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ANARCHIST FORTNIGHTLY

LONDON HOMELESS RALLY SQUAT THE LOT

Last Saturday 250 squatters and homeless people marched to a big new squat in Kings Cross, but were stopped by the police from holding a concert and party there. It was the first Homes For All demo, the first non-registered march since Stop the City, and the biggest squatters demo for many years.

As the heavy rain stopped and we set off from Highbury Corner it was clear also that it was an anarchist demo, it was non-Party, no lefty paper sellers, no stewards and no central organisation (it was organised through delegates from all the squat and some housing groups).

As we went down Upper Street, it was a surprise to be marching at all, with just two vanloads of fifth, and not to be beaten to shit, as at BTC or recently at Stonehenge.

As the march moved on through Islington High Street, traffic at a stand still we leafleted and shouted to the shopping crowds. Into Pentonville, and at Penton

keep us out. We had blundered, since few knew what was happening we couldn't be expected to charge through a line of cops into a blind alley.

More police arrived, one woman was brutally nicked when a group tried to get round the back, and stalemate then followed, with the squatters raising the @ flag and big SQUAT and HOMES FOR ALL banners, and the whole crowd besieging the building for nearly 2 hours.

The pigs had succeeded, almost by accident, so the demo went on, with much shouting and struggling as they began to make arrests. Eventually, after 7 arrests, the occupiers loaded up their van and were allowed to leave, amid loud cheering. We then walked to Kings Cross pigsty to try to free the hostages, but two more were nicked, including one woman who went in to enquire and got dragged into a cell.

After that, many of us went to Carols Cafe (HQ of the CIA/ Camden & Islington Action squatters) where we ate and



LIST OF SQUAT ADVICE GROUPS THROUGHOUT LONDON

Advisory Service for Squatters:
2 St. Pauls Road, Islington, N1.
Telephone: 3598814
Tube: Highbury & Islington.
2-6 Monday to Friday.

ARB also offers a general advice service for squatters in London.

Camden Squatters Aid:
4 Carol Street, NW11. Tube: Camden.
Tuesdays 8pm onwards.

Islington Housing Action:

387 Upper Street, N1
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still we flattered and shouted to the shopping crowds. Into Pentonville, and at Penton Rise we took a surprise left turn, stranding the cop van trying to lead us, amid much boogie and laughter. But the cops leapt out and joined the march at its head, hassling anyone who trod out of line. Their dignity was hurt, and when those up front tried to veer into a lane (where the door to the squat gig was) the police blocked the way. Just a few managed to get through and were seen to disappear through a small door.

A big building, owned by British Rail had been occupied and was prepared with food, drink, sound gear, mags and papers, banners etc ready for the arrival of the march, a secret until then.

A merry confusion followed, as the filth tried to break into the squat and

Cafe (HQ of the CIA/ Camden & Islington Action squatters) where we ate and watched the gig, with No Defences and Slave Dance. By 1.00am that night all but one of those arrested were released. One woman was still held for non-payment of a fine, but we expected her to be released later.

Most people at the demo said 'when's the next one?' and thought it was great. A boom in squatting is now expected, this week 1,000's of Bed & Breakfasters are being thrown on to the street, and another squat group is starting in West London, widening our network. For us squatting and local based organisation remains an essential part of beginning an anarchist movement in London. . .

R.Crowbar

Fines for those arrested were paid by bust funds from local groups.

JAPAN

OMORI Execution Looms

K. Omori was arrested in 1977 in connection with the bombing of a Government building (the Hokkaido Office, which administers affairs for the Ainu — whose island is known to the Japanese as Hokkaido — in the same way as the Bureau of Indian Affairs administers affairs for the American Indian (badly!). He is facing the death sentence by hanging if he loses his long awaited Appeal.

Protest letters can be sent to:

Japanese Embassy, 46 Grosvenor Street
W1 Tel: (01) 4936030. 493 2103 or
493 2475.

TO COMRADES IN ENGLAND:

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support. Thank you so much.

The case of K.Omori has been up for second trial, where we have produced several new pieces of evidence and new witnesses which prove his innocence. But there is still a very strong possibility that he may be sentenced to death again. Because his innocence means the guilt of Japanese imperialism which is dominating and occupying Ainu-Moshiri as its colony and it is impossible for the State to admit its own guilt it is very hard for him.

We will struggle until they release him



from prison. We'd like your continuing aid from now on.

In February, K Omori got married in jail to a woman who is an active member of the supporter's group.

Although he cannot help kissing her through a glass-window, he is doing his best to enjoy the honey-moon with her in spite of unfavourable circumstances.

Please accept our sincere apologies for our delayed answer to the letters you have written.

Further information and letters of solidarity, greetings, donations can be sent to *Akiyoshi Ito Sakae So 203, Iwakura-Agura, Sakyo, Kyoto, JAPAN.*

2-6 Monday to Friday.

ASS also offers a general advice service for squatters in London.

Squatters Network of Walworth (Southwark): 362 Old Kent Road, SE1.
Tel: 701 6804. Bus: 21,42,53,63,177.
Monday — Friday, 4—7 pm.

Brixton Squatters Aid:
121 Railton Road, Herne Hill, SE24.
Tel: 274 6655. Tube: Brixton.
Sundays 3—5pm
Other times in an emergency only.

SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka has been torn apart by rival groupings. Yet for years these different nationalities existed side by side. The Tamils originated from India and the Sinhalese from Ceylon (Sri Lanka as it is now called). But these different origins mean very little except when inflamed by nationalism into importance. The truth is they did not matter when there was an imperial race with its own quisling race to help it rule: in the name of anti-imperialism any other sections could ignite. Now triumphant, nationalism has provided a base on which the nationalist politicians can build their own minor empires. In the absence of working people's solidarity, this has turned the island against itself like a lunatic chopping off his own leg.

The Tamil politicians, unable to compete with the dominating Trotskyist politicians, hived off to nationalism. The trots countered with a rival form of nationalism. Then the Tamil educated young sought to enforce their national claims by force, but unleashed a wave of terror against the Tamil people that cannot now be controlled.

This was the island from which Trotskyism hoped to 'educate' the workers in many different countries; where they formed part of the Government and from which they financed the Militant Tendency (better known as the Tapeworm Tendency) in England, and other groupings. Typical of Trotskyism, always afraid to launch its' own party but preferring to be a tapeworm inside other parties and criticise the leadership, and unable to form the 'advance guard' inside a Communist or Labour Party since neither existed to any effect, they

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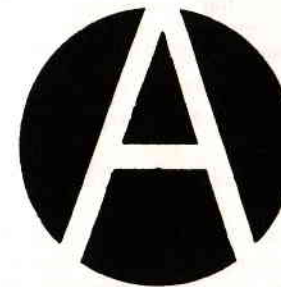
Islington Housing Action:
287 Upper Street, N1.
Tube: Highbury & Islington or Angel.
(especially) Sundays 2pm (but other times as well).

Haringey Homes For All:
32 Alexandra Road, N8.
Tube: Turnpike Lane.
Fridays 7.30pm.

Dalston Squatters; (East London)
c/o ASS

formed an advance guard inside the bourgeois nationalist movement, saving their Marxist Leninism for more favoured countries, and would have become part of a fascist dictatorship had they not been saved from this humiliation by an internecine civil war, with no pretensions to any class relevance.

The Labour Party here has some human humanitarian feelings about Tamil refugees. Should they not try to persuade their Tapeworm Tendency members to put some of the money they have got out of the Ceylon plantations back into helping the Tamils, rather than using it to finance a second Trotskyist daily paper that we need like a hole in the head?



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