

NHS Plan Rouses Sleeping Giant

The working class is waking up to the harsh reality of Labour's privatisation plans and is getting angrier and more militant by the day. Despite record spending (on consultants!) NHS trusts are cutting staff and beds to pay for the corrupt and stupid PFI deals. The NHS chief exec plans to close 60 Aand E hospitals around the country and Hewitt is now refusing to limit the private sectors involvement in health care. Nye Bevan, NHS, founder fought to remove all private care and make it a service that responded to need not profit. This fight continues.

On the 21st Sept more than 200 Runcorn staff walked out from NHS logistics, which has been sold to a German company. A second strike is planned in the effort to resist privatisation. Said Frank Holt from Unison; 'it is a very efficient and effective service which is partly why it's so incomprehensible this has happened.' You can donate to their hardship fund: *Sotirios Loizou, Unison, 1 Mabledon Place, London, WC1H 9AJ*

In Sefton there are plans to privatise GP services and there was a packed meeting this month of people angry at the usual lack of consultation. Doctors are joining the fight against high paid consultants and bureaucrats, hired in the name of 'modernisation'. Sefton TUC have a meeting planned for the 26th Sept in Waterloo which also deals with the fire fighters dispute and some anti-fascist action. *Jerry*

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Events

Tues 3 Oct - Night for Nicaragua. Salsa class 7pm, Fiesta 8pm with dancing, raffle, bar & buffet. Kensington Fields Community Centre, Hall Lane (back of Royal Hospital). Donations to the Solidarity Campaign.

Tues 3 Oct 7pm - Liverpool Social Forum meeting every 2 weeks at the Casa, Hope St, or if you're busy on tues this might be good ...

Wed 4 Oct, 7-10pm - Liverpool Democratic Forum Meeting 'Anti-Capitalist? Trade Unionist? Community activist or just pissed off? - a space for political debate and action.' The Crown, Lime St.

Sat 7 Oct 12 noon - Liverpool Friends of Palestine vigil. Steps of St Lukes, Berry St. First Saturday every month.

Tues 24 Oct? - LSF Film Night See advert.

6 Nov - National Day of Action Against Short Haul Flights, coinciding with the UN climate talks in Nairobi. www.planestupid.com

Koreans Hold Out

The villagers of Daecheuri and Doduri, South Korea are refusing to make way for the expansion of a US army base, despite a four year battle and more attacks by the police. In February these people burnt their residents cards and declared an autonomous region. Some villagers have been scared or paid off, but their homes are used to house visiting supporters as well as for organising spaces and DIY broadcasting.

In March the authorities started to destroy their farmland (see march issue) and they've

been increasing the pressure since. An important school and community centre were destroyed in May and arrests and injuries are common. On September 13th at dawn, a reported 22,000 police invaded and occupied the villages. Demolition crews knocked down 68 empty houses, but many buildings were saved by people climbing on the roofs and locking on to things. Elderly people also confronted the police and diggers. It was seen as a small victory by the villagers but they are still outnumbered and desperate.

New Orleans Residents Try to Get Back in

The Housing Authority of New Orleans are stopping displaced residents returning to their homes, even ones not damaged in the hurricane. Rents in the city have gone up 39% and 400,000 people remain displaced from the metro area. Still, the National Guard are patrolling empty streets and a wave of police harassment continues against poor and black people. 'Temporary' new beds are being rushed into the Orleans Parish Prison where there is already overcrowding and health care problems.

Many poor areas that need it are not yet being rebuilt, but the C.J. Peete Public Housing Development was not touched by the Katrina floods. Residents were forced to evacuate like everyone else in the city, now armed guards from the housing authority are preventing them returning.

The estate was built in the 1940s for segregated black people and they recently

started emptying units for a new 'mixed housing' development, with less social housing. The authority is accused of land grabbing and gentrification and also of breaking the legally binding UN Guidelines on Internally Displaced People.

In August one group of residents tried to get back in. HANO had apparently cut the electricity so they brought a generator with them. They didn't get past security but they vowed to return and reclaim their homes. Resident Alonzo Gains spoke to the crowd; 'I've seen contractors pulling peoples furniture out onto the street here. My door was kicked in. Everything I worked so hard for is gone. I used to work for HANO, I could help fix this place up.'

Mike Howells spoke for the United Front for Affordable Housing; 'The next step is the reoccupation of public housing. They cannot police every unit. We will return. The movement is going to build.' *info from US Indymedia sites*

Liverpool Social Forum has meetings where people share ideas, info and resources, and organise events and actions on things they care about. LSF works collectively and without hierarchy and our work often involves challenging greedy corporations and corrupt authorities, as well as thinking of positive things to do outside of the capitalist system.

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Tues 24th Oct (date to be confirmed) at the CASA, Hope St.

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