



Thursday

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Presentation of the day : Struggles of the new genera- tion

We have been observing for several years the emergence of a new activist generation which showed itself in the last struggles. Movement against the war in Iraq, student movements against the enforcement of the Bologna process in Europe, movement anti-CPE and uprising of the popular neighbourhoods in France in 2005 and 2006 : in all those struggles , youth spearheaded mobilisation and sometimes succeeded in setting to action other sectors. The point of this morning's forum is to study these struggles of the new activist generation.

Youth, through its specificities, has a particular role to play in the class struggle. It has its own rhythms of mobilisation, it has not known the defeats of the past hence it is more reactive to the attacks and it is less submitted to the reformist leaderships. The purpose of the educational on "centrality of the working class and the role of youth" is to study the links between youth and the working class movement.

For us, youth can act as a tactical avant-garde, because its specificities enables it set to action the whole of wage-earners in its following in the struggle.

This afternoon's workshops will allow us to strengthen

our knowledge of the different recent youth struggles (the student movement in Greece against the Bologna process, the uprising of the popular neighbourhoods against discrimination in France, the struggle against the shutting out of the youth centre in Kristianstad, the movement against nuclear energy, the struggles of the working youth, etc.) and to elaborate on more theoretical themes (students and their organisations, etc.).

This evening will be free (no meeting tonight) to let our new activist generation have fun and rest to prepare for our respective bosses and governments a red hot autumn!

Today Schedule

8h Breakfast

9h Delegation meeting
Tasks, présentation of the day

9h30 Forum Struggles of the new generation
• A new generation of activists
• Young workers on strike in Citroën, FNAC...
• Cultural rights, riots and repression / Youth House

11h Formation
Centrality of the working class and role of the youth

12h30 Lunch, Woman space, LGBT Space

14h Practical workshops

15h Interdelegation meeting

16h30 Workshops:
• Students as subject and their organizations
• Greek student movement
• Youth revolt against racism in France
• Young workers struggles / Organizing the casualised youth
• Struggle for the Youth House in Denmark
• The movement for housing in Spain
• Organization of left-wing currents in trade-unions
• Struggle for an independent youth allowance in France
• The fight against nuclear energy

19h Delegation Meeting

20h Diner

Centrality of the working class and youth struggle

Contrary to some statements, society is still divided into distinct social classes. The best denial of this are the struggles that keep going and even growing. Bosses are always questioning previously acquired rights to make maximum profit. They do have a strategy, and an international one. Facing this, workers are fighting and refuse to accept resignation. Consequently, two sides with contradictory interests still exist.

Working class through its status in capitalist society plays a pre-eminent part. It is numerous and produces a great part of the capital's wealth. Despite the recess of collective awareness the multiplicity of the types of contracts (permanent, short-term, temp) serving its division, it is a determinant driving agent of victorious struggles thanks to the economical blockade production strikes can provoke. Strike also sets the premises of a socialist

society through the indispensable re-appropriation of the means of production.

This important part is not the same as that of the spark in the struggles, due to the pressure exercised by the freezing of wages.

Through the struggles of these last years, youth played this role enabling the setting to action of the working class (e.g. : the victory against the CPE in France). The radicality of the youth's demands and struggles gives confidence to the working class. The link with the working class is also created by the implantation of that part of the students who work to pay for their studies.

The alliance of a youth having faith in a fairer world and of a working class looking for its emancipation can only go forward to the victory of all the oppressed.

Delegation of the Spanish state

The delegation of the Spanish State is about 60 militants and sympathizers of Espacio Alternativo, which is the revolutionary and anticapitalist organization of the Spanish State. The delegation has comrades of Andalusia, of Catalonia, of Madrid, Euskady, of Saragossa, of Valence and a companion of movement SURDA of Chile.

Our organization was during this year very involved in the fight for a worthy housing which mobilized thousands of people, in particular the

young people, in the most important cities of the State. We impelled the creation of popular assemblies for the right to the housing in which we developed an anticapitalist and for unit orientation. We also maintained our activity in the student movement where we took part in the fights against the process of Bologna. On the trade-union ground, the comrades from Andalusia made an exemplary fight in McDonald's of Grenade, where they obtained that trade-union elections are organized for the first time

and won them. They were for this reason the target of a very hard repression which was concluded by the dismissal from our comrades, who however organize a pressure campaign on the company of which we hope that it leads to their rehabilitation.

To finish, it is important to announce that Espacio Alternativo will organize in December its fifth congress, where there will be crucial debates for the future of our organization. The first of them will be the formal adhesion of Espacio Alternativo

in Fourth international. The second is the proposal of a better political centralization to avoid organisational dispersion. Lastly, also, we will discuss on the relations with Izquierda Unida, whose formally Espacio Alternativo is one current, because there is the proposal to stop being it and making to a call for the constitution of a new anticapitalist political force.

SSY

Presentation of the scottish delegation

Greeting from the Ecosse Posse, and cheers for inviting us again to yer camp. Sorry we've only brought a small delegation but the others are too busy back home fighting for an independent socialist Scotland alongside the old folk in the Scottish Socialist Party. Recently the SSY has also been supporting striking postal and rail workers in Scotland, as well as staging a blockade of Faslane nuclear base (where The Man hides all his nuclear bombs) in which five of our activists were arrested and held in the cells overnight. In opposition to the Scottish Parliament's decision to introduce abstinence-only education in some schools, the SSY Women's Group has been busy developing alternative sex education packs and stockpiling contraception to give to any affected school students as part of a 'Fuck Abstinence' campaign. There are also plans afoot for a mass trespass on the grounds of a wealthy landlord who recently won a landmark court case which allowed her to prevent public access from her massive property. But ssshhh – that one is still a secret so don't tell anyone!

Although times have been hard in Scotland recently we are still looking to the future and extend our invitations to anyone who would like to drink whisky with us at our camp in Scotland on August 10th to 12th where we will be discussing a range of political issues in participatory meetings based on Paulo Freire's methods of popular education, as well as showing films and a karaoke at night! See our website (www.ssy.org.uk) for details, or come and find us before the week is over.

RSB

Presentation of the german delegation

The German section of the FI is divided into two parts. On the one hand the RSB (= Revolutionaer Sozialistischer Bund; Revolutionary Socialist League) to whom our delegation on the camp belongs too and on the other hand the isl (Internationale Sozialistische Linke; International Socialist Left). The RSB has at the moment 100 members. It was founded in 1994 and at the moment we're concentrating on building up a left wing unionist network and to form an oppositional movement that works outside the parliament.

During the last year, our comrades supported and organised

some worker's fights: There was a strike in the public services in which the RSB got active in a hospital in Essen.

Moreover, the RSB played a role in the organisation of the G8 protests. There were repressions against the manifestants yet before the demonstration and during the protest week, but the whole manifestations were all together a step forward, because of the successful Block G8 campaign with 10 to 15 thousand people.

In 2006, the Linkspartei voted for a sharpened police law – saying that this will be necessary in Rostock. This was possible as the Linkspartei goes together with the SPD in a

federal country round Rostock. We estimate that about 500 people were injured in Rostock and 16 to 20 thousand policemen were stationed during the protest week.

As the former PDS and the WASG fused this year creating the Linkspartei, it seems to be necessary to explain the social base of the WASG.

In 1998, the SPD won the German parliamentary elections together with the green party. Only a few months later, German soldiers participated for the first time since the 2. World War in a war – in Kosovo/a. A new level of social cuts appeared. Therefore, the Monday demonstrations happened.

SAP

Presentation of the danish delegation

During the Women Party, the sole Danish male participant had a unique opportunity to meet comrades from other delegations. The women's rate is 9 to 1 in the Danish delegation at this year's camp. 4 of the 10 Danes on the camp are members of the Danish section of the Fourth International (Socialistisk Arbejderparti – Socialist Workers Party). The remaining 6 are either independent socialists or militants of the broader Socialist Youth Front or the recomposition party, the Red Green Alliance.

Being founded in 1989 the Danish Red Green Alliance is a pioneer among recomposition parties on the far left. The Danish section of the Fourth International was leading force in the set up of the Red Green Alliance and today the section conducts most of its political

activity within the Alliance as well as the youth organisation. Our Danish comrades enjoy this week with time for in-depth analysis and discussions – a break in a hectic everyday life with struggle against the Danish right wing government, supported by the far right xenophobic Danish People's Party. After many years of compliance, we now experience a rise in popular mobilisations against attacks on the welfare system. For the first time since the 1980's we have had demonstrations with more than 100.000 people, uniting workers and students. Present in our delegation at the camp we have some very central leaders of this movement. This camp is a unique opportunity to create international links in order to build international movements of anti-capitalist youth.

ISG - Socialist Resistance

Presentation of the english delegation

The English delegation though small, with two new comrades, were eager to attend camp this year. Having focussed much of our attention on Ecosocialism over the past year, we've enjoyed the exchange of view points and knowledge of campaigns that are taking place in other countries. An important part of the camp so far, has been experimenting with new formats of workshops to increase participation and learning, from all comrades.

Even with the departure of Blair and the installation of the supposed more left, but just as neo-liberal Gordon Brown, privatisation still sweeps the country. Social services like the NHS and education are primary targets. The illegal occupation of the middle east continues

and anti-war movements are still active in campaigning against the war. Alongside antiwar movements, we are mobilising for Climate Change Campaigns, the last demonstration saw 60,000 in the streets of primarily Manchester, Sheffield and London, making the march the largest Britain had ever seen. We hope to improve on the success of last years march against Climate Change, on December 8th.

We have an upcoming 'day school' on Women's Oppression, following a successful format from these events on the Middle East, Latin America and two on Ecosocialism Or Barbarism; each of these having produced a book.