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30th June - 13th July 2008

Carmel Agrexco Depot Shut Down

In the early hours of Saturday 21st, activists occupied and shut-down the HQ and only UK freight warehouse of Carmel Agrexco, Israel's largest agricultural exporter from the Occupied Palestinian Territories (the Israeli government has a 50% stake in the company). The occupation held for over 6 hours until they were forcibly removed at 12 noon. During the occupation over 10 loading trucks intended for the warehouse were sent away.

British supermarkets - accounting for 60% of Carmel-Agrexco's total exports - had some of their orders affected. Exports include flowers, avocados and herbs grown in illegal Israeli settlements on occupied Palestinian land.

Activists D-locked themselves to gates and to a lorry at the warehouse near Heathrow Airport. Israeli security guards threatened and physically attacked the activists repeatedly throughout the occupation and collusion between the police and the company was apparent throughout the day - while ignoring the security guard assaults the police chose instead to drag the protestors' supporters away from the scene.

The action was timed to commemorate 60 years since the Palestinian Nakba ('Catastrophe') - the theft of Palestinian land, massacres, expulsions and creation of over 700,000 refugees with the founding of the state of Israel in 1948. The Israeli flag that usually flies over the Carmel compound was replaced with a black flag, in mourning for Gaza.

palestinecampaign.org
bigcampaign.org
ism-london.org.uk

Punkathon Raises £2000

This year's punkathon SCUMFEST was held last weekend in squatted car showrooms in Wandsworth and raised over £2000 which will benefit Oaxacan indigenous rights in Mexico, international queer rights, prisoner and legal support for Bologna anarchists, and SHAC.

scumfest.org

Tent City in Parliament Square

Campaigners and activists gathered on Saturday in Parliament Square to hold an unauthorised 24hr 'Tent City' in protest at the British government's continued programme of deportation of people of Iraqi and Kurdish nationality.

As a result of the invasion and forced occupation of Iraq, many of its people have either fled their homes or been displaced into refugee status. Many have found their way to the UK. The British government, nevertheless, continues to deport them back to their country of origin, in many cases to a war zone.

The campaigners did not seek authorisation from the police for this protest as required under the socpa legislation, but two Greater London Authority wardens handed out letters warning the 'campers' they were in breach of bye-laws.

17 tents, a Gazebo and several people were still there the next day until noon.

voicesuk.org
csdiraq.com



Invitation: OpenSpace

OpenSpace will be a weekly daytime space where asylum-seekers, activists, local people and anyone fighting immigration controls can gather to organise campaigns, share skills and resources or just hang out.

Anyone who would like to use the space or support it in other ways is invited to the planning meeting. It is hoping to launch in July (date tbc) but is in need of more volunteers.

OpenSpace's second planning meeting will be on Tuesday 1st July 7pm at NoID Gallery, 26 Calvert Avenue, E2.

openspace@riseup.net

UK Social Centres & Autonomous Spaces

Mill Road, a new squatted social centre in Cambridge, lost against Tesco's in court last week but are confident about holding onto the place a while longer yet. They have however been experiencing violent attacks including smashed windows and damaged vehicles.

London has seen the eviction of two squatted social centres recently (the short-lived but infamous *WominSpace*, and the *Hackney Social Centre*) but there is a new autonomous and creative social space in Nunhead, *The Chapel project*. Also in south London, *The Spike* community-based free space in Peckham is under threat of closure as Southwark Council have decided to sell the site.

At the heart of London's city fringe expansion, *Bowl Court social centre* lost a courtroom battle against property giant Hammerson. Meanwhile, the long running *rampART social centre* in East London marked its 4th anniversary but is considering voluntary closure as it has been suffering from neglect, theft and lack of energy since the owners were granted a possession order way back in January.

The gutter press followed the Tory party in inciting hatred towards squatters while squatters in Brighton enjoyed somewhat better press coverage relating to the occupation of a church on London Road in Brighton.

In an attempt to promote autonomous spaces, a booklet called '*What's this Place*' has been produced by the *UK Social Centres Network* which will probably be having its next gathering at the newly refurbished *Kebele* in Bristol, 14th September. Also being planned for late summer is a follow up to last month's international '*interspace*' gathering near Berlin which followed the *April 2008* mobilisations.

socialcentrestories.wordpress.com
millroadsocialcentre.wordpress.com
chapelproject.com
spikesurplus.org
kebelecoop.org
bowlcourt.co.nr
rampart.co.nr



Demo at Communications House

TUESDAY 1st JULY (1PM)

DEMONSTRATE AGAINST RACIST IMMIGRATION LAWS

Immigration reporting centres are places of fear for asylum seekers, who have to report to them monthly, weekly or even several times a week. From reporting centres asylum seekers are often detained without warning and sent to removal centres to await deportation.

Monthly demonstration called by *Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism!* outside the UK Immigration Service, Communications House, 210 Old Street, London EC1.

London E.ON Demo

Business Design Centre, Upper St, N1,
Wednesday 16th July, meet 8.15am

Join the *Greenwash Guerrillas* to show that E.ON'S greenwash won't wash! Just two weeks before the *Camp for Climate Action* at Kingsnorth, E.ON are sponsoring a climate summit designed to help industry leaders 'keep stakeholders engaged'. Just like their plans for 'clean coal' at Kingsnorth, this is greenwash of the highest toxicity: a laughable-if-it-weren't-so-tragic attempt to distract us from the fact that E.ON are planning to build the first coal-fired power station in the UK for over thirty years.

risingtide.org.uk/node/284

56a InfoShop News

NEW EXHIBITION: *DESIGNER ANARCHY*: The covers of *Anarchy Magazine* 1960s & 1970s.

BOOK EXCHANGE: There's a load of secondhand books; bring a book you don't want, leave it, and take another one. They are always looking for donations of secondhand books for the exchange bookshelf.

NEW INFOSHOP POSTCARD: a brand new full colour postcard advertising the 56a. They want them distributed to libraries, gigs, demos, community centres, etc. Pick up bundles at 56a during opening times.

56a.org.uk

South London Critical Mass?!

There are rumours of a new critical mass starting in south London. Meet on yer bike Friday 4th July, around 6:30pm outside Peckham library.

critical-mass.info

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