

Info Usurpa

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

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EMMA GOLDMAN GRASSRTS CTR 91 Albert, 2 nd floor		2-6pm <u>Junto library open</u>				7pm <u>Anarchist Environmentalisms</u> Free School Class	7pm <u>Junto Book Club</u>
MONDRAGON 91 Albert Street Main floor					7pm <u>Mondragon Book Club</u> Wasase by Taiaiake Alfred		8pm <u>New Usurpa</u> bulletin available
RUDOLF ROCKER CULTURAL CTR 91 Albert, 3 rd floor					2pm <u>Know Your Rights Workshop</u>		
THE BIKE DUMP 631 Main st., access on south side of bldg	6pm <u>Volunteer Appreciation/Going Away Party</u>	5-9pm <u>Open Hours</u> Get help fixing your bike or building one			12-5pm <u>Open Hours</u>	6-9pm <u>Women and Trans Night</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							

::: News :::

SPP Report: Joining in Solidarity, Differing in Ideology

Condemning the war in Afghanistan and denouncing the Security Prosperity Partnership as anti-democratic, over 3,000 people demonstrated in Ottawa at a march called by the Council of Canadians and a coalition of anti-war groups yesterday. Resisting the proposed partnership that will increase capital flow across borders while further constricting peoples ability to migrate, was the march's central theme. However, the message was eclipsed by signs and slogans focused on opposition to George Bush and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Chants of "George Bush, Terrorist!" and "Support our troops, bring them home," boomed through the megaphones of protest marshals while many signs depicted the Canadian Maple Leaf being dominated by the US flag. However, many delegations at the march focused on a need for international solidarity and challenged the role of Canadian nationalism in war and economic exploitation.

"SPP is anti-poor, PGA is at their door," chanted protesters from the Peoples Global Action contingent, contending partnerships that violate human rights will be met with a grassroots resistance that transcends borders.

"I don't believe that if some sections of the Canadian ruling class are given power and our foreign policy and domestic policy distances itself from the United States, that we're going to see a great change," said Kabir Joshi-Vijayan, a grade-

eight community activist and organizer with Haiti Action Toronto.

"We have to understand that the SPP benefits the ruling classes of Mexico, the US and Canada, and it's the working people of Canada, Mexico and the US who are loosing. For us to say this is an infringement on the Canadian sovereignty and side with sections of the Canadian ruling class is really wrong. They are the enemies, and we should be siding with the working people of the US and Mexico," he added. At the Council of Canadians teach-in at The University Ottawa that followed the march, Joshi-Vijayan demanded the panel of Canadian Parliamentary opposition parties and the Greens justify their statements that the SPP violates Canadian sovereignty in the Arctic. He argued it's indigenous peoples Arctic sovereignty that is further violated by the partnership.

Although saying that Joshi-Vijayan's position was accurate, Ann Wright, former US Army colonel and diplomat turned anti-war activist, contends that using patriotism is more effective to pressure and convince governments to abandon the SPP.

"I would urge all Canadian and all Mexican citizens to put pressure on their governments to not just take everything that George Bush says, and go along with it," said Wright. "George is looking out for the corporate financial interests of groups in the United States, he's definitely not looking out for the common person in the United States, and for sure not the Canadian and Mexican citizens."

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