Squatters of London Action Paper

Hambach Forest: On March 14th, armed police and RWE employees surrounded the Meadow camp and launched a massive attack on the occupation. They proceeded to clear and bulldoze main paths in the forest and destroy all tripods and barricades. The pigs and RWE soon threatened any attempt at re-surronding. With all the roads cleared and usable for heavy machinery, the Hambach squatters have issued an urgent call out for solidarity. For more info visit http://hambachforest.blogspot.de/

St Denis: The Chez Desiree squat has come under sustained attack by the landlord's heavies. Over the past month and a half, squatters have faced repeated illegal eviction attempts, physical assaults, GLAS gassing, broken windows and death threats. A reminder that all landlords are (still) bastards.

Urbana Antiques: In the district of Macondo de Turbo, families displaced by the armed conflict in Columbia were served eviction notices in an ongoing land grab by big business. Since the beginning of March, there have been violent clashes between those resisting and police. At least 14 people were injured and 2 bridges destroyed.

Montevideo: During the international week of action against the eviction of the autonomous social centre La Solidaria, a large group of people demonstrated in Montevideo's streets. The demo ended up in front of La Solidaria's doors. Chants and speeches called an end to evictions and a rejection of every authority!

Montreal: Over the past two months, anti-gentrification actions have spread through different neighbourhoods in the city causing 10 000s dollars worth of damages. Yuppie restaurants and shops have had their windows smashed and their façades covered in graffiti and paint.

Athens: On March 13th, the Vancouver Apartment squat was attacked by the local fascist group A.M.E. A Molotov was thrown against the door but it failed to set the squat on fire. Nobody was injured.

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WHO DO THEY THINK THEY'RE FOOLING, YOU?

Enforcement/DG Group have been posting fake eviction notices on squats then not even showing up to their bullshit eviction dates. Don't be fooled by fake papers!!

GABA GETS THE GOODS A mob of people and a portable sound-system showed up at the copshead to support arrested squatters earlier this month. County-court bailiffs had arrived at a Peckham squat and were sent packing - but not until the pigs snapped some of our own. The bastards in blue did not appreciate the neo-Dutch gabb and released the squatters that night.

KILL BILL In the run up to the Kill the Housing Bill demo, the Radical Housing Network disrupted plans for a yuppie pop-up flower shop on Brompton Road in Kensington, squating the place for a week's worth of workshops and talks against the Bill. The events proved almost as popular as the Kensington skies - including eviction resistance, solidarity film nights and Waitrose cheese and nickie sandwiches.

BAILIFFS KIDNAP CHICKEN Yorick's court land squat was brutally evicted and buildings illegally destroyed. Squabber owner Brian Bennett paid workers to set trees and houses on fire and the bastards won't let squatters have their two cats and chicken. Locals have been supporting the squatters, some are even refusing to pay council tax to protest their money being used to fund the pigs who enabled the eviction. Squatters are camping out in the woods and have said: "We are many, we are strong and we are not going away."

GROW HEATHROW KEEPS GROWING Happy 6th Birthday to Grow Heathrow! Squatters celebrated six years of giving a fuck about the environment and fucking the airport with a weekend of workshops, partying and cake. Let's hope the upcoming eviction is resisted and there are many birthdays to come.

THEY'VE GOT ALL THE SHIT! said a high court bailiff as they ripped the door off a Brixton squat - only to be met with solid resistance, a huge barricade and a bunch of angry squatters. People were woken at 7:30am to the war cry of 'BAILIFFS!' who had sledgehammered through the door but were repelled by the squatters and after a few attempts decided there was nothing they could do but fuck off. How many times have you heard 'you can't resist against high court bailiffs'? Well that's bollocks 'cos Brixton just fucking did!

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GROUPS WORTH NOTICING

Advisory Service for Squatters
84b Whitechapel High Street
London E1 7QX, squatter.org.uk
02085160009

Anti-Raids Network
networksq.org/antiraids

Housing Action Southwark and Lambeth
housingactionsouthwarkandlambeth.wordpress.com
07741910567

Kilburn Unemployed Workers Group
kilburnunemployed.blogspot.co.uk

London Anarchist Black Cross
networksq.org/londonabc

No Evictions London Squatters Network
07878013111

No Fixed Abode Anti-Fascists
nfaaf.wordpress.com

Squatters Legal Network
07924 576 666

Squatting Europe Collective
sqek.squat.net

Squatters and Homeless Autonomy
fb.com/squatterhomelessautonomy

Squatters Action for Secure Homes
squashompaign.org

Events

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Practical Squatting Rights
7pm, LADJ, Whitechapel

2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Practical Squatting Rights
7pm, 66a Infoshop, Elephant and Castle

First Thursday night
Prisoner Letter-Writing Night
6pm, Freedom Bookshop

Last Friday monthly
Critical Mass bicycle-protest
6pm, Waterloo Bridge

March 28th
Scum dine with me
7pm, Roys and Anchor, 74
Cromwell Road, London

April 4th
No Nazis in Dover! demo
Contact London Anti-Fascists for details
on coaches from London
londonantifascists.wordpress.com

April 7th
Future Society Forum
2pm, DIY Space for London

April 9th
Scumfucky and Soundguy
SCUM TEK party, 9pm
FN SCUM TEK

April 11th
The Rent Trap talk
7pm, Housesman Bookshop,
King's Cross

April 14th
Hosted rights in Barcelona and
London discussion, 7pm
Punts R16 space, 97 Aldworth
Road, Stratford, R16 4DR.

April 15th
March with the Homeless
6pm, 10 Downing Street

April 16th
Boats Are Homes demo,
NTBA, 18:30pm, Gower Street

April 16th
NO JOBS BLOC at the March for
Health, Jobs and Education.
1pm

April 29th-30th
Love Sex/Hate Sexism Benefit
inc. Doom, Gess and The Mob
Boston Music Room

May 1st
FOUK Parade
6pm, One Commercial Street

News and events to
squatterslap@riseup.net

This March is going nowhere
Thousands of tenants, housing activists and squatters marched against the Housing Bill on Sunday March 18th. They marched with little chanting or effort to hold position or block roads. The police representative had little trouble controlling them. If those attending these marches really want to stop the Housing Bill then actual resistance is needed. Direct actions, such as the flash pickets carried out at Camden Council offices, Peckham and Chelsea and Kensington councillors' home mounted sustained pressure on the powers that be. With the first stage of the bill now passed, the report stage will begin again on April 1st, 15th and possible 24th. If defeated, it will be returned to the Commons in an effort to push it through once more. Beyond the large A-B rallies planned, local communities need to act directly against those who force their Tory will on the population. Picket your local council offices and politicians' homes, flash mob those businesses and property developers who will gain financially from the Bill, killing the Housing Bill!