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INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC NEWS LETTER

Introduction

Dear comrades,
at last here we are! After the intense months of mobilization and solidarity with the victims of the judicial-police persecutions post G8, and after the unavoidable deliberation pause that followed the last releases on the first days of October, we are starting again with a modest project of weekly informative communications and contacts - called briefly and for brevity sake News Letter.

With this means of contact and direct and steadfast updating with all the people that in these months showed their interest in the repressive aftermath of post G8, we want to keep that relation alive and effective, hoping that it may reach in time new and more significant anti-repressive instruments and structures both at local and, in prospect, at national and international level.

We are conscious that in the following months there will be further deadlines / dates and possible developments in the various enquiries related to the organization and direction of the G8 summit in Genoa last July, enquiries which for the moment are in the hands of the Italian (Genoese) court.

We are likewise conscious that the scenario on the horizon are already far more pressing and heavy than the repressive events that followed G8, but just in the face of these awareness, we think it should be wrong to look ahead without succeeding in the meantime to equip ourselves for the best having in mind the recent mobilizations which have taken the whole of us up hard.

Aware of the tasks and dates we take upon ourselves which are surely going to evolve and develop in the next future, we now undertake this modest weekly contribution, open minded and willing to criticism, proposals, suggestions and requests, with the aim to face the trial dates in the best way, prepared, informed and organized.
In a more general way, the Committee is going on with its work of search and cataloguing of all the data and witnesses which may help the work of counter-information and complaint and which later we would be able to use in

a future publishing project, which will certainly come into sight more precisely: we'll inform about it all the people who'll show us their real willingness and interest.

However we are not and don't want to become neither a traditional newspaper agency neither an alternative one. We are, and want to remain and Anarchist Committee of Defense and Solidarity. In short, a technical-political instrument, limited to real engagement on the field for a definite fact, however international in importance and value, as the last summit in full regalia of G8 in genoa was.

So, the existence of the Committee is and remains bound to the fulfilment of two main commitments:

1) To arrive prepared at best at the trial deadlines of the inquiries in order to guarantee the contextual political, substantial and legal defense of the victims of repression and to deconstruct and debunk the rigged regime repressive and informative proceedings with suitable counter-information and mobilization;

2) to work with the aim to create more structured and widespread circles than the actual anti-rep front, which can take upon themselves and find out the limits and capacities of the mobilization course carried out by the Committee thanks, too, to cooperation, exchange and debating with groups, collectives and individuals who in these months have supported the solidarity action, first of all the international support group of EA.

Shouldn't it be clear enough up to now, the Anarchist Committee does not care of and is not directly involved in the misfortunes of the unlucky people who fell against their will into the toils of the repressive action and have now already chosen, or should they decide, to accept old or new forms of collaboration with the State's authorities in charge of repression and social control.

Anarchist Committee for Defense and Solidarity.

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Repression in and from Genoa in the aftermath of the
International G8 Summit of July 2001

- From the consultation, checkout and examination of the most important Italian informative media in the period 28-12-01/03-01-02, we learn and communicate:

There's lots of documents we've still to pass through. We're going to inform everyone in time from next week onwards, starting from the most recent data and trying to synthesize the period going from October to December, 2001.

- From comrades and antagonistic situations, we receive and spread:

At the moment we haven't got news of any planned actions of interest. We'll try to keep you informed in time by the News Letter.

For what has happened in the period going from October to December 2001 we are completing a collection of part of the documentation, condensed in one written report we are going to distribute from February onwards to the interested ones.

- From the "legal front", we receive and pass on the following information and / or requests:

Information updating to the middle of December.

1) Diaz school:

The Public Prosecutors working on the accusations against the Police have already questioned all the Italians and some foreign people who were in the school. The others will be listened abroad by request (Germany, England). At the moment there aren't great results even thanks to the scanty cooperation of those under inquiry, only two or three of whom answered the interrogation, providing just the names of the policemen present (not so much correct either) and passing the buck in a contradictory way to the different corps and persons in charge. The biggest problem is identification, since the photos haven't been supplied and those who were beaten haven't got very clear recollections. The issue of the resistance put up by the people inside the school is, on the contrary, going well because videos show very clearly that the light was on and nothing was thrown out of the windows.

Nothing else is known about the bullet-proof vest that should have been "stabbed" (nobody mentions it any more, as is the case of the found-out "weapons").

We have also asked to be allowed to listen to the original tapes recording the communications with the

operations room in order to be able to understand who said what as regards the operations; as "Democratic Lawyers", we have filed a complaint of theft and damaging in relation to the searching of the Pascoli school since there is no report of the searching and attachment.

2) Bolzaneto:

Things are nearly the same, even if in this case several photo-albums of those belonging to different forces present in the different shifts have been provided (it's anyhow a pity that the photos are old, scanned, and two per three cm in size: their mothers would not recognize them either!) In the case of Bolzaneto, the various complaints, which are many, are detailed enough and at least a probable joint charge ex art.608 c.p. (not to have prevented the execution of a crime) is going to be set up. Here, too, we are trying to ask for many probative incidents, so that inquiries may not be closed , hoping to arrive at possible identifications of the responsible ones.

3) beatings in the streets:

Nearly 250 complaints (including Diaz and Bolzaneto) have been filed: here the identification problem of the criminally liable ones are still greater, even if we can possibly establish the identity of at least the "bosses" of the various groups of policemen, carabinieri etc. who were present in the different places.

In the cases of heaviest physical injuries and witnesses, we are also starting to sue the Minister of Interior Affairs for damages. Moreover we have filed several complaints made by associations (mostly, Lilliput net) for encroachment on freedom to exercise political rights for those who, charged in Corso Italia, couldn't finish Saturday march. This is a very complex move, aiming high, because, up to now, the encroachment of paragraph 294 of the Penal Code has been acknowledged only in such cases as the interruption of electoral meetings and voting operations.

The question should be to pass the idea that even a march falls within the exercise of political rights.

4) International petitions:

At least four petitions have been filed in international offices (two at UNO and two at the European court of justice); the first two for violation of the conventions on prisoner treatment and against torture and the second ones for various encroachments on human rights. The petitions filed at UNO have already been declared "receivable", therefore not groundless even if at international level

the latest news give the impression that they will wait for the results of the Italian prosecutions ... on our part, we are moving in several ways about the petitions filed at the European court and are going to have a meeting with the Green parliamentary group in Strasbourg.

5) Inquiries against demonstrators:

Black Bloc : two different inquiries are going on side by side - a general and larger scale one carried out by the Italian Secret Services (DIGOS) and one on specific actions carried out by the Special Operative Group (ROS). At the moment the only denounced ones are those arrested during G8 or immediately afterwards;

there are also other inquiries:

one on COBAS (rank-and- file members committees) and the nursery school in Quarto, one on the armoured car in Corso Torino, one on the "attack" to a carabinieri of Tuscania battallion still in Corso Torino, for which two roman guys have been searched; one on Piazza Alimonda, and finally the various charges of aggravated resistance against those who were arrested during G8.

Till now nobody has been committed for trial.

Notices of inquiry ending are arriving for some street actions.

6) We have filed several complaints for encroachment on defense right or the taking away of documents to demonstrators without giving them any record or check

Weekly and/or general comment:

We are conscious the "work" we have started is not easy. We'll try to get better at it and make it possibly become more actual and available, an evolving work in progress open to suggestions, criticism, requests and proposals we'll be glad to receive.

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