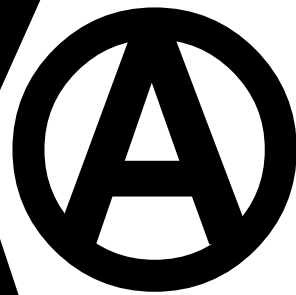


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# Operation Infinite Profit

FOLLOWING the recent terrorist attacks in the USA President George Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair have declared that the guilty parties must be held responsible.

We at **resistance** couldn't agree more. The problem we have with them is over who the guilty parties are. Osama bin Laden? The Taliban? If so, then also the SAS and CIA who trained them, the British and American States who funded them. When the separate quests for wealth and power of the western elite and the Taliban coincided they were best of friends. Now they have diverged they will fight each other.

Bush has declared that the atrocity has provided "an opportunity to wage war against terrorism". Conveniently, it has also provided the opportunity for Bush and Blair to boost their pitiful popularity ratings. It provides the opportunity for them to distract people from the effects of the ever deepening recession through a patriotism which opposes the view of society fractured along class lines. The airline industry bosses are using the attack as an excuse to do what they have been trying to do for months - totally restructure the global industry. More than 100,000 people booted out of work already with more to follow. Patriotism and 'doing your bit' will be used to pacify those falling on the economic scrap-heap of a worldwide recession.

And as anarchists have always said: "War is the health of the state". The budget and prestige of the military will

be hugely boosted by this conflict. It also is the perfect excuse to crack down on internal dissent (anti-capitalists and anarchists are undoubtedly in the firing line), compulsory ID cards seem certain



to be brought in and there will be even more powers for stifling dissent under the guise of 'anti-terrorism'.

It is important that we all cut through the fine words and smart images of the world leaders. Their friends in the media are bombarding us with images of them as caring people with our interests and the interests of humanity as a whole at heart. Nonsense, they never hesitate to cut our standard of living, or drop bombs on innocent people in other countries if there is

money and power in it for them. We must see them for what they are and remain focused on what is really going on.

Just like any other war, this one will involve the demonisation of one man - Osama bin Laden - as an excuse for murdering thousands of innocent civilians. Just like any other war, the leaders will be as fit and healthy at the end as at the beginning - remember all of the crap about the Gulf War being to 'get' Saddam Hussein? There he is 10 years later, still lording it up while his people suffer.

In the same way that the terrorist assaults on Americans have worked in Bush and Blair's favour, so their military response will work in the favour the Islamic fundamentalism of Osama bin Laden and the Taliban who have been chosen as the guilty parties. An assault on Afghanistan will result in much of the Muslim world falling in behind the Taliban.

A war set up by the great and good of our society as a battle between East and West, Barbarians and Civilisation, Dictators and Democracy, Islam and Christianity, will suit leaders on all sides very well indeed. After all, there is nothing better than a 'foreign' enemy to strengthen the dominant ideology and keep the masses back at home in line.

Terrorism, war, recession and mass redundancies are all products of the system. They will remain with us for as long as capitalism does. ★

*On the day the first bombs fall protest against the war at 6pm in Trafalgar Square.*

## TIME BOMB



AS THE bosses try to get us to wave their flag and knuckle down to a war economy in the name of freedom, we take our regular look at the history of revolt: opposition to the Vietnam war.

In the 1960s and 70s a generation of young people began to reject the rubbish they had been fed at school about America being the champion of freedom and democracy. As many looked deeper into the reasons why America was in Vietnam, they began to see what the real problem was: an economic and political system that adopted policies that were wanted by the few while the ordinary people, the working class suffered. In other words the real enemy was capitalism. This realisation soon gave way to anger and rage at the entire system.

This awareness led people to look for alternatives. Unfortunately the alternatives were very limited. Some advocated 'turning on, tuning in and dropping out'. People experimented with drugs and alternative life styles, setting up communes or living rough on the streets of the city. Others in their rejection of American capitalism supported unquestioningly the countries that claimed to be socialist. Ho Chi Mihn was idolised and activity against the war became activity in support of the Vietnamese 'communist' regime.

Various factions emerged based primarily on the support of a particular regime or ideologue. Pro-Albanians debated with pro-Soviets as Trotskyists clashed with Maoists. They also romanticised all 'Third World' national liberation struggles, putting them forward as the vanguard in the fight against world capitalism.

### And mutiny in the army...

Resistance among the American military was a major but little publicised factor in the ending of the war. In June 1971 Colonel Robert D. Heintz wrote in the Armed Forces Journal: "By every conceivable factor our army that remains in Vietnam is in a state approaching collapse, with individual units avoiding or having refused combat, murdering their officers and non-commissioned officers, drug ridden and dispirited when not near mutinous".

Attacks on officers ('fraggings') rose from 126 in 1969 to 271 in 1970. In 1968 there were 68 recorded incidents of combat refusal. By 1969 entire units were refusing orders and by 1970 there were 35 separate refusals in the Air Cavalry alone. Desertion and AWOL (Absent Without Leave) became epidemic with one GI leaving every three minutes at the height of the war.

Lets hope that in this latest war rebels at home and in the armed forces will also make a formidable enemy for the capitalists. ★

## THE ECONOMY OF WAR

THE INTERNATIONAL airline industry had been going through a major shake up before the slaughter at the World Trade Centre and Pentagon. As reported in recent issues of Resistance plenty of strikes were going on due to attempted sackings by Airline companies. Ansett (Australian), Aer Lingus (Ireland), Lufthansa (Germany), Alitalia (Italy), Aeromexico, Asian Airlines, Aeroflot (Russia), Air Liberte (France), Sabena (Belgian), KLM Dutch Airlines, have all had strikes in the last few months. Now panicking bosses are ditching workers like dangerous ballast, hoping to save their skins and profits from a hard crash.

The following sackings have taken place already, or have been announced as

imminent: Boeing - 30,000, British Aerospace owner AMR - 20,000, United Airlines 20,000 workers, Honeywell avionics manufacturer - 12,000, Continental - 12,000 workers, US Airways -11,000, Virgin Atlantic - 1,200 workers, Aerlingus - 600, British Airways - 7000, Northwest Airlines - 10,000, Aloha Airlines - 250.

These staff reductions will allow airline bosses to reduce levels of air traffic, and so orders for new planes, which will have a knock on effect throughout the travel industry (manufacturers, ground crew, baggage handlers, ticket sellers, travel agents). People remaining in the industry will see wages frozen or reduced, and benefits slashed as the bosses make sure that workers carry all of the burden



**"We call it socialism from above"**

**"We call it bombing"**

methods of struggle to develop, a movement that breaks out of the restrictive ideas and apparatus of the Left, and potentially challenges the war machine and the system as a whole.

The second hurdle to be overcome will be jingoistic flag waving in the name of 'anti-terrorism'. We are all anti-terrorist! It is important to realise that Governments are the biggest terrorists of all, and that support for them through the irrationality of patriotism is support for further war-mongering. We must not let politicians con us with patriotism and lead us in to the acceptance of war, job cuts and attacks on wages and conditions, as part of being a 'good citizen' - making patriotic victims of yet another capitalist onslaught. ★

## ONE MANS MISFORTUNE.....

THE MANUFACTURERS of weapons will be receiving plenty of orders right now and in the future. Major weapons manufacturers such as BAE Systems (UK), Lockheed Martin (US), Boeing (US), Raytheon (US), General Dynamics (US), Northrop Grumman (US), EADS (France), Thales (France), United Technologies (US) and TRW (US) will be rubbing their hands with delight at the prospect of war.

Share values increased for many of these companies immediately after the attacks in New York and Washington. Above are the World's top ten weapons

manufacturers but there are plenty of UK based firms employing thousands of workers.

Will workers in the booming sectors of weapons and related industries show solidarity with people laid off in other areas? Many of these companies are involved in both civil aviation and weapons production. This means that anti-layoff strikes could involve several areas of the same company. Any industrial action at the moment will help sabotage this Labour administration's war effort. That would be anti-war action through the class war. ★

## NO WAR OR JUST JAW JAW?

THE CURRENT outbreak of hostilities between two different ruling elites (Western and Taliban) is yet another manifestation of the greed and power-lust of the enemies of humanity. How will those apparently on the side of humanity respond? Past experience leaves little room for optimism.

The Left, as ever, will attempt to muddy the waters (anti-imperialism, national liberation, support of this or that faction). Part of the politics of authoritarian groups is making situations that are easily comprehensible infinitely complicated, so leaving the political strategy to those clued up enough on the correct ideology (Marxism, Leninism, Trotskyism, Maoism, etc.). The job of the party members is not to understand, but to learn a few slogans and follow the orders of their wise leaders.

During the bombing of Yugoslavia the various left groups all chose their favourite army to back, though some even managed to switch allegiance in the middle of the conflict.

Pacifists will be calling for a non-violent response, but within the framework of the capitalist state. Asking states to be non-violent is like telling the tide to stop coming in. It's not enough just to ask the state to be nicer - the state must be destroyed. During the gulf war pacifists called for sanctions instead of bombs against Iraq. These sanctions have now killed hundreds of thousands more than the bombs ever did!

### Are anarchist different?

Anarchists claim to be different. We realise that the biggest weapon the ruling class have got is not this or that gun, tank or missile, but the power over our minds, over what we think. Disinformation amplified by the media and mystification through religion and patriotism add up to formidable tools. These aim to prevent us from understanding what's really going on in our lives and the world and how we should respond to it. So as anarchists we aim to raise our level of understanding and encourage others to do likewise.

Will Britain's anarchists rise to the challenge of this war, in words and deeds, by putting across a clear revolutionary analysis of the situation? Will there be attempts to get a strong, aggressive, class

based message across to working class people? Will we *make people think*?

The response from many anarchists to previous wars has been at best confused, and many just retreated into the anarchist/anti-capitalist social scene and spent endless hours hand wringing and arguing among themselves in irrelevant meetings that no sane person would go within a mile of.

How ridiculous that every time a war starts the same 20-30 odd people get together in London to hold 'No War But

The Class War' (NWBTCW)

meetings. A fine

slogan, for sure,

but who else

hears it be-

yond the walls

in which they

meet? Are we

brave enough

to decide a

clear message

and take it out

onto the streets? Dur-

ing the Gulf War one

meeting of 'NWBTCW' had to

spend ages deciding whether to even go on an anti-war march. It's difficult to think of a more pointless way to spend time.

And what of the so-called 'anti-capitalist' scene? Will it develop into an anti-war movement? When bombs were falling on Yugoslavia the political weakness of this scene was clearly exposed. First there was hopeless confusion, as there was no simple 'good guys vs. bad guys' to support. Soon after attempts at analysis were abandoned and the war was to a large extent ignored.

'Anti-capitalism' is a strange blend of Christians, Liberals, Left-wing parties, environmentalists, pacifists, do-gooders and occasional anarchists. It never has, and never will have, any relevance to the majority of people. It has no foundation in workplaces, no roots in communities, and the times it has looked most interesting are when *already existing* social movements have temporarily got involved.

### Make war on the ruling class!

The people involved in 'anti-capitalism' have got to decide. More of the same 'celebrations of the diversity of our struggles', or the realisation that this is a directionless and politically inept movement with no hope of contributing to the creation of a free and equal society?

The can be only one response to capitalist war - a clear call for a war against the rulers and would be rulers of all states. To end war we must end capitalism. ★

## STRUGGLES CONTINUE

*As the Western leaders prepare for war struggles around the world continue...*

THREE hundred people marched through Athy, Ireland recently in support of workers at Peerless Rugs (PR) who have been on strike against bosses since July. PR announced closure of their plant, and have refused to pay out promised redundancies to workers, declaring itself bankrupt in spite of the fact that they have merely transferred work to plants elsewhere.

Workers responded however by occupying their factory, catching their frightened union by surprise. In the process, PR boss Martin Buckley was trapped inside his office for several hours before being rescued by local police.

The occupation, a typical anarchist tactic, has massive support from local people while even some local businesses have shown solidarity with the workers.

In the meantime, worried union leaders while publicly expressing support for the occupation are contriving with bosses for a more 'sensible' resolution to the stand-off, one of which will inevitably involve persuading workers to end their occupation in return for meaningless concessions that will probably never be made.

ONE THOUSAND people displaced by the Three gorges Dam project in China rose up after being denied compensation for the loss of their homes. The Beijing government is believed to have already moved over half a million people and plans to flood 2 cities and over 100 towns by 2009.

Those who have been deported have become sickened by the large-scale corruption of the government. Fights broke out with police at Yongzhou, where people have been relocated. 1,000 demonstrators threatened to commandeer a train to go back to their home of Chongqing after demanding immediate payment of a £200 living subsidy.

£40 million of the £1.4 billion earmarked for resettlement payment has already been embezzled, the Government itself admitted.

WALTHAMSTOW anarchist group now have a new phone number. To get involved tel: 07810 28889 ★

To find out why anarchists reject both terrorism and pacifism read: '**Anarchism and violence**' by Errico Malatesta available for £1 from London Anarchist Federation.

# INSIDE INFORMATION



## Genoa News:

THERE are a number of Italians and 15 Germans facing serious charges under the Italian anti-terrorism act. They have all either been released on bail or are expecting to be bailed soon. Donations towards their defence should be paid into the EA Berlin Sonder-Konto, account holder: Klaus Schmidt, Postgiro Berlin bank, sortcode 100 100 00, Account number 206-10-106.

For more info: Anarchist Committee for Defence and Solidarity (based in Genoa) email: anarcos@ghostmail.net

## Anti-fascist Prisoner Support:

THERE are several anti-fascists in prison in Sweden at the moment. Swedish AFA are calling for donations towards their support: PostGiro account 276 02-2, account holder Nisse Laets Minnesfond, label the payment 'Antifa Solidaritet', sortcode: PGS ISESS, address:

SE-105 00, Stockholm, Sweden. Contact them for further information via Solidaritygroup GBG, c/o Syndikalistiskt Forum, Box 7267, 40235 Gothenburg, Sweden.

## Other News:

JEFFREY LUERS, aka Free, who was arrested last year with Craig Marshall (Crittter) in Eugene, Oregon on various charges relating to arson, received a sentence of nearly 23 years. An appeal is underway. Support is vital so write to him: #13797671, 82911 Beach Access Road, Two Rivers Correctional Facility, Umatilla, Oregon 97882, USA, or contact the Legal Defence Committee, PO Box 11922, Eugene Oregon 97440, USA and make a donation towards the appeal.

CRAIG MARSHALL (Crittter), #13797662, EOCl, 2500 Westgate, Pendleton, OR 97801, USA. (Serving 5 years 5 months).

EDUARDO GARCIA MACIAS: Eduardo will have been in jail for a year in November. A Spanish member of the Anarchist Black Cross (ABC), he is being framed for sending letterbombs to

rightwing newspapers and for some bomb attacks. Three of the four judges dealing with the four different cases have already dismissed their cases, and Eduardo would be free, except that the fourth judge is insisting on remand and the trial.

The campaign to free him is growing so show your support, contact him: Modulo 3 C.P, Madrid V Soto del Real Apdo. 200 28791 Soto del Real, Madrid, Spain. And his support campaign via: edulibre@yahoo.es, or Spanish ABC (see contacts list).

MARK BARNESLEY: After being shunted to HMP Wakefield, getting into trouble for refusing prison slave labour, and a number of noise demos taking place outside the prison and an action on the prison labour company, Mark's been moved to HMP Armley, 2 Gloucester Terrace, Armley, Leeds LS12 2TJ.

FOR more info on prisoners support contact: Brighton ABC, c/o 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, BN2 2GY. or visit: www.schnews.org.uk/prisoners

See also the AF prisoners pages at: <http://burn.ucsd.edu/~acf/prison>



## Subvert and resist

Take precautions when going on demonstrations and don't take cameras, booze or drugs. If you're nicked give your name and address then say 'no comment' to any other questions.

**OCTOBER: 20th** - Anarchist Bookfair, 10am - 7pm Camden Centre, London (opposite St Pancras Station). With extra meetings in the Friends Meeting House (five minutes up the road) Anarchist Bookfair, 84b, Whitechapel High Street, London, E1. Email: [mail@anarchistbookfair.org](mailto:mail@anarchistbookfair.org) or visit: [www.anarchistbookfair.org](http://www.anarchistbookfair.org)

**22nd** - Big Blockade of Faslane Tident nuclear submarine base. Tel: 0141 423 1222 or visit: [www.gn.apc.org/tp2000](http://www.gn.apc.org/tp2000)

**30th - 1st NOV.** COPEX arms fair, Sandown Racecourse. Exhibition of 'counter-insurgency' items previously exposed as a market place for torture equipment. For protests contact CAAT: Tel 020 7281 0297 or email: [enquiries@caat.demon.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@caat.demon.co.uk)

**NOVEMBER: 5th** - Beginning of the trial of Euromin boss on charges of corporate manslaughter for the death of Simon at Shoreham docks. Visit: [www.simonjones.org.uk](http://www.simonjones.org.uk)

**7th** - 7 Birmingham Anarchist Group Picnic in the Park Fury in the Forbidden Zone! Meet 2pm, The Bandstand, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham Tel: 07866 443407 [bag2k@hotmail.com](mailto:bag2k@hotmail.com)

**9th** - Picket of Qatar Embassy at the beginning of the Word Trade Organisation meeting: 1 South Audley Street, London W1 from 11.30am.

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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 fighting for the kind of world outlined above. Contact:

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