

Czech anarchists battle fascists

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According to a local correspondent, there was a day of action against “racism, fascism and police terror” in Brno in the Czech Republic on December 9th 1995 organised by the Czech Anarchist Federation and Czech Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice (SHARP). There has been a rise in both paramilitary fascist groups and ‘respectable’ parliamentary ones in recent years growing out of both anti-Gypsy and anti-immigration racism. Some 60% of Czechs, according to polls, are hostile to Gypsies.

A number of people have been killed in recent years by fascists but the police ignored the fact that these killings have been carried out by fascists. A previous but smaller anti-fascist march in 1992 was attacked by a big group of fascists but this time the larger march spotted, attacked and drove off a gang of fascists despite the police attempting to protect the fascists. Three people, all anti-fascists, were arrested after this incident.

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