ANOTHER GERMAN NUCLEAR PROTEST

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BONFIRES IN THE STREET

After 4 months, the squatted 121st centre in Bexley, South London, is still occupied and awaiting the bailiffs. During that time people have been trying to maintain a 24-hr occupation of the building without losing sight of all the reasons why such autonomous space is so vital and how we can make it happen. It's been hard work, to keep spirits and energy levels high, and find enough to keep us amused in what can be a dark and lonesome building. So people decided to hold a street party, to celebrate the occupying 121's 40th birthday, our desire and ability to claim our own space in this world.

In August on The 10th and 11th of December, we always have street parties in our city of 121. Most of the neighbours joined the party (as did an incredible number of passers-by on their way home from work). The street was filled with 500 people. The music went on till late. Police hovered in extremely small numbers and observed, not even complaining about the bonfires in the streets.

In May, the party was ‘organised’ by a handful of people at 2-3 weeks’ notice. In response to all the planners ‘who don’t do this every week?’ we’d like to encourage everyone to organise their own community parties this summer - not necessarily in a street but in any unsung but beautiful place. Haring said that the 121st ‘day of resistance’ falls on a Saturday - May 15th - so there will be something happening somewhere.

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The ‘Mini’ RTS announced in Manchester for 30s April, became a major success with a motorway blocked, the city centre gridlocked and 6 hours of partying despite heavy police presence including helicopters, CS gas attacks and cops in riot gear. The plan was to block a side-street near the university, to protest against their transport policies. But the police, expecting a much larger Oxford Road to be taken, sent in the riot squad A couple of cops-kills surged into the crowd, battoning and stamping on people more people, including many student bystanders, moved in to protest the sound barrier which was formed back out onto Oxford Road. New mobile, the party carried on. It moved towards the inner city motorway A57(M) where the party continued for several hours, blocking the A57. Most of the motorway protesters had been arrested. The last to leave were 35 people who had set up a small camp on the motorway. They were all arrested. All were released the same day also.

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Custard’, the entertainer, commented; ‘Proper cleaned himself up in the toilets, only to be pied...’

A protest took place at the Basque regional parliament in Pamplona, Spain against the road building. From 4 to 7 June 2000, environmentalists have been fighting the widening of the E7/RN134 road - including a 9 km tunnel - for 11 months.

The Plough, St. Benedicts Street Norwich.

Purchasing shares in the company in order to raise their concerns about Persimmon’s GBP 100 million development for a luxury property at Budds Farm, Biddenden, near Ashford, are being considered.


FRANSACTIONS

To demonstrate their opposition to the war, peace campers are having a vigil at the gates of the base.

GLOBALISATION DAY

On the 7th of April a protest took place at the Basque regional parliament in Pamplona, Spain against the road building. A 9 km tunnel is included in the plans. Pyrenees have been fighting the widening of the E7/RN134 road - including a 9 km tunnel - for 11 months.

As well as travelling to work, the train was decorated with notices saying ‘Guest’ labels on. Referring to their proposals as ‘guerrilla action’ the participants felt to be a good action anyway. Reclaim The Streets are now planning to stage a demonstration against the visit of the US Secretary of Defence by growing a ‘guerrilla garden’ in the gardens of the US embassy in London.


PERSIMMON HOMES

AGM ACTION

Protesting shareholders were turned away from a luxury housebuilding company’s AGM because of what they were wearing. Local residents from the area surrounding Persimmon’s development for a luxury property (CASE) had hooked up with activists from URGE to take an active role in order to raise their concerns about Persimmon’s involvement with the development of the Langley Valley, for which work has already begun down the valley in Kent. The Mayfair Valley in Hertfordshire and the biggest incursion into Green Belt land in fifty years. The Mayfair Valley action is in different local authorities, and the various groups plan to step up protest if the development goes ahead. The groups intend to resist the eviction if it comes before 10 weeks from the court verdict, the £60,000 damages awarded to McDonald’s should be reduced by £20,000 – which the McLibel crew won’t pay anyway.’


DIY ANTI-GLOBALISATION DAY

A group of around 30 people from a range of backgrounds met in Reading for an action tour of some of the city’s corporate patrons. They were joined by other groups and activists and, following a series of mini-meetings with senior managers to ask about their ethical policy in the global south and involvement with vivisectionists, internet shopping sites and travel agents were picketed. The conditions at Reading Radio 1 were also picketed with posters of animal experiments and scenes of poverty and exploitation.

The new battle line was on creating links between existing anti-war groups and setting up a network and build international resistance to this project so why not go on visit “Occupy Wall Street” in New York.


TRIDENT PLOUGHSHARES 2000

Seven Scottish Trident Floughshares activists blockaded the base of Faslane, Inverclyde, the gateway to Britain’s nuclear submarine fleet. They attached themselves to a steel wire which the government engineers were trying to remove during a walk through the Green Belt land. The court has been asked to step up protest if the development goes ahead. GARELOCH.


NEW SOCIAL CENTRE FOR LEEDS

On 24th April, a collective drawn from a range of groups in the Leeds area - including Earth First! and Green Action - reclamed an unused church building in Leeds. The group are now looking at ways to develop a new social centre for the area.


PARTY LINE – TUBE RECLAIMED

The latest Lawford Street station was tube privatization and in support of tube workers saw 800-1000 people reclaiming a Circle Line train. As a part of the same week of action, the station was declared ‘out of service’. A platform for music played; techno in one carriage, acoustic in another. More than a thousand of football fans had made the political connections of this sort of situation, and they kept shut doors at the stations shutting down until eventually shepherding everyone onto a Northern Line train to join the pro-cubans ‘Mayday is-j-day’ festival in Brixton. So the aim of reclaiming the whole circuit of 16 Tube stations in London was felt to be a good action anyway. Reclaim The Streets have an idea to protest the eviction if it comes before 10 weeks from the court verdict, the £60,000 damages awarded to McLibel.


GENETIC CROP IN MAY

A camp will be set up to highlight alternative corporate based food production, with practical displays and workshops until Friday 5th May. It is planned to link this struggle with other struggles across the world and to work with building and set off into the city centre, accompanied by a banner and a marching band followed by a ‘Stop the navigators’ petition march. Some local residents have complained to police about the noise and danger to children, and a bitter argument developed with the police and children at play. The participants were met by a handful of police and set off into the city centre, accompanied by a banner and a marching band followed by a ‘Stop the navigators’ petition march. It is planned to link this struggle with other struggles across the world and to work with Gareloch and hiked 3 miles across the hillside to get to the waters of Loch Long close to the submarine. At least six people smeared out towards Vangenge despite heavy police presence, some of them getting within 100 yards of the vessel.

Pirates

Check out their website: www.gerecomos.com/Randolf/Jungle/1644

Jean Lawless. On remon for throwing red paint over the statue of the minster of the defence on the day the last Gulf War broke out.

Jean Lawless EH4454, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Rd, London N2 1EB

When writing to Jean you must write your name and address clearly.

Jean Lawless was sentenced to ten years in prison for pouring paint on the statue of the ministry of the defence on the day the last Gulf War broke out.

Michaélán O'Skott BK 8778, HMP Horfield, Cambridge Road, Bristol BS5 9RF

Contact O'Skott for more info.

BUTTS WATER MEADOW REPREIVE

Plans to take to court a judicial ruling that Green Burrowers had been wrong in not conducting an independent environmental assessment of the scheme when it was approved by Cotterplo to Albemarle.

Anyone for a Defender?

...raising awareness, empowering from below, networking, demanding the impossible - a global ban on nuclear weapons!

As revealed on the Mark Thomas show, it is possible to buy a round-the-world trip for less than the price of a Trident nuclear warhead convoy, in Balloch on Loch Lomondside.

On April 16, one day after Nato warplanes bombed refugee convoys in the Kosovo war, three women from the Action for Nuclear Disarmament (ANAD) female peace group went to the Faslane nuclear submarine base, Faslane on Loch Longside.

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The convoy was hauled for about 20 minutes by police following the road whilst others held banners.


UPCOMING MEETINGS 

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The MCBEL appeal verdict

A high court appeal launched by the McLibel Two has resulted in significant improvements to the judgment for the McLibel crew. The decision formally delivered on March 30th, the appeal court ruled that claims that hundreds of thousands of dollars of Burst of vacations enlarges the risk of heart disease, and elsewhere people are getting their own referenda together - it won’t be too late to go for it. Under the 1972 local government act it requires six ‘local government electors’ to call a parish meeting. If at any meeting (or at least one-third of those present whichever is the LEAST) call for a referendum it happens, quite simply really! The idea being that the town hall is ‘decided’ on by a local referendum. To get involved contact NSC at 01225 773701 or email pp3mo@aol.com.

Contact 0961 810356


 vrouwelijkheid in de wereld en een hoogwaardige hervorming van landelijke hoeven van contact. Contact 33-59947-7883

The E7/RN134 would pass through area of ‘People, planet, profit - an act of commitment’, their success. Contact +33-55934 -7883

On April 3rd, Manchester activists occupied two major properties in the warhead convoy, in Balloch on Loch Lomondside. April 28th saw another successful AGM action from PLOUGHSHARES 2000.


ASS' ANGLESEY

Work on the Euroroute to Dublin has started with hundreds of people intent on trying to stop the road. Action was due to start at the end of August. Tarmac and Laing are the two major companies involved in the road building project.


ACTION DIARY

18. Hull RTS Meet 12 noon, Pearson Park (off Beverley Road)
19. 4 x 4 anti-war car action. Leeds 0113 262 9365
19. joint local anti-nuclear camp in Germany (see back page)
20. Resistance against the current wave of round-the-world (workshop 6th, action 17th) Mark Wright, Swindon 01793 594604
21. Anti-BNP direct action at Oxford. Contact South Oxfordshire Peace Group, 179 Cowley Rd, Oxford OX4 1EZ, or see back page
22. 31st Intersocial Centre in Britain. 0790 876 5136
23. Anti-Gene-scoop camp. Contact a new social centre. Contact New Trinity Centre, Trinity Road, Bristol, BS1 2ET
24. 30th Anti-sniper action. (see News in Brief)
24. Farming Changed Day: for shares contact
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[contact information for various groups and organizations]

Like all industry, forestry has become dominated by relatively a small number of large multinational companies who are increasingly becoming the only decision makers on a global scale. With US companies venturing south into Latin America, and the EU companies laying up the vast tracts of Russian forests that have been made available to capitalize as the WTO’s Investment Agenda begins its ‘Free Logging Agreement’.

The World Trade Organisation formed in 1994 as the sister organisation to the IMF and World Bank. It has given US and Canadian timber companies the carte blanche to buy up forests around the world, and if multinational companies can buy up forests around the world, and if 'unreasonably high standards of forest protection' are barriers to free trade, member countries might have. The threat of a much larger trade war is one of the main reasons why stopping genetic engineering in its tracks is proving so

The direct social effects, e.g. mass redundant, when a company pulls out of an area, the threat of displacement often encourages countries to deepen social and environmental protection legislation to maintain competitiveness in the global economy.

Equally disturbing is what could be made illegal as a 'remedial measure' to address the 'unreasonably high standards of forest protection' are barriers to free trade. timber companies who are increasingly

In the run up to the global action on June 18th, here's a BRIEFING ON THE WTO "FOREST LOGGING"

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The Investment Agenda

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June 18

BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

Erm, what IS June 18th? It’s a day of “protest, action and carnival in financial centres across the globe”, recognising that “capitalism is at the heart of our ecological and social problems”. In the UK we are targeting the City of London.

I don’t live near London. Do I have to go all that way to get involved beforehand?

As you don’t... Many local groups are having meetings, organising actions, support and providing transport for the day... 

What is the City of London?

It’s not the whole of London, but the financial centre which is about 4 square miles.

Might we not get in trouble with the law all this?

The Legal Defence & Monitoring Group will be monitoring on June 18th with Legal Observers on the streets (more of which are desperately needed), providing a 24hr police support line on the 18th & 19th and organising a defendants meeting on the 19th. Support of these arrested will be unconditional. As this is a global event it is important to offer solidarity to those on other shores as well as in our own prisons and courts. Although there will be legal observers on the streets, it is still our individual and collective responsibility to look out for each other’s liberty and well-being, e.g de-arresting people. Also local groups have often organised their own legal support and defendants groups, so check this out. It is really important, so get involved! Ring 0181 3745027 for more details.

My group hasn’t organised an action. Is there any point coming?

Yes! Firstly, there’s still plenty of time to get something together. For information for action order your resource pack from J18info at Corporate Watch, 01865 791391.

Is there anywhere safe I can lock up my bike or is the City full of ruffians?

Why not bring it with you? There is a critical mass at 10am to spread goodwill amongst car-commuters. Meet West Smithfield, EC1 (near City Thameslink & Farrington rail stations)

Since my wages were cut I have been unable to afford the rent on my London flat. This means I have nowhere to stay the night before. Can you help?

If you need somewhere to stay on the 17th or on the 18th or both then fill in this handy form and return it to: J18 info, Box E, 111 Magdalen Rd, Oxford OX4 1RQ. Breakfast not included.

Accommodation needed for ... people, coming from ...

For June 17th June 18th Both (please ring)

We would like to stay together in groups of ...

(obviously smaller groups are easier to house but affinity groups that want to be together can be accommodated)

Contact name/number/details where we can confirm it’s sorted:

Can someone record the Archers for me?

You’ll have to sort that out yourself. I’m afraid but talking of radio... there is an internet radio project planned so send any programming you would like to see aired: rants, skits, music, events etc to: capitalismsux@hotmail.com tel: 07788 491899

Does this mean I’ll miss out on bringing down global capitalism?

No, not if your holiday is in one of the (to-date) 30 or more countries that are involved in June 18th actions. Check out the website www.18.org for international contacts, get international leaflets from London RTS or subscribe to the international J18 email list, send an email to listproc@gn.apc.org with: subscribe J18DISCUSSION your email address.

I can’t cope with the heavy traffic on the J18discuss email list - I’m an asthmatic.

Does that mean I can’t keep in touch via cyberspace?

Not any more! There is the J18 London email list which is much lighter and free from the pollutions of debate into ‘peck monopolies in China’ and the like. This can be reached by: brightonj18@lycosmail.com

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