



IRE TO THE PRISONS

INSURRECTIONARY ANARCHIST QUARTERLY FROM A LONGING FOR COLLAPSE

FOR A BORDERLESS AND RAZOR-EDGED REVOLUTIONARY SOLIDARITY.



we were born into a world where...

*Dreams and desires have been locked within the cages of psychotherapeutic interpretations;
Revolt has been bound with the fetters of moribund leftist ideologies;
Creativity has been enslaved to the sadistic masters, art and literature;
The marvelous has been handcuffed to the cops of mysticism and mythology;
Reality has lost the ability to laugh at itself and its foibles and so suppresses a truly playful spirit;
Thought has become a rigidly armored fortress protecting its ideological foundations from every criticism;
Revolution has had its passion organized out of existence leaving only structural rigor in its wake where once insurgence breathed and danced.
This world has ceased to bring forth amazing monsters;
It is no longer a conduit for the marvelous;
It has lost touch with the convulsive beauty of love and lust;
It can no longer give birth to babies with wings;
It has ceased growing and begun to rot;
It has suppressed surreality wherever this marvelous flower has bloomed.*

*Therefore, from now on, surreality will manifest in:
Dreams and desires freed from all interpretation and sublimation, being the living energies of free-spirited individuals;
Total revolt against every aspect of social reality including the ideologies that strive to squeeze this revolt into the limited mold of leftist activism;
The free-spirited creation of our lives for ourselves, lived to the limits against every role and rule;
The discovery of the marvelous in each unique being, free from any mystical or religious guidelines;
The humor and playfulness of free-spirited individuals who realize their strength and creativity in their own joyful foolishness;
Open, expansive, generous thinking which grows from the inner strength of free-spirited rebels;
An insurgent dance, a feral insurrection that refuses all limitations, exists beyond all structures and is the realm of indomitable free spirits.*

*Today, social reality is a lifeless, passionless corpse. Let's bury it. Now the amazing monsters of surreality must come forth in the world playful and terrifying in their wild energy, freed of the cages and chains that have bound them; our dreams, our desires, our humor, our revolt can populate the world with the most marvelous creatures.
Social reality is dead; long live surreality!*

-Wolfi Landstreicher

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As civilization continues its mad path toward the enslavement, commodification and eventual destruction of all life on earth, the state remains persistent in its repression of those who choose to act upon their desire to put an end to this. Each day we find news of arrests, government infiltration and outrageous prison sentences. It is obvious that those who uphold society are scared. It is obvious we are having an effect.

One of our intentions in publishing *Fire To The Prisons* is to offer an overview of the situations many radicals are facing today. We realize the vital importance of prisoner support in all its forms. Writing letters to prisoners, raising money for legal fees, and especially engaging in revolutionary solidarity all lessen the disarming effects the state attempts to impose on our communities.

The very simple fact is: they are scared. Those who run the industries experimenting on animals, turning living creatures into commodities, destroying ecosystems, wiping out indigenous cultures, profiting off of and perpetuating our insecurities, drugging and jailing us, are scared. They know that every arrest, every jail term, every snitch in the world cannot stifle each of our irrepressible passions, for the informality of our resistance is strength, and they can never take away our solidarity of frustration and awakern hearts. They cannot obviate our desire for insurrection if we remain dedicated to supporting, through both aid and continued action, those in our communities who fall victim to the state's repression.

Through our solidarity and persistence, we will see to it that those who perpetuate this madness remain scared, as they damn well should be.

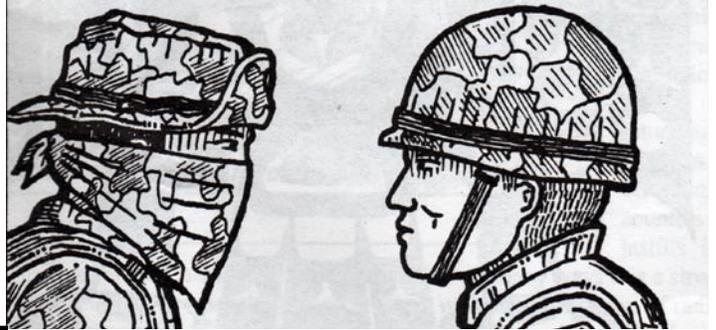
**In revolutionary solidarity,
Fire to the Prisons**

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2010 is a year of symbolic events in Canada that has captured the eye of insurrectionary anarchists, indigenous warriors, and militant activists across the country. The Winter Olympics, the G8 meetings and the Security and Prosperity Partnership meetings being a few of these events. Although it is just another year of Canadian occupation on stolen indigenous North American territory, or just another year of spectacular events to continue the first world elite statuses of today's ruling nations in global authoritarian society, anarchists have decided to use this mere coincidence of such gross events happening around each other, as a way to ignite and connect actions from all political or anti-political spectrums together. Through immense historical slaughter and contemporary corruption of native cultures remaining, the United States has done a better job than Canada at keeping native groups in-line and controlled, and continuing its laughed off 500 year old robbery and ethnic cleansing quest. Particularly in western Canada though, native groups are re-asserting what's theirs by halting attempts by the Canadian occupation to develop on what is still "legally" native territory. Anarchists have recognized this frustration and been provoked to express a solidarity with the same feeling. Actions across Canada, particularly in and around Vancouver are happening everyday in solidarity with native campaigns and around this anti-2010 sentiment. Although we were not really into singling out one symbolic event, year, or issue as the end all target to base our resistance on, we think it's interesting how this campaign is unifying numerous struggles. Fire to the Prison's has affinity with. These events, and the locations of which there happening also have drastic implications related to a history of colonialism and western progress. The type of de-centralized and informal solidarity being shown between anarchist groups, indigenous struggles, and misc. radicals is proving an empowerment in both principles of strategy and a potentially growing insurrectionary response to 2010. We feel that the anti-2010 campaign provides concrete examples of insurrectionary resistance provoking a broader solidarity of target due to the inspiring examples of consistent attack by anarchists or direct actionists conducted in correspondence with indigenous frustration and a string of riot-prone demonstrations happening across Canada.

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2010 campaign's website. We include below an article by Zig-Zag taken from the no-2010 campaign's website. We feel that the article provides a brief but not lacking description of what the Winter Olympics and 2010 in general means for native populations. The author, Zig-Zag, is an Indigenous Anti-Capitalist and author of Anti-History, We Shall Live Again, Warrior Comix, and other Pro-Indigenous, Pro-Direct Action, and Anti-Colonial publications. Zig-Zag is also a member of the Native Youth Movement.

No Olympics on Stolen Land

"What causes opponents to come of their own accord is the prospect of gain.

What discourages opponents from coming is the prospect of harm."

-Sun Tzu, The Art of War

The 2010 Winter Olympics, to be held in Vancouver-Whistler from February 12-27, 2010, is today a very real threat to Native peoples, the urban poor (many of whom are also Native), and the environment. While cutting social services, healthcare, education, etc., the BC Liberal government is at the same time providing billions of dollars to construction companies & other Olympic-related industries. The capitalists are making millions, while the poor are literally dying in the urban & reservation ghettos.

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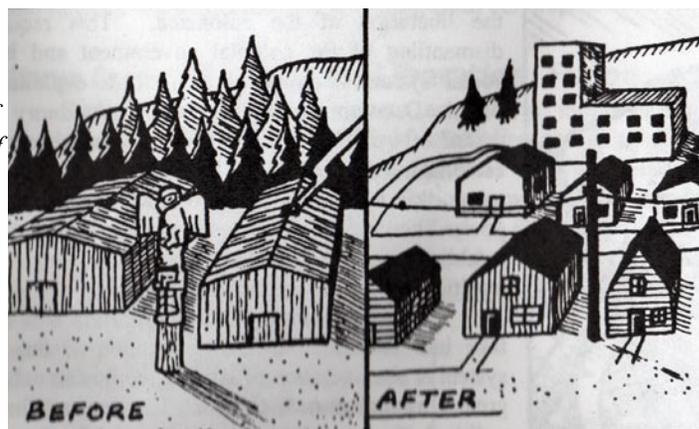
Billions of ‘public’ money is also being spent on new bridges, port facilities, railways, as well as urban transit. Most of this work is directly linked to 2010, to improve transportation & other infrastructure in preparation for the games. Some of it forms part of a larger strategy aimed at capitalizing on 2010 and related tourism and trade, especially with Asia-Pacific (the International Trade & Investment to 2010 Strategy, as well as the \$600-million Gateway project). All the expansion in transport infrastructure (highways, ports, railways, bridges, etc.) is meant to assist in greater resource exploitation, including ski resorts, mines, logging, natural gas, oil, etc. Since 2003, the BC government has been working to speed up the application process for these industries, making it easier for corporations to get projects approved. Premier Gordon Campbell has described these as “reforms to open up every sector of our economy” (BC Resort Strategy & Action Plan). The result has been huge increases in mining, gas & oil, as well as ski resorts.

“Any discussion of de-colonization that does not take into consideration the destruction of the colonial system and the liberation of native land and people can only lead to greater assimilation and control”

Mountains Under Attack

“The mountains, pure & undisturbed, are essential to the survival of all people. Mountain ecosystems provide us Indian people with all of our physical, cultural and spiritual needs... the mountains are our shelter and protection... The most powerful medicines are collected in the mountains. The source of all water comes from the mountains. The mountains are the most spiritual place for us.”

-Elder quoted in “Our Elders Tell Us”



Since 2000, the main Native struggles in the BC interior have been against the construction, or expansion, of mountain ski resorts. At Sun Peaks (Skwelkwek’welt) ski resort near Kamloops, over 70 arrests have been made of mostly Secwepemc youth & elders. They’ve blocked roads, occupied buildings, established protection camps and sent delegations to Europe, Japan, and across N. America. This is all part of their campaign against a massive \$294-million expansion of Sun Peaks, including new hotels & condominiums, more ski hills and golf courses, all of which involve large-scale destruction of mountain habitat. At Melvin Creek, just north of Mt. Currie, the St’at’imc have established the Sutikalh camp to stop a planned \$530-million ski resort. The camp was first set up in May 2000, and continues to be occupied to this day. It has served as a rallying point for community resistance to the resort, which also forced many chiefs & councilors to publicly oppose it as well. In Cheam, 2003, several Pilalt were arrested after blockading a train during protests over logging on Mt. Cheam, the site of a proposed ski resort by Resorts West. Plans include 20 ski lifts on 8 different peaks, three resort villages, a golf course, and as many as 500,000 visitors a year. Two resorts are planned for Merritt (Nlaka’Pamux territory), along the Coquihala Highway. At Valemount, Revelstoke & Blue River, new resorts have also been approved, while the Jumbo Glacier Alpine Resort (near Invermere), has been approved for a \$450-million expansion (all of these are in Secwepemc territory). Near Kelowna (Okanagan), Big White and Crystal Mountain were both approved for over \$100 million in expansion. And there are more. This sharp increase in resort development is largely due to government promotion of the industry, which included the establishment of a Ski Resort Task Force in 2004. The task force was largely comprised of members of the resort industry (inc. Darcy Alexander, Vice-President of Sun Peaks), and their primary goal was to increase ski resort development in the province. The group released a Resort Strategy & Action Plan in 2004, which made clear the connection between the industry’s rapid growth and 2010: “The Resort Strategy links to the Spirit of 2010 Tourism Strategy & the International Trade & Investment to 2010 Strategy. All these strategies are designed to grow tourism throughout the province, maximize opportunities created by hosting 20, and attract national & international investment.” Expansion of the ski resort industry was accomplished largely through Land & Water BC, Inc., a government agency that sells & leases ‘Crown’ land. The LWBC streamlined the application process and made other changes to increase certainty for investors, improve transportation infrastructure, etc. Despite their portrayal as being eco-friendly ‘low-impact’ tourism, ski resorts cause large-scale ecological destruction to mountain habitats. If you think about it, building a resort town along with massive ski runs & chairlifts on top of a mountain obviously has a big impact on the environment. There is extensive logging for roads, ski runs, parking lots, town centers, golf courses, and townhouses. Then there’s water, sewage, & electrical systems. On top of all this there is the operation of the ski resort itself. Besides the influx of millions of tourists into mountain resorts annually, their activities include not only skiing, but also heli-skiing, cat-skiing, and snow-mobiling. Most ski resorts also use fake snow that contaminates the land & nearby water (and many are beginning to use recycled ‘waste’ water to make fake snow). In the summer there may be mountain biking, dirt-biking, festivals, etc. All these people & ‘sports’ activities, in mountain habitats, adds to the ecological impact of resorts on wildlife, land, & water systems.

Nor are ski resorts just about skiers & snowboarders; they are also major sources of money in real estate deals, the selling & leasing of land. Most mountains are claimed by Canada as Crown land, and it is the provincial government that is both the regulator of the resort industry, as well as its main promoter. The government & resort corporations are also the main beneficiaries, gaining huge profits from real estate deals. The government often leases out areas for ski runs, while selling land to be used for the resort town, far below market value. In turn, the resort corporation then re-sells or leases parcels out for condominiums, shops, hotels, etc. For the provincial government, selling land below market value encourages investment by corporations, and is a form of subsidizing them (like tax-breaks & building infrastructure such as roads). In the end, what's it to government? The land is stolen & represents primitive accumulation; that is, capital acquired at little or no cost, so it's all profit anyway!

Stolen Native Land

BC is unique in Canada in that most of the province is non-surrendered Indigenous territories. According to British & Canadian laws, sovereign Indigenous territories were to be legally surrendered to the Crown prior to any trade or settlement. This was set out in the 1763 Royal Proclamation. In accordance with this, the British, and later Canada, carried out a series of treaties in its westward expansion across the prairies, and the northwest territory. These included the Numbered Treaties (such as Treaty No. 1, etc.). In BC, aside from a small number of treaties on Vancouver Island (the 1850's Douglas Treaties), and Treaty No. 8 in the northeast portion of the province, all of BC remains unceded Indigenous territories.

In 1875, when the BC government passed a Lands Act to open land to settlement, the federal government issued the 1875 Duty-of-Disallowance, striking down the Act and citing the absence of treaties legally surrendering Native lands. In response, BC threatened to withdraw from Canada. The next year, the federal government passed the 1876 Indian Act, extending government control over all Natives, including those in BC. Natives were dispossessed of their land, which came under the control of the government. At the same time, the Indian Act imposed the band council, reserve and status systems, and authorized the relocation of Native children & youth into Residential Schools. It was also used to ban important ceremonies and traditional forms of governance. Despite this, Native peoples in BC remained aware

of the illegal dispossession of their land, and continued to protest & lobby the government. In the early 1900s, several Native organizations devoted to land claims were established. Delegations were sent to England to petition the Crown to uphold British & Canadian laws. In 1927, the Indian Act was amended to outlaw land claim organizing, and many of these first Aboriginal political organizations ceased to exist. Today, most of BC remains unceded sovereign Native lands, over which neither the Canadian or BC governments have the legal authority to govern. With current attempts to legalize the prior theft of Native land & extinguish Native title & rights (the BC Treaty Process), the ongoing dispossession of Indigenous peoples from their lands continues, and by itself constitutes an act of genocide.



Native Opposition to 2010

2010 Olympic organizers knew they had to gain the support of Native peoples in the region to avoid charges of racism as well as protests. They also saw Native culture as a good way to promote the Olympics & tourism overall. Their primary agents to accomplish these goals were the Indian Act band councils, primarily the Squamish & Mt. Currie, but also the Musqueam & Tseil-Watuth. In 2004, these bands formed the Four Host First Nations Society to "take advantage of all opportunities including economic, and establish a clear First Nations presence in the Games while protecting aboriginal rights & title" (November 24, 2004, press release). Chief Gibby Jacobs of the Squamish band is himself a board member of VANOC. In 2003, even before Vancouver was selected as the host site for 2010, the Squamish & Mt. Currie bands were given \$20 million in money, land, and facilities, including a Native cultural & craft center to be built in Whistler itself. This was a clear move to buy off not only the band council, but also segments of the community with promises of jobs in construction & services. The deal committed the two band councils to participation & support for 2010. As part of its promotional work, VANOC has also begun sponsoring many Native events & seminars, including a February 2007 Vancouver hip hop concert organized by the Knowledgeable Aboriginal Youth Association (KAYA, a government-funded youth group). John Furlong, VANOC president & CEO, praised this collaboration, stating that the 2010 Games will "raise the bar internationally for building partnerships between Organizing Committees & Indigenous peoples." What he fails to mention is that these partnerships are the result of literally buying people off, to pacify and silence opposition. Despite Furlong's claim of 'raising the bar', neither the Vancouver Bid Corporation, VANOC, or the International Olympic Committee (IOC), responded to submissions made by the Skwelkwew'welt Protection Center & the Sutikalh camp, in June, 2002, stating their concerns about the impact of the Olympics. In 2003, a Secwepemc delegation traveled to Switzerland to make a formal complaint to the IOC, informing them of ongoing violations of Indigenous & human rights in this country. Although the IOC has an official policy to not hold events in countries where human rights abuses occur, Canada's & BC's violations were ignored. Most Native political leaders --those in government-funded organizations-- support the Olympics. Overall, they also support the government's plans to increase corporate access to lands & resources (neo-liberalism).

This is because they are mostly capitalists who are themselves enriched through partnerships with government & corporations. Their promotion of 2010 is really an extension of their overall promotion of ‘economic development’, which is capitalism. Due to their ‘leadership’, as well as multi-million dollar Olympic propaganda, many Native people in general see the Olympics as a huge money-making opportunity (which is, after all, its real purpose). Some plan to mass-produce artwork, or t-shirts, or jewelry, or food, etc. for 2010 tourists. Others are already working in the construction industry. Aboriginal tourism is seen as another market that will benefit from 2010. The capitalists would applaud this ‘Olympic Spirit’. But many Natives also see the Olympics for what it really is: big business at the expense of the natural world. Nor is it just the concern of the ‘four host First Nations’, who may gain the most economically. As the Native Youth Movement has correctly pointed out, 2010 is a concern to all Indigenous peoples in BC: “Although the 2010 Olympics are planned to take place in only St’at’imc & Squamish Territories the negative effects of these Games will carry out onto other Indigenous territories of the area and the aftermath of this will create an invasion, not seen since the gold rush.” (Cancel the 2010 Winter Olympics, NYM leaflet, 2006) While a few benefit from jobs, and even fewer make millions in profits, the real Olympic legacy for future generations will be ecological destruction. That this is occurring now, even as the world faces a growing environmental crisis, reveals how short-sighted and greedy people can become through their long-term exposure to capitalist ideology. The land defenders of the Secwepemc & St’at’imc, along with NYM and a Squamish elder (Harriet Nahanee), have been the most vocal Native opposition to 2010.



To the Left: Picture from native warrior claim of Olympic Flag Stolen

Conclusion

- If the 2010 Winter Olympics goes unchallenged, BC & Canada will indeed gain positive international exposure. This, in turn, will create greater international investment & corporate invasion, a process already underway & affecting many areas & communities. If opposition occurs, however, it can contribute to economic uncertainty, deter some investment, and limit the impact of 2010 on some communities & regions.
- While it is unlikely that social opposition will become so strong as to stop the Olympics from occurring, they can be disrupted. Due to the many diverse social issues & communities 2010 negatively impacts, there is potential for a strong anti-Olympics movement to develop. It can also be seen as a catalyst for new social movements & resistance to emerge from.
- Due to the diversity of social sectors & concerns, any anti-Olympic movement must include respect & tolerance for a diversity of tactics as a basic principle.
- Because 2010 is such a good example of corporate power & class conflict, anti-2010 opposition should incorporate an anti-capitalist analysis in order to broaden the political implications of resistance to it.
- The first crucial step is education to mobilize our people into action.

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Canadian State forces have expressed great concern in response to anti-2010 sentiment, and its potential to provoke “extremist activity”. Tom Quiggin of the Institute for Counter-Terrorism wrote an article in response to this growing sentiment we feel should be shared. Although it’s a perspective coming from the other side of the fence (the one holding it up), we found some of its statements to be flattering for anti-2010 resistance. Were sure Tom, whoever he is, is just another boring piece of shit state minion, blindly willing to aid and abet colonial occupation and general repression abroad in every way possible, and we don’t want people to think he is a valid source at all, but we thought it would be interesting to provide an enemy perspective on the Riot 2010! sentiment. We also thought that considering at least 2 solidarity actions have been conducted in response to Tom’s article , we had to give it a mentioning. Below are just a few excerpts from Tom (the scumbag) Quiggin’s article titled “Extremist Activity associated with the 2010 Olympics, the G8, and the SPP”.

“Situation: In 2010, Canada will host at least three major events with a significant international profile. These are the Winter Olympics, the G8 meetings and the Security and Prosperity Partnership meetings. Even though these events are two years or more away, numerous groups have already begun violent activities and further organization. A series of public and private entities have already been subjected to no less than 19 attacks in Canada where violence has been used. This figure is narrowly construed and does not include a number of other attacks such as the burning of Bell Canada vehicles in Montreal. Such attacks were not included as their attackers did not make a claim related to the Olympics, the SPP or the G8. Most disturbingly, there has been an increased identification of public and private figures by name in numerous postings which announce or encourage violence. The responses required to mitigate this problem can be implemented in relatively short order, provided a certain degree of cooperation between corporate and law enforcement agencies. A clear upturn in violent protest activity is occurring. There had been a downturn or exhaustion of activity following the rush of activities from 2002 to 2004 (G8 and Bush visit). It is unprecedented to see this kind of forward planning by activists. Even the highly active G8 campaigners were essentially involved in activities for less than a year before the meetings in Ottawa. The violent activities to date range right across the country in areas as diverse as Victoria, Vancouver, Guelph and Ottawa. It can be anticipated that this form of activity will spread geographically as year 2010 approaches.

Key Issues

1. A significant change of tactics appears to be occurring, as well as the tone of language being used since about 2005. One of the changes is that some social activist extremists are focusing on individuals rather than just the company and its infrastructure. This has been a favorite tactic of groups such as SHAC (Stop Huntington Animal Cruelty). Among the tactics used by SHAC against individuals have been letter bombs, acid attacks, beatings*, vandalism, and graffiti attacks. These attacks have been aimed at senior company officials as well as other employees. The point of the attacks is to frighten (terrorize?) the employees to a point where they will not go to work. These were detailed as far back as 2005 in US Senate Testimony by Mark Bibi, General Counsel of Huntingdon Life Sciences. In addition to SHAC, these same sorts of tactics have been used by other protest groups related to the environment, capitalism, and so on. The CEO of RBC and Bell Canada both fit into this sort of emerging category and they have already been named in a number of protest sites that claim responsibility for violent actions, although no direct action appears to have been aimed at them yet. The recent attacks in Montreal, which appear to have been carried out by anarchists, suggested in their statement of responsibility that people should burn “the hotels and houses of capitalists”. *Fire to the Prisons wants to note that there is no recorded evidence of SHAC directly claiming any “beatings” of vivisectors or other scum. Tom using this term is absurd and manipulative.

2. A convergence among a number of groups has occurred which are looking at a variety of actions related to the 2010 Olympics, the SPP, the 2010 G8, and the Canadian Council of Chief Executives. This kind of convergence has been seen before, most explicitly in Canada for the 2002 G8 protests. Given the nature of the ongoing and upcoming events, this kind of convergence will likely continue to occur. The issues that will have the most “cross appeal” to a wide variety of groups will be the continuing war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the 2010 Olympics, the SPP, globalization, and the (potential) downturn in the economy. The convergence includes anarchists, aboriginal “warrior” groups, poverty activists, housing activists, anti-capitalists, anti-globalization activists, student activists, and others who are just interested in anti-social behavior.

3. At the national level, the federal government in Ottawa does not appear to be actively engaged in monitoring or reacting to such issues. The apparatus that should be dealing with security issues related to the Olympics is in more of a setup phase than an operational phase. As well, there is a general tendency to not follow up on such activity in between major events. Unless something truly dramatic happens, it is probable that the appropriate federal agencies will not engage in this issue until the fall of 2009 or later.

The threat posed by this kind of violence is asymmetric. This is to say that the threat itself (violence by small cells or individuals) and the resources to combat the threat are unlike in nature. The response to such a threat must be an intensive knowledge-led operation. One key factor in such a response is integration. In order to understand the problem and formulate an effective response, the “fine grains” of intelligence and information must be integrated over a wide range of potential sources and barriers. Cooperation among the various players is an absolute requirement. A number of actions can be undertaken now which would serve to mitigate the issues and this action has been successful in the past. If these are not taken now, the problem will become increasingly unmanageable as the events approach.”

-Tom (the scumbag) Quiggin of the Institute for Counter-Terrorism

Actions in Solidarity with the anti-2010 campaign.

We want to mention that we may be missing actions related to this campaign, but due to their frequency it is nearly impossible for Fire to the Prison's (as a paper periodical) to include all of them, but please continue to stay aware of what's going on, and resistance that continues to take place by visiting the links below.

These 3 sites are all frequently updated:

www.friendsofgrassynarrows.com www.no2010.org www.infoshop.org

The following reported actions are written in order of date, city, details of the attack, and sources of information.

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Feb. 12th, 2007

VANOC (Vancouver organizing committee for Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games) clock site
 Vancouver
 Protest and objects thrown at clock countdown to the Olympics site.
<http://warriorpublications.com/?q=node/34>

March 6th, 2007

City Hall
 Vancouver
 Olympic flag stolen
http://shiftshapers.gnn.tv/blogs/22167/Native_Warriors_Claim_Responsibility_for_Taking_Olympic_Flag.Theft
 Claimed by "Warrior" groups in BC in the name of Harriet Nahanee.

September 29th, 2007

RBC branch at Hastings and Nanaimo
 Vancouver
 Windows broken <http://confrontation.wordpress.com/2008/02/08/anti-2010-vandals-hit-ottawa-royal-bank/>

December 8th, 2007

RBC branch at Hastings and Nanaimo
 Vancouver
 Rock or stone through window <http://www.anarchistnews.org/?q=node/2565>

December 9th, 2007

RBC branch at Commercial and First
 Vancouver
 Broken windows due to hunks of pavement
<http://confrontation.wordpress.com/2008/02/08/anti-2010-vandals-hit-ottawa-royal-bank/>

December 9th, 2007

RBC branch at Hastings and Nanaimo
 Vancouver
 Stone thrown through window again.

Communiqué claiming the action is below:

"I was so inspired by the action on Dec. 8th and the new Olympic Events Announcement that I was left with no choice but to immediately pledge my support for the proposal to expand the spirit of 2010 with the extension of amateur vandalism against the Royal Bank of Canada. The only way I could think to do this at the time was to cast a stone through the front window of the RBC on Hastings and Nanaimo. "The greatest thing about this new Olympic sport is that it can be enjoyed by our spirited youth not just around Vancouver and Whistler but in almost every city across Canada" to quote RBC spokesman John Groves. Whether with a team or on your own, its up to you to enhance the countdown to 2010."

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December, 11th 2007

Re/Max
 Vancouver
 Re-Max office windows smashed.

Communiqué claiming the action below:

"To show solidarity (as in shouldering some of the burden) with all those fighting the Sun Peaks development on unceded Secwepemc territory, and the Olympics in 2010 the windows of a Re/Max office at 2808 Kingsway were destroyed. From the roman empire that gave conquered lands to its military strongmen, to the feudal lords of the European middle ages paying off their debts owed to city merchants with pieces of "real assets", to the Re/Max office trailer sitting in the mud of development at Sun Peaks ski resort, "real estate" has always meant stolen land and destroyed lives. From our point of view, every autonomous act, every insurgent event, every liberating attack against hierarchal power is an act of rehumanization, an affirmation of a life which won't take it lying down."

December 15th, 2007

Langford, BC
 Bear Mountain Resort vandalized.

Communiqué claiming the action below:

"On the night of December 15, 2007 the Bear Mountain resort office in Langford BC was festively decorated in solidarity with tree sitters blocking the way to the proposed highway interchange to Bear Mountain. Even more so in solidarity with all those resisting ecological destruction, resisting the continued colonization of Coast Salish territories and all the indigenous territories across turtle island. Colonization is still alive and rampant, it is land theft and displacement not only for peoples and their cultures but for the non-humans, the plants, animals, land and water. The current developments on Bear mountain are a gross symptom of the urban sprawl and ski resort development mania that is being spurred on by the 2010 Olympics. No 2010! No Bear Mountain! This land is not for sale! Capitalism's voracious appetite has eaten enough, protect endangered Gerry oak ecosystems, protect sacred sites, honor indigenous title. Let the cover of night unleash your wild desires, the urge to destroy is a creative urge. The urge to create is an act of joy. Live your dreams."

-the night owls

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December, 24th 2007

RBC branch at Cook St.
Victoria
Windows Broken.
<http://confrontation.wordpress.com/2008/02/08/anti-2010-vandals-hit-ottawa-royal-bank/>

January 27th, 2008

RBC branch on Elgin St
Ottawa
Bricks thrown through 4 windows
<http://confrontation.wordpress.com/2008/02/08/anti-2010-vandals-hit-ottawa-royal-bank/>

Communiqué claiming the action:

“Bricks found their way through the windows of the Elgin Street Royal Bank” in Ottawa on the night of Jan. 27. “The Olympics are set to happen in the year 2010, and we thus declare war on all the year represents and all who sponsor it!” February 3rd, 2008 Facilities related to Linamar Corp (sponsor of Olympics and SPP) Guelph Windows broken, facility spray painted, and locks glued.

February 6th, 2008

Olympic countdown clock.
Ottawa Protestors disrupt ceremony
<http://no2010.com/node/161>

February 12th, 2008

RBC branch at Bank and First Avenue
Ottawa
Bricks thrown through window.
<http://www.no2010.com/node/225>

February 12th, 2008

Delta Hotel at Gordon and Stone Road
Guelph
Six windows broken at front of hotel on opening day.
<http://no2010.com/node/219>

From communiqué claiming the action:

“Delta Hotels are appearing wherever yuppie development is booming. They are feeding off of the Olympic excitement to cash in on the development of territories while returning nothing to the local inhabitants. From the Sun Peaks resort on Secwepmec territory, to the gentrification of Guelph Ontario, Delta Hotels are one of many capitalists making a profit from the lives and lands of others. We encourage everyone to launch an uncompromising assault against the olympics, colonialism and the State Capitalism that produces them!”

February 14th, 2008

Royal Bank of Canada
Whistler, B.C.
Bricks thrown through windows.
Reported by anonymous anarchists to friendsofgrassynarrows.com

From the communiqué claiming the action:

“On the night of February 12th, 2008, bricks found their way through the windows of a branch of the Royal Bank of Canada. The branch targeted is located at Bank St. and First Ave. in the Glebe neighborhood of Ottawa. This action - on the 2 year mark before the 2010 Olympics - was done in solidarity with the ongoing struggle against all sponsors of the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver-Whistler, BC. It is part of the No-2010 campaign which opposes the Olympic Games on stolen land, the final “ratification” of the Security and Prosperity Partnership, and the G-8, all of which are planned to hit Canada in that year. It is done in solidarity with the struggle of First Nations in Coast Salish and the rest of Turtle Island against colonial genocide. It is in solidarity with Vancouver’s homeless, who are being relocated in a process of gentrification. It is in solidarity with all those who fight the ongoing eco-cide perpetrated by VANOC and its corporate sponsors, including the RBC. We will continue targeting corporations that support this genocide and ecocide. We say scrap the SPP; Down with the G-8; and Fuck the Corporate Circus!!! RIOT 2010!”

February 17th, 2008

VANOC clock site
Vancouver
Paint spayed on clock by protesters <http://www.gamesbids.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=9875&pid=152312&mode=threaded&start=>

February 26th, 2008

Highway signs
Vancouver
Three VANOC welcome signs hit with paint
<http://www.friendsofgrassynarrows.com/>

March 1st, 2008

RBC branch on Elgin
Ottawa Bricks thrown through window
This was the second attack claimed on this bank.

March 5th, 2008

RBC branch at Bank and First
Ottawa
Ice or other substance thrown though the window.
<http://ottawa.indymedia.ca/en/2008/02/6909.shtml>

From the communiqué claiming the action:

“The early morning of March 5th, 2008 saw yet a further taste of the royal dish of vengeance we are preparing for the Royal Bank of KKKanada, and all corporate sponsors of the ecocide/genocide of the 2010 Corporate Circus (“Winter Olympic Games”) on unceded Coast Salish territories in the west. The windows of the 1st Ave and Bank St location of RBC, Ottawa, were thoroughly smashed. This

time, Mother Nature provided the tools for the assault – a block of ice mixed with the poisonous salts of the city road crews, hardened to a beautiful projectile. RBC finds itself the continued target of our campaign because of its complicity and blatant support of imperialism, racial profiling, and exploitation advanced by the Security and Prosperity Partnership (final ratification in 2010).

The company’s CEO, Gordon M. Nixon chairs the Canadian Council of Chief Executives (CCCE), one of the key proponents of this exploitative and repressive NAFTA + “homeland security” initiative. RBC is targeted for sponsoring and profiting off of the gentrification, environmental destruction, and colonialism which characterize – indeed, are the entirety of the 2010 Winter Games. This Corporate Circus will see further theft of the land of Indigenous peoples, as well as causing (already!) the repression of the poor of Vancouver. Beyond the above, we target the RBC because it is a bank, the central component of the capitalist state which is responsible for global and domestic exploitation of the working classes for the profits of the ruling elite and their bourgeois puppets. These attacks are carried out in solidarity with Indigenous peoples of Coast Salish, the poor of Vancouver, and all those who struggle against the Corporate Circus that serves nothing but the ultimate god of this society: profit. Riot 2010!”

March 8th and 9th, 2008

Olympic Clock
 Ottawa
 Paint bombs thrown at clock
<http://www.infoshop.org>

March 11th, 2008

RBC branch at Elgin and Lisgar
 Ottawa
 Garbage or other substances thrown through windows.

March 15th and 16th, 2008

National Bank ATM’s attacked
 Montreal
 Claims made that the ATMS were smashed and set on fire.
<http://confrontation.wordpress.com/>

Fire to the Prisons note:

This action was declared in solidarity with struggles in western Canada based around the no-2010 campaign. Although the bank may have not been a direct sponsor of the 2010 events, a “bank is a bank”. All infrastructure serving capital is among the same system responsible for colonial rule and euro-centric domination, and every attack on this mass circuitry manifests a solidarity of opposition.

April 10th, 2008

Police Headquarters
 Ottawa
 Rocks and paint bombs thrown at station, fire set to newspaper box outside.

From communiqué regarding the demonstration:

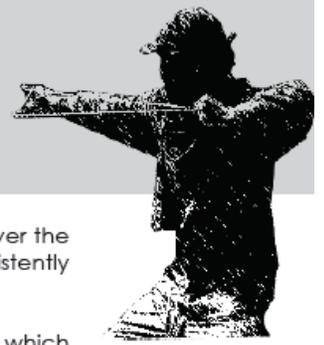
“The morning of Thursday April 10th, a black bloc was called together to “shut down” CANSEC (security and weapons fair) and attack the system it expands. From the beginning of the demonstration an overwhelming police presence was mobilized to intimidate our small bloc. This repression characterizes the continuing crackdown on subversion taking place across “Canada.” Allies everywhere are facing exaggerated sentences for blockades, (at Tyendinaga), land reclamations (at Six Nations), or even for the fabrications alleged by our exploiters (in the case against John “boy” Graham). Here in “Ottawa” it was no different, they kidnaped one comrade after our bloc smashed up a military recruiting center. Odds against us, greatly outnumbered and repressed, our determined bloc moved on. Because of this obscene repression and because of the courage of our comrades we chose to act. Let them never get away with this!! While many moved to the jail holding our fellow companion in a show of solidarity, tonight we take up arms to express ours! The community police station, on Somerset west of Bank, was attacked with rocks and paint bombs, and we set fire to a newspaper distribution box in front to draw attention to our attack and to highlight our rage towards the pigs. The police implement surveillance and weapons technology (that which is paraded and worshiped at CANSEC) for profiling people, locking them behind walls of borders and jails, for militarizing the cities and mowing down any resistance to this ever expanding system. The implementation of this technology and the demand for it only grows as the influence of the institutions that wield it expands over the planet with the help of projects like the SPP, for spectacles like the Olympic games, and to defend capitalism and the G8 that manipulate it. It is clear to all that CANSEC, its technology, their police, etc are all of one class: the one we grove to as we get up for work, as we check our bank accounts, pay the rent and bills, the ones we cringe before when crossing their path... Vancouver Integrated Security Unit (VISU), for example, are spending their million dollar budget on gadgets sold at CANSEC to repress the mounting revolt against the colonization of our lives and lands. Be it on surrendered or unsundered land colonizaion continues (through Progress) to impose a sterile territory, social relations, and hostile existence on us all. In “Ottawa” this colonization of life means streets endlessly shaded by skyscrapers, homeless forcefully excluded from the remnants of social life drifting through downtown streets. It means being watched by cameras wherever we set foot, the mechanization of relationships, and a hyper-alienation with our means of survival. It means unforgettable repression and unforgivable abuse! No words can express our contempt for this system, its defenders, and those who profit from it (off our backs)!

Tonight was ours, tomorrow we can only ACT to ensure this. NOW COMRADES! Until we are all free!”

-Hooligans who Hate Hierarchy

Guerra Social en Chile the Social War In Chile

love and resistance collective



Chile, one of the top economies in Latin America, has seen a rise in the intensity of anti-state struggles over the past few years. Students, radical youth and workers, and indigenous groups such as the Mapuche, have consistently and militantly attacked the Chilean state and the institutions that sanction its 'democracy'.

In 1972 the Socialist reform-oriented government of Salvador Allende was overthrown by a US backed coup, which brought with it the right wing general, Augusto Pinochet, to power. Under Pinochet, free market capitalism reigned hand in hand with terror against all who opposed his rule. Thousands of radicals were "disappeared", imprisoned, tortured and killed. Despite this reign of terror, Pinochet's government was challenged by many left wing armed struggle groups, who nearly succeeded in assassinating him in September of 1986.

In 1990 Pinochet was defeated in a referendum and stepped down. This was widely heralded as a transition to democracy, though the reality is that Pinochet's laws and the structure of his dictatorship are still largely in place. Anti-terrorism laws introduced by Pinochet continue to be enforced by the national police force, the Carabineros, the same police who were involved in torture and kidnappings throughout the 70s and 80s. In this context of Democracy in Chile, the neo liberal policies continue to degrade the environment, destroying pristine glaciers and ancient forests, and furthering the gap between rich and poor. Chile is a place of daily social war, putting the poor and oppressed, against the ruling class. The forces of repression use the media, its jails and police against those who continue to fight for something more than the bankrupt democracy veiling the dictatorship that remains in Chile today.

The past few years following the election of Michele Bachelet of the "Socialist" Party have seen an escalation in anti-capitalist and anti-state struggles in Chile. Annual Mayday marches have become pitched battles pitting Chile's national police force, The Carabineros, against anarchists, radical students, workers, mapuche activists and street kids. Wide scale looting and the Mayday 2007 firebombing of La Moneda, The National Palace, has brought these street battles to international attention. 2006 saw an enormous sustained and militant high school student strike shut down schools and universities all over Chile. Stone throwing High School youth shut down the capital city of Santiago, erecting barricades along the central avenue and fighting police for hours.

There have been almost weekly demonstrations to support Mapuche political prisoners, often ending in street fighting. Squats and anarchist social centers have spread especially in Santiago, where anarcho punks and radical hip hop collectives often hold joint benefits for political prisoners. Repression has become fierce against anarchists in the past couple of years. On September 26, 2006 a squat called "La Mansion Sinistra" was raided by police who claimed it was a "Molotov making factory" and that its inhabitants were the ringleaders of nearly all of the political violence of the previous years. Luckily their evidence against against the squatters was so flimsy that all were released.

On March 29th of this year, a young Mapuche anarchist Jhonny Cariqueo Yañez was arrested and beaten by the Caribeneros following street actions marking "The Day of the Youth Combatant", a day remembering young people killed in the armed struggle against Pinochet. Jhonny died due to complications from his beatings a few days later.

Mapuche is a word that is used to acknowledge indigenous peoples of Central and Southern Chile, as well as Southern Argentina. The heart of the Mapuche's traditional territory, Araucanía of Ngulu Mapu, lies near the Chilean city of Temuco, and extends through the rainforests of southern Chile, and over the snow capped Andes into what is now Argentina.

The Mapuche people have a long history of resistance, first halting the expansion of the Incan Empire in the Battle of the Maule River, and then during the Spanish conquest where their resistance proved to be so fierce that the Spanish were unable to enter some areas until 300 years after their initial attempts to subjugate the Mapuche people. Eventually the Chilean Government "obliged" some Mapuche leaders to sign a treaty absorbing the Araucanian territories into Chile. As in many other countries the absorption of the indigenous Mapuches into the modern State led to their immediate subjugation. Starvation and disease decimated the Mapuche population. Some estimates claim that the population was reduced from a total of half a million to 25,000 within a generation. Mapuche people were interned into reducciones (similar to the American Reservation system) while small scale Mapuche economies were destroyed and traditional jewelry made from valuable silver was looted and added to the growing coffers of the Chilean state. Many Mapuche continue to live in extreme poverty and are marginalized within Chilean Society to this day.

The increasing exploitation of traditional Mapuche lands by Chilean and Multi-National timber and mining companies the past few years, has led to an explosion of indigenous resistance and an increase in repression against Mapuches and their supporters. While Japanese and Swiss interests are active in the region that Chileans call "Araucanía", both of the main forestry companies are Chilean-owned. On traditional Mapuche lands, firms have planted



"the Greece of South America"



"Proletarian Shopping" Mayday in Santiago



Jhonny Cariqueo Yañez, Anarchist Killed by Police



Patricia Troncoso before her 111 day hunger strike

hundreds of thousands of acres with Monterey pine and eucalyptus trees, species that are not native to the region and that consume large amounts of water and fertilizer. Chilean exports of wood to the United States, almost all of which come from this southern region, are about \$600 million a year and rising. Hydro-electric dams, landfill sites and roads have been built across sacred areas of Mapuche land, logging rights to native forests have been granted, and Mapuche land has been given away to forestry companies and salmon farms. In response to these continued infringements on their autonomy, as well as their relegation to second-class citizens under Chilean capitalism, there have been a myriad of responses. Tree farms have been attacked and burned to the ground. Land reoccupations have spread as radical Mapuche warriors enter farms, burning livestock feed and otherwise sabotaging local centers of Capital. These acts have been met with much repression though, as dozens of Mapuche activists languish in prisons as a result of their resistance to the state and in defense of their land. Acts of sabotage against corporations and businesses that pollute and poison the land have also been common.

Mapuche prisoners have used hunger strikes to call attention to their struggle and unjust incarceration. Mapuche rights activist Patricia Troncoso and four others were arrested and tried for arson attacks against a tree farm. Their first trial ended in a mistrial while a secret informant led to convictions in their re-trial. Troncoso and her co-defendants began a hunger strike on October 10th, 2007 demanding the release of Mapuche prisoners. Troncoso's strike, which lasted 111 days, ended with Patricia and her fellow hunger strikers winning transfer to a better prison and home leave on weekends.



Matias Catrileo: killed by Carabineros

In Mapuche areas, right wing Paramilitary groups have reportedly begun to operate under the direction of wealthy landowners and ranchers. A number of Mapuche have been beaten, shot and killed by militarized police. In November 2002 Alex Lemun, 17 years old was shot and killed by Carabineros when they moved in to break up a land occupation. On January 3rd of this year, 22 year old Mapuche anarchist Matias Catrileo Quezado was shot and killed by Carabineros during a land occupation near the city of Vilcun. Matias was killed by a burst of machine gun fire conducted by armed Carabineros.

*I*n this context of rising tension, autonomous anarchist cells and radical Mapuches have begun to organize clandestinely to attack the Chilean state with the aim of creating further ruptures within Chilean society and bringing it to its knees. A strong above ground movement using tactics such as protest marches, black blocs, and blockades have recently been extended into the underground, as radicals have begun bombing campaigns and acts of appropriation to support the Mapuche and avenge the violence of the state.

In December 2007 three separate bombs exploded throughout Santiago, targeting Telefonica, the Nuñoa Police station, and a Santander Bank office. Flyers calling for the release of Mapuche political prisoners were found in the vicinity of the bombings. A group calling itself the "Anti-capitalist Attack Group of Martyrs of the Santa Maria School", firebombed a Banco de Chile branch the same month. More recently a group called the Jhonny Cariqueo Yañez Anti Authoritarian Insurreccional Cell attacked the 26th precinct in Santiago where Jhonny Yañez was beaten, before dying a few days later, with a timebomb. A communiqué from the cell stated:

"We don't want anything from their sick society, we are not marxists, nor communists, we are more or less radicals, we don't crave power WE WANT TO DESTROY IT!!... We fit our action of revenge within insurreccionalist anarchy, where within other metods we revindicate the use of violence. We use it to radically oppose the human misery in which they want to convert us...

...ALL THE FORCE THEY USE TO SILENCE US WILL RETURN TO THEM IN THE FORM OF A BOMB. "



"Mapuche: Freedom Now!"

*I*t is hard to tell what the future will have in store for Chile. The Ruling class shows no signs of ceasing their attacks and despite the growing repression it is clear that those in Chile who fight back will continue their struggle as well. The younger generations who grew up in the post Pinochet era seem largely aware of the rich culture of resistance that they have inherited, and seem to possess a heavy dose of hatred for those who label them delinquents and attempt to stamp them out. The amount of prisoners in this ongoing conflict is sure to grow. It is important for us to pay attention to the struggles in Chile to be able to support and understand what is happening there. Many Multi-national companies (including Benetton) have played a large role in the ecological destruction and repression that has been so prevalent in "Democratic" Chile, they must be held accountable for their roles as well

In 2006 anarchists and Mapuche youth in neighboring Argentina, shut down a branch of the Chilean owned Falabella department store in Buenos Aires. The radicals, who chained the entrance to the store closed, called the action in solidarity with Mapuche political prisoners. In Montevideo, Uruguay unknown individuals vandalized the Chilean embassy with paint bombs and spray painted "Free Mapuche Prisoners" on the wall. In Athens, Greece a group called Combatant Solidarity firebombed the Chilean Consuls' private car in solidarity with Patricia Troncoso's hunger strike. Hopefully the attacks will continue and together with the collective struggles of the Mapuche and their anarchist allies, the legitimacy of the Chilean state will continue to be threatened.

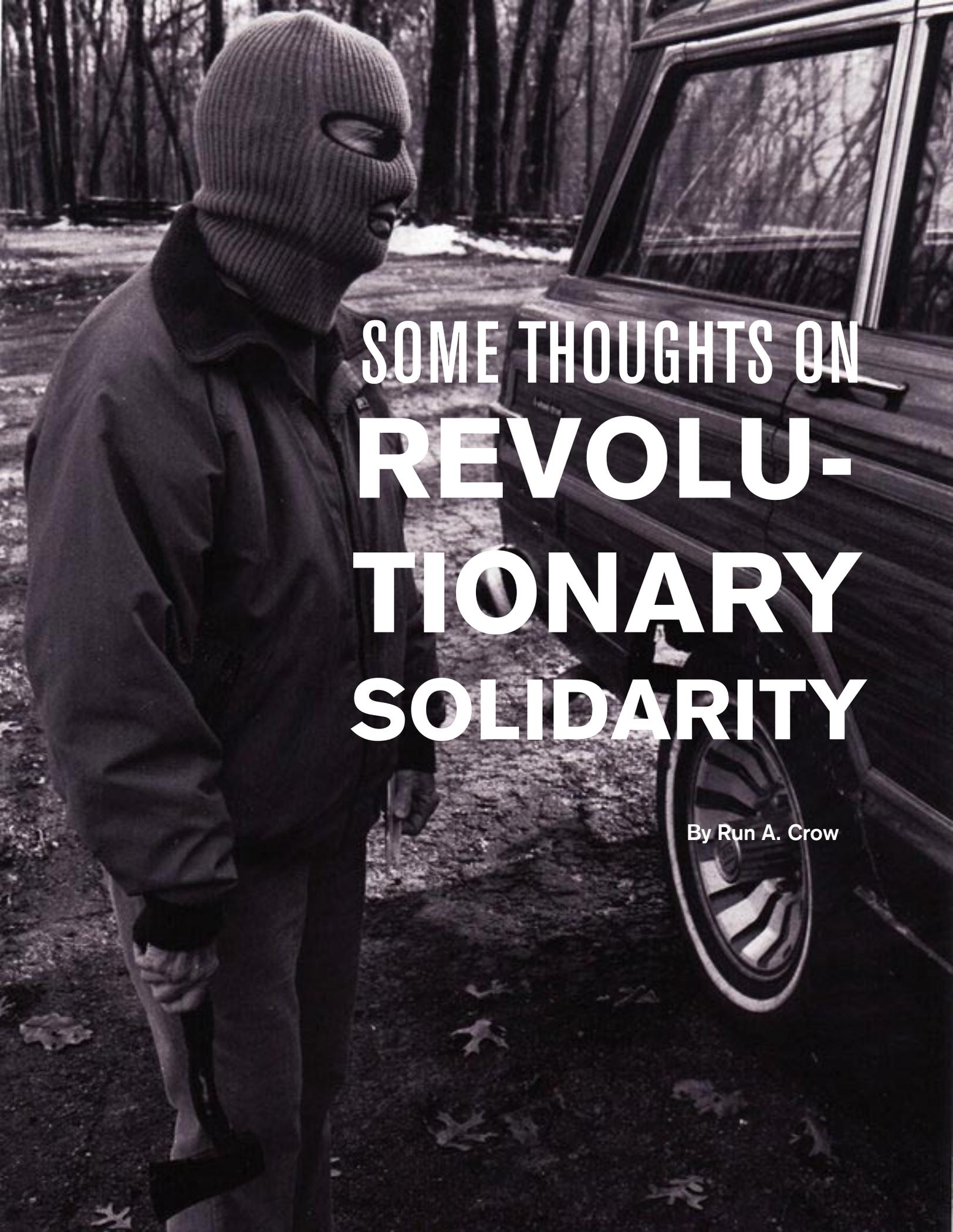
"We support the combat that frees the Mapuche people from the state. The police troops besiege and try to impose terror in the rebel communities of the Mapuche territory under Chilean occupation. The Mapuche combatants expel them from their lands. Strength brothers, the destruction of all the states and the construction of free and anti-authoritarian societies have our complete combative solidarity. It's our objective."

- Federación Revuelta Sección Antipolicial Antonio Ramón Ramón, December 2007



Solidarity with Mapuche Prisoners, Argentina

for more info: www.amoryresistencia.blogspot.com



SOME THOUGHTS ON
**REVOLU-
TIONARY
SOLIDARITY**

By Run A. Crow

As anarchists, revolutionary anarchists, it is obvious we are mutually in opposition to the order of capitol and the state, among other things of course (all institutions of domination and control). What we seem to lack here, specifically in the cascades of the northern United States, is revolutionary solidarity. Solidarity is not synonymous with charity or another moral service done in hopes of rewards of good fortune. Sadly this seems all too often the mentality when one is asked to show solidarity with a captured comrade. An anarchist is taken hostage by the state and all we do is donate money? Clearly money is needed for legal support, and surely those sisters and brothers locked away appreciate it dearly; however, revolutionary solidarity is not just holding benefits and fund raisers, teach-ins and letter writing groups. Revolutionary solidarity is solidarity in action, revolutionary solidarity is in a continued struggle and attack.

Some of the simplest lessons can be learned from the anarchists in Greece on this matter. A comrade held for bank robbery is beaten in prison by the guards, anarchists show support outside of the prison followed by attacks on banks, along with those who defend the current social order, the police. In the states, the police were fought against after attacking demonstrators at a port in Olympia W.A, then within a few months police were again confronted for their brutal acts of violence against us all and were forced to leave their vehicle to the rage of spectators at a dead prez show, then in weeks following that, others attacked banks in Bremerton W.A, leaving a trail of notes attached to bricks addressed to those who perpetuate the existence of a suffocating life of poverty. These acts are acts of revolutionary solidarity in and of themselves. To see fellow anarchists taking a stand and striking at the very mechanisms and institutions that wish to see us enslaved, to see their hollow authority struck down, and then acting to maintain and escalate this degree of resistance, to join in this struggle for absolute agency over every aspect of our lives, by fighting those who wish it otherwise, this is revolutionary solidarity.

For we are anti-authoritarians, correct? We call ourselves anarchist? Then lets make solidarity an explosion of revolutionary action! Let mutual aid be more than theory, more than sharing. Let it be helping one another in our struggle against domination in all its forms. Staying strong and not cooperating with authorities. Helping each other by either publicly supporting revolutionary actions if one feels safe doing so, or writing support and explanations and distributing it widely amongst those who do not necessarily call themselves anarchist. Not just within our groups of friends and comrades, not just at our social centers and show spaces, but at the bus stops, schools, work places, street corners and in the hands of strangers. A friend once explained to me her confusion about how people perceived Greek anarchists in the west. She said laughing “They don’t just have some nervous tick that causes them to throw petrol bombs at the police!” She continued, “They are just regular people, they aren’t super humans. They get in the streets and talk to people about anarchism, they pass out pamphlets and flier!” This may be another thing to learn from. We must not be afraid of our own desires and passions, our own rage and anger. These feelings are all very real and many others feel the same frustrations, the same conflict, every day and never have anyone to tell them their feelings are legitimate. If we allow these feelings and emotions to be suffocated deep within our selves, the powers that be will have succeeded in creating a world void of resistance, absent of dignity and heart.

I will be absolutely honest about my desires and intentions. I wish to see an end to this world that alienates me from that which I care about, the things that sustain my body and allow me to live, the world that alienates me from my own feelings and wishes to corrupt my mind in order to perpetuate its own existence. I wish for anarchy, for absolute freedom. So of course to see the resistance and revolutionary momentum that has been flowing through our communities become an every day kind of thing, to become normalized, would bring more than a slight grin to my face. As long as we are capable of maintaining our goals and not falling into a situation where our actions become a means of defusion. What I mean by this is that we should remain weary of falling into the mind set that our actions alone will destroy what destroys us. We can break as much as we like, tear down as much as we can, but if no one knows these actions are happening, and no one has any idea why other than what the capitalist press feeds them, we are just getting a quick fix and losing sight of our goals. If these moments of rebellion are allowed to be forgotten, we will slip back into the mundane abyss of ritualized protest, of repetition and gloom. Lets not let this be the case. Lets create a situation in which revolution is not just some theory or ideology, but our lives. And lets let every one know its happening and not make the capitalist presses job easier by remaining quiet and exclusive to “revolutionaries” or “radicals”. Lets go to our comrades court dates and show support regardless of the political nature of what their law calls crime. For the greatest crime is called freedom. Lets be done with these forms of specialization. These are just social roles anyhow, to be done away with like the rest of them. This is about us, all of us. Our lives are on the line here. We must recognize the urgency in this, for our need for liberation can not wait. And since those who dominate are not going to willingly give our lives back we must take them back, without asking permission.

We must have each others back, protect and help one another. This is a long unknown road of resistance, and we have abandoned our guides. And with strong hearts, we will win.

Miscellaneous Solidarity Actions:

Greece: Solidarity with Italian anarchists

April 9th, 2008

On April 9th, 2008, the “conspiracy of fire cells” set fire to 35 cars at 4 different Italian car distributors, left an explosive gas canister at an Italian chain clothing outlet, and attacked a school bus at a Greco-Italian school in and around Athens and Thessaloniki. The action was declared in solidarity with Italian comrades accused of “membership” in the Informal Anarchist Federation.

Below is a communiqué taken from directactiongr.blogspot.com claiming and claiming the action:

“On Wednesday April 9 we spotted and torched agencies of Italian interests (Car agencies, Greco-Italian school bus). By this movement, we send to the imprisoned Italian comrades accused for membership in F.A.I. (Informal Anarchist Federation) our salutation with fire. This is how we re-activate vigorously the internationalist revolutionary solidarity. The Italian comrades of F.A.I. have formed an informal federation that has claimed offensive actions, such as the December 12th, 2003 setting of explosive devices outside the house of the president of the E.U. at the time, Romano Prodi, or the March 3rd, 2005 attack, where 3 bombs were used to target Carabinieri (Italian police) barracks at Genova and Milano. In their words, : “... We consider it essential that every person that isn’t tamed by the fake prosperity that democracy provides, must express his/her rage with his/her action and by every means, we will keep on intruding your dreams, your economic interests and your peace. It won’t take you much time to understand the consequences of your indifference”, (from an F.A.I. communiqué). In this courageous and uncompromising route they selected, there were unfortunately losses, such as arrest warrants, imprisonments, juridical farces, and so on. In the last few years, the Italian state has brutally attacked the insurrectional Italian anarchist community. Apart from perennial captivities, certain other comrades such as Massari, Rosa, Fantazzini, aren’t accompanying us anymore in this dangerous route to the wild rebellion, since they were murdered by the Italian state. But neither captivity or death is able to erase the rage in our eyes as insurgents. The cells of F.A.I. and not only them, strike back and attempt to create a condition of omnipresent conflict, where there is no place for compromise. In its declaration, F.A.I. mentions: “Strike and destroy the responsible for the repression and exploitation. Strike and destroy the prisons, the banks, the court-houses, the barracks...” We are direct accomplices in the crime of direct revolutionary action, we seek, through our attacks, to disrupt this apathetic social peace. We intend to commit the crime of refusing silence, to overcome the postponements and self-repressive hesitations of not acting now, to live beyond the laws that enslave and the conventions that shoot us in the back. The only precise way to achieve this, is to participate in the revolutionary war, declared since the beginning of authoritarian culture. This is our way to spread the fire of conscience, in this combatant condition that we selected for ourselves. We don’t abandon any imprisoned comrade, neither in Greece, nor in Italy, nor anywhere. Revolutionary salutations to the imprisoned Italian comrades, accused for membership in F.A.I. Freedom for all imprisoned Italian comrades accused for subversive practices. It all continues, we’ll be back soon.”

-Conspiracy of Cells of Fire

Solidarity with Vaggelis Botzatzis

Vaggelis Botzatzis is a Greek Anarchist who has been remanded into custody and accused of setting fire to 2 company cars belonging to a Greek energy company, setting fire to a Greek bank, and a fire to a French car dealership in solidarity with the youth who rioted night after night in the suburbs of Paris in recent months. Vaggelis’s current situation and his refusal to compromise before state intimidation has ignited actions across Greece. Due to Greece’s new western-style “anti-terror” laws, Vaggelis can be held in prison for up to 18 months prior to trial. The accusations against him by the Greek state will most likely be dropped due to a lack of evidence and Vaggelis’s plea of innocence, but the Greek state is able to keep Vaggelis “out of trouble” and on the watch until at least his 18 months are up. These new “anti-terror” laws allow the Greek state to prevent not only Vaggelis, but others like him from engaging in the Greek revolutionary anarchist community. Three others were indicted on similar charges, but remain fugitive. Letters can be sent to Vaggelis at the address below. Vaggelis can receive short messages of support written in English. When writing to Vaggelis, please remember the authorities do censor his mail so please do not write anything that could be regarded by the authorities as “dangerous”. Also the exact charges against Vaggelis, due to a lack of evidence, have not been filed. Therefore do not write anything which could influence the setting of charges.

Address:

Vaggelis Botzatzis, Dikastikes Fylakes Komotinis (“Komotini Juridical Prison”), T.K. 69100, GREECE

To Stay Up to Date with Vaggelis's Case Please Visit:
greekelp.blogspot.com

Below are just a few of the many actions that have happened in solidarity with Vaggelis since his remanding last November. Please visit directactiongr.blogspot.com for more updates of actions in solidarity with Vaggelis Botzatzis, because we can only report so many.

December 24th, 2007

Target: Group 4-Wackenhut Security Company (private owner of English and American Prisons)

Athens, Greece

15 Vehicles used for money transferring destroyed via arson.

Action was claimed by the autonomous cell, "Revolutionary Attack Groups".

January 5th, 2008

Target: New Democracy Party Offices (current political party in power)

Athens, Greece

Offices set on fire.

Action claimed by the "Anarchist Rabid Brigades" in solidarity with Vaggelis, as well as prisoners Chrissotomos Kontorevithakis, Marios Tsourapas, and all captives of the state.

January 13th, 2008

Athens, Greece

Target: 3K Techniki (Prison Construction Company)
 Company car set on fire.

January 18th, 2008

Athens, Greece

Target: 3 Greek Banks and an ATM machine.

3 Greek Banks and an ATM machine had their windows and screen broken.

This action was in solidarity with Giannis Dimitakis, accused bank robber and anarchist current incarcerated in Thessaloniki and Vaggelis.

January 19th, 2008

Athens, Greece

Target: Eurobank

Molotov Cocktails thrown through windows of a subsidiary of the Eurobank

Action was claimed in solidarity with Vaggelis by the "Cells of Incendiary Solidarity".

January 21st, 2008

Thessaloniki and Athens, Greece

A series of incendiary devices went off at the following places across Athens. One Incendiary device was found at a Ethniki bank that was not detonated.

The following list is the time the action happened and the target and province of where incendiaries that were successful were detonated.

12:51: Porsche dealership, Halandri-4 cars damaged.

01:00: Eurobank, Egaleo District

01:05: Luxurius car exposition "Car Collection", Nea Erithrea-16 cars and one motorcycle damaged

01:08: Eurobank subsidiary, Dafni

01:08: Piraeus bank subsidiary, Dafni

01:09: Citybank subsidiary, central Athens

01:15: Eurobank subsidiary, Nea Filadelfia

01:17: PV MOTORS dealership, Argiroupoli

01:18: PPC crane vehicle, Keramikos

From Communiqué:

"In this combatant situation, there are also losses. Accordingly, we dedicate last night's attacks in Thessaloniki and Athens to the imprisoned anarchist V. Botzatzis who is accused for 3 arson attacks against 3 targets, as well as to the 3 fugitive comrades accused under the same case, and that chose the way of a proud escape, than to give their selves in. We don't forget any imprisoned comrade. We will be back soon..."

-Conspiracy of Cells of Fire Thessaloniki-Athens

January 23rd, 2008

Thessaloniki, Greece

Target: 2 Offices of the New Democracy Party.

Stones thrown through windows, paint splattered across the offices.

From Communiqué:

"You will keep finding us in front of you. Your terror laws do not scare us. Freedom for V. Botzatzis. Drop the persecution of the 3 fugitive comrades."

-Anarchists-Anti-Authoritarians Cell

January 23rd, 2008

Thessaloniki, Greece

Target: City Hall of Triandria

Gas Canisters Set Off on steps of city hall.

The action was claimed in solidarity with Vaggelis and the 3 fugitives related to his case.

Again we want to mention, that many more solidarity actions than what's listed here have happened in correspondence with Vaggelis's case and the 3 fugitive comrades facing the same state accusations. Please visit directactiongr.blogspot.com to stay up to date with Greek resistance motivated by this type of revolutionary solidarity and general insurrectionary activity across the Greek lands. We know so much happens in Greece in comparison to North America, and some may say that's due to a more popular acceptance of militant struggle among the Greek country. Yet, the Greek state is notorious for draconian style repression, as well as adopting new technological advancements and methods of control stylized by the first world "anti-terror" trend. So, in response to such self-deceptive statements, the people who want change and disruption in North America, may want to look at Greece outside the context of envy, and as an example of inspiration so many could learn from.

We want to finish this article with an excerpt from one of Vaggelis’s letters:

“I am imprisoned by the anti-terror law, a law that aims at desensitizing acts and practices of resistance, so it can show them as a threat to society, hiding in the meantime the fact that the terrorists are those who put forward these laws. In these frames, warrants are issued for 3 other comrades who are wanted by the police now. Nothing is new or unfamiliar for anyone that has open eyes and is not possessed by illusions. Judges, prosecutors and interrogators imprison people before trial for each case that reaches their hands and give life-long sentences in order to hide their involvement in para-judge groups, who use the 18 month long pre-trial imprisonment as a penalty for cases that they know will get acquitted in the auditorium, following orders of each of their masters. Police that humiliate human dignity in police stations, who shoot in cold blood unarmed immigrants at the borders, who shoot in the head to “save” insured money, who “suicide” prisoners, who spray with chemicals those who decide to go against the will of the rulers. Media and journalists, political parties, ministry, MP, millionaire employees, show an objectiveness which is nothing but the interests of their bosses. Assignees who are not bogged to sell-out for money and job careers. And next to this hodge-podge of institutionalists, a diffused social infirmity. Truck drivers, shop-owners and guards, everyday informers, defenders of the “honest sweat” of the banks, security guards and uniformed men, everywhere supervision and social control. Across this silence and obedience that is forced by this whole meshwork of authority, there are those who stand with clear glance and with sure steps they walk on the roads of insurrection. Whether from inside the galleys of society, whether inside the social galley, the struggle goes on...

FREEDOM to the anarchists Yannis Dimitrakis, Yiorgos Vouis-Vogiatzis, Marios Tsourapas, Hrisostomos Kontorevithakis, Nikos Kountardas.

**FREEDOM for the fighter Vaggelis Pallis/
SOLIDARITY to the 3 wanted comrades
FREEDOM TO ALL PRISONERS!”**

-Vaggelis Botzatzis

March 03rd, 2008

Montevideo, Uruguay

Target: Swiss-Uruguayan chamber of commerce.

Locks glued and vandalism done to the building.

The action was claimed in solidarity with a group of European anarchist prisoners on hunger strike at the time. On February 10, anarchist prisoner Marco Camenisch, who is imprisoned in Switzerland, released a public statement saying that he and some other anarchist prisoners have called for a hunger strike to take place between the 18th and 29th of February, 2008, as part of the permanent struggle against all prisons, repression, isolation, torture, and life sentences. These anarchist prisoners include Rafa Martínez Zea and Joaquin Garces in Spain, and Gabriel Pombo da Silva and Jose Fernández in Germany.

From Communiqué claiming the action:

“ Our actions were done to greet the finalization of the hunger strike maintained between the 18th and 29th by our companions in Europe. We did this with few easily reproducible resources, with low risk, without technical means, and for the generalization of revolt! Solidarity is a weapon! Health and Anarchy!”

December 08th, 2007

Vancouver, Canada

Target: Vancouver Probation Office

Probation office locks glued on night of John Graham’s extradition.

From Communiqué:

“On the night of December 6, 2007, the locks of the probation office on commercial drive were glued shut and ‘FREE JOHN GRAHAM!’ was spray painted on the roof. This morning, John Graham, of the Tutchone nation, was extradited from Vancouver, Canada to South Dakota to be tried for the 30 year old murder of his friend and fellow warrior, Mi’kmaq Anna Mae Aquash. John reported to the probation office every week under house arrest for the last few years . John took part in resistance to land exploitation, specifically to uranium mining and exploration. In the 70’s John went to South Dakota to learn about survival schools, teaching Indian people about Indian ways in a modern context. This is where he met Anna Mae. In 1980 John helped set up a survival camp named after Anna Mae on the Key Lake mine road in northern Saskatchewan to build resistance to uranium interest in the area. The Key Lake mine later became the worlds largest uranium mine.

On June 26th, 1975, an eighth of the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, was signed over to the US government, so it could pursue it’s valuable uranium interests. The same day Joe Stuntz, a Lakota, and two FBI agents died in a shoot out at an American Indian Movement elders protection camp on Pine Ridge, for what Leonard Peltier has served over 32 years of hard time for. John is facing life in prison as a hostage of the US government. Anna Mae once said, “I am not a citizen of the United States, nor a ward of the Canadian government.” Neither is John. The imprisonment of John Graham is part of hundreds of years of colonization and ongoing warfare against indigenous people and against others who engage in an ongoing struggle for autonomy and resistance to the interests of capital. Carry on the struggle for the land and for freedom!

FREE JOHN GRAHAM!

HONOUR THE SPIRIT OF ANNA MAE!”

John is obviously being framed by the U.S government, in the worst possible way. That being, the alleged murder of his close friend and comrade in struggle. Please support John and stay up to date with his case.

“The FBI today is yesterdays cavalry, it is yesterdays Custer...no different.”

-John Graham

For more info on John and his case Please Visit:

www.ourfreedom.wordpress.com

www.grahamdefense.org

May 22, 2008

Mexico

Fur-Shop

Paint and paint-filled light bulbs splattered across doors and windows of the store.

This action was claimed in solidarity with Eric McDavid, Rod Coronado, and the recent arrest and sentencing of Sean Kirtley.

Below is the communiqué claiming the action, it was translated into English by directaction.info:

“Following the recent sentencing and imprisonment of fighters for animal liberation (Eric McDavid, Rod Coronado and the unjust arrest of Sean Kirtley), activists united in the Frente de Liberación Animal (FLA) of Mexico could not remain unarmed and without demonstrating our total rejection of the system of ‘security’ of the major world powers (in this case England and the United States) who are accomplices in murderous speciesism, both executioners and true genocidal murderers of our mother earth and our animal brothers and sisters. That is why the FLA has carried out a direct action against the dirty fur business in Mexico State. In the evening of May 19, red paint was spilled on the doors of such a business, its walls, curtains and windows were redecorated as well with paint-filled bulbs, thus demonstrating our small and sincere yet at the same time strong support to our fellow prisoners. To those who not only have dreamed of animal liberation but have carried it out, to those who risked their lives to liberate and to avenge the lives of others, to those who left fear behind and decided to take to the streets, and not to just join those vegans who only avoid consuming animal products and do not see the real struggle moving forward from there. As a cell of the FLA we are enraged to know that the capitalist system burdens us by creating aberrant behaviors and sicknesses (like speciesism, machismo and racism) which surround all those who want it to change, it hurts us but we push forward in the struggle for animal liberation when we hear that another compañero is in the dungeons of the bourgeoisie, from Mexico we send a warm embrace of solidarity and our most sincere support for these three who are condemned. Forward! Not one step back!”

-FLA/ALF

Sean Kirtly one of the prisoners this action was conducted in solidarity with, is another British animal liberation activist who has been arrested amongst the increasing state repression Britain has been directing to the more militant animal rights community. Little information has been made available regarding specifics in his arrest, but it is understood that Sean, similarly to the American SHAC7 was arrested due to a website that was solely connected to an aboveground or lawful animal rights campaign. It’s clear that Britain is trying to incorporate more American style targeting of legitimate or lawful campaigns to try and intimidate more easily visible targets, and hope that the more militant shadows of such compassionate tendencies will deteriorate. It is unfortunate and appalling, but Sean was sentenced to 4 1/2 years as we were going into printing.

Please write Sean and stay up to date with him and his case by visiting the following links:

<http://supportsean.wordpress.com>
www.myspace.com/supportsean

Seans Mailing Address:

Sean Kirtley WC 6977, HMP Blakenhurst, Hewell Lane, Redditch, B97 6QS, UK

“Solidarity lies in action.

Learn. Outline. Make Total Destroy!”

-Anonymous Greek Anarchist

The vivisection company Sean is accused of provoking a campaign against is called Sequani. More information on their cruel activities and existence can be retrieved by visiting the site below.

Sequani Animal Testing Lab Info

<http://sequani.wordpress.com/about-sequani/>

Santa Cruz Solidarity Action with Arrested Comrades in Olympia

From communiqué claiming the action:

“On May 1st, at the stroke of midnight, ATMs across Santa Cruz, California were destroyed. This action is in solidarity with those arrested on May Day in Olympia. They are accused of rioting and throwing rocks through the windows of a Bank of America and US Bank. Some of the banks targeted in Santa Cruz include Bank of America and Wells Fargo. While all banks fund destructive, repressive, industrial enterprises, these two are particularly heinous.”

The individuals this action is claimed in solidarity with are described in the press statement below. This press statement is as of May 29th, so please contact the email mentioned below the piece to find out the most current circumstances regarding the cases, and what support needs are needed.

“On May 1st in Olympia, WA a group of about two hundred people had a rally in solidarity with the immigrants’ rights and anti-war movements. The rally was followed with a march to the capital where activists gathered outside of the governor’s door, making their presence known and urging her to support the proposal of making Olympia a sanctuary city for undocumented immigrants. After the capital the march continued downtown, where rocks were thrown through the windows of a Bank of America and US Bank, two banks notorious for their social and environmental injustices. A scuffle ensued in which protestors clashed with the police. Pepper spray and pellet guns were used on the protestors and six people were arrested. The names of the people arrested are Daniel Busby, Forrest Student, Stephanie Gottschalk, Bryan Riggins, Randall Hunt and Daniel Wilson. Busby and Student were arrested on suspicion of riot and 2nd degree theft. Gottschalk was arrested on suspicion of riot without a deadly weapon and 3rd degree assault. Riggins, Hunt, and Wilson were all arrested on suspicion of 1st degree

malicious mischief and suspicion of riot. Busby, the only person with a private counsel, was released on personal recognizance. Gottschalk's bail was set at \$2500, her bail was posted Friday, and she has been released. Randall Hunt's bail was set at \$2500, his bail was posted Friday, he has been released. Student's bail was set at \$7500 and his bail was posted Friday, yet he must remain in jail until Monday when his place of residence can be verified. Bryan Riggins's bail was set at \$10,000 and his bail was posted Friday, yet he too must remain in jail until Monday when his residence can be verified. This is where it gets complicated. Daniel Wilson's bail was set at \$5000. The \$500 needed to bail him out was promptly raised, and he was set with a co-signer that had a car title to put up for the bail bond. However, the co-signer fell through and we have been unable to find another co-signer able to put up the collateral necessary (a car or property title). Due to this fact, the only option we have is to pay the entire bail, \$5000. We have roughly half of the money raised and we are hard at work raising the rest. However, the people with the deepest hearts often have the shallowest pockets and the rest of the money has proven hard to raise. We are asking for you to put up any amount of money you can spare so we can get Daniel out of jail to live his life until he can get his court situation figured out, and hopefully, justice can show its face. The positive thing about paying the entire bail, \$5000, is that that money will be returned once Daniel shows up to his first court date. ANY MONEY YOU CONTRIBUTE WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU as soon as Daniel has appeared in court, probably within the next 2 months.

To find out more contact:
ramblini@gmail.com .

Actions of solidarity would also be welcome.

Fire to the Prisons wants to remind the reader that this was written on May 29th, and it is very likely that circumstances may have changed. Please again, contact the email mentioned above to assure what support needs are needed.

Solidarity with Mapuche Struggle in Chile

December 20th, 2007

Santiago, Chile

3 bombs hit Chilean capital in 2 days. A bomb was left on Tuesday morning of that week at the Telefonica branch in the San Miguel district, the bomb destroyed the outer decks of the offices and destroyed all outside windows, it was said the bomb could be heard from a ten-block radius. Shortly after midnight on Wednesday, another bomb was detonated at a police station in the Nunoa district of Santiago, a half an hour later; another bomb was detonated at the Santander bank in the Recoleta district. No one was hurt in any of the 3 bombings. The police station's outer walls had a 70 cm high and 30 cm wide hole blasted in the wall, plus a police car was destroyed,

the blast also broke windows in nearby buildings. The bank suffered only minor damage to the windows, unfortunately. Pamphlets claiming solidarity with Mapuche struggle, and information on Mapuche political prisoners on hunger strike were scattered at each of the bombings.

January 23rd, 2008

Athens

Private car belonging to Chilean consul firebombed by anarchists.

The private car of the honorary consul of Chile in Athens was firebombed during Sunday's early morning. It was parked at Diogenous Street, in the Halandri district (Athens). Unidentified persons put an improvised explosive devise with gas canisters under the car, which caused total damage. A bit later, another unknown person phone-called "Eleftherotipia" newspaper claiming the action in solidarity with struggling natives in Chile and in protest of the force feeding and imprisonment of mapuche warrior and political prisoner Patricia Troncoso who was on the 100th day of her hunger strike protesting her imprisonment at the time. The group "Combatant Solidarity" claimed responsibility for the arson.

An excerpt from the communiqué is below:

" It was an action of solidarity to the indigenous people of Chile who fight for land, dignity and freedom against the interests of large corporations and the repression of the Chilean state occupation. With this action we express our solidarity to Mapuche political prisoner Patricia Troncoso who is running the 100th day of hunger strike demanding her freedom."



"We will always maintain our solidarity, for a shadow is impossible to catch."

-Anonymous

Prisoner Updates:

“Any movement that fails to support its political internees is a sham movement!”

-Ojore Lutalo, Black Liberation POW

Support Marie Mason

Since our last issue, Marie Mason, currently a resident in Michigan has been indicted on two counts of Earth Liberation Front claimed arsons. Her trial doesn't begin until August, but we wanted to include her support team's official statement and information on where to stay up to date with Marie's ongoing case, and where to donate to her legal fees, because they donation and support is firmly needed.

Official statement taken from Marie's support site:

“Marie Mason is a 46 year old mother of two. She is an avid community gardener, a musician, a writer, an Earth First! organizer and a volunteer for a free herbal healthcare collective. She also was an extended care assistant at a small Cincinnati school when she was arrested on March 10, 2008 by federal agents. She has been charged with involvement with a December, 1999 arson at a Michigan State University genetics laboratory at Agriculture Hall and a January, 2000 arson of logging equipment in Mesick, Michigan. Both arsons were claimed by the Earth Liberation Front. The burning of MSU's Agriculture Hall was a significant act and one that was bound to be targeted for response as part of the green scare repression. As former ELF press officer Craig Rosebraugh explains in his memoir, *Burning Rage of a Dying Planet*, “Not only was the damage quite significant, ... but this was the first time arson had been used to further the cause against genetic engineering (GE) in the US. Furthermore, it was the first time the ELF had taken credit for any GE-related action.” Predictably, the media presented the action as an assault on scientific efforts to relieve famine in the so-called developing world. But, as the ELF communiqué plainly stated, MSU's research was funded by the US government and corporations like Monsanto, which then use their considerable power to force such crops on desperate nations. These nations often resist the importation of GE crops and seeds, given their significant risks to human health, cultural identity, biological diversity and ecological integrity. A long-time environmental, animal rights and social justice organizer, Mason had previously experienced government repression when ELF actions occurred in her community. An easy target for the federal agents in their quest to criminalize dissent, Mason was an identifiable and outspoken critic of genetic engineering and destructive forestry practices. She is currently under house arrest in Michigan at a family member's residence pending trial. Mason had to post a \$75,000 non-secured bond and is on electronic tether. Trial is tentatively set for August 12th in Kalamazoo, MI before Judge Maloney. It is important for the government to realize that when they push communities of resistance with green scare tactics that communities push back with solidarity and renewed efforts to make the change we want to see. By supporting our political prisoners, we encourage others to take their place in the struggle.

To support Marie Mason, please send letters of support or donations for legal defense to:

Got Your Back Friends of Marie Mason
P.O.B. 19065
Cincinnati, OH
45219

If sending a check or money order, please make it payable to “Books for Prisoners.”

To donate via paypal, or to get consistent updates on Marie's case, please visit her support site at:

www.freemarie.org



Eric McDavid Sentenced

“Eric, like every prisoner, has had his freedom taken away by those who enforce this reality... What will you do when your dreams cannot be contained by a world imposed upon you? Will you fight for dignity and freedom, or will you hide with the corpses of fear? Without action and reaction, your freedom is simply a meaningless term.”

-Anonymous

Since our last issue Eric McDavid was sentenced to 19 years and 7 months. 19 years and 7 months for a crime that was never committed. This comes as a tragedy to Fire to the Prisons, and we extend our deepest support for Eric at these troubling times. We

included below the sentencing statement from Eric’s support group. The implications of this conviction and sentence are haunting. 20 years for a crime that never happened, an utter neglect of state entrapment, and a posturing of what may be to come for others who decide to flirt with insurrectionary ideas. Let the state know that we will take this as a motivation for our hatred of them and their justice, and we will not back down!

As we were going into printing this issue, Eric McDavid is being transferred to a temporary state prison. His support group does not have a mailing address for this temp. holding facility, but will keep you updated on how to write Eric by visiting the website provided below. Eric is expected to be moved to a more permanent federal facility in the upcoming months, so please look for updates on his support site before you send your letters at:

www.supporteric.org

Support Statement Below:

“Dear friends,

Yesterday was a difficult day. We all knew what Eric was facing, and we understood the vehemence with which the government was pursuing this case. But nothing could ever fully prepare us for the kind of heinous sentence that Eric received. It is clear from the reports in the media and the statements made by the US Attorneys that Eric was entrapped and used as an example to anyone who dares to dream of how things could be different in this world. After passing through the metal detectors downstairs, everyone attending Eric’s sentencing was required, by order of Judge England, to pass through a line of Marshall’s outside the courtroom and undergo the metal detector wand, as well as a complete search of any bags. This ridiculous spectacle was clearly an attempt to harass Eric’s friends and loved ones who came to show their support. The courtroom was nearly full of Eric’s family and friends. There were not enough seats behind the defense table to accommodate everyone, forcing others to spill over into the prosecutor’s side of the court.

Thanks to everyone who came out yesterday. It was clear from the first few sentences spoken by the judge that his mind was already made up. The same lies that were used at trial to convict Eric were repeated over and over again throughout the sentencing hearing. The government even had the audacity to claim that Eric had never had a re-occurrence of pericarditis - despite the fact that his lawyer filed a memo with the court in November detailing Eric’s worsening condition. Despite the fact that the jail received so many phone calls from Eric’s supporters during that time that they posted a note on their website specifically asking people to stop calling. They had the audacity to claim that Eric was at no risk of harsh treatment in prison - despite the fact that he has ALREADY undergone 2 1/2 years of isolation at the Sacramento County Main Jail. Despite the fact that probation recommended a sentence of 156 months (13 years), Judge England deferred (as usual) to the government’s recommendation of 235 months (19 years and 7 months). The length of

Eric’s sentence was due largely to the application of the Terrorism Enhancement. The government has argued quite vociferously all along for this enhancement. The basis of their argument is that Eric’s targets included government facilities (such as the IFG) - a point which was never proven during trial, and was, in fact, denied by the government’s own witnesses. But the judge applied the enhancement anyway. The judge ordered 3 years of supervised release after Eric’s sentenced is served, the collection of a DNA sample and registration as an “arson offender”. Now is the time to be outraged and make noise. The government just sentenced Eric to 20 years for a crime that was never committed. This is the longest sentence we have heard of in an American environmental case.

Eric’s case and sentence have illustrates the lengths the government goes to , and how much they can get away with, in their pursuit of those who voice their dissent - who maintain their integrity and stay true to their principles and all that makes them human. Please help spread the word about Eric, his case, and it’s implications for everyone who cares about effecting real change.

Eric says he can feel all the love being sent his way. Please keep it up. Take a moment to send Eric a note of support during this difficult time. Please find out his address by visiting his Eric’s support website. Eric could be moved any time in the next month or two to a federal facility, but please don’t let that deter you from writing! We will let everyone know as soon as we get word that he is being moved. Until then, keep the letters coming.

Eric will now be appealing his conviction. Unfortunately, this can be a very long process. Please don’t forget about Eric during this time. He will continue needing your support throughout his time in prison. When he reaches a federal facility we will send out a statement about his support needs at that time. Thanks again to all of you. The amount of love and support you have given has been truly amazing. We are so thankful to have all of you helping us through these difficult times.

Yours. Sacramento Prisoner Support.”



above: Eric McDavid

Rod Coronado Starts Sentence for Speech...

Since our last issue, Rod Coronado was sentenced to a year and a day for one count of “distribution of information related to the assembly of explosives and weapons of mass destruction”. What this count is referring to is a speech Rod Coronado gave in San Diego a few years ago, where he described the type of explosive he used for a crime he was already arrested and sentenced for. Part of Rod’s plea agreement for his 90’s animal liberation related arrests, was that he would be freely able to describe what he did, how he did it, and his motivations for doing it to the public. Yet somehow the state found this to an opportunity to punish Rod and take him away from his friends, family, and movement. As we’ve stated in the last issue, Rod is a long time indigenous warrior, writer, animal liberationist, earth liberationist, and inspiring voice in the anti-authoritarian milieu. Rod turned himself into prison on May 12th, 2008 in Oklahoma. Fire to the Prisons wishes to state its utmost support and solidarity for Rod, and encourages all to be there for him too.

Letters for Rod can be sent to the address below. Going into the printing of this issue, we read from Rod’s support campaign, that he has not been receiving all of his mail, for some of it is being considered “too radical”. With this understood, we highly recommend if you want Rod to receive your mail, that you try and refrain from any militant or highly radical content. They read all of his mail, and they also can connect what you write to the return address provided. Please just be smart and considerate, when writing Rod, and all political prisoners.

Rodney Coronado #03895-000
 FCI El Reno, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O Box 1500, El Reno, OK 73036

Money for Rod’s commissary or legal fees can be done through a USPS money order to the address below:

Rodney Coronado #03895-000
 Post Office Box 474701
 Des Moines, IOWA 50947-0001

Please also order and view Rod’s book, “Flaming Arrows” that was done for his financial benefit at:

www.flamingarrows.mountainrebel.net



Canadian SHAC activist Gabriel Villeneu found not guilty!

In the more recent months, Canada has been taking baby steps into introducing a newer and broader American like “anti-terror” policy when responding to more aggressive animal rights campaigns. About a year and a half ago 4 SHAC activists were arrested at a demo for allegedly “making terrorist threats” against an employee or company that has aided in funding vivisection.

On May 13th the trial for Gabriel Villeneu, one of the 4 arrested with SHAC Canada was found not guilty of these threats, partly because he was not at the demonstration the prosecution was relying on as evidence. Although when the arrests happened, the home of Gabriel and SHAC Canada was raided for all its resources (computers, documents, media, etc.) by the Canadian state, and Gabriel was forced to spend 27 days in prison for his refusal to cooperate. This trial lasted almost all day, even with 6 “witnesses”, that being 2 cops and 4 employees, it was clear that there was not going to be enough evidence to convict Gabriel of any crime. Yet these arrests have given the Canadian state the opportunity to test out new ways of disrupting animal rights groups and attempting to create a new understood norm for state conduct.

Gabriel is now trying to sue the government to be compensated for the disruption this case brought to his life, both financially, and emotionally. The three other activists have to go back to the Quebec courthouse on July 15th 2008. Gabriel gives thanks to all those who supported him, and continues to be just as active as before. Please stay up to date with the 3 other activists arrested by contacting or viewing any of the projects below.

SHAC Canada, SHAC Canada (West Coast-VANCOUVER), #102 - 2250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver BC , V5N 5P9, Canada
778-966-6460

SHAC Canada (East coast- MONTREAL), PO 47579, 1550 rue de Maisonneuve, Montreal , QC, H3G 2V7, Canada
514--554-SHAC(7422)
shaccanada@riseup.net

www. SHAC. net

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**April 19th: Anti-Fascists Arrested in D.C.
By an Anonymous Anti-Fascist**

On Saturday, April 19th a large group of anti-fascists gathered in Washington DC to oppose the march of the neo-Nazi group, the “National Socialist Movement”. The group was planning on gathering at the Washington Monument for a rally that would be followed by a march to the Capitol to deliver their anti-immigrant message to Congress. They were forced to cancel their rally after numerous neo-Nazis and police were attacked in the area of the rally before the NSM arrived. Scouts for the anti-fascists reported that supporters of the NSM were seen wandering around the area and gave their location to the main group. The group proceeded to march to the Washington Monument behind reinforced banners until they spotted the supporters of the NSM. Three neo-Nazis were shoved and hit with numerous blunt objects until a small group of Park Police surrounded them and started to lead them out of the park. The anti-fascists followed and at some point somebody allegedly pepper sprayed the group of police and racists.

The police started to make arrests and took 6 of our comrades into custody. One person had their charges dropped, and the remaining 5 are facing numerous charges of Assault on a Police Officer, Simple Assault, and Possession of a Prohibited Weapon. After the arrests, the main group of neo-Nazis arrived and marched while under the protection of hundreds of police. They were followed by hundreds of people who showed up by word of mouth or had simply been in the area when the neo-Nazis’ armored prison bus had arrived. The group followed the march, shouting abuse and hurling objects over the heads of the police. After a short rally the neo-Nazis were herded back onto their armored prison bus and whisked away to the freeway and back to where their staging location was. The 5 anti-fascists on trial are still facing charges. They have been told that they will not be offered a plea deal unless they go through a process called “debriefing”, where they sit down with representatives of the Park Police and answer questions about the day and the events. We believe this is an attempt by the state to gather information on our organizations and actions. They are obviously confused and afraid of the actions that have been taken by people opposed to their system in the recent past that they have been unable to contain or explain. We are not taking their deal, we will not answer their questions, and we will never cooperate with the state.

To find out more information on this case and ways to help, please contact:

pittsburgh_fnb@yahoo.com

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**WONDERFUL NEWS!
Jeffrey “Free” Luers Sentence Reduced to 10 Years**

Jeff Luers Support Team Statement on Re-Sentencing Decision Below:

“February 28, 2008 (Eugene, OR) - This morning at 9:00am in Lane County Circuit Court the re-sentencing hearing for Jeffrey Luers took place in front of Judge Billings. This followed an Oregon court of appeals ruling in February 2007 that Luers original sentence of 22 years and 8 months by Judge Lyle Velure was illegal, and the appeals court remanded the case back to Lane County Circuit Court for re-sentencing. Following the appeals court decision, negotiations have resulted in the decision today to reduce Luers sentence to 10 years, bringing his release date to late December 2009. In June 2001, then 23 year-old Jeffrey “Free” Luers was arrested for the burning of three trucks at a Eugene car dealership. His stated purpose was to raise awareness about global warming and the role that SUVs and trucks play in that process. Despite the fact that this action hurt no one, caused only \$28,000 in damages and same the cars were later resold, Luers received the draconian sentence imposed by Velure.

Luers gained support locally as well as all over the world as a political prisoner. It is widely believed that Luers received such a drastic sentence because of the political nature of the action he took. Following his original sentence, Amnesty International and the Eugene Human Rights Commission (EHRC) issued letters of support citing that the sentence appeared to be politically motivated. During the course of his trial, statements were made by the police and prosecuting attorney that indicated it was Luers’ political views

on trial, not merely his actions. His defense successfully proved that evidence had been tampered with, officers had lied, and that the prosecutor had manipulated evidence to get a legal search warrant at his residence. Luers was given a sentence that attempted to send the message to environmental and social justice activists that even a merely symbolic act of property destruction could be punished more harshly than many crimes against persons.

Prior to his imprisonment, Luers was a very well respected community activist in Eugene, Oregon involved with forest defense and cooking free food for the city’s homeless population. He has remained active from prison, often writing news articles and monthly dispatches to his growing list of supporters. With a release date on the horizon, Luers future is bright and he plans to pursue courses and looks forward to sharing quality time with his family and loved ones. “

-Lauren Regan, Civil Rights Outreach Committee

Statement from Jeffrey Luers Regarding the Decision:

“Today I feel a great weight lifted off of me, and my loved ones. While I believe my new sentence is still more of a reflection of my activism and my dissent than my actual crimes; I am looking forward to my much closer release date. I am proud of the many things I have accomplished while incarcerated, including reaching beyond oceans and borders to help raise awareness about global warming and to help combat social injustice. I am thankful of my family, friends and the thousands of supporters and fellow activists from around the world who have stood by me since day one. And I’d especially like to thank my attorneys, and friends, Lauren Regan, Misha Dunlap and Shawn Wiley for never giving up on getting me out sooner than 22 years. I am happy to say this journey is almost over and I’ll be coming home soon.”

For more information:

www.freejeffluers.org
www.cldc.org and

Please write Jeff letters of support and congratulations at his new address:

Jeffrey Luers # 13797671, CRCI, 9111 NE Sunderland Ave, Portland, OR 97211-1708

Briana Waters Convicted Guilty

Since our Last issue, Briana Waters, mother, environmentalist, and green scare defendant, was facing charges of arson and “conspiracy and transportation of a destructive device”, although she was found not guilty of the latter, she was convicted guilty of 2 counts of arson. Briana is the only one of the North West “operation backfire” defendants who chose to not take a plea bargain deal and pursue trial. Briana is potentially facing up to 35 years in prison for crimes where no one was hurt. May 31st was supposed to be the day of sentencing, then June 2nd, but the sentencing date as we go into printing, has been postponed due to a recognized misleading statement by one of the snitch co-operating defendants, Jennifer Kolar. The arson Briana is accused of, is the 2001 arson on the Center for Urban Horticulture at the University of Washington. The Center for Urban Horticulture was home to the office of Toby Bradshaw, an associate professor of forest resources whose genetic research focused on showing how poplars grow by mapping their DNA, eventually aiding the mass slaughter and domestication of poplar trees. Briana is currently being held in a federal detention center until her sentencing. The address for Briana is provided below this statement, we ask that the reader please take the time to write Briana, and let her know that her courage and commitment to stay so uncompromising and true to herself during these hard times has not gone unseen. Briana’s support address and website, where money order or paypal donations can go, as well as where updates on Briana’s support needs and sentencing can be retrieved, are also provided below. Fire to the Prisons extends it’s deepest solidarity and support for Briana at this horrible time.

Where to write Briana Letters of support:

Briana Waters 36432-086, FDC - Seatac, Federal Detention Center, P.O. Box 13900, Seattle, WA 98198

To Make Paypal Donations to Briana please visit or contact:

www.supportbriana.org
or
donate@supportbriana.org

Checks or money orders addressed to Eric Waters can be addressed to:

Eric Waters, P.O Box 1689, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10113

To stay up to date with the Green Scare, and other prisoners like the one's we've mentioned here, please visit our links page in the back of this zine, and look in the prisoner support and news section. The following are websites and addresses of prisoners we support, but unfortunately did not have the space to provide more detailed descriptions of:

Grant Barnes #137563, San Carlos Correctional, Facility, PO Box 3, Pueblo, CO 81002.

Plead guilty and was sentenced to 12 years in prison for setting several SUVs on fire in the Denver area. Grant wants books related to anti-civilization theory and re-wilding (primitive skills, wilderness survival, back to the land books, etc.).

Nathan Block #36359-086, FCI Lompoc, Federal Correctional Institution, 3600 Guard Road, Lompoc, CA, 93436.

Plead guilty and sentenced to seven years and eight months for involvement in two incidents of direct action that occurred in Oregon in 2001. **Support email; solidaritywithsadieandexile@gmail.com**

Daniel McGowan.

Currently In transit to a more permanent federal facility.. Plead guilty and sentenced to seven years for two incidents of earth and animal liberation oriented direct action that occurred in Oregon in 2001. **Please find out updates on Daniel and how to write him at:**

www.supportdaniel.org

Jonathan Paul #07167-085, FCI Phoenix, Federal Correctional Institution, 37910 N 45th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85086.

Plead guilty and sentenced to 51 months for involvement in a direct action that occurred in Oregon in 1997.

www.supportjonathan.org

Michael W. Sykes, 100 East 2nd St, Monroe, Michigan 48161.

17 year old, self-identified green anarchist being tried as an adult for misc. arsons to development sites, sabotage to electrical infrastructure, and vandalism. Please write Michael, there is currently very little information available other than his address.

Joyanna Zacher #36360-086, FCI Dublin, Federal Correctional Institution, 5701 8th St - Camp Parks- Unit E, Dublin, CA 94568.

Plead guilty and sentenced to seven years and eight months for involvement in two incidents of direct actions that occurred in Oregon in 2001. **Support email: solidaritywithsadieandexile@gmail.com**

SHAC 7

On March 2, the state dealt yet another blow to the First Amendment, as the SHAC 7 (actually 6 individuals) were found guilty of multiple federal felonies for advocating the closure of the notorious animal-testing lab Huntingdon Life Sciences, and allegedly violating the opportunistic new law of repression, know as the "animal enterprise protection act".

Please visit www.shac.net for more details.

Jacob Conroy # 93501-011, FCI Victorville Medium 1, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 5300, Adelanto, CA 92301

www.supportjake.org

Lauren Gazzola, #93497-011, FCI Danbury, Federal Correctional Institution, Route #37, Danbury, CT 06811

www.supportlauren.com

Joshua Harper 29429-086, FCI Sheridan, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 5000 Sheridan, OR 97378

www.joshharper.org

Kevin Kjonaas # 93502-011, FCI Sandstone, PO Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072

www.supportkevin.com

Andrew Stepanian #26399-050, FCI Butner Medium II, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 1500, Butner, NC 27509

www.andystepanian.com

Kevin Olliff G12113, NKSP C-1-B 247U, PO Box 5004, Delano, CA 93216.

Serving 16 months for burglary charges unrelated to activism. Prior to his arrest, Kevin was very active with Animal Rights causes. The year sentence handed to Kevin, and the drastic response to his petty charges by the state, make it pretty clear that they felt threatened by Kevin's projects, and needed SOMETHING to get him on. Please also visit www.myspace.com/supportlaural for more details.

We wanted to finish this prisoner update section, with a prisoner action that happened in Texas against prison surveillance cameras. Although the personal politics of the anonymous prisoners who engaged in such resistance is unknown, Fire to the Prisons is inspired by the anti-authoritarian implications inherent in the action, and the solidarity exhibited by all prisoners in the bloc, in response to post-action interrogations conducted by the prison faculty. This action is news that can maybe bring a smile to the reader after the pain some of the prior information can create. It is one more attack on the infrastructure of punishment our comrades our being held captive by. We are in solidarity with these anonymous and courageous individuals, and leave this chapter saying death to the surveillance era and FIRE TO THE PRISONS!

Article regarding action below:

“On or about March 13th 2008, 3 groups of prisoners carried out a joint and coordinated direct action at the Luther unit Texas Department of Criminal Justice, located in Navasota TX.

The 3 groups of prisoners in 3 of the 4 dorms in the C-Hall bloc masked themselves in homemade balaclavas and completely destroyed the \$2000 dollar surveillance cameras that had recently been installed in the dorms.

Despite intense pressure from prison administration all 54 men in each of the 3 dorms (162 men in total) maintained their solidarity in the face of harsh collective punishment and refused to inform on any of their fellow prisoners who carried out the action.

It is reported that in at least one of the dorms there was a meeting of the prisoners to plan the action in their dorm, discuss the possible outcome, and vote on the action.

This type of collective, coordinated direct action is largely unheard of in the draconian Texas prison system and the solidarity of the prisoners strikes fear into the hearts of the prison authorities. The total property destruction is estimated at close to \$8000 dollars, which strikes at the pocket book of a vastly over extended prison industry that is experiencing chronic guard and budget shortages.

This past week of May 12 - 16 new cameras were installed in the dorm and extra security measures are being taken in an attempt to prevent a repeat of the direct action of March. Let us hope that the spirit of rebellion continues and grows.”

-El Insurgente

Unembedded in Texas prison

source for article:

<http://houston.indymedia.org/news/2008/05/63978>.

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A few Sources for this Chapter are listed below. For a more complete list of prisoner support and anti-prison projects please visit our links section in the back of this zine:

North American Earth Liberation Prisoner Support

www.ecoprisoners.org

Earth Liberation Prisoner Support (UK)

www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk

Anarchist Black Cross Network

www.anarchistblackcross.org

Prison Activist Resource Center

www.prisonactivist.org

Writing Prisoners: How To

<http://anti-politics.net/distro/download/writingprisonersflyer.pdf>

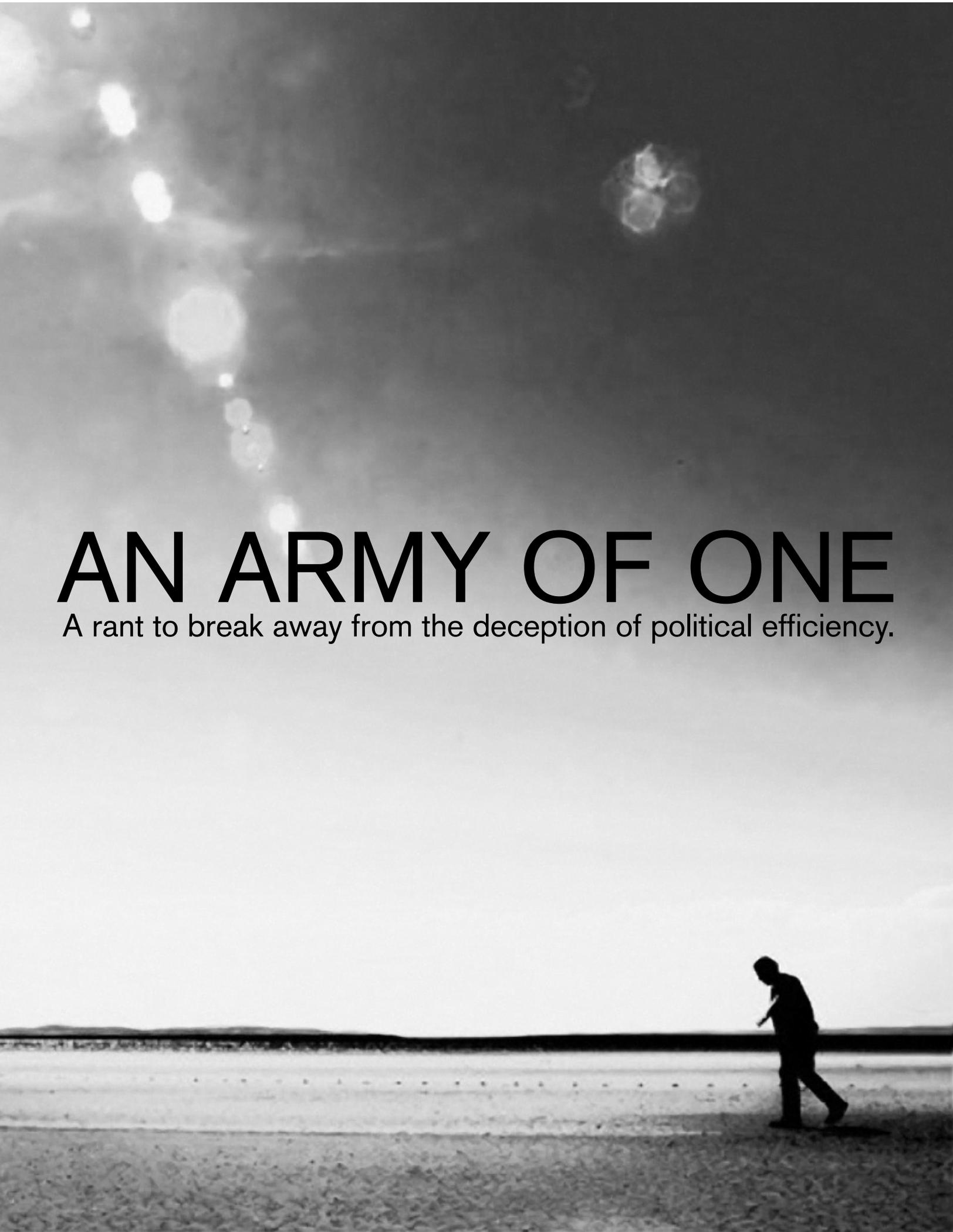
NYC Jericho Movement

www.thejerichomovement.com

Green Scare

www.greenscare.org





AN ARMY OF ONE

A rant to break away from the deception of political efficiency.

Why is there such an infatuation with the one-size fits-all approach to resistance? Proposing a final isolation for the masses, basing strength solely on superficial numbers, and hoping for this liberating compliance “the people” will exhibit in response to a “better” order. Not only as a vision for how to live, decentralization has been a tactic utilized by numerous struggles both historically and currently to confuse the limiting forms of counter-insurgency conducted by conventional police forces and national armies. Today the animal and earth liberation fronts, just two examples of this approach in practice, are being bombarded with the state’s wrath, but will never be completely silenced, due to their informal solidarity-based organization. When a community’s organization is horizontal, and without hierarchies of leadership or pre-determined “revolutionary” roles (I am the journalist, I am the writer, I am the underground), it is impossible for it to fall even if its enemies are trying to pick away at it. Without leaders telling people what to do, each individual can fulfill all practices struggle has to offer. Although being an anarchist in this surveillance culture may seem difficult right now, the ratio between those caught versus those not caught engaging in direct action movements is quite promising. In the last twenty years alone, the animal and earth liberation fronts have caused over 150 million dollars in damage to various infrastructure perceived to sanction human domination. Considering that less than 100 people have been indicted or imprisoned for over 1500 autonomous actions claimed by these groups, it is apparent that the repressive modern regimes of today’s global era are still confused by the informality and decentralization of this type of anonymous and “disorganized” resistance. There is no single identity or hero attached to these actions; they happen, and they help to create a face for an insurrectionary momentum. The state tries to declare war on this form of “terrorism”, and

flexes its muscles every time it thinks it’s on to something. But just like Iraq, unless everyone’s in jail, or as long as there is a presence of occupation, repression, or institutionalized suffering, the state, industry, capital, and the 10,000 year old culture it represents will be vulnerable to anyone courageous enough to witness, feel, and attack. Feelings grow in an environment of control, and unless the whole culture deteriorates, someone will be repulsed enough to act. Those actions, whether or not victorious in the overall political standard of efficiency, are a struggle alone, a struggle that sanctions a consistent opposition that grows by example. These underlying motivations of disgust and frustration behind these actions, are an intellectually accessible and easily available deadly solidarity alone. A decentralized anarchist movement does not rely on everyone coming together with identical goals and future mass political social programs, it only requires looking within and manifesting abroad with a front of numerous independent fires and displays of disapproval. It is a movement that finds affinity in target, and it’s source of idea still allows for subjectivity, and freedom of desire. Struggle is something to decide for yourself and create. Insurrection is a strategy that is without the concern of social acceptance, and believes that if a feeling of struggle and opposition is alive, then the time to act is now, no matter what your environment’s response is. An army of one can decide that their life is



...it only takes one spark to ignite a prairie fire...

controlled by foreign authorities that they did not determine, an army of one can witness the destruction of their natural sustenance by these same authorities. It only takes one person to light a match, and the less people involved in resistance collectively, the less possibility of the state using one traitor to the cell against them all. Struggle is available now, do not let the fabricated political standards of success determine our efficiency. Struggle is now, it is among mental illness, among every person who chose not to cooperate and run from the cops, it is among theft, and all petty crime. From mink being liberated from a death in captivity, to the hands that lit rags in gas tanks night after night in the suburbs of Paris, from laboratories fostering western sciences being burnt to the ground, to mines bombed across the South Pacific by uncompromising native societies, although there is not a formal connection between all this, it shows how people who are sincere about a desire to eliminate this present order are without concern for the law, because no law could ever grant liberation. There is a common enemy here, and a common response, and as appealing as everyone coming together at once and saying, “hey, shit is fucked, here’s the solution,” that’s not going to happen. It is the responsibility of those who have woken up to the catastrophe of their everyday lives, and show struggle, make it present, because that is all there is. Struggle exists in any situation of conflict, it is 2 opposing forces, and we should continue to provide examples of what is responsible for that catastrophe, and continue until other people realize this and do the same. We being the frustrated, the militantly compassionate, the tired poor, the existentially hollow middle class, caught and uncaught criminals, defendants of our native lives. Struggle is personal, even if there are millions of people among the same struggle formally, for their to ever be any sincerity, the individual must have a motivation to engage in it. Struggle is not something that needs to be organized and structured, because the desire to struggle before repression will inherently grow. We want people to recognize the underlying fear we have to act in the surveillance era. People wait for the right time, the right demonstration, the organization to grow. But why can’t self-determination be a principle behind “organizing?” Let’s organize ourselves, as individuals, and then maybe we’ll realize that there are a lot less cops out on a Monday night than there are at a public protest.

The next piece is a brief rant that is unfortunately not to specific, but is in response to the tolerance those who claim to be for total liberation and advocates of insurrection as opposed to reform have had for ngo or “legitimate activist groups”. It was contributed by an editor of Warbound zine, which is an anarchist vegan straight edge periodical. With that said, it should be understood that the examples being provided here are particularly in response to a tolerance of special interest groups or general liberal organizations in the radical animal liberation community.



A few bridges can be burnt...

towards a truly uncompromising dialogue: eschewing tradition for honesty within liberationist milieus

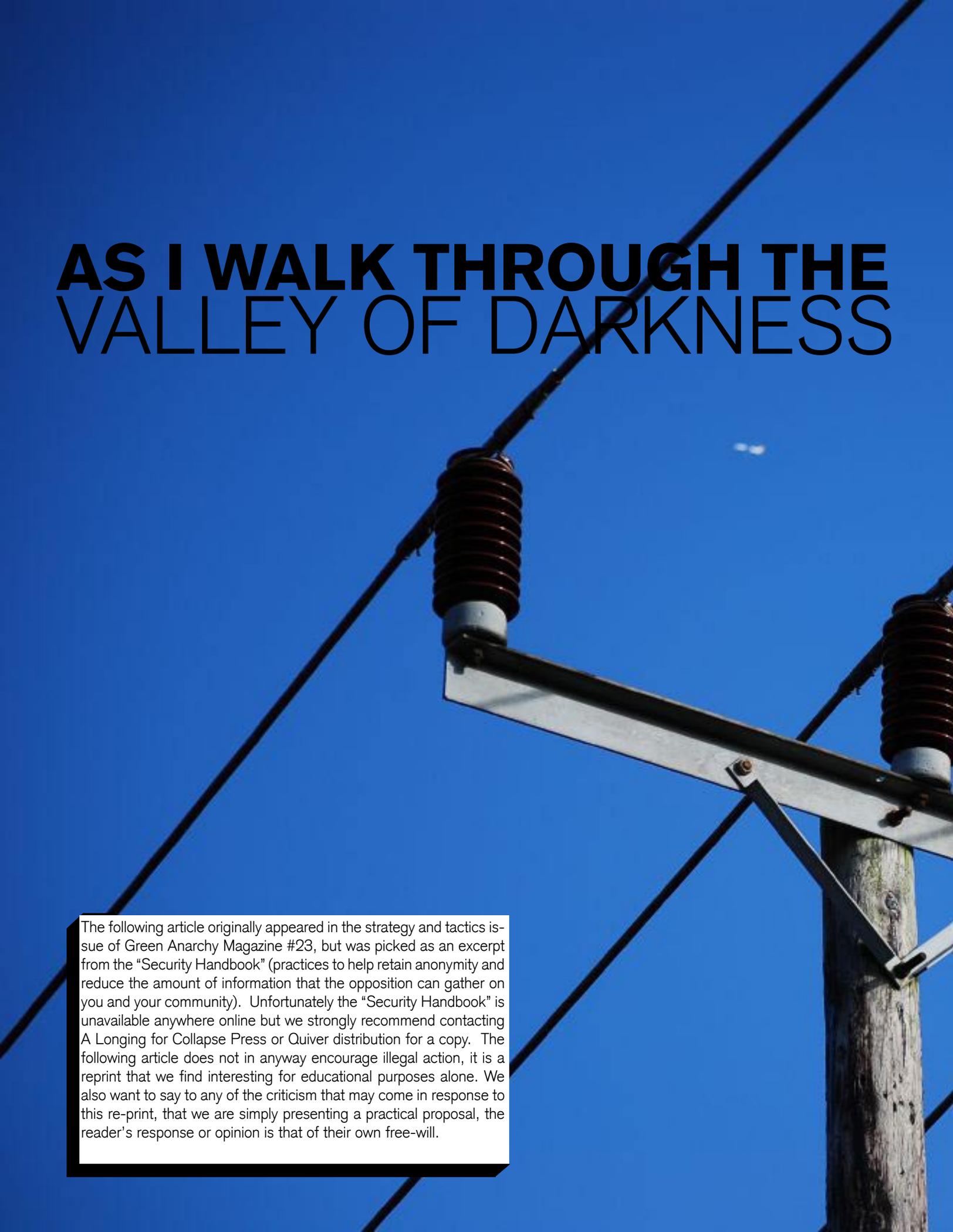
It's been said that we cannot measure a movement's legitimacy by its effectiveness, and while I don't wish to be drawn into arguing one way or another this statement (I personally see it as agreeable, but my concern is what does legitimize a struggle?), I do wish to argue that a movement's effectiveness has very much to do with that movement's end goals. Those who seek liberation must begin to examine our position within the various struggles we have aligned ourselves with, for if our desire is truly an uncompromised freedom, we may find time and efforts terribly misguided by those seeking much, much less than we demand. In as much, we have the failure of the animal rights movement to effectively liberate animals, the human rights movement in the failure to do the same for our species, and the environmental justice movement to do the same for the planet - all the while the figureheads of these insincere and half-passive attempts of dissent, and their organizations, are ever-successful in campaigning, lobbying, fundraising, and general politicking; none for the better of anything, with the exception of a few egos and undoubtedly some bank accounts.

Many animal, earth, and total liberationists are frustrated with the compromising of their positions within these movements, this come as no surprise. To put it bluntly, those that seek liberation will always either run into the wall of this-or-that ideology that these causes represent or they will cede their positions and be absorbed therein. From there, these movements co-opt the language and bastardize the ideas of liberation to further their own ends (exactly what is PETA doing using the term “animal liberation” whilst supporting the sterilization of feral cats and pigeons? one will never know...), and in doing so create a vacuum for truly liberatory dialogue and action, if not worse - one can't help but recall the Humane Society's recent comments supporting the feds and the general climate of persecution against persons who actually save animals (Those courageous enough to release animals from captivity, such as fur farms or vivisection laboratories, via burglary like raids). No amount of reform will ever bring forth liberation, only illusions of it. “Bigger cages, longer chains” as the saying goes. It is time for those who truly desire liberation to be honest with ourselves; the interests and goals of movements that are not willing to DEMAND AND ACT FOR LIBERATION are not the interests or goals we seek, and our cooperation is not necessary. Our loyalties must lie first and foremost with freedom and nothing less. Our parties do not aim for any conclusion within the context of this system's mainframe, our freedom is without a capability of duality with the current era, and no reformist group could ever help satisfy this yearning for freedom.

Where do we go from this, one might ask? I do not have the answers. I'm merely one voice among many. But to continue to be dishonest with ourselves about our efforts, is to further prolong the suffering of each and every facet of our lives, our bioregions, and our animal relations. It is a deception that will further delay the destruction of the entire physical, mental, and emotional infrastructure of domination and its apparatuses of control. Until special-interest lobbyists burn with the politicians and vivisection labs, any tolerance we for liberation show for parties and system-subordinate organizations will only constrain our dreams and means to achieve them to the constraints and limitations of the same system responsible for control.

for a feral present and a wild future,
d.l. lobos

AS I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF DARKNESS



The following article originally appeared in the strategy and tactics issue of Green Anarchy Magazine #23, but was picked as an excerpt from the "Security Handbook" (practices to help retain anonymity and reduce the amount of information that the opposition can gather on you and your community). Unfortunately the "Security Handbook" is unavailable anywhere online but we strongly recommend contacting A Longing for Collapse Press or Quiver distribution for a copy. The following article does not in anyway encourage illegal action, it is a reprint that we find interesting for educational purposes alone. We also want to say to any of the criticism that may come in response to this re-print, that we are simply presenting a practical proposal, the reader's response or opinion is that of their own free-will.

As I walk through the Valley of Darkness...

“People will be together only in a common wretchedness as long as each isolated being refuses to understand that a gesture of liberation, however weak and clumsy it may be, always bears an authentic communication, an adequate personal message. The repression which strikes down the libertarian rebel falls on everyone: everyone’s blood flows with the blood of a murdered Durruti. Whenever freedom retreats one inch, there is a hundred-fold increase in the weight of the order of things. Excluded from authentic participation, men’s actions stray into the fragile illusion of being together, or else into its opposite, the abrupt and total rejection of society. They swing from one to the other like a pendulum turning the hands on the clock-face of death.

Love in its turn swells the illusion of unity. Most of the time it gets fucked up and miscarries. Its songs are crippled by fear of always returning to the same single note: whether there are two of us, or even ten, we will finish up alone as before. What drives us to despair is not the immensity of our own unsatisfied desires, but the moment when our newborn passion discovers its own emptiness. The insatiable desire to fall in love with so many pretty girls is born in anguish and the fear of loving: we are so afraid of never escaping from meetings with objects. The dawn when lovers leave each other’s arms is the same dawn that breaks on the execution of revolutionaries without a revolution. Isolation a deux cannot confront the effect of general isolation. Pleasure is broken off prematurely and lovers find themselves naked in the world, their actions suddenly ridiculous and pointless. No love is possible in an unhappy world. The boat of love breaks up in the current of everyday life.

Are you ready to smash the reefs of the old world before they wreck your desires?”

-Raoul Vaneigem, “The Revolution of Everyday Life”

For many, the cell structure model has offered a favorable alternative to the tedious, hierarchical, and ineffectiveness of large organizations and the “mass movement”. It offers autonomy, and more security. Cell structured groups operate independently of one another, but may be grouped together under an organized name, philosophy, or issue. It is a form of guerrilla tactic that has been successfully used around the world for organizing resistance against a greater or more comprehensive military power (its historical use is long and worthy of extensive study, although you’ll have to do your own research here). The various cells may or may not be subject to control by a higher authority, for the sake of anarchist strategy, we will only concern ourselves with the ones which are truly autonomous both in theory and practice; those who are not merely autonomous for the direct actions, but for their entire existence (i.e. conceiving, examining, deploying, and assessing actions, and other internal dynamics).

The most obvious advantage of the cell structure is the autonomy it provides, which allows for more diverse action, stemming from the cell’s priorities, skills, and goals, while still being able to link, support, and be supported within a larger collaborative effort. The collaboration is typically based on ideas rather than concrete activity, although similarity of action may also form cohesion. For instance, ELF cells remain unaware of the “membership” (or existence) of other cells, and do not have a centralized location or infrastructure, yet they are connected to each other in their adoption or adherence to shared “guiding principles”, or as it is often crudely presented, their “ideology”. This aspect of the cell structure, if successful, creates distance between cells and provides security and continued effectiveness, and at the same time, offers a larger context to the actions. Authorities have more experience and aptitude in dealing with hierarchical organizations, which they can more easily disrupt, infiltrate, and destroy by focusing on key members or leaders. This separation also helps secure the longevity of the movement, since the interruption or termination of one cell should (hypothetically) not interfere with the other cells.

Naturally, there are also some considerable disadvantages to the cell model of organizing attack, some are inherent in this form of structure, while others are recent problems in application. One significant issue with the cell structure (although certainly not exclusive to it) is the division of labor intrinsic to its use. Since there begins to develop a separation between those taking these types of actions, and everyone else, they become the experts of specialists in action. This is compounded when more technical or specialized skills are required. This isn’t necessarily an insurmountable or unequivocal problem. Considering the



...It seems that I'm mostly alone.

Ann L. Solation

immensity of the situation were up against, it might not be a bad idea for people to be attacking with their own unique skills. But perhaps social struggles could be more effective if their devised of “elite” cells and more informed of the concept of generalized revolt. Acts that are easily reproducible for more people offer inspiration that anyone can connect to and act from, rather than simply be in awe of.

As a group delves deeper into illegality, and wishes to conceal their identity, there may begin to develop new dilemmas. Cells that are comprised of folks who maintain a connection with activist, anarchist, or sub-cultural scenes, risk their safety and effectiveness by remaining visible in realms that may be watched. Often this is even further complicated by the differing needs of various members of a cell (jobs, families, friends, etc.). But those who are completely underground also commonly suffer from an assortment of issues from delusion, depression, paranoia, to the isolation of being removed not only from their peers and a larger social movement, but from society in general. They often, by necessity, live very dull and marginal lives aside from the brief moments of action. Social dynamics in a group frequently become distorted from the stress of a situation combined with extreme detachment. These problems can be minimized through healthy communication and self-care, but the dynamics of being underground do create specific problems to be honest about and deal with.

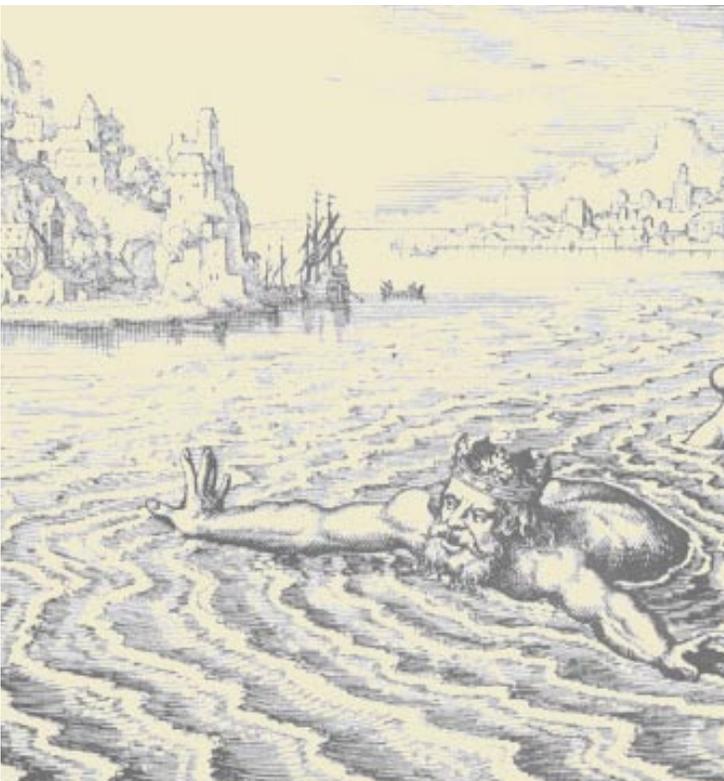
There are also some contextually contemporary problems with the usage (properly or improperly) of the cell structure and its practice in our current context. As stated above, members of one particular cell should not be cognizant of other's association in different cells. Their relationship is purely philosophical. Any relationship between different cells is detrimental to the longevity of the goals, the security of it's members, and their general effectiveness. In the 2005 North American ELF/ALF busts, certain members claimed to know the make up of several different cells for separate actions and were vocal about them during trial. This may occur when the same individuals are members of various cells, especially concerning when cells inhabit an incestuous scene. Also, as people move on with their lives and the vigilance of an underground warrior wears off and they surround themselves with less militant people, reliving the good old days and less security conscious conversations may occur (and, as we have found out recently, sometimes on tape). These are just a few of the possibilities that may come back to haunt whenever one is engaged in illegal activity with other people, and especially in an immature and disjointed movement, devoid of a sincere culture of resistance.

The fact is, today's accessory may be tomorrow's stool pigeon, and that doesn't even account for agent provocateurs, or those purposely planted by state agencies to incite certain behavior in order to trap people into illegal activity (or prospective illegal activity). This means that trust between individuals may never be certain, so extreme mindfulness is always needed. Hints as to people's deeper commitment, behaviors, and strengths under pressure can never be fully measured, and careful analysis and diligent awareness is a must. The line between paranoia and caution is a difficult one to distinguish at times. Often indications of people's true character, or what people are capable of, can be revealed over time. It is best to slowly progress through levels of seriousness, using instinct

combined with conservative judgment all along the way, being sure to never be pressured into prematurely furthering experiments. While the cell structure may be a useful method for action in some cases, it must be deployed with extreme caution, and probably better left for marginal illegal activity, such as minor disruptions, vandalism, and riotous activity. That is, until a more distinct war is upon us.

Revisiting the Lone Gunman Theory

When it comes down to it, however deep we are in relationship with another person, or group of people, however long we have known them, or whatever interests we have shared with them in the past, we are ultimately alone. In our current context, we can only trust ourselves, and even then, never completely, if we consider the myriad of dysfunction thrown upon us, and the capacity of the police to coerce us. At least we can help create situations in which we are only responsible for our own actions, where we solely bear the brunt of its outcome, and it may only be possible to implicate ourselves. This is not an appeal for cutting ties with our friends, families, and communities. For what is life worth if not to share it's joys, sorrows, and moments with others we care about. Nor is it a call for running and hiding, as a social element is necessary for any significant transformation. No, this is a tactical advisement for those who



wish to take extreme and militant direct action against the system, and in regard to those situations in particularly.

When one decides to enter the road into underground action, it is best to keep specifics to one's self, and, depending on the extremity, even in generalities. At this point in time, due to the higher level of surveillance, repression, and snitching, or until open war is upon us, acting alone in more extreme actions seems like the wisest move. While there are certainly some drawbacks to solitary action, for instance, more elaborate or coordinated activity is severely limited (although there are still some interesting possibilities along these lines), acting alone provides a number of advantages over group efforts. Even more so than in small groups of relative affinity, by going solo one can act more closely to their own desires and take full advantage of their unique skills, as well as better safeguard against their limitations. Only we know our full potential in the negative and positive. It is also easier to slip in and out, and integrate your activities more fluidly when there is nobody else to consider. There is no group to answer or justify to, so a secret life is more attainable under these circumstances. Another key to acting alone is the exclusion of the less healthy dynamics of group activity, which often, despite our best egalitarian intentions, are still typically riddled with problems. That is fine if it is a group house situation, an infoshop, or love triangle. These explorations are important, and working through these issues are potentially part of living as anarchists, but drama, jealousy, insecurity, possessiveness, dishonesty, control issues, and thelike, are not things to bring to an action. When achieving serious immediate goals, and when our own safety and security is on the line, these issues are best left to be dealt with at home, work, or in the bedroom.

Probably the most important consideration to take into account for acting alone is purely security reasons. A glance over the reports on anarchist trials show that most people's integrity in stressful and troublesome situations is shaky at best, not to mention what things would look like in more excruciating or prolonged torture scenarios. When taking action that could land someone in prison for huge periods of time, is it not best to only have to worry about trusting yourself? It is simple, if only you know what you have done, only you have the potential to rat yourself out. Sure, people can lie about or project onto you activities to which you can be convicted, but this is out of your control. What is in one's control, is the level of security placed around oneself, and the less people who know what goes down, the better.

In times when solidarity can appear glaringly weak unlike struggles that have a deeper cultural element, where resistance is the culture people are born into and die within - we may not be able to expect much more from some. Also, without an overt "war" situation (state of insurrection, civil war, mass social crisis) people's privilege will often override our solidarity against the state. This is a sad and unfortunate reality that we are learning all too well (and in some cases too late), as people trade in their integrity and friends for less prison time, in hopes of sooner continuing with their carved out niches and professions in this society. This makes acting in hyper-anonymity and seclusion all that more appealing, at best in regard to underground action.

LINKS

Misc. Anarchist, Political Prisoner, and Direct Action News Sites

Infoshop

www.infoshop.org

Bombs and Shields

www.bombsandshields.com

Bite Back: Militant Animal Liberation Direct Action Blog and Magazine

www.directaction.info

325 Blog

www.325collective.com

Longing for Collapse Blog

www.myspace.com/alongingforcollapsepress (acesseble with or without a myspace account)

Multi-Lingual Anarchist-Info Resource

www.ainfos.ca/EN

Break the Chains

www.breakthechains.info

Confrontation Blog

www.confrontation.wordpress.com

Direct Action in Greece

www.directactiongr.blogspot.com

Anarchist Distros and Periodicals

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P.O Box 8085, Paramus, NJ 07652

www.myspace.com/alongingforcollapsepress

Quiver Distro

www.anti-politics.net/distro

A Murder of Crows Magazine

www.geocities.com/amurderofcrows1

Black and Green Distro and Species Traitor Book

www.myspace.com/blackandgreendistro

Green Anarchy Magazine and Distro

www.greenanarchy.org

Eberhardt Press: Autonomous Anarchist Book Publisher

www.eberhardtpress.org

Rolling Thunder: An Anarchist Journal of Dangerous Living

www.crimethinc.com/RT

Liberation Projects/Total Destruction Zine

www.impassionedinsurrection.info

Tarantula Distro

www.socialwar.net

Elephant Editions

www.alphabetthreat.co.uk/elephanteditions

Institute for Experimental Freedom

www.geocities.com/ashira_collective

Modesto Anarcho

www.myspace.com/modanarcho

2 Anti-Prison Projects from Montreal Anarchist Black Cross

www.4strugglemag.org

www.certaindays.org

NatterJack press

<http://natterjackpress.co.uk>

Online Radical Text Archives**Do or Die: Voices from the Ecological Resistance.**

www.eco-action.org/dod

Quiver Zine PDF Archive and Feral Faun Reading Library

www.anti-politics.net/distro

www.anti-politics.net/feral-faun

Green Anarchist Infoshop

www.greenanarchy.info

People's History

www.libcom.org/history

Insurrectionary Anarchists of the Coast Salish Territory

http://geocities.com/insurrectionary_anarchists

Crimethinc Reading Library

www.crimethinc.com/texts

Primitivism

www.primitivism.com

Prisoner Support and Anti-Prison Projects**North American Earth Liberation Prisoner Support**

www.ecoprisoners.org

Earth Liberation Prisoner Support (UK)

www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk

Anarchist Black Cross Network

www.anarchistblackcross.org

Prison Activist Resource Center

www.prisonactivist.org

Writing Prisoners: How To

<http://anti-politics.net/distro/download/writingprisonersflyer.pdf>

NYC Jericho Movement

www.thejerichomovement.com

Green Scare

www.greenscare.org

Brighton Anarchist Black Cross

www.brightonabc.org.uk

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North American Indigenous Solidarity**Survival International; The Movement for Tribal People's**

www.survival-international.org

Friends of Grassy Narrows: Indigenous Solidarity Blog

www.friendsofgrassynarrows.com

NO 2010 Olympics on Stolen Land!

www.no2010.com

Six Nations Reclamation

www.reclamationinfo.com

Black Mesa Indigenous Support

www.blackmesais.org

Save the Peaks Coalition

www.savethepeaks.org

Native Youth Media/Redwire Magazine

www.redwiremag.com

Support Sutikalh!

www.sutikalh.resist.ca

South Pacific Indigenous Solidarity (out of date, but good information)

www.eco-action.org/ssp

Indigenous Action Media

www.indigenousaction.org/

Security Resources and Legal Advice**Just Cause Law Collective**

www.lawcollective.org

Security, Privacy, and Anonymity for Autonomy

<http://security.resist.ca/>

Midnight Special Law Collective

www.midnightspecial.net

National Lawyers Guild: Legal Resources Available throughout Site

www.nlg.org

Civil Liberties Defense Center

www.clcdc.org

Anonymous Internet Communication System

www.torproject.org

Scroogle: Anonymous Searching

www.scroogle.org

Hack this Site

www.hackthissite.org

En Espanol**Incendio**

www.anti-politics.net/incendio

Crimethinc

www.crimethinc.com/espanol

Llavor D'Anarquia

www.gratisweb.com/llavor



“Once war is declared, the skillful soldier will not waste precious time in waiting for reinforcement ... but crosses the enemy’s frontier without delay. This may seem an audacious policy to recommend, but with all great strategists the value of time has counted for more than either numerical superiority or the nicest calculations...”

-Sun Tzu, The Art of War

At the beginning of April, 2008, Gohmann A&C entered the lowest bid of all the construction firms leaping to build the first 1.77 miles of I-69. The contract has not yet been issued, but, regardless, the deal is certainly done, and it will only be a matter of weeks before real clearing and construction begin on the route.

This doesn’t mean the struggle is over: We’ve just entered a new, and more decisive, phase.

Some things haven’t changed. We still can’t afford to let them build this road. Our communities still face devastation, the forests and wetlands are still under the threat of chainsaws, and our fellow insurgents fighting the same road in Mesoamerica, behind their burning barricades, are still organizing despite the guns of the death squads.

What’s changed is that very soon asphalt will be hardening on top of the fertile earth of southern Indiana. The Department of Transportation and Gohmann are going ahead with this in spite of the fact that they know they lack the money or the support to actually finish the road, in the hopes of fooling all of us into believing that the fight is over. So, now, more than ever, they are vulnerable.

Now is the time to prove them wrong, to drive up their costs and slow them down. Towards this end, farmers are seriously organizing for the first time in years to exert their collective strength. And eco-activists from across Indiana and the continent are coming together to get in the way and jam the gears of progress. Now is the time to contribute to the momentum against I-69 and to cross every frontier we’ll need to cross. See you in the trees...

- Roadblock Earth First

<http://stopi69.wordpress.com/>

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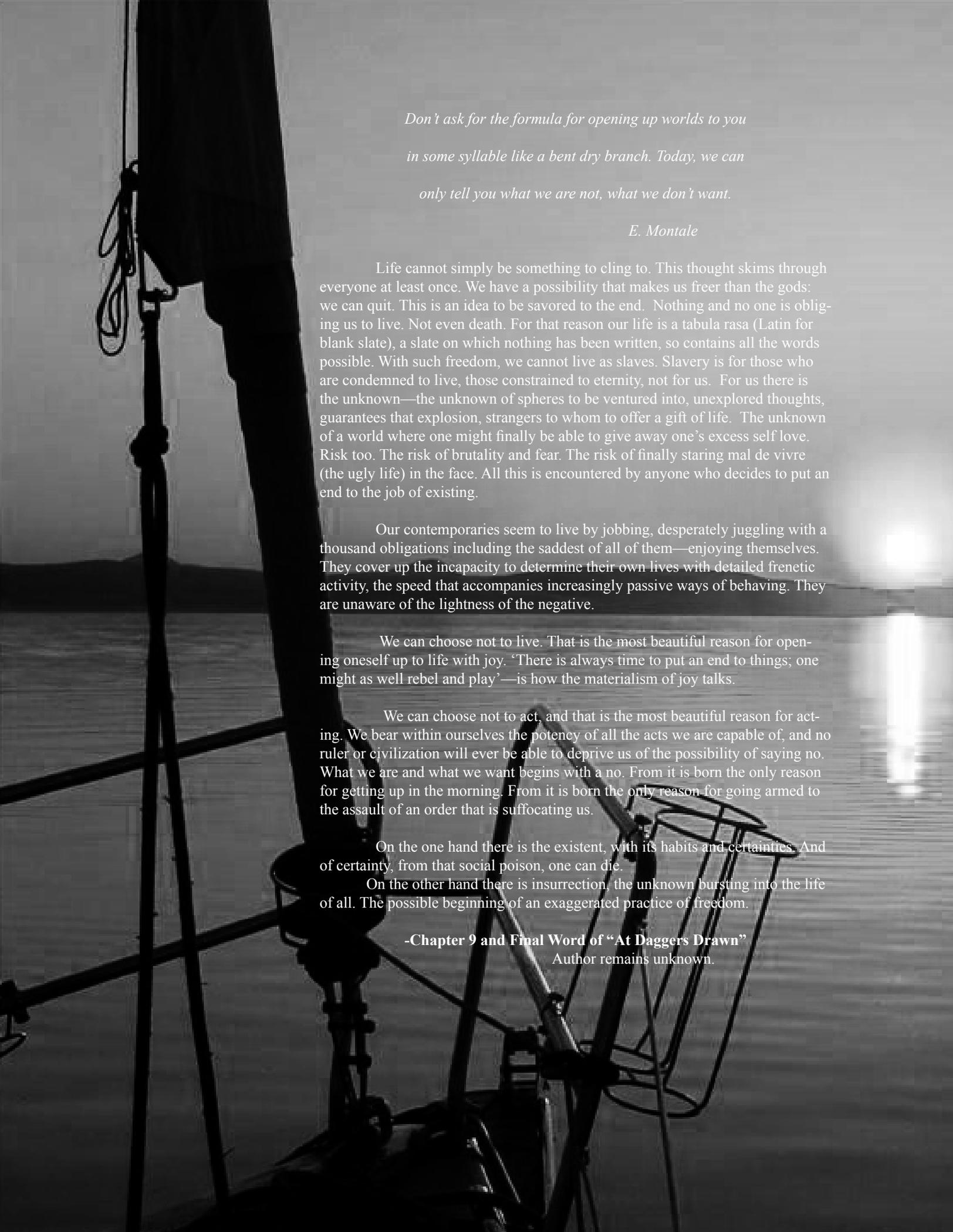
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Our enemies strength lies in the force of fear which shall be overcome with the power of love. Love for our Mother Earth, love for her Animal Children, love for each other and love for the spirit of resistance. We know in our hearts what is right we must have the courage to follow it. Now, **Brave Hearts Forward!, Coward Hearts To The Rear!**

- Western Wildlife Unit of the Animal Liberation Front

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*Don't ask for the formula for opening up worlds to you
in some syllable like a bent dry branch. Today, we can
only tell you what we are not, what we don't want.*

E. Montale

Life cannot simply be something to cling to. This thought skims through everyone at least once. We have a possibility that makes us freer than the gods: we can quit. This is an idea to be savored to the end. Nothing and no one is obliging us to live. Not even death. For that reason our life is a tabula rasa (Latin for blank slate), a slate on which nothing has been written, so contains all the words possible. With such freedom, we cannot live as slaves. Slavery is for those who are condemned to live, those constrained to eternity, not for us. For us there is the unknown—the unknown of spheres to be ventured into, unexplored thoughts, guarantees that explosion, strangers to whom to offer a gift of life. The unknown of a world where one might finally be able to give away one's excess self love. Risk too. The risk of brutality and fear. The risk of finally staring mal de vivre (the ugly life) in the face. All this is encountered by anyone who decides to put an end to the job of existing.

Our contemporaries seem to live by jobbing, desperately juggling with a thousand obligations including the saddest of all of them—enjoying themselves. They cover up the incapacity to determine their own lives with detailed frenetic activity, the speed that accompanies increasingly passive ways of behaving. They are unaware of the lightness of the negative.

We can choose not to live. That is the most beautiful reason for opening oneself up to life with joy. 'There is always time to put an end to things; one might as well rebel and play'—is how the materialism of joy talks.

We can choose not to act, and that is the most beautiful reason for acting. We bear within ourselves the potency of all the acts we are capable of, and no ruler or civilization will ever be able to deprive us of the possibility of saying no. What we are and what we want begins with a no. From it is born the only reason for getting up in the morning. From it is born the only reason for going armed to the assault of an order that is suffocating us.

On the one hand there is the existent, with its habits and certainties. And of certainty, from that social poison, one can die.

On the other hand there is insurrection, the unknown bursting into the life of all. The possible beginning of an exaggerated practice of freedom.

-Chapter 9 and Final Word of "At Daggers Drawn"
Author remains unknown.

“DUALITY IS UN-ACCEPTABLE

A PEACEFUL DREAM I CHOOSE TO NEGLECT FROM MY DESIRE AND REALITY. BECAUSE MY WORLD IS DRIVEN BY A TENDENCY OF CONFLICT WITH THE CURRENT. BECAUSE MY WORLD IS A TREE OF LIBERTY THAT CAN ONLY FIND NOURISHMENT WITH THE BLOOD OF THY ENEMY. OTHERWISE IT REMAINS A ROOT, UNDERGROUND, AND UNSEEN. BECAUSE UNTIL THESE ROOTS ARE GRANTED THE BLOOD OF THIS WORLD'S DEATH, I WILL REMAIN UNDERGROUND, ONLY APPEARING TO PURSUE BLOOD.

MY WORLD WILL NEVER BE BROUGHT FORTH WHILE THIS CULTURE OF CONTROL STILL RESTS AT NIGHT. I WILL ONLY SPROUT MY GROWTH BEFORE THIS BLOOD, MY BRANCHES WILL ONLY HUG THE NOTHINGNESS OF FREEDOM BEFORE A RAZE OF DESTRUCTION.

POSSIBILITY VIA FIRE MY HEART YEARNES. POSSIBILITY VIA CRISIS MY HEART MENTIONS. POSSIBILITY VIA THE END MY HEART REALIZES.

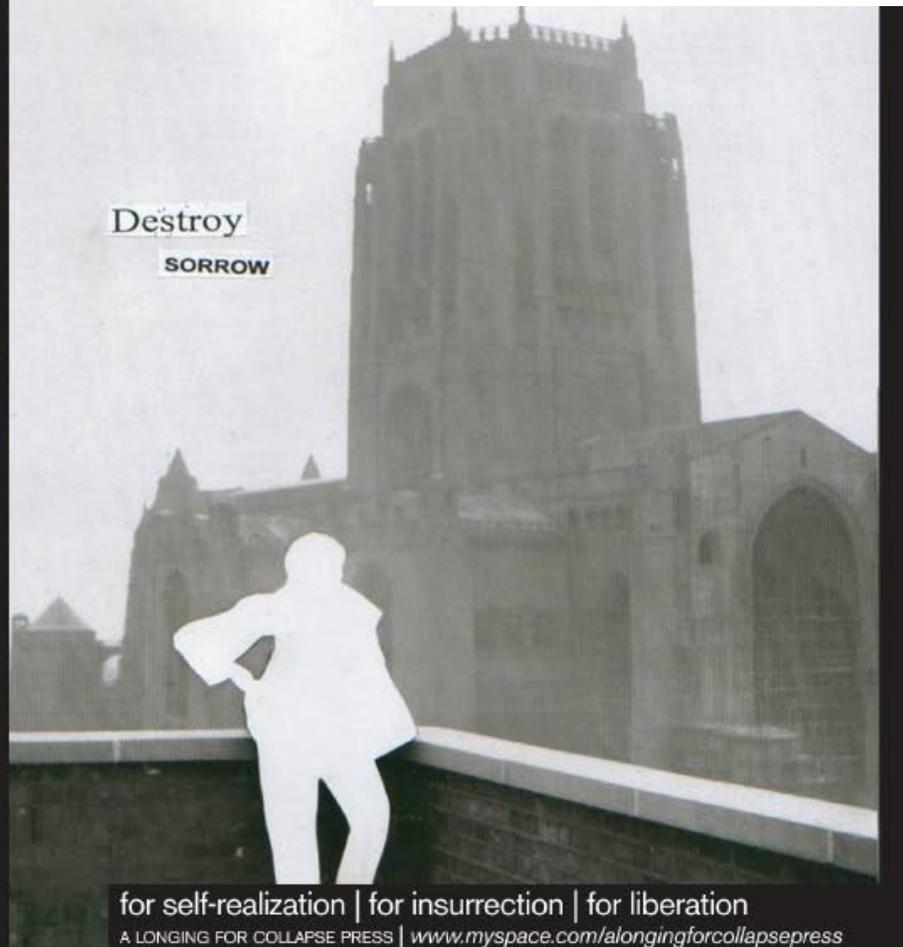
BECAUSE MY TOLERANCE IS THIN FOR ANYTHING BUT WHAT I SAY IS FREEDOM, AND I UNCOMPROMISINGLY STATE, THAT ONLY COMPLETE, ONLY ABSOLUTE LIBERATION, WILL GRANT ME THE TOUCH OF THIS ALIEN,

SATISFACTION.”

-1920's Anonymous Insurrectionary Anarchist



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