should not belong to the ruling class who, if you look back through history, have always used force and laws to take land, resources and make people do what they wanted. It's time to take back our lives - we should not have to prove who we are to these State and corporate identity thieves.

*Defending Anonymity is the AF's anti-ID pamphlet. Send SAE for a free copy or read online at <http://www.libcom.org/hosted/af/ace/anon.html>*

## NEWS FROM SE LONDON

Right now, anarchists in south east London are coming together to form a libertarian revolutionary group and are interested in making contact with people in the area who would like to get involved.

Anarchist Federation members are among those looking to organise an anarchist presence in the Lewisham and Camberwell areas of the city.

If you would like to get involved or are from these areas and would be interested in joining the AF then please contact London AF, BM ANARFED, London, WC1N 3XX or email [selondon@afed.cjb.net](mailto:selondon@afed.cjb.net)

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...Continued from last issues article on the Portuguese revolution in 1974.

## Housing struggles

After April 25th people began occupying empty property, unwilling to wait for governmental action. The government, afraid of people's anger, decreed a rent freeze and allocated money and tax exemptions to builders. The increase in homes built was inadequate and more and more people occupied empty buildings. 260 families from a shantytown in Lisbon moved into an empty apartment block near the city. The military ordered them out but were forced to back down when the families refused.

In response to the housing crisis people began to organise collectively. In older working class and lower middle class areas Autonomous Revolutionary Neighbourhood Committees were set up. The committees were elected from general assemblies of local residents. They arranged occupations of property for use as free crèches, workers' centres and for other community services.

In Lisbon one local Neighbourhood Committee organised for some 400 empty houses to be taken over. A "social rent" was paid that went towards improvements. Another organisation set up was the Federation of Shanty Town Committees. It was independent of political parties and came to represent 150,000 shantytown dwellers. It called for new housing estates to be built in place of the shantytowns, for expropriation of land and for rent controls.

## Land occupations

When the rural workers saw their opportunity for change they seized it wholeheartedly and began taking the land. There was co-operation between agricultural and industrial workers. In Cabanas an abandoned farm was occupied with the help of a local neighbourhood committee. Machines were taken from a nearby factory to help clear the land. In Santarem a meeting of 354 farm workers declared that a massive amount of land was to be occupied. Other workers, armed with pickaxes, arrived in trucks to aid the agricultural labourers and at the end of it over ten major farms were collectivised.

Gradually the political parties destroyed the gains of the working class. But the Portuguese Revolution had been a great experiment in how to start organising for a future society.

**Support Tomasz Wilkoszewski!**

Tomasz Wilkoszewski was sentenced to 15 years in prison for killing a nazi in self defence. He has now served almost 10 years of his sentence, which means he is now eligible for parole. Tomasz has a hearing coming up soon to decide if he will be released early or not. Please support him by sending the letter below (Polish translation at [www.brightonabc.org.uk](http://www.brightonabc.org.uk)) to the Polish authorities responsible for his case:

Post to: SAD OKREGOWY

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NAD WYKONANIEM ORZECZEN KARNYCH  
UL. AL. ZWYCIESTWA 1  
98-200 SIERADZ, POLAND

"We would like to add this appeal to the files of Tomasz Wilkoszewski's case. We, the undersigned would like to express our support for the attempt by Tomasz Wilkoszewski to obtain early, conditional release from his 15 year sentence. Tomasz Wilkoszewski has been in prison since March 1996 (10 years) which means he can now try to obtain earliest, conditional release. We think that he has spent enough time in jail, he didn't cause

any problems there and now its time for him to start living like a free man again. Further imprisonment will only destroy his chances to come back to the society.

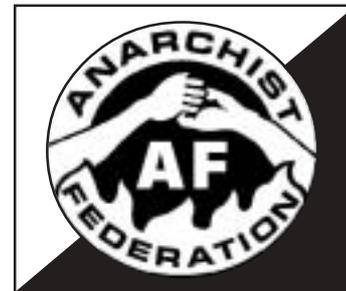
We request that you look into this case closely and consider his attempts and our appeal."

Tomasz would also love to get more letters. He can understand some English, but finds it difficult to write, so don't necessarily expect a reply. Tomasz Wilkoszewski, Zaklad Karny, ul. Orzechowa 5, 98-200 Sieradz, Poland

**Italian anarchist extradited and jailed**

Francesco Gioia, c.c. Rebibbia, via R. Majetti, 165, 00156 Roma, Italy

Francesco Gioia has been extradited to Italy. He was arrested last May in Barcelona after he had run away from his house arrest. Francesco was one of the libertarians in Pisa being accused of 'subversive association' under the infamous article 270 BIS. They're being charged of making up a group called Cells for Offensive Revolution.



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.

If you're interesting in joining contact us at:

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**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](http://www.ldmg.org.uk)

**March:**

- 2nd - Worthing Alliance meeting with updates on local campaigns. All welcome. Upstairs at The Rest, Bath Place, Worthing. 8pm
- 8th - Dave Morris will give a talk on the history of the Tottenham Claimants Union since 1983. Organised by Radical History Network of North East London. Takes place in the evening at Wood Green Labour Club, Stirling Crescent, London N22 (opposite Civic Centre on High Road). Nearest tube: Wood Green.
- 10-12th - Radio 4A On Air Around Brighton on 101.4 (ish) FM. [www.radio4a.org.uk](http://www.radio4a.org.uk)
- 11th - Peak Oil and the Capitalist system. London Anarchist Forum talk with Adrian Williams. At Freedom Press, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 at 2.30pm.
- 17th - Campaign Against Criminalising Communities, 5th anniversary.
- BENEFIT EVENT with MARK THOMAS - Comedian, SOFIA BUCHUCK - Peruvian musician, DOUBLE NEGATIVE - Rappers, NAWROZ ORAMAR - Kurdish singer ODYSEY - International songs, KURDISH DANCE GROUP. KURDISH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 11 Portland Gardens, N4. Ten minutes from Manor House tube. Near Haringey-Green Lanes rail station (Gospel Oak-to-Barking line) 7.30pm. £8, £5 concs 07811 253600 [www.campacc.org.uk](http://www.campacc.org.uk)
- 18th - Control Your arms. Amnesty and The

- Anchor Project, a youth club for young asylum seekers, join forces for a special event against the arms trade and the marginalisation of asylum seekers. Photo exhibition, stunts, bands and djs. One not to miss. All cash raised goes to charity. 6pm till 2am, Truman's Brewery, off Brick Lane, London. £2. [controlyourarms@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:controlyourarms@hotmail.co.uk) [www.anchorproject.org](http://www.anchorproject.org)
- 18th - International day of action against the Iraqi occupation Assemble 12 noon, Parliament Square, London. Nearest tube: Westminster.
- 18th - Punkpurim - a night of radical jewish counterculture from [jewdas.org](http://jewdas.org) and [heeb magazine](http://heebmagazine.com). Reviving the jewish anarchist tradition in the east end there will be live klezmer hip hop, punk visuals, films, radical torah and much much more. 9pm rampART, 15-17 Rampart Street E1 2LA [jewdas@gmail.com](mailto:jewdas@gmail.com) [www.jewdas.org](http://www.jewdas.org) [www.rampart.co.nr](http://www.rampart.co.nr)

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Some horrible news from the long running lock out at the tea picking colony at Roopacherra, India - workers there with nowhere to go and no money to feed themselves have started dying of hunger. First to die was a three year old girl, this was followed by two adults shortly after - five dependents have since also died. The stranded workers are being force to scavenge and eat roots and tubers of wild plants, many of them potentially poisonous. Further research into the owners of this estate will follow.