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Facilities provided included food (evening vegan meal for 500 people), beer tent, shop, a print shop, a video tent, a pirate radio (broadcasting live the whole time), a kids programme (including a circus in its own big top) and big marquee with stage, PA, terraced seating and two bookstalls. Each evening there were events in the main tent, including music, theatre, poetry...Also, wood was provided for camp fires. The cost of the IAM was about £5000. The organisers hoped for about 1000 people and so charged £5 per person on arrival. Fewer people turned up, hence a loss was made, despite money made at the beer tent selling IAM home brewed beer. A collection was taken at the end to raise the difference.

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The Anarchist Survival gathering in Toronto attracted beautiful weather and approximately 400 people of various colour, thought and ages. It went on from July 1st to July 4th. The first two days were scheduled for 62 different workshops along with free space for spontaneous workshops. There was a banquet at the end of the first day and a "gathering" benefit gig with approximately 12 bands including HDC, on 3 different stages. The third day was a Sunday in the park. There was a picnic, a jam session, networking and various discussions, followed by an outdoor gig. The final day was set as a day of action with an Omori demo, toppless action and others planned. I left on Sunday so this is a piece of incomplete reporting.

There were handbooks printed specifically with a map and relevant information. Delicious vegan food was available throughout the affair along with an all ages creche. There was also security, complete with walkie talkies, during the event. Only two people (Americans) were arrested that I know of, with false intent to enter the country, one of those flexible immigration numbers that are popular in many states. Good news is that squatting is happening in various parts of America (eg Seattle, Philadelphia). Also the next gathering will probably be in San Francisco.

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ANARCHIST CONFERENCE IN KOREA

Invites to South Korea have now been received by 3 groups here, Counter-Information, London Greenpeace and 'Freedom'. The weekend conference in October is being funded by a South Korean anarchist millionaire who is paying all expenses. For more information, ask for an invite from Ha Ki-Rak, Federation of Anarchists in Korea, 7-6-22 Suseongku, Kanchon 2 Dong, Taegu, South Korea.
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