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RAAN Takes to the Street in California

Bush visit prompts break-away march

A DAAA Report

(DAAA California) With a small turn out crowd against Bush speaking on Wednesday of only around 250-300 people, CVAC (Central Valley Anarchist Collectives), and various other RAANistas, organized a successful breakaway Black/Bucket Bloc march of around 50 people.

At about 10am, CVACistas, and DAAA operative arrived at the convention center, to find that protesters were confined to the opposite side of the street away from the convention center. A CVAC banner stating "Pro-Community, Anti-Capitalist (DAAA-RAAN CVAC-RAAN), was put up between trees. An info both was set up, with everything from NEFAC, Green Anarchy, Crimethinc, to the ELF, and Go Vegan!, and other anarchist prop. Food Not Bombs Fresno began feeding, and we broke out the buckets and snare drums for all to use.

CVAC scouts came up with a game plan of getting by Bush's motor blockade. We decided to head out on an unpermitted march. The banner was hoisted and we started down the block, screaming: "Who's Streets; Our Streets". Collecting about 50 or so people, we took off with buckets, flags, and the RAAN banner in front.

We went up for about three blocks, and then went right, following the path discovered by CVAC scouts. We then poured into the right side lane of the street, chanting, "Hey hey, ho ho, this capitalist systems got to go!", and "Drop Bush, Not Bombs". We then went right after a block, to find the street blocked by a cop car, and police lines. We took over the street, and screamed/chanted, "Fuck Bush", to a nearby cheering and supportive bar full of drinkers. Bush's car pasted, and we were told by police to get back onto the street.

We then headed forward again, and then went right onto the street where the front of the convention center was at, and we originally couldn't get to. We set up the RAAN banner right in front of where all the people were coming out of the dinner, and drummed, chanted, screamed, and yelled as they passed. A Modesto man then went up in front, and put his hands to signal to be quite. When quite was reached, he asked very quietly, "whose streets?", the crowd answered back with "our streets", equally quite, and then it built up for a huge out burst of energy, music, noise and anger.

People became more radicalized. Fresno Peace Activists say that anti-authoritarians/anarchists were a positive force that worked to change things, and also we kept people there at the protest when most people would have lost interest in holding signs and standing around with a bunch of liberals. Black Bucket Bloc takes to Streets against Bush

(More from California RAAN on back)

RAAN Publishing Network Forms

The Female Species collective of Cincinnati Ohio have taken it upon themselves to start a decentralized publishing network based upon the network ties already in place within the Red & Anarchist Action Network's framework. The purpose of the Publishing Network is to better connect individuals and collectives affiliated with RAAN by creating a means of sharing pamphlets, zines, journals, etc. The RAAN-PN will freely provide unstapled copies of RAAN and network-supported publications to any regional groups looking to make some lit available.

If you are interested in becoming a hub for the RAAN-PN or if you would like to receive a catalog of available publications currently being distributed by the Publishing Network, feel free to email the Female Species collective at thefemalespecies@hotmail.com.

Montana RAAN Militia Forms

A small group of anarchists and leftists from western Montana have decided to form an informal RAAN affiliated militia: the Revolutionary Anti-Authoritarian Defense (RAAD). RAAD's purpose is to further its own knowledge of armed and unarmed self defense as well as to educate others about practical self defense.

RAAN Infoshop Opens in Rochester



RAAN affiliates in Rochester New York open public infoshop for local community

Members of a Red & Anarchist Action Network (RAAN) collective in the town of Rochester, NY have organized a new radical library and community space to be used as a resource for anti-authoritarians in the area. The Rochester branch of the Red & Anarchist Institute for Applied Sexiness, or RAIFAS, is being operated as a general "press office" for local RAAN affiliates, and will soon be

Western Montana RAAN Collective Forms

RAAN affiliates have held an organizational meeting in Montana for the formation of a western Montana collective. The ground work has been set for a working collective in Missoula Montana working in conjunction with RAAN affiliates in other western Montana cities.

Currently, an agenda has been set of establishing a local anti-statist library in the Missoula area. Space has been donated at a local art studio, and RAAN affiliates are working on acquiring books to fill it.

RAAN-MT is also focusing on monitoring the Cave Gulch logging operation currently being done in the Helena National Forest. Like many other Forest Service projects, this sale is being billed as a 'salvage sale'. RAAN affiliates soon discovered that this boiled down to straight up clear cutting of the National Forest. RAAN has been documenting illegal activities and has opened the line of communication with other local environmentalist groups.

Californian DAAA's Summer Rundown

The Direct Action Anti-Authoritarians (DAAA), a RAAN affiliated collective, have been keeping themselves busy in California. This summer the collective has tackled a variety of projects in their area.

The recently imprisoned anarchist Sherman Austin has received \$100 collected by DAAA activists. Sherman was the webmaster of the LA based anarchist website raisethefist.com and sent to jail due to the content found on his site by authorities. Hopefully this money will go to easing some of the economic burdens forced upon him by this legal process.

The DAAA has been heavily involved with the local Food Not Bombs chapter and have been hitting the Modesto area hard, providing free food for all that need it and distributing literature for those who will take it. Recently, the Modesto FNB has decided to increase their distribution days to twice a week, and is working with another town close by. Banners, books, flyers, food, clothes, and shoes continued to be handed out while networking with other homeless activists continues.

The Modesto FNB also tabled and received many donations at the recent School of the America's talk by Father Roy. Finally, DAAA and Modesto FNB tabled a Green Party rally, and turned it into a radical event by showing the film, "Breaking the Spell: Anarchists and the WTO, and gave out free books and zines".

made open to the general public as a lending library and host space for anti-capitalist meetings.

The RAIFAS library is comprised of over 100 books donated by network affiliates, and includes extensive sections on topics such as autonomist communism and anarcho-primitivism. RAAN literature is also available, as are a variety of zines, pamphlets, videos, stickers, and publications ranging from *Anarchy - A Journal of Desire Armed* to the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Report.

If you would like to get in touch with RAIFAS Rochester or a RAAN affiliate in the area, please contact infoshop@rochesterhope.org

RAAN Hub Organizes Central Treasury

Members of the RAAN Hub, located at redanarchist.net, have put together a formal treasury for the purpose of supporting local RAAN related ventures.

If you would like to donate money to the treasury, or if your RAAN affiliated collective would like to request funding from the Hub treasury, please get in contact with us through the Hub forum, located at the address above or contact the treasurer at hpwombat@yahoo.com.



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