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Film viewing- 05/02/2010 – “La Haine” (Mathieu Kassovitz)

PALERMO (Sicilia)

Immigrants leave the Laboratorio Zeta

Evicted 30 refugees from Darfur

It has been cleared the Laboratorio Zeta of Via Arrigo Boito in Palermo that hosted thirty Sudanese from Darfur, many of which had already been declared political refugees and others with the practice in the course, all men. They slept in two dormitories. The center is also active with a collective of over two hundred children with various social activities. There is a library and a school of Italian for foreigners.

In the afternoon there was a charge of the police against the boys in the street have organized a permanent assembly. The protesters say they have been beating by the police without provocation. The police replies that the group started meeting in a busy launch of oranges and bottles and that these guys were trying to draw closer to the facility evacuated. Three young people arrested and five injured, fortunately mild. Andrea Cozzo, assistant to the Faculty of Arts Greek, were applied three stitches for a cut under his nose.

The property, owned by independent housing the Institute, was awarded a contract by the association Aspasia but has never taken possession, precisely because the structure was occupied. In 2005 Aspasia turned to the courts, and recently won the case. From here the evacuation to which opposed the CGIL trade unionists, politicians and representatives of civil society center as Giovanni Impastato, Peppino's brother, all present on the spot.

Fabrizio Ferrandelli, leader of Italy of Values at the City Council in protest went up on the roof of the building together with Toti and Angela Cavaleri Giardina, two girls from the Laboratorio Zeta who have announced the start of the hunger strike. Around 13 met the city council to find a solution in extremis, was identified a new structure to be assigned to Aspasia, that the school district grazing Zisa. But the association did not accept the alternative proposal.

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<<A violent eviction, free violence and scientifically organized, in which charges and beatings occurred in the afternoon only the frame of a day when he took the city a collective space alive and animated by almost 9 years and where it is taken from a home to refugees from Darfur who for almost 6 years with the shared experience of co-management Zetalab horizontal.

The association Aspasia, the City of Palermo, the IACP and the police (present in large numbers and with

great desire to take a hand) have decided to divide equally the responsibility of senseless, violent assault, one evacuation whose aim is clearly to remove any room for dissent, freedom, independent management and direct their own living space.

They arrived this morning, in great force and in large numbers. Have "taken possession" of space while three of us climbed on the roof would have stayed there all day. They have walled up every door and window, and have wild charge, beaten and arrested three people accused of crimes such solidarity "outrage" and "resistance".

At the same time were obliged to note that the solidarity of the city Zeta does not turn off so easily. Hundreds of people have passed through today and tonight Via A. Boito was maintained a permanent garrison took part in the entire Sudanese community living in Zeta who has decided not to accept interim solutions (from the tent at night in the inn) and above all, not leave their homes.

On the sidewalk of Via Boito were mounted a few tents, and beyond the cordon of police and police remained a group of friends, companions, friends of Zeta to reiterate that we do not we go from here.

We invite all men and women to express their solidarity with the permanent garrison via Boito and denote a town meeting at 16 today, Wednesday, January 20>>.

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ROSARNO (Calabria)

Immigrants Riot at Rosarno

Two rioters injured by shotgun pellets. Cars attacked. Skips torched. Italian child hurt

ROSARNO – Riots driven by frustration. Exasperated by ill-treatment, poor pay, abuse, insults and shotgun attacks, Rosarno's immigrants finally fought back. Yesterday afternoon, street riots broke out after yet another shooting, this time near two separate immigrant reception facilities. Disturbances continued through the night.

Two immigrants were wounded by shotgun pellets fired by unidentified gunmen. Both men were taken to hospital but they are not on the danger list. News of the attack sparked the anger of about 120 other immigrants. Rosarno hosts about 1,500 immigrant workers, all of whom work as citrus fruit or vegetable pickers. Yesterday evening, three groups first blocked the Statale 18 road, which connects Rosarno and Gioia Tauro, forcing motorists to stop. Armed with iron bars, sticks and stones, they began to use the cars for target practice. A child in one car with his parents suffered injuries to the right ear from flying glass. The boy was given first aid but did not require hospitalisation. Twenty cars were damaged. Immigrants also tried to attack the motorists, many of whom ran off abandoning their vehicles.

Protesters then moved into the centre of Rosarno, where they began to empty skips and set them on fire. Many cars were damaged or overturned. The immigrants, almost all of whom were from Africa, then turned their attention to town centre shops, shattering glass windows. It was a terrifying scene. One or two

rioters clambered onto balconies and threw plants and other objects into the street as residents locked their doors. Those who were outside at the time sought refuge in bars or shops and shuttered themselves in.

Initial action by police and Carabinieri officers failed to placate the protesters, serving only to fuel their already incandescent rage, and for a few hours, Rosarno became a miniature Beirut. However, the violence could have had even more tragic consequences. A number of local residents attempted to fight back but were forced to beat a retreat. Reggio Calabria's chief of police sent in dozens of crime squads to deal with the disorders. Tear gas was used in police attempts to disperse the protesters, six of whom suffered minor injuries.

Two years ago, immigrants staged protests when two Africans were attacked but on that occasion the protesters, who live in appalling conditions in a former paper mill, took to the streets peacefully. They marched through Rosarno, stopping at the town hall to deliver a request to the prefectural commissioner for more humane, dignified treatment. From the white community.

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