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Anticapitalistes et écologistes ! Anticapitalist and ecologist ! Anticapitalistas y ecologistas ! Anticapitalista e ecologista !

Green capitalism

After hiding, then denying it, capitalists finally have no choice but to accept reality : global warming is caused by human activity. But they then claim that everyone must bear equal responsibility in solving this problem. Thus they develop new markets so that people can be « eco-responsible ».

Or green bills ?

The ideological attacks we hear all the time say that to solve the problem we must turn off our computer screens (of course this can and should still be done). But at the same time supermarkets' neon lights stay on all night long,

apparently causing no harm to the planet.

This shows the capitalist class's hypocrisy in dealing with the ecological crisis : we must make efforts, but we musn't do anything that threatens how the system works. This is the consequence of a system in constant thirst for profits, needing to produce more and more, all while using the most profitable energies.

We are seeing a real technological leap forward, such as with nuclear energy. The nuclear-ITER fusion, which would be the magic solution, is complete nonsense : experts say that all would be expired by 2050. ITER diverts more than 60% of European research funds towards a result that is not even guaranteed.

We need to research renewable energy. But even with the best energy in the world, in order to stop global warming, production and consumption must be reduced. This can be done by cutting socially useless production (advertisements, weapons, etc.). This is impossible under the capitalist system. Green capitalism only has one objective : make profit, while making ecology seem to be a priority.

In order to respond to the ecological crisis, we must break with capitalism and build an ecosocialist society.

(1) <http://groupes.sortirdunucleaire.org/article/le-nucleaire-c-est-fortiche-ou>

For more information, read Daniel Tanuro's report on climate change:

<http://orta.dynalias.org/inprecor/article-inprecor?id=739>

Socialist Resistance: Ecosocialist, Feminist, Revolutionary

The British section of the Fourth International, Socialist Resistance (SR), has a membership of 150 militants active upon three main fronts: ecosocialism, feminism and revolutionary socialism. This year, we have a delegation of seven comrades, some membres of SR, others from our strong ties with other left-wing groups and our work within the anti-cuts movement. We don't operate as a party ; we are an organised movement which uses its position in the radical socialist and ecological movements to challenge both bourgeois repression and environmental degradation.

The main campaigns that we focus our energy upon include anti-cuts groups, such as Coalition of Resistance (CoR), ecological groups, like the Campaign against Climate Change (CaCC); the struggles within trade unions; as well as in the LGBT, gender oppression and youth movements. We have, for example, successfully passed an ecological resolution in the Coalition of Resistance; agitated within trade unions in order to force strike action in our workplaces, such as on June 30th; we are on the National Committees of several campaign groups; and we have been at the forefront of all the recent mass mobilisations in Britain.

In the near future, we plan on being pivotal in the formation of a new broad left party, as the forthcoming book for the Fourth International will demonstrate ; we are also working with CoR in staging a European Conference on Austerity, to which we invite all comrades to be a part of. In addition, we are organising, through the FI, a speaking tour of Britain for the Philippino section.

Solidarity to all comrades and viva la revolucion!

Programme de la journée

8h-9h30 : Breakfast

9h-9h30 : Delegation Meeting

9h30-10h15 : **Forum The Ecology Emergency**

After Fukushima, go out from nuclear energy, solidarity with Japan
Our energy answers to the ecological crisis (renewable energy...)

Ecologist mobilisations in Italy

Anti-nuclear movement in Germany

10h15-10h30 : Break

10h30-12h : **Educational**

Marxism and ecology

12h-13h30 : Lunch

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Women Space : international non-mixt General Assembly (in the forum)

13h30-15h30 :

Workshops :

1. Nuclear, how to get out, and alternative energy

2. Climate change for downies

3. Climate refugees

4. Ecological Crisis : Green

Capitalism vs. ecosocialism

5. Agriculture : how to build new development ?
GM and ecolabels

6. Cancun summit, COPs climate change movement

7. the nuclear issue and the rise of the anti-nuclear movement

8. Shale gas

9. Vegetarianism

10. Ecological transitional demands and trade unions

15h30-18h30 : Excursion

18h30-19h30 :

LGBTI Space :
Performativity

19h30-20h30 : Delegation Meetings

20h30-21h30 : Dinner

23h-2h : Party

Destroy capitalism, not the planet !

Ecology is fashionable today. Everyone is ecological, is worried about nature, about recycling. Governments sign declarations or claim to reduce noxious gases. Nevertheless, capitalism, however green it might be, cannot build an economic system that corresponds to the necessity to preserve the planet and continue to live...

No socialism without ecology...

The capitalist system rests on two types of exploitation, that of man by man-of the proletariat by the bourgeoisie, a minority that uses to its advantage the labor of the majority of the population. This is one of the ideas Marxist theory is based on, and explains where the notion of « class struggle » comes from. We reclaim this idea, and placing ourselves by the side of youth and workers shows our will to build a new society, to take power and put it in the hands of the working class.

On the other hand, ecologist currents insist on the idea of a need to reverse economic growth, which would respond to the capitalist system's destruction of the world ecosystem : not only on pandas or penguins, but also

which uses resources (fossil energies, exhaustion of agricultural terrains, pollution of sources of drinking water...). This has consequences on the economy and reduces the possibility for entire populations to reach self-sufficiency, exposes us to diseases (especially cancer), and sometimes brings armed conflict on the issue of resources, without even talking about catastrophes like Chernobyl or Fukushima. As a result of this, economic expansion depends on the destruction of resources that enable human beings to exist.

No ecology without socialism

The idea of reversing economic growth can be criticized because it doesn't take into account inequalities between the richest countries and the rest of the planet. But the main problem is that ecological associations often maintain the illusion that these solutions could be applicable within the framework of the current system. These currents criticize Marxist groups by calling them « productivist » (meaning that they think that the problem will be solved by simply raising our productive capabilities). However,

remaining in the framework of the system and simply trying to improve it doesn't respond to these needs. This doesn't question what the capitalist system is based on : the logic of profit. It stops all « ecological norms » as soon as they start to represent a threat to the capitalists.

Being anticapitalist implies having a vision of the system doubly destructive nature of the capitalist system. It is formulating a project for a new society that meets the need to abolish exploitation. We must stop the power of the bourgeoisie. But socialism will not automatically break with the productivist logic upon which capitalism leans. We must therefore insist on the ecological dimension of our combat.

Against the world crisis, internationalism !

Along the southern shore of the Mediterranean, workers are demonstrating that, in order to make those responsible pay for their own crisis, we can only rely on our own forces. Beginning with the overthrow of dictators who walked hand-in-hand with the IMF and our governments, the peoples are regaining confidence and have blown the breeze of revolt that has reached the opposite shore of the sea. Following the example of the Egyptians in Tahrir Square, Spanish youth have invaded Puerta del Sol, then Syntagma Square in Athens became home to thousands of « indignados » every day. When confronted with the government that wants them to pay for the debt through a fifth austerity plan, the people of Athens have said « We owe nothing, we will sell nothing, we will pay nothing » !

Imperialism strikes back

Revolts and revolutions in the current situation represent good news because they show the possibility for the people to win new social and democratic rights. They are

the only way to build resistance to austerity politics. But the imperialists don't just sit back and wait for things to pass by. As soon as the Libyan people rose up to kick out their dictator, European powers (led by Sarkozy) and the United States decided to intervene militarily, not just to protect the people (by bombing them) as they claimed, but to maintain control over a country that is rich in natural resources and perfectly located between the two vanguards of the revolution : Tunisia and Egypt. From military intervention in the Ivory Coast to the occupation of Afghanistan, imperialism takes no vacation. If it is getting bogged down in Libya and is forced to foresee and exit plan for Afghanistan, it is because resistances are bringing difficulties.

Supporting the peoples in their struggle is first of all combatting our imperialist governments in order to pressure them and to mobilize against all imperialist wars. This is done by preparing the G20 counter-summit in Nice from 30 October to 4 November, with a big demonstration on 1 November.

This counter-summit gives us the possibility to organize ourselves at an international level, and also to explain the global logic of capitalism, the necessity to unite our struggles against all aspects of the crisis (economic, social, political and ecological...) above and beyond borders. It is the occasion to reaffirm that all over the world we refuse to pay for an illegitimate debt, which we must cancel immediately.

The return of mass struggle

On the southern shore of the Mediterranean, dictatorships and bombs are daily life for the people. In the North, it is unemployment, redundancies, liquidation of social gains... Capitalists are organized on the world scale. We need to organize ourselves to overthrow the system. This is what we are doing through the Youth Camp, and through the Euro-Mediterranean anticapitalist conference that brought together more than 25 organizations.

Why permanent workshops ?

There are several permanent workshops that meet every day from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Some of them are based on branches of activity (high school students, university students, young workers) while others are based on themes of activity (anti-racism, Arab revolutions, ecology...)

Meet, discuss, coordinate and fight

Their aim is at first to give a general vision of the neoliberal attacks against us since the politics of the bourgeoisie have and international coherence. Last year the high school students' workshop let us explain the similarities between education reforms Italian students are faced with and those in France. Furthermore, this similarity was

confirmed last fall with the university reform in Italy...that looks a lot like those that have taken place all over Europe these past years.

In addition, the permanent workshops enable us to analyse struggles and make our own balance sheets. Each delegation has had different experiences. The camp is an opportunity to share them and to learn from them in order to mobilize in the year to come. University occupations in Italy or in Britain, the taking of public squares in Greece and in the Spanish State, anti-nuclear struggles in Germany, immigrant workers' struggles in France...These are phenomena that have no borders.

The final goal of the permanent workshops is to build links between different delegations. The ruling class has

its institutions (UN, IMF, NATO), its summits (G8, G20, UE) that harmonize struggles at the international scale. Permanent workshops also enable us to coordinate struggles from one country to another, and to launch coordinated international campaigns.

These workshops consolidate the militant internationalist aspect of the camp. All comrades are invited to participate.

What purposes to educationals serve ?

Capitalism is a class society : the population is divided between those who think and give orders, and those who obey. Added to economic inequalities (some own companies whereas others only have their labor power) is the unequal access to culture and knowledge. Those who rule society have not only their wealth, but also their knowledge. Without it, they would have a hard time justifying their social order.

Knowledge is an arm of domination...

Some people have the opportunity to study for years and learn how society works in order to some day hope to lead it. Others only have basic knowledge-what is necessary to find a job and be exploited. School teaches us to listed unquestionably to those who know, without having

the right to challenge them. That is how, later, we will be used to delegating our power and obeying bosses and professional politicians.

If we want to change the world, we must also understand how it works. This is why we organize collectively in order to learn and mutualize experiences. Our parties are not disconnected from the rest of society : inequalities in access to knowledge exist amongst us. The educationals that we organize aim to reduce these inequalities. We must homogenize ourselves to move forward together. The camp is a laboratory to help us build the society that we want. That is why it is self-organized and is a space where we combat oppressions. One of these oppressions is that suffered by youth. We are always told to shut our mouths before those who are older because they are supposed to know more.

...and of resistance !

Political education helps us struggle against this social order. Comrades that give talks at educationals in our organizations throughout the year or during the Youth Camp are not professional speakers. They are first and foremost political activists, comrades who confront their knowledge with their practice in the struggles, speaking with their colleagues at work... Educationals are an essential moment in the camp for discussing, debating in order to leave better armed for the struggles to come.