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News from:
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Anti Fascist News

Someone in Brighton police force has a sense of humour. When arch Nazis the British Peoples Party and the National Front applied to hold a picket against the 2007 Gay Pride March the local coppers assigned them TWO OFFICERS. Needless to say the thousands of gay (and proud) marchers and their friends gave them hell. That’s funny. What’s funnier still is the statement put out by the BPP: their attackers were huge muscular monsters on cocaine! They attacked with children present! The numbers weren’t far.

A question? If you think that being gay is a sign of weakness and disease, maybe you should check yourself out.

If you are campaigning to reintroduce Clause 28 - cos you don’t want your kids ‘exposed to gays’ - why take them to Gay Pride?! And the numbers will never be fair: you can victimize all you want, but nazis are the minority.

Camping to save the world

Anarchists think that the camp for climate action was one of the most important protests of the year. It was important not only for the environment but also for the class struggle.

Here an AF member explains some of what went on:

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Campers and pickets

Some of those on the camp joined the pickets at the strike at Nippon Express. They are strikers against a new work deal which would mean 44 days a year more work, holiday pay reduced by 65-70 hours, and for some, a loss of £1205 a year in pay. The Rhythms of Resistance samba band were just one group who joined the picket.

Community support

“There was a lot of support from the local community in Sipson the nearest village. It is a working class area. BAA plan to demolish the village to build a new runway. The camp had a lot of support from the local community; many people camping with us, as well as getting involved in the actions.”

The choice of the site of this year’s climate action made it so successful. It was somewhere which already had a local struggle being fought. What the climate camp has taught us this year is that class struggle is not something that clashes with environmental struggle, but is rather two struggles that are part of the fight against the same problem – global capitalism.
Defend Karen Reissman!

Almost 90% of mental health workers in Manchester have voted to strike in defence of Karen Reissman. Karen has been working as a community psychiatric nurse for the past twenty five years and is the UNISON branch secretary.

Earlier this year in response to proposed cuts, Karen was a leading figure in the strikes which reversed any proposals on cuts and made gains in staffing levels and mental health care provision in Manchester. After the workers’ strike, Karen was suspended for speaking out against the cuts. Management claimed they ‘had lost confidence in her.’

Three days of strikes have been called starting on the 29th August as well as demonstrations (see back page) in defence of Karen and the attacks on health workers in Manchester and across the country. It is important that we all support Karen in her fight to get reinstated, and join together to fight the cuts in the NHS.

Victory for Entbottled North Providence IWV

News from the USA. On Saturday 11th August, the police beat up and hospitalised Alex Svoboda, a peaceful protestor of Rhode Island WwW (Industrial Workers of the World).

The local IWV had organised a demonstration to stop the chain restaurant ‘Jacky’s Galaxy’ contracts with HWW/Dragonland. This company is guilty of a wide variety of unfair labour practices.

The local cops ordered the marchers onto the pavement. When they did as told, they were attacked with mace and batons by the police. One sufferer burnt. Alex got a dis-located knee and ruptured blood vessel. She now faces criminal charges along with another marcher!

Despite this, the march continued and wobblies were able to speak to the owner of ‘Jacky’s Galaxy’, Jacky Koo. Following this and continued pressure from the IWV and members of the local community, on Thursday 18th August Jacky Koo pleaded under oath in front of WW lawyers in Providence Superior Court that he no longer does, and will he ever again, knowingly do business with HWW/Dragonland.

A new buffalo restaurant in Providence has also now confirmed that they have stopped using HWW/Dragonland.

For Alex and her fellow workers the struggle still continues. They need money for legal support and to help with medical bills. Alex has finished her third operation and is awaiting a fourth. There isn’t any guarantee at this time she will not suffer permanent damage.

The IWV plans a further march to protest brutality and violation of civil rights and to celebrate the recent victories of the IWW and workers everywhere.

This is the paypal-e-mail address Alex is using for her support funds: alboris18@yahoo.com

If sending mail, please send it to Providence GMB: PO Box 5795 Providence R.I. 02903

Support the Posties

The post workers have suspended their strikes pending new negotiations. But we hear reports of part time workers working unpaid overtime, posties driving their own cars to get to their shifts because the bosses have cut the number of vans.

Other reports are coming in of management plans to recruit large numbers of temporary staff as strikebreakers.

It’s easy to support the posties. A few words of support when they deliver your mail go a long way. They need to realize we back them. When the strikes resume, join the pickets lines.

Crichton saved?

But the fight goes on

We reported in our last issue of the fight to save Crichton Campus in Dumfries. The University of Glasgow had planned to shut it as a cost cutting measure. The news has just reached us that the Scot- tish Executive have provided additional resources and Glasgow University has re- leased its decision so as to allow under- graduate student entry for 2008-09.

The current curriculum provided by Glasgow University has also been largely saved despite the attempts by the Scottish Funding Council who wanted only a limited range of vocational HE courses available in south- west Scotland.

But the situation for many of the staff re- mains touch and go. Support staff, espe- cially those in IT and Library service are under threat of redundancy.

The large support from the local community with their posters and letter writing cam- paign; the protests organised by students, including a 100 mile march on Glasgow were crucial. The UCU union, Community Councils and local press were also support- ive. Special mention should also be made of the NW who gave active support and whose members help energise the cam- paign and spread it up, especially in the main campus of Glasgow University.

Some good news, but the struggle will no doubt continue.

Rhode Island Police attack Alex Svoboda

With HWW/Dragonland.

On Tuesday 10th August, members and supporters of No Borders along with Sheffield and Nottingham Anarchist Federation demonstrated at Lindholme detention centre in solidarity with asylum seekers incarcerated there and elsewhere, and for the closure of all such cen- tres.

The demo was met with a nervous (and hugely disproportionate) re- sponse by South Yorkshire police. Protesters were harassed, filmed, banned from peaceful marching along certain areas around the centre and finally blocked from exit of the site. Doncaster’s chief inspector imposed a Section 14 on the demonstration disallowing us from doing a full tour of the centre. One beakeguarded comrade was even put under surveillance after deciding to sit down in an adjoining field to have a quick lunch – never underestimate the power of the picroc!

Despite this, we displayed banners, chanted messages of solidarity, and did a little tour of the site. Our true intentions for the day had been to get through and despite an extended game of ‘cat and mouse’ with South Yorkshire Bobbies a visual show of support was much appreciated by detainees, who were in contact with throughout the day.

Resistence in Rossport

Resistence is continuing in Erris, in the west of Ireland, to the state’s plan to turn the area into a refinery for the exploitation of off- shore gas resources. Shell are building the first part at the moment. Construction was brought to a halt on the morning of Monday August 27th, after local campers gained access to the site. In July three local fishermen were imprisoned for allegedly assaulting a police officer during a protest at the refinery site in October 2006. The cop had no reelection of being assaulted by anyone, but the judge is marrried to a politician that supports the project.

The sentence was three months imprisonment.

On the Friday following the sentencing all traf- fic into the site was stopped, and for that rea- son all work, when two people blocked a road off by locking themselves underneath a car parked across it. When construction traffic tried to use another road - one for which they had no official permission to use - that too was blocked by residents. That night over one hun- dred people took part in a mass trespass on the construction site. After a few days in prison the men were released on remand pending an appeal.

Later that month there was another mass tres- pass onto the site.

Residents managed to stop the original pipe- line route, so Shell have brought in a consul- tancy firm, RPS, to map out eight possible new routes, including new ones which adjoin the main road. The RPS are the only sub-contractor with extensive premises in Brit- ain.

Full details of those locations can be seen here: http://www.rpsgroup.com/location_html/great-britain.html

The council has begun eviction proceedings against Rossport Solidarity Camp, a protest camp established on the pipeline route in 2005. Local people have rallied round with cash, land and houses. So even if the eviction is successful the camp will continue.

Campaigners plan a mass sit down blockade of the refinery site on Friday, September 14th. It will involve a gathering of campaign supporters from across Ireland.

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For more information see: rossportsolidaritycamp@yahoo.com

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No Borders is a network of groups struggling for the freedom of move- ment for all and an end to all migration controls. We call for a radical movement against the system of control, dividing us citizens and non-citizens.

We demand the end of the border regime for everyone, including our- selves, to enable us to live another way, without fear, racism and na- tionlism.

This article has been adapted from information on the No Borders website: info@nobordersnottingham.org.uk
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Students Organising

Too often they work for temp agencies who cream off their wages, or have to work on a first come first serve shift basis. When going on demonstrations stay sober, don't talk to the police and if you're arrested give only your name and address then say "no comment!" to any other questions. For more info visit: www.ldmg.org.uk

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