Global Resistance 2005: A call to action

Throughout the year 2005 the institutions of global capitalism will continue to meet, manage and maintain a system that creates war, famine and destroyed ecosystems, while removing any sense of humanity from all of our lives.

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Moreover, it is a call for this resistance and these expressions of solidarity to co-ordinate and co-operate amongst themselves, to open up spaces in which we can learn from one another, from our differences as much as our commonalities.

Let 2005 be the year in which our resistance becomes truly global!

What's to be done next?

Reclaim the future:

Eroding Empire:

Noborders:

Queeruption:

Samba Climática Caravan

There are plans for a train-based caravan from Europe to the conference, inspired in part by a desire to avoid climate-changing aeroplanes. The Caravan would stop along the way to join in local struggles and/or give workshops. Contact: asafinfox.net

http://flag.blackened.net/agony/ayp/index.html

The conference saw the beginning of the grassrooting of the PGA process in Asia, the expansion of the PGA process to SE Asia, with groups from Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, and the Philippine participating, and the hopeful convergence of SE Asia being taken up by Thailand’s Assembly of the Poor. The conference established a common political platform and concrete campaigns of action for the next two years. There were three concrete calls to action: (i) Global days of action across Asia, against the WTO during its meeting in Hong Kong; (ii) a global day of action focusing on violence against women on International Women’s Day, 2005; and (iii) an Asian caravan (to be called)....

We believe that now is the time to commit ourselves to consolidate the PGA global process. Therefore, the movements propose that the upcoming PGA global conference takes place in Asia since the PGA Asian regional process has developed because of the conference and can host the conference.

As for the mainstream press. “Almost all front-pages of Serbian dailies were full of pictures of rioters (from Genoa and other places), saying that ‘Peoples’ Global Action is training other riots’. “We’ll see.” Latest reports speak of an uneasy calm in Serbia, but fortunately not the repression that some predicted.

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Global Anti-War protests mark first Gulf War anniversary
Massive opposition to war was demonstrated in 38 countries worldwide 12 years after the Gulf War, up to 500,000 people rallied in Washington DC on 13 January 2004 to say no to war with Iraq. Speakers at the event evoked the memory of Martin Luther King in calling for ‘Sustainability and the disappearing dream’

Protests were also held in San Francisco, with estimates of crowd size ranging from 200-350,000 people. All age groups were in attendance, and people of all colours attended the convergence. A radical anti-war solidarity march instantly matched the financial center smashing windows and guerrilla Warfare the San Francisco Chronicle-building, the British Embassy, CIACorp and the Internationalization Naturalization Service building.

Love and Destroy!

Protests against the G8 in Evans
The protests against the G8 summit in 2005 were strong, dear and powerful. Conferences, actions, debates and blockades took place around the world, which converged in several alternative protest vigils and took the streets in many creative and determined ways. They illustrated courage, strength and anger. However, the state displayed desperate efforts to silence them with a massive and often brutal police presence.

Global Anti-war/Global Action: Fluff & Spike against DSEI

‘Action against DSEI’ started early this morning when one area company had their doors blocked whilst yet again painting. Red and smiling yellow paint that read ‘Am I a war machine?’

Infopoints

The idea of PGA infopoints came from the leaders of various groups. PGA is designed to be a tool to make sure that the most practical way to keep the European network alive and kicking was for local groups and spaces happy with the PGA hallmarks to set up points of contact where information about PGA could be propagated, with any, into their communities. They are currently springing up around the UK and - as of January 2005 - North America is in its early stages.

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A new infopoint is being set up in Montreal PGA, Canada, to act as a support group to reinforce the links between CLAC (Anti-Capitalist Convergence) http://clac.taktik.org and other regional/international movements.

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