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the anarchist bulletin

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anarchists,
crypto-fascists,
and more.....

STOP THE SLAUGHTER!



Well over a million Iraqis have died because of sanctions since the Gulf War ended

The world policeman the USA and its faithful little special constable Britain are continuing to wage war on Iraq. This is not a spectacular "over in few days" war like the previous Gulf War. This is one of low level (but tell that to murdered Iraqi civilians and their families) attacks on Iraqi military installations, and the remorseless murder of sanctions. But once again, the purpose is not to overthrow the murderous Saddam regime, but to keep it in check, and make sure Saddam knows his place.

The US and the rest of the big Western powers are content to have Saddam police the region and keep any chance of revolution by the Middle Eastern masses in check. That's why they inflicted severe damage to his military apparatus in the last Gulf War, but failed to destroy his regime.

Military Dictatorships

The US and British governments care nothing about homicidal military dictatorships. After all, they have supported every Latin American dictator - just look at Pinochet. In nearby Jordan, they supported the late, unlamented King Hussein, who himself op-

erated a repressive regime, keeping an iron grip on the country. Whilst professing sympathy for the Kurds in Northern Iraq, who have been victims of Saddam's savagery, they connived through their secret services to arrest the Kurdish nationalist leader, Occlan of the PKK (Kurdish Workers Party). It all comes down to whether the interests of Western powers are best

served by talk about the "defence of democracy" or turning a blind eye to the atrocities of a particular state. With Turkey, which has a long history of repression against the Kurds, radicals and the working class in general, this can be safely ignored, because Turkey serves the interests of the West. The same happened with the military regimes in Chile, South Korea, Malaysia and Indonesia. There were no threats of bombing Indonesia for waging a war of genocide against the people of East Timor.

The US and Britain have used the suspected evidence of chemical weapons manufacture in Iraq to launch these attacks. But where were the attacks on Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, who also possess and manufacture chemical weapons? No, the attacks on Iraq are about the US proving that it is still the top nation able to impose its will on the world. This has the calculated "feel good response" of making the US public feel that it is the greatest nation on the planet, with big dividends for the President.

Blood for oil

The war is about oil as well. The last Gulf War was fought to protect US oil supplies in the

region. This has increased because of new oil supplies in the nearby Caspian region. The US and the big oil companies need to know that these are safe. In the process the British government, by hanging on the coat tails of the USA, hopes to get some of the kudos and restore the glory of the long gone days of yesteryear when Britain itself was the top dog.

Millions killed "ethically" Labours "ethical foreign policy" went out of the window as quick as you could say Robin Cook. And meanwhile the "smart" bombs claim the lives of more ordinary Iraqis. The war has cost billions for the US and Britain to mount, whilst at home the austerity packages in both countries continue to affect working class people. At the same time the sanctions imposed against Iraq have resulted in the death of well over a million Iraqis due to malnutrition and lack of medical supplies. And it's estimated about a million children under the age of five are malnourished. We hope that soon the Iraqi people will overthrow and destroy Saddam and his death dealing military state. If and when that happens, we expect neither the US or Britain to support a mass uprising. Indeed, they will do all they can to sabotage it, as they have before. ★

What You Can Do

The best way to stop wars is to start revolutions, though this may be a little optimistic at the moment.

A march for Peace and Justice is being held on:

April 17th 1pm Speakers corner, Hyde Park. More info from: April 17th March, BM 2966, London, WC1N 3XX or call 0171 436 4636

This looks like the usual liberal-pacifist type event so don't expect much and remember to keep working for revolution!

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NEWS OF THE WORLD



ANTI-GM ACTION

Anti-Genetically modified food activists hit the Sainsbury's in Camden and dumped Frankenstein food on the pavement. Their leaflet slagged off the Labour government, calling it "little more than a mouth piece for Sainsburys" and attacked those "making huge profits at the expense of public health and the environment".

LET THERE BE LIGHT

After power cuts in Buenos Aires left 300,000 people without electricity for a week, people eventually took matters into their own hands by taking to the streets and starting fires outside branches of the electric company.

SICK BASTARDS!

Privately run Doncaster prison has the highest suicide rate in Britain. So what was the response of the prison inspectors? Yes, they gave it an award - a "Charter Mark" for providing a "secure, safe and humane" environment.

PEOPLE'S JUDGE MY ARSE

The late Lord Denning has been hailed by the mainstream press as "The People's Judge". But we remember it was this bastard that rejected an appeal from the Birmingham 6 and said the Guildford 4 should have been hanged. We say good riddance!

KOREAN WORKERS FIGHT

Workers in Korea aren't taking job losses lying down. In response to mass layoffs 4,000 metalworkers took to the streets of Seoul and fought with the cops.

CAPITALISM GOES BANANAS

A trade war between Europe and the USA is looming over bananas! US companies in Latin America have lobbied to start this 'war' to help their profits, whilst Oxfam have campaigned to get British consumers to support the smaller-scale Caribbean growers. A World Trade Organisation ruling will decide the outcome, without any thought of the welfare of the workers in either area.

LOCK OUT

The 300 locked out LSG Skychef workers (sacked for going out on strike) have daily pickets at Foggs Road, Feltham, West London (nearest tube: Hatton Cross) Get down there and show some solidarity.

RUSSIAN FACTORY TAKE OVER

A factory in Yasnogorsk has been taken over by 4,200 workers in opposition to the local Communist Party and Yeltsinite privatisation plans. Special police forces have been sent in to counter the workers but resistance continues.

BIOHAZARD



Attacks on crops of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) have grown an impressive rate, both in Britain and as far a field as India. People realise that only direct action can stop the multinationals from tampering with their food and fucking up their environment.

Monsanto, the biggest biotechnology company in the world (which we have, incidentally, to thank for 'Agent Orange' which the Americans used to murder thousands of Vietnamese peasants in the 1960s) has gone to huge lengths to suppress this opposition to its genetically modified food products including a massive £1 million advertising campaign in Britain alone. This campaign has been totally unsuccessful and opposition to GM foods is bigger than ever!

BLOW JOB

As usual the politicians and bosses are up to their necks in it. Blair refuses to even temporarily ban the growing of genetically modified foods in Britain, despite the fact that bans were implemented in France and Austria. The reason?? Apart from Blairs well know link to Sainsburys, Bill 'Blow Job' Clinton had also been placing pressure on Blair to accept the testing of GMOs in Britain because GMOs are worth \$ millions to the American economy. He might also have men-

tioned that Monsanto is one of five companies spearheading his 'Welfare to Work' schemes, and was singled out for special praise in Clinton's 'State of the Nation' address last year. Needless-to-say, Clinton didn't do all this out of the kindness of his heart: in 1996 Monsanto donated \$1000s to the Clinton presidential campaign.

FOOD BANNED

Of course, the politicians won't eat this genetically modified food themselves as no one knows what kind of effect sticking a fish gene into a plant will have on people and the environment. For this reason all genetically modified food has been banned from the House of Commons. Yet they are quite happy for us to be their guinea pigs whilst they connive, as always, to line their pockets. It's the same old story: as far as they're concerned we're just here to produce and consume whilst they use us in whatever way they like.

For more info on genetic engineering and what you can do to fight back contact:

Genetix News

Freepost (Lon 6013)

PO Box 6313

London

N16 0DY

Genetics update

c/o

P.O. Box 9656

London

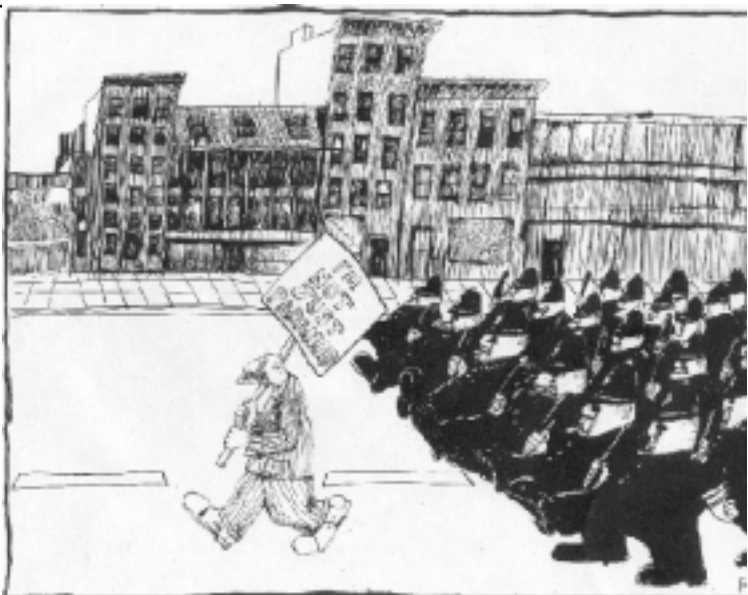
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MUMIA MUST LIVE!

Radical American journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal continues to languish on death row, only a signature away from execution. Despite overwhelming evidence his trial was rigged his appeal against conviction has been rejected. Thousands of people have already taken to the streets to protest against this injustice and demand Mumia's freedom. Only by building this movement can Mumia's life be saved.

Contact: **Mumia Must Live!**,
BM Haven, London, WC1N 3XX
or email: mumia@callnetuk.com
London Anarchist Black Cross can now also be contacted at the above address

Have you ever had the feeling you're being watched?



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SUPPORT PRISONER MICHAL PATERA



The ACF and Solidarity Federation picketing in support of Czech anarchists

The Federation of Social Anarchists (the Czech section of the anarcho-syndicalist International Workers Association) is calling for international support after one of its members was charged with murder in relation to an incident last November.

On November 27th 1998, two members of the FSA were attacked by a group of at least five neo-nazis in the Prague club Campton. One of the two was knocked out after a short fight, while the other, Michal Patera was injured. Fearing for his life, Michal drew his legally owned gun and fired at the attackers. One of the fascists was shot three times. Michal managed to escape but was captured shortly after by the police. He was charged with "attempted murder motivated by ideological conviction" and faces a 25-year term if convicted. None of the attacking neo-nazis faces even minor charges.

This is the fourth time in recent years that the Czech authorities have charged a victim of fascist terror with murder or attempted murder for defending themselves. Anti-fascists Vaclav Jez, Pravel Hroupa and Pavel Opocensky were all finally cleared of similar charges, but not until they had spent up to several years in custody awaiting trial. The Czech anti-fascist movement has also had to raise large amounts of money to cover legal costs.

The last Straw



Jack Straw before he shaved his toothbrush moustache off

Home secretary Jack Straw has proved himself to be even more of a tosser than previously suspected. His new plans to lock away innocent mentally ill people on the word of an "expert" shows he can sink to even lower depths.

That shit hates ill people is nothing new - he's already set the cops on a multiple sclerosis sufferer he thought was smoking a

The Czech republic has a growing neo-nazi movement. According to police information, there are at least 30,000 organised neo-nazis and active supporters of fascist ideology in the Czech republic, with 3000 in Prague alone. Last year the fascist Patriotic Front stood candidates in municipal elections, the first time such an organisation has done so since the 1930s. Festivals with bands performing "white music" attract hundreds of supporters.

Support for the neo-nazis is also strong among the police. The Ministry of Interior Affairs estimates that one third of the police force are members of or active sympathisers of neo-fascist, racist or extreme nationalist organisations.

Send letters of solidarity to: Michal Patera (1976), PO Box 5, 14057 Praha 4, Czech Republic. His defence campaign can be emailed at: sam20uj@axpsu.ppf.slu.cz

In this country the Solidarity Federation are raising money for Michal. Send cheques to: Solidarity Federation, PO Box 1681, London, N8 7DN.

A benefit is also being planned for Sat 1st May. Contact Anarchist Communist Federation (London) c/o 84b Whitechapel High St, London E1 7QX or phone 0152 3 786692 (pager) ★

spliff. His latest brainwave goes even further than him just being an unpleasant bastard. The flimsy pretence that we all have civil liberties to protect us from the whims of those in power has been revealed for the myth it is.

Once governments are democratically elected they're free to use power as they like. Jack Straw has no doubt learned from an Austrian called Adolph who discovered this fact in 1933. Like Hitler, Straw has already been persecuting gypsies, refugees and political dissidents (like Green Anarchist and the Animal Liberation Front). Now he's added the mentally ill, so religious minorities must be next (watch out Muslims!). Secret plans leaked to **resistance** reveal that a huge prison building program has already started. OK, we made that last bit up - in fact the plans aren't secret at all! ★



In the last resistance, we saw how the Russian revolution came when workers decided they'd had enough of the misery of the bosses war. Wars don't always produce revolutions, but they often produce revolutionary ideas.

This is what happened in Britain at the end of the English civil war in 1649. King Charles, convinced that god had given him the right to do what the fuck he liked with his kingdom and its subjects had a bit of a falling out with his parliament, who disagreed and wanted power for 'the people' (then, as now, 'the people' meant a middle class elite, they didn't give a fuck about ordinary people either....)

Off with his head

When parliament won and Charlie boy lost his head, many people really felt that the world had turned upside down. In this new and exciting atmosphere, new ideas burst from all over the place. There were religious nutters like the 'Ranters', or middle class people who wanted a vote like the 'Levellers'. The most radical ideas came from Gerrard Winstanley and his group the 'True Levellers' or 'The Diggers'. The Diggers claimed that the Earth was made for all and therefore that private ownership of the land was totally wrong. Acting on these ideas, they occupied land from St George's Hill in Surrey to as far away as the Midlands, forming ten communities. They grew crops communally on the occupied land and gave what they didn't need to the poor.

Revolutionary threat

It didn't take the landlords and bosses long to work out that the Digger's ideas against hierarchy and the ownership of land represented a revolutionary threat to their interests. Only a year after the Diggers started, the landlords struck back, hiring thugs to beat them up and throw them out of their homes, destroying their crops in the process. Whilst the Diggers were defeated, their ideas and example survived and they still inspire revolutionaries today.

The Land is Ours are holding commemorations for the Diggers this year and every year around APRIL 1st. See the notice board on the back page for details of this years events. ★

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PEOPLE TO SEE...

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JOIN THE DIGGERS! Land occupation near St George's Hill, Surrey. Events from Thursday 1st April, including a march from: The Centre, Hepworth Way, Walton-on-Thames, 12.30pm, 3rd April. Info: The Land Is Ours, Box E, 111 Magdalen Road, Oxford.

MOVEMENT AGAINST THE MONARCHY Harass the Queen as she hands out toy money to toadies. 1st April, 10.30am, College Green, Bristol Cathedral. Contact: MA'M, PO Box 14672, London, E9 5UQ. Pager 01523 160145

GLOBAL CAPITALISM & EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION TO IT Conference in Glasgow. Sessions on capitalism and UK break up. Sat./Sun. 3-4 April. E-mail radfest@yahoo.com, Tel. 0131 5576242.

MARCH FOR A MINIMUM WAGE Sat, 10th April, 11am, Gateshead Civic Centre car park. We'd rather have a maximum wage but there you go...

MARCH FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE Speakers corner, Hyde Park. April 17th 1pm. More info from: April 17th March, BM 2966, London, WC1N 3XX or call 0171 436 4636

WHO KILLED BLAIR PEACH? Anti-racism demonstration. Sat 24th April. 1pm Dominion centre, The Green, Southall. Info from 0181 980 3601

MUMIA MUST LIVE! Radical American journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal is still on death row and faces imminent execution. Regular meeting and activities are taking place in London, with a big event planned for Sun, April 25th. For more information contact: **Mumia Must Live!**, BM Haven, London, WC1N 3XX or email mumia@callnetuk.com

RECLAIM MAY DAY Celebrate International Workers Day and remember our Anarchist martyrs. Tower of London 2pm, Sat 1st May. A benefit for anarchist prisoner Michal Patera is planned for the evening. Contact **London ACF** for details (see article inside). Or you could just go and get stoned on the May Day is Jay Day march. Contact 0171 637 7467 for more info if you can get your head together for long enough, man.

ANNUAL LEVELLERS PARADE May 15th 1999, 11 am, Burford, Oxfordshire.

STOP THE CITY Close down the city centre as part of an international day of action against global capitalism. London (and elsewhere) June 18th 1999. Supported by loads of groups (including us). Website: <http://www.gn.apc.org/june18> Tel: 0171 281 4621

SAVE THE 121 ANARCHIST CENTRE The 121 Centre is still in danger of eviction, but as we go to press they haven't shut it yet. Get in touch at: 121, Railton Road, London, SE24 0LR or phone 0171 326 0353 and help to keep this anarchist centre open. Website: <http://i.am.121centre/> or email: friendsof121@hotmail.com

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Black Flag. Legendary anarchist mag. £1.50 issue/£6 a sub. BM Hurricane, London, WC1N 3XX
Counter Information. Free anarchist news-sheet reporting on struggles from around the world. Transmission, 28 King St, Glasgow, Scotland, G1 5QP

Direct Action. If revolutionary unionism is your thing read the paper of the Solidarity Federation (Anarcho-Syndicalists). £2 issue/£12 sub. PO Box 1681, London, N8 7DN.

SchNEWS. Weekly direct action news-sheet. Send stamps to: PO Box 2600, Brighton, BN2 2DX

Smash Hits. Discussion bulletin for the Revolutionary movement. BM 5538, London, WC1N 3XX

Class War. Anarchist tabloid - the name says it all. Subscriptions from PO Box 467, London, E8 3QX

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Who are we?

We are 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 it's 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 international anarchist movement.

Join the resistance

The ACF have members up and down the country 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-fascism and against government legislation which attacks our community.

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