

# LIFE DURING WARTIME!

## Anti-Capitalist and Anti-Imperialist Battles

"The sit-ins, the lie-ins, the crawl-ins, the cry-ins, the beg-ins are all outdated" - Malcolm X

It's hard to think of another time when there has been such a pronounced gulf between armchair intellectuals and activists; between the theorists of revolution and its attempted practitioners. Writers who for years have been publishing essays that sound like position papers for vast social movements that do not in fact exist seem seized with confusion or worse, dismissive contempt, now that real ones are emerging everywhere. The rift between passively-contemplative academics and revolutionaries is nowhere more obvious than in the case of what's still, for no particularly good reason, referred to as the "anti-globalization" movement, one that has in a mere two or three years managed to transform completely the sense of historical possibilities for millions across the planet.

This may be the result of sheer ignorance, or of relying exclusively on what might be gleaned from such overtly hostile, pro-capitalist "news" sources like the *New York Times*; then again, most of what's written in supposedly "alternative" papers also seems largely to miss the point of what participants in the "anti-globalization" movement feel is most important and dynamic about it. Much of the hesitation to fully embrace the growing international anti-capitalist movement lies in the reluctance of those who have long fancied themselves radicals of some sort to come to terms with the fact that they are really liberals: interested in expanding individual freedoms and pursuing "social justice", but not in ways that would seriously challenge reigning institutions like Capital or the State. And even many who would like to see revolutionary change are not entirely happy about having to accept that most of the creative energy for radical politics is now coming from anarchy—a tradition and a perspective that they have hitherto mostly dismissed—and that taking this new movement seriously will necessarily mean a respectful engagement with it.

What separates the current "anti-globalization" movement from previous "protest" movements is its emphasis on **direct action**. The very notion of direct action, with its rejection of a politics that appeals to governments to modify their behavior, in favor of physical intervention against state power in a form that itself prefigures an alternative -- all of this emerges directly from the anarchist tradition. Anarchy is the heart of this new movement, its soul; the source of what's so energizing and hopeful about it.

But however you choose to trace the origins of strategies like the "Black Bloc" and economic sabotage, these new tactics are perfectly in accord with the general anarchistic inspiration of the "anti-globalization" movement, which has nothing to do with seizing state power and is more about exposing, de-legitimizing and dismantling mechanisms of rule while winning ever-larger spaces of autonomy from it. After nearly half a century of slumber and dormancy, anarchy has reappeared on the world stage just where it had been at the end of the 19th century, as an international movement at the very center of revolutionary struggle.

Yet it would be inaccurate and Euro-centric to give anarchists all the credit for the present strength and vitality of the "anti-globalization" movement, when just as many (and perhaps more) contributions to its growth and development have been made by indigenous communities of resistance. International resistance movements of the past usually ended up exporting western organizational models to the rest of the world; in this case, the flow if anything has been the other way around. Many of the "anti-globalization" movement's signature strategies were first developed in the global South. In the long run, this may well prove to be the single most radical thing about it.

### November 17, 2002, Greece: Greeks Riot against State Tyranny at Annual Anti-Fascist March

Athens: Outnumbering police forces by just two to one, some 10,000 people took part in the annual march commemorating the November 17, 1973, Polytechnic student revolt, which was augmented by rioting anarchists and leftists. Police said some 300 youths joined the main body of marchers, who were heading from the Patission St Polytechnic complex to the US Embassy. They threw sticks, stones and flares at police outside Parliament, and targeted riot squad officers at the War Museum and the Hilton Hotel with Molotov cocktails. Rioters set up barricades of chairs seized from local cafes at Mavili Square, near the US Embassy, smashed the entrances to six blocks of flats, broke two car windscreens and burnt down a bus company ticket booth before being chased off by police using tear gas. In a similar march in Thessaloniki that day, a state TV cameraman was injured by rioting youths, several of whom were detained.

### December 19-20, 2002, Argentina: Protests Mark Anniversary

Buenos Aires: Thousands of demonstrators marched on December 19 to the Plaza de Mayo to commemorate the first anniversary of a popular uprising that prompted the resignation of President Fernando de la Rúa and led to a wave of violence, looting and state repression that killed 25 people. While the march and rally remained peaceful, some marchers blocked access to banks and currency exchange businesses along the route, and threw a paint bomb at the entrance of the Buenos Aires stock market. Demonstrators also burned effigies of President Eduardo Duhalde and former President Carlos Saúl Menem. Thousands of police agents were deployed to handle security during the activities of December 19-20, but they kept a low profile. Many banks, stores and other businesses closed early and boarded up their windows to avoid being targeted by protesters. Smaller demonstrations also took place on December 20 in other Argentine cities: some 7,000 marched in San Salvador de Jujuy, capital of the northwestern province of Jujuy. In Córdoba, capital of Córdoba Province, some 1,500 marched; one group of marchers broke off from the crowd and threw rocks at a McDonald's restaurant and the offices of Telecom. In Santa Fe Province, thousands marched in the provincial capital, where nine people were killed in the uprising a year earlier, and 1,000 marched in the city of Rosario. On December 20 in Lomas de Zamora in Buenos Aires Province, unidentified individuals threw pamphlet bombs at a Citibank branch and an office of the Spanish telecommunications company Telefónica. Messages left at both sites referred to the December 20 anniversary and the "struggle of our people."

### December 30, 2002, Philippines: Blast Defaces Marcos Bust

Tuba: A powerful bomb defaced a giant stone bust of deceased dictator Ferdinand Marcos on a northern Philippine hillside, blowing off its eyes and nose. The explosion tore open a hole and ripped off the eyes, nose, ears and most of the upper part of the 100-foot-high bust but unfortunately, didn't topple it completely from the top of a cliff overlooking the South China Sea.

### December 30, 2002, Turkey: Protesters Burn Imperialist Flags

Istanbul: About 3,000 protesters burned American, British and Israeli flags during a demonstration against a possible US-led war in neighboring Iraq. NATO member Turkey is a close US ally, but anti-war sentiment runs high among its people (as it seems to all over the planet, if recent mass demonstrations are an indication of anything). Turkey is currently holding talks with US military officials but has not yet committed to allowing the use of Turkish territory or air bases in a war against Iraq. This being the case, the Turkish people have a crucial role to play in sabotaging the American Empire's latest imperialist venture, as do all of us here in the mechanical heart of the power structure.

### January 23, 2003, Indiana: Military Offices Attacked

Indianapolis: The following is the communiqué released anonymously on the Internet: *The offices of the Coast Guard and Army Recruitment were trashed. The walls were spray-painted with "Fuck Your War" and close to ten large office windows were broken. Two government vehicles were spray-painted and the windows broken. The political, military, and economic rulers of the US continue a "war on terrorism" which is nothing more or less than the capitalist war against the poor and working people of the world. Oil companies and weapon manufacturers capitalize on more starving and dead Iraqi people just as they have in Afghanistan, Columbia, Philippines, and many other parts of the world where disaffected people are resisting the brutal capitalist regime. We will not ask or beg the politicians and generals in Washington, D.C. for justice and peace. We know the peace and justice of capitalism and state power is based upon the misery and death of many. We fight the march to war as we fight a world run against us.*

### January 30, 2003, Ohio: Antiwar Slogans Appear on Billboards

Cincinnati: Eight billboards along Interstate 75 carried additional messages for commuters - spray-painted graffiti opposing a U.S. war with Iraq. Under a billboard for Rolex watches was the line: "No time for war, no time for hate." Under a "Vote No To Pot ... Roast" billboard was the message "Impeach Bush. Stop the oil war." Norton Outdoor Advertising of Cincinnati owned four of the billboards. Owner Tom Norton referred to the incidents as "commercial terrorism." Dan Norton, vice president of operations, said the company was able to

paint over some of the graffiti, but that some of the billboards would have to be re-papered at a cost of thousands of dollars. "There's quite a bit of damage back there," Dan Norton said. "In one case they shut off the electric so the lights were off (while they painted the graffiti). In another case they needed a 32-foot ladder to get up there. They did just what they needed to do."

### February 4, 2003, Ireland: Plowshare Activists Arrested for Disarming US Plane

Shannon: In late January, an Irish peace activist took a hammer to a US Navy plane in Shannon Airport, causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages. She is currently on remand awaiting trial for this action. On February 2, five Catholic Workers/Plowshares activists cut their way into the airport and poured human blood on the runway that has been servicing US military flights, troop and munitions deployments to US military bases in Kuwait and Qatar. The five constructed a shrine on the runway to Iraqi children killed and threatened by the Bush/Blair war machine and sanctions. The shrine consisted of religious articles, flowers, and photographs of Iraqi children. They then began to take up the destruction of the runway, working on its edge with hammers. Having disarmed the runway, the activists turned their attention to a hanger housing a US Navy plane which was under repair from the previous action. The plane was disarmed; the hanger was dismantled; and the message "Pit stop of death" was painted on the hanger's roller door. At this point all five activists were arrested. Since their arrests the five have refused to co-operate with bail conditions, have initiated a fast for peace and a call for mass nonviolent resistance to Irish complicity in the forthcoming war on Iraq. It has also been reported that following these two Plowshares style actions the military has deployed over 100 armed troops to guard its planes at Shannon airport. For more info about what's happening at Shannon contact the local peace activists at: [shannonpeacecamp@hotmail.com](mailto:shannonpeacecamp@hotmail.com).

**Editors note:** *Although we have serious personal issues with the religious and moral motivations of many activists connected with the Plowshare and Catholic Workers movements (as well as strategic differences concerning the policy of waiting around to be arrested), we can't help but have a certain degree of respect for their tenacity and commitment. It's also hard to deny that the Plowshares movement is taking the rapidly approaching war with Iraq a lot more seriously than most American anarchists are.*

### February 16, 2003, Florida: Military Train Vandalism Hits Authorities off Guard

Jacksonville: Military authorities and police are investigating the theft, vandalism and arson overnight to a train carrying support equipment for the Army's 101st Airborne Division. The train -- carrying the military equipment to the port at Blount Island for shipment to the Persian Gulf -- was stopped about 2:30 a.m. as it approached a rail yard when the incident happened. Investigators with local police, the FBI, the Army, the Department of Defense Search and railroad police searched the train to determine exactly what was stolen. Authorities said the items taken included tools, batteries, gas cans, and even field rations. Some of what was stolen was thrown near the tracks and set on fire. Channel 4's Tammy Fields found a trail of meals-ready-to-eat packages, some of them opened, leading into an apartment complex by the tracks. CSX officials said that the railroad police provide special security to military shipments, and patrol the tracks around-the-clock. The FBI and Jacksonville Sheriff's Office both said they are not the lead agency in the investigation, but didn't know who was.

**Editor's note:** *We failed at obtaining further information on this unclaimed action, but sincerely hope that more dissidents here in the states begin employing tactics like this against the military-industrial machine. Incidents like this -- as well as huge demonstrations all over the world against U.S. imperialism -- highlight the fact that we are witnessing a period of fragmentation of a formerly hegemonic world system. Since the Vietnam War, the American Empire has been embroiled in a number of small-scale military actions but hasn't been successful anywhere with respect to political outcomes. New opposition movements -- termed "terrorist" by the U.S. State Department -- have arisen all over the globe in response to the arrogance of American power, which is clearly now on the wane. Political polarization is occurring in the centers of the Empire as well as the peripheries and is a crucial aspect of the reconfiguring world system that is associated with globalization. The "terrorist" networks that have allegedly orchestrated the new post-September 11 culture of fear might better be understood as part of the general fragmentation of the world system. Thoughts might go to Rome where barbarians, formerly in the employ of the empire, were, in the last century, often at the gates, burning cities and even Rome itself. Could the U.S. now be in a similar situation? After all, the new "terrorists" are former warriors in the employ of empire who have changed sides.*

**The phony "unification" that the U.S. is now so desperately promoting has taken the form of a larger international project: the "War on Terrorism." But this is only a unification among state elites and the western ruling class, and has nothing to do with the actual feelings and desires of the rest of the human population. We may be approaching the end of Empire or its temporary reinforcement or even expansion, but one thing is pretty certain: The empire is impaired and it is our time to strike.**

**February 25, 2003, Argentina: Squatters Battle Police**

Buenos Aires: Riot police clashed with hundreds of squatters being evicted from an abandoned building in old Buenos Aires. Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas as the squatters tore down metal barriers and lobbed stones at a nearby police station on the cobbled streets of the San Telmo quarter, once renowned for its expensive antique shops, cafes and tango dancing. Water cannon vehicles and police wielding batons blocked off a main artery into the city that runs past the large building -- a former children's home -- just a ten-minute walk from the Presidential Palace. One elderly woman who was evicted from the building sobbed, "I don't have thousands of pesos to buy a house." City authorities wanted to clear out the building and demolish it, arguing it could fall down and injure the squatters, some of whom had lived in the deserted structure for 15 years. As Argentina struggles with its worst economic crisis in a century, squatter settlements have multiplied across the city, once dubbed the "Paris of South America."

**February 26, 2003, Argentina: Militant Protests Greet Trial for Revolutionaries**

Buenos Aires: Riot police fired tear gas and rubber bullets, dispersing about 200 demonstrators outside the gates of a federal courthouse where four militant activists went on trial for inciting violence against the government eight years ago. Masked demonstrators responded by throwing rocks and sticks. As protestors scrambled to escape billowing clouds of tear gas, one television cameraman was hit in the face by a rubber bullet. The violence caused the opening of the trial to be rescheduled. The four members of "Quebracho," a leftist group known for leading anti-government protests, are accused of possessing illegal weapons and inciting violent protests.

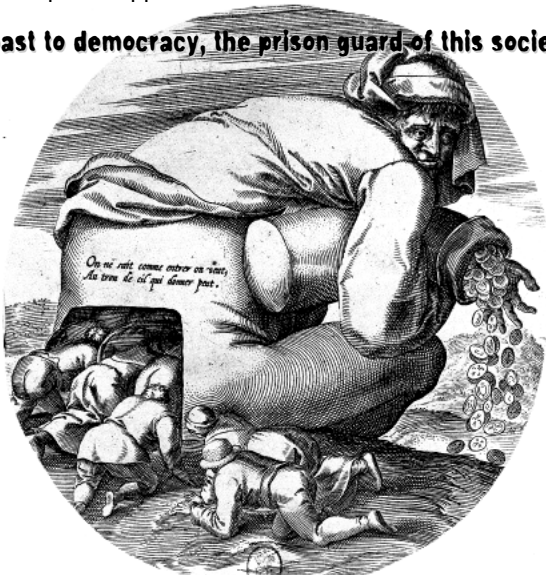
**AS WE GO TO PRINT...**

**March 9, Mexico: Farmers, Anarchists and Students Rip Apart Voting Booths During Elections In Mexico's Largest State!!**

San Salvador Anteco—Protesters wearing ski masks and waving machetes demolished voting booths and fought with authorities during municipal elections in Mexico's largest state. More than 8 million voters were choosing 124 mayors and 45 lawmakers in the state that borders Mexico City. Violence broke out in San Salvador Anteco, the scene of a major clash last year with Mexican President Vincente Fox's government over the building of a new international airport in this town 15 miles northeast of Mexico City. The land in question would have been used by Fox to make his most important physical contribution to modernizing Mexico: an 11,000-acre international airport with six runways. But to the farmers, many of whom are Indians, the plan sounded like a modern-day Conquest. "Without our land we would be like caged birds. And what would happen to our dignity?", said Jorge Espinoza, whose great-grandfather lost his leg fighting alongside Zapata. "We want progress that allows us to be owners of our destiny. The government wants to make us peons in an airport."

Protesters claimed Anteco had seceded from the rest of Mexico state since the airport dispute. A group of 300 farmers, anarchists and students ripped apart all three voting booths. Fights broke out when election officials tried to keep protesters from stealing and burning ballots. Protesters then fired a cannon to celebrate the destruction of the voting booths. The anti-election festivities left the town "deeply divided" and saw many residents head to other areas to "vote". In neighboring San Francisco Acuixcomic, local do-gooders formed a human chain to protect voting booths, but anti-government protesters eventually stormed the village and destroyed all voting materials. This incident only illustrates how all over the world, from Argentina to Algeria, the State as an institution and a political conceptualization is losing all credibility and support.

**A toast to democracy, the prison guard of this society**



**Sides in the voting game disappear into the same machine... THE SAME MACHINE!**

**INSURRECTION IN ALGERIA**

It's not at all surprising that news of the insurrection that has been going on in Algeria since April 2001 has not been reported in US media. I learned about it through an Italian anarchist website: [www.guerrasociale.org](http://www.guerrasociale.org).

The uprising was provoked when police murdered a high school boy. On April 18, 2001, riots began in Beni-Douala, an area of Tizi Ouzou in the region of Kabylia about 70 miles east of Algiers. Riots and demonstrations quickly spread to other villages in the region. Rioters attacked police stations and troop detachments with stones, molotov cocktails and burning tires, and set fire to police vehicles, government offices and courts. Government attempts to quell the uprising failed. From the beginning, the rebels showed an unwillingness to negotiate and refused all representation. By the end of April, targets of collective rage broadened to include tax offices, all sorts of government offices and the offices of political parties. Rebels blockaded the main roads and looted government buildings and other property of the rulers. Within a week the entire region of Kabylia was in open insurrection. The state sent in its guard dogs to repress the revolt, leading to open conflicts with deaths and injuries on both sides.

By the end of the first week of May, the insurgent movement began to organize itself in village and neighborhood assemblies (the aarch) that coordinate their activities through a system of apparently mandated and revocable delegates who would be bound to a very interesting "code of honor" a few months later. The only political movement that might have had a chance of recuperating the revolt, the Front of Socialist Forces (FFS) very quickly showed its true colors by offering to aid the president of Algeria, Bouteflika, in organizing a "democratic transition".

Since then the coordination of aarch has been organizing demonstrations, general strikes, actions against the police and the elections.

By mid-June, 2001, the rebellion had spread beyond the borders of Kabylia, and in Kabylia state control had been nearly completely routed. Offices of the national police were thoroughly devastated, and the police themselves were shunned. Because no one in the region would sell them food and other needs, the government was forced to ship in supplies to them by helicopter and heavily armed convoys.

At the end of June, the coordination of the aarch refused to meet with a government representative, clearly expressing the attitude of the insurgents. In mid-July the coordination of Tizi Ouzou adopted the "code of honor" which required delegates to pledge themselves "not to carry forward any activities or affairs that aim to create direct or indirect links to power and its collaborators", "not to use the movement for partisan ends nor to drag it into electoral competitions or any other possibility for the conquest of power", "not to accept any political appointments in the institutions of power" among other things. This pledge was put to the test almost immediately when unionists and partisans of the left tried to infiltrate the movement for their own ends. The failure of this opportunistic attempt to hijack the movement was made evident during a general strike on July 26, when demonstrators chanted: "Out with the traitors! Out with the unions!"

Huge demonstrations continued. In mid-August, the insurgents banned all officials from the Soummam valley. This was not just due to a government celebration that was to occur there, but also because government officials had begun to contact certain unidentified delegates of the coordination who supported the idea of negotiation. Rather than weakening the struggle this government ploy led the insurgents to ban all government officials from Kabylia. The minister of the interior was greeted with a rain of stones when he came to install a new prefect.

On October 11, the Inter-Wilayas coordination (of the aarch and other self-organized assemblies and committees) decided that they would no longer submit the demands of their Platform to any state representative, that the demands were absolutely non-negotiable and that anyone who chose to accept dialogue with the government would be banished from the movement. Disobedience is total: taxes and utility bills are not paid, calls to military service are ignored, the upcoming elections are refused.

On December 6, some self-styled "delegates" claiming to represent the aarch planned to meet with the head of government. In protest a general strike was called in Kabylia. Sit-ins blockading police barracks turned into violent conflicts throughout the region, some of which lasted for three days. Offices of the gas company, of taxes and of the National Organization of the Mujahedin were burned in Amizour. In El Kseur, there were looting raids on a court and a judge's house.

At the end of February, president Bouteflika announced that there would be elections on May 30. The movement responded by confiscating and burning ballot boxes and administrative documents. At the beginning of March it called for a boycott of the elections throughout Algeria.

Bouteflika tried to appease the rebels by offering compromises which were refused and by moving police forces out of two major cities, but he followed this with mass arrests of delegates of the aarch. After police searches many other delegates went into hiding. Soon conflicts broke out. The government issued 400 arrest warrants against delegates, leading to further demonstrations. Conflicts continued throughout April.

Despite government repression, the anti-electoral campaign of the aarch went forward in May with calls to action, marches and the destruction of ballot boxes. Students demanding the release of prisoners greeted president Bouteflika with a rain of stones when he went to the University of Algiers on May 20. The next day the students occupied the university demanding the release of their comrades.

On May 30, election day, the entire region of Kabylia had less than a 2% voter turn-out! People showed their preference for direct action by barricading the streets, occupying the offices of the prefectures and the municipalities, and strewing the public ways with the remains of burned ballot boxes. A general strike paralyzed the region. There were conflicts with the police and election offices were attacked and destroyed. In the whole of Algeria, voter turnout was less than 50%, showing that the refusal of elections had spread beyond the borders of Kabylia.

All through June, rebellion and social conflict continued through out Algeria. By August, violent conflicts and an ultimatum issued by the movement forced Bouteflika to pardon all the arrested delegates of the aarch. Upon release, the delegates declared that the struggle would continue.

In October another election was called. The movement met it with a general strike and demonstrations. There were conflicts with the police everywhere. Once again, about half of the eligible Algerians boycotted the elections. In Kabylia, in spite of the participation of the FFS in the elections, 90% of those eligible refused to participate in the elections.

This insurrection is of great interest to anarchists. There are no leaders, no parties, no charismatic spokespeople and no hierarchical or representative organizations of any sort behind it. It has been self-organized by those in struggle in a horizontal method and with specific guidelines to prevent the possibility of recuperation by parties, unions, politicians or other unscrupulous individuals, and these guidelines have been actively reinforced by those in struggle. The movement is equally against all of the contenders for power: the military, the government, Islamic fundamentalists, the left, the unions. It has successfully kept police "quarantined" to their barracks for long periods of time. It has carried out two election boycotts. It has forced the government to release arrested comrades. And it has carried out the daily tasks of an ongoing insurrectionary struggle. All through autonomous direct action.

**edited from an article by wolfi**

**as the veneer of democracy starts to fade... the blazing sun of anarchy illuminates the sky!**

**For another critique of the Algerian uprising, check-out the Class Against Class website at: [geocities.com/cordobakat/algeria.html](http://geocities.com/cordobakat/algeria.html)**

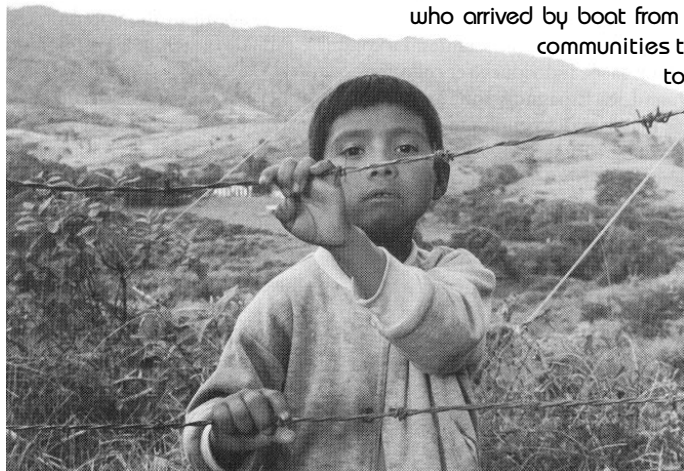
# When Worlds Collide!

## Indigenous & Campesino Resistance

This section is dedicated to Standing Deer: Revolutionary, Native American, and former political prisoner. Standing Deer Wilson was stabbed to death by a man he recently befriended in January 2003. Standing Deer was just released from prison in September 2001 after a 27-year sentence for armed expropriations. He was also known for exposing the plot to kill Leonard Peltier by the US government. To his friends, Standing Deer epitomized kindness, warmth, honesty and revolutionary commitment. His death was senseless, but Standing Deer's spirit will live on.

### December 5, 2002, Ecuador: Indigenous Abduct Oil Workers

Pastaza Province: A group of indigenous Achuar people from Ecuador's Pastaza Province abducted eight Ecuadoran workers from the fuel exploration firm Compañía General de Combustibles (CGC) to protest their presence on Achuar land. The Achuar released all eight over the December 15 weekend following a week of negotiations between representatives of the community, the Ecuadoran government and the company. CGC has been operating since 1996 in "Block 23" of the Ecuadoran Amazon; the majority of the indigenous communities in the area object to the company's presence, saying it is violating ancestral territorial rights. The workers were released after the government agreed to "urge" CGC to temporarily and partially suspend its exploration efforts in the area until a consensus is reached over the continuation of the work. Meanwhile, the Argentine company Techint, which is building a new Heavy Crude Pipeline (OCP) through Ecuador as part of the OCP oil consortium, has offered a \$40,000 reward for information leading to the whereabouts of two pipeline workers kidnapped last October 2. The company paid a ransom, but John Buckley of Britain and Luis Díaz of Ecuador have yet to be released.



### December 17, 2002, Mexico: Indian Women Ban Liquor

San Rafael Tampaxal: As the Corona beer truck with its clinking bottles lumbered into this Indian village in the mountains of central Mexico, angry women ran out of their homes, shouting: "Get out! Get out!" The women, many carrying babies in colorful shawls tied around their hips, forced the driver back down the mountain before he could unload a single bottle — much to the chagrin of their husbands. Fed up with their men stumbling home drunk or falling over in a stupor in their cornfields, the women of this remote Indian village in San Luis Potosi state took matters into their own hands, refusing to allow any more alcohol to be sold in their community of 250 people. Huasteco women — whose customs don't allow them to own land unless they are widowed or orphaned — traditionally don't drink alcohol and rarely hold positions of power. The women's defiance has spread like wildfire through these lush mountains. Since their bold stand more than a year ago, women in at least ten Huasteco Indian villages have gotten their leaders to ban alcohol and another dozen communities are considering it. "A lot of men are not happy with this," said Marcelina Martinez, who helped turn back the truck from San Rafael. "They seem sad. But, oh well. At least now they spend time with their families, so in the end things are better. They didn't want to listen to us, so we had to get angry." Over the past decade, Huasteco women have taken on a greater role in their communities as more men leave to find work, often in the United States. Many women now manage the family budget — something that may have led to the alcohol bans, some say. The region relies heavily on coffee, and growers are earning much less amid plummeting world prices. "Before, if a man arrived home drunk, his kids could run over and find something in his bag. But now, the little bit that men make, they spend on drinking and it's affecting the children," said one woman, whose village of Santa Rita, down the mountain from San Rafael, is considering banning alcohol. Liquor is an integral part of Indian ceremonies in Mexico. Like many tribes, Huastecos pour alcohol on the ground as an offering to Mother Earth before planting. At festivals honoring each village's patron saint, men dance to the traditional music of violins and guitars and then drink until dawn. Women rarely drink, even at festivals, but they recognize alcohol as an important part of their traditions. Because of that, most dry towns lift their bans during celebrations. "If they want to combat alcoholism they should fight it at its roots and close down the factories. But they pay a lot of taxes, so nobody will touch them." Still, women say their bans have made a difference. As darkness fell over San Rafael, young men sat on the main plaza, chatting and chugging Coca-Colas. "My husband now is home early instead of stumbling in at 2 a.m. or falling over drunk on the floor in the local store, where I used to find him," Martinez said, washing clothes outside her thatched-roofed hut.

### December 18, 2002, Canada:

#### Nuxalk First Nation Attacks Corporate Fish Farm

British Columbia: Natives, environmentalists and fishermen stormed the construction site for an Atlantic salmon hatchery on BC's central coast and tore it apart. Native leaders likened introducing Atlantic salmon and the parasites and diseases spread by fish farms to the arrival of the first traders who spread smallpox up and down the coast killing 90 per cent of the native people in some villages. The 60 protesters who arrived by boat from the neighboring communities tore open a gate to the Omega fish hatchery in Ocean Falls and ripped down the wooden forms for newly poured concrete. The 20 fish farms operating in the Broughton Archipelago near Alert Bay are being blamed for destroying the pink salmon runs in the area. Fewer than 150,000 of the more than 3.6 million pink salmon that were expected actually returned this year. A scientific study of the disaster suggests bloodsucking sea lice they picked up on the way past the salmon farms killed off the juvenile salmon. Natives raised the alarm even before the fish failed to return. Fishermen were finding young pink salmon covered in the parasites near the fish farms and last month demanded the shutdown of all the fish farms in the area — to no avail. The B.C. Salmon Farmers' Association said it would cooperate with a "scientific" study into the problem.

### January 1, 2003, Mexico: Rebels "Retake" Chiapas City

Chiapas: Some 15,000–20,000 indigenous supporters of Mexico's rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) marched in San Cristóbal de las Casas in the southeastern state of Chiapas to mark the ninth anniversary of their 1994 uprising. The huge nighttime march was a symbolic, peaceful "retaking" of the city, which the rebels seized with a surprise armed attack on January 1, 1994. Carrying machetes and torches, the demonstrators listened as seven masked EZLN members denounced Mexico's main political parties, the government of President Vicente Fox Quesada and neo-liberal "globalization," and expressed support for the struggles of Mexican campesinos, "the political struggle of the Basque people," self-determination for Venezuela and "the rebel Argentine people." The mobilization was the EZLN's largest since 2001, when the rebels mounted a large campaign for indigenous rights legislation, and it also marked the official end of the year and a half of silence the rebels maintained after Congress passed legislation that was unacceptable to the EZLN and most indigenous groups. On December 30 the EZLN's main spokesperson, Insurgent Sub-Commander Marcos, set a new, more aggressive tone with a letter published in the Mexican daily *La Jornada*. The letter dealt with the government's efforts to remove indigenous communities set up over the past few years in the Montes Azules ecological reserve in southeastern Chiapas. The EZLN talked to representatives of the communities, who said they would not leave until all the EZLN's demands had been met. "We told them we support them totally," Marcos wrote. "So it is good for everyone to know this, and in time: in the case of Zapatista villages, there will be no 'peaceful removals.'" Marcos was referring to the "peaceful removal" on December 19 of one community, Lucio Cabañas, named after a rebel leader in Guerrero in the 1970s.



when the government of President Alejandro Toledo arrested Nelson Palomino, a chief coca leader, for alleged "terrorist propagandizing."

### January 18-23, 2003, Bolivia:

#### Guerrillas Execute Police & Military Officials Following Wave Of Government Repression Against Campesino Groups

Cochabamba Province: On January 21, 18-year old army recruit Mario Copa Catacora was shot to death in an ambush that left two soldiers and two police agents wounded in Siete Curvas, Cochabamba. Two other soldiers were wounded in a similar sniper shooting in Siete Curvas on January 19. In a Reuters report that emerged January 22, a reporter filmed, photographed and interviewed a group of people claiming to be an armed campesino group called the National Dignity Army (EDN), allegedly operating in the Chapare. In a January 23 intelligence report, the Bolivian army and police confirmed the existence of the EDN and accused the group of responsibility for recent attacks on soldiers and police agents. The intelligence report says the group is led by Tiburcio Herradas Lamas ("commander Loro"), who was arrested in 1992 for involvement in the Tupac Katari Guerrilla Army (EGTK). Cocalero leader and politician Evo Morales Ayma said of Herradas, "Everyone knows he's an agent of the government, he always talks to you about weapons to get information about you." Some speculate that the EDN is a group sponsored by the government to discredit the Bolivian social movements as "terrorists," while others believe that the EDN is a genuine revolutionary force which has been organized to retaliate against the police and military for the violence perpetrated against exploited classes.

### February 24, 2003, Peru: Farmers Trash Government Agency over Coca Policy

Pucallpa: Farmers who grow coca leaf in Peru's central jungle sacked the offices of the state anti-drug agency in a violent clash with police that left six people injured. Several people were arrested in the tangle between the farmers, who have been protesting for a week against a state drive to pull up coca crops, and police the jungle region of Pucallpa, some 600 miles northeast of the capital, Lima. Half of the 16 lush jungle valleys that make up the coca region in Peru have been paralyzed by protest marches, blocked highways and shops locked by business owners fearing violence. In the jungle town of Aguaytia, protestors burned computers, furniture and documents that they dragged out from the local headquarters of government anti-drug agency, DEVIDA. Tension in Pucallpa has thickened since February 21,

### CRAZY GRANDPA WHISPERS

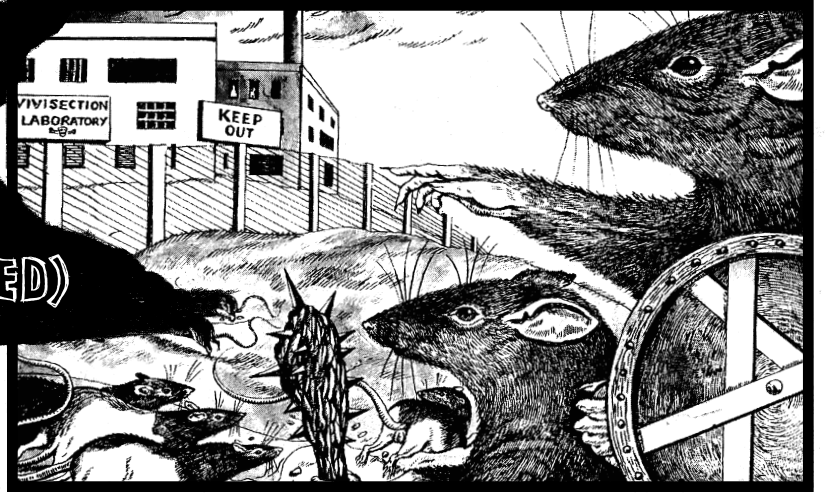
tells me: take a pick ax to new car row      hack & clear the land  
plant Hopi corn down to the sea  
tells me: break open that zoo buffalo corral  
chase them snorting through the streets  
tells me: put up tipis in every vacant lot  
shelter the poor without rent  
tells me: steal those dogs the pound suffocates  
cook them for Lakota stew  
feed the hungry without words  
Crazy Grandpa supposed to be dead      They lock him up  
He withered      Not dead I feel him shrivel against my backbone  
when I see anybody behind bars  
Grandpa tells me: take back these cities  
live as your ancestors      Sew up the mouths of the enemy  
with their damn beads  
Grandpa I hear you through the walls of my skin  
Grandpa if I obey you they'll lock me up again  
like they did you  
Grandpa it's such a fine  
fine line  
between my instincts & their sanity laws  
I've no time to sew moccasins  
Grandpa I'm still learning how to walk in this world  
without getting caught

by Chrystos

"One does not sell the earth upon which the people walk." —Tashunka Witko (Crazy Horse)

Back By Popular Demand. . .

# THE WILD (AND THE LESS-DOMESTICATED) FIGHT BACK!



*Civilization's basic drive towards the complete domination and subjugation of all that is wild has resulted in a 10,000-year war on the earth and her creatures. From property lines to concrete, from napalm to barbed wire, civilization has always used every tool in its arsenal to subdue that which is ungovernable.*

*Though civilized humans might like their cities neatly separated from the natural world, the Wild (chaos) is not submitting. Wild fauna and flora are reacting and adapting to civilization as fast as they can, not just in relation to logging and mining and ranching and fishing, but also to the fast-food restaurants, golf courses and campgrounds that now occupy so much of the earth's surface. Crows and their cousins in the corvid family—ravens, jays and magpies—have spent thousands of years taking advantage of human "ingenuity" and are now having a high time scavenging on the edges of the modern world, foraging in dumps and on suburban lawns, and nesting on everything from Alaska oil rigs to skyscrapers.*

*In cities like Phoenix, hungry javelinas—knee-high wild pigs—devour the exotic (and expensive) landscaping of wealthy retirees, as Gila woodpeckers hammer away at air-conditioning units and peregrine falcons smear pigeon guts on downtown law-office windows. And all over the West Coast, from Los Angeles to Seattle, you'll find the ever-adaptable coyote, an animal so resourceful and crafty that it can learn and remember which storm-sewer channels lead to which golf courses, which duck ponds and swimming pools offer drinking water when the hills are dry, and which dumpsters behind which supermarkets are likely to be overflowing with delightfully rancid fish. While many species are forced to flee the expanding rings of development and "progress", hardier creatures like the coyote are rushing in like bargain-hunters on their way to a going-out of business sale. Intended or not, city parks and college campuses have become effective urban wildlife refuge for outlaw species like the coyote and serve as guerrilla bases from which they can launch their attacks on what has become their single most important mammalian prey in the new technological wasteland: the suburban housecat.*

*In fact, it is in the interface between civilization and wilderness that an evolutionary showdown is brewing, and the odds seem to favor the wild ones (and the few humans left that haven't been terminally weakened by the easy life furnished by civilization's machines.) The system's teeming metropolises, all dependent on artificial energy sources to drive the machines which maintain their artificial environments, are starting to decay and implode. The illusion is crumbling, the masses are panicking, and the wild ones are watching, with eyes of green fire, biding their time, studying their enemy....and occasionally, FIGHTING BACK!*

#### November 19, 2002, Pennsylvania: Elephant Kills Keeper at Pittsburgh Zoo

On mornings when weather permits, elephants at the Pittsburgh zoo are brought out of their cages to walk with their keepers (guards) around the grounds. On November 19, when two zookeepers were about halfway around the zoo with a twenty-year-old mother elephant and her 3-year-old female calf, the mother elephant abruptly stopped near the Northern Shores Café building. When one of her guards urged her to move along, the elephant butted him and pinned him to the ground with her head, crushing him. The entire incident lasted about 30 seconds and it's believed that the zookeeper, Mike Gatti, died instantly. Connie George, a spokeswoman for the zoo, said the elephant's behavior that day was atypical. "This is our most docile elephant. She's the model we use when we talk to other trainers about elephants. She's like a model elephant. She's the most subordinate in the group. She's so totally well behaved. She is not stubborn, she's very responsive."

#### November 20, 2002, Washington: Unrequited Love Nearly Kills Rattlesnake Abuser

YACOLT—A man who was drunkenly showing off for his friends by kissing his newly captured rattlesnake was bitten on the lip and nearly died. Matt George, 21, was immediately hospitalized in critical condition after the incident, but within a few days his condition had stabilized. George was boastfully displaying the snake he had caught on a recent trip to Arizona; determined to be seen as the "life of the party", George kissed the 2-foot snake while holding it behind its head. Rebellious against this humiliation, the snake took a chunk out of his face.

**"Laughter is the pipe of Pan whose joyful melodies set skyscrapers ablaze and cause the squirrel, the elephant and the yarrow plant to wage massive war on I.B.M. Laughter is the flash in the eye of a jaguar pouncing on an unsuspecting game hunter. Laughter is an earthquake hitting every major city with its wild abstract graffiti brought by hoary-headed bison coming once again to claim the prairies for the wild ones whose purple tears have stained sadistic sidewalks much too long."**

— The Dances of the Discordian Dervish

#### November 25, 2002, Connecticut: Treasonous Turkey Causes Pre-Holiday Havoc

PLAINFIELD—A wild turkey gave some bankers and townspeople a run for their money two days before Thanksgiving. The hen turkey, weighing 15-20 pounds, staked out some turf at the Jewett City Savings Bank and cornered customers as they tried to enter. The feral bird first charged Dianne Beaulac, a customer service representative at the bank. "I got out of my car and he just came after me. I threw my keys at it, my hair clip," she said. It took hours before town employees, crawling along the building's roof and chasing the bird around the parking lot, cornered it.

#### November 26, 2002, Malaysia: "Performing" Snake Kills Charmer

KUALA LUMPUR—A cobra bit and killed a snake charmer when the man tried to coax it out of its box during a "performance." The snake charmer, identified as R. Anbarasan, grabbed the snake because it disobeyed orders and refused to appear in the show. "When the snake refused, Anbarasan pulled its tail and placed the cobra on the ground," P. Sivakumar told the local newspaper. "Without warning, the snake bit his left hand." Anbarasan died three hours later in a hospital.



Dec 4, 2002, Oregon:  
Plane Hits Elk During Take Off,  
Crashes off Runway

ASTORIA—A six-seat airplane hit an elk while taking off from Astoria Regional Airport and erupted in a fireball. Four people were on board, but no one was injured in the crash, said Ron Larsen, airport manager. Interestingly enough, one of the passengers was a military official, but airport investigators declined to give more details about the plane's mission or flight plans. The Learjet 36 was a civilian plane under contract to the Canadian military and was leaving on some sort of scheduled mission. The rural airport had planned to install a fence next summer to keep out the wandering herds of elk that migrate through the area.

#### January 14, 2003, Philippines: Rooster Kills Handler during Cockfight

ZAMBORANGA—A cockfight turned deadly in the Philippines—for a handler—when a rooster with razor-sharp steel spikes strapped to its legs attacked him. The rooster, about to be set loose for a bout in a crowded arena, hit the stunned man's thighs and groin with the razor-sharp spikes, causing him to bleed profusely in front of the shocked crowd. The man died en route to a hospital. Cockfighting is a popular gambling sport in the Philippines, especially in rural areas.

**"Laughter is the scream of a factory drunk on gasoline and matches giving light to a million dancing birds of paradise. Laughter dances on the hillsides with witches in lunatic moonbeams as werewolves tear robots limb from limb and bury them in boxes labeled: for the earthworm."**

—The Dances of the Discordian Dervish

#### Notable Insect Rebellions In 2002:

Beyond the daily contributions that termites, carpenter ants and cockroaches make towards the destruction of civilization, our "animal slave revolt" news staff received word of two other incidents of insect-related mayhem in the summer of 2002. One occurred in Corn Fork, KY, in July, when Larry Goble's house caught fire after an accident caused by Goble's attempt to burn a wasp's nest on an outside wall. The other incident occurred in August, when Rodrigo Vasquez's mobile home in Rockingham County, PA, was nearly destroyed when gas appliances ignited the owners' "pest-control" foggers.

## The Beauty In The Beast: Human And Animal Rebels Unite Against The Forces Of Control!

After the last "Animal Uprisings" news section appeared in issue #10 (Fall 2002) of *Green Anarchy*, many of our readers wrote us requesting that we carry news items in the future dealing with humans and other species working together to undermine the tyranny of the system. We haven't heard of any recent examples of this sort of thing, but here are a few older pieces our hard-working anarcho-investigators were able to unearth through their research. If anyone out there knows of other instances of animal/human collaboration, then please write us at: **P.O. Box 11331, Eugene, Oregon, 97440**, or email us at: **collective@greenanarchy.org**

\* In the late 1960's, the New York City-based anarchist "street gang with analysis," Black Mask, would gather emaciated, half-starving dogs and release them in expensive restaurants, as one strategy in their almost daily interventions into the heart of the American spectacle.

\* On December 12, 1980, around the time of some fairly heated battles between squatters and cops in West Berlin, 600 white mice hidden in cornflake boxes were smuggled into Karstadt department store's grocery section. After eating their way out of boxes, they proceeded to eat their way through the abundance of food which now surrounded them.

The communiqué issued by the MAF (Mouse Army Faction), which claimed credit for this action, stated: "This consumer shit has stunk for a long time and we won't let these American colonialist Mickey Mouses make asses out of us anymore. We don't want Disneyland, so the future of Karstadt must be in the hands of mice. For us prison walls are only blocks of cheese. We'll eat up everything that destroys us."

A couple of months later, in the middle of February, in a coordinated attack on forty banks, the "Rolling Pig Kommandos" stuffed bank letter boxes with pig shit and an accompanying note reading in part: "You shit on the poor pigs, but today you are full of shit. You made us into piggy banks and slaughtered us, but pigs are animals too. We won't allow you to build us new modern pigsties. You shit your money into banks. From today onward we shit back. Solidarity with the squatters! Freedom for all imprisoned squatters! Revoke all charges! Kisses to Maus from the MAF Kreutzberg!"

The next day, in an action also credited to the MAF (Mouse Army Faction), twelve rats made homeless by a squat eviction were released in City Hall.



# REFLECTIONS ON THE END OF WORK

BY JEFFREY SHANTZ

The meaning of work is once again on the agenda and gaining increasing relevance for contemporary struggles. Within movements such as ecology, work is being examined from novel and challenging perspectives and with a growing sense of urgency. Beyond prior theoretical understandings, either as the basis for identity (as in classical Marxism) or, conversely, as being of no relevance to social transformation, the category "jobs" is (re)opened as a crucial site of struggle. "What about work?" is returning as a key question for transformative politics at the turn of the millennium.

There are perhaps two principal, but very different, impulses for an emergent critique of work: firstly, the anti-productivist visions of social relations coming from social movements -- most significantly ecology -- which have encouraged a rethinking of the character of work; and secondly the cybernetized restructuring of global capital with its jobless recovery and institutionalized levels of unemployment. The first impulse tends towards radical and critical approaches to the decline or end of jobs, while the second is commonly reflected in expressions of anxiety, desperation and political reaction.

Numerous authors (Polanyi, 1958; Black, 1995; Bridges, 1995) have discussed the historic emergence of "jobs" -- meaning "to work for wages" -- as something distinguished from the performance of work -- specific tasks engaged to meet direct needs. This transformation was closely related to enclosure of common lands and the separation of home life and work life as people left villages to work in the factories of the cities. Through industrialism work became transformed into jobs. The new job-work gradually contributed to the destruction of traditional social relations and served to undermine prior ways of living. The job is a social artifact, although it is so deeply embedded in our consciousness that most of us have forgotten

its artificiality or the fact that most societies since the beginning of time have done fine without jobs.

According to futurists such as Bridges, we have recently entered a new period signaled by further transformations in what is to be meant by jobs. "Now, once again, we have come to a turning point at which the assumptions about living and working that people had grown comfortable with are being challenged" (Bridges, 1995:45). Fellow Nostradamian Jeremy Rifkin argues that the global economy is in the midst of a transformation as significant as the Industrial Revolution. He suggests that we have entered a "new economic era" marked by a declining need for "mass human labor". As computers, robots and telecommunications networks and other cybernetic technologies replace human workers in an increasing range of activities we have entered the early stages of a shift from "mass labor" to highly skilled "elite" labor accompanied by increasing automation in the production of goods and the delivery of services" (Rifkin, 1995).

Bridges suggests that changes in technology and the global market have transformed work relations in such a manner as to suggest the disappearance of the very category "job". Cybernetization of capital has provided a context in which it is not unreasonable for workers to expect that their jobs will be eliminated. Bridges also suggests that each increase in productivity seems to make jobs redundant.

Corresponding to this may be a shift in peoples' perceptions of work. More and more, people are "searching for alternatives to jobs and job descriptions" (Bridges, 1995: 46). Rifkin suggests that the "jobs" question is "likely to be the most explosive issue of the [present] decade".

More interesting than the futurists are those calling for the outright abolition of work in its job form. Recognizing that the category "job" signifies a dependency relationship disguised as independence (the "freedom" to consume), work abolitionists call for workers of the world to relax in a gleeful rejection of the leftist mantra of full employment (Black, 1995).

The abolitionist appeal is not a project for further integration of the working classes through preservation of jobs at all costs and over-reliance upon parliamentary mediation towards that end. Rather it expresses traditionally anarchic or libertarian sensibilities which journey beyond the reductionist contortion which has seen work come to be equated with jobs. This unconventional approach is made manifest primarily through emphases on creativity, self-determination and conviviality of relations. The category "jobs" is understood as marking a restriction of peoples' capacities to care for themselves and those within their communal/ecological groupings and is therefore rejected as a point for a radical activist convergence.

Work abolitionism suggests a movement not "of class" but rather "against class", i.e., against the commodification of creativity and performance. Jobs or employment within the "anti-class" milieu refer to the idea that one must sell oneself to any function in order to receive sustenance, i.e., the imperative of wage labor. The category "jobs" speaks to the compulsory character of involvement in production -- production enforced via relations of economic and political control and power. Questions of what one is doing are removed given this construction, of course. Work is no longer done for its own sake but for secondary effects, such as wages, which are not characteristic of or inherent to the work itself. It might be said that jobs form a condensation point for complex relations of

power around the trading of time for money, or what Zimpel, quite poignantly, refers to as "a transaction of existential absurdity".

Jobs, as characterized by an extension of organizational control over people as workers signify a system of domination practiced through forms of discipline which include surveillance and time-management. The regimentation and discipline of the job serves to habituate workers to hierarchy and obedience while also discouraging insubordination and autonomy. Jobs as regimented roles replace direct, creative participation and initiative through arrangements of subservience. Bob Black argues that employment is capital's primary and most direct coercive formation, one which is experienced daily.

Anti-work themes are not new, of course. They find antecedents in Fourier, Lafargue, and even (especially?) in Marx's critique of alienated labor. For radical abolitionists, (see Negri, 1984) the liquidation of wage labor is not a given; it is a question of political struggle.

Here a convergence between anti-work theorizing and the analyses developed within autonomist Marxism are particularly interesting. Drawing from Marx's analysis of automation within a wage system, autonomist Marxists have argued that the Cybernetization of capital will not usher in a leisure society (who would want it anyway?) but would instead encourage an enlargement of the realm of work as labor displaced from primary and secondary industry becomes reabsorbed by the tertiary, quaternary, or quinary sectors as farther and farther flung domains of human activity are assimilated within the social factory. Cybernetized capital, through the commodification of expanded and novel realms of human activity, can maintain wage labor, incessantly recreating its proletariat, unless it is forcibly interrupted by the organized efforts

of workers to reclaim their "life-time". Projects of both the left and the right, however, have maintained an almost devotional commitment to employment and job creation as social goals. Differences only emerge over

details, such as wages, hours, or profitability. Until recently there had been little debate around the future of work and radical responses to the Cybernetization of production.

While most activists -- feminists, civil rights, labor -- have sought increased participation in the job market, some greens have begun to question participation itself. Perhaps more than other activists, abolitionists have increasingly come to understand jobs, under the guise of work, as perhaps the most

basic form of unfreedom, one which must be overcome in any quest towards liberty. Too often, previously, the common response has been one of turning away from workers and from questions relating to the organization of working relations. Radical politics can no longer ignore those questions which are posed by the presence of jobs, however. Indeed it might be said that a return to the problematic of jobs becomes the starting point for a reformulation of radicalism, at least along green lines.

So, what forms has the organization of "workers-against-work" taken? Earlier Wobbly (Industrial Workers of the World) demands for a four-hour-day may

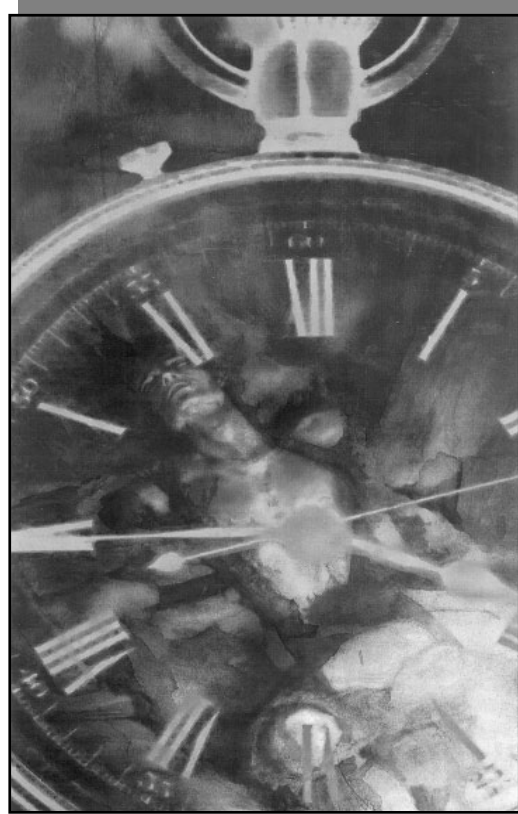
be understood as an expression of opposition to the extension of capitalist control over labor and the reduction of workers to one-dimensional class beings. They suggest a movement for autonomy wherein labor achieves some distance from capital and the extension of control over creativity. The shortened workday might be best understood as the opening of creative time, outside of capitalist discipline and command, and the expansion of time available for such "frivolous" undertakings as bringing about the end of industrial capitalism. In limiting the duration and intensity of the work day, labor asserts its own project counter to that of capital.

The mythic use of the general strike by Wobblies might also be understood in this manner. Anarcho-syndicalists have long argued that for co-operative, community-based ways of living to endure workers will have to stop producing for Capital and State. Given current political economy, this implies that workers must stop producing, period! In other words, class is only abolished through not working -- a general strike. Through the general withdrawal of labor might the megamachine be ground to a halt and left to rust!

Historically, unions had responded to technological changes and increases to productivity with demands for a shortened work-week. However, Rifkin reports that the union officials with whom he has spoken are "universally reluctant to deal with the notion that mass labor - the very basis of trade unionism -- will continue to decline and may even disappear altogether." Mainstream unionists have been incapable of any radical rethinking of their politics which might address the crucial transformation in jobs. Such failures to adapt, or even to remember their own radical histories, speak to the difficulties facing workers within traditional unions in the contemporary context.

Rifkin -- while not discussing specifically the ecological significance of a shortened work-week -- recognizes that such a shortening could serve as a rallying point for a powerful convergence of social struggles. Rifkin's analysis remains productivist (among other things undesirable), however -- even arguing that a shortened work-week could be beneficial for capital in allowing for a doubling or tripling of productivity! Rifkin never questions the legitimacy or the desirability of capitalist relations. Indeed a major reason for concern over "vanishing jobs" is that the transformation threatens a capitalist collapse through a weakening of consumer demand. Rifkin's main desire is to see an increase in the "purchasing power" of workers so that "[e]mployers, workers, the economy, and the government all benefit".

Like sociological "structural-functionalists" of old, Rifkin's primary concern is with the possibility of "strain" in the system and the alleviation of any such strain. Rifkin (1995b) worries that the decline of jobs could threaten the foundations of the modern state (Yikes!) through the destabilizing impact upon social relations which previously rested upon a shared valuing of labor -- what he calls the heart of the social contract. Rifkin even fears that the crisis in jobs will open the door to renewed militancy and to extralegal expressions of politics (Oh, horror!).



## Quitting Work

My hammer  
is  
dropped.  
Hardhat hung on a nail,  
all my saws are  
dull.  
Thirty stories over Seattle,  
In all that haste  
and crazed ringing whine  
of Skillsaws  
what did my hammering count?  
It was  
the grain of fir  
imprisoned in cement  
When I looked at those damned grey walls  
I saw a river  
in there  
I saw mountains  
in there,  
The veins of leaves  
and braided streams of glaciers  
Frozen  
in chips of dried slurry  
but  
STILL SINGING  
trying to  
get OUT.  
Overhead, in the open sky  
The maddened howl of engines  
Turns to thunder  
And carries my heart  
Across ranges and ranges  
of old age hills  
To a high place  
where all the waters are born  
where all the songs  
wake up  
where the dreams begin  
Get somebody else  
to beat the earth into dead shapes,  
I can't do it anymore, foreman,

I QUIT.

—Zac Reisner

In like fashion, Bridges optimism over possibilities for the transformation of jobs speaks only to the strata of well-skilled, well-paid workers in an increasingly polarized workforce. The conclusions drawn by Bridges never question the hegemony of capital in structuring possible responses to the "death of the job", leaving the "employee" as an intact category facing such unsatisfactory and increasingly tenuous options as freelance work, part-time work, or piecework. The decline of the job simply comes to mean that those who are working have more work to do. Even limited concerns over what is being produced, how, by whom and for what purpose never appear on the horizon of Bridges schema. Neither do questions regarding what happens to those newly "liberated" -- the jobless.

Among abolitionists, the "end of work" suggests much more intriguing possibilities. Far from being irrational responses to serious social transformations, workplace rebellion and workers' self-determination become ever more reasonable responses to the uncertainty and contingency of emerging conditions of (un)employment. They offer worker and community self-determination as alternatives to neo-liberal perspectives on unemployment. Such alternatives provide an articulation of the end of work which emphasizes workers actively overcoming their own workerness, against pessimistic or cynical responses such as mass retraining which simply reinforces dependence upon elites.

An objection might well be raised that abolitionism need not imply a transformation of capitalism; after all, the "abolition of work" is a reference also employed by some neo-liberal post-industrial theorists. There, however, the abolition of work is understood as completely realizable under capitalism. The possible end of work is conceptualized as coming from the application of innovative technological resources within capitalist relations - not as a destruction of those relations. At its most dramatic, it implies a leisure society enabled through the development of artificial intelligence and robotics.

These are not acceptable alternatives. It is not conceivable how any ecological lifestyles could be constituted otherwise than with the outright cessation of capitalist production. Only the end of production can necessarily imply the end of nuclearism, weapons production, clear-cutting, toxic waste products -- the varieties of harmful applications to which nature is commonly subjected (again, Black states this most effectively). Among the prerequisites for ecological change is a reduction both in the amount of work being done and in the character of what is done. Much of work, involving massive appropriation of natural elements, is useless. That includes the defense and reproduction of work relations in political (ownership and control) and economic (circulation and consumption) forms.

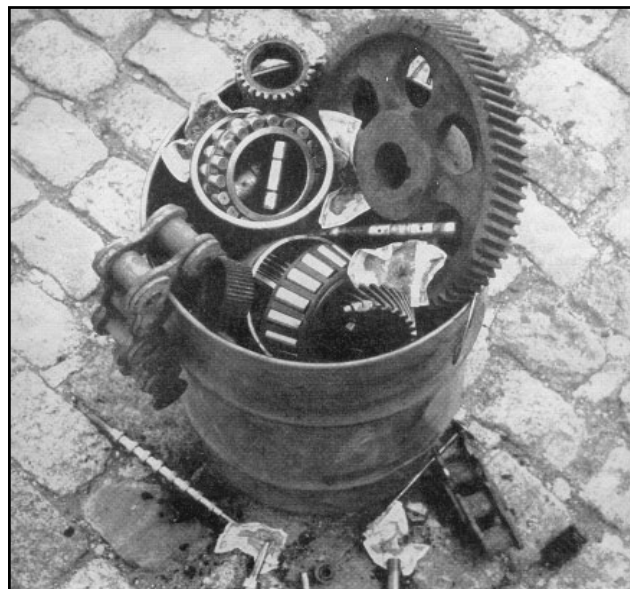
Abolitionists envision work being performed through direct, democratic, participatory means within which work is conceived more as craft or play. Growing concerns over the regimentation and alienation of working conditions along with the fatal ecological consequences have contributed to the emergence of anti-technology/anti-civilization (anti-tech/anti-civ) discourses arguing quite persuasively that humans must abandon not only industry and technology, but civilization itself.

Abolitionist visions are raised against the undermining influences of work in contemporary conditions of globalism. They offer but one, though perhaps the most interesting, contribution to the problem of jobs and to the refusal of authoritarian and coercive social relations.

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# Creative Crime and Proletariat Pranks

*"To some, the unique one appears to be an anarchist, because he defies authority in all its forms whenever it gets in her way. To others, she appears to be an elitist, because he refuses to keep herself down because of the weakness or stupidity of others or because of liberal, moralistic demands for mediocre equality. The unique one is motivated by a "will to power"—a will to exercise the power of perpetual self-creation for her own enjoyment. The social context parodies this will with the will to exercise the power of domination and manipulation—the will to control others lives because one lacks the courage to create one's own. The unique one knows that social domination is not a form of self-creation, but is merely enslavement to a social role."*

—from *The Unique One: a Manifesto* by Feral Faun

**Insane.** To describe in one word a group of people who come up with some documents that are detailed guides for everyone else's behavior (those making the laws surely disregard them as often as they open their filthy mouths). It becomes even more insane when whole gangs of people are hired and trained as robots to defend the ideas in the documents, which are only that, ideas. Much more physically tyrannical than that are the giant cages and courtrooms that are built to demonstrate the tangibility of their abstract documents. These "abstract documents"—these **laws**—have helped create a society where life is nothing more than an unending subjugation of the individual mind and body to the demands of machines and production. One can only be faced with such degrading absurdity for so long before destroying oneself or fighting back somehow. And indeed, there have always been those who refuse to wear their chains like "good" slaves,



disruptive and rebellious **individuals** who—with jester-like disdain—insist on distinguishing themselves from the conformist mass of humanity who have become relegated to the status of machines. These are the outlaws, the freelancers, the "criminals" who live on the margins of the system, independently, by their wits and in defiance of official forces: Squatters who tap into stolen electricity, living a hidden life out of the eye of the "authorities." Bank robbers and bandits who expropriate wealth from the ruling class. Life outside the system's laws—that is, choosing an unknown and expansive existence over a repressive and constricted one—is always a gamble but it is replete with opportunities for those who know how to move through this unregulated zone, find hidden resources and adapt to its conditions. For it is the free spirits, those who cross forbidden zones and go wherever they wish, who are living up to their fullest potential and who, through their ability to live on the fringes, finally possesses more "power" than the so-called powerful. Cheers to all engaged in struggle, and maybe those of you on the fence between the latter and the former can be inspired to live and become a beautiful thorn in the side of the state.

## October 5, 2002, Oregon: Widespread Sabotage of Police Department Video Cameras

EUGENE: Mechanics working for the Eugene Police Department have found themselves repairing video cameras on patrol cars over and over lately, in what appears to be a rash of uncompromising attacks against the servants of neo-colonial rule by local insurgents. The SpectraTek camera systems -- installed in 1997 as part of a \$90,000 program to put a camera in about two dozen police patrol cars -- is apparently running into complications due to mysterious "gremlin-like" sabotage. In the last three years, pig technicians found that a dozen cables, wires or computer-style connections had been either broken or disabled. In one patrol car, a camera system's wiring was found pulled out of the monitor in the passenger compartment and also cut near the VCR in the trunk. It's nice to see Eugene dissidents (whomever they might be) extending their rebellion against the occupying army (the pigs) whose patrol cars, cameras and guns enclose our communities and our lives. Our lives and our world are too important to us to play by the rules set by those who seek to control us: We claim the right to resist by any means we individually or collectively choose.

## October 5, 2002, Oregon: Local Rebel Arrested in Theft from Police

EUGENE: A 20-year-old Springfield man has been charged with stealing a computer and a nightstick from a Eugene police cruiser. Joshua Lee Sullivan is being held in the Lane County Jail on one count of first-degree theft. He was arrested after police served a search warrant at his house in the Hayden Bridge area of Springfield, where the vindictive pigs found the missing computer and baton. The police gear was stolen the previous Saturday from a patrol car parked near 19th Avenue and Fairview Drive in Eugene. Several pigs had responded to complaints of a loud party in the area.

When one of the pigs returned to his car, he noticed that the instruments of oppression had been stolen. The Pigs would not disclose how they linked Sullivan to the theft, but most likely he took action spontaneously and forgot to wear gloves. Actions such as these demonstrate that a new wave of mutiny and refusal threatens to undermine the force-propped edifice of authoritarian, high-tech capital: Rebellion is on the rise, in every segment of the population. Let's be sure to support those who dare to revolt!

## October 8, 2002, Oregon: Successful Bank Robbery East Of Eugene!!

SPRINGFIELD: Pigs searched in vain for hours for a playful trickster who robbed a Springfield bank and drove off in an expensive sport utility vehicle, disappearing in a chaotic, optical blur that left the pigs frustrated and mystified. Like a master magician, the unidentified male (who bank employees are not able to give a good physical description of) entered the Siuslaw Valley Bank at 11:27 a.m. and in a fascinating display of sleight of hand, convinced a teller to hand over an undisclosed amount of money *without ever displaying a weapon*. A law-abiding bank customer (snitch) saw a black Lincoln Navigator with Washington plates drive away from the bank, and like a good robot, reported that information to the pigs when they arrived. Springfield police detectives searching the area saw the luxury SUV near Lowell and tailed it while waiting for backup. But the driver eluded them near Goodman Creek Road, misdirecting the pigs through a clever transposition of moving objects. The vehicle, which was stolen from a car lot in Vancouver, Washington, was later found crashed in a ravine where Goodman Creek Road crosses Highway 58. Both the bank robber and the expropriated cash got away.

## November 2002: City Worker Accused of Robin Hood Crimes

LAGRANGE, GE—A city utility employee is accused of stealing from the rich to help the poor pay their bills. Cassandra Dickerson, 34, was charged with stealing \$3,000 from the Department of Utilities, where she worked for about a year. Internal investigators said she diverted payments from businesses to help people who were behind on payments or needed deposits to get gas, water or electricity.

## November 26, 2002, Oregon: Two Banks Robbed On Same Day!

ASHLAND—Two Ashland banks were robbed just hours apart—the first double bank robbery that this complacent, economically privileged city has seen in quite some time. Ashland, a sleepwalking citadel of decadence, populated mostly by conformist and politically-sedated yuppies who flaunt their wealth, is despised by anarchists all over the west coast for its pretentious, plastic ways and for the subdued, drugged quality of most of its inhabitants (it's been speculated that some sort of "Soma"-like substance is being added to the local water supply). It's nice to hear about something "out of the ordinary" happening in a town that usually seems as "real" as Disneyland or Pleasantville.

## December 23, 2002: Rock Burglars Net \$20 Million During 9-Year Crime Spree In Arizona

Arizona's most elusive thieves, dubbed the Rock Burglars, were back in high gear in December, smashing into five homes and raising their take to about \$20 million over the past nine years. Frustrated police, who say they have no suspects, are no closer to solving the crimes than they were in 1993. The burglars have broken in to at least 255 upscale residences in the northeast Valley, including the homes of Diamondback outfielder Steve Finley in September, 2002 and former Vice President Dan Quayle in 1999. Luxury homes in Paradise Valley, where the average house sells for \$800,000, have been the Rock Burglars favorite prey. More than half of their heists, 144, have been committed there. Generally working in teams of at least two people per hit, the burglars have ranged across 800 square miles, netting mostly jewelry, cash and handguns. In two cases, they nabbed valuables worth more than \$1 million. The busiest year for the Rock Burglars was 1999, with 45 break-ins. The burglars almost topped that total in 2002, with 44 break-ins. The burglars' spree began in 1993 in Paradise Valley, home to many of Arizona's richest residents, who tightly guard their privacy. The thieves gradually branched out into the deep pockets of the northeast Valley's other luxury neighborhoods. "We haven't solved it yet because they're just good burglars," said Sgt. Alan Laitsch, who has been on the case since the beginning.

## January 11, 2003, Greece: Gunman Makes Off With Loot on Stolen Motorcycle

ATHENS: A gunman made off with 17,000 euros after robbing a bank in the Athenian district of Halandri. The unidentified robber fled on a motorcycle which, police later confirmed, had been stolen from the same area a week prior.

**ONE WHO BREAKS NO LAWS IS EVENTUALLY BROKEN BY THE LAWS!**



**November 19, 2002, California:**

**Man Kills Cop in Protest of "Corporate Irresponsibility"**

RED BLUFF: A cop was shot and killed while putting gas in his car. Andrew McCrea, 23, claimed the shooting, saying he did it in protest of growing police state tactics and "corporate irresponsibility." We failed to obtain further info.

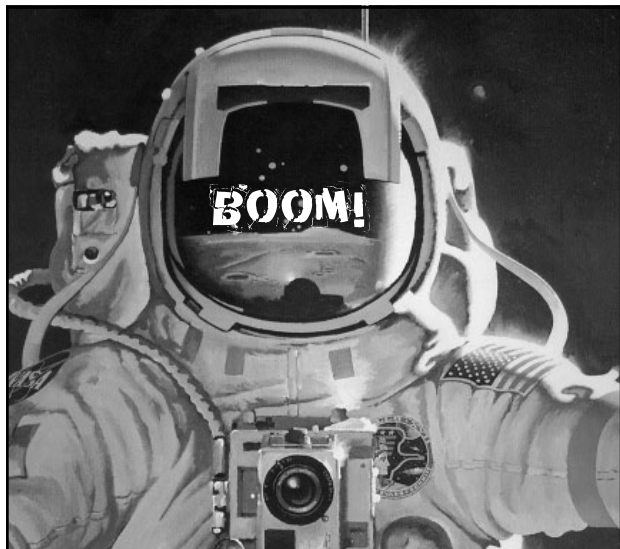
**December 4, 2002, Netherlands: Bombs Placed in IKEA Stores**

AMSTERDAM: Two bombs were found in outlets of the IKEA home goods chain, and two police explosives experts were wounded when one of the devices detonated as they tried to disarm it. All ten stores in the Netherlands belonging to the Swedish-based company were closed while police searched for more explosives.

**December 14, 2002, Greece:**

**Disgruntled Car Mechanic Attempts to Assassinate Mayor**

ATHENS: A disgruntled car mechanic shot at Athens Mayor Dora Bakoyianni in the back seat of her car at the foot of the Acropolis, but the conservative politician was saved from serious injury by an unconscious move to rummage through her handbag. As she ducked, the single-bore shotgun bullet passed through the neck of Bakoyianni's police driver, who was out of danger after being treated at a hospital. Bakoyianni suffered facial cuts from flying window shards, but was otherwise uninjured. The attacker ran away from the scene of the attack and was pursued by a passing policeman who arrested him with the help of the police guard outside the Spanish Embassy, a few hundred meters from where the incident took place. Mayor Dora Bakoyianni is the daughter of former conservative Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis and the widow of deputy Pavlos Bakoyiannis, who was assassinated by November 17 revolutionaries in 1989.



**Communiqué from the Universal Liberation Front**

**JANUARY 2003** — WARNING TO ALL CIVILIZED HUMANS! We have had enough of your kind. Your vision of the future, is a continuation of your past — one filled with destruction and conquest. We hereby quarantine your planet so it no longer contaminates the rest of the universe. We will no longer allow your mission to proceed as planned. The *Columbia* was our most recent effort to intervene in your attempts to "colonize space". It was not the first, however. Remember the *Challenger* or the *Apollo*? We have our ways of stopping you. DO NOT FUCK WITH US! We mean you no harm, just stay out of space. We are convinced that you will not be a hindrance for much longer, as your destruction by your own hands seems inevitable. We do, however, feel sorrow for the other life forms (including those of your species) which also inhabit your globe, those which have suffered for thousands of years at your brutal hands and machines. We wish there was a way to help them, but we may not interfere. It is up to you. Stop all progress and look inward, for you have become alien to your own life. Do not cross the atmospheric line again, or the consequences will be most severe.

**For Total Liberation Always!  
— U.L.F.**

**December 27, 2002, Columbia: Residents Ransack Light Firm**

CORDOBA: Angry residents of San Andrés de Sotavento in the northern Colombian province of Córdoba smashed up the local offices of the electric company Electrocosta, and caused further damages to a payment center for the local drinking water authority. Local residents also blocked roads with burning tires. Police were sent in to restore order, and the subsequent conflict left two police agents and 10 civilians hurt. The community had been without drinking water services for a month, and had suffered constant electricity rationing in recent days. Electrocosta claimed it had to ration electricity because of technical problems and because many users had failed to pay their bills. The company responded to the incident by normalizing energy service; however, residents warned they will renew protests if drinking water service is not restored.

**January 19, 2003, California:**

**Class War on the Streets after the Super Bowl!**

OAKLAND: After the Oakland Raiders football team lost (48-21) in the Super Bowl, there was widespread rioting in the streets of Oakland. Crowds gathered on International Boulevard in East Oakland, taking over intersections and blocking the street. People danced to hip-hop music, hopped on cars, and waived Raiders flags. Police, who had preemptively shut down dozens of blocks of downtown Oakland, were quick to respond. Hundreds of police in riot gear moved in, firing volleys of tear gas and wooden bullets in an attempt to disperse the crowds. What had been a party turned into a pitched battle. As one man put it, "Hey we're all cool here. It's when the fucking pigs come down and start shooting at us that the shit starts." People threw bottles and rocks at police, frequently forcing them to retreat. A McDonald's was trashed and set on fire. Several cars were tipped over and burned. A number of police cars had their windows smashed. One police car that attempted to drive through an intersection filled with people was pelted with projectiles as people chanted "Fuck the police!" The rioters came from a diverse cross-section of Oakland's working class. Black and white, Asian and Latino, joined together against the universally hated Oakland Police Department. Children as young as eight could be seen hurling rocks toward police lines. "It's like fucking Bethlehem!" said one man. In the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the rioters are referred to as "trouble-makers" that "weren't from the neighborhood." The rioting lasted well into the night moving from place to place in over 50 blocks of East Oakland. At a late night press conference, the police announced that they had arrested more than 25 people. But they were outnumbered and outfought for hours.



**January 29, 2003, Texas: Students Riot for Shorter Classes**

A protest by about one thousand high-school students over the length of classes turned into a riot. The students walked out in protest in the morning. They attacked school security guards and cops with rocks and glass bottles. The police used tear gas against the crowd; seven pigs were treated for cuts and bruises. Evidently, the students were protesting a switch to block scheduling, which means longer classes.

**February 8, 2003, Pennsylvania:**

**Two Marines Charged With Plotting To Bomb Base**

TUNKHANNOCK: Two U.S. Marines from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, are in custody after conspiring to use an explosive device at their base. Lance Cpls. Richard Morrison, 21, and Richard Thomas Medders, 22, were arrested along with Janna Rebecca Lynn Smith, 27, and charged with criminal conspiracy to cause or risk a catastrophe, and making terrorist threats and bomb threats. According to authorities, the three downloaded information from the Internet on making explosive devices and said they were going to use them at Camp Lejeune. All three are being held in the Wyoming County Correctional Facility. Morrison and Medders served in the 2nd Force Service Support Group, which provides combat support. Tunkhannock is about 25 miles northwest of Scranton in northern Pennsylvania.

**February 21, 2003, Louisiana: Two Cops Killed & Five Others Injured During Kamikaze Attack**

ALEXANDRIA: Two city pigs were killed, three more were wounded by gunfire, and several others were injured in a three-hour shoot-out with a gunman. The gunman, wanted by probation and parole officers, was also slain in the incident. Police didn't give the gunman's name, but sources were told that he was Shawn Molette, believed to be in his mid-20's. Three Special Response Team police cops were injured by gunfire as the gunman fired fully automatic weapons as they tried entering the house he was in. Residents in the area took cover as periodic bursts of gunfire rang out during the tense situation, which began shortly after noon and ended about 3:30 pm. A large crowd gathered to watch from a distance, as some of the crowd members yelled obscenities at the cops. The shoot-out is believed to have been connected with a morning shoot-out the day before, where an officer was ambushed but suffered only minor injuries. The gunman in both incidents is believed to be the same person, but it is unknown what sparked the siege on the police department. Prior to this wonderful day, the Alexandria Police Department had lost only four officers in the "line of duty" (service to the

State) since 1904. The Police Chief said about 300 rounds were fired in the first shooting exchanges between cops and the gunman. The incident began when cops blocked off a street and moved into a home to serve a search warrant. The warrant was in connection to a February 20 morning ambush on the pigs. In that incident, a pig answered a 911 call of a reported robbery in an area several blocks from the shootout site. The cop couldn't find a victim and was pulling out with his vehicle when a shooter opened fire. The pig was able to dive into the passenger side and drive away. His patrol car was riddled with bullets. The Chief Pig called the attack deliberate and

deployed his SRT team to protect detectives as they gathered evidence. In the February 21 incident, the SRT team, which has about 20 members, entered the house of the alleged assailant and was met by gunfire. Tear gas was deployed at one point during the stand-off. However, the incident did not end until the shooter was killed. At about 12:15 p.m., under misty skies, police scrambled to try to rescue three wounded cops from the scene while still facing the threat of the gunman. Two armored cars moved into the area and parked at a church near the house where the gunman was inside. Pigs near the church parking lot also scrambled to the ground as the gunman continued to shoot. About 2:26 p.m., police screamed that another cop was down. In all, seven pigs were shot. The stand-off continued for nearly another hour before the police were sure that the gunman was down. One local observer commented, "They should have used that guy (the gunman) to kill Osama bin Laden." The motives of the gunman are believed by some to be in protest of pig racism and brutality. "There is a deep, psychological problem based on abuse of young black males and females," a former Alexandria City councilman told the press. "This is a culmination of events prior to the Gregory Hunter incident," the former councilman said. Hunter is a black man who was beaten by off-duty police officers in the 1999 "Lee Street incident."

**February 27, 2003, New Zealand:**

**"September 11" Group Threatens Cyanide Attacks**

WELLINGTON: A group calling itself "September 11" sent threats to the US, Australian, and British embassies in New Zealand, warning that it had 55 pounds of cyanide to use against American interests if Iraq is attacked. A squad of "anti-terrorism" police is working to find the author of the threat contained in four letters that mentioned the America's Cup yacht race in Auckland. One letter contained cyanide crystals. This action is reminiscent of another threat of cyanide attack made last year in New Zealand, when an unidentified person or persons threatened to attack with cyanide the wealthy American athlete Tiger Woods, who was sponsored by Nike to perform at a New Zealand golf tournament. To our knowledge, nothing came of this threat.

# SLOW BURNING FUSE

## PRISONER UPRISINGS AND REVOLTS

**"REVOLUTION IS NEVER BEGUN ANEW, ONLY CONTINUED WHERE OTHERS LEFT OFF."**

**-TOM MANNING, NORTH AMERICAN POLITICAL PRISONER**

### **November 4, 2002, California: Pelican Bay Inmates Hold Hunger Strike**

**CRESCENT CITY:** A group of sixty prisoners in the Control Unit of the Pelican Bay State Prison began a hunger-strike protesting the prison system's policy of classifying prisoners as gang members based on vague criteria and then indefinitely segregating them. For more info on the horrors of Pelican Bay Prison, read Derrick Jensen's book *The Culture of Make-Believe*.

### **November 5, 2002, California: Two Pigs Stabbed; Inmate-Guard Hostility on the Rise**

**LANCASTER:** Inmates at the state prison attacked two guards – the second such incident in the past three months. The prison guards were attacked by two inmates early in the day while escorting prisoners to breakfast.

### **December 16, 2002, El Salvador: Two Cops Dead, Over 20 Injured in Salvador Prison Riot**

**SAN SALVADOR:** Two pigs were killed and more than 20 people injured when hundreds of prisoners rioted during a reorganization of El Salvador's main Mariona prison in the capital. 23 people were hurt in the riot, which broke out when 1,200 police, soldiers and prison guards tried to move some of the most dangerous inmates to other centers. Police and soldiers fired tear gas and rubber bullets at the inmates, who were armed. Most of the injured were police and guards. By late afternoon, the situation was calm and police and prisoners were negotiating a solution through the state human rights prosecutor.

### **December 17-18, 2002, New York: Guards Mauled During Shakedown**

Five guards at the Auburn State Prison were attacked while searching prisoners' cells for weapons. Two guards suffered minor hand injuries. The prison was locked down for a search on December 17 when a prisoner infected with HIV bit a guard on the face.

### **December 23-26, 2002, Guatemala: 17 Dead in Prison Riot**

Prisoners launched a bloody uprising on December 23 at the Pavoncito prison in Guatemala's Fraijanes Municipality, 30 kilometers from the capital, to demand improved food and visiting hours, an investigation of corrupt and abusive guards, and the transfer of gang leader César Beteta Raymundo to another facility. Beteta was said to be widely hated by the other prisoners, many of them also gang members; he allegedly controlled the jail's "sector 5" by bribing guards and meting out severe punishment to any prisoner who defied him. Beteta and 16 other prisoners were killed in the uprising, while some 30 more were injured. Many of the bodies were mutilated with machetes, and some were burned. The gang prisoners allegedly decapitated Beteta and paraded his head around the prison. When police tried to regain control of Pavoncito, the prisoners fought back; as of December 26, the inside of the jail remained under the control of the prisoners, while 200 police agents stood guard outside to prevent escapes. Prison authorities were forced to suspend plans to carry out a search on December 26 for weapons at the jail, fearing it would be a provocation for further violence.

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### **January 20-21, 2003, Brazil: 30 Rio Inmates Escape**

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Some 30 prisoners reportedly escaped from the Pedro Mello de Silva detention center in the Bangu borough of Rio de Janeiro city early on January 20. Twelve of the escapees had been recaptured as of January 21. Following the breakout, the remaining prisoners staged an uprising,

taking nine guards hostage to demand the transfer of prisoners to other facilities, better food, and the presence of journalists and representatives of human rights organizations. The prisoners released nine of the hostages and ended their protest on January 21 after extensive negotiations; it was unclear which, if any, of their demands were met.

### **January 21, 2003, Israel: Imperialist Repression Intensifies Following Jailbreak**

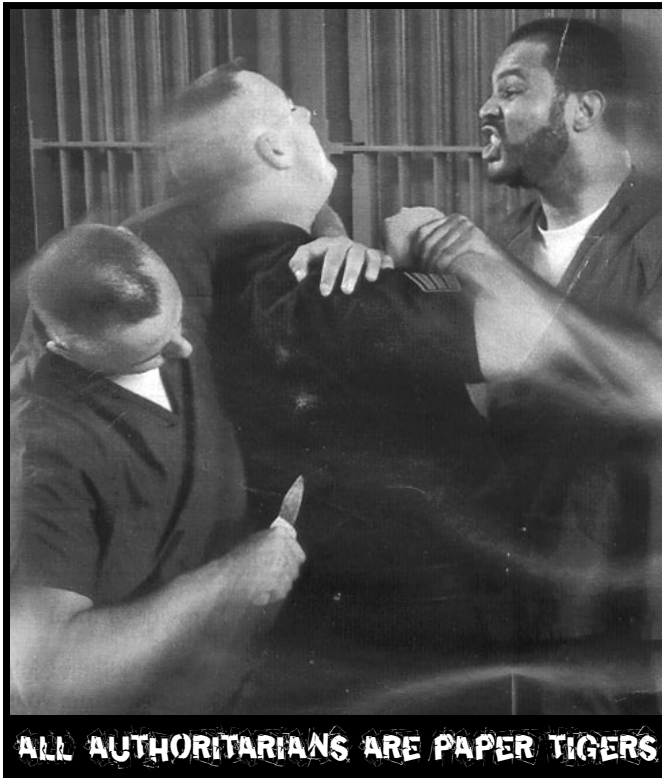
**RAMALLAH:** Israeli security forces have been scrambling to find two Palestinians who escaped from the Ofer detention camp near the West Bank city of Ramallah. The two are believed to be members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Israeli forces temporarily imposed a curfew on Ramallah and were conducting comprehensive searches of the camp. Palestinians at the Ofer camp did some rioting in the weeks prior to this incident, and attempted to tear down a fence and escape. More than 700 Palestinians are held at this facility. Following the release of some of the detainees from this camp, Israeli human rights organizations began to receive information about the difficult conditions there and about the violent treatment of Palestinian detainees on the way to the camp and during detention. Among other things, detainees reported overcrowding in the tents where they were held. They reported that they were denied food for many hours and that some of them were forced to sleep outdoors. On April 5, 2002, the human rights group received information from an Israeli source about torture during interrogations in the camp. According to the information, investigators broke detainees' toes. Meanwhile, Israeli troops arrested 13 Palestinians in the West Bank. The arrests were made in Hebron, Jericho, Nablus and the Ramallah area. In a related development,

Israel razed 62 shops and market stalls in a Palestinian village as troops clashed with protesters. Israel said the shops were built illegally. The villagers accused Israel of waging war on the Palestinian economy. Seven bulldozers, guarded by some 300 troops, began tearing down shops in the village of Nazlat Issa early the next day. By midmorning, 62 shops were demolished. Dozens of protesters threw stones at troops who fired tear gas and rubber-coated steel pellets.

### **January 22, 2003, Canada: Anti-Poverty Committee Acts In Solidarity With Persecuted Immigrants**

When Immigration Canada walked an Iranian immigrant through the airport they were met by about 30 protesters from different groups. An unplanned scuffle ensued, and the immigrant was pulled free from the guard who was escorting her. Some protesters fled with her out of the airport. During the action there was a car accident, but all in the car escaped police custody. The immigrant turned herself in later that night with the accompaniment of two lawyers; it is still unclear as to what will

become of her case. This action bought this woman and her son a second chance to stay in Canada. The RCMP rounded up five people at the airport in connection with the protest and released two of them after an hour. Some protesters escaped while three were kept in jail for a night. It is not known what charges the state will bring down on those involved. The action wasn't planned to go down the way it did, as nobody thought they would even get to see the detained immigrants. When people saw her in handcuffs, they all reacted knowing the deportation endangers her life



**ALL AUTHORITARIANS ARE PAPER TIGERS**

and that of her son. Immigration Canada is threatening to deport over 2,500 British Columbians to Iran. Often they do this without notice, jailing people and deporting them giving no time to pack. Iran is not a safe country; many returning refugees are tortured or go missing.

### **January 22, 2003, Canada: Riot Rocks Jail**

**VANCOUVER ISLAND:** A riot by about a dozen inmates at the Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Center caused \$40,000 damage to prison property. Three prisoners are now facing charges. The inmates were in a common area when the call came for lockdown at 10 p.m. But they refused to go back to their cells and began trashing the place. Of the 23 prisoners in the unit, up to half were involved in the riot. Some of the others locked themselves inside their cells to avoid being implicated in the trouble. Corrections officers negotiated a peaceful end to the incident by 1 a.m. The corrections spokesperson said the "living unit" pig on duty was slightly injured, but managed to call other police for help and lock himself in an empty cell for protection. The inmates in the remand unit have been charged with committing an offence, but have not yet been tried. Although they have not been determined guilty, they are kept in custody to ensure they appear in court and cannot commit another offence. All remand inmates are housed in secure facilities that emphasize control and separation.

### **January 23-24, 2003, Canada: Another Riot Breaks Out At Detention Center**

**MONTREAL:** Three final prisoners were returned to their cells on the afternoon of January 23 following a late night riot at Montreal Detention Center. More than 100 corrections officers and provincial police were called in to control the situation after 131 prisoners refused to return to their cells and lit mattresses on fire. The trouble began after a few prisoners started a fight. After this incident some prisoners began throwing things, such as billiard balls and other solid objects. The prisoners then refused to enter their cells at their normal time of 10:30 p.m., and went on to light fires. Prisoners blocked access to the

wing with various materials. It took a long time to control the fires because the prisoners had to be detained before the firefighters could go inside. One prison guard had a minor injury to his hand. The riot caused tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage in the wing. The exact cause of the riot is still unknown. The prisoners held in the A-wing where the riot occurred are in custody awaiting sentencing. They were to be transferred from the damaged facility the next day to two prisons in Montreal and another in Hull, Quebec.

### **January 25, 2003, Georgia: Prisoners Riot at Jail**

**TBILISI:** Prisoners rioted in a jail in the nation of Georgia during a cell check for weapons, injuring 10 police and guards. At least 21 inmates were injured during the uprising. The clashes erupted when prisoners resisted the search at the Tbilisi detention center, during which police confiscated two submachine guns, three grenades, knives, drugs and other banned items. One riot policeman was in serious condition. Video footage that was taken by the Justice Ministry and aired on Georgian television, showed inmates banging the bars of their cells and flames shooting out a prison window. Riot police cordoned off the building where the battle took place, and Interior Ministry troops were deployed outside the center.

### **January 11-31, 2003, Chile: Political Prisoners on Hunger Strike**

**SANTIAGO:** As of January 31, Chilean political prisoners Jorge Espínola Robles and Marcelo Gaete Mancilla were in the 21st day of a liquid-only hunger strike in isolation cells at the Colina II prison. They began the fast on January 11 after prison guards and police agents from the "Special Anti-Riot Group" beat them, sprayed them with cold water and moved them into the isolation cells in retaliation for alleged involvement in a riot earlier that day in Colina II. Eight social prisoners also accused of involvement in the riot were temporarily put in the same cell with Espínola and Gaete and were beaten by police and guards. Social prisoners were said to have plotted the January 11 riot to distract guards during an escape attempt. No one successfully escaped, but one guard and four prisoners were wounded, one of them critically.

### **February 18, 2003, France: Prisoners Riot, Smash Equipment**

Rioting prisoners took control of part of a jail in eastern France during the evening, smashing equipment and prompting police to seal off the prison, the Justice Ministry said. The Ministry gave no information about any injuries in the riot involving about 50 prisoners at the Clairvaux jail in the Aube region. None of the prison's 156 inmates, all of whom are serving lengthy sentences, escaped, the Ministry said. It said the riot erupted when prisoners, apparently protesting disciplinary measures imposed on a detainee, refused to enter their cells. The rioters "smashed everything up," including security doors, surveillance cameras, electrical equipment and locks on cell-doors, said a guard and union representative at the prison.





# FULL SPECTRUM DOMINATION!

## State Repression & Political Prisoner News

### December, 2002, Italy: Persecution Of Anarchists Intensifies

On December 12, an incendiary letter arrived at the office of the Spanish newspaper El Pais. Police defused it. A statement from a group calling itself Cells Against Capital, Prison, the Jailers and their Cells claimed that the action was done in solidarity with the struggles of Spanish prisoners against repressive prison policy.

- On December 13, an incendiary letter is sent to an office of the Spanish airline Iberia in Rome. It was defused.

- On December 14, another incendiary letter at the Iberia airlines in Milan's airport is defused. On December 16, two incendiary letters, one to Iberia airlines in Rome, and one to a national television station in Rome, are defused.

The police are saying that these incendiary letters were the work of insurrectionary anarchists who the cops call "terrorists". So more repression against the Italian anarchist movement is likely to take place. Therefore, we need to avoid speculations of any sort about "who was really behind these actions", since this could be used by Italian authorities against the anarchists they are persecuting.

- On December 18, after releasing most of those arrested in early December in relation to the 2001 G8 summit in Genoa, the court refused to release two anarchists being held. The reasons for their continued detention included participation in marches in support of prisoners such as Marco Camenisch, association with "insurrectionary anarchists" and the like. But probably the most absurd of the reasons -- the one given as the primary reason for not releasing Marina Cugnasci -- was that she exercised her legal rights not to talk with interrogators and not to appear at her court hearing. According to the court this proved that "she wants to stay in prison in order to become a heroine for her comrades" -- this in spite of the fact that she had her lawyer request release.

Many of those arrested at Genoa in 2001 are being charged by the Italian State with a new crime called "psychic sharing". In accordance with this charge, it is not necessary to show that a certain individual carried out a specific act of destruction during a demonstration. It is only necessary to show that they were there at the time the event occurred, because clearly their mere presence helped and supported the masked people who destroyed things. Currently, the court in Genoa is issuing hundreds of warrants on this basis.

Again we want to point out the importance not to publicly speculate in any direction about who may have been behind the attacks mentioned above. There are currently anarchist comrades -- including the two above and over forty comrades charged in the Marini trial -- facing serious charges who could be affected by such speculation, so this is not a matter for idle chatter.

### January, 2003, Texas: Chicano Political Prisoner Buried Alive In Solitary

GATESVILLE: Chicano political prisoner Alvaro Luna Hernandez has been transferred to "administrative segregation" as an alleged member of a "security threat group" (prison gang). Hernandez points to a prison official conspiracy to remove him from the general prison population in order to isolate him from the other prisoners, to discredit him in the eyes of the community supporters who have rallied in his defense in support of his release from prison on the police frame-up conviction and sentence of 50 years imprisonment for defending himself against an armed attack on his life by a racist sheriff. Hernandez is a known jailhouse lawyer who helps other prisoners with filings against the prison, and has been very vocal in exposing racist injustices and brutality against prisoners at the prison unit; he was also in the process of uncovering mass guard theft and corruption in the prison's operation of the craft shop. A petition seeking a new trial in his case is currently pending review in the federal court. For more information about the case log on to <http://www.freealvaro.org> or write directly to this freedom fighter: **Alvaro Luna Hernandez** #255735, Rt. 2, Box 4400, Gatesville, Texas 76587.

### On January 9, 2003: Rob Thaxton and Brian McCarvill in "the Hole"

SALEM: Anarchists Rob Thaxton and Brian McCarvill were sanctioned with 120 days in the Disciplinary Segregation Unit at Oregon State Penitentiary. The offense listed on their Misconduct Reports is "Unauthorized Organization I," but the hearings officer told Rob that she had found him "guilty of continuing to be involved with the anarchist movement." The Oregon Department of Corrections, and Oregon State Prison in particular, have taken it upon themselves to act as thought police and punish people for their political views. The act which inspired this punishment is so petty as to be laughable: Rob and Brian had asked people to send them mail. When people responded by the dozens, the prisonrats took offense and sent them to the hole.

### January 15, Brazil: Indigenous Land Rights Activist Murdered

According to Survival International, Marcos Veron, 70, an important leader of the Guarani-Kaioua tribe, was fatally shot by gunmen. He was the head of an indigenous community that has been trying for the last 50 years to reclaim their land from cattle ranchers. In 2002, Veron toured Europe to publicize the plight of the indigenous peoples of Brazil. Most recently, Veron and the Guarani-Kaioua have been living on the side of a highway, after attempts to reoccupy parts of their land have been thwarted by armed pigs and soldiers. Veron is the third Brazilian Indian to be murdered since the start of the New Year. For more info: [www.survival-international.org](http://www.survival-international.org)

### January 25, Greece: Anarchist Sentenced For Sheltering Fugitive

ATHENS: An anarchist who in the summer of 2001 provided refuge for Greece's most wanted man was sentenced to six years and nine months in prison for sheltering a criminal on the run. Dimitris Polydoropoulos said he hid Costas Passaris in his flat after a mutual acquaintance asked for his help. "I agreed, as it was in accordance with my ideology to provide a roof to someone hunted by the authorities," he told the Athens court. "I had little to do with him, and knew neither about the guns nor the drugs he had in the flat." Police, who were seeking Passaris for the fatal shooting of two pigs during a dramatic escape from an Athens hospital, where he had been taken from prison for medical examinations, eventually found out about the hideout and set a trap for Passaris. But seven special squad officers positioned in the flat failed to catch him as he entered the darkened apartment, and Passaris eventually fled to Romania where he is now being tried for murder and armed robbery.

### February 6, Greece: Two Suspected ELA Combatants Arrested

ATHENS: The suspected leader of a far-left guerrilla group blamed for more than 100 bombings was jailed on charges of belonging to a terrorist organization. Christos Tsigaridas, 64, who has admitted he was a member of the Revolutionary Popular Struggle, or ELA, was locked up in maximum security prison in Athens pending trial. The group is believed to have worked with Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the Venezuelan-born terrorist also known as Carlos the Jackal. Another suspect -- the mayor of the tiny Greek holiday island of Kimolos, Angeletos Kanas -- was also jailed on the same day for the same charges.

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# Political Prisoners

## Anarchist Prisoners:

**Frank J. Atwood** #62887, Arizona State Prison - Eyman, Box 3400 - SMU 2, Florence, AZ 85232. Radical involved in anti-establishment activities since the '60's. He was framed for murder in '84 and sent to Death Row.

**Jerome White-Bey** #37479, Jefferson City Correctional Center, PO Box 900 (5C-146), Jefferson City, MO 65102. Social prisoner turned dedicated anarchist activist. Founder of "Missouri Prison Labor Union."

**James Johnson** #8952263, SRCI, 777 Stanton Blvd., Ontario, OR 97914. Anarchist social prisoner active in resistance to the repressive policies of the prison administration.

**Matthew Lamont** #2057039, 550 N. Flower St., Santa Ana, CA 92703. Presently awaiting trial for allegedly planning to make a violent attack on a white supremacist gathering.

**Ojure N. Lutalo** #59860, POB 861, Trenton, NJ 08625. Black liberation anarchist. He's serving a lengthy sentence for various clandestine actions.

**Robert Middaugh** T41137 Bldg 410 23up, PO Box 8, Avenal, CA 93204. He's serving three years for an assault on a pig during the 2001 Long Beach May Day action.

**Mike Rusniak** DOC K88887, Dixon CC, 2600 Brinton, PO Box 1200, Dixon, IL 61021. Serving time for stealing a police car, and other acts of anti-government property-destruction.

**Robert Thaxton** #12112716, OSP, 2605 State Street, Salem, OR 97310. Long-time anarchist activist sentenced to seven years in prison for throwing a rock at a cop at a June 18, 1999 Reclaim the Streets protest in Eugene.

**Harold Thompson** #93992, Northwest Correctional Complex, Route 1, Box 660, Tiptonville, TN 38079. Serving multiple life sentences for clandestine resistance.

**Thomas Tripp** #12032560, TRCI, 82911 Beach Access Rd., Umatilla, OR 97882. Social prisoner turned dedicated anarchist. His sentence was lengthened because of his participation in a jailhouse riot aimed at winning concessions from the authorities, such as religious rights for Native Americans, and better educational programs.

## Eco-Defense & Animal Liberation Prisoners:

**Nathan Brasfield** #202044100, King County Justice Center Detention Facility, 620 West James St., Kent, WA 98032. Arrested for felony theft of telecommunications in relation to the anti-HLS campaign.

**Jennifer Greenberg** #3100201610, Rose M. Singer Center, 1919 Hazen St., East Elmhurst, NY 11370. Sentenced to one year for his part in property destruction at an anti-HLS demonstration.

**Charles Hoke** #861206, ACH, Indiana Department of Correction, Indiana State Prison, PO Box 41, Michigan City, Indiana 46361-0041. Radical farmer serving time for robbing banks in order to support himself, and other farmers, who were being forced from their homes by developers.

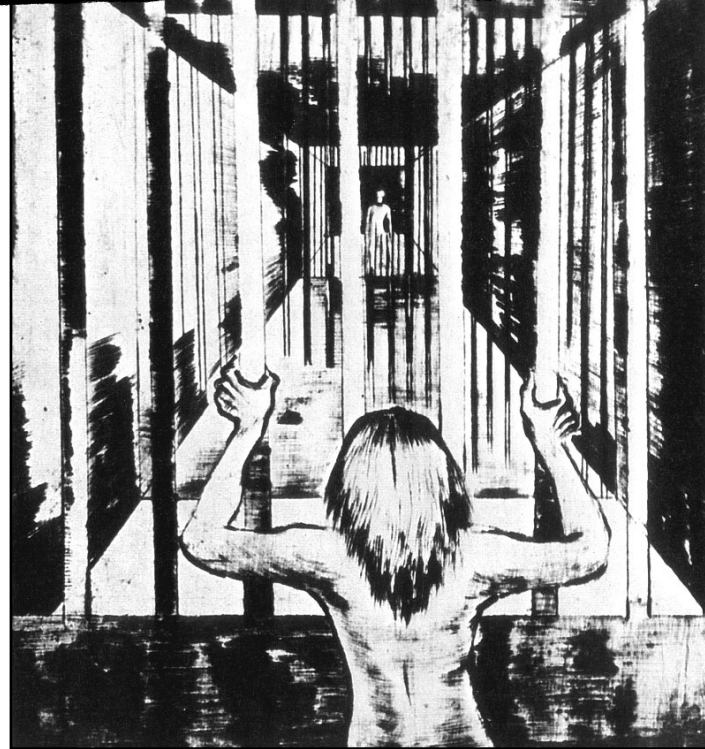
**Ted Kaczynski** #04475-046, US Pen-Admin Max Facility, PO Box 8500, Florence Colorado 81226. Sentenced to multiple lifetimes in prison for the "Unabomber" bombing attacks against industrialist scum.

**Jeffrey Luers (Free)** #13797671, OSP, 2605 State Street, Salem, OR 97310. Serving 22 years for politically motivated arsons on SUVs at Romania Chevrolet and an alleged attempted arson at Tyree Oil in Eugene, Oregon. Free is a long-time environmental activist who needs your support.

**Craig Marshall (Crittter)** #13797662, SRCI, 777 Stanton Blvd, Ontario, OR 97914. Serving a five-year sentence for a politically motivated arson attack against a Romania Chevrolet car dealership in Eugene.

**Benjamin Persky** #1410212600, George Vierno Center, 0909 Hazen St., East Elmhurst, NY 11370. Sentenced to 2-6 years for his part in property destruction at multiple anti-HLS demonstrations.

**Peter Schnell** #99476-111, FCI Otisville, PO Box 1000, Otisville, NY 10963. Animal liberation activist serving two years for being in possession of incendiary devices.



**Joshua Shwartz** #3100201611, NY State ID #1900738L, EMT, 1010 Hazen St., East Elmhurst, NY 10013. Sentenced to one year for his part in property destruction at an anti-HLS demonstration.

**Fran Thompson** #93341, 1107 Recharge Rd., York, NE 68467. Eco-activist serving a Life sentence for shooting dead, in self-defense, a stalker who had broken into her home.

**Helen Woodson** #03231-045 FMC Carswell, POB 27137, Admin Max Unit, Fort Worth, TX 76127. Serving 27 years for robbing a bank and then setting the money on fire while reading out a statement denouncing greed, capitalism and the destruction of the environment.

## Indigenous Prisoners:

**William Burchett (Fire Walker)** #03655032, West 5852, Federal Prison, PO Box 7000, Fort Dix, NJ 08640. Native American activist held under questionable circumstances.

**Byron Shane Chubbuck** #07909051, US Penitentiary, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048. Indigenous rights activist serving time for robbing banks in order to acquire funds to support the Zapatista rebellion in Chiapas, Mexico.

**Eric Hall (Wildcat)** BL-5355, Unit I/A 10745, Route 18, Albion, PA 16475-0002. Serving 35-75 years for helping ship arms to Central American resisters.

**Eddie Hatcher** #0173499, Unit #2, Pasquotank Correctional Institute, 527 Commerce Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27906. Native American activist being framed for crimes he did not commit. Eddie is an incredible individual, and we urge you to check out his website at [www.eddiehatcher.org](http://www.eddiehatcher.org)

**Leonard Peltier** #89637-132, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048. American Indian Movement (AIM) activist, serving two Life sentences, having been framed for the murder of two FBI agents.

**Andy J. Riendeau (John Two Names)** Native activist being framed for setting schools on fire. Right now he's in transition. Email us for his new address.

**Tewahnee Sahme** #11186353, TRCI, 82911 Beach Access Rd., Umatilla, OR 97882. Dedicated Native rights advocate serving time for a prison insurgency.

**David Scaler (Looks Away)** #13405480, TRCI, 82911 Beach Access Rd., Umatilla, OR 97882. Dedicated Native rights advocate serving time for a prison insurgency.

"I may run, but all the time that I am, I'll be looking for a stick! A defensible position! It's never occurred to me to lie down and be kicked! It's silly! When I do that I'm depending on the kicker to grow tired. The better tactic is to twist his leg a little or pull it off if you can. An intellectual argument to an attacker against the logic of his violence - or to myself concerning the wisdom of a natural counterviolence - borders on, no, it overleaps the absurd!" - George Jackson, July 28, 1970

## United Freedom Front (UFF) Prisoners:

The following three individuals are serving huge sentences for their role in actions carried out by the (UFF) in the 1980's. The UFF carried out solidarity bombings against the US government on a variety of issues. All of these individuals are excellent people to write to and will answer letters.

**Jaan Karl Laaman** W41514, Box 100, South Walpole, MA 0207.

**Ray Luc Levasseur** #10376-016, Box PMB, Atlanta, GA 30315.

**Thomas Manning** #10372-016, Box 4000, Springfield, MO 65801.

**Richard Williams** #10377-016, 3901 Klein Blvd., Lompoc, CA 93436.

## Black Liberation Prisoners:

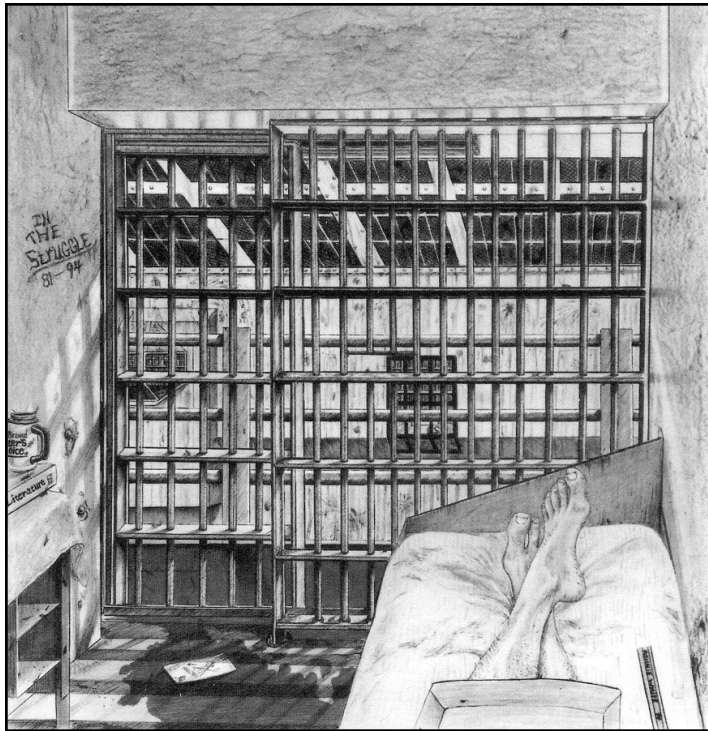
Most of the following prisoners are serving time for "crimes" in the name of black liberation. Many of them are former members of either the Black Liberation Army (BLA), or the Black Panther Party (BPP), or both. They are either in prison for their clandestine actions against the state and the racist pigs, or because they have been framed by the authorities.

**Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin** #EF492521, Georgia State Prison, 100 Georgia Hwy 147 - Reidsville, GA 30499-9701. Former Black Panther and community activist being framed for the murder of a cop. Jamil is formerly known as H. Rap Brown.

**Sundiata Acoli** #39794-066, PO Box 3000, USP Allenwood, White Deer, PA 17887, USP Allenwood. He's a BLA POW.

**Zolo Azania** #4969, Indiana State Prison, PO Box 41, Michigan City, IN 46361-0041. Community activist being framed for murdering a pig.

**Hanif Shabazz Bey (Beaumont Gereau)** #295933, Wallens Ridge State Prison, PO Box 759, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219. Imprisoned for actions carried out against US colonialism in the Virgin Islands.



**Romaine "Chip" Fitzgerald** B-27527, SalinasVSP-B2131, PO Box 1040, Soledad, CA 93960-1040. Former BPP member serving time for the death of a cop.

**Bashir Hameed (J. York)** #82A6313, Box 149, Attica, NY, 14011-0149. BPP & BLA POW who has been incarcerated since 1981 for killing of a cop.

**Robert Seth Hayes** #74A2280, Clinton Correctional Facility, PO Box 2000, Dannemora, NY 12929. Captured and convicted in 1973 under a host of charges, attributed to membership in the BLA.

**Mumia Abu-Jamal** AM8335, SCI Greene, 1040 East R. Furman Highway, Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090. Framed for the murder of a pig. He was recently taken off death row and is waiting for re-sentencing.

**Sekou Odinga** #05228-054, 3901 Klien Blvd., Lompoc, CA 93436. Former BLA sentenced to 25-to-Life for shooting a cop in self-defense, and also an additional 20 years for the liberation of comrade Assata Shakur and the expropriation of an armored truck.

**Ed Poindexter** #110403, 7525 4th Ave, Lino Lake, MN 55014-1099, Minnesota. Correctional Facility. Former BPP member falsely accused of killing a pig.

**Mutulu Shakur** #83205-012, Box PMB, Atlanta, GA 30315. Sentenced to 60 years imprisonment for an alleged conspiracy by the BLA & the New Afrikan Freedom Fighters against the U.S. government.

**Russel Maroon Shoats** #AF-3855, SCI Green, 1040 E. Roy Furman Highway Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090. BLA POW.

**Keith Thomas** CDC-Number T-67081, FDAS D-6 Cell-246U, PO Box 7700, Wasco, CA 93280. Former gang member serving time for threatening to kill corrupt authorities.

**Herman Wallace** #76759, CCR Upper C Cell 1, Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, LA 70712. Former BPP member and one of the infamous "Angola Three".

**Gary Watson** #098990, Unit SHU17, Delaware Correctional Center, 1181 Paddock Rd., Smyrna, DE 19977. Social prisoner turned black liberationist. One of the infamous "Smyrna Five" (S-5), a group of radical Blacks that retaliated against authorities for the death of George Jackson.

**Albert Woodfox** #72148, CCR Upper B Cell 13, Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, LA 70712. Former BPP member and one of the infamous "Angola Three".

## MOVE Prisoners:

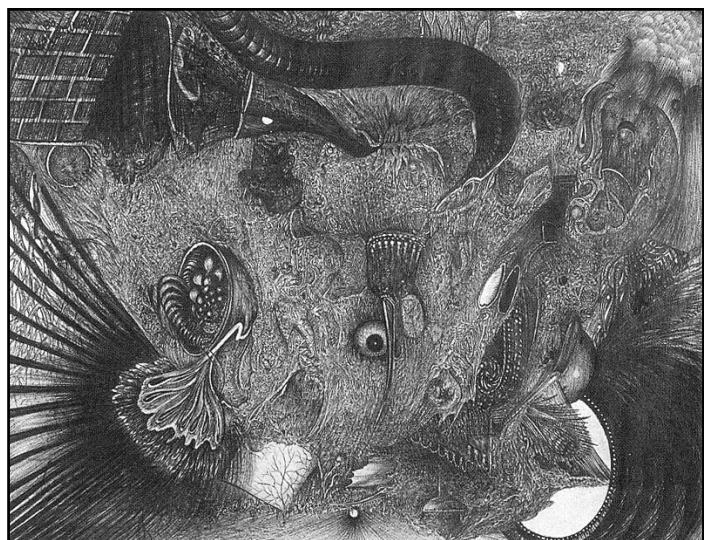
MOVE is a radical, ecological movement that has been attacked by the Philadelphia Police since its inception. Nine members were convicted and sent to prison for life following a 1978 siege at their house in which one cop was killed by another cop. One of those nine, Merle Africa, died in prison after not being treated for a health issue.

**Debbie Simms Africa** #006307, **Janet Holloway Africa** #006308, **Janine Philips Africa** #006309, SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238.

**Michael Davis Africa** AM4973, **Charles Simms Africa** AM4975 SCI Grateford, PO Box 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244.

**Edward Goodman Africa** AM4974, SCI Camp Hill, PA 17011-0200.

**William Philips Africa** AM4984, **Delbert Orr Africa** AM4985, SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612.



**Jalil Muntaqim (Anthony Bottom)** #77A4283, Box 338, Napanoch, NY, 12458. Former Black-Panther who is accused of participating in illegal underground activities. He has been in jail for 22 years, which makes him one of the oldest political prisoners in the U.S.

**Joseph Bowen** AM-4272, 1 Kelley Drive, Coal Township, PA 17866-1021. Former BLA combatant.

**Marshall Edward Conway** #116469, Box 534, Jessup, MD 20794. Maintains his innocence of a police murder in 1970. He asserts that he is one of many political prisoners in the USA as a result of F.B.I.'s war against the BPP.

**Mondo We Langa (David Rice)** #27768, Box 2500, Lincoln, NE, 68542-2500. Former BPP member falsely accused of killing a pig.

**Abdul Majid (Anthony Laborde)** #83-A-0483, Upstate Correctional Facility, Box 2001 Malone, NY 12953. Former BPP member serving time for a crime he did not commit. Another victim of the COINTELPRO wars against the BPP.

**Ruchell Cinque McGee** A-92051, PO Box 7500, SHU-2-C-233, Crescent City, CA 95531. Serving time for a courthouse action to free incarcerated black liberationists.

**'THE GREY RULES OF HISTORY EXIST ONLY TO BE BROKEN'**

## Some Prisoner Support Groups:

**Anarchist Black Cross Federation/LA Chapter** PO Box 3671, Anaheim, CA 92803-3671. Email: [la\\_blackcross@yahoo.com](mailto:la_blackcross@yahoo.com) Branch of the larger political prisoner support federation ABCF.

**Anarchist Black Cross Network/Austin Chapter** PO Box 19733, Austin, TX 78760. Excellent branch of the larger ABCN prisoner-support network. Write to them or visit their web-site to find out more: [www.anarchistblackcross.org](http://www.anarchistblackcross.org)

**Anarchists Prisoner Legal Aid Network (APLAN)** 818 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97204. Email: [weneversleep@ziplip.com](mailto:weneversleep@ziplip.com) Very important anarchist & anti-capitalist prisoner support group.

**Break The Chains Prisoner Support Group** PO Box 11331, Eugene, OR 97401. Email: [breakthechains02@yahoo.com](mailto:breakthechains02@yahoo.com) Visit the web-site at: [www.breakthechains.net](http://www.breakthechains.net) Organizing to support political prisoners in general, West Coast political prisoners in particular.

**Chicago Anarchist Black Cross** PO Box 721, Homewood, IL 60430. A very solid prisoner-support group.

**Free's Defense Network:** PO Box 50263, Eugene, OR 97405. This is the newly formed support group for Oregon political prisoner Jeffrey "Free" Luers. Be sure to check out their web-site: [www.freefreemove.org](http://www.freefreemove.org)

**Friends of MOVE** PO Box 9709, Philadelphia, PA 19143. Friends & supporters of the MOVE organization and their prisoners.

**Out Of Control Lesbian Committee** 3543-18th St., Box 30, San Francisco, CA 94110. Dykes supporting women prisoners and political prisoners of all stripes. They publish the *Out Of Time* newsletter, amongst other things.

**Prison Activist Resource Center** PO Box 339, Berkeley, CA 94701. Web-page: [www.prisonactivist.org](http://www.prisonactivist.org) Excellent resource for info about anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist prisoners.

**Rob Los Ricos Enterprises** PO Box 50634, Eugene, OR 97405. Support group for anarchist prisoner Rob Thaxton, AKA Rob Los Ricos.

## State Repression & Political Prisoner News

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### February 7, California: Radical Queers Bashed By Cops

SAN FRANCISCO: Police bashed gay activists protesting Gavin Newsom at the San Francisco Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Transgender-Queer Center in the Castro. Police attacked 40 members of the radical anti-capitalist queer group Gay Shame that gathered to protest the policies of Supervisor Gavin Newsom. Two lesbians were visibly bleeding from the mouth after being beaten by the San Francisco Police Department. Gavin Newsome was ushered in the doors of the center by Police escort. People then tried to enter their own center to voice their opposition to Gavin's policies. The police began beating back and blocking the door to the activists. Police pushed the activists into the oncoming traffic on Market Street and began aggressively hitting the queer activists. More police arrived and continued striking at queer activists in the street until eventually the situation calmed down and the activists continued to protest the policies of Gavin Newsom, who has ushered in an era in San Francisco which has declared open warfare on the homeless, and has now manifested itself in hate crimes conducted under the cover of the badge.

### March 2, Italy: Woman Held After Train Shoot-out

ROME: A woman arrested after a cop was shot dead on a train is believed to be a member of the revived far-left Red Brigades group. The woman's companion opened fire as police carried out routine checks on the train, going from Rome to Florence. He was injured by the police and later died at the hospital. The pair are suspected of having links to two recent political killings.

### March 3, Greece: Trial Begins for November 17 Revolutionary Group

ATHENS: Nineteen alleged members of the November 17 Revolutionary Group have gone to trial for assassinations and bombings dating back 30 years. The 19 are on trial before a special tribunal at a high-security prison, accused of killings and bomb and rocket attacks which have killed 23 people. The group's alleged leader Alexandros Giotopoulos denies about 1,000 charges. Wealthy capitalists, powerful politicians, and military personnel have been attacked by the anti-imperialist group. (See GA # 10 and # 11)

### Oregon: Jacob Sherman Buckles Under Pressure; Tre Arrow Is Still On The Run

PORTLAND: As has been reported in recent issues of GA, during the late summer of 2002 the authorities alleged that four people, Jacob Sherman, Jeremy Rosenbloom, Angela Marie Cesario and Tre Arrow had been involved with an arson attack against logging trucks in Eagle Creek in 2001. No group has ever claimed responsibility for this arson. Because of these allegations Jacob, Jeremy and Angela were all arrested and charged before being released on bail. However, the police failed to locate Tre Arrow who is "on the run". After the initial arrests the authorities brought further subsequent charges against Jacob Sherman and Tre Arrow, who they blame for another arson in 2001, this time against Ross Island Sand & Gravel trucks in Portland. This arson was claimed by the Earth Liberation Front. As a result of these raids/arrests, one of the accused, Jacob Sherman, on the 4th of December 2002, pleaded guilty to his involvement in the arsons. Jacob was sentenced on February 20, 2003, to 40 months imprisonment. Jacob Sherman has entered into a "cooperation agreement" with the authorities, and unfortunately it appears that he is selling out the movement to save his own cowardly ass.

### Support Byron Shane Chubbuck!

Byron Shane Chubbuck, AKA Oso Blanco, is currently serving 80 years for aggravated assault on Federal Agents, escape and bank robbery. Chubbuck, also known as "Robin the Hood" by authorities, was robbing banks to funnel money to the Zapatista National Liberation Army in Chiapas, Mexico, between 1988 and 1999. After being caught in late 1999 (after robbing 14 banks), Chubbuck escaped from a prison van in New Mexico (his home state) and almost immediately began knocking off banks again. Chubbuck, who was well known as a polite and courteous robber and never carried a gun, was recaptured in 2001 during a shoot out with police. The police, apparently, had discovered his whereabouts after Chubbuck attempted to contact a radio show host to speak out about indigenous rights and the treatment of prisoners. In a newspaper interview, Chubbuck claimed "I am still able to hold my head up and feel the gratification for my work in a world where money, power and destructive industry are regarded far above humanity, indigenous and impoverished peoples and cultures. I cannot help that I got into my work." For more info, write directly to: **Byron Shane Chubbuck** #07909051, USP, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

### Eddie Hatcher's Statement Of Solidarity With Native Prisoners In Oregon

"Last year eight Native American prisoners took over and destroyed a housing unit at Oregon's newest "super prison" -- Two Rivers Correctional Institution. The desperate rebellion was the direct result of oppressive actions and conditions by the prison against the Native prisoners. The prison refused to allow Native prisoners to peacefully and respectfully practice their religion. They were prohibited from possessing and using their religious items. The prison staff constantly showed blatant disrespect to the Native American prisoners, their religion, their religious practices and their religious items. You would think this type of oppressive, genocidal tyrannical conduct would not be taking place anywhere in America but especially not in a state that projects itself as so progressive. I am calling on everyone to please contact the Oregon Department of Corrections and demand that the abusive and unjust treatment of David Scalera, Arapaho Nation; Tewahnee Sahme, Warm Springs Nation and all Native American Prisoners in the state of Oregon immediately stop. Please let Oregon officials know that we are watching." Contact: **Oregon Department of Correction Central Administration Office**, 2575 Center Street NE Salem, OR 97301-4667. Tel: 503-945-9090. Fax: 503-373-1173. Email: [DOC.info@doc.state.or.us](mailto:DOC.info@doc.state.or.us)



## Pull the Plug!

At the moment i happen to be out here with y'all - just another prisoner of the BIG CAGE! i'm broke right this minute cause i was just released from one of the little cages, all because i had a little green (10 kilos = 3 years) - i love what you're doing - send me a copy of your rag. I want to be a part of G.A. I detest the Machine - **PULL THE PLUG!**

- Green Willow

## An Open Letter To All Post-Modern Cynics

Dear GA:

It's kind of scary that your publication is one of the few who actually address the problems with modern reality. I find it hard to get my friends to flip through it, I don't think they're used to reading vitally important material in a newspaper. I think you should have a section devoted to the deaths of cynical pricks because they are constantly laughing away the most important conversations we could be having. Maybe when their fragmented selves begin to feel like shards of glass in their sides, perhaps then they'll embrace fundamental change.

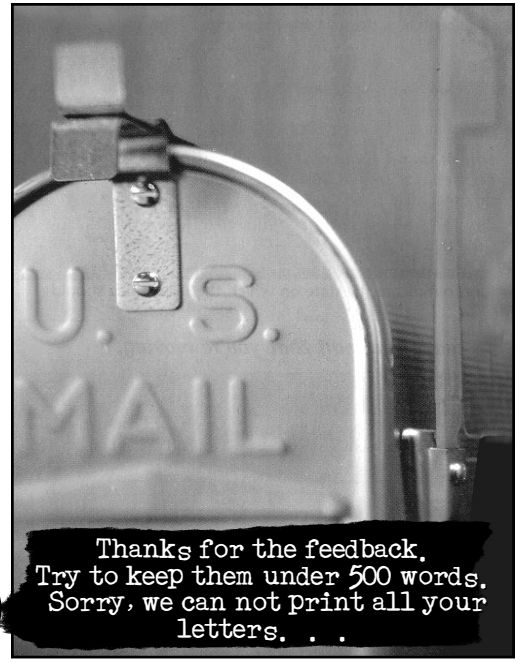
In Resistance,

A friend

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Thanks for the feedback. Try to keep them under 500 words. Sorry, we can not print all your letters...

## Militant Resistance and Anarchy?

In this letter I will explain the bare basics of militant anarchist organization and critique current delusions so-called militants have today. First dump your preconceived notion of what society will look like "after the revolution." Admit you have no idea and let's move on. This needs to be very clear. It is necessary for anarchists to collaborate with people and organizations outside of their box, that may have either never heard of anarchism or have serious reservations about it. There is a common misconception that if you are not an anarchist (or worse, you aren't a part of a sect of anarchism!), you have this insidious plan to seize power from people and execute all dissidents. Understand that anarchism came from European thinking and, up until recently, it has only been discussed among white people. Many people of color are communist or simply anti-imperialist. Many of their groups aren't opposed to anarchism as much as they are trusting white people who have been betraying people of color long before Nestor Makno was betrayed by the Bolshevik Party and long after. I needn't list these atrocities, but you can believe me when I say they are more numerous than communist against anarchist. In the last issue of GA John Zerzan commented on Subcommandante Marcos' Maoism and N17's unclear politics. Both organizations have never espoused dogmatic or sectarian ideals - which are the foundations of authoritarianism - but rather they have set themselves short-term goals. The above organization's actions and intentions have clearly been for the benefit and liberation of the people, and I have yet to see otherwise. They are urban and rural guerillas, not politicians. Zerzan doesn't have hands-on experience in these activities, nor with the people of those regions (Greece and Chiapas). If you can do better go for it. In other words, don't be a hater, be a player. Moving on, we have questions that deal with the present situation that do need answers. In an article in the last issue I heard someone attack organization. I believe we must be organized militarily to defeat a well organized enemy. The questions however are valid. "What are we organizing, whom are we organizing, and why are we organizing?" I will put it more simply: What are we opposing? What we are opposing actually complements whom we are organizing. We are opposing imperialism in all forms. From the colonialism in Palestine to the neo-colonialism in Chiapas. The British soldiers in Ireland and the S.W.A.T. units in Los Angeles, the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Pine Ridge and the correctional officer in the state pen. These are the muscles the imperialists use to keep the people down. Their occupations in our communities, in full force and armed to the teeth, creates an illusion of invulnerability around the oppressor. Who are we organizing? The oppressed youth in the community. Understand by community, I mean communities that are facing imperialism and mass scale oppression. Not middle-class suburban areas and student towns, though youth activists from these areas, who have yet to ascend privilege of middle-class life, can most definitely be recruited and organizational skills are needed. What are our goals? Since it's a question of what do we as a military organization have to offer the community rather than what we want to impose on them, it is the first task of the revolutionary to understand who and what is the people's enemy. Usually this will mean military goals based on the alleviation/elimination of occupying forces, who the people (especially youth) in the area of operation consider oppressive enemies. Alleviating poverty, through expropriation of funds from banks and other wealthy institutions, help free people's time usually spent laboring for small wages (especially single mothers). Thereby creating room for active engagement or support in the community by blatantly exposing the oppressor's vulnerability, and discouraging enemy operation in the community through retaliation by the people. It is the author's opinion that it is impossible for a revolutionary community to exist

But if anarchists refuse to work with the authoritarians, who else is there?

- Barricada #21, pg 12

unless it is impossible for the enemy to resume offensive operations in the community without disruption. It is historically proven that the enemy will use violent methods against revolutionary communities, and for those who only use defense or no defensive rules, this leads to eventual elimination. The best defense is a good offense. The current culture of militancy in the anarchist movement is a failure. This is due to a lack of training, experience, purpose, recruits, popular support, direction, equipment, strategy and an inclusive organizational structure. This author is extremely critical of decentralized cell structures for use in liberation armies. This structure is only useful for small-scale sabotage, because potential for training, and acquiring equipment is extremely remote due to the cells' inability to share resources, and also because of a lack of accountability. Actions outside of sabotage would be

a danger to the community. Offensive operations against forces of occupation by anarchists have mostly been in the form of black bloc, whose activities are merely vandalism, random hooligan actions, and extremely primitive assaults. The tactics they use against the well-armed and prepared police/military forces lack any surprise, and the weaponry used is outdated over a millennia. Clearly all of this must change. In countries where funds and equipment are not only abundant, but ridiculously underguarded, it is strange indeed to see self-proclaimed militants armed with only sticks, while in countries like Nepal, at least the Maoist guerrillas have armed themselves with muskets. As humorous as it sounds, it has not stopped the enemy from taking advantage of the situation - there have been three cases of extremely strict punishments for crimes most of society would consider petty: Jeffrey Luers' 23 year sentence for burning three SUVs, his co-defendant Craig Marshall's six year sentence, and Robert Thaxton's seven years for throwing a rock at a pig. Clearly the state saw these individuals as people willing to take the situation into their own hands and the magnitude was irrelevant. I will not get into favorable guerrilla organizational structures, and tactics because that would require too much space, especially since it would have to cover two different types of terrain (i.e. urban and rural) which requires entirely different tactics. This letter is purely meant to push people towards that study. Many POWs have knowledge and skill in these areas of study. I would be a fool if I didn't say these people needed support in the forms of money, literature and/or being liberated. At the very least they must be heard. Lack of prisoner support is not only disturbing, but also a waste of valuable skills. If you want to learn about illegal skills look to Ojure Lutalo, not Noam Chomsky. So I hope you have helped in the right direction.

-Anonymous Political Prisoner

**Editors' Note:** For the word "anarchist" throughout this letter substitute "marxist-leninist" (or any of its variants, like "stalinist" or "maoist"). The piece would then make sense, for there is little that is anarchist or anti-authoritarian about it.

In fact, this is an example of the regrettable trend whereby the word "anarchist" is losing its meaning. Because opposition today is chiefly anarchist, even those on the authoritarian Left seem to be willing to cloak themselves with the "A" word, incredible as that is.

Early on, a classic stalinist-style justification for the betrayal and murder of anarchists by leftists (a staple of 20th century history) is presented. People of color have suffered horrific oppression well before anarchists did, therefore the latter shouldn't complain!

If this isn't abhorrent enough, the writer goes on to list virtually every negative facet of the organizational fetish so dear to many on the left. For example, the manipulative practice of "recruiting," which sees individuals as so many potential cogs to be fitted to a pre-designed machine; the arrogance of knowing what to do "for the benefit and liberation of the people", instead of honoring autonomy and self-direction; even an exclusive focus on "we as a military organization" - all of this is a grotesque list of failed, top-down prescriptions from those who dream of assuming state power.

Fortunately, this anti-anarchist perspective (despite its absurd claim to the contrary) is meeting a well-deserved extinction. It is a mini case-study in what to avoid, an offensive parody of anarchy. Exactly what Green Anarchy is not about.



# My Struggle, Our Struggle It's Very Much the Same

Hullo. I will try to keep this as short as I can. I have questions, and stories, and more questions. I'll save the important ones for this email...

*\*sigh\**

I could prattle on intelligently, or so it may seem, but I'm not going to. I'm going to stick to my confusion, and let it take the form of a small cry for help, because that's what it is. I know that no one can make decisions for me, or tell me how to live my life, because that's something that I have to do for myself, but it just feels like I have no direction, nowhere to go, no one to talk to who really understands. I practice direct action wherever and whenever I can, but I feel extremely limited in the things that I can do. I have a child. He is about to be four. I am 23 years old, and still figuring out life for myself. Now I have an added responsibility to make sure that my son has the means to figure things out for himself, but I feel that he needs direction and guidance... something I feel I am unable to give him.

My thoughts are increasingly extreme, my views on the world, and capitalism and \*shudder\* globalization, even though I am relatively uninformed, comparatively. Most of my thought comes from speculation, about things that I perceive in the system, in the unstableness of the market, in the conspiracies that surround the tragedy that was last year... it's these thoughts that set me apart from my family, and my son's family, and maybe even my son. I feel that if I don't conform, and work, and make money like I am encouraged to do, then I am letting him down. He will grow up thinking that his mother is some wacko and he will be alienated from me. But I can't let these things go unnoticed! I can't put these things out of my head, I have taken the red pill and there is no going back.. I cannot simply forget these things that I know...

It makes me sad, and angry, that people like me who think "outside the 'fucking' BOX," people like you who put this magazine out, are the ones who have to try and fix what 10,000 years of civilization has wrought, and sometimes I think we will never be rid of it...

I don't know what my question is. I guess I was just hoping to vent my frustrations, and maybe get some feedback. I am hoping to reach someone(s) who can talk with me, discuss, help me to get my feelings out so that I can get them straight... maybe there is someone there...

Full of rage and hope,  
P

## A note from Oscar

### Companeros/as:

Thank you for sharing your paper with me. Keep up the work and the struggle.

!PAZ PARA VIEQUES & PARA EL MUNDO!

En resistencia y lucha,

-Oscar Lopez Rivera #87561-024,  
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Indiana 47808.

Editor's note: Oscar Lopez Rivera was drafted into the U.S. army and served in Vietnam. When he returned from the war in 1967, he found that the conditions in the Puerto Rican community had reached dire levels and immediately set to work organizing to improve the quality of life for his people. He worked in the community against drugs and police brutality. He was arrested in 1981 and sentenced to 55 years for seditious conspiracy. In 1988 he was given an additional 15 years for conspiracy to escape. His release date is 2021. Since 1986, Oscar has been in the most repressive maximum-security prisons in the country. Last year Oscar completed 13 years of solitary confinement, having been kept in a cell the size of the average bathroom for 22 hours every day. In 1998, Bill Clinton granted clemency to 11 Puerto Rican political prisoners before he stepped down from presidency. Oscar was offered a 10-year sentence reduction in exchange for an apology to the US government for his acts of sedition. He refused the offer.

# SCAVENGING ROADKILL

FROM "FERAL FORAGER: A GUIDE TO  
LIVING OFF NATURE'S BOUNTY IN URBAN,  
RURAL AND WILDERNESS AREAS"

Roadkill holds an intriguing place in the collective consciousness of the modern world. An unavoidable result of car culture, roadkill is so common that most people don't notice it anymore as they zoom past it distracted by cell phones, radios and clogged highways. We have found that it's easy to become desensitized and ignore the violent and gruesome slaughter of millions of wild animals every year as they try to cross the steadily increasing number of roads en route to water sources, and on their migratory paths. After beginning to actually eat roadkill, we realized how much is really out there that our eyes usually gloss over. It is this profound detachment from the brutal reality of roadkill (or is it subconscious denial?) that sparked our desire to eat our first roadside casualty.

There are other reasons to eat roadkill besides this somewhat esoteric justification:  
**It's FREE!**

Wild meat is satisfying, and for many of us vegans who don't get enough protein (yes, I know the average American gets TOO much!) it's a healthful protein fix, minus the chemicals and drugs in commercial meat. Blood type and ancestry can require more or less protein for optimal health. Also, significant research is now showing that Vitamin B12 can only be found in animal organs, contrary to the previous consensus of vegan nutrition experts.

Energy flows through all living beings, connecting us intimately. The food we eat is absorbed into our blood and feeds our cells. Eating a wild animal can nourish our cells in ways our bodies haven't known in millennia.

Eating roadkill challenges our society's taboos concerning what is fit and unfit to eat. In the same spirit as dumpster-diving, we salvage the waste products of our decadent culture, while the wealthy turn their noses up at us and purchase chemical-laden slaughterhouse products. Conventional meat products carry with them the suffering of the factory farm, exuding stress and misery in every tissue and cell. This misery transfers itself to the plate of the consumer, infecting billions worldwide with the same neurotic trauma of domestication.

At least an animal killed on the highway lived wild and free until the point of impact.

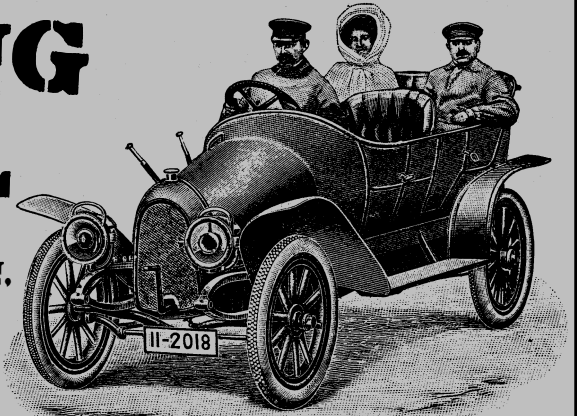
### IS ROADKILL VEGAN?

As for vegan ethics and roadkill, we think its all about the motivations behind your veganism. After many years of active veganism, we feel that while it can indeed be the healthiest choice for some, for others this may not be

the case, and in fact, veganism is not generally practiced by primitive people, historically or currently. Most primitive cultures ate far more wild plant matter than animal, but even in the tropics, where edible plants are abundant and the warm climates are compatible with a mostly vegetarian diet, people regularly ate insects and bird eggs. What we believe strongly is that primitive cultures thrived without dairy products, so in that respect, we are enthusiastically vegan. Defining veganism as a practice rather than an ideology makes the most sense to us. At this place and time, it is indeed the more ecological choice when choosing between that and domestic meat-eating — even organic and free-range. But can we say the same for the indigenous of Siberia or the Arctic? In any case, where roadkill is concerned, there is really no ecological argument against it (well, except for maybe that it steals food from vultures and crows! But we leave the really mangled stuff for them anyway...).

### HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Our first feral feast of roadkill was on spring equinox of 2002. That past winter we had experimented with skinning and tanning, using a possum and a raccoon we had found on the roadside. Years earlier I had been at an earth first! rendezvous where some folks hit a deer on the way there.



They drove into the gathering with it strapped to the roof of their car, and after some controversy, were relegated to a distant hilltop to roast it on a spit. I ate some then, and remember thinking little of its ethics. Still, I would never have thought of actually stopping a car to pick up roadkill to eat. Thankfully I never killed any animals that I knew of while driving. So on spring equinox my partner, Ursus and I were driving

in the suburbs of a large southeastern city and spotted a fox, dead on the roadside. Our first thought was what a great fur it would make. We scraped it up (it wasn't very mangled at all) and took it to our friends' house downtown, and Ursus skinned it in the backyard while our friends assisted. When it was all done and hanging gutless and skinless from a tree, it was like some collective epiphany: why not eat it? There was a great firepit there and several willing "freegans", along with a few pretty hard-core vegans (including Ursus) who raised no protest. After a couple hours on a spit (a stick shoved through its anus and out its mouth), the gray fox was edible. I guess

it was something about the start of a new season, it was almost ritualistic, without trying to make it so. Some stood by and watched while 4 or 5 of us feasted on the fox. Ursus, a hard-core vegan, was perhaps the most voracious. There was something primal about his eating — like a wild man caged for years eating only bagels and bananas. Ursus tanned the skin and later wore it around his neck like a scarf.

Three months later in midsummer, we found a raccoon. Ursus skinned it and tanned the hide, and roasted it on a fire, then made a delicious stew. He also rendered the fat into oil to use for frying. Raccoon is pretty oily.

Three months later, on fall equinox, we scooped up another gray fox and roasted it over a fire. A week after that, we found a rabbit on the roadside in another large southeastern city and ate rabbit stew with veggies foraged from the urban

wilds. Just a few days later, we found a dead pigeon on the side of a city street in a small town. When Ursus called my attention to it, and I saw the look in his eyes, I protested: "Oh no you don't" - it just seemed like too much, and pointless being so small. He grabbed it anyway, wrapping it in newspaper, beneath

the horrified eyes of more than a few passerby. I found this rather embarrassing, but Ursus later reminded me of the basic truth of the situation: "Fuck 'em". A few steps later we found another dead pigeon that was in even better condition than the first one. We took them home and made "pigeon-noodle soup", and by the way pigeons do have a lot of meat on them — and they're really tasty, too.

**THIS ZINE CONTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE "HOW TO" MANUAL ON ROADKILL, INCLUDING: SKINNING, CLEANING, STAKING AND STRETCHING THE HIDE, SCRAPING, REMOVING THE FUR, BRAIN TANNING, CLEANING AND DRESSING BIRDS, COOKING METHODS, AND POTENTIAL RISKS OF EATING ROADKILL. IT ALSO HAS SECTIONS ON WILD PLANTS AND MUSHROOMS, EDIBLE INSECTS, AND MORE!**

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## Splitting the Sky Tour

January 15, 2003 kicked off the Northwest Speaking Tour for former political prisoner, former American Indian Movement activist, survivor of the Attica massacre, author of the 650 page autobiography *From Attica to Gustafsen Lake*, and long-time revolutionary, John Hill (AKA Dacajewiah - Mohawk for Splitting the Sky). From a background of orphanages and boarding schools, Dacajewiah emerged as a principal leader of the Attica rebellion at the age of nineteen, and later became a major figure in the Native sovereignty movement.

The Break The Chains collective became acquainted with Splitting the Sky late last year, when we were introduced via the internet by a mutual friend. Prior to this we hadn't heard of Splitting the Sky. But after doing our research, we found that he is a longtime revolutionary who  *fights to win*. After a number of positive exchanges with him, we decided that we would like to host him for a series of events in Oregon, and later he asked us to arrange a full Northwest speaking tour. Two of the keynote speakers who shared lectures with Splitting the Sky on this tour - former political prisoners of the George Jackson Brigade, Mark Cook & Ed Mead - came together in Seattle 30 years ago for a prisoner-support convention called "Con-vention."

This tour - which covered Seattle, Portland, Eugene, Ashland, and San Francisco - was very successful and members of Break The Chains have written a highly in-depth report on this agitational journey and the issues that were addressed throughout the course of it all, which is available free of cost upon request from **Break The Chains, PO Box 11331, Eugene, OR 97440** e-mail: [breakthechains02@yahoo.com](mailto:breakthechains02@yahoo.com)

## Break The Chains #14

This issue - our largest and best yet - contains new articles by and about West Coast political prisoners Jeff "Free" Luers, Rob "Los Ricos" Thaxton, Matt "Rampage" Lamont, the Children of the River (Native and anarchist prisoners fighting racism and brutality from within Oregon's worst prisons), and anti-imperialist POW Richard Williams, as well as updates about North American political prisoners of all stripes, reports on anti-authoritarian, anti-capitalist, and anti-prisons activities on the West Coast, state repression news, a movement obituary, a centerfold about women in prison, and much more!

This issue is available for \$5 postage paid from Break The Chains PO Box 11331, Eugene, OR 97440. email: [breakthechains02@yahoo.com](mailto:breakthechains02@yahoo.com) Visit our website (now regularly updated) at: [www.breakthechains.net](http://www.breakthechains.net)

All proceeds from the sale of our newsletter will go to covering the costs of the upcoming prison abolition/prisoner-support/anti-repression conference in Eugene, OR, scheduled for the weekend of August 8-11, 2003. Contact Break The Chains for more info.

## ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS NETWORK NEWSLETTER #2

The Break The Chains collective is excited to announce that we will be producing issue #2 of the Anarchist Black Cross Network newsletter. We are now accepting submissions for the newsletter from anti-authoritarian and anti-capitalist prisoners and prison activists - so send us your contributions of poetry, artwork, and articles analyzing the Prison Industrial Complex, how prison relates to and reinforces other forms of oppression (racism, gender oppression, etc.), articles on prisoner-support and prisoner-resistance, critiques of contemporary movement trends, and suggestions for how anarchist prisoner-aid groups such as the ABCN can be more effective at supporting prisoners and building a movement to abolish prisons and the deranged society that continues to build them. We are especially interested in hearing from politically conscious and active women prisoners, whose voices are all too often under-represented in the prisoner-solidarity movement.

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Deadline for submissions is April 7th

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A warrior society of the indigenous people's movement, is seeking financial contributions for the printing costs of an NYM magazine. The purpose of the magazine is to educate and inspire Native youth and all indigenous peoples to become part of a larger movement to protect and defend our lands and way of life that is becoming severely threatened. NYM focuses much of its energy on building community self-sufficiency, relearning and protecting traditional ways, as well as direct action and boycott campaigns against destructive industries. Please make donations payable to:

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## CASCADIA-SUMMER-ON-THE-HORIZON!

### The Cascades are on fire early this year:

There won't be any retold stories of the need for change, or any excuses made for what hasn't happened. None of that matters anymore. Definitions are being changed and overturned daily. What used to be termed freedom of speech has unveiled itself to be super-intelligent thought control. The reality of our enslavement is apparent. The looters from the bloodstained mansion have openly admitted their intent to control our lives, down to the D.N.A. in our blood, that which sustains us. Chances are running out to take control of your own life and nothing more desperate must happen! The only way to do this is to know what you want - and then do it. We've seen that our corporate sponsors have effectively deployed this strategy. Fortunately, we have all of time and the forest on our side. There is just one thing though - all of time and the powers of the forest can only be on our side if they are still flourishing in their own right, striving for their own interests, and existing in a form so untouched that it will never be fully understood.

Some of us have been out to gain some secret knowledge over the past few years. We have learned a lot, we have come a long way. Now is the time to go further. Soon Bush and his co-conspirators across the globe will have destroyed the last remaining sacred places on the planet. They will be destroyed for the final and only time. Some will be crossed with pipeline; others slashed with axes and shipped away to become cereal boxes. The forest has spoken and this will not be allowed to happen. In these last moments the people are rising!

Cascadia Summer is now, it is this summer, and we are all a part of it. Many people have been acting on your behalf for your entire life, but now we just want you to be yourself! We aren't asking for the logging to stop, we're *stopping* it. We aren't asking for the patriarchal culture that fosters this need to change, we are *living our own way*, on our own time. And when we see them marching with their town-machines and their ugly faces, we'll see them turning more quickly than before, if they can even make it out. Once we are no longer living in the extreme of the opposition, and that opposition is unnecessary to define our existence, every possibility is awaiting us. We are the present. We are creating the future in every passing moment. Our fate is within reach and we each must open our hands and grasp it. Logging season starts March 15. See you in the woods...

**To stop the madness of logging on public lands and the furthering of the American-imperialist state's scope, call (541)684-8977.**

## Summer 2003 Green Anarchist Gathering July 10 thru 13, 2003 North Central Pennsylvania

We are currently organizing for a green anarchist gathering this summer which will take place in a Pennsylvania state forest yet to be announced. The location will have normal park facilities as well as areas for the application and practice of wilderness skills. The emphasis of the gathering is two fold: to teach wilderness survival abilities and to provide a contextual and practical basis for green anarchist theory/action.

It seems a vital point for green anarchists to have our own convergence instead of having a few workshops at other gatherings. We are hoping that this environment will be permissive for detailed discussion, debate and exchange of experience. This, however, is not for 'green anarchists only' and we hope that people will take this chance to learn more about wilderness skills, the green anarchist critiques and also develop stronger alliances to further insurrectionary action.

This gathering is for green anarchists and future primitives all over the world to gather and get serious about the direction and actions that we are a part of and prepare for life beyond civilization. We hope that all people who are serious about this will come. For the destruction of civilization and the reconnection to life!

We are currently taking any help we can get. We are in desperate need of funds, equipment, field kitchen collective/s, advertisements, people who can help with skill sharing and workshops, ideas for discussions, organizers, and any other suggestions.

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## Gathering of Anti-Civilization People May 1-4, Barcelona, Spain

Free and Wild anarchists will be gathering to discuss the complete and Total destruction of our enemy, *Civilization*. This gathering has the potential to serve as an invaluable networking hub for anyone involved in the anti-civilization movement, and we urge our north american readers to *try their best* to get there, despite the geographical challenges related to its location.

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## Odds and Ends

\* We apologize for any e-mail fuck-ups since our last issue. We have been experiencing some technical difficulties lately, which we hope are now better. If you have sent us any articles, letters, feedback, questions, or orders through cyber-means in the past three months, and have not yet heard from us, please drop us another line. While our e-mail at: [greenanarchy@tao.ca](mailto:greenanarchy@tao.ca) should be functioning for some time, we have switched our primary e-mail to: [collective@greenanarchy.org](mailto:collective@greenanarchy.org)

\* For various reasons, we are considering changing our name to:

*"- fill in the blank -"*

*A journal of Green Anarchy*

This is just a small possibility, so tell us what you think. If you have any ideas or suggestions along these lines, let us know. If some one offers us the perfect name, they will receive a lifetime subscription.

\* We are also debating the change to a magazine format. We have lots of research yet to do so we may weigh the benefits and drawbacks. It would definitely cost us more money, which would cost our readers more, and reduce the number we could give away, BUT it would make it easier to be carried by distributors who could get it places who won't carry us in newspaper format. This possible change would also make *GA* a more durable and lasting piece of material. So let us know any opinions or ideas you have.

\* We are currently seeking possible short and long term editors to be a part of a focused and dedicated collective of insurrectionary green anarchist/anarcho-primitivist propagandists. Scenesters need not apply.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make this project possible.

Our deadline for the Summer issue is May 12th.

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