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ØSTERSØ-TRÆF '90 (BALTIC SEA GATHERING)

At July 25-29 grassroots, politicians and experts from all countries surrounding the Baltic Sea (Finland, Russia, Lithuania, Poland, East and West Germany, Norway, Estonia, Sweden, Latvia and Denmark) will meet on the danish island Bornholm to find ways to cooperate to solve the two main problems of the area: pollution of Baltic Sea, and militarization.

It will be a big festival, with a lot of different events, like: music, dancing, speeches, discussions, workshops, cafés etc. The price for participating is: 0-14 years - free, 15-18 years - 100 Dkr, 18- years - 325 Dkr; sleeping (in own tent or at a school): 30 Dkr pr. night.

A bicycle-rally will start from Skagen (Denmark) and from Schleswig (Germany) at 19-7 and join the Gathering at 25-7. On their way the bicyclists will arrange meetings, actions etc at pollutioners and military places, as well as visiting windmills, compost-plant and other nice places.

A peace-sail will start from Estonia and Latvia - all are wellcome, who support the slogan: For a nuclearfree & living Baltic Sea.

"THE BIG TERROR CASE"

is not a terror case anymore...

Police has dropped to charge the 7 arrested with the terror-S, § 114. But still the 7 risk lifetime sentence for other crimes (robberies, killing of a cop), and anyway, the cops have put forward their opinion very clearly through the media during the last year, so most people in Denmark believe that the arrested in some way are terrorists...

They will be charged with 5 main charges: 4 robberies "of most dangerous type" and one killing of a policeman - the last charge are collectively made as "they had decided befo-

rehand to shoot if necessary". Beside these charges are some lesser: Forgery, fencing, smuggling, illegal possession of weapons, attempted robbery, attempted kidnapping and (a mild form of) espionage - that is, giving information on danish jews and zionists to the palestinian organisation, PFLP.

One person, P.D., left the group in '85 - another, C.N., took over his place (the police tells). PD is charged with the earliest charges, CN with the later ones, including the killing. CN is the now blinded man who was involved in a car accident and soon after found by cops, investigating the robberies, who in his car found money and the address of a "secret flat" belonging to the group, with lot of weapons and papers concerning the robberies and the groups political activities.

Rumours tell that CNs car accident wasn't accidentally, he was forced out in the side of the road by another car, a civil policeman maybe. A car, seen driving just behind CN, was never found nor identified...

The 7s councillors have several times protested against their conditions in prison: they have been totally isolated 24 hours a day, and the councillors were not allowed to tell their clients anything from the (rather few) meetings in court that has been held. After the publication (8-6) of the charges, these bans have been lifted - some of the arrested have been in isolation for more than one year! The isolation is now stopped, but the 7 have been placed in 7 different prisons to prevent them from talking with each other before the case appears in court, in september this year. The councillors are also protesting the way the police have handled the case in media: it will be impossible to find any jurypersons who are not influenced by the police-hetz against the group, they say. And if there are any problems of the kind during the case they will go on to Highest Court, and maybe to the Human Rights Court in Strassbourg.



STOP THE NATO EXERCISE "TEAMWORK"

- Disarmament in Norden now
- Use the money for a better environment
- Norden as peace-zone

From 14. to 21 of september 1990 NATO will have a big navy- and land-exercise near Trondheim in Norway - in spite of the new situation in Europe.

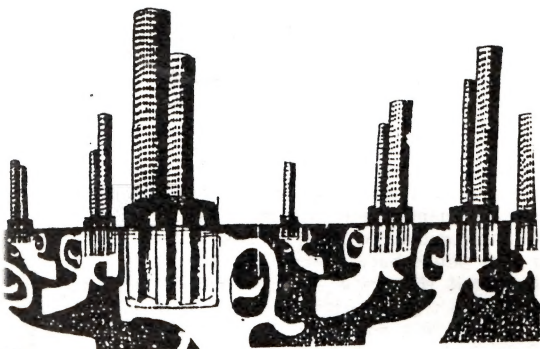
Nordiske Kvinders Fredsnetværk (Nordic Women's Peace-network) will -together with Natur og Ungdom (Nature and Youth) og Folke-reising mot krig (People's Rising against war) - be present in the exercise area.

Join us, to show that the policy of military must be changed into conflict solution and a policy of environment.

- PEACE- & ENVIRONMENT CAMP
- WOMEN'S PEACE RALLY
- (nonviolence practice before joining)
- DIFFERENT HAPPENINGS ETC

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RIGHT WING SUMMIT IN DENMARK

In the beginning of May, the European Right wing Parties' Technical Group (That is 10 Members from the EEC-parliament from the french Front Nationale, 6 from the german Die Republikaner and 1 flamish nationalist) held their group meeting in Helsingør, Denmark. At the final press conference, 11-6 at Hotel Marienlyst, there were demonstrations against the fascists: About 400 anti-racists tried to get near to the hotel to express their protest, anger etc - but a big amount of cops secured that they were kept at a safe distance. Some of the demonstrators started throwing stones, paintbombs and other things against the cops'shields, but they didn't succeed in coming near enough to the hotel to be heard inside... 7 activists were arrested, two cops had to go to hospital after being hit with ammonia in the eyes (the police tell). Another demo arrived at the Hotel a bit later(after the first had ended). About 200 people read anti-racist poems, sang "We Shall Overcome" and waved with local union flag. Neither were this demo heard inside, only the police enjoyed it (and one of them expressed his sympathy to the demonstrators ...



BZ

After the violent eviction of the squats Sorte Hest and MMM in Copenhagen earlier this year, BZ hasn't reached the headlines for some time. A small notice recently told of a demo to the former squats, and BZ threatening to block the renovation work to come. There are still a few squats left in Copenhagen, and in Århus, Mindegade 7 still is going on.

In Århus a campaign to get a Youth House has started - a house to complement the Mindegade squat, which cannot be used for all needed activities. Also in Randers and other towns are campaigns for Youth Houses. A new BZ-paper has started (first issue was out at 1. of May) - a good name has not been created yet, so for the present it is called "the Paper - with the right opinions". It is made by people from both Copenhagen and Århus, and also from other danish towns.

ACTIONS

28-3 9 kurdis sympathizers of O.R.K. (Kurdistans Liberation Army) occupied the office of Turkish Airlines in Copenhagen, to protest the latest assaults by the Turkish authorities on the kurdis people in Turkey. At least 40 kurdis people have been killed in the rising against Turkey, for self-government

The action lasted for one hour, before the police came - they threw teargas in through the letter slot, and entered through a window, using their batons generously. All activists were arrested and hold for 12 hours.

The night before 25-4 a Shell-tank near Copenhagen was sabotage: the tubes were cut and the filling-handles were removed. The action was a protest against Shells involvement in South Africa - and their criminal activities in other places, like the oil/phenol pollution of Little Belt in 1986, for which they might have received a ticket of 600.000 Dkr, but after the police's shelving of the case for 4 years, it ended up with a ticket of only 30.000Dkr.

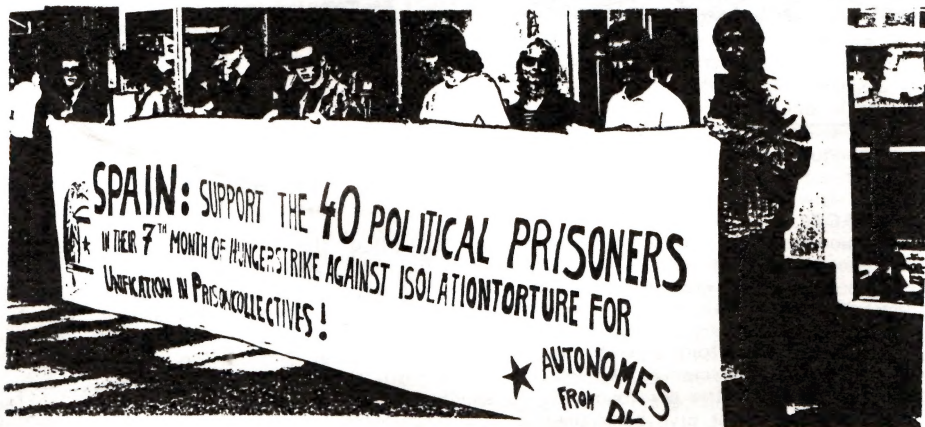
In april and may there were big blockades of Shell-stations in Copenhagen - a part of the international Shell-actions, initiated from Holland. The danish activists were from SUSAN (Shell Out of South Afrika - Now) and UMA (Youth Against Apartheid), who also participated in international actionday, 16-6.

Fireattack against machines and buildings in a gravel pit on Sjælland, Denmark. The pit belongs to a firm, COLAS, which is owned 100% by Shell, and the action was a protest against Shells involvement in South Africa, and a call for more sanctions against the SA regime. And also a protest against Shells activities as a multinational profit-hunting concern in general (Shell is involved in development of gene- and bio-technology, in cutting of rainforests, supporting military regimes etc etc). The action was carried out by MAMA - Militant Activists Against Apartheid, at 10-6-90.

JUDGMENT: RACISM IN DANISH PRISONS

Two nurses, formerly employed in Vestre Fængsel (West Prison) in Copenhagen, were acquitted of libel against Danish Prison-Union. In 1988 the two nurses told Amnesty International magazine that parts of the danish prison staff practise racism and regular assaults on refugees in Vestre Fængsel (Refugees are put in prison while the police check out their identity etc...) - and they told of some concrete examples. The Prison Union demanded this judged as untrue, and the nurses to pay some compensation. One example the judge didn't find to be proved, and fined the two with a small ticket, but she agreed to the other examples and the general description of the conditions in prisons, and she attached importance to the fact that the nurses didn't go for definite persons but just tried to expose that refugees do not belong in a prison.

A demo to get attention to the hunger-striking prisoners in Spain, was planned and finally announced to the police, at the Human Rights Conference in Bella Centret near Copenhagen, at 11-6. But the police secured that the demo was not seen by the participants in the conference: the demo (as well as some others, including one supporting the kurdis people) wasn't allowed at the main entrance, but had to stand at a far away parking-lot. So the Spain-demo chose to go to the center of Copenhagen to protest outside the spanish embassy's PR-office in Kongens Magergade.





THY CAMP

A new, official report on the Thy Camp, has been released. There is no conclusion to the problem with the camp's future, but conflicting problems and questions are handled in the report. 4 possibilities are set up:

- 1) The camp must be cleared (the illegal houses etc smashed by bulldozers...)
- 2) The camp must be made legal, in the existing form.
- 3) The camp must be changed into a social institution
- 4) The camp must be changed into a regulated Free Place

The first idea will surely result in some kind of confrontation as the inhabitants won't leave their homes freely. Neither do they want to be a social institution, with professional social workers and new-built common houses. They want to be left alone, to solve their own problems and live in their own style. In the autumn the minister responsible, Lone Dybkjær, will make her decision, after getting response from all parts involved.

PENSIONERS ACTION

Until 1-4 pensioners in the Danish town Vojens had a ID-card which allowed them to buy bus-tickets at half the normal price. Because of cuttings the local council decided to stop this arrangement, and send out letters to the pensioners and told them to send back the ID-cards. The chairman of the local pensioners-union called on the pensioners to practise civil obedience: not give back the

cards. Half of the pensioners followed his call. But unfortunately this kind of direct action is not popular in nice pensioners' unions (mostly dominated by Social Democrat party or maybe rightwing parties) - so at the next General Meeting the chairman was overthrown and a new (social democrat) was elected...