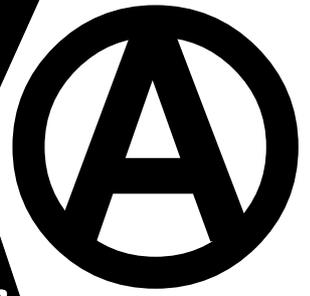


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SAME OLD, SAME OLD

SO HERE we go again. Two years after Kosovo, we have Afghanistan. Instead of Milosevic and his Stalinist cronies, we have Bin Laden and the Taliban. And instead of the KLA (Kosovo Liberation Army), we have the Northern Alliance.

It may seem to some that as soon as one war stops, another one begins. As anarchists, however, we are aware that the war waged by capitalism is relentless, that this war is the 'health of the state' under capital, and that the state is never as healthy as when the working class is being blown to smithereens in the war zone that is the world today.

Smart war?

LIKE IN KOSOVO, the 'smart' bombs directed against targets in Afghanistan are just as dumb -only 9% of the actual bombing then was actually 'smart'. For the most part, B52's operating beyond the range of whatever air defence the Serbs had left, carpet-bombed everything in sight.

Ask the villagers of Khorum, the patients in Herat hospital, the 'friendly fire' victims of the Red Cross etc.. what they think of the military technology used to slaughter their friends and relatives, some of which was bought and paid for by the proceeds of third world debt. If this war is a war in support of western 'civilisation', for 'justice' and against 'terrorism', ask the remaining villagers of Khorum, if they see themselves as 'uncivilised', 'unjust' and as 'terrorists'.

'Terrorism'

BUT, of course, this is not just a war to defeat terrorism. If it were, it wouldn't be conducted under the leadership of the U.S., the greatest terrorist state of them all -a state that has set itself up as the great 'good', as judge and executioner of anything it considers 'evil', or in other words, 'anti-American'. By murdering innocent people, it wouldn't be running the risk of fomenting even greater militancy across the Islamic world. And in

its 'crusade' against 'terrorism', it wouldn't be giving India the pretext to do likewise in the Kashmir, Russia in Chechnya, Turkey against its Kurdish population, China against its Moslem minority etc...

along side his pals in CT). What's needed is pipeline, across Afghanistan, to get the oil through to the Arabian sea, and away from Russian control. But the Taliban refused to play ball, leaving Unocal to stress that the Centgas pipeline project would not proceed until there's an 'internationally recognized' government in Afghanistan.

SO we're back where we started. Capitalism, and its corporate elite, imposing itself on the world using the tactics it knows best -war and terrorism. Meanwhile, the working class will either die, or survive to pick up the pieces. If you're lucky, you might even keep your job in the recession that will inevitably follow the war, and pay your taxes that will be channelled into the war industry in time for the next war.

The alternative? Help smash capitalism, help smash the state!!! ★

All wars are terrorist

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History

ABOVE ALL, it wouldn't have used the C.I.A. to train Bin Laden in the first place. In its desperation to overthrow the Afghan Communist Party (PDPA), in the early 80's, it wouldn't have destabilized the region by supporting ultra-religious tribes. It wouldn't have allowed Pakistan to train the Taliban, and manoeuvre them into power. And surely, it wouldn't have allowed the Taliban to stay in power, or, until a few months ago, continue to use them to destabilize the Central Asian Republics.

But naturally, terrorism isn't terrorism when conducted by the state. And as long as the U.S. doesn't suffer the consequences of another state's terrorism, what does it care.

Capital

S11 changed all that. Or did it? A week before Chevron/Texaco (CT) announced that they had been cleared for merger by the Federal Trade Commission. And guess what? The new company has a 45% interest in 9 billion barrels of oil in the Tengiz oil field in Kazakhstan (U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney has first hand knowledge of this since he used to serve in the Kazakhstan Oil Advisory Board right

DUBLIN DEMOS

SEVERAL protesters were arrested outside the Burlington Hotel, Dublin during an anti-privatisation protest in October. Gardai (Irish police), without warning, baton-charged the gathering, and arrested 14. They were later charged under section 6 of the Public Order Act, with 1 protester taken to hospital needing stitches.

In a separate incident, Gardai, again unprovoked, drove their vehicles into the ranks of an anti-war protest in Dublin.★

AROUND 100 people demonstrated outside Dublin City Hall in late September. Groups from the Liberties, Walkinstown, North Strand and other areas were present to express their anger at the Corporation in the continuing fight against the double taxation of bin charges (see **resistance** #4). ★

ANARCHIST NEWS

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TIME BOMB



WITH the so-called 'war' against terrorism ongoing, and with its state-sanctioned variety also making itself felt on the streets of Dublin, anarchists would do well to remember other instances in Irish history, when the state, along with the capital it ultimately protects, have used brute force to impose their will on those who dare to oppose it.

The Dublin Lockout (1913) had the potential to bring the boss class to its knees. The Irish Transport and General Workers Union (ITGWU) which now counted the mercurial James Larkin in its ranks, had radicalised its rank and file to such an extent that William Martin Murphy, leader of the Dublin Employers Union (DEF), began a campaign of victimisation of ITGWU members. To keep the gains he had made, Larkin unfortunately chose the reformist route, deciding to set up a 'conciliation' board (the proof of the pudding is in the name). Not to be appeased so lightly, Murphy threatened 200 ITGWU members, who worked in the parcels office of the Transport Company, with the sack unless they left the union.



Larkin manhandled by the filth

In response, tram drivers walked off their trams on August 26th, and demanded the same hours and pay as their counterparts in Belfast. Murphy, for his part, responded by locking out his workforce unless they signed a pledge to leave, or not join, the ITGWU. Within a month, 24,000 were locked out.

Larkin himself was arrested on trumped-up libel charges, but managed later in disguise to appear to the gathered crowds outside Murphy's own Imperial Hotel. The police reacted badly, and baton charged the crowd. Many strikers ended up dead or severely injured. Pickets and meetings were disbanded.

Support for the lockout spread, however, to the UK until, of course, the inevitable union sell-out occurred. Railway union leader, J.H. Thomas was instrumental in denying aid to the Dublin workers, isolating them, and forcing the gradual drift back to work. By January 1914, the lockout was effectively over.

So again, what can anarchists learn

from the events of the summer of 1913? That it proves the ultimate bureaucracy and reformism of unions is obvious for all to see. That it indicates that any attempt to radicalise the rank and file is also futile when their efforts remain within the **legal** confines of the union is also clear. The direct action of leaving trams stranded on Dublin streets is all well and good, but it comes to nothing if those who set themselves above the working class i.e. union leaders, continue to pull the strings. What should we do instead? Among other things, set up rank and file campaigns **outside** or **beneath** the union's structures and across sectors. Carry out wildcat and unofficial action, and then forge links with the community outside the workplace. Win over the people. And if you're a Dublin tram driver circa 1913, drive your tram, and don't charge fares...and then, wait and see what happens! ★

POX THREAT

ANTHRAX, lethal strains of which were developed during the cold war, is on the loose again, and being delivered by mail services throughout the world. Not surprising if Saddam Hussein can buy a sample for \$35. Let's hope that neither Saddam nor Bin Laden get their hands on the anthrax factory currently being set up by the U.S government beneath the Nevada desert!!!

Meanwhile, the hypocrites on Capitol Hill are forcing multi-national Bayer, who produce the anthrax antibiotic Cipro, to reduce the cost of individual pills by as much as 400%. How caring...if it wasn't for the fact that they supported Bayer and 38 other corporations in the failed action against the South African government to prevent them from manufacturing cheap drugs for Aids victims.

On a similar note, our Bertie is a bit miffed with yer man Tony, what with Sellafield being given a new lease of life with the manufacture of mixed-oxide (spent uranium and plutonium) fuel. If the mox-pox leaks out, and the wind blows in this direction (which it normally does) don't worry -just follow the advice of pox expert, (very) Junior Minister Joe Jacobs, as offered on the Marian Finucane radio show -Put your head between your knees and kiss your arse goodbye!!! ★

50,000 ASYLUM seekers are to be fingerprinted and have their details fed into computers to police and immigration officials across Europe.

This has nothing to do, of course, with Bin Laden and his pals in Egyptian Islamic Jihad, suddenly being accused of smuggling Afghan asylum seekers into Ireland for £5,000 a go. ★

LIBERTARIAN NETWORK



OVER the past month, the Anarchist Federation (Ireland) has been involved in anti-war demonstrations in Belfast and in Dublin. This is because, as anarchists, we oppose the current 'war' on terrorism, advocating instead the slogan – No War But The Class War!

We would like to see a strong anti-war movement capable of reaching out to the working class, and defending itself from takeover by the reformist left. We are willing to work with other anarchists and libertarians in Ireland who wish to do this and create the conditions for a genuine anarchist movement here. To this end, we will participate in the proposed Libertarian Network in the desire to promote anarchism in Ireland. For more info about the libertarian network contact:

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Join the resistance

The **Anarchist Federation Ireland** 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.

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