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"The war drums sounded again through the unending darkness of prison, the war is constant, it never stopped. But it is the hour of the new attack. Women and men hold tight with passion the weapons of freedom and throw themselves into another battle. The enemy is locked up in the towers and castles he watches. Afraid. Afraid of that which he cannot understand. That which is unknown for him. He made new laws, rules, built new dungeons. He hunted witches, he tortured, intimidated, threatened, blackmailed, imprisoned, promised. In vain. He is afraid. Afraid of those who move camouflaged around him. The uncaught accomplices. They take and give strength to his prisoners. They declare being his mortal enemies and seek his destruction."

INTRODUCTION

This project is the result of a specific pair of experiences: years of correspondence with prisoners and years of existing within the anarchist milieu of the United States. From both of these, we found the same problems recurring: lack of prisoners' voices in the wider anarchist discourse, prisoner support projects that exist for only months until those behind the project move on to other things, restrictive support of only "political prisoners," willful ignorance of unpopular prisoners, unwillingness to engage with prison in a necessarily solidaristic and conflictual way. After struggling with these limits for years, with comrades inside and outside of prison, it seemed time to begin a project that more fully embodied our vision of solidarity and struggle against prison. It is not enough to simply criticize others' actions — anarchy is drowning in critical words and empty theories — one must act.

We are inspired by the forms of solidarity being developed by anarchists elsewhere in the world: the wave of attacks in solidarity with Nikos Romanos's hunger strike, more recent hunger strikes and corresponding solidarity actions against repressive laws and the high-security C-type prisons in Greece, the refusal of Spanish anarchists to bow before the state's attempts to destroy solidarity through Operation Pandora. Information and updates on some of these struggles feature prominently in this first issue. They show the ways in which a polymorphous, offensive struggle can be waged against prison society. In each case, what is so striking, besides the courage of comrades engaging in attacks on the state, is the presence of prisoners

in these struggles. It is apparent that imprisoned comrades are not only not forgotten, but actively present in determining the cadence of the fight.

What would anarchist struggle in the United States look like if our sense of solidarity with prisoners was stronger? What steps could be made toward developing the necessary support and relationships to make it so arrest and imprisonment were not an end to struggle, but simply a shift in the battlefield? These are questions we must face head-on if we are to effectively combat the state, capital, and all of their appendages.

This first issue features some news and reprinted statements we found important or inspiring, but also content sent to us, including new writings by Casey Brezik, Tommy Jones ("Hexmench Von Frankenstein"), Andy Homer, Sean Swain, and Jennifer Gann. While all of this has exceeded our dreams for the start of this project, we hope that future issues contain even more voices and more conversation between imprisoned comrades about each other's words.

Solidarity with the Greek comrades on hunger strike, the unrepentant combatants locked in the state's dungeons worldwide, the wild comrades on the run, and all persons unknown who have tired of gossip and blank stares and begun instead to sharpen their teeth on the bones of our oppressors.

Freedom to the anarchist fighters and all prisoners!

For an up-to-date listing of addresses for anarchist prisoners in the United States, please visit:
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CONTACT US

The central purpose of *Wildfire* is to spread the words and actions of anarchist comrades imprisoned by the state. Therefore, we want it to get to these comrades and for them to contribute to future issues. While we are currently in contact with many of the imprisoned anarchists in the United States of whom we are aware, there are some with whom we have yet to establish relationships, and many more of whose names we are surely not aware.

Any outside supporters who would like us to send this newsletter to a prisoner can contact us at our email address.

SUBSCRIBE

Wildfire is free to all prisoners. If you would like to receive future issues, please contact us at the address below.

CONTRIBUTE

If you are an anarchist or anti-authoritarian prisoner, we would love to read and publish your writing. Updates on your situation, book or zine reviews, your thoughts on current struggles, criticism, theory, and anything else are welcome.

For submissions, please include:

1. Your name if you wish for it to appear in print, or indication that you would like the text to appear anonymously or under a pseudonym.
2. Clear indication that you would like the piece to be printed.

Deadline for issue #2 is JULY 15th

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FREE LITERATURE

We are not content with communicating with anarchists only. We want to see prison rebellion spread and multiply, and we also recognize a need for anarchist literature for prisoners to share with cellmates, friends, and comrades inside. So here we have a small list of free literature available, to aid wider communication.

All prisoners may request any number of these publications via a letter to our PO box. We will send them out as quickly as we can. We welcome communication with all prisoners on these publications, prison struggle, and anarchist ideas in general.

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- AVALANCHE: ANARCHIST CORRESPONDENCE
Anarchist writings from the front lines of social struggle
- DARK NIGHTS
News of anarchist and anti-prison struggle.
- THE DIRT
An anarchist publication of prisoners’ writings and “the dirt” on those who maintain the prison system.
- FIRE TO THE PRISONS
Anarchist publication of social war, prison struggle, and analysis.

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AGAINST DEMOCRACY, FOR ANARCHY

ANARCHIST RESPONSES TO OPERATION PANDORA



On December 16, 2014, Catalan police broke into 14 houses and social centers in and around Barcelona, arresting 11 anarchist comrades on charges of terrorism. The Spanish state is calling this repressive move “Operation Pandora.”

The state is trying to connect these 11 individuals to nine bombings carried out by anarchists across Spain over the last few years. The “evidence” being used is the individuals’ alleged connection to a book, “Contra la Democracia,” a text criticizing democratic government. The book was signed by “Grupos Anarquistas Coordinados” (GAC), which the state has decided, in its baseless assertions, is affiliated with the Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI), an anarchist tendency which favors armed struggle and informal organization and which has been labeled a terrorist organization by the European Union. In addition to the state’s fabrications of connections between various groups, Operation Pandora shows a clear attempt to criminalize prison solidarity. The 11 arrested comrades were on the visitation lists of Mónica Cabellero and Francisco Solar (two anarchists who lived through the “Bombs Case” in Chile only to be arrested in Spain a year ago).

These attempts to disrupt solidarity, however, have failed. The day following the raids, between three and five thousand people held solidarity protests in Barcelona as well as other cities. Other clandestine solidarity actions proliferated worldwide in solidarity with the arrested. On January 29, 2015, the Spanish courts made police files available to defense lawyers. The evidence against the comrades was so weak that the judge released the seven who remained in jail (the other four having been already released). However, the seven have had their passports seized, must sign in at court three times each week and still face serious charges. Additionally, Mónica and Francisco remain in prison.

We feel that there are many lessons to learn from Operation Pandora and responses to it: state targeting of anarchists, attempts to fabricate social maps of insurgents, disruption and criminalization of prison solidarity, and, most of all, the absolute refusal of human beings to submit to the judicial machinery. Solidarity to the 11 comrades, to Mónica and Francisco, and to all in Spain and elsewhere who continue to strike blows against the state.

16 December 2014 (Leipzig, Germany): Deutsche Bank branch wrecked in solidarity with the Operation Pandora arrestees.

27 December 2014 (Barcelona, Spain): March in solidarity with the Operation Pandora arrestees attacked bank branches, multinational shops, and a 5-star hotel. No arrests reported.

29 December 2014 (Buenos Aires, Argentina): Demonstration in front of the Spanish embassy in solidarity with the Operation Pandora arrestees.

30 December 2014 (Lugano, Switzerland): ATM and all windows of

a bank branch destroyed with a sledgehammer in solidarity with the Operation Pandora arrestees.

30 December 2014 (Canary Islands): ATMs sabotaged and graffiti painted in solidarity with the Operation Pandora arrestees by A.M.O.R. (Anarchist Faggots Organizing Rage).

5 January 2015 (Berlin, Germany): Vehicle of DHL, a military collaborator, burned in solidarity with the Operation Pandora arrestees.

15 January 2015 (Santiago, Chile): Banners hung in solidarity with

the Operation Pandora arrestees, Franciso and Mónica, and the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire.

16 January 2015 (Madrid, Spain): 16 ATMs sabotaged in solidarity with Francisco, Mónica, and the Operation Pandora arrestees.

23 January 2015 (Istanbul, Turkey): Anarchist groups Anarchist Front and Shadowless march in the streets, attacking ATMs, bank windows, and capitalist shops in solidarity with the Operation Pandora arrestees.

28 January 2015 (Berlin, Germany): Two prison industry vehicles

burnt by Autonomous Group “Muslim H.” (Muslim H. was a 28-year-old murdered by screws in prison on May 24, 2014) in solidarity with the prisoners of Operation Pandora and all others.

30 January 2015 (Catalonia, Spain): Bank branches and cash points attacked in solidarity with Mónica and Francisco and those arrested in Operation Pandora.

30 January 2015 (Spain): 7 arrested comrades released on bail.

3 February 2015 (Montevideo, Uruguay): Incendiary attack on an office of the ruling party in solidarity with Mónica and Francisco.

HOUR OF VENGEANCE

THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE C-TYPE PRISONS IN GREECE



Since March 2, 2015, dozens of prisoners have been on hunger strike in protest of the “anti-terrorism crusade” undertaken by the Greek state against combative individuals and groups. The hunger strikers are demanding:

- *Abolition of anti-terrorist legislation, specifically the terrorist and criminal organization laws (laws 187A and 187)*
- *Abolition of the anti-hoodie law*
- *Abolition of the high-security C-type prisons, designed to isolate combative prisoners*
- *The end of DNA sampling and processing*
- *The immediate release of Savvas Xiros, held by the state despite his 98% disability*

In the days preceding the hunger strike, numerous friends and family members of the imprisoned members of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire are arrested and face charges related to the attempted prison break of CCF members. On the same day as the wider hunger strike begins, the imprisoned members of the CCF announce their own hunger strike to the death, demanding that their relatives and friends be released.

Throughout March, numerous prisoners join the wider hunger strike or begin solidarity hunger strikes. Prisoners involved in the wider hunger strike have expressed explicit solidarity with the CCF hunger strike and members of the CCF have expressed their solidarity with the wider hunger strike. In addition, solidarity attacks proliferate worldwide. After weeks of abstaining from food, many of the hunger striking comrades have been transferred to hospitals under heavy police guard, some of them in critical condition.

The following is a chronology of some of the developments of the hunger strike and actions in solidarity with it. This struggle, however, is an active and ongoing one, and none of this can represent the full extent of activity and subversion. As of this writing (March 28, 2015), the hunger strikers' demands have not been met. An international day of solidarity with the hunger strikers is planned for April 1. We will continue updates on this situation in future issues of Wildfire.

Strength to the hunger strikers! Burning rage to their captors!

For updates on the hunger strikes: hunger-strike.espivblogs.net

WELCOME HOME ERIC!



We want to send our love to Eric McDavid, freed from the state's clutches in January after spending 9 years in prison. Our joy at Eric's release finds its most pure expression in continued solidarity with others still held behind bars. In particular, the four comrades of the Cleveland 4 and the two remaining comrades of the NATO 3, and Muslim prisoners of post-9/11 "anti-terrorist" repression, all entrapped by the state's lapdogs, are our minds.

The following is a statement made by Eric after his release.

i cannot begin this without an overflowingly gushing heartfelt thanks for the amazing support, aid, and solidarity provided by so many people from so many places - seeing me through these past 9 years to bring me home... tears of release and joy will continue to wet my cheeks - i don't wipe them away... the folks at Sacramento Prisoner Support have never wavered in going above and beyond while enduring all the pressures that come from moving contrary to what the FBI had considered a closed case - i love you all so dearly. to my habeas attorneys, mark and ben, your work on this process certainly hasn't changed my view of the legal system - but it has proven to

me that humyngs can actually survive the bar with their strong and beautiful hearts intact, still connected, and persevering as a guiding force in their lives = 'thank you' will never be enough, i love you both... surviving these last 9 years has brought me to a new understanding of patience and how it can be passionate, thereby sustaining the need for a longer view; one that will continue to help me as i move into aiding those still held behind razor wire fences, concrete, and steel... so many others have cases as ridiculous as my own - some much worse, and have been in for decades; a number i met personally and others i dream of meeting upon their release. thank you all so much for all of your love and support as i begin to move into this next phase of my life.

i'll be in touch again soon. for now i hope to focus on spending time with my loved ones and reconnecting with the community that i love and have missed for so long.

too much love.
find UR joy
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*For more information on how to help Eric in his transition out of prison,
visit supporteric.org.*

SUPPORT DANTE CANO

Dante Cano is a young anarchist facing trial for charges related to protesting against police brutality and murder in the Bay Area and across the United States. On Wednesday, March 11th, the District Attorney's office pushed in court for Dante to be hit with a felony charge of vandalism. The one police officer in court claimed that after hearing a window being hit, he saw a person in black running in a sea of other people in black. Several moments later, Dante was in police custody, despite no evidence actually linking him to the crime

After spending a month in jail, Dante was bailed out in March. Though he is out, the fight against his charges will continue.

For updates, visit freedante.noblogs.org



TO MY COMRADES & UP THE ANTE

BY MICHAEL KIMBLE



TO MY COMRADES

Comrades, I hope you all are doing well and continuing to resist the excesses of this rapacious system of slavery, exploitation, and oppression. I’m doing great, although I’ve had some rough times lately. But I’m alive and in resistance and find solace in that, along with all that’s happening out there.

Comrades, from all the info I’ve been able to get my hands on there seems to be a heightened level of struggle and movement building in the Black colonies throughout the USA against police violence, racism, white supremacy, and it hasn’t taken long for this movement in infancy to make the connection between the above mentioned ills of US capitalist society and the mass incarceration of Black and Brown people. One participant of a new formation of various organizations/collectives called Third World Resistance (TWR) made the following statement during the #ReclaimMLK demo in Oakland in January: “It is really empowering to see our communities rising up against the violent policing of Black people. But we must also be just as enraged at the violence that is harder to see, the violence of our people disappearing into cages. This country, which locks up more people than any other, plays a hand in locking up even more beyond its borders by exporting and sharing tactics and models of repression with oppressive governments, from Israel to Haiti and the Philippines.”

Connections, the whole matrix between the prison-industrial complex, white supremacy, business, domination, control, and exploitation, etc. That’s what we’re looking for and need to explain in a clear, no bullshit language. This is the point of attack. From all that’s taking place out there I’m really beginning to believe that we just may get to witness the destruction of Leviathan and dance in the ruins of civilization in our lifetime. And it’s having its presence felt in the prisons. Will it translate into action? Who can say? But the slaves are getting restless in here. Bolder. The drugs, TV, sports, gangs, etc. can’t keep us distracted forever. People can’t be so repressed that they can’t fight back in some way. And you all should know that prisoners

are really ingenious. I’m taking heart in the rebellions taking place throughout the world, not just in the USA. The only freedom today, now, is in struggle and aggressive free action.

Relentlessly,
Michael

UP THE ANTE

If we’re serious about destroying oppression in its many forms, prisons are the starting point, especially since the many forms are more concentrated in prison than anywhere else in society, and prisoners are the most defenseless targets of these oppressions, one could argue. Many people try to separate prison struggles from the overall struggle for freedom and call it “The Prison Movement.” I’ve been guilty of this myself at times, but we can’t divorce it from the overall struggle. As anarchists we attack all forms of oppression simultaneously. We try to understand the nexus of the many forms of oppression so we can overcome them, as well as a way to practice freedom NOW, rather than relegating it to some distant future.

Prison has swallowed up millions of people. Those who have been lucky to survive them have problems with housing, jobs, and education, among many other problems stemming from being held captive by the state. Once one has been digested by the state into their prisons, they are forever more targeted for discrimination and further oppression by society. Prisons must be abolished and the only way to end prisons is to destroy the state. Reform is the only outcome of “Prison Movements.” We have to up the ante. We have to make this muthafucka ungovernable.

“They call us criminals and indeed we are criminals when we act outside of laws made by the state. We are free only when we act outside of laws made by the state.”

January-February (Greece): Incendiary attacks by Constant Unholy Synod / Inconclastic Cell Clement Duval / FAI-IRF against a jeep owned by Integrated Security Management, a vehicle of 3S Protection company, a tourism minibus owned by Business & Leisure Athens Transfers, the offices of tourism corporation Business & Personal Luxury Holidays, a van of Hellenic Duty Free Shops. 27 shop security cameras are also vandalized. Attacks claimed in solidarity with Angeliki Spyropoulou and the imprisoned CCF members.

9 January 2015 (Thessaloniki, Greece): Two vehicles of the K-2 security company torched in an action against prisons.

17 January 2015 (Thessaloniki, Greece): Attack on police station in solidarity with imprisoned revolutionaries.

20 January 2015 (Lamia, Greece): Banners placed and flyers distributed as an intervention against C-type prisons.

23 January 2015 (Kifissia, Greece): Incendiary device placed by Commando Jorge Saldivia (FAI/IRF) at the bookstore of far-right politician Adonis Georgiadis, responsible for numerous restrictions placed on revolutionary prisoners and his support of the C-Type prisons.

8-14 February 2015 (Mytilene, Greece): Slogans painted and posters put up in solidarity with the CCF.

21 February 2015 (Lamia, Greece): Chief warden of the Domokos C-Type prison murdered by anonymous individuals who open fire on him with Kalashnikovs and a nine-millimeter pistol.

27 February 2015 (Greece): Giorgios Sofianidis, a prisoner in the Domokos maximum security prison, begins hunger strike demanding to be transferred back to Koridallios prison and the abolition of C-type prisons. Nikos Maziotis, Kostas Gournas, Yannis Naxakis, Dimitris Koufontinas, Alexandros Meletis, Konstantinos Meletis, Vasilis Varelas, Mohamed Said Elchibah, and Alexandros Makadasidis declare food abstention.

2 March 2015 (Greece): Prisoners launch a hunger strike demanding the abolition of antiterrorism laws, the hoodie law, the C-type prisons,

and forcible taking of DNA samples; and the release of November 17th Organization member Savvas Xiros. Numerous revolutionaries and other prisoners announce their participation, as do two women in the female section of Neapoli men’s prison in Crete.

February-March 2015 (Greece): Numerous comrades and family members arrested in relation to the CCF escape attempt from Koridallios prison: Christos Rodopoulos, anarchist fugitive Angeliki Spyropoulou, Athena Tsakalos (mother of the Tsakalos brothers) and a friend of hers, a friend of the brother of Giorgos Polidoros, and the wife of Gerasimos Tsakalos.

2 March 2015 (Greece): Imprisoned members of the CCF - Olga Ekonomidou, Michalis Nikolopoulos, Giorgos Nikolopoulos, Haris Hadjimihelakis, Gerasimos Tsakalos, Christos Tsakalos, Giorgos Polidoros, Panagiotis Argirou, Damiano Bolano and Theofilos Mavropoulos - announce a hunger strike until death or until their family and friends are released. Angeliki Spyropoulou goes on hunger strike with the same demand. Giorgos Polidoros and Christos Tsakalos state that the CCF prisoners support the ongoing collective hunger strike, and Nikos Maziotis declares support for the CCF hunger strike.

3 March 2015 (Greece): “Social” prisoner Giorgos Inglessis goes on hunger strike.

4 March 2015 (Greece): Friends and relatives of CCF members are released. Judges order that the mother and wife of Gerasimo Tsakalos remain in prison. Two other arrestees, Angeliki Spyropoulou and Christos Rodopoulos are sent to pretrial detention.

4 March 2015 (Greece): Anarchist Panos Michalakoglou, held in pretrial detention, abstains from food in solidarity with the CCF hunger strikers.

6 March 2015 (Greece): Christos Polidoros, brother of CCF member Giorgos, is arrested and held by antiterrorist unit.

7 March 2015 (Komotini and Agrinio, Greece): Banner drops in solidarity with hunger strikers.

8 March 2015 (Athens, Greece): Central offices of the government



Car burning during solidarity demonstration March 17th in Athens.

SYRIZA occupied. Demands include abolition of anti-terrorist laws, abolition of hoodie laws, abolition of C-type prisons, release of Savvas Xiros, and the end of the criminalization of CFF members’ families.

8 March 2015 (Athens, Greece): About 100 comrades carry out a demonstration in solidarity with the hunger strikers.

8 March 2015 (Madrid, Spain): Banner and posters placed in central square of Tirso de Molina against SYRIZA and C-type prisons.

9 March 2015 (Greece): Anarchist Grigoris Sarafoudis starts hunger strike. Themis Dimou ends hunger strike after his demand of education is granted.

10 March 2015 (Greece): Spiros Mandylas rearrested for refusal to pay a court-required fine. Five days later, he goes on hunger strike demanding his immediate release.

10 March 2015 (Berlin, Germany): Anarchists set fire to a cop car in memory of fallen anarchist Lambros Foundas (murdered by police March 10, 2010) and the Greek hunger strikers.

11 March 2015 (Greece): Prisoners from Turkey imprisoned in Greece go on hunger strike in support of the other prisoners on hunger strike.

4-14 March 2015 (Athens, Greece): Vehicles owned by ISS and Vodaphone torched by Informal Anarchist Federation - International Revolutionary Front / Fire and Fury in solidarity with Greek anarchist prisoners and all anarchist hunger strikers.

16 March 2015 (Greece): Anarchists Andreas-Dimitris Bourzoukos and Dimitris Politis begin hunger strike.

16 March 2015 (Italy): Alfredo Cospito and Nicola Gai, anarchists imprisoned in Italy for the non-fatal shooting of a nuclear executive, declare their solidarity with the CCF hunger strike.

16 March 2015 (Brussels, Belgium): Leaflets distributed and banners deployed at an event by rightist Greek politician.

17 March 2015 (Greece): Panagiotis Argyrou transferred to hospital.

17 March 2015 (Athens, Greece): 2000 people march in solidarity with hunger strikers. At the end of the demo, barricades are erected, rebels clash with cops and luxury cars are set ablaze.

20 March 2015 (Greece): Fivos Charisis transferred to Tzanio hospital, Theofilos Mavropoulos transferred to the hospital of Korydallos prison, George Polydoros transferred to a hospital outside prison. All three are comrades on hunger strike.

21 March 2015 (Greece): Dimitris Koufontinas transferred to hospital.

20-22 March 2015 (Greece): Incendiary attacks on four ATMs of National Banks, three ATMs of Alpha Bank, an ATM of Piraeus Bank, and a supermarket van in solidarity with hunger strikers.

22 March 2015 (Greece): Solidarity gatherings outside of hospitals where anarchist hunger striking prisoners are being hospitalized.

22 March 2015 (Athens, Greece): Slogans spraypainted, posters put up, and banners hung in solidarity with the hunger strikers.

23 March 2015 (Athens, Greece): Radio Kokkino, a pro-SYRIZA radio station, is occupied by supporters of the hunger strike.

23 March 2015 (Istanbul, Turkey): Solidarity march with hunger strikers.

23 March 2015 (Herclion, Greece): 30 ATMs sabotaged in solidarity with hunger strikers.

23 March 2015 (Herclion, Greece): A court has one of its entrances blown up by the FAI-IRF Heraclion Cell in solidarity with the hunger strikers. From the claim: “In case of murder or cause of a permanent health problem to a hunger striker, the fire that burns inside us will turn the night into day. This is not a threat. It is a promise.”

23 March 2015 (Athens, Greece): Offices of SYRIZA torched by “nihilist patrol / neighborhood arsonists” in solidarity with the hunger strikers.

23 March 2015 (Greece): Anarchist Giannis Mihailidis joins hunger strike.

23 March 2015 (Greece): Kostas Gournas, anarchist of Revolutionary Struggle, moved to a hospital. In a conversation he says, “The Ministry of Justice urges us to stop the hunger strike and rely on them . . . I only rely on the struggle. I continue the hunger strike.”

24 March 2015 (Greece): Panagiotis Argyrou in critical condition due to hunger strike.

24 March 2015 (Thessaloniki, Greece): Paint thrown, slogans written, and flyers thrown at the Minister of Justice’s office and at the Law School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Late March 2015 (Greece): Numerous prisoners hospitalized under intense police presense.

25 March 2015 (Chaina, Greece): 80-100 people hold a demo in solidarity with the hunger strikers.

25 March 2015 (Lamia, Greece): Solidarity demonstration outside the hospital where D. Koufontinas and K. Gournas are hospitalized.

26 March 2015 (Greece): A small riot occurs in the E1 wing of Domokos C-type prison after the suicide of a 42-year-old Pakistani detainee in the E2 wing. Prisoners have taken down surveillance cameras and caused extensive damage to the E1 wing.

26 March 2015 (Patra, Greece): Radio station occupied.

27 March 2015 (Czech Republic): Graffiti in solidarity with CCF prisoners and all imprisoned anarchists of action around the world.

they wage, I think it is unlikely that was the reason why I was held in custody. As stated earlier, the FBI did provide a report to the local police putting some of their pieces together which raises questions to why they would consider a bunch of neo-nazis getting beat up a matter of national security. Regardless, my brother and I were both apprehended because our actions were not carried out with absolute precision and every precaution made to disguise our identities and ensure we would not be busted.

However, it is absolutely true that we live in a vulnerable society with extreme governmental overreach, where anyone could be subject to surveillance, entrapment, targeted prosecutions and trumped up treason and terrorism charges purely for ideological reasons. It is a context deliberately cooked up by politicians and the national security complex to create fear and distrust amongst activist circles, as we can see looking at the huge number of dissidents who have been jailed or killed. Again, I’ll state my respect for political prisoners in any country who are staying strong and struggling to fight the power. I would encourage anyone who considers taking direct action to know why they are doing it and do so carefully as to not jeopardize themselves, their comrades, or the movement itself. A

person in prison is another person we have to free.

To those whose worlds were shaken and who are angry or displeased at my actions, remind yourselves humbly of the atrocious history of violence that white supremacy has done and continues to do so to this society and ask yourself, do I support it? Do I benefit from it? Will this be my legacy? Or do I want to change it?

I have set up a blog where I will post updates regularly that will also include my mailing address and visiting hours. Also I will have set up an Amazon Wish List where people can send me some love through books. This will be set up once I arrive at the state prison where I will likely carry out the majority of my sentence. While I am here I intend to make the most of my time staying positive and motivated through reading, working out, and meditating. I am interested in continuing communication and having discussions with people through letters, so please write me when you have the chance!

Yours for the struggle!

With love and rage,
Jason Hammond

INNER ANARCHY BY HEXMENCH VON FRANKENSTEIN



We understand the world by the way we perceive it; our perception, this is what defines us. As anarchists we understand that our thoughts are filtered through “morals” and “taboos” superimposed upon our very mind from a young age, in all reality our whole life. This status quo, these morals, are not necessarily our own, and a lot don’t make sense in any way. Once engraved in us they make us feel guilty for actions that are not necessarily bad or hurt anyone, but they keep us in line and keep us harmless. A subservient, docile creature would never stand against its useless master. We are happy to be content with our football games, our American Idol, our fast food, and the great and all-comfortable suburbia. We are taught that wage-slavery is the only way to live in this “civilized” world. Let us all have sex, but may it only be missionary, but of course gay people are alright if they’re in sitcoms. These are the falsities we are fed our whole life; forced to choke on them till choking feels normal.

We must come to understand ourselves. We know our government, this establishment, pre-programmed us; we also understand that a human cannot reach its full potential with this society and structure. So we were brought forth into this world at a

disadvantage, but we can take back some, if not all, of our mind.

Our thoughts, now being shoved through these filters, must be evaluated and understood. When I see something that disgusts me I must ask myself why it makes me feel such. Is it a legitimate feeling with logic behind it? Or is it brought on by a preconception that was never truly mine? Our thoughts have been polluted, poisoned, so now we must run them through the crucible to bring them to their finest and true form.

As an anarchist I can’t just hate my government and be angry with society, I have to understand myself and with this understanding comes an affirmation of why I stand strong against the tyranny of any system that would brainwash, poison, and lie to those it swore to protect.

And of course you have to free yourself before you can free the world. Understand yourself before you can understand reality.

Reality is only perception.

In solidarity,
Hexmench Von Frankenstein

charges in another state and the other for illegal possession of firearms in their car onsite. Unfortunately after leaving the restaurant, five comrades from Hoosier Anti Racist Movement were also arrested for their involvement by an off duty cop. They are known as the Tinley Park 5, all of whom spent time in Illinois prisons after taking a non-cooperative plea, and have since been released on parole. Please read about their struggles at their wordpress.

A year after the action, in July 2013, I was arrested outside my home by the FBI and Tinley Park Police. I was charged with armed violence and mob action, the same as the other 5 anti-fascists. My indictment states the Tinley Park Police were given a report from the FBI stating that they had identified me from DNA gathered at the scene and a surveillance video from the restaurant where the meeting was shut down. I was held in Cook County Jail for two months but was fortunate to have friends who raised enough money to release me on bond. I have since been fighting these charges. The wheels of the bureaucratic judicial system moves deliberately slow and another whole year and a half passes. Now, even with the privilege of being able to examine all the evidence and evaluate all of my options while out on bond, I must accept the judge's offer of 3.5 years. My chances of winning the case were very low, and if I lost, it could potentially mean a significantly higher sentence.

It is difficult to decide whether to plea or not when faced with gambling years of your life in prison, but I also completely detest the narrative of the state and their courtrooms. Their story is that they rightfully apprehended the criminal, tried, and put them away in prison; where they will learn not to do it again while separated from society where they cannot spread their infectious ideas. That system does not work and it never will. I abhor this monopoly of justice and violence; the reality is that the state wants people in their prisons, especially people whose political interests are in conflict to the "business as usual" violence that their police and armies perpetrate. My crime is standing up against the flag of hate and the violence against people of color that it represents. The state, in a petty act, went out of their way years later to prosecute me.

Furthermore, the state has always supported a white supremacist power structure. Even after the endless series of racist wars and hundreds of years of oppression on this soil, they don't see it as a problem when neo-nazis get together and in fact grant permits and have lines of police to protect their free speech. In Ferguson, New York, Chicago and beyond, we see police use military grade equipment in conjunction with the National Guard to combat people protesting the unjust murders of Mike Brown and Eric Garner at the hands of law enforcement. These are not isolated incidents, but rather symptomatic and indicative of a deliberate move to uphold the pillars of white supremacy in this country, which will not change unless we fight against it.

I went into this action following the principles of anarchy, equality and freedom which have guided my life. For many years I have been involved in different projects engaging social justice, from volunteering at social centers, community public libraries and food distribution programs. I have also supported and participated in anti-war, environmental and immigrant rights movements. Through these experiences I became more aware of how the system that governs this society depends on the mass exploitation of large parts of the population and in fact the Earth itself for the profit of the rich and powerful. I was inspired and motivated by the people I met in the movement to strive to make change at the root of the problem, even

if it meant possibly sacrificing my own personal freedom. Throughout history, any movement that struggled to change this system was considered dangerous by the government and was met with immense repression and state violence. But there were successful moments within these movements not only because they were justified, but because people fought for them and despite how history is presented like a Disney movie, not all of their actions were non-violent.

Today there still is police brutality, a massive prison industrial complex, there are presidents waging endless wars for profit and power, and there is violence, alienation and marginalization at the crossroads of gender, sexuality, race and class. It would be naive to think that all of these problems could only be solved through pacifism; working with or within the system, following dogmatic and assimilative reformist agendas that take over and sell out movements; the answer lies in creative resistance that utilizes a wide diversity of tactics. I think some people have always known this but more need to reject the privileged tendency to reject destruction of property, or of the bodies protecting the state as taboo violence instead of as a legitimate form of resistance. As our collective patience is constantly being worn away by failures of government to address people's actual needs, it is up to our own communities and individuals to decide for themselves what is an appropriate form of self-defense

But I would also like to note that the hyper-spectacularization and priority of violence amongst folks in the movement might also be folly, because I believe it in itself is not sufficient for a real radical transformation of society. People need to look within to make the change they want to see in the world as well as raise hell in the streets. People are improving their communities through their own support, healing circles, discussion groups, rallies, speak-outs, prisoner support, popular education, community health projects and asking hard questions and challenging oppressive thoughts however they manifest.

The ideas and actions that these white supremacists are pushing are dangerous and poisonous and is unfortunately still deeply rooted within the fabric of this society. Racism manifests itself in a number of ways and none can be ignored; from the blatant and overt bigots like those at the meeting in Tinley Park but also the subtle micro-aggressions that people experience on a daily basis. We are all obligated to confront the dead old ways of these oppressive ideologies using every means possible. My actions were in the spirit of continued resistance against racism and fascism and for the rights of people to live without fear of racist attacks. Those in struggle know the risk of jail, pain or death when trying to radically change the structure of society but it is a struggle we cannot ignore and we intend to win!

After the interruption of the meeting in Tinley Park, the organizing group for their economic summit disbanded and the individual who booked the event said that they were "stepping away from white nationalist organizing." When a comrade is arrested the movement bears a high cost but actions like these can prove affective as they dissuade people from joining hate groups and preventing the work that they do. I feel these tactics could also apply to different avenues of struggle, directed towards exploitative bosses, racist cops, gentrifying landlords, sexists anywhere, and fascist politicians.

Some people have speculated my arrest was part of some revenge plot of the FBI because of the hacking and whistle-blowing my brother Jeremy Hammond has done against various sectors of the government and the private intelligent corporations they work with. While I love and support my brother and his actions 1000% and condemn the FBI and the US government for their own cyber wars

CHRONOLOGY OF WAR



The following is a list of some of the actions and instances of state repression that have occurred since the beginning of 2015. We are not so delusional that we believe we can present a comprehensive listing of anarchist action, let alone a listing of all the diverse forms the social war takes in society in general. This listing focuses predominantly on anarchist action because

JANUARY 2015

1 January 2015 (Worldwide): Anti-prison New Years demos in Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Canada, UK, USA, and elsewhere.

1 January 2015 (Florence, Italy): ATMs jammed, luxury shop windows smashed, and tires of car-sharing vehicles slashed.

1 January 2015 (Denmark): Mink freed, cameras destroyed, wires cut, slogans painted, and paint bombs thrown at fur farm.

4 January 2015 (St. Petersburg, Russia): A meat shop called "Vegan's Nightmare" has all of its windows broken, and its sign and surveillance camera smashed. Paint thrown onto the facade. Three activists detained in suspicion of involvement in the attack.

6 January 2015 (Navarre, Spain): Animal Liberation Front liberates more than 1000 partridges, quails, and pheasants from a game farm. In addition, slogans painted, the electrical system sabotaged, vehicles and cages smashed, and hundreds of sheep liberated from a nearby farm.

6 January 2015 (Toulouse, France): Offices of Air France vandalized and windows broken in retribution for the company's continued transport of animals for vivisection laboratories.

we are anarchists. However, we do not believe that anarchist attacks are the sole, or even the most important, strikes against power. This is just a glimpse at two wars: the war of power against life, and the war of life against power.

7 January 2015 (Athens, Greece): Agros squat attacked by fascists. Material damage is limited.

7 January 2015 (Cephalonia Island, Greece): Banner hung in solidarity with anarchist prisoner Giorgos Salayannis

7 January 2015 (Greece): 24 out of 25 migrants released from prison after being acquitted in court for charges related to a rebellion at the Amygdaleza camp in August 2013. Most of the released individuals are required to voluntarily be deported within 30 days.

8 January 2015 (Alabama, USA): Two guards stabbed and kicked to the floor by a prisoner at Holman Correctional Facility.

10 January 2015 (Athens, Greece): A gathering against maximum security prisons occurs. Flyers are thrown, banners are placed, and texts from prisoners are read aloud.

10 January 2015 (Minsk, Belarus): Riot cops raid punk concert, detaining three for distributing "extremist material."

12 January 2015 (Greece): Anarchists Spyros Mandylas and Andreas Tsavdaridis released after 18-months pre-trial detention. The two were arrested and accused of being members of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire and shipping a parcel bomb to a former commander of an anti-terrorist agency.

12 January 2015 (Florence, Italy): ATM burnt in solidarity with NO TAV prisoners.

13 January 2015 (Argentina): Individuals liberate all cats, guinea pigs, and mice at animal research facility and then set fire to the facility.

15 January 2015 (Helsinki, Finland): Windows smashed and locks glued at fur shop in solidarity with Swedish animal rights prisoners Ebba Olausson, Richard Klinsmeister, and Karl Häggroth.

Mid-January 2015 (Galacia, Spain): Ongoing sabotage against luxury car tires and transport service vehicles in solidarity with hunger striking prisoners José Antúnez Becerra, Javier Guerrero and Xavier Corporales, as well as Roberto C. Fernández Pardiñas, a libertarian prisoner in struggle, and all those who are locked up and deprived of freedom.

17 January 2015 (Athens, Greece): A demo occurs in memory of Shehzad Luqman, a migrant worker from Pakistan, murdered by fascists of Golden Dawn two years ago.

17 January 2015 (Thessaloniki, Greece): A gathering takes place, distributing flyers, against the special conditions of detention and against incarceration.

18 January 2015 (Ionnina, Greece): Antiviosi squat reoccupied after being evicted in August 2013.

20 January 2015 (Zurich, Switzerland): Two Swiss arms industry buildings attacked with fireworks.

20-21 January 2015 (Minsk, Belarus): Four arrested after solidarity actions with people previously arrested at the New Years Punk Party.

21 January 2015 (Germany): Four vehicles of gentrifying real estate company Leipzig torched by Autonome Gruppen.

22 January 2015 (Bern, Switzerland): Swiss Credit Agency attacked with paint.

25 January 2015 (Athens, Greece): Vandalism and banner hanging against the election.

28 January 2015 (Athens, Greece): Banner hung in solidarity with Tamara Sol.

28 January 2015 (Zurich, Switzerland): An office of Adecco, a temp work agency and strategic partner of the World Economic Forum, attacked with paint.

27-29 January 2015 (Alabama, USA): Prisoners in the segregation unit at Holman Correctional Facility go on the attack, throwing shit and piss on guards and starting fires. One guard’s pant leg catches fire. Three prisoners are sprayed with pepper spray and one beaten while handcuffed.

29 January 2015 (Belarus): Leaflets scattered near judge’s home and posters hung in solidarity with anarchists arrested for alleged

resistance to police at a punk concert in January.

29 January 2015 (USA): Phil Africa, revolutionary prisoner of the MOVE Organization passes away under suspicious circumstances.

FEBRUARY 2015

1 February 2015 (Istanbul, Turkey): Animal liberationists tear down the fences and smash the entrances to an animal camp.

2 February 2015 (Buenos Aires, Argentina): Banner hung near Chilean embassy in solidarity with Tamara Sol.

2 February 2015 (São Roque, Brazil): Animal Liberation Front rescues dogs from puppy mill, where they were kept in locked cages 24 hours a day.

4 February 2015 (Chile): Tamara Sol sentenced to 7 years for attempted murder and theft. Sol was arrested in early 2014 after a BancoEstado security guard was shot in revenge for the death of Sebastián Oversluij Seguel (a.k.a. Angry). Angry, a Chilean anarchist nihilist, was murdered on December 11, 2013 by a BancoEstado guard during an attempted bank robbery. Immediately following Sol’s trial, her family clashed with tribunal guards, threw leaflets, and called the judges “fascists.” There still exists an opportunity for appeal against the sentence.

12 February 2015 (Thessaloniki, Greece): Two banks attacked. Windows smashed and ATMs destroyed.

14 February 2015 (Sofia, Bulgaria): Antifascist demonstration against a march honoring Hristo Lukov, a Nazi collaborator, and against the rise of racism and homophobia in Bulgaria.

14-15 February 2015 (France): Four cars burnt.

15 February 2015 (Italy): Anarchist Alfredo Cospito punished with isolation after an altercation with a guard. Alfredo is currently imprisoned for the non-fatal shooting of a nuclear executive.

17 February 2015 (Heraklion, Greece): Incendiary attack on Hondos Centre outlet.

21 February 2015 (Bern, Switzerland): Police station and police cars spray painted and have their windows smashed by anarchists.

21 February (Raymondville, USA): Inmates seize control of part of a South Texas prison, causing damage that made the facility “uninhabitable.” Fires are set inside three of the prison’s 10 housing units. The primary population of the prison are immigrants in the US “illegally.”

21-22 February 2015 (Lausanne, Switzerland): Windows of a branch of EVAM, complicit in the eviction of migrants, attacked with paint.

22 February 2015 (Italy): Alberto Funaro released on probation after serving two and a half years on charges of devastation and looting during the 2001 G8 summit in Genoa.

carried out with mass participation, but with serious participation with a small number of prisoners.

To contrast this direct action approach with the reformist tactics, consider: The Army of the 12 Monkeys made no “demands” of “authority” on a promise of normalizing the situation. In this way, with this direct action approach, A12M did not recognize the authorities or their assumed right to rule.

The A12M did not say, “Meet these terms and we will resume our roles in your program.”

The A12M did not say, “We know you are in charge, so we are appealing to you to exercise your authority differently.

The A12M said, “We do not recognize your authority or your right to exist.”

The A12M said, “We will destroy you.”

Those prisoners did not seek concessions from those who claimed to exercise power, but set out instead to exercise power of their own. Revolutionary power.

SENTENCING STATEMENT OF JASON HAMMOND



I write this statement after pleading guilty to state charges against me for my participation in an organized direct action taken against a group of white supremacists in May of 2012. I would like to share my thoughts about this action. First, major thanks and love to my friends and family who have supported me, for my amazing partner who kept me sane, my band for letting loose and my lawyer Sara Garber who has been ridiculously helpful in fighting this case with me.

While Chicago was in rebellion against the western military super-alliance NATO summit in 2012, a small group of racists organized their own ‘white nationalist economic summit’ in the nearby suburb of Tinley Park. They booked a restaurant to hold a luncheon under the guise of the “Illinois European Heritage Association.” For over six months this event was promoted on

So, given this example, the question arises: what if prisoners, even in small numbers, at every prison in the United States – or even in the world – began a concerted and deliberate campaign of sabotage and harassment... one that, over time, would attract more prisoners who recognize the fun in sticking it to the authorities? If such a direct action campaign at Mansfield Correctional cost the prison *six figures* in just a *few weeks*, what if such a campaign occurred at all thirty-some Ohio prisons? What if it occurred at *hundreds* of prisons across the country, and maintained for *months* instead of *weeks*?

Rather than begging for changes through tactics that cause self-harm, a very small fraction of the prison population could bring the various departments of corrections to the brink of bankruptcy and systems failure, forcing drastic and desperate changes to be undertaken so as not to lose control of the corrections complex all together. From this point of view, direct action and *only* direct action produces “change you can believe in...”

Stormfront.org, a very popular online forum where racists and neo-nazis converse. Being in a prolonged state of resistance against racism, this summit became known to organized anti-fascists throughout the Midwest. Through research, they had ascertained the time, location, and even some identities of the attendees of this meeting, some of whom were already known as being members of white supremacist groups such as the KKK, National Socialist Movement and Council of Conservative Citizens. Upon becoming aware of this information, myself and others decided to confront the fascists at their meeting. A righteous melee ensued, many of the ten white supremacists were injured, and we left the scene in less than two minutes.

In the aftermath, the police was called and two of the fascist attendees were arrested: one for being a fugitive of pedophilia

DIRECT ACTION

BY SEAN SWAIN



So long as oppression exists, there will be resistance – the natural response to oppression. And prison is the one place where oppressors may impose directly and intimately on every aspect of a captive’s life, so we can easily conclude that prisoner resistance will go on until some (not so distant?) future day when prisons cease to exist. The question that confronts resisting prisoners is the nature and form that resistance should take.

I have opposed what I perceive to be “reformist” prisoner actions, to include efforts like hunger strikes, work stoppages, and mobilizations for legislative reform – which are, by and large, most of the menu options you find resisting prisoners selecting. Having already written about my reasons for opposing these forms of resistance in favor of what I’ve described as “direct action,” I won’t repeat myself. What I would like to do instead is to present a practical definition for what separates useless and futile “reformist” action and useful, productive “direct” action.

“Reformist” and “direct” actions differ in the way they relate to the oppressor’s projection of power. The distinction that separates reformism and direct action lies in whether the action reinforces the sense of the oppressor’s power or whether the action undermines that sense of the oppressor’s power.

Some examples to illustrate what I mean:

A hunger striker, by refusing food, articulates some set of demands or terms to be met by the oppressor, on the promise that when those demands or terms are met, the hunger striker will resume eating food. In pursuing this course, the hunger striker is essentially appealing to the oppressor – applying coercive leverage in the course of the appeal – to modify the oppressor’s program and to accommodate the hunger striker’s demands or terms.

The hunger striker, in issuing demands or terms, is recognizing the “*right of the oppressor to exercise power*.” The hunger striker says, “I know that you are in charge, so I am appealing to you – in a radical method for getting your attention – so that I can persuade you to *exercise your power differently*.”

The hunger striker says, “If you only meet those terms, I will

resume eating and will resume my assigned role in your program.”

What the hunger striker does NOT say is, “The oppressor has no right to exercise any power.”

What the hunger striker does NOT say is, “The oppressor and his program must go because the oppressor’s power is not legitimate.”

The hunger striker seeks only a change in the operation of the program, not its elimination. In practical application, prisoner hunger strikers may demand an end to special housing, or solutions to overcrowding, or better conditions like food and recreation and programs. Hunger strikers do *not* seek an end to the existence of the prison system, demanding that everyone from the prisons director down to the rookie prison guard collect their final paychecks and open the gates and the cell doors, never to return to work.

The same can be said for prisoners on a work stoppage. They employ a tactic for gaining concessions from the oppressor, *not* for ending oppression. Therefore, just like the hunger striker, the work stoppage prisoner’s actions recognize the legitimacy of the oppressor and the oppressor’s right to rule.

Both forms of resistance reinforce the power relationship of oppressor and subject.

Let’s contrast that to the only instance of prolonged direct action undertaken by prisoners that I’m aware of – the campaign waged by the Army of the 12 Monkeys at Mansfield Correctional in Mansfield, Ohio, in 2012. In that direct action campaign, prisoners across racial and gang divides participated in a mass action of sabotage and disruption that was maintained for weeks. Flyers and training manuals flooded the compound, instructing prisoners how to jam locks, cut phone cords, clog drains, and essentially cripple the operation of the prison.

Orderly operations ground to a halt. The prison’s sweatshop factory lost several days of production. The damages to prison infrastructure – including smashed windows, hundreds of replaced locks, and a collapsed plumbing system, all caused in the span of just weeks – cost the prison *six figures*. The sabotage campaign was likely

22 February 2015 (Loches, France): Several vehicles of Orchis, a work integration project, burnt.

23 February 2015 (Kent, USA): Two ROTC military vans torched on Kent State campus. Cadets on campus ordered to wear civilian clothing as a precaution. It is worth noting that Kent State saw the murder of 4 protestors and the wounding of 9 others when the National Guard opened fire on anti-war protestors in May 1970.

24 February 2015 (Bristol, UK): Anarchist Emma Sheppard sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for charges related to damage of police cars.

25 February 2015 (Spain): 113 ATMs sabotaged in solidarity with three prisoners - José Antúnez, Xavier Corporales and Javier Guerrero - on hunger strike.

24-26 February 2015 (Greece, Portugal, Spain, France): Propaganda actions in solidarity with Diego Ríos, arrested on February 7th after five and a half years on the run, and Tamara Sol.

26-27 February 2015 (Athens, Greece): Riots following an anarchist protest in the Exachia area, the first riots under the new left government of SYRIZA. Cars are torched, banks and jewelry shops attacked, and a cop motorbike burnt.

27 February 2015 (Berlin, Germany): Anarchists torch two cars belonging to security company Sicherheit Nord in solidarity with Tamara Sol, Mónica Caballero, Francisco Solar, the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire, Revolutionary Struggle, and all prisoners.

28 February 2015 (Zurich, Switzerland): Demonstration against racism and repression, in solidarity with Albert Woodfox of the Angola 3 and Black Panthers.

Late February 2015 (Brussels, Belgium): Nearly half of the 400 fences surrounding the site of a future maxi-prison are brought down by individuals.

MARCH 2015

1 March 2015 (Chile): Anarchist comrade Nataly Casanova charged with making threats against prison guards in San Miguel prison, where she has been locked up since September 2014 awaiting trial for the placement of four explosive devices.

1 March 2015 (Alabama, USA): Prisoners at St. Clair prison go on work strike. Anarchist prisoner Michael Kimble goes on hunger strike in solidarity with work strike.

1 March 2015 (Alabama, USA): Prisoner escapes from Holman Correctional Facility but is apprehended shortly after.

2 March 2015 (Trento, Italy): Bank attacked with sledgehammers, paint, and graffiti against the TAV and surveillance of anarchists locked up in the prison of Ferrara.

2 March 2015 (Montreuil, France): A van of Eiffage Construction, a

company that builds prisons, is burned.

5 March 2015 (Warsaw, Poland): Restaurant belonging to landlord enforcer attacked on the anniversary of the murder of Jola Brzeska, a tenant movement activist who was kidnapped and burned alive in a forest.

5 March 2015 (Czech Republic): Solidarity demonstration at the Belarussian embassy in solidarity with anarchists in Belarus facing repression.

7 March 2015 (Athens, Greece): Demonstration by the Assembly of Immigrants and Solidarians of ASOEE against repression of immigrants.

7 March 2015 (Marseille, France): Around 400 women, dykes, and transgender people march, tagging walls and attacking homophobes. The march is dedicated to Missouri eco-prisoner Fran Thompson, locked up for a self-defense killing.

7 March 2015 (Warsaw, Poland): Nationalist bookstore has a window smashed by anti-fascists.

9 March 2015 (Hennef, Germany): The home of Andrea Schuran, who registered the official website of the HoGeSa fascists, is attacked with paint and has its windows smashed.

9 March 2015 (Braunschweig, Germany): Fur and leather store has its windows smashed and insides painted by the Animal Liberation Front.

10 March 2015 (UK): Hunger strikes and yard occupations at at least 6 detention centers.

10 March 2015 (Barcelona, Spain): ATM burnt in solidarity with hunger striking prisoner José Antúnez Becerra.

11 March 2015 (Oakland, USA): District Attorney pushes for a felony charge of vandalism for anarchist Dante Cano, who the state alleges broke a Men’s Warehouse window during an anti-police march.

11 March 2015 (Nevada, USA): 26 inmates at Ely State Prison refuse food for two days to call attention to the fact that they aren’t getting enough to eat.

11 March 2015 (Frankfurt, Germany): A VGF ticket machine is burnt. The claim mentions VGF’s increase in ticket prices, and corresponding arrest and imprisonment of those who cannot afford tickets.

12 March 2015 (Ferguson, USA): Two cops shot during a protest outside of a police station. Both survived, but with serious injuries.

12 March 2015 (Santiago, Chile): Anarchists attack an insurance and driving permit sales-branch belonging to the Penta Security group.

12 March 2015 (Seattle, USA): Letters delivered to the neighborhoods of individuals involved in a youth prison project.

13 March 2015 (Dresden, Germany): Car of Deutsche Bahn burned.

13 March 2015 (Mexico): Carlos, Amelie, and Fallon, previously sentenced for a molotov attack against a Nissan dealership and the Ministry of Communication and Transportation in Mexico City, are released. Amelie and Fallon are transferred directly to an immigration prison and deported back to Canada.

Mid-March 2015 (High Wycombe, UK): Over 130 cars are spray painted and have their windows smashed in a spree of attacks after a court rules the murder of Habib Ullah by the pigs a “death by misadventure.”

14 March 2015 (London, UK): 12-story building occupied in defiance of the militarized city.

15 March 2015 (Florence, USA): Two plainclothes LAPD officers fired on while driving through a South Los Angeles neighborhood.

15 March 2015 (UK): Hunger strikes and protests at detention centers spread. There is now rebellion in a majority of the UK’s migration prisons.

15 March 2015 (Prague, Czech Republic): Arson against two cars that provide food delivery from a Prague restaurant claimed by Flames of Anger Cell / Network Revolutionary Cells. The owner of the company is described in the claim as “a known capitalist bastard.”

16 March 2015 (Eschborn, Germany): Ground cables of an electricity pylon and three distribution boxes burned in an effort to disrupt the power supply of large data centers of Deutsche Bank, Commerzbank, Deutsche Börse, and others.

16 March 2015 (Beavercreek, USA): Pheasants liberated from Estacada Game Farm. Action dedicated to individuals prosecuted or imprisoned under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act.

17 March 2015 (Frankfurt, Germany): Paint attack against the company Siemens.



Burning cop car in Frankfurt, Germany.

17 March 2015 (Italy): ATM smashed in solidarity with prisoners held in solidarity confinement.

18 March 2015 (Frankfurt, Germany): Rebels engage in street fighting with riot police and burn numerous cop cars at a clash against the opening of European Central Bank’s new headquarters.

19 March 2015 (Oakland, USA): Google bus paint bombed.

19 March 2015 (Warsaw, Poland): Spontaneous demonstration against police, who recently suffocated an inmate to death. Later, a cop station in Wilcza is locked up and has pyro thrown in.

20 March 2015 (Hamburg, Germany): Individuals smash windows and paint walls at the University of Hamburg before the Green/ Alternative Police Congress which was to take place the following morning.

21 March 2015 (Southend, UK): Church crucifix torched by vandals. The crucifix was previously smashed to pieces over New Year and restored.

22 March 2015 (High Wycombe, UK): Another van set on fire in a spree of vandalism against vehicles after the death of Habib Ullah.

24 March 2015 (Montreal, Canada): Anti-Imperialist Action slashes the tires of a McGill security division SUV and hit the James Administration building with chunks of concrete. This was done in retaliation for the University’s profiling, surveillance, and harassment of students and activists affiliated with the group Demilitarize McGill.

26 March 2015 (Santiago, Chile): Night of propaganda and agitation, with messages of solidarity for imprisoned comrades in Chile and internationally.

26 March 2015 (Dortmund, Germany): A van belonging to Nazis burnt, and a Nazi party office attacked.

AN APPEAL FOR SOLIDARITY FROM BRANDON BAXTER



Greetings,

I’d like to start by thanking everyone for their solidarity to this point. I’ve lived far more comfortably and with greater support than most others in prison. To be blunt, your constant insistence that I never feel forgotten has literally saved my life. I know that if early on I had not had the reassurance I would have committed suicide. So, thank you all for carrying me, kicking and screaming, through this.

Today I come to your with a dire need. When I pled guilty to the charges made against me I did so out of fear and ignorance. Since then I’ve grown wiser and educated myself in the law. My appeals are exhausted, and thus I am in the process of filing a 2255 writ of post conviction relief on the grounds of ineffective assistance of counsel, which I know as a matter of fact I will win. This will remand my case back to court for trial, and I intend to fight.

I will not fight though with a puppet of the state representing me against the state. I’ve learned my lesson in trusting public defenders and court appointed attorneys. This time around I will need a hired lawyer.

This request is for two specific forms of solidarity: the time and commitment of a trustworthy lawyer bent on social justice, and for funds for a defense. I have no set figure at the moment, but imagine it to be significant. More details can be found through my support committee once figures are developed.

What we will be fighting for is pivotal. The immediate goal is physical freedom from prison – which otherwise would last another 5-6 years – and a lifetime of federal supervised release (probation). The long term goal is to set legal precedence which can be utilized by others in prison under similar circumstances, currently and to come, to obtain their freedom, as well as to prevent similar episodes in the future. This goal will be much more difficult to achieve, but is far from impossible. The final goal will be financial retribution for the costs of the defense itself, and for the time I’ve currently spent incarcerated, along with the psychological toll that incarceration has taken upon me. If obtained, these funds will be dedicated to reimburse all of those who have supported the Cleveland 4 to this point, and to future

prisoner support endeavors.

To get in contact with my support committee go to: cleveland4solidarity.org, or email cleveland4letters@gmail.com.

In Love & Rage,
Brandon Baxter



For many more, the incessant violence of the paramilitary forces against them and their relations has made it abundantly clear that murder will continue to be the daily status quo, largely with impunity – except for the consequences we inflict.

The police gun people down every day. The real question is how has it taken this long for resistance to echo the gunshots and fight back against the police?

Anyone with a decent grasp of the situation overall could easily predict such forms of rebellion. I believe various state forces anticipated this, as evinced by the response of the national guard and higher-ranking forces.

One does not have to be possessed of genius to see the stormclouds.

We do not say we welcome the flood, but we are not afraid of ruins.

What we must consider is our overwhelming *lack* of organizational capacity to commit to intensified levels of struggle, logistically, in terms of experience, or in terms of preparedness overall. In point of fact, we cannot even give a rough estimate of our numbers. So we must use this to our advantage. We must do without far-flung organizations and focus on our strengths, in mass revolt and spontaneity. But these do not fuel themselves, being only a point of contact with the broader struggle.

A movement with teeth will still starve if it cannot feed itself.

We must learn to take this rage in our chests and transform it also into life, into gardens and dwellings and forms of energy that flow with nature, with all our relations. I am not advocating so-called “green” technologies as a solution in themselves, but rather for our capacity to exist on our own terms, to live without being dependent

on the system in any way. And it is what allows us to do this that must be protected with our struggles. If the flames of revolt lack the fuel of autonomy, they will fizzle out and leave us as though castrated. And if our fuel, our soil, our capacity to exist on our own terms lacks flame and the capacity to harness fire, then anything we create will be easy to kill, as we constantly bear witness to.

Our greatest teachers are among the indigenous of the earth – those who live with the rest of life and not against it. They are engaged in life-or-death struggles, refusing the quiet death of assimilation or the agonizing death of starvation.

We must follow their examples, creating our own ways of being that can co-exist, and defending them with our lives.

In my life I have tasted, however sparingly, the immense beauty of simply living with the flow of life, “living off the land.” If we live in harmony with the intimate web of life, we develop deep, powerful bonds – a deep-rootedness vital to struggles against overwhelming odds.

And we must acknowledge that we are engaged in a life-or-death struggle.

We have what it takes to finish this dying way of life and replace it with 10,000 blooming worlds.

Neither fear nor coercion will paralyze us.

We refuse to forget, to die quietly.

In these passionate nights, we brush against the future.

With a gentle strength from a hard place,
For the next seven generations,
Connor Stevens
an anarchist of the “Cleveland 4”

INTRODUCTION

BY JENNIFER GANN



45 years old. Born and raised in Southern California. Date of birth: 10/06/1969. White and Cherokee ethnic background. Transgender woman. Amazon Queen.

Imprisoned since 1990 by the State of California. Originally charged with armed robbery. Sentenced to 7 years. Became jailhouse lawyer, prisoner activist (1991). Engaged in prison protests, direct action (1991-1996). Beaten and tortured by pigs at Folsom Prison. Fought back in self-defense, armed resistance. Charged with additional offenses of weapons/assault on District Attorney and Associate Warden. Sentenced to multiple 25-years-to-life terms under

California’s “Three Strikes” law (1995, 1996). Survived more than a decade in solitary confinement: Pelican Bay SHU (1994-2004), Tehachapi SHU (2010-2011). Came out as bisexual/trans in 2006.

Continued to work with anarchist/feminist/queer prison abolitionists and Maoist MIM (Prisons). Petitioned for and denied resentencing under so-called “Three Strikes Reform Act” (Prop. 36). No serious injuries resulted from non-serious felony offenses. Case is on appeal. College courses completed – 22 credits. Became writer, blogger, artist, poet, part of Black & Pink leadership for 5 years. Joined Gender Anarchy in 2015.

A LETTER & AN UPDATE

FROM ANDY HOMER



The state influences every aspect of our lives. My parents paid tax for prenatal “care.” As soon as I was born I was taken from my mother and given injections. My generation was raised by Looney Tunes, Barbie, and G.I. Joe, and thousands of flashing lights, screaming ads, and unconnected thoughts beamed straight into the mind. Instant gratification was gospel. Then came state school where I was told to be quiet when I wanted to speak, sit still when I wanted to run, and stand when I wanted to sit. Most importantly I was taught to work to please my master. Rebellion was punished by loss of privilege, ridicule, exclusion, and ultimately violence. Remember when the state spanked at schools? So I was taught to conform and obey in order to survive. I was taught consumption as happiness. The state manipulates every aspect of our existence, even the most private. Subliminal (or not so subliminal) messaging tells us who to be attracted to, what to desire, and what is respectable. Realizing this, the logical question is “why?” Because if we can be controlled in every aspect of our existence, without realizing it, we can be made to submit to the master’s will, with the illusion of freedom. Here in the land of the free you can be anything you want as long as it’s a worker or a cop.

Now that I know all of this, my self respect compels me to identify all areas of domination over my life and do whatever I can to negate them. I choose to live illegally in vacant houses or patches of weeds. I choose to steal what I want from parasitical businesses. I re-appropriate goods destined for landfills. I am learning to be as free as I can be because I feel it is of utmost importance to live apart from the stranglehold the state has over my life. I believe I need to learn how to live separately from society in all aspects of my existence. As I do I become aware of more and more forms of influence and control and can combat them too. Above all I know solidarity with other rebels is crucial. I am learning skills I can use to attack the state. I haven’t been doing this for long, and am excited to know I’m not alone in my struggle. I wish strength and solidarity for all of us.

AN UPDATE

A few weeks ago a prison guard searched my cell at 1:30 am. He read my mail and saw all the anarchist writings and zines. The next day I was taken to segregated housing unit, put in a little cage in my underwear, then questioned about anarchy by a pig with sergeants stripes. I was able to articulate clearly the state’s crimes against humanity as the reason for my declaration of war against capitalism, fascism, and all forms of domination and exploitation. This dog of the state (no offense to canines) was unable to refute anything I said, actually admitted I made sense. I told him we are sworn enemies. Some might say I put myself in the crosshairs needlessly by not being tactful in such situations, but the time for fence-sitting is over. Everyone should be informed of the war raging around us, from our grandma to the kindergarten teacher to the auto mechanic to the cop patrolling your block. Uninformed people are unarmed people, cannon fodder. Since we will die soon anyway can anyone give me a reason not to die fighting for freedom rather than submit to slavery? One that doesn’t sacrifice dignity and self respect? My brothers and sisters are sacrificing their lives all around the world to free the human kind from the bondage of capital. I have no patience for those who bury their head in the sand, or much worse, betray their fellow slave for a chance to lick crumbs from the master’s hand. No, the time for fence sitting is done. By being too cowardly to choose, the choice is made automatically. There aren’t many days left to sleep. The world is chained, bulldozed, in flames, patrolled by inhuman sentries. The apocalypse is now! Death to imperial domination! Death to corporate exploitation! Death to those destroying the earth! Death to those creating prisons!

A LETTER FROM CASEY BREZIK



Fellow Anarchists,

I’ve heard there is to be an incarcerated anarchists newsletter starting up, so I wanted to be certain that I said a few words. It seems my words have become my only means of contributing to the collective movement for now. It used to be that I’d grasp at straws trying to portray some perception of relevance to a culture (anarchists) that seemed ready to let me drift away into oblivion no matter how hard I tried to latch on and dig my roots into the movement, claiming my ground to stand on. Both before my incarceration and afterwards. In truth it wasn’t until I found acceptance that I could loosen up and to be completely honest I still don’t possess the confidence I wish I had. All that is just to say that this is directed directly towards my comrades that are currently incarcerated because I feel I can more readily relate to you, having been incarcerated in several places as a result of my anarchist principles.

Something I’ve noticed as an APOC [anarchist person of color] and find extremely problematic behind the walls is the mistake of making Black radicals or revolutionaries synonymous with anarchists. The truth is they aren’t. They may have similar or identical complaints against those we refer to as our oppressors *but* it’s important to recognize their aims are different. Anarchism is not what they seek, but liberation. As anarchists we carry a banner of liberation for all, including the hate and race mongers, but at the same time we’re advocating for an end to the prisons for all, not an end to consequences and punishments.

Many of these so called Black Radicals are bound up in this concept that their oppressor is wrong for punishing them. In some cases I can agree but simply because I’m an anarchist doesn’t mean I’m for everything. In fact, I’m against a great many things. As anarchists, despite the definition being somewhat ambiguous, I take it to mean that we are against all forms of *oppression*. Although, it is probably impossible to eliminate humans’ oppressive nature altogether, I at least have faith that it need not be administered by the State or corporate interests. (Both government and corporations seem to be synonymous terms now.) Many of these people who claim anarchism on the inside are hiding behind our black flag as a justification for their crimes. Be careful because *many* (most) of these inmates’ crimes are not only illegal but genuinely are crimes against humanity. There is a time to

be ruthless sure, but robbing an elderly woman of her social security check or stealing a child’s innocence are not justifiable under our flag. In an anarchist society more than most of these crimes would be punished with a bullet to the head. (At least they *should* be in *my* opinion, which I guess is technically what would count, right?)

I know that we are vastly outnumbered in each of our respective places of confinement but *we are strong*. I know first hand how the dark flame to ignite our soul can seem close to the verge of flickering out. But don’t let it. Don’t *ever* surrender. If this somehow manages to reach you then find strength in knowing that you are not alone. As anarchists we are a special breed. While we may see the other gangs and cliques doing their things, *remember* not only what you stand for but why you are where you are. While most get caught up in the *red tape* of *what-ifs* and *right-from-wrongs* or even *politics*, remember what *we* stand for. Don’t lose sight of that simply because it’s convenient. Don’t get me wrong, do whatever it takes (by any means necessary) to survive. Some of us have landed in more hostile environments than others. Just remember that you possess a purpose no matter how much they want to convince you otherwise. Only you can give that up. Don’t let them steal that from you.

Stay strong and grow, comrades. Don’t let them hold you down nor distract you. Stay focused on what’s important to you no matter what that may be. Question everything and trust no one blindly. Let people’s *actions* speak louder to you than their words and know that not every criminal is an anarchist. Many are merely anarcho-capitalists who advocate for the freedom to exploit, free of consequence. I used the example of Black radicals/revolutionaries because I am an APOC, however, the same concepts are applicable to *everyone*. Even though it may seem like you’re alone, know that you’re not. You’re just part of a rare breed.

Keep the flame alive comrades!

Solid.,
Casey Brezik

VISIONS, NOT BLUEPRINTS BY CONNOR STEVENS



“We are an image from the future.”
- graffiti in Greece, 2008

Rebellion has ruptured the placid suffering of yesterday.

Those of us who have acknowledged the ongoing class war in this society, siding with the oppressed, have seen these moments before. Moments where the police are turned back, overran, where anything becomes possible after they have been routed. But always these moments were brief glimpses of what we are capable of – always control reestablishes itself and snuffs out the many worlds we are creating.

Never before in my lifetime has rebellion been so far-spread, capable of sustaining itself for so long.

Through the flames and the clamor of streetfighting we embody our collective strength, sustaining our visions of those worlds we carry in our hearts. Control was shattered, and the enemy took too long to regroup. Now children from Brooklyn to the Bay Area have glimpsed the overwhelming possibilities of revolt.

Spontaneity ruptures all attempts at control.

The oppressed have burned the illusions of helplessness.

History has returned, and we, the masses, are giving birth to the future.

But birth is not simply a matter of blood and pain.

We must create communities of resistance, the fertile soil for the worlds we desire. We must strive for complete autonomy – by means of growing our own food, being able to heal one another, organizing community defense groups, establishing our capacities to harness energy, to educate our people, to carve out territories where we can regroup, learn, grown, and intensify the struggle.

This infrastructure of resistance is necessary to transform rebellion into sustained insurrection.

The streets of the united states have recently resembled the streets of greece or argentina, or any of the dozens of other countries in which the oppressed, the poor, fight back. The wave of unrest embodied in the Occupy movement reached its high-water mark in late 2011. The current wave is far more intense, as people in this country are learning, almost from scratch, how to fight back.

We are quickly arriving at that crucial chasm between riot and insurrection. We must not repeat our mistakes. We must prepare for the intensification of struggle.

“We are not in the least afraid of ruins.”
-Durruti

The path forward must be made by walking.

All the theory, the critique, the commentary and analysis imaginable will not keep the fires burning, neither in our hearts nor in the streets.

That being said, theory has its place, as does memory, and storytelling.

“As there are many demons with men’s faces
It is wrong to join hands with everyone.”
- Rumi

In October 2011 we watched the events in Oakland and elsewhere unfold on laptop screens at Occupy Cleveland. Some were shocked and horrified in the face of such overwhelming violence. I was anxious and hopeful. The police forces were cracking down on Occupy encampments across the country, and the violence in Oakland and the Bay Area more broadly had captivated many. Few in this country had ever experienced anything like that – hence the shock and horror.

But I had already come to terms with the inevitability of this struggle.

I anticipated a spiraling confrontation with the state and corporate powers due to the global manufactured economic crisis and the resistance to it. At that moment it seemed the spiral was moving from shouting and marching to property destruction and unleashing spontaneous collective power, overwhelming buildings, bridges and highways with our bodies, among other tactics. Perhaps I was a few years too early, but I may have been correct about the Occupy experiences being a process of maturation for many people.

Alas, the barricades did not last and the wave was broken.