

Info Usurpa

::: Weekly information bulletin of events in radical spaces in Winnipeg

#76 - week of August 15th to 23rd, 2007 :::

STOP THE SPP! (Security and Prosperity Partnership) Rally on Monday from 4-6pm at the Federal Building at Main & Water street						
	wednesday.15	thursday.16	friday.17	saturday.18	sunday.19	tuesday.21
EMMA GOLDMAN GRASSRTS CTR 91 Albert, 2 nd floor		2-6pm <u>Junto library</u> open				
MONDRAGON 91 Albert Street Main floor						8pm <u>New Usurpa</u> bulletin available
RUDOLF ROCKER CULTURAL CTR 91 Albert, 3 rd floor						7pm <u>Anarchist Environmentalisms</u> Free School Class
THE BIKE DUMP 631 Main st., access on south side of bldg	7:30pm <u>Volunteer Night</u>	5-9pm <u>Open Hours</u> Get help fixing your bike or building one			12-5pm <u>Open Hours</u>	
FOOD NOT BOMBS cooks and serves free recuperated food every Thurs. Show up at 4pm at the MERC (430 Langside street) to help out						
YOUTH ACTIVIST RETREAT WRAP-UP SHOW Friday at 7pm at the Red Road Lodge, 631 Main street. Ian LaRue, Ursula, and more performing...						

::: News :::

Stop the SPP! Actions in Winnipeg and Montebello

Maritimes Indymedia – The "Security and Prosperity Partnership" (SPP) combines the destructive neo-liberal policies of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with the fear and paranoia of post 9-11 "Homeland Security" policies. The SPP is firmly rooted within a colonial and capitalist framework.

There is no mystery to the SPP agenda: murderous wars and occupations abroad; border militarization; increased detentions and deportations; attacks on indigenous peoples, the poor, migrants, and working people; ecological destruction; mega-projects in the service of corporate greed; and unfortunately, much more and worse.

The SPP reinforces the idea of "Fortress North America", whereby the rich and privileged live in gated communities and gentrified cities, protected by police and security, with easy movement for capital between borders; for the rest, there's border fences, detention centers, prisons, surveillance, and increased precarity.

This August, protests are being organized by anti-capitalist social justice activists in Ontario and Quebec, within the framework of the People's Global Action (PGA) Network. With organizing hubs in Ottawa and Montreal, on either end of Montebello on the Highway 148, we are preparing to resist the upcoming SPP meeting.

See above for a rally in Winnipeg on Monday...

Doer Presents Inter-Canadian Trade Deal to Premiers

Winnipeg Indymedia – From August 8-10th the Council of the Federation, a group composed of all thirteen Canadian premiers and federal government representatives, met in Moncton, NB. Created in 2003, the aim of the council is to foster better relations between provinces/territories and the federal government. In the past meetings have generally centered on bickering about the fiscal imbalance—i.e., how the federal government transfers money to the provinces (and how much). They also created a committee, whose Council representative was Manitoba Premier Gary Doer, to look into the viability of a Canada-wide internal trade agreement. Doer approved the progress report hashed out by said committee in 2006 and he will be presenting their "action plan" to the Council on August 8th. The plans for a national trade agreement are widely regarded as being modeled after TILMA, the controversial trade agreement between Alberta and British Columbia.

Needless to say, the implementation of a national trade agreement is headed to becoming an inevitability and needs to be stopped. Historically trade agreements have done little but line the pockets of corporate share holders, erode citizen rights and make it difficult to pass citizen-supported protection of the commons.

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