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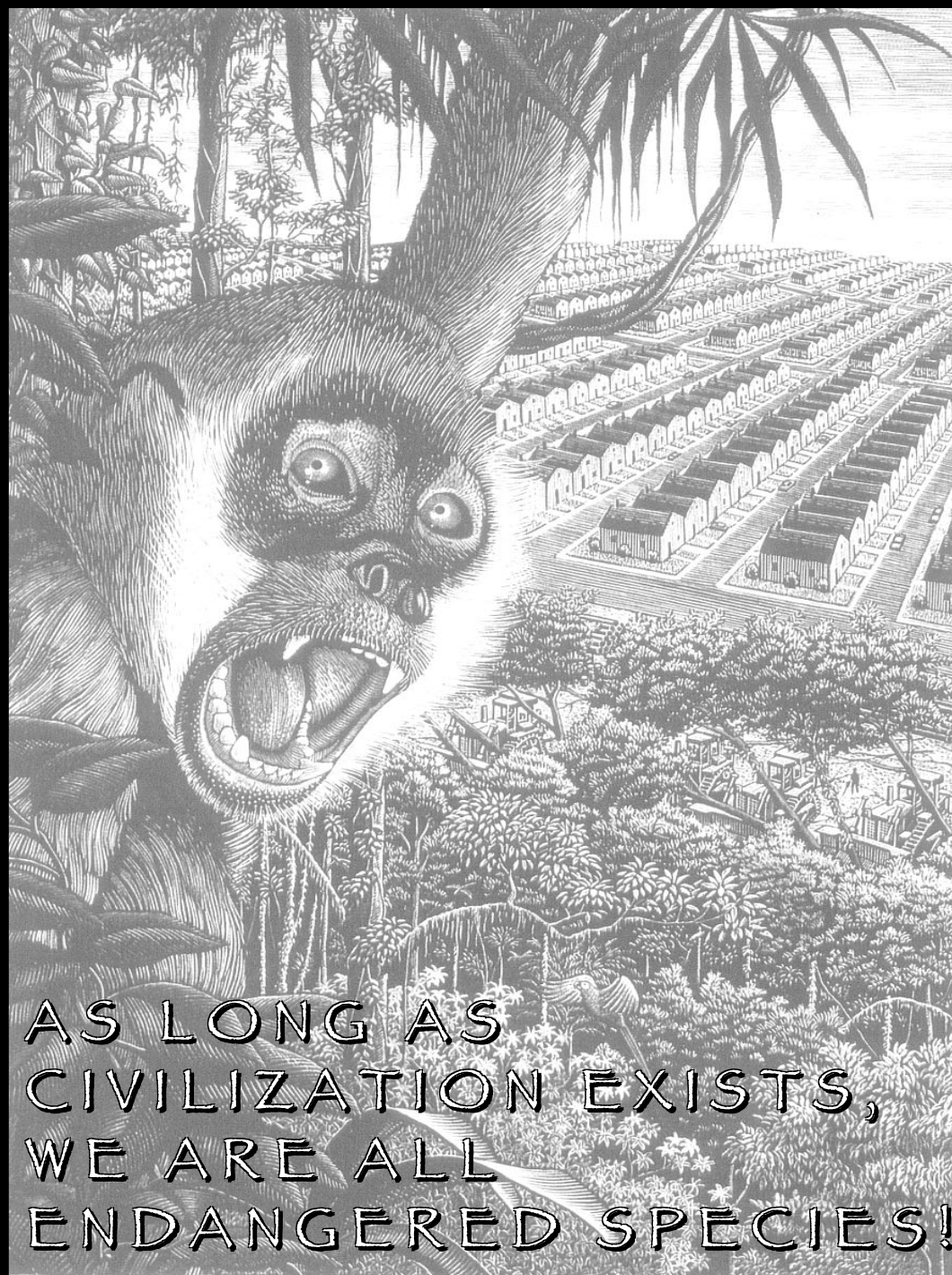
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WE ARE ALL
ENDANGERED SPECIES!

TECHNOLOGY IS DOOM,
FOR THE BIRDS
THE DEER
THE WOLF, THE COYOTE
THE WHALES
THE MOOSE
AND THE SURVIVING
REPTILES,
FROM TIDE TO MOON
DESTRUCTION COMES
TOO SOON,
PROTECT THE EARTH
DISMISS THE THOUGHTS
OF PROGRESS!
- JULIE BELMAS

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HIT WHERE IT HURTS

BY TED KACZYNSKI

1. The Purpose Of This Article.

The purpose of this article is to point out a very simple principle of human conflict, a principle that opponents of the techno-industrial system seem to be overlooking. The principle is that in any form of conflict, if you want to win, you must hit your adversary where it hurts.

I have to explain that when I talk about "hitting where it hurts" I am not necessarily referring to physical blows or to any other form of physical violence. For example, in oral debate, "hitting where it hurts" would mean making the arguments to which your opponents position is most vulnerable. In a presidential election, "hitting where it hurts" would mean winning from your opponent the states that have the most electoral votes. Still, in discussing this principle I will use the analogy of physical combat, because it is vivid and clear.

If a man punches you, you can't defend yourself by hitting back at his fist, because you can't hurt the man that way. In order to win the fight, you have to hit him where it hurts. That means you have to go behind the fist and hit the sensitive and vulnerable parts of the man's body.

Suppose a bulldozer belonging to a logging company has been tearing up the woods near your home and you want to stop it. It is the blade of the bulldozer that rips the earth and knocks trees over, but it would be a waste of time to take a sledgehammer to the blade. If you spent a long, hard day working on the blade with the sledge, you *might* succeed in damaging it enough so that it became useless. But, in comparison with the rest of the bulldozer, the blade is relatively inexpensive and easy to replace. The blade is only the "fist" with which the bulldozer hits the

earth. To defeat the machine you must go behind the "fist" and attack the bulldozer's vital parts. The engine, for example, can be ruined with very little expenditure of time and effort by means well known to many radicals.

At this point I must make clear that I am not recommending that anyone should damage a bulldozer (unless it is his own property). Nor should anything in this article be interpreted as recommending illegal activity of any kind. I am a prisoner, and if I were to encourage illegal activity this article would not even be allowed to leave the prison. I use the bulldozer analogy only because it is clear and vivid and will be appreciated by radicals.

2. Technology Is The Target.

It is widely recognized that "the basic variable which determines the contemporary historic process is provided by technological development" (Celso Furtado*). Technology, above all else, is responsible for the current condition of the world and will control its future development. Thus, the "bulldozer" that we have to destroy is modern technology itself. Many radicals are aware of this, and therefore realize that their task is to eliminate the entire techno-industrial system. But unfortunately they have paid little attention to the need to hit the system where it hurts.

Smashing up McDonald's or Starbucks is pointless. Not that I give a damn about McDonald's or Starbucks. I don't care whether anyone smashes them up or not. But that is not a revolutionary activity. Even if every fast-food chain in the world were wiped out the techno-industrial system would suffer only minimal harm as a result, since it could easily survive without fast-food chains. When you

attack McDonald's or Starbucks, you are not hitting where it hurts.

Some months ago I received a letter from a young man

in Denmark who believed that the techno-industrial system had to be eliminated because, as he put it, "What will happen if we go on this way?" Apparently, however, his form of "revolutionary" activity was raiding fur farms. As a means of weakening the techno-industrial system this activity is utterly useless.



Even if animal liberationists succeed in eliminating the fur industry completely they would do no harm at all to the system, because the system can get along perfectly well without furs.

I agree that keeping wild animals in cages is intolerable, and that putting an end to such practices is a noble cause. But there are many other noble causes, such as preventing traffic accidents, providing shelter for the homeless, recycling, or helping old people cross the street. Yet no one is foolish enough to mistake these for revolutionary activities, or to imagine that they do anything to weaken the system.

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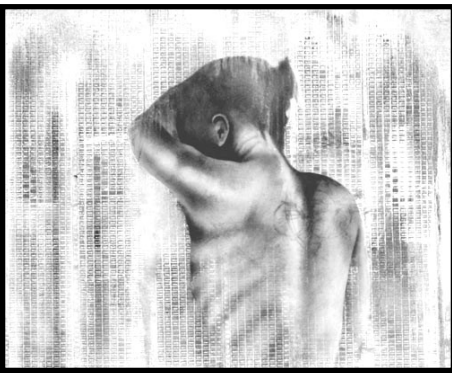
TOWARDS A COMPLETELY "WIRELESS" SOCIETY BY DAISY CHUNG

It's 2002, and humanity continues on its odyssey. No, it's definitely not 1984 - it's worse because it is real.

On November 26th, 2001, the world discovered that a human embryo was successfully cloned for the first time. While there were some reactions of disgust and horror, the overriding feeling was that this was a great accomplishment, a cause for celebration. In an effort to discredit all opposition, supporters said that this new development will help to fight and find cures for diseases, implicating compassion and humanitarianism in the rhetoric. They told the public not to worry, that these were giant steps for human kind.

Everyday, a new concoction is formulated behind the walls of laboratories, attempting to erase millions of years of evolution. Today, one can own genetic material, clone dead Fido, build robots that have names and perform human tasks (like surgery), live "normal" lives without leaving their homes so long as they have a computer. These advances may seem harmless; one can "choose" to live within techno-society or not. However, the reality is not so simple. Technology does not stand idly by until someone "chooses" to use it; rather, it constantly turns its own wheels, colliding with every scope of life. Furthermore, the belief that technology is bad only when it is used for evil is pretty laughable. To say that a car can exist without bombs, to say that your computer can exist without a system of oppression of domination, is to miss the point that technology critics have stated time and time again: technology is not neutral. Scarily enough, this is not a conspiracy, or a science-fiction novel, or the creation of a few madmen. Developments in science and technology are growing quickly, just as the unrelenting faith in the promises of progress in both fields.

This past summer, the movie "A.I." was just a propaganda flick to win the hearts and (unthinking) minds of the public over the robotics issue. The movie is nothing but emotional non-sense over the discrimination of robots that act and feel like real human beings (probably because they were human actors). Using the story of a robot "boy" whose only desire was for a mother's love, "A.I." told mass audiences that they should accept robots into society, and if they didn't, they were not only cruel and immoral, but also narrow-minded. It was so biased



that one could think that Hans Moravec himself wrote the script. Moreover, it also asserted the existence of robots in the future as predestined, something that humans must deal with. The only good thing that came out of it was that it was so horrible and melodramatic, it was hardly convincing.

But let me not lose sight of what I ultimately wish to say. This is my plea now for all of those who work for social justice, but neglect the technology issue, or embrace it for a post-scarcity future. By disregarding it, you ignore coltan miners in the Congo, sweatshop workers in Caribbean, farmers in India, your own interests as a human being. By disregarding it, you put yourself and the whole world in perpetual peril (just take one look at the environmental disasters of the 20th century alone, created by both capitalist and communist nations) until there is nothing to save. One must ask these important questions: where will we dump toxic waste? Who will toil in the factories? Should there be factories? What has more worth, a refrigerator or a tree? Technology cannot exist without some of the most vital components that characterize capitalism, and I hope that our goal is to expurgate every little facet of capitalism, everything that we loathe, everything unjust about the world. Those working for social justice cannot overlook one of the core roots of oppression.

The earth and its inhabitants today are deeply injured. Life itself is in jeopardy. Technology may find some temporary solutions, but bandages only hide the wounds. Re-infection is imminent.

And as a note for those of you who are content with flushing everything away through your toilets and making problems conveniently disappear, go ahead and clone your poor dead poodle. But one day, a million tired feet will make sure to trample on it.

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As pressing as the critique of symbolic thought and the promotion of “anarchist-leaning” archeological data might be to the more academic wings of our movement, it is important to prioritize our resistance to and understanding of other systems of political control and domination, of terrorization and brutality, before largely abstract and intellectual forms of oppression. The endless discussion and debate over such tactically less important topics can happen when we’re all serving life sentences under the new anti-terrorism laws. But if our goal is to remain free and build a genuine revolutionary movement (to survive the collapse of civilization and possibly be agents of the chaos that will cause such a collapse), time and energy could be better spent analyzing and preparing for civilization’s recently declared “war on terrorism.”

The anarchist intelligentsia has been very effective in creating labels and fostering ideological divisiveness, but regardless of the suffix we attach to our “anarchism” we all have one thing in common: the state would like to kill us. It wants to kill us because we often openly declare that we stand in opposition to it and have dedicated our lives to its destruction. History has taught us that no delusion of invincibility and no reliance on the first amendment or other “constitutionalities” have saved those targeted by the state either for neutralization or assassination. The idea that we have any “rights” or that the state is not a ruthless killing machine is a liberal illusion that is shockingly still prevalent in our movement.

An international witch-hunt and clamp-down is already underway and will most likely intensify in the years to come. This war on terrorism is focused not only on “rogue nations,” it is also focused on rogue individuals within the walls of its empire. No privileges or “rights” as “Americans” exempt any domestic dissident from imprisonment or neutralization should they become a noticeable annoyance to the state. Historically both the most radical dissidents and the most vocal reformists to speak against the state have been murdered and incarcerated. Its not speculative to say that the state will do anything to maintain its power, or the mass acceptance of the *illusion* of its power. As anarchists, we should be experiencing no confusion over how empires function and perpetuate their existence, i.e. complete annihilation of effective resistance.

The following thoughts have been articulated in this forum to provide a wake-up call to those anarchists that *a)* think the state isn’t fully committed to destroying our movement (by any means necessary) and/or *b)* think that the state will fall peacefully.

Revolutionary Naiveté Revolutionary Amnesia

The Game of the Spectacle

The situationists have offered an effective analytical framework to understand what they have termed, “the society of the spectacle.” This “theory” explains that under the current order of modern civilization, the perception of the self, the world, and passing events is shaped by a seamlessly projected one-dimensional image, alienated, mediated and external from the individual and society. This concept of spectacle can be used to explain the ways in which such institutions as the mass media assimilate radical politics and transform them into products for the mass consciousness to consume. Further, it provides an understanding of the ways in which acclimatization to the consumption of understanding through the spectacle conditions us to believe that if revolutionary activity is not visible and perceptible - through the projected image of the spectacle - it is somehow not real. Both the fact that the spectacle assimilates movements by default (for a more comprehensive look at this phenomenon see *On the Poverty of Hip Life*, reprinted in *Disorderly Conduct* #4) and the fact that it has convinced many within the anarchist/activist movements to legitimize its existence, point to the conclusion that the spectacle’s mediating, filtering effect has led many on a treacherous path towards not only ineffectiveness, but also defenselessness against the state. Despite the number of anarchists who cite the Situationists as an influence on their politics, the Spectacle still seems to exert a hypnotic, mesmerizing hold over many of us; to the point where we are more obsessed with the appearance of revolution than with the actuality of revolution. Large portions of the anarchist movement continue to practice and advocate tactics that may

have been appropriate two years ago, but now only contribute to the Spectacularization of our struggle, and make us easier targets for state repression. This is no longer an intellectual game being played out in the pages of our academic underground journals, nor a media game of rebel stardom, nor a game of Russian roulette. It is serious, and therefore, warrants strategic thinking. The following are a few examples of the ways in which our movement in large has acted as though its engagement in revolutionary struggle has been a game, both before and after September 11th:

Street demonstrations that serve no strategic purpose, sacrificing our anonymity (arguably one of our most valuable assets)

Same Children Playing Revolution In The Park?

by Epiphany

senselessly through self-deceptive “use” of the Spectacle, posturing, hollow rhetoric, rigid inflexible attachment to certain tactics, and the unwillingness on the part of many “revolutionaries” to educate themselves about how the state really operates.

Unquestioned Liberal Tendencies

While not so much a game, though certainly a part of the process of legitimizing the Spectacle, the liberal tendencies of appealing to a non-existent category of safety in the realm of the “above ground” and the myth of civil liberties protected by the constitution are both chilling examples of revolutionary naiveté. The self-deceptive myth of the safe category of constitutionally protected “legal above ground activism” should be rapidly evaporating as the state continually demonstrates that it perceives no such line and intends to provide no safety or immunity to those it perceives as anti-American. One pathological example of this mindset is the delusional belief that publicly declaring your “war” against the system is protected by the first amendment. A serious response to the state’s war on terrorism would be to make oneself less visible, less identifiable, and more difficult for authorities to track, but this would require us to challenge our limited conception of revolution as *Spectacular activism*.

Another disturbing example of liberal tendencies within the anarchist movement is the specter of amnesia surrounding the history of political struggle in the United States and the State’s methodical and homicidal response to it. All the new “anti-terrorist” legislation that the State is now passing - ranging from the Homeland Security Act to the Patriot Act - is being passed for a reason, and that reason should be obvious to anyone with a revolutionary analysis of the system we live under. The Espionage Act of 1917 provided penalties of up to 20 years in prison to anyone who publicly discouraged participation in World War 1 and was used by the ruling class of the time to jail Eugene Debs and other socialist organizers for almost ten years, effectively ending their movement. The Espionage Act was also used by the State to crush the I.W.W. and to deport 4,000 anarchists from the U.S. (this law is still on the books by the way, and has been constantly in force since 1950, because the United States has been legally in a “state of emergency” since the Korean War). Is it really that difficult for anarchists to see who all the new “anti-terrorist” and “eco-terrorist” legislation is directed towards? Already, one activist in New York has been charged under the new Anti-Terrorism laws, for allegedly buying a can of gasoline. Paranoia occurs when we do not understand the real threats we are under, so as revolutionary anarchists, we need to better understand the “War on Terrorism” and the state apparatus as a whole. It’s only through “knowing our enemy” that we have a chance of defeating them.

It is long past the time for our movement to become more serious. . . so let’s take it to the next level!

Adaptability As An Ecological Survival Strategy

Our species has inhabited the planet for 3 million years in groups of hunter/gatherers living in the wild. The reason we have survived and found niches in all terrestrial ecosystems from the highest mountains, to the coldest arctic regions, to the most barren desserts, is that we have adapted to adverse conditions. Whether it was surviving climate change or surviving “competition” with new fellow top of the food chain megafauna, our wild foraging ancestors adapted and

survived. Always in the wild, there is a need to be prepared to adapt. And always, without exception, all successful species *must* adapt. While most humyns now live in what is called civilization, trapped in an artificial, technologically-mediated environment that our senses were not designed to navigate, we are none-the-less still animals, still alive, and still engaged in the struggle to survive. Whereas the adverse conditions in the wild were limited to such things as climate change, scarcity, and predators, the adverse conditions today are that we have been severed from nature, trapped in cages, and enslaved by a new kind of predator - an energy predator that feeds on the life of this planet without respect and reverence for its “competitors” on the landscape, as we all once did, as wolves and tigers do; a predator that exists and kills not for its sustenance, rather it exists and kills towards the ends of satiating a pathological aberration of the brain, the manufactured

motives of ego and greed. If we conceive of our existence as though we are animals, we should see ourselves as animals resisting predation by this new crazy predator that kills not for survival or to feed its young, but kills just to kill.

In order to survive, we must adapt to the introduction of this new species of predator, for it already has us stalked, has many of us killed, and many of us are caught in its teeth. This diseased animal has also amassed powers, technological powers that we do not possess or even understand, and it uses them to its advantage. We must adapt not only to its very presence, but its ever-evolving ways of hunting us and the tools its uses to find and kill us. We must adapt, we must draw upon the strength and wisdom of our ancestors and of those in the fourth world still fighting to retain their autonomy. There are several notable elements that have kept our species alive under all previous adverse conditions. The following are a few examples that may help us now.

Nomadism vs. Sedentism: Mobility As A Basic Guerrilla Concept

Knowing when to engage in mortal combat.

All species in the wild have limitations on their resources, all populations are interlinked. Humans in the wild, also having limited resources, have plenty of food but still a finite amount of resources and a finite amount of people the resources can be used by. As no one is expendable, battling to the point of death is not an efficient strategy. Combat, potentially mortal combat with other species, must be wisely engaged in, people’s lives cannot be squandered for the sake of martyrdom or ego. When the animal or species you are engaged with senses that it can over power you it will, and if it is capable of killing you it will if it feels it must, albeit for entirely different reasons than that of the state (the predator); none-the-less, the behavior is the same, and thus the adaptive strategy must be the same. We must respond as we would in the wild, choose our battles wisely, and make sure that if we are going to engage in potentially mortal combat, that we match the enemy, because, as in the wild, none of us are expendable.

Knowing when to shift tactics when fighting a predator

Many primate species use the tactic of creating the illusion of strength and ferocity by picking up brush and broken branches and waving them while screaming “wildly.” This will sometimes scare off the opponent, though often the main response will be the activation of a survival instinct, something the predator we are up against has destroyed in itself - it has replaced its natural wisdom with artificial knowledge and storage of memories using countless technological mnemonic devices. The predator we now fight can sense our weaknesses, it can quickly realize when we are projecting a “front,” and learns quickly from its mistakes, all the while taking careful note of ours. The predator we now shake sticks at and scream at will no longer run from

our half-witted attempts to bluff it, it will now maul us.

We must adapt to this predator and become aware of the fact that it has caught on to our rhetoric, and thus it is time for new tactics (that is, if we want our struggle to continue).

Knowing the behavior of a predator:

All foraging societies alive today and that have ever lived understand the details of other animal behavior better perhaps than most modern parents understand the behavior of their children. In Kung! bands, hunting trips can last up to four days out in the bush, hunters may track an animal for days. They know how soon the animal will die of a poison arrow, how their prints indicate the stage of poison absorption into the blood stream, how to sleep and wake up without losing the trail, etc.

They know what animals are potential threats to their lives as well, and how to engage and disengage with those animals so that they either kill or escape the situation. We must have an equal understanding of our own predator.

Knowing how to check ego:

The Kung! have a deep understanding of the dangerous development of ego. They take many precautions to keep ego in check. For example, when a hunter makes a large kill, when the carcass is brought back to the camp, the hunter will deny that it was their arrow that killed it, or they will say that it was luck, or that it really is not that big of a kill. For, if they brag about the kill, they will surely be laughed at for seeming so important above the others. Ego must also be kept in check by our movement. We must establish more effective mechanisms to deal with it, both for security reasons and so that we can work together.

Knowing the landscape:

In foraging societies, the land is not only sacred, it is understood beyond any science of geography or topography. All food comes from the landscape, all water, all shelter, all medicine, everything. What indigenous resistance movements have always had that made them successful is the belief in the sacredness of their bioregion, and their knowledge of their bioregion. While many of us are not indigenous to the bioregions we inhabit, we must know the landscape, then hold the landscape as sacred and integral to our survival.

Knowing each other:

All foraging societies live as bands of no more than 25-100 people. Most of the people they know or will ever know they have spent most - if not all - of their whole life with. Building trust, communicating, being honest, being committed to each other and “having each other’s backs” has evolved far past the fleeting, ego tainted, doubtful, self-conscious and suspicious relations most “revolutionaries” have cultivated with each other. We can effectively survive only as a group, we can only effectively resist as a cell. Getting to know each other on deep, intimate levels - where indestructible bonds of trust and solidarity can be formed between us - requires that we engage in the revolutionary deconstruction of all the fear-based walls and barriers that separate us. This is perhaps the most challenging, and yet most *necessary aspect*, of building a revolutionary movement.

Looking Beyond Humyn Political Struggles: Survival Strategies In The Non-Human World

There are also many analogies to be drawn from observing the survival strategies of non-humyn species in the wild, analogies that can be directly applied to both above-ground and underground political movements. Let’s start with *Mimesis* and *Mimicry*. At almost every level along the food chain, organisms attempt to remain unobserved by their predators or prey, or if that is impossible, to appear to be something other than what they really are. Invertebrates, particularly insects, have developed camouflage and masquerade into a fine art. They have adopted their colors, patterns and shapes to copy with amazing precision particular elements of their environments, such as dead leaves, berries or flowers. Certain caterpillars, such as that of an Arizona giant Swallowtail butterfly, look precisely like bird droppings.

Cryptic coloration operates as a first line of defense in the natural world. When a predator threatens to breach this line, when it sees through the insects camouflage and prepares to attack, there are quite a few animals (certain mantises, beetles, butterflies, and moths) who are equipped with a secondary defense system. In contrast to those animals that try to remain inconspicuous, many animals are so gaudily colored that they positively invite detection. Brightly painted butterflies; shiny, metallic-hued beetles; rainbow-banded snakes; and gaily colored reef fishes, are clearly visible to potential predators, many of whom -amphibians, lizards,

birds, fish - have good-to-excellent color vision. This bright coloration serves a strong survival purpose: it advertises to would-be predators that the gaudily decorated animal is ill tasting or venomous. This is known as warning, or aposematic, coloration. An inexperienced toad, stung by a hornet for the first time, will remember the insect’s black-and-yellow banding, associate that color pattern with the painful experience, and avoid insects so marked in the future.

The effectiveness of aposematic coloration has led nature further in evolving one of her most deceptive survival tricks: true mimicry. A good example of this can be found in the Amazonian jungles where the brightly colored, Heliconiid Butterflies, which are unpalatable to birds, are very closely imitated by certain Pieridae, which birds find very much to their taste.

But probably the most impressive survival strategy at work in the natural world (and the one that contemporary anarchists most need to incorporate into their struggle) is *adaptability*, the quality of quickly and creatively responding to new threats and conditions. In North America, it was the large mammals like the wolf and the bison, who had very

set and inflexible patterns of behavior, who were easily hunted to near extinction, while the more adaptable and opportunistic species like the coyote were able to take advantage of this situation and step in to fill the ecological void that was created by the virtual eradication of these other life forms. With the death of leftism, a huge void has been created on the political landscape and the anarchist movement has an opportunity to exploit this opening, but we need to do so wisely and intelligently, with all the craftiness and guile of animals like the coyote, making sure that we don’t play our hand prematurely, and thus, betray our own cause.

In Native American myth, Coyote is known as a trickster, a mirthful, mischievous figure who hunts more by wit than by brawn, and tales of his ingenuity and craftiness in securing his food, told not just by Indians, but by “objective” Anglo observers, are legion. Related to Coyote’s resourcefulness and adaptability is his indestructibility - or more accurately, his powers of resurrection. In story after story he is burned, drowned, starved, smothered or crushed to death, and he

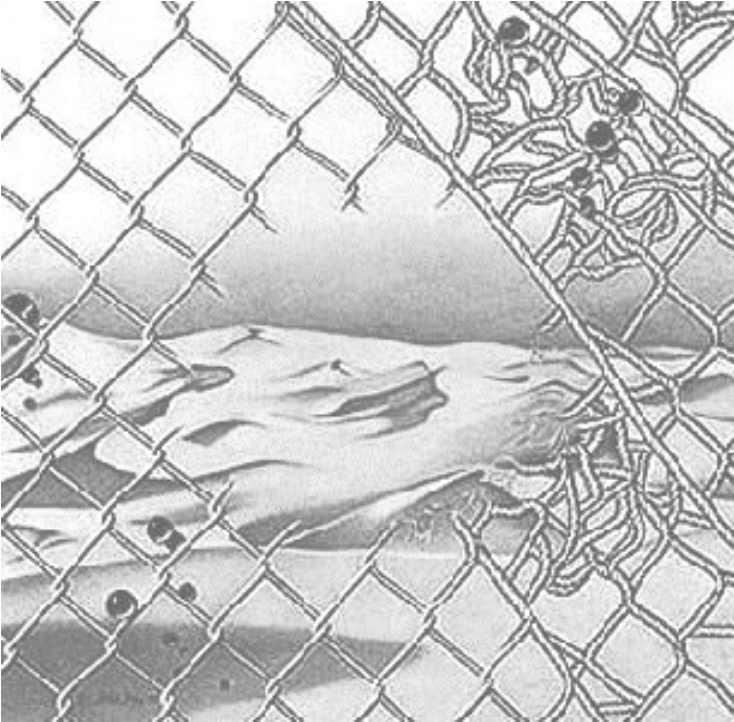
keeps coming back. According to Chief Plenty-Coups of the Crow Nation, in a prophecy he shared with his people in 1909 at the Little Bighorn council grounds in Montana, “*Long after the other animals join the Red Man in oblivion, Coyote will survive. Coyote the resourceful, the tough, the enduring, will enjoy the last taunting howl when all the rest is silenced.*” This is the type of *dynamic elasticity* that we as revolutionaries need to cultivate, since so much depends on the success of our struggle. We need to become *Tricksters* ourselves, and know when it is strategically advantageous to attack our enemy, and when it is more in our interest to *circumvent* our enemy, by crawling around them on our bellies through the bushes.

No, we are not suggesting in any way that people back down or run scared. We understand that any revolutionary movements needs a wide range of approaches and tactics, but we should at least take the struggle serious enough to understand what we are up against, to take the necessary precautions to prolong our participation in the struggle, and be willing to constantly reassess and readjust our activities. The anarchist movement needs to become more adapt-

able in its thinking, strategizing, and methods of resistance. We should regard all of our projects - be they infoshops, zine publishing, guerrilla media, the establishment of squats, ect. - as tools or weapons that we are utilizing in our struggle for as *long as they are effective*, and while they may be effective now, we should be prepared to toss them aside (making sure that they have been carefully dusted of all fingerprints) when it is necessary to do so, and then proceed to carry on our struggle in other ways. There may come a time in the near future when newspapers such as this one will be outlawed by the State, and in that situation,

those of us involved in this project will have to *adapt*, and continue to fight the State on other fronts, using other weapons and approaches. These are the types of long-term survival questions that the anarchist movement now needs to be asking itself. If we’re unwilling to do so, then we’re merely playing the “game of revolution” and it won’t be long before our enemy has us in a check-mate position.

Cutting through the cage of civilization



Fighting the enclosure of our lives

It’s All Coming Down!

By John Zerzan

The October 11, 2001 issue of *Nature* magazine contains “Catastrophic Shifts In Ecosystems” by five researchers from three continents. It argues that the gradual degradation of “lakes, coral reefs, oceans, forests and arid lands” may not simply proceed in a smooth pattern. Rather, sudden shifts to the *complete* destruction of such ecosystems may instead occur.

This disquieting verdict finds its parallel in the sudden collapse of the World Trade Center towers and Enron, the seventh biggest U.S. corporation, within three months of each other. Or that of the entire Soviet system about ten years ago. Who expected any of these very rapid melt-downs?

Today, in fact, it is no longer unthinkable that the global techno-capitalist empire may not itself quickly fall, say within the next five years. Cracks and vulnerabilities in the machine are certainly already visible. This civilization could go down in the not-distant future. How do we strive to prevent it from recycling into a next and likely even more destructive and alienated one?

By contributing to a social movement that is totally different from those preceding it. By naming and attacking the institutions basic to every civilization: division of labor, domestication, patriarchy, domination of nature, work, standardization, and centralization.

Playing the old games of the perennially superficial and opportunist Left, endless masochistic reform efforts that reform nothing, pious, moral gesturism of “non-violence” - all these are pitiful approaches that, no matter how they are repackaged, still miss the point.

The empire of techno-capital pushes forward on its inherently expansionist, destructive course, bringing forth heightened resistance all over the globe. This is the time for us to step up against the Machine rather than succumb to defeatist paranoia. Now more than ever our efforts at public, critical resistance are needed.

We are heading rapidly toward crunch-time, which will definitively expose the tragically irrelevant nature of politics-as-usual. Fortunately, there are voices of reality, people who do not fear speaking radical truth. Among the publications which indict technology and civilization - the necessary depth - are *Anarchy*, *Fifth Estate*, *Green Anarchist*, *Live Wild Or Die*, *The Final Days*, *Green Journal*, *Disorderly Conduct*, *Cracks in the Empire*, *Do Or Die*, and *Quick!*

We all need to confront the unmistakably deadly direction in which we are being taken. In its accelerated trajectory, the end may be much closer than any of us realize.

LETTERS

Thanks for the feedback.
Please keep them between 300-400 words.

Note From Italy

Hi,

Here's Claudio from the Silvestre Collective, Italy. We received the booklets we ordered from the G.A. distribution, and we appreciated it. Soon we will translate everything into Italian. The reason of this letter is to ask you of the GA collective if it is possible to have an anarchist perspective, with details, facts and examples, of how S11 changed the repression/control in the USA. Are you having more cops in the streets? More searches and controls? Mail stopped? Has revolutionary activity decreased for fear of what being accused of terrorism would mean today? Which have been the repercussions on political prisoners, immigrants and Arab communities? How strong is the anti-war reaction? Well, those are some of the questions we have, and think it would be useful to answer with an article for us abroad who can have mostly media biased information. Obviously, we would appreciate any leaflet or writings circulating over there, or to know how anarchists are working against war in U.S. The next issue of *Terra Selvaggia* will be finished in the end of January, it would be really appreciated a contribute of yours by the next time!!

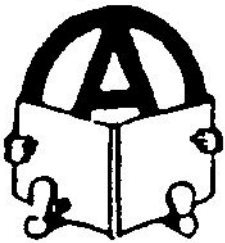
Here in Italy, state repression is going on against anarchists, as usual, but also against Arabs: already, lots of them have been jailed for support of "Al Qaeda" (by the same magistrate inventing subversive associations for anarchists!), and I think they had nothing to do with it. Unfortunately, the anti-war movement is not so strong as it was on 1999 for the Kosovo war, when along with marches lots of office occupations and about 40 ruling party offices torched in a month occurred.

The good news is that ALF hit 2 mink farms in a month, liberating all minks (11,000 on one of them!) and one of these 2 will close down, being it the 2nd time they got attacked!!! One less!!!

Another news is we started the Shac-Italy campaign. By doing so, we hope not only to help close down HLS, but to give the apathetic animal rights movement in Italy a push... We like the campaign method, and think it can be useful to build a stronger movement, where everybody can be actively involved.

Well, that's all. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours,
For Liberation, Claudio
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Anarchist Prisoner Robert Midaugh Comments On The EZLN

Dear Green Anarchy,

In response to the letter from Ted Kaczynski about an article in *Green Anarchy* No. 6, page 7, by Jesus Sepulveda: I think Ted makes a good point. I would like to add in my opinion that instead of trying to get a piece of the technological pie, we should just avoid it. The struggle in Mexico concerns me a lot and I support the EZLN and their efforts, their sacrifice, and their understanding that to make a change you must take to arms, not to protest with signs or puppets. I have roots in Central America with relatives still living there and by the border of Mexico. But to preserve a future for our / your people we must regain the way that we lived in the past, where we were living in harmony with all of life including the water, sky and space - this is the only way that we can continue to exist. I further believe that reform is a waste of time, energy, and ammunition. I would suggest to the EZLN that they focus on preventing anymore land from being developed and start organizing communities on the land that are self-reliant upon the earth and start living the way we did before the invasion 505 years ago and learn from the mistakes of the past as well. It concerns me and it is unnecessary to have to take such risk upon your own in crossing the border, your health from the farmlands that use such harsh pesticides, to the mines and working in the sweatshops. Remember that 505 years ago our ancestors in Mexico and throughout Amerika would not want to be modernized and would not want a slice of the technological pie, that would cause a belly-ache of doom for our people, and the rest of life that exists.

One more note I would like to suggest is that I think we should focus more on what we can learn from the tactics that the EZLN and the green anarchists are using, and how we can help each other to improve each others struggle to achieve our goals.

Rob Ruckus

Editor's Note: We just received word from Rob 'Ruckus' Middaugh, informing us that additional federal charges are going to be placed against him. These charges are in addition to the previous charges relating from the Long Beach attacks by the police during a May Day march in 2001, where he was arrested and convicted to 3 years for Assault on a police officer. Apparently the FBI had an arrest warrant issued against Rob for an incident in Sacramento. He did not mention what that action was but what we do know is that the charges are the following: Forcibly assaulting a police officer (federal charge), wearing a mask with intent to commit a crime (state charge), and a weapons related charge (state charge). With these new charges, Middaugh could be facing 25 years to life due to what is known as the 3-strikes law in the state of California. Under this law, certain crimes are considered strikeable offenses. When three or more of these crimes are committed by an individual that person can/will be sent to prison for 25 years to life.

Hello:

After I am released,
it's right back to the
forest and primitive
living for me! What a
mess society is.

Thank you,
Donnie Hignite
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No Compromise!

GA,

I don't often take the time to put pen to paper and comment on the stuff I read, but this time I wanted to do so to express the affinity I feel with the opinion I found in the article, "Remedial Revolutionary Consciousness".

The anonymous author was somehow able to take all my scattered thoughts and perceptions and put them into a well expressed ideal. Thank you! I have always felt that armchair revolutionaries are a hindrance, not a help. I certainly do not profess to be any sort of an intellectual or philosopher, but I do know what I feel, and I feel that all talk and no action is simply B.S. I know it's been done, but I cannot express strongly enough how much I admire and appreciate the actions taken by groups like the ELF and ALF. There is of course a time and place for all types of actions, and that time and place is wherever and whenever a person has the courage to act!

Myself, I currently am in a control unit in prison called a S.H.U. This is a special unit for troublemakers and security threats. If there was a god, he would know that the label fits. I'm limited by my surroundings as to how I can participate in the destruction of the state and my oppressors so I make do with the available targets. Any pig foolish enough to get careless with me regrets it for a long time. I have no desire for the respect of my captors. I don't want to live and let live. I just want to crawl to freedom over the broken and bloody bodies of those who make their living locking human beings in cages.

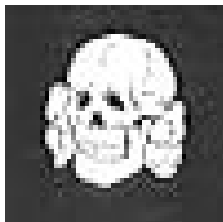
As it stands now, someday I will be released. The agenda will be the same but the arena will be so much greater and it's sure to be a BLAST. Anyway, I may not be the most literate or educated and I'm sure there are many peaceniks who deplore the extreme actions which are so necessary for change, but I wanted to write and thank those of you who put this paper together. It seems as though you possess the requisite courage to say what others fear to say.

No compromise! No negotiations! No quarter!

In Solidarity,

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P.S. Where can I get "Resistance"?



A Brief Note On Insurrection

G A and John Zerzan,

We wanted to respond to John Zerzan's comments on insurrectionary anarchism in his review of *Willful Disobedience*. We want to stress we are not responding to the review in general, only to the paragraph on insurrectionary anarchism. In addition, this is meant as a clarification and not meant to start some contentious disagreement: we feel there is no real reason for serious disagreement on the issue of insurrection between green anarchists or primitivists such as Zerzan and us. First of all, insurrectionary anarchism isn't an ideological solution to all social problems, a commodity on the capitalist market of ideologies and opinions, but an ongoing praxis aimed at putting an end to the domination of the state and the continuance of capitalism, which requires analysis and discussion to advance. It is not a simple political brand for public consumption, a role that one can fit into. "Anarchist" modified by the adjective "insurrectionary" has a pretty basic meaning, it signifies that one believes the state won't wither on its own, or that some determined evolution of society won't bring it to extinction, instead, it will take human action to dismantle the present social organization and bring a new world into existence. In this sense, insurrectionary anarchism isn't a narrow ideological understanding of the world, but a developing practice: it asks and attempts to answer the question: if we are to end the present authoritarian social order, how do we go about doing so? Insurrectionary anarchism is the practices and organization of practices to bring this about; it is also a discussion of those practices and their implications. That said, it should be obvious that anarchists that believe the state won't just disappear can have very different views on technology, organization, agriculture, tactics and strategy. Zerzan's critique of insurrectionary anarchism stems from his meeting of "one of their number" in Barcelona, and Zerzan claims this person represents "the insurrectionist viewpoint." According to Zerzan, this person showed no sign of critiquing technology, civilization, or patriarchy. We don't know the person in question, but wish to stress that there is no single "insurrectionist viewpoint;" it isn't an ideological model to emulate. We have had discussions with primitivists who believe there needs to be a massive die-off of the human population and others who aren't against the war in Afghanistan, but we would never suggest they represent all primitivists or that their arguments define primitivism. However, there are plenty of people who have used the term insurrectionary anarchist for themselves who have a very strong critique of technology and patriarchy, and Zerzan knows this. In the 1980s, the journal *Insurrection* carried on many critiques of technology, as have *Willful Disobedience*, *Killing King Abacus*, *Diavolo in Corpo*, and *Cane Nero*, one could also look at the critiques on the *Palabras de Guerra* and *Ecotopia* websites. At the same time, there are anarchists that believe insurrection is necessary yet are old style leftists, and some who don't have a critique of technology.

Zerzan also suggests that insurrectionary anarchism is somehow a "trendy" and "possibly hollow movement." But he knows full well that insurrectionary anarchism isn't some new "movement." Throughout this century, anarchists have called for insurrection, discussed it as a strategy, and argued over its implications. Bakunin, Makhnno, Goldman, Malatesta, Galleani, Bonanno, and—we believe—John Zerzan have been part of this process. *Killing King Abacus* and *Willful Disobedience* are two separate publishing projects that, in part, aim to bring writings on insurrection into discussion.

Leila and Sasha,
Killing King Abacus/Hot Tide



Green Anarchy Looking For Submissions

Green Anarchy is seeking articles and essays written from an anarchy-feminist perspective, as we consider the critique of patriarchy to be of paramount importance to the dismantling of civilization. We are also in need of action reports from North America, Europe, South America and other parts of the world for our "Direct Action News" section. We are particularly interested in news items dealing with eco-defense/earth liberation, animal liberation, and any insurrectionary activity aimed at the destruction of the state, capitalism, and the industrial system.

A Zapatista Response to:

“The EZLN Is NOT Anarchist”

Translation by Mike Antipathy

Editor’s Note: While this debate has taken up a lot of space in the last few issues of GA, we felt it was important to give a final word to people actually involved in the Zapatista struggle for autonomy and freedom. We originally printed the article, “The EZLN Is NOT Anarchist”, not as any condemnation of the Zapatista movement, from which we certainly could learn a lot, but more as critical analysis of a popular people’s movement, often missing from the romanticism of liberal or leftist publications. Yes, we have some differences of orientation with many involved in the Zapatista’s struggle, particularly in regards to technology, reform, and marxism, but we do support their fight for self-determination. The author of this response brings to light some of the subtle colonialist tendencies by North American activists and anarchists, which we need to always be aware of and work to change. As green anarchists, we certainly do not want to impose a euro-based ideology on anyone, especially those who have a strong indigenous base, those more directly at the suffering end of colonialism, and those who are still connected to the earth. While we regret some of the wording the author chose to use in the original article, we’re glad it has sparked an important discussion, and hopefully we have all learned a lot and grown from it.

Finally, it is unclear whose voice is this Zapatista response, which uses “we” to speak for all on such important themes. We fully agree that arrogance toward the struggles in Mexico should have no part in any commentary. Perhaps it is also worth asking whether centralization and representation can be anti-authoritarian? We harbor the deepest suspicion of the left as well as the state for these reasons and hope that the ongoing movement in Mexico succeeds against them. For an interesting, thought-provoking look at the EZLN, we refer our readers to the excellent article “A Commune In Chiapas”, which appeared in the anti-state communist/ autonomist paper Aufheben, and which can be viewed on their website at: www.chanfles.com. This article has also been reproduced in pamphlet form by Venomous Butterfly Publications and can be ordered for two dollars from the following address: Venomous Butterfly Publications PO Box 31098 Los Angeles, CA 90031.

First and foremost, it must be said that only small elements of the Frente Zapatista are willing to engage in a debate with insignificant elements along an ideological fringe. One would find even fewer warriors within the Ejercito Zapatista who would be willing to engage in intangible rhetorical battles with people whose greatest virtue is spreading their lack of understanding and knowledge around in newspapers and magazines. But the article entitled “The EZLN Is NOT Anarchist” reflected such a colonialist attitude of arrogant ignorance, several of us decided to write a response to you.

You are right. The EZLN and its larger populist body the FZLN are NOT Anarchist. Nor do we intend to be, nor should we be. In order for us to make concrete change in our social and political struggles, we cannot limit ourselves by adhering to a singular ideology. Our political and military body encompasses a wide range of belief systems from a wide range of cultures that cannot be defined under a narrow ideological microscope. There are anarchists in our midst, just as there are Catholics and Communists and followers of Santeria. We are Indians in the countryside and workers in the city. We are politicians in office and homeless children on the street. We are gay and straight, male and female, wealthy and poor. What we all have in common is a love for our families and our homelands. What we all have in common is a desire to make things better for ourselves and our country. None of this can be accomplished if we are to build walls of words and abstract ideas around ourselves.

Over the past 500 years, we have been subjected to a brutal system of exploitation and degradation few in North America have ever experienced. We have been denied land and freedom since before your country was even made and accordingly have a much different view on the world than you. We were subjected by colonial rule first by the Spanish, then by the French and Germans and lastly by the North Americans. For centuries Mexicans have been slaves and fodder and treated as less than human; a fact that scars us to this day and a fact we cannot and should not forget. Our past has made us what we are today and in attempting to break this historical trend of exploitation, we have risen up multiple times in attempts to reclaim our humanity and better our lives. First we fought with Juarez and Hidalgo against the Spanish crown, then Zapata and Villa against the Porfiriato. Now we fight against the different faces of the same head seeking to keep us enslaved as subhuman servants to Capital. This is not a struggle that was picked up from a book or gleaned from a movie, but a struggle we all inherited the moment we were given the light of life. This is a struggle that is in front of all our lives, even running through our blood. It is a struggle many of our fathers and grandfathers died for and one we ourselves are willing to die for. A struggle necessary for our people and our country. It is apparent from your condescending language and arrogant shortsightedness that you understand very little about Mexican History or Mexicans in general. We may be “fundamentally reformist” and may be working for “nothing concrete that could not be provided for by capitalism” but rest assured that food, land, democracy, justice and peace are terribly precious when you don’t have them. Precious enough to struggle for at any cost, even at the risk of offending some comfortable people in a far off land who think their belief system is more important than basic human needs. Precious enough to work for with whatever tools we have before us, be it negotiations with the State or networking within popular culture. Our struggle was raging before anarchism was even a word, much less an ideology with newspapers and disciples. Our struggle is older than Bakunin or Kropotkin.

Even though anarchists and syndicates have fought bravely with us, we are not willing to lower our history to meet some narrow ideology exported from the same countries we fought against in our Wars for independence. The struggle in Mexico, Zapatista and otherwise, is a product of our histories and our cultures and cannot be bent and manipulated to fit someone else’s formula, much less a formula not at all informed about our people, our country or our histories. You are right, we as a movement are not anarchist. We are people trying to take control of our lives and reclaim a dignity that was stolen from us the moment Cortes came to power.

In fighting for these ends, we must do what is most effective for us, for all of us, without succumbing to the temptation of being divided into small little groups that are more easily purchased by those keeping us enslaved. We learned this lesson from La Malinche as she helped Cortes divide 30 million Mexicans up into an easily conquered group of feuding bodies. We learned this lesson from the post-independence reign of the Porfiriato and from the post-revolutionary betrayal at the hands of the rich powers. We see narrow-minded ideologies like anarchism and communism as tools to pull apart Mexicans into more easily exploitable groups. Rather than facing our enemies as groups that can be turned against each other, we prefer to work together as a common people with a common goal. Your article used the word “compromise” as though it were profanity. For us it is the glue that holds us all together in a common struggle. Without these compromises that allow us to work together, we would be nowhere; lonely slaves waiting to be exploited just as we have been in the past. We will not be bought off this time. We will not allow ourselves to be treated as particulars and accept favors from the powers that harvest wealth from our misfortune. And as we are doing things right now, it is working. 60 million people signed petitions to stop the War in Chiapas. Zapatismo is alive again. We have cells in every town in every state all across the country made up of people from all over the demographic spectrum. We are organized. We are powerful. We will succeed in our fight simply because we are too large and too well organized to be ignored or quashed by the Powers. What we have may not be perfect. It may not be ideal. But it is working for us now in a very much visible fashion. And we wouldn’t hesitate to say that if you were in our position, you would be doing the same things. But what really enraged us in your article was the familiar old face of colonialism shining through

your good intentions. Lots of North Americans come to Mexico and turn up their nose at our food and our lifestyles, claiming that we are not as good as things they have “back home.” The author of your article does the same thing in his “critiques” of Zapatismo. If these “critiques” had included a detailed discussion on our tactics with reference to our history and current positions in the world, it wouldn’t have been a big deal, nothing that we don’t do constantly within our own organizations. But the fact that he just slagged Zapatismo off as being a vanguard of reformist nationalists without even a touch of analysis on WHY this is, illustrates that once again we Mexicans are not as good as the all knowing North American Imperialist who thinks himself more aware, more intelligent and more sophisticated politically than the dumb Mexican. This attitude, though hidden behind thin veils of objectivity, is the same attitude that we have been dealing with for 500 years, where someone else in some other country from some other culture thinks they know what is best for us more than we do ourselves. Even more disgusting to us was the line “The question of revolutionary solidarity in these struggles is, therefore, the



question of how to intervene in a way that is fitting with one’s aims, in a way that moves one’s revolutionary anarchist project forward.” It would be difficult for us to design a more concise list of colonial words and attitudes than those used in this sentence. “Intervene?” “Moves one’s ‘project’ forward?” Mexicans have a very well developed understanding of what “intervention” entails. Try looking up Conquista and Villahermosa and Tejas and Maximilian in a history book for even a small glimpse of what we see when North Americans start talking about “intervention.” But once again, the anarchists in North America know better than us about how to wage a struggle we have been engaged in since 300 years before their country was founded and can therefore, even think about using us as a means to “advance their project.” That is the same exact attitude Capitalists and Empires have been using to exploit and degrade Mexico and the rest of the third world for the past five hundred years. Even though this article talks a lot about revolution, the attitudes and ideas held by the author are no different than those held by Cortes, Monroe or any other corporate imperialist bastard you can think of. Your intervention is not wanted nor are we a “project” for some high-minded North Americans to profit off. The author talks much about revolutionary solidarity without ever defining the term. What does revolutionary solidarity mean to him? From the attitude of his article it is apparent that revolutionary solidarity is more or less the same thing to him as “profit margins” and “cost/benefit analyses” are to corporate imperialists, ways to use someone else for one’s own gain. So long as North American anarchists hold and espouse colonialist belief systems they will forever find themselves without allies in the third world. The peasants in Bolivia and Ecuador, no matter how closely in conformity with your rigid ideology, will not appreciate your condescending colonial attitudes anymore than would the freedom fighters in Papua New Guinea or anywhere else in the world.

Colonialism is one of the many enemies we are fighting in this world and so long as North Americans reinforce colonial thought patterns in their “revolutionary” struggles, they will never be on the side of any anti-colonial struggle anywhere. We in the Zapatista struggle have never asked anyone for unflinching, uncritical support. What we have asked the world to do is respect the historical context we are in and think about the actions we do to pull ourselves from under the boots of oppression. At the same time, you should be looking at your own struggles in your own country and seeing the commonalties we have between us. This is the only way we have to make a global Revolution.

from Ward Churchill's “Some People Push Back” *On the Justice of Roosting Chickens*

When queried by reporters concerning his views on the assassination of John F. Kennedy in November 1963, Malcolm X famously and quite charitably, all things considered, replied that it was merely a case of “chickens, coming home to roost.” On the morning of September 11, 2001, a few more chickens along with some half-million dead Iraqi children, came home to roost in a very big way at the twin towers of New York’s World Trade Center. Well, actually, a few of them seem to have nestled in at the Pentagon as well.

The Iraqi youngsters, all of them under 12, died as a predictable in fact, widely predicted result of the 1991 US “surgical” bombing of their country’s water purification and sewage facilities, as well as other “infrastructural” targets upon which Iraq’s civilian population depends for its very survival. If the nature of the bombing were not already bad enough and it should be noted that this sort of “aerial warfare” constitutes a Class I Crime Against Humanity, entailing myriad gross violations of international law, as well as every conceivable standard of “civilized” behavior, the death toll has been steadily ratcheted up by US-imposed sanctions for a full decade now. Enforced all the while by a massive military presence and periodic bombing raids, the embargo has greatly impaired the victims’ ability to import the nutrients, medicines and other materials necessary to saving the lives of even their toddlers.

All told, Iraq has a population of about 18 million. The 500,000 kids lost to date thus represent something on the order of 25 percent of their age group. Indisputably, the rest have suffered and are still suffering, a combination of physical debilitation and psychological trauma severe enough to prevent their ever fully recovering. In effect, an entire generation has been obliterated.

It should be noted that not one but two high United Nations officials attempting to coordinate delivery of humanitarian aid to Iraq resigned in succession as protests against US policy. One of them, former U.N. Assistant Secretary General Denis Halladay, repeatedly denounced what was happening as “a systematic program . . . of deliberate genocide.” His statements appeared in the New York Times and other papers during the fall of 1998, so it can hardly be contended that the American public was “unaware” of them. Shortly thereafter, Secretary of State Madeline Albright openly confirmed Halladay’s assessment. Asked during the widely-viewed TV program Meet the Press to respond to his “allegations,” she calmly announced that she’d decided it was “worth the price” to see that U.S. objectives were achieved.

The Politics of a Perpetrator Population

As a whole, the American public greeted these revelations with yawns. There were, after all, far more pressing things than the unrelenting misery/death of a few hundred thousand Iraqi tikes to be concerned with. Getting “Jeremy” and “Ellington” to their weekly soccer game, for instance, or seeing to it that little “Tiffany” an “Ashley” had just the right roll-neck sweaters to go with their new cords. And, to be sure, there was the yuppie holy war against ashtrays, for “our kids,” no less as an all-absorbing point of political focus.

In fairness, it must be admitted that there was an infinitesimally small segment of the body politic who expressed opposition to what was/is being done to the children of Iraq. It must also be conceded, however, that those involved by-and-large contented themselves with signing petitions and conducting candle-lit prayer vigils, bearing “moral witness” as vast legions of brown-skinned five-year-olds sat shivering in the dark, wide-eyed in horror, whimpering as they expired in the most agonizing ways imaginable. Be it said as well, and this is really the crux of it, that the “resistance” expended the bulk of its time and energy harnessed to the systemically-useful task of trying to ensure, as “a principle of moral virtue” that nobody went further than waving signs as a means of “challenging” the patently exterminatory pursuit of Pax Americana. So pure of principle were these “dissidents,” in fact, that they began literally to supplant the police in protecting corporations profiting by the carnage against suffering such retaliatory “violence” as having their windows broken by persons less “enlightened” or perhaps more outraged, than the self-anointed “peacekeepers.”

Property before people, it seems, or at least the equation of property to people is a value by no means restricted to America’s boardrooms. And the sanctimony with which such putrid sentiments are enunciated turns out to be nauseatingly similar, whether mouthed by the CEO of Standard Oil or any of the swarm of comfort zone “pacifists” queuing up to condemn the black block after it ever so slightly disturbed the functioning of business-as usual in Seattle. Small wonder, all-in-all, that people elsewhere in the world, the Mid-east for instance, began to wonder where, exactly, aside from the streets of the US itself, one was to find the peace America’s purportedly oppositional peacekeepers claimed they were keeping. The answer, surely, was plain enough to anyone unblinded by the kind of delusions engendered by sheer vanity and self-absorption. So, too, were the implications in terms of anything changing, out there, in America’s free-fire zones.



Meet the “Terrorists”

Of the men who came, there are a few things demanding to be said in the face of the unending torrent of disinformational drivels unleashed by George Junior and the corporate “news” media immediately following their successful operation on September 11. They did not, for starters, “initiate” a war with the US, much less commit “the first acts of war of the new millennium.” A good case could be made that the war in which they were combatants has been waged more-or-less continuously by the “Christian West”, now proudly emblemized by the United States, against the “Islamic East” since the time of the First Crusade, about 1,000 years ago. More recently, one could argue that the war began when Lyndon Johnson first lent significant support to Israel’s dispossession/displacement of Palestinians during the 1960s, or when George the Elder ordered “Desert Shield” in 1990, or at any of several points in between. Any way you slice it, however, if what the combat teams did to the WTC and the Pentagon can be understood as acts of war, and they can, then the same is true of every US “over-flight” of Iraqi territory since day one. The first acts of war during the current millennium thus occurred on its very first day, and were carried out by U.S. aviators acting under orders from their then-commander-in-chief, Bill Clinton. The most that can honestly be said of those involved on September 11 is that they finally responded in kind to some of what this country has dispensed to their people as a matter of course. That they waited so long to do so is, notwithstanding the 1993 action at the WTC, more than anything a testament to their patience and restraint.

They did not license themselves to “target innocent civilians.” There is simply no argument to be made that the Pentagon personnel killed on September 11 fill that bill. The building and those inside comprised military targets, pure and simple. As to those in the World Trade Center . . . Well, really. Let’s get a grip here, shall we? True enough, they were civilians of a sort. But innocent? Gimme a break. They formed a technocratic corps at the very heart of America’s global financial empire, the “mighty engine of profit” to which the military dimension of U.S. policy has always been enslaved and they did so both willingly and knowingly. Recourse to “ignorance”, a derivative, after all of the word “ignore”, counts as less than an excuse among this relatively

well-educated elite. To the extent that any of them were unaware of the costs and consequences to others of what they were involved in and in many cases excelling at it was because of their absolute refusal to see. More likely, it was because they were too busy braying, incessantly and self-importantly, into their cell phones, arranging power lunches and stock transactions, each of which translated, conveniently out of sight, mind and smelling distance, into the starved and rotting flesh of infants. If there was a better, more effective, or in fact any other way of visiting some penalty befitting their participation upon the little Eichmanns inhabiting the sterile sanctuary of the twin towers, I’d really be interested in hearing about it. The men who flew the missions against the WTC and Pentagon were not “cowards.” That distinction properly belongs to the “firm-jawed lads” who delighted in flying stealth aircraft through the undefended airspace of Baghdad, dropping payload after payload of bombs on anyone unfortunate enough to be

below, including tens of thousands of genuinely innocent civilians, while themselves incurring all the risk one might expect during a visit to the local video arcade. Still more, the word describes all those “fighting men and women” who sat at computer consoles aboard ships in the Persian Gulf, enjoying air-conditioned comfort while launching cruise missiles into neighborhoods filled with random human beings. Whatever else can be said of them, the men who struck on September 11 manifested the courage of their convictions, willingly expending their own lives in attaining their objectives. Nor were they “fanatics” devoted to “Islamic fundamentalism.” One might rightly describe their actions as “desperate.” Feelings of desperation, however, are perfectly reasonable, one is tempted to say “normal” emotional response among persons confronted by the mass murder of their children, particularly when it appears that nobody else really gives a damn (ask a Jewish survivor about this one, or, even more poignantly, for all the attention paid them, a Gypsy).

On Matters of Proportion and Intent

As things stand, including the 1993 detonation at the WTC, “Arab terrorists” have responded to the massive and sustained American terror bombing of Iraq with a total of four assaults by explosives inside the US. That’s about 1% of the 50,000 bombs the Pentagon announced were rained on Baghdad alone during the Gulf War (add in Oklahoma City and you’ll get something nearer an actual 1%). They’ve managed in the process to kill about 5,000 Americans, or roughly 1% of the dead Iraqi children (the percentage is far smaller if you factor in the killing of adult Iraqi civilians, not to mention troops butchered as/after they’d surrendered and/or after the “war-ending” ceasefire had been announced).

In terms undoubtedly more meaningful to the property/profit-minded American mainstream, they’ve knocked down a half-dozen buildings, albeit some very well chosen ones, as opposed to the “strategic devastation” visited upon the whole of Iraq, and punched a \$100 billion hole in the earnings outlook of major corporate shareholders, as opposed to the U.S. obliteration of Iraq’s entire economy. With that, they’ve given Americans a tiny dose of their own medicine. This might be seen as merely a matter of “vengeance” or “retribution,” and, unquestionably, America has earned it, even if it were to add up only to something so ultimately petty. The problem is that vengeance is usually framed in terms of “getting even,” a concept which is plainly inapplicable in this instance. As the above data indicate, it would require another 49,996 detonations killing 495,000 more Americans, for the “terrorists” to “break even” for the bombing of Baghdad/extermination of Iraqi children alone. And that’s to achieve “real number” parity. To attain an actual proportional parity of damage, the US is about 15 times as large as Iraq in terms of population, even more in terms of territory, they would at a minimum, have to blow up about 300,000 more buildings and kill something on the order of 7.5 million people. Were this the intent of those who’ve entered the US to wage war against it, it would remain no less true that America and Americans were only receiving the bill for what they’d already done. Payback, as they say, can be a real motherfucker (ask the Germans). There is, however, no reason to believe that retributive parity is necessarily an

item on the agenda of those who planned the WTC/Pentagon operation. If it were, given the virtual certainty that they possessed the capacity to have inflicted far more damage than they did, there would be a lot more American bodies lying about right now. Hence, it can be concluded that ravings carried by the “news” media since September 11 have contained at least one grain of truth: The peoples of the Mid-east “aren’t like” Americans, not least because they don’t “value life” in the same way. By this, it should be understood that Middle-Easterners, unlike Americans, have no history of exterminating others purely for profit, or on the basis of racial animus. Thus, we can appreciate the fact that they value life, all lives, not just their own, far more highly than do their U.S. counterparts.

The Makings of a Humanitarian Strategy

In sum one can discern a certain optimism, it might even be call humanitarianism, imbedded in the thinking of those who presided over the very limited actions conducted on September 11. Their logic seems to have devolved upon the notion that the American people have condoned what has been/is being done in their name, indeed, are to a significant extent actively complicit in it, mainly because they have no idea what it feels like to be on the receiving end. Now they do. That was the “medicinal” aspect of the attacks. To all appearances, the idea is now to give the tonic a little time to take effect, jolting Americans into the realization that the sort of pain they’re now experiencing first-hand is no different from or the least bit more excruciating than that which they’ve been so cavalier in causing others, and thus to respond appropriately. More bluntly, the hope was, and maybe still is, that Americans, stripped of their presumed immunity from incurring any real consequences for their behavior, would comprehend and act upon a formulation as uncomplicated as “stop killing our kids, if you want your own to be safe.” Either way, it’s a kind of “reality therapy” approach, designed to afford the American people a chance to finally “do the right thing” on their own, without further coaxing.

In the Alternative

Unfortunately, noble as they may have been, such humanitarian aspirations were always doomed to remain unfulfilled. For it to have been otherwise, a far higher quality of character and intellect would have to prevail among average Americans than is actually the case. Perhaps the strategists underestimated the impact a couple of generations-worth of media indoctrination can produce in terms of demolishing the capacity of human beings to form coherent thoughts. Maybe they forgot to factor in the mind-numbing effects of the indoctrination passed off as education in the US. Then, again, it’s entirely possible they were aware that a decisive majority of American adults have been reduced by this point to a level much closer to the kind of immediate self-gratification entailed in Pavlovian stimulus/response patterns than anything accessible by appeals to higher logic, and still felt morally obliged to offer the dolts an option to quit while they were ahead. What the hell? It was worth a try. But it’s becoming increasingly apparent that the dosage of medicine administered was entirely insufficient to accomplish its purpose.

Refusing the realization that the world has suddenly shifted its axis, and that they are therefore no longer “in charge,” they have by-and-large reverted instantly to type, working themselves into their usual bloodlust on the now obsolete premise that the bloodletting will “naturally” occur elsewhere and to someone else. “Patriotism,” a wise man once observed, “is the last refuge of scoundrels.” And the braided, he might of added. Braided Scoundrel-in-Chief, George Junior, lacking even the sense to be careful what he wished for, has teamed up with a gaggle of fundamentalist Christian clerics like Billy Graham to proclaim a “New Crusade” called “Infinite Justice” aimed at “ridding the world of evil.” One could easily make light of such rhetoric, remarking upon how unseemly it is for a son to threaten his father in such fashion or a president to so publicly contemplate the murder/suicide of himself and his cabinet but the matter is deadly serious. They are preparing once again to sally forth for the purpose of roasting brown-skinned children by the scores of thousands. Already, the B-1 bombers and the aircraft carriers and the missile frigates are en route, the airborne divisions are gearing up to go. To where? Afghanistan? The Sudan? Iraq, again (or still)? How about Grenada (that was fun)? Any of them or all. It doesn’t matter.

The desire to pummel the helpless runs rabid as ever. Only, this time it’s different. The time the helpless aren’t, or at least are not so helpless as they were. This time, somewhere, perhaps in an Afghani mountain cave, possibly in a Brooklyn basement, maybe another local altogether but somewhere, all the same, there’s a grim-visaged (wo)man wearing a Clint Eastwood smile. “Go ahead, punks,” s/he’s saying, “Make my day.” And when they do, when they launch these air-strikes abroad or may a little later; it will be at a time conforming to the “terrorists” own schedule, and at a place of their choosing, the next more intensive dose of medicine administered here “at home.” Of what will it consist this time? Anthrax? Mustard gas? Sarin? A tactical nuclear device? That, too, is their choice to make.

Looking back, it will seem to future generations inexplicable why Americans were unable on their own, and in time to save themselves, to accept a rule of nature so basic that it could be mouthed by an actor, Lawrence Fishburn, in a movie, The Cotton Club. “You’ve got to learn,” the line went, “that when you push people around, some people push back.” As they should. As they must. And as they undoubtedly will. There is justice in such symmetry.

ADDENDUM

The preceding was a “first take” reading, more a stream-of-consciousness interpretive reaction to the September 11 counterattack than a finished piece on the topic. Hence, I’ll readily admit that I’ve been far less than thorough, and quite likely wrong about a number of things. For instance, it may not have been (only) the ghosts of Iraqi children who made their appearance that day. It could, as easily have been some or all of their butchered Palestinian cousins. Or maybe it was some or all of the at least 3.2 million Indochinese who perished as a result of America’s sustained and ethnocidal assault on Southeast Asia (1959-1975), not to mention the millions more who’ve died because of the sanctions imposed thereafter.

Perhaps there were a few of the Korean civilians massacred by US troops at places like No Gun Ri during the early 50s, or the hundreds of thousands of Japanese civilians ruthlessly incinerated in the ghastly fire raids of World War II (only at Dresden did America bomb Germany in a similar manner). And, of course, it could have been those vaporized in the militarily pointless nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. There are others, as well, a vast and silent queue of faceless victims, stretching from the million-odd Filipinos slaughtered during America’s “Indian War” in their islands at the beginning of the twentieth century, through the real Indians, America’s own, massacred wholesale at places like Horseshoe Bend and the Bad Axe, Sand Creek and Wounded Knee, the Washita, Bear River, and the Marias. Was it those who expired along the Cherokee Trial of Tears

of the Long Walk of the Navajo? Those murdered by smallpox at Fort Clark in 1836? Starved to death in the concentration camp at Bosque Redondo during the 1860s? Maybe those native people claimed for scalp bounty in all 48 of the continental US states? Or the Raritans whose severed heads were kicked

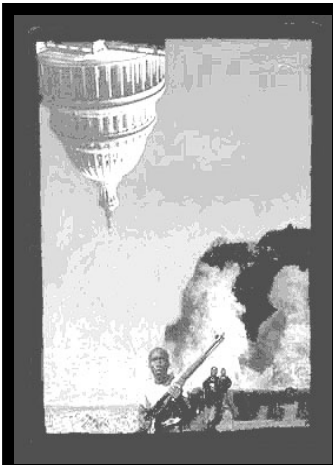
for sport along the streets of what was then called New Amsterdam, at the very site where the WTC once stood?

One hears, too, the whispers of those lost on the Middle Passage, and of those whose very flesh was sold in the slave market outside the human kennel from whence Wall Street takes its name. And of coolie laborers, imported by the gross-dozen to lay the tracks of empire across scorching desert sands, none of them allotted “a Chinaman’s chance” of surviving. The list is too long, too awful to go on. No matter what its eventual fate, America will have gotten off very, very cheap. The full measure of its guilt can never be fully balanced or atoned for.

by Ward Churchill, after the fall, 2001.

This is an abbreviated version of a much longer article. The complete version of this essay will be posted on www.insurgentdesire.org.uk and can also be found in:

“USA You Reap What You Sow” (for \$2)
YRWYS, Box 539, 185-911 Yates St., V8V 4Y9, Coast Salish Territory (Canada)
and
Disorderly Conduct #5 (for \$3)
PO Box 11331, Eugene, OR 97440



Our Heroes?

By Ali Khalid Abdullah

Amerikkka’s alleged “war on terrorism” reminds me of Amerikkka’s “war on drugs.” A lot of suffering was caused to people of color and other ethnic groups but never completed its intended mission, because the mission was never meant to be a true war on drugs in the first place. And I see the same thing taking place in this new call for war.

Further, I have a problem with the word “*terrorists*” coming from the mouths of politicians and the general public who seem to mimic *everything* the government and the corporate bought-and-paid-for-news media tell them.

It is amazing to me that no one seems to call Amerikkka a terrorist nation when, domestically, Amerikkka allowed its police (the new heroes) to drop and use a bomb on the MOVE family in Philadelphia in the 1980s with federal, state and local authorities instructing the firemen (also new heroes) to let an entire row of buildings burn to the ground as men, women (wimmin) and children died within and shot and beat those who escaped the burning buildings. Or the recent WACO incident with David Koresh and the Branch Davidians where the government’s federal, state, and local authorities, along with the military (Delta Force) used White Phosphorous (one of the most fearsome incendiary devices imaginable, favored by the CIA’s “wet” teams), murdering men, wimmin, and children in that horrible fire.

Who had the MOVE family or the Branch Davidians killed? Who had they terrorized? Yet the government officials and their news agencies SOLD the Amerikkkan, and the world, a tale that it was necessary to act in such an unmerciful and extreme manner.

I am also amazed how, in the wake of September 11th, 2001, all New York City police officers and police officers in general, have been categorically elevated to the status of “American Heroes,” and suddenly, all the brutality and ASSASSINATIONS committed by police on Black people and people of color, and their hostility toward them have vanished due to the World Trade Center/Pentagon attacks. Which now says that the government and their various police agencies have a green light to assault, maim, brutalize and assassinate at will and there will be no accountability, because they are now “American Heroes.” And why? Because the politicians and news media says so?

Daily some politician has made his/her way to the television network’s airwaves and have boldly said, “The Amerikan people may lose some of their civil liberties,” and yet few are paying really close attention to the message being delivered.

They are telling the Amerikan people, and the world at large, that there is going to be a new assault and an erosion of the Constitution and the laws that govern this society. It is you-Amerikan people-that will have to put up with and accept whatever the government decides to do under the guise of “Homeland Security,” which is the perfect cover to deny and denounce all liberties. [We note here that truth has become a valuable commodity that the government of the United States and the media have economized. As Richard Salent, former president of CBS News stated, *media’s job is to feed the public what media thinks the public ought to know.*]

This alleged war on terrorism doesn’t mean a war on simply outside forces, but also, against anyone and anything that “they” deem is, will be, potentially perceived as, or may cause a problem to their hidden agenda. That includes many of us who voice our dissent in word, print, by demonstrations or other forms of actions.

It will be Amerikkka’s Heroes who will insure that you and I stay in our place or we will risk being outright assassinated and branded terrorists, or a threat to homeland security.

(c) Ali Khalid Abdullah 2001 (*Ali Khalid Abdullah is an anarchist prisoner serving a sentence of 10-20 years in the Michigan state prison system. For more information on how to contact him, see our Prisoner Support Section*)

A Revolution of Space

by Denmark Trace

In the Mahabharata, Arjuna demonstrates his wisdom by observing that desires are created by the objects of desire themselves. Here again we approach the importance of the external to what we perceive to be internal.

Observation of natural communities teaches us the self-sufficiency of every situation in which cooperation is allowed rather than planned, a result of necessity rather than design. When people are given room to act autonomously, there is no need to 'save', 'educate' or 'organize' them. They are able to respond appropriately to the conditions present.

The Liberation of Desire

To want what one has is to have what one wants. To have what one wants is to be without desire. Desire can be understood as a mediation between the self and the object of desire, as an alienation. In unalienated life, wants correspond to conditions and so can be immediately fulfilled: an ever-present potential for need is resolved by an ever-present potential for fulfillment.

Desire is created by the object of desire itself: objects that are fundamentally ephemeral cannot ever be had, and so create a longing, an attempt to reach outside the present. We will bring about an end to over-consumption not by placing contrived limitations on desire but by neutralizing those artificial influences that create desire in the first place, reintroducing ourselves into direct contact with necessity. A culture of discipline cannot produce free minds. It simply limits, stultifies — makes attitudes and behaviors narrow, small, oppressive, predictable. Establishing moral codes or discussing 'good and evil' is pointless because hurtful, destructive behaviors result not from lack of morality or lack of discipline but from lack of fulfillment.

Desire can only be dissolved in a solution of fulfillment: the solution is direct experience.

Creating Space (The Freedom of Necessity)

Though temporary changes in attitudes and behaviors can often be induced by coercion or persuasion, the effects of such techniques have proven extremely unpredictable and are hardly in keeping with a respect for individual autonomy. Changes must usually be perceived as self-generated if they are to last. In any case, any propaganda in which we engage will certainly fail to produce large-scale effects because it is competing with the most sophisticated techniques of persuasion and the most advanced methods of distribution ever developed. Instead of competing for influence, we must open up space in which autonomous action can arise, in which people can make their own lives.

Alternative ways of life are unlikely to be widely sought until there is a catastrophic failure of existing patterns. Only infrastructural collapse will create the opportunity to start over. When artificial influences are neutralized, there will remain one criterion upon which to base one's actions: necessity. Though liberation is often portrayed as an escape from necessities, it is in fact our alienation from our own needs that cages us. To liberate ourselves we must reconnect with each situation as it is. Freedom is not the ability to act as one wishes regardless of circumstances; freedom is the ability to act according to conditions. So long as the material apparatuses that support mediation remain in place, this magical practicality will continue to elude us.

Without Faces

Our revolution does not replace what it destroys: it is not a process of substitution but a destruction of the apparatuses that make coercion possible. It is not an expression of 'the will of the people', nor is it vanguardist. Popular will is created by the very institutions, techniques and technologies against which we revolt. Capital does not depend on our consent, it creates our consent. On the other hand, revolutionaries tend to reinscribe existing patterns of mediation and domination by playing savior, and the activist minority is as much in need of liberation as 'the people', from whom activists too often distance themselves.

A vanguardist — whether revolutionary or reformist — re-educates, motivates, and organizes large masses to be used in realizing that vanguard's agenda, which inevitably turns out to be the substitution of a new system of coercion and exploitation for the current one: parliaments for monarchs, bureaucrats for aristocrats, international governments for national ones. A vanguard must at least appear to have popular support because it must be able to legitimize its exercise of control over that population after the revolution.

However, because our aim is to destroy coercion *in toto*, we can have a revolution without revolutionaries. There is no need to be manipulated by public opinion nor to manipulate it. As we strip away the layers of domestication and mediation in our shared landscape, we create more space for wildness in the biotic community, and in the human community as well. We can create opportunities for communities and individuals to provide for their own needs in unmediated, unideologized, free cooperation.



REVIEWS

Civilization Will Eat Itself

At last, a publication that presents our shared critique of civilization in a down-to-earth and accessible manner! The biggest mistake that most primitivist and anti-civilization writers are making (in my opinion) is in expressing their critique in an arcane, virtually incomprehensible, academic format that most of the *Victims* of civilization will never have the time to wade through or struggle with. The realities of our current planetary crisis are not that difficult for people to see with their own eyes: Technology is not "neutral," it is in fact a system of domination that governs and defines every aspect of our existence; industry is poisoning us and the biosphere; mechanized, domesticated existence is boring, alienating and drives people to suicide, etc., etc. *These are issues that affect ALL of our lives and there is no reason to make them unnecessarily complex!* This beautifully

handwritten 50-page pamphlet does an excellent job breaking down the tyranny of technology in our daily lives and provides people with some pretty solid, irrefutable reasons to want to smash civilization. The author of this outstanding pamphlet - the very prolific Ran Prieur of Seattle (who also produces the zine *Superweed*) - somehow manages to stay hopeful and apocalyptic at the same time throughout his writings, and finds reassurance in the fact that civilization WILL collapse. This is one of those rare zines that potentially *could* change the world if enough people read it, so order yourself a copy today and make ten more for your friends. We need to get this stuff into circulation while we still have time... *Civilization Will Eat Itself* can be ordered for three dollars from: **Ran Prieur** PO Box 45564 Seattle, WA 98145

THE GREEN JOURNAL, unnumbered

The Green Journal is a 16-page zine bearing the subtitle "Destroying The Totality Of Symbolic Culture". Also on the cover: "No Gods - No Masters - No Civilization - No Domestication" which completes this picture.

None of your left-wing stuff here; highly primitivist-oriented. Which is to say, aimed at the foundations of the degradation of life. \$2 for four issues (what a steal) from: **Green Journal**, PO Box 12463, Rancho Bernardo Rd., San Diego, CA 92128.

ON THE BANK OF THE TUNID RIVER #1

On The Bank Of The Tunid River - also known as *Quick!* - is a 54-pager from Toronto, a recently received new publication that's quite impressive. This zine has a great range of topics somewhat like Crimethinc. creations (somewhat punk-oriented and situationist influenced). But its style is more specific and concrete, and not as much of the vague generalizations seen in zines of this type.

The premier issue includes "We Eat For Free: Wild Edible Plants and Urban Food Security", a 6-page "What is Anarcho-Primitivism?" plus columns, reviews and lots more.

Highly recommended. \$2 postage-paid to: **Quick!** 17 Sparkhall Avenue, Toronto, Ontario (M4K 164) Canada.

THE REBEL'S DARK LAUGHTER:

Writings Of Bruno Filippi

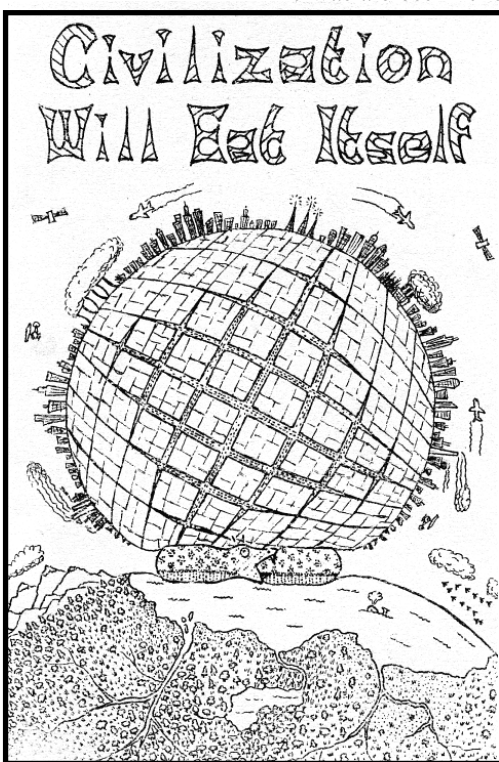
"I envy the savages. And I will cry to them in a loud voice: "Save yourselves, civilization is coming." — Bruno Filippi, 1918

This new pamphlet compiling all the known writings of the iconoclastic Italian anarchist and free spirit Bruno Filippi has been translated into English from Italian by our insurrectional comrades at *Venomous Butterfly Publications*, and offers something rare in anarchist writing - truly beautiful literature. Little is known about the enigmatic Bruno Filippi, except that he was born in 1900 in Livorno, Italy and that by age 15 he was already active in the anarchist struggle and had been identified by the Italian police as a "dangerous element." We know that he was a close friend and associate of Renzo

Novatore, the rebel poet and pagan anarchist insurgent, who described Filippi as "one of the few frantic lovers of life, he was a heroic poet of the deed who in the destruction of himself and his Misfortunes created a tragic song to the "triumph of the imperishable will", to the cult of eternal joy and beauty. He offered all the corroding and luminous flames of his ardent, sorrowful and tortured mind. Then he dissolved in the Void, a luminous and wandering voice that remains with us, incessantly whispering: "Dare, Dare!."

During his brief but intense life, Bruno Filippi was a regular contributor to the individualist anarchist paper *Iconoclasta!*, where he published vicious, melancholy articles attacking the Bourgeoisie and the sheep-like slaves who meekly submitted to their rule. He was also one of the first anarchists that I'm aware of (along with Renzo Novatore) who began to seriously question "progress" and civilization itself. On September 7th, 1919, Bruno Filippi was seen climbing the steps of the building where the "club of nobles" was located. He was carrying a bomb, hoping to destroy this meeting place for the richest people in the city. Tragically, this bomb exploded before he could accomplish his mission, killing the young anarchist at the tender age of 20. He left behind a small body of essays, stories and prose poems that show no mercy for either domination or subservience in any form. His writings seem (to me) to be influenced by Rimbaud and Baudelaire (particularly the latter's "Flowers Of Evil" poem cycle) while at the same time expressing a stylistic uniqueness all their own.

The writings of Bruno Filippi and Renzo Novatore represent to me the heart and soul of anarchism, a movement supposedly dedicated to the complete, unconditional freedom of every individual. It's a sad commentary on the current dismal state of the anarchist press that we have to turn to the translations of relatively unknown anarchist writers from the early 1900's to counteract the sleep-inducing, organizational propaganda of publications like "Onward" and "The Northeastern Anarchist", but hey, whatever it takes to remind people of what anarchism was originally all about! This pamphlet comes highly recommended, along with its companion volume "Towards The Creative Nothing" by Renzo Novatore. They can both be ordered for \$2.00 each from: *Venomous Butterfly Publications* P.O. Box 31098 Los Angeles, CA 90031



Species Traitor #2

ST #2 is a big, fat “insurrectionary anarcho-primitivist journal” from the very creative and prolific Coalition Against Civilization (CAC). Over a dozen provocative articles in this ambitious artifact of the rising primitivist tide: hot stuff. This long awaited sequel to one of the most refreshing publication in years is well worth the wait. Packed with many original writings by Kevin Tucker, *Species Traitor* has no apologies about being a primitivist rag. This issue has great analysis on “class struggle”, “practical primitivism”, some incredible poetry (see back cover), humor, and much more. If you missed the first issue, why not get both? There are still some of issue #1 available. NOTE: CAC sent us an early draft of the new issue to review, and it was expected out before we went to print, but apparently their usual printer decided not to print it because of its content. They anticipate it to be out soon (most likely by the time you read this), so they really could use your support (ideas, friendly printers, cash). This is available for \$3 USA/ \$4 world/ free to prisoners from the CAC, PO Box 835, Greensburg, PA 15601.

USA: You Reap What You Sow

by the You Reap What You Sow Collective
USA: YRWYS was put out by the YRWYS Collective immediately after the S11 terrorist attacks on America. In the introduction to this pamphlet, the YRWYS Collective writes: “It is the belief of the collective who compiled this zine that the class war, war against civilization, and all wars against patriarchal/ colonialist/capitalist empires should be included in the Left’s anti-war movement when and if these wars escalate. . . The class war, war against civilization, etc., etc., will have to be fought for the survival of the earth and all beings on it - even if this means people building forms of underground resistance and/ or picking up arms and killing those who oppress them.” That should give you a strong impression of where the YRWYS Collective is coming from.

This pamphlet is basically a compilation of the strongest anti-war writings and analysis of the events of S11 to have come from the non-reformist wings of the anti-war movement: the anarchist movement, the anti-civilization movement, and, of course, the decolonization movement. This pamphlet contains wonderful articles by anarchist thinkers and activists such as Wolfie Landstreicher, Laure Akai, Crimethinc., Lorenzo Kom’Boa Ervin, Ali Khalid Abdullah, David Watson, and articles by Native American radicals such as the phenomenal artist and writer Zig Zag, and Ward Churchill. The best articles to appear in this here zine would be, in my opinion, the introduction by the YRWYS Collective cited above, and Ward Churchill’s hot and inspirational “Some People Push Back: Thoughts On The Justice Of Roosting Chickens,” which has appeared in its entirety in this great compilation.

So, everyone who is interested in the creation of a revolutionary anti-war movement - with the objective of ending ALL wars currently being waged by the capitalist/ colonialist/patriarchal empire by destroying ALL states, ALL capitalist enterprises, and ALL industrial systems - be sure to check this zine out.

For a copy of this pamphlet, send \$2 to: YRWYS, Box 539, 185-911 Yates St., V8V 4Y9, Coast Salish Territory (Canada).

Weeping Willow

So, enough of this hyper-focus on abstract and theoretical ideas. I am convinced that civilization and this whole suffocating death-trip has got to go, but this consumer-oriented nightmare has strip-mined our instinctual knowledge and our being has become a landfill of drugs, poison they assure us is “food”, and a complete incapability to take care of ourselves. . . to live. So while we are figuring out how to dismantle this system (or while we wait for it to dismantle itself), shouldn’t we try and figure out how to re-connect to our more wild state. We ain’t gonna go to the doctor when we are sick, Safeway or Wild Oats will not be here to pillage, and there won’t be anymore houses or apartments to rent, let alone the electricity to heat and light them, after industrial collapse, right? I don’t think so. No wait, I sure as hell hope not. So shouldn’t we be trying to regain our lost ability to inhabit our world in a natural way. *Weeping Willow*, a great new zine from **Black and Green Press**, can help with just that. There is a vital list of common ailments (like coughs, diarrhea, fever, headaches, and insomnia) and some herbal remedies to help’ya out. It also contains many survival tips like: identifying wild foods, water filtration, tying knots, making shelters, treating wounds, making fires, and more. You’ve read the manual on how to survive a riot, now get yourself some info on how to survive life. To get a copy send \$2 to PO Box 835, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Take Back The Night
by Frank Discussion

Roaming the streets in the dark
tonight the whole city’s our
amusement park
finding our way by the light
of cop cars burning in the night
we’re sick and tired of all this waiting
so tonight we’re doing some redecorating
tonight your sick game is through

you see we’ve
grown a little
sick of YOU
Tonight we
tear it down !!

Taking
the night
we come of
age
Taking the
night we show
our rage
Tonight the
bad days will
end because
Tonight the
streets are
ours !!

We know what it means to *really* live
so tonight we’re taking what you can’t give
leveled buildings, burning stores
telling you nothings gonna be like before
believing in the reality of our desires
is cause enough for starting fires
we’re not giving you any reasons
just adding up all our private treasons
Tonight we tear it down !!

Taking the night we come of age
Taking the night we show our rage
Tonight the bad days will end because
Tonight the streets are ours !!

Looting and pillaging need no excuses
just putting things to our own better uses
everything changed in a matter of hours
what’s ours is ours and what’s *yours* is ours
civilization rotten from the core
time for a not-so civil war
world of constant modernization
tonight you’ll meet your modernized
NEGATION

Because tonight
we tear it down !!

The Social Implications of



Myco-Consciousness
by Tall

As the year commences, those of us who are looking toward the ground are being constantly reminded of the interconnectedness of the ecology of mushrooms. The co-operation between species and within a species for mutual benefit is always the order of the day. It is evident everywhere in nature. Sure, there is predation and parasitism in nature, but cooperation and mutual aid are more prevalent.

So why are we led to believe through our schools, universities, and other institutions in society that competition is the natural order of things? Why have so many scientists and academics found it so important to focus on narrow interpretations of Darwin’s work? Darwin himself focused a great deal on the ‘struggle’ for survival, competition, and ‘survival of the fittest’. But he also understood the concept of mutual aid. At the beginning of his work Darwin insisted that the idea of struggle should be taken in its larger and metaphorical sense including dependence of one being on another. “1”

Unfortunately, most Darwinists (yes it’s an ideology) since Darwin’s death have chosen to ignore the role of mutual aid and instead have focused on a narrow interpretation of competition. “These narrow generalizations have become the very basis of philosophical, biological, and sociological speculations.” “2” These generalizations basically provide a foundation on which the current human social order stands, and provides a justification for it. The competitive struggle of ‘survival for the survival of the fittest.’ If cooperation and mutual aid are more common in nature, as mentioned previously, then why aren’t we taught to focus on this more than competition? Why? Because it would eventually lead to the rug being pulled out from under this whole ruthless order we call capitalism, If you were a member of the ruling elites in Western societies, or a person who has so deeply internalized their values that you actively maintain and reproduce them, it would be in your best interest to focus on competition rather than cooperation.

Who has a monopoly over the definition of ‘survival of the fittest’? From observing nature, the majority of species on the planet either cooperate and/ or coexist with other species for survival, so it would seem that maybe the ‘fittest’ should be redefined in terms of what the majority of species do and not the minority. If you think that humans are the fittest, you better think again. Look around, we are destroying ourselves and everything that sustains us. Evidence is everywhere. All you have to do is open your eyes and your mind.

Unless we deconstruct this paradigm and rebuild anew with a myco-consciousness of sorts, we will not survive, and there is no fitness in that. At the same time, we also need to call into question the European “Enlightenment”, whereby nature was subverted to reason, and Western civilization began the separation and alienation from nature that has brought us so far from what we are as creatures of the earth that we are almost cyborgs. Is this progress? We keep looking to the sky and building bigger skyscrapers to draw our attention further from the ground. When we are looking to the ground searching for mushrooms we are reconnecting to the earth and what we are. We are healing our alienation and bringing ourselves back down to earth. It feels wonderful. Like the mycelium beneath the forest floor, we are all connected. This is revolutionary consciousness.

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For a fascinating fresh look at natural philosophy read: Derrick Jensen’s A Language Older Than Words (Context Books) also Chellis Glendinning: My Name is Chellis and I'm in Recovery From Western Civilization.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE GREEK ANARCHIST MOVEMENT

“The struggle of memory against oblivion is a struggle against authority. The reality of social struggles bursting against the state, beyond the desire of statistics to distort their meaning and deny their existence, is developing enduringly: many times they are violent and confrontational, multiform and uncompromising, reflecting through the passage of centuries the continual struggle of the inborn human tension for freedom, against any form of exploitation and enforcement. Social struggles never stop and continue to disappoint all those who want to distort human nature and enforce every form of authority and tyranny. Whatever masks they have worn so far, their substance is the same. Terror, suppression, violent repression of human feelings, needs. But they have never actually been able to ensure total social consent to their plans. Insurrections, present everywhere on our planet, inhibit their plans and declare the congruity of the human entity with disobedience and a lack of discipline.

Authoritarians moved forward, to promote resignation, creating laws, rules, norms, frames of behavior suppressing free human creativity, exploiting and sucking our energy to empower their dominion, destroying our harmonic relation with nature. They continue committing their crimes against the herd masses by even more nightmarish plans (control of every form of life — or “life” if you prefer — of society, through the use of technological monsters and the effort to enthrall and brainwash the human entity and convert it into malleable clay).

This effort is contributed to by the enervation and alienation created by the media, the sterilized and distorted knowledge taught in schools of every kind, the media being the sequel to the propaganda of the family and economy, withdrawing people from what they really need to know, together with all the useless information trafficking, urging people to be content surviving on paid slavery and consuming commodities and spectacles.

What they baptize as history is one of the biggest lies, one that systematically conceals insurrections and moments of freedom and disobedience, presenting everything that happened so far as a consequence of compromise, politics and diplomacy.”

- Awkwardly translated from a leaflet put out in September 2001 by the Greek anarchist group, **“Back to the Streets”**

It’s probably accurate to say that the Greek anarchist movement is one of the most insurrectionary in the world, and by comparison most other regional movements (including here in the States) appear almost liberal and reformist. This makes sense for several reasons: one, the word “anarchist” is a Greek word, and indeed, the desire for true freedom seems deeply ingrained in the people’s blood. Greece is also the birthplace of “democracy” and the modern state, which have historically proven to be two of the most effective forms of social control ever devised. Additionally, the origins of the monolithic technototality we call western civilization can be traced back to Greece, so it seems only natural that strong resistance movements would arise there to maintain the harmonic equilibrium of the life-force (chaos).

The general political atmosphere in Greece, like that of most European countries, is quite different from that of the United States. Few people would look at you incredulously for espousing anarchism. That doesn’t mean they would agree. Greeks come in as many political flavors as you can name, including anarchists, theocrats, Stalinists, social democrats and fascists. It’s just that the social apathy and self-centered individualism which is so pervasive in our own “non-culture” culture is much rarer in Greece, where you are expected to choose sides and have some kind of political identity. The ruling order in Greece is well aware of anarchism and it is seen as a very real threat to their power.

The movement today in Greece is strongest in Athens and Thessalonika, where it is centered around a number of well-established squatted buildings used as social centers, one in Thessalonika, and three in Athens (of course, it’s a bit of an over-simplification to say that the movement is *centered* around these physical locations: they merely serve as valuable organizing hubs. If the movement was really *that* centralized, it would be non-existent by now). Three alternative radio stations are currently operating in Athens, apparently quite well. Anarchist literature is easy to find in Greece. Books and pamphlets from the historical canon of anarchist writers (Kropotkin, Berkman, Malatesta) are printed by many of the myriad independent small-presses in Greece and hawked by street vendors all over the country.

Finally, there is a plethora of anarchist and quasi-anarchist papers being regularly published in Greece; I’ll list only a few. *Exe’ yersi* (Insurrection) is a monthly, anarcho-syndicalist leaning tabloid that is refreshingly pro-revolutionary violence. *Ektō’s No’m* (Outside the Law) is a more heterogeneous anarchist monthly from Thessalonika. *Alpha* is a long-running weekly

anarchist newspaper and “Pirate’s tis Imiseli’nu” (The Pirates of the Half Moon) is a situationist-influenced monthly magazine (the writings of the situationists, especially Guy Debord, are quite popular in socialist and anarchist circles in Greece. After he killed himself in December of 1994, “Adio, Guy Debord” was inscribed in spray paint all over Athens). The emphasis of the struggle in Greece is definitely on the class or social war, but there is also a growing recognition of technology and civilization as instruments of class oppression.

Historically, Greek anarchists had their heyday during the resistance to the German occupation of World War II. Thousands of anarchists were members of the left-wing coalition EAM-ELAS (National Popular Liberation Army), which was based mainly around cities and larger towns. The Germans were never really able to control inland Greece, and were content simply to keep the supply line open to troops in North Africa. EAM-ELAS had some notable military successes in disrupting this, the most famous of which is the blowing up of the railway viaduct at Gorgopo’tamos.

The movement that began to develop in the 70’s continuing up to the present day, was strongly influenced by both German and Italian autonomism, not to mention the armed struggle mystique of the Baader-Meinhof Group and Armed Cells of West Germany, and was shaped by the 1973 insurrection against the military junta that ruled Greece. The Anarchist Attack Groups formed in Athens in the mid-80’s, specializing in petrol bombing police cars on a massive scale. On November 17th, 1985, when riot police chased anarchists to the traditional anarchist stronghold around Exarchia Square, fierce fighting took place resulting in the shooting in the back of a 15-year old anarchist, Michalis Kaltzas, by the cops. This sparked off further fighting and the occupation of the University of Chemistry, and then that of the Polytechnic, and riots and demonstrations in many other cities. At this point a new wave of repression began: Anarchists were arrested, brutally beaten, there were many house searches, anyone that looked “different” was violently detained during major police street sweeps. Alongside this was the development of armed anarchist groups that carried out a number of bank robberies and armed confrontations with the police. For example, the Anti-State Struggle Group shot dead the Public Prosecutor of Athens as retaliation for severe prison sentences being given to anarchists. In a subsequent gun-battle with the police in May 1985, in which three cops died, the anarchist Christos Tsoutosouvīs was killed.

From the beginning, 1998 was a fiery year for the Greek state, with about 70 arsons waged by different anarchist groups. Various events, like the arrest of Nikos Maziotis and the government’s decisions concerning economic, labor and educational sectors provided a basis for many fiery nights. The “cocktail parties” began shortly after the morning of January 13th, when Nikos Maziotis, a 27 year old anarchist, was arrested in his home near Athens. Three handguns, ten kilos of explosives, detonators and bullets were all found in this house. In other raids in nine more houses in Athens, 15 more people were arrested. The whole police operation was presented as a major blow to Greek armed groups, as Maziotis was originally linked to “Revolutionary People’s Struggle”, an armed group with a long history of bombing attacks and assassinations which had been idle since 1995, and the new “Militant Guerrilla Formation”, a group that had claimed responsibility for several bombings carried out over the previous two years.

The bombing attempt for which Maziotis was eventually charged was one that occurred at the Ministry of Industry and Development on December 6th, 1997. The bomb, which was placed at the entrance of the building, didn’t explode because it was wrongly assembled. Police investigations had found Maziotis’ fingerprint on the bomb. A group calling itself “Anarchist Urban Guerrillas” claimed responsibility for the action, in support of the villagers in Halkidiki, Northern Greece, who were opposing the installation of a gold processing unit owned by TVX Gold (a multinational corporation) near their villages. The police, after finding Maziotis’ fingerprint, placed him under surveillance, in hope of finding more incriminating evidence. They chose to make the arrests three days after two bombing attacks against a taxation bureau and the Ministry of Finance data processing center.

On February 13th, an extensive statement by Maziotis was published in a daily Greek newspaper in which he declared: “I am an anarchist and aim at the complete destruction of the state and the capitalist regime and its replacement by anti-authoritarian communes. The only charge I will accept is that of subversive activity, which honors me. If freedom is a crime in the eyes of my enemies, then yes, I agree that I am a criminal.” He then went on to elucidate the difference between the three kinds of political violence: state terrorism (the most common and well-organized), revolutionary terrorism (employed by

Marxist and Stalinist groups which reproduce in their prelatric organization the structures of the state) and liberating violence.

Solidarity actions for Nikos Maziotis started almost immediately after his arrest. On January 27th, a group calling itself “Revolutionary War” burnt two cars belonging to the Ministry of Public Works. “Freedom to Nikos Maziotis and all hostages held by the State”, they said in a phone call to an Athens newspaper. Two days later, the “Incendiaries of Conscience” took responsibility for the burning of 40 cars between June 6th and January 25th. They pointed out that they burn only selected targets belonging to cops, big companies, diplomats, etc. The message concluded with the words: “Hatred - Violence - Revenge. Perform your ratio of violence. Peace in the Aegean Sea, war in every suburb. Freedom to N. Maziotis, S. Dapergolas, R. Kalaremas, G. Viassopoulos and all prisoners. Revolutionary greetings to all malcontented.”

It was also in 1998 that the strategy of burning cars belonging to foreign politicians, diplomats and other servants of the state began to gain popularity amongst anarchist insurgents. It started on January 25th when two cars belonging to the Italian Embassy in Athens were torched. In March, “Anarchist Patrol on the Roads” took responsibility for the arson attack of two cars belonging to the Office of City Planning and Public Works. By year’s end, over two hundred cars had been firebombed in similar attacks.

This method of operating has continued up to the present day in Greece. Alongside continued rioting and confrontations at demonstrations (most notably the anti-Clinton riots of 1999), where banks, government offices, car showrooms and luxury hotels are stoned and burnt down, is the presence of 30 armed anarchist groups., which carry out petrol and explosive bombings around the Athens area. The Greek anarchist movement is not hesitant to confront power *head on*, and doesn’t waste its time targeting the tangential, indirect sources of oppression. Instead, what’s most commonly attacked is *state property*, government offices, tax collection agencies, various appendages of the war machine, banks and luxury cars belonging to government officials and members of the ruling class. In fact, you might say that torching banks, luxury cars and other symbols of bourgeois decadence has become a *recreational pastime* for anarchists in Greece. One criticism that I’ve heard voiced about the movement in Greece (from someone who has lived there on and off most of their life) is that the militancy and intensity of the struggle there leads to a lot of premature burnout, and consequently, the demographic makeup of the movement there — in terms of age — is generally 17-25. But this is perhaps a good thing, for it keeps the resistance fluid and alive, the tactics remain bold and daring, and the movement stays infused with the urgency, anger and clarity of youth in genuine revolt.

We have a lot to learn from the situation in Greece but it is vital that we not live out our dreams vicariously through the valiant actions of our Greek sisters and brothers. Rather, we should begin employing their tactics and strategies here, in the real belly of the beast, where we definitely need to intensify our resistance. Anyway, enough analysis, let’s get on with the recent actions ...

Reprinted below is just a small sampling of some of the actions that have occurred in Greece in 2001. While far from complete, this short list should give our readers a good idea of how the anarchist revolution is being fought in Greece.

April 4, 2001: The automatic cash dispensers of the branch offices of the ABN AmbroBank and HSBC are set on fire in Holargos. Responsibility is claimed by the group **“Anarhikes Omades Epithesis”** (Anarchist Attack Groups) who say that the arsons took place as a *“welcoming to the conference being held by the magazine Economist and the visit of Bush in Athens”*.

July 22-23, 2001: There were six separate arson attacks in Greece during this two day period of time, all in solidarity with slain Italian anarchist Carlo Giuliani— Here are three actions that we just found out about and that didn’t make it into previous issues of *Green Anarchy*: At Exarhia (the center of Athens) four luxury cars belonging to the Telephone Company are set on fire. In Galatsi (a suburb of Athens) a car belonging to the Italian Embassy is set on fire. In A.Paraskevi (a suburb of Athens) the agency of the Italian company FIAT is set on fire. Also, the agency of Alfa Romeo is set on fire, in the same area. Responsibility is taken, in a call to a newspaper, by the group **“Pagosmiopieplemeni Antistasi”** (Globalised Resistance), saying: *“Honor to the dead of Genova, solidarity to the strugglers.”* In addition to these actions, the entrance to the central offices of PASOK (a government party) in Athens is set on fire. Responsibility is later taken by the group **“Omada Anarchikon”** (Group of Anarchists), saying *“that this is the way we react to the murder of Carlo Giuliani in Genova.”*

July 25, 2001: The branch offices of the Alpha Bank in Petralona are set on fire. No group takes responsibility for this action. That same night, in the city of Volos, an arson attempt is made against the branch offices of the Commercial Bank. Responsibility for this attempted arson is taken by the group **“Autonomous Action”** saying: *The struggle against the state in every form continues, the cops are blamed in Genova.”*

July 27, 2001: The entrance to the offices of PASOK in Koukaki is set on fire. No group claims responsibility for this action.

November 17, 2001: Anarchists March To Remember Military Junta Victims:

Athens: Scuffles broke out between police and anarchist demonstrators on November 17th in Athens following a march on the U.S. embassy to mark the anniversary of a 1973 student uprising that helped bring down Greece’s military rulers. About 10,000 people took part in the annual march held to honor students killed in the 1973 revolt that resulted in the overthrow of the military junta the following year. (At least 23 people died and hundreds were injured in 1973 when tanks and soldiers poured into the Polytechnic University campus. The actual death toll has never been firmly established and some sources place it much higher.) This year’s march - led by the Greek Communist Party - was quickly usurped by local anarchist groups who hurled stones and wooden clubs at hundred of cops standing outside the U.S. Embassy. Demonstrators also burned an American flag and chanted slogans against the U.S. military action in Afghanistan. The American Embassy is the

focus of the march because of the U.S. backing of the junta, which took power in 1967. In a corresponding march in the city of Thessaloniki a group of people attacked banks and government buildings.

January 11-12, 2002: Massive Anarchist Demonstrations Rock Polytechnic School:

Athens: Anarchist groups organized a demonstration at the Polytechnic School of Athens. The point of the demonstration was to take a stand against the new anti-“terrorist” laws, state repression, and the imperialist war in Afghanistan.

Anarchists and other radicals marched to the school with banners reading: “Demonstration of Resistance and Solidarity,” “Against the Plundering of Our Lives - Solidarity to the Insurrection in Argentina,” “We Are All Foreigners and Instructed,” and “Cops - Pigs - Assassins.” Meanwhile, anarchist brochures and leaflets were handed out to the public.

During the afternoon a movie was projected on the sidewalk of the school, which was followed by a theater play about the (now defunct) German urban guerrilla group, the Red Army Faction. The protest finished with music and dancing. Around 300 people participated in the first day of the protests.

The following day around 800 people gathered outside the Polytechnic School with a banner reading: “Wherever Order and Security Exists - It Smells of Human Meat Sabotage to the Social Consensus.” Due to the massive police presence the demonstrators chose to wear self-defense gear as they marched around the school chanting for class war, solidarity with the

social insurrection in Argentina, solidarity to immigrants and against state repression. The demonstration finished peacefully at the entrance of the Polytechnic School.

At midnight, anonymous radicals, armed with stones and petrol bombs, attacked a police van near the central offices of the PASOK (ruling party). That same night in Thessaloniki, the sub-capital of Greece, hooded activists threw petrol bombs at a bank.

Recommended Reading:

A Brief History Of Anarchism In Greece (1848-1973) : A Pamphlet available from “No God-No Master” Anarchist Pamphlets P.O. Box 300, East Brunswick, Victoria 3057, Australia. Also available from GA for \$1 pp.

Plotino Rhodakanaty: The Actions Of A Greek Anarchist In Mexico: Thick 31-page pamphlet looking at the life of Plotino Rhodakanaty, a Greek anarchist scholar and revolutionary strongly influenced by Fourier and Proudhon, who helped found the Mexican anarchist movement in 1861. This pamphlet is available from the “No God-No Master” address listed above.

A-News: Published in Greece, this is an invaluable paper that chronicles ongoing direct action and resistance in Greece. Copies can be ordered from the following address: A-News c/o Anarchist Intervention P.O. Box 30557-10033 Athens Greece

REBELLION IN ARGENTINA

Argentina has been experiencing economic woes for quite some time. Over the past few years, there have been mass demonstrations of the poor and unemployed, road blockades, battles with police and so on. Already deeply in debt, the Argentine government has been seeking a loan from the IMF which has required it to institute harsh austerity measures, measures that inevitably strike those at the bottom the hardest. In the second week of December, there was a general strike. Over the next week or so, fear of economic collapse led many people to withdraw their money from the bank. So on December 19, the Economy Minister, Domingo, issued a declaration that limited bank withdrawals to \$250 a week. Of course, those most affected by this measure were those without credit, without other means to make the purchases needed to feed themselves and their families. **The response was immediate.**

As soon as people heard about the new measure that Domingo had enacted, road blockades went up all over the country. People began looting supermarkets and other stores, mainly for food. People battled police and attacked banks. In La Plata and Cordoba, the state houses were attacked as well. Of course, the Argentine government declared a state of emergency and outlawed all public gatherings.

On the 20th, both official left and spontaneous demonstrations continued, as did looting and attacks on banks. The unions, whose role of course depends on the continued functioning of the present social order, were afraid to agitate because the situation might “get out of their hands”. But the initiative for demonstrations required no formal organization. Those who wanted to gather people simply went to street corners, clapped their hands and gathered people to demonstrate in the Plaza del Mayo. When police moved in to remove people from the plaza passersby aided the demonstrators, harassing the cops and attacking them with a variety of objects. In the course of the day people destroyed eight banks in Buenos Aires. Looting continued throughout the country.

The president then in office was compelled to step down, and the Peronists took advantage of the situation, presenting themselves as potential saviors of the nation. One of their party was appointed interim president. The Argentine secret service went out on the streets of Buenos Aires to spread rumors to frighten people from the streets, and within a few days, things quieted down... briefly.

Then on December 29, fed up with the lack of any real answers from the new president, a “self-convened” (i.e., autonomous - not called by any formal organization) demonstration took place in the Plaza de Mayo in front of the presidential palace. People attacked the doors of the palace. Chants included: “Everybody out, nobody stay” and “Without Peronists, without radicals, we will live better,” indicating the level of disillusion with the government. When the police attempted to disperse the demonstration with tear gas, some stayed to battle the cops. Others marched to the Parliament and still others took to the streets. In the streets, people attacked banks and billboards, and at least one ruling class observer perched on the balcony of a luxury hotel received a bruise from a projectile. At the parliament, people built bonfires on the steps and looted the building, taking out furniture for barricades, bonfires and so on. When the cops used teargas in an attempt to disperse this crowd, most instead took to the street together with the idea of going

on to the supreme court. But cops armed with tear gas and rubber bullets ambushed the march. Fortunately, people in cars and on foot who sympathized with the demonstrators helped them as they retreated, blocking and attacking the cops. The next day, the interim president resigned and a few more have followed suit.

In US newspapers, this rebellion has been largely described as “middle class” (an ambiguous term, at best, when used by the US press), but reports from Argentina and the nature of the looting indicate significant involvement by the poor as well. At least one person has described the events as “bread riots.” And the unrest among the unemployed and marginalized in Argentina has been going on for quite some time.



Argentina: A Neoliberal Model In Ruins. . .



Most of the reports that I found of these events came from anarchists who were there. These accounts raise many questions. Though there has been unrest on some level in Argentina for quite some time, this rebellion seemed to take anarchists by surprise. The accounts treat these events in a spectacular manner as a moment separated from life and from the ongoing struggle. This is not at all surprising. Events like this tend to be unpredictable, and sometimes the apparently most politically aware have the most difficulty figuring out how to respond. Clearly we need to bring our analytical capacities and our insurrectional project into such events, but how?

It was also clear from the reports that although the formal anarchist organizations had no idea how to respond to the situation, no real initiatives to propose, they saw their task as that of educating the people in revolt, of getting their message out. But what message could these formal groups have for those who have entered the sphere of informality that is real revolt? It became increasingly clear to me as I read these reports, how important it is to pursue the self-organization of our lives, our struggles, our revolt as an ongoing movement against all formalization and institutionalization so that we will be able to encounter

situations such as this not with ideologies, platforms or programs (like any politician) but with the capacity to carry out initiatives for the ongoing expansion of the self-organization of struggle that spontaneously appears in such uprisings to more and more aspects of life, aiming at the total transformation of existence.

For more information on the ongoing struggle in Argentina, check out: www.infoshop.org

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ECOLOGICAL RESISTANCE

October 15, California: ELF Takes More Action Against The BLM’s Wild Horse Roundup

Litchfield: The ELF has taken credit for placing timed incendiary devices at the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro Facility. The resulting fire caused approximately \$85,000 in damages when a barn was burned to the ground. Reprinted below is the communiqué from this action: *“In opposition to the BLM’s continued war against the Earth—the Earth Liberation Front targeted the Wild Horse Holding Facility in Corvallis, California. For years, the BLM has rounded up thousands of wild horses and burros to clear public land for grazing cattle. Many of these wild animals are sent to slaughter. We cut through and removed 60-foot sections of wooden fence to corrals holding more than 200 wild horses in order to free them from captivity. After moving domestic horses to a safe distance, we set four timed incendiary devices aimed at destroying two barns, two vehicles and an office building. In the name of all that is wild, we will continue to target industries and organizations that seek to profit by destroying the Earth.”* This is the second time that the ELF has gone after the BLM’s Wild Horse Roundup Program. In November of 1997 - in what many consider to be the first “official” ELF action in North America - a BLM Wild Horse Roundup Facility in Burns, Oregon was burned to the ground and 51 burros held captive were set free, resulting in \$450,000 in structural damages.

Early November, India: A Quiet Revolution As The State Backs Down Before The People’s Will

Rajasthan: The State is the most formidable obstacle to any concerted attempt by people to carve out more autonomy and space for themselves. Nowhere is this better illustrated than by the continuous obstruction by the government in Rajasthan to the decade-long effort in Alwar villages to regreen and drought-proof the drought-ridden and eroded region. Alwar’s forest and tree cover had been denuded for decades, as severe drought raged across India, when a handful of resourceful villagers in Rajasthan State calling themselves the Tarun Bharat Sagh banded together to create a community-owned rainwater harvesting system. For over ten years the previously starving and water-parched villagers of Alwar have collectively undertaken the building of *Johads* (checkdams), ponds and other water harvesting structures. The State was nowhere in the picture and the people did it themselves, the movement spreading to include wider aspects of daily living where, again, the State had nothing to offer. Then recently, as the growing popularity and influence of the Tarun Bharat Sagh movement began to concern the government, the Rajasthan Irrigation Minister stepped in and declared such rainwater harvesting schemes “illegal,” stating that “every drop of rain belongs to the government and anyone who captures the rain can be arrested.” As a popular people’s movement towards self-sufficiency began to gain momentum, the state demanded an end to it, citing obscure laws that awarded the government a monopoly on all waterworks and land use. Thus, villagers were constantly warned to stop all work on rejuvenating ponds and water channels, trees planted to regreen the Sariska forest land were destroyed, and villagers prosecuted for putting protective walls around the new greens. In this instance though, the state had to retreat, and only because the people refused to give way and instead issued an emergency call for help that brought thousands of Indians from neighboring villages to their assistance. The victorious Tarun Bharat Sagh movement issued a statement in November describing what their struggle for water means to them and thousands of other poor Indian villagers: *“Through our efforts, five dead rivers have come alive. Thousands of tanks, wells and ponds have been created, not*

by high-powered western technology, but by traditional methods of water-harvesting. The TBS has shown that it is possible to fight the drought without spending huge sums in full-page advertisements glorifying the great deeds of the government. And it is there for all to see. We have proven that you don’t need much rhetoric or cash to fight poverty and natural catastrophe. Water is the soul of this revolution.”

November 5, Idaho: ELF Claims Responsibility For Spiking Trees In National Forest

Nez Perce National Forest: A communiqué received by the Frontline Information Service from an anonymous group of individuals has claimed responsibility for spiking trees throughout the Otter Wing Timber sale in the Nez Perce National Forest. The communiqué’ from this action follows: *Hello; this is a communiqué from a nameless Earth Liberation Front Cell. We claim no issue or area as our own, we just act. This is to announce we have spiked countless trees in the Otter Wing Timber Sale, located in the Nez Perce National Forest. For too long, the forests of Central and North Idaho have been under assault from industrial forestry. The Boise, Payette, Clearwater, Idaho Panhandle, and Nez Perce are some of the National Forests in Idaho that have been scarred from excessive logging. The timber sale program—nothing but a financial drain as well as an ecological disaster—must end. The Otter Wing Timber sale has destroyed a once pristine ecosystem on the South Fork of the Clearwater River. It is an area which hosted abundant wildlife, such as fish, birds, mammalian predators, ungulates and a beautiful mosaic of different forest vegetative patterns. Now most of that area has been logged—aside from the spiked units. We are serious. This is our first act of sabotage in Idaho. We may feel compelled to act again. The Forest Service of Idaho should know that as long as they continue to destroy Idaho’s last remaining wild lands, they risk action on behalf of the ELF.*

November 30, Chile: Asbestos Protester Burns Self

Just before noon on Nov. 30th unemployed Chilean worker Eduardo Perez arrived at the plaza in front of La Moneda presidential palace in Santiago. Once there, Perez stabbed himself in the abdomen and set himself on fire. Police extinguished the fire, and Perez was taken to a local hospital with third degree burns over 71 percent of his body. He died early on December 1. Perez was a member of the Chilean Association of Victims of Asbestos, which represents more than 500 people who are sick or dying from the health effects of asbestos, as well as widows and orphans of those who have died. In a letter he explained his public suicide as an act of protest against the Pizarreno company and it’s international parent company for failing to protect their workers, their families and local residents from asbestos. Perez wrote that his protest was also directed against Mutual de Seguridad (the workers’ compensation agency) and its doctors, for siding with the company and lying to the workers about the cause of their illness, and also against “the imperialist war that massacres thousands of poor and innocent civilians to increase the profits of the arms industry and create a global dictatorship” and against the “imperialist globalization controlled by the United States.”

December 11, Virginia: ELF Suspected At Quarry Arsons

A fire at one of the quarries in Wythe County cost more than \$500,000 in estimated damages. A rash of vandalism and arson incidents at four Wythe and Carroll county quarries overnight caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage, and federal agents have been called on to assist in the investigation. Wythe County authorities said that one potential culprit is a group of environmental activists. The three quarries in Wythe County are all owned by Salem Stone. Two are in Wytheville and the third is in Barren Springs, between Pulaski and Hillsville. The Wytheville quarries sustained damage to office buildings, with broken windows

and destroyed furniture and electronics. At the Barren Springs quarry, a shop containing heavy equipment was set on fire. No one noticed the blaze until the morning because the quarry is isolated. A preliminary damage estimate for the building and contents was set at \$500,000, he said. Crowder’s Quarry in Carroll County, about a mile from the Wythe County line, was also vandalized. A truck was driven through a small metal office building. The vandals also smashed a videocassette recorder and damaged an oil pump. The damage estimate at that quarry was about \$3,700. Because the Barren Springs fire is suspected to be arson and the damages are high, an agent with the bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms arrived in Wytheville to help local pigs.

January 13, Ecuador: Activists Take To The Trees To Prevent Pipeline Construction

Ecuadorian activists have taken to the trees to defend the Mindo cloudforest and other ecosystems and communities affected by the new Oleoducto de Crudos Pesados (OCP) pipeline. At the same time, the German Bank and federal government of the NWR Province are debating their \$900 million dollar loan to the project. Activists have been climbing trees and building platforms while others are chained to the base to keep construction crews from advancing the 300-mile pipeline into a protected area.

January 28, Oregon: Golf Carts Go Up In Flames As Mysterious Blaze Hits Country Club

Springfield: A fire tore through a storage shed at the Springfield Country Club, destroying 140 golf carts and setting off a series of explosions as the flames detonated gas and propane tanks on the carts. The fire demolished the wood-sided building and sent flames shooting through windows and doors as golfers watched from the nearby clubhouse and parking lot. The fire apparently began just after 11 a.m. when members of this elite, conservative country club noticed smoke billowing out of the large shed, accompanied by loud explosions. “It sounded like a dang cannon going off to me,” said one soot-covered club member. The golf carts that were destroyed in the blaze were all worth between \$700 and \$5,000 and the majority of them were uninsured. The state fire Marshall is still investigating the blaze and arson has not been ruled out. Militant action against the bourgeois imperialism of the golfing industry has occurred in the past: In March of 1990, the Mohawks of Kanesatake occupied the Pines - traditional lands which also contain their peoples cemetery - against the municipality of Oka’s plans to expand an adjacent golf course over the Pines. The golf course expansion was part of a larger capitalist plan to expand a lucrative tourist industry at the expense of the indigenous peoples of that region, and led to an armed standoff in July of that year between members of the Kahnawake Warriors’ Society and the Quebec Provincial Police - one Canadian pig was killed in the ensuing fire fight. This incident led to one of the longest armed stand-offs in North America in recent history. Also, in July of 2001, the ELF claimed credit for four actions against golf courses in the Omaha, Nebraska area.

ANTI-GENETIX ACTIONS

September 15, France: Activists Destroy GM Beet Test Crop

Paris: Some 40 activists destroyed a test crop of genetically modified animal feed in northern France to protest against GM crops being cultivated in open fields alongside non-GM crops. Activists belonging to the Confederation Paysanne uprooted a crop of mangel-wurzel, a form of beet fed to animals, near Lille, while police watched. Since late June, activists have ransacked many GM crop sites around France protesting against the bio-engineered plants, which many of them fear if grown in uncontrolled circumstances could infect neighboring crops.

October 31, New Zealand: GE Field Trials Produce Backlash From Indigenous Groups

Canberra: A recent decision made by the New Zealand Labor Government to allow the resumption of field trials of genetically modified organisms (GMO’s) has created a storm of controversy among the indigenous Maori community, most of whom reject the release of the technology into the environment. In response to this decision, Maori protesters unfurled anti-GE banners at the Environmental Risk Management Authority, occupied the office, sang songs in Maori and placed earth on the office floor. In a flyer distributed during the office occupation, anti-GE activists state that: “The prospect of crossing genes from one species to another is generally repugnant to many Maori.” Even Maori politicians like Minister for Conservation Sandra Lee, have said that they find genetic engineering to be “disrespectful of life.” Simultaneously, three thousand New Zealanders have pledged to remove genetic engineering field trials and planning for future actions is underway. The non-violent direct action initiative, in which members of the public sign a civil disobedience “pledge”, has been dubbed “Operation Green Gloves.” This is because people who pledge to participate in anti-GE actions are each given a pair of green gloves to “keep ready for when they are needed.” Support for the pledge has spread like wildfire throughout the country since being launched by anti-GE activists on July 31, resulting in 3,000 volunteers in just twelve weeks. Spokesperson for the campaign, Logan Petley, said recently: “The government sold out to the GE lobby. This leaves the public no option but civil disobedience to protect our land from GE accidents and contaminations. If the first boat load of possums were arriving in New Zealand tomorrow, and we could still stop them, we would do the same. Keeping the New Zealand environment GE free, before something goes horribly wrong, is a socially and environmentally responsible act. ‘Green Gloves’ is announcing our plans openly so that GE companies and research institutions are in no doubt about our intentions. These will not be secretive activities, but rather open, colorful and unstoppable.”

November 6, Michigan: Attempted Fire At GE Tree Facility

Houghton: Federal secret police investigators are considering radical environmentalists the prime suspects in an attempted arson at the Michigan Tech University(MTU) campus. Three five-gallon jugs of gasoline with wires leading to timers were discovered early on by campus pigs doing routine patrols at the U.J. Noblet Forestry Building and the US Forest Service Engineering Laboratory. MTU received a grant last year worth several million dollars to begin research on genetically altered aspen trees. Researchers are hoping to “create” trees immune to crop dusting and beetle infestation: The university claims to have received e-mail threats from the ELF in April related to this research. On July 4th, the ELF torched an executive office of the Weyerhauser Corporation in nearby Detroit in retaliation for the company’s part in funding Oregon State University and the University of Washington’s poplar and cottonwood genetic engineering research, so it’s reasonable to assume that they may have been involved in this recent arson attempt.

December 20, France: Riot Police Called In After Judge Sentences Militant French Farmer To Six Months In Jail

Montpellier: A judge sentenced militant French farmer Jose Bove to six months in jail, but not until riot police fired tear gas to force more than 100 of his supporters from the courthouse. The appeals court convicted Bove, a leading anti-globalization activist, for his role in destroying a genetically modified rice field in southern France in 1999. After the sentencing, a defiant Bove vowed to continue the fight against genetically modified crops. “Today they’ve tried to weaken our fight,” Bove told reporters at the courthouse, in this southern French town. “For us, this combat will not stop... and if they put us in prison... the battle will continue from behind bars.” Opposition to genetically modified foods has been very strong in France. Bove’s Farmers Confederation has made the issue one of their causes, threatening to uproot experimental fields of modified food if the government doesn’t destroy them. Judge Patrick Brossier delayed the verdict for about two hours after more than 100 farmers from the Farmers’ Confederation disrupted the proceedings and refused to leave the courtroom. Riot police moved in, pushing the protesters into the courthouse lobby and finally expelling them from the building with tear gas.

January 2, Maine: ELF Takes Action Against Biotech Park Construction Site

The following is the communiqué that was released by the ELF: *Greetings: We are writing to inform you that we sabotaged an excavator and roller at the construction site of the new Fairfield Biotech Park in Fairfield, Maine. We took this action weeks ago by pouring abrasives and cement into the engines and hydraulics of the machines. We are now communicating after ample time has gone by for the damage to be done. This Biotech Park is in conjunction with Jackson Labs which is the largest breeder of mice in the world for experimentation. Some have human ears growing out of their backs! Disgusting. This park has been dubbed an “incubator” by its pushers, hoping to turn Maine into a biotech future. Well, Paul Tessier, and Angus King, there are some of us who will not let that happen! Biotech is the next scheme to make money by the same people who brought us dioxin, agent orange, nukes, cancer...the list goes on! Don't be fooled by the money! Take Action. The Park is on Route 201 in Fairfield. The construction company is Peavey Builders out of Augusta. The Fairfield Economic Development Center is the main pusher. This is in solidarity with those taking action and fighting back worldwide. We know no borders!*

January 11, New Zealand: Raid Ruins Research Lab Crops

Canterbury, New Zealand: Police are investigating an attack on genetically-modified crops worth hundreds of thousands of dollars at a laboratory. Thousands of genetically-modified potatoes were destroyed in the early morning attack on Crop and Food Research, in Lincoln. Saboteurs forced entry to contained glasshouse facilities, cutting their way through a wall then systematically hacking off plant tops and emptying potted plants into rubbish sacks. Initial estimates are that 1334 plants from three research programs are affected. The vandalism follows warnings by anti-genetic engineering activists who vowed to rip genetically-modified plants out of the ground in response to the government’s decision not to extend a moratorium on field trials. The saboteurs got past security measures taken by Crop and Food after a 1999 attack on GE crops at Lincoln. Crop and Food chief executive Paul Tocker said damage from the attack amounted to \$200,000 to \$300,000 and could cost the Crown research institute 10 times as much in lost opportunities because it had set some of the research back three years. “It is too early to say if the attack is related to previous attacks on crops in the area,” said New Zealand pig Rob Stuart, “but whoever it was appears to have been methodical and thorough.” Thousands of potatoes, most genetically modified, were destroyed in the early morning assault on the Crop and Food Research laboratory at Lincoln just south of Christchurch. The saboteurs hacked off plant tops and tipped potted plants into rubbish sacks. More than 1300 GM potato plants were damaged or destroyed in the attack. Crop and Food chief executive Paul Tocker said damage from the attack had set some of the research back 3 years. “Effectively just about every bit of the research operation has been disrupted.” “These are not field trials - it is breaking and entering a science laboratory with the intent to disrupt the progress of science,” Dr. Tocker said. “Because the plants have now either been destroyed or cannot be accurately identified, we will be unable to do the tests to verify all the scientific progress we’ve made over the last three years.” No group has thus far been linked to the attacks.

January 11, California: Early Morning Fire Destroys Research Lab On UC Santa Cruz Campus

Santa Cruz: In a remarkable case of international synchronicity, a devastating fire broke out at 5:30 am on the fourth floor of the Sinsheimer Labs on the University Of California, Santa Cruz campus, on the same night that anti-GE saboteurs in New Zealand were busy disabling a GE research facility in that region. The cause of the UC Santa Cruz fire has not yet been determined, although some investigators on the scene conjectured that this may have been an act of sabotage considering the controversial nature of some of the work that goes on there as well as the hour at which it occurred. The Sinsheimer building houses UCSC’s Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Departments. The fourth floor in particular houses the office of the university’s center for Molecular Biology of RNA. Two

controversial areas of study take place on the fourth floor: Human Genome Project research and Plant Genomics. The Center for Genomic Science was recently awarded a \$5.7 million dollar grant from the National Human Genome Research Institute. Manuel Ares and Alan Zahler, two of the four scientists listed as Principal Investigators in the Center’s work, both had offices on the fourth floor of the Sinsheimer Labs. The fire started in laboratories supervised by Manuel Ares and spread to the adjacent lab of Jane Silverthorne. The cause of this recent fire at UC Santa Cruz is still being investigated and the economic impact of the fire has yet to be assessed.

January 29, Minnesota: Research Center At University

The following is the communiqué that was released by the ELF: *The construction site for the new Microbial and Plant Genomics Research Center at the University of Minnesota had incendiaries left in the main trailer and two pieces of heavy machinery, including a bulldozer. Heavy damage was caused to the machinery and trailer by the fire, which then spread to the adjacent Crop Research building. The construction of this research building is being funded by biotech giant Cargill Corporation who develop, patent, and market genetically modified crops, making people dependent on GE foods. We are fed up with capitalists like Cargill and major universities like the U of M have who have long sought to develop and refine technologies which seek to exploit and control nature to the fullest extent under the guise of progress. Biotechnology is only one new expression of this drive. For the end of capitalism and the mechanization of our lives.*

-Earth Liberation Front



Top Of The Crop Stops 2000-01

Undoubtedly, the heart of the struggle against genetic engineering is occurring in the UK, where Aventis and Syngenta seem to be experiencing some difficulty with their GM test sites—they keep disappearing! It’s been a cromptastic year with over thirty GE trials damaged or destroyed. In addition, a fair number of crops failed to grow sufficiently for the tests to be valid and some trials were withdrawn after public pressure. This year’s only experimental GM barley crop, being grown at the John Innes Center, was destroyed. But chart toppers are the National Seed List Trials for winter oilseed rape, which were all invalidated! Anyway, put a smile on your face, here’s the full chart—read and enjoy!

Winter Oilseed Rape National Seed Test Trials (locations and status): Girton, Cambridgeshire - 100% destroyed; Histon, Cambridgeshire - 100% destroyed; Abbots Ripton, Cambridgeshire - 100% destroyed; Melbourn, Cambridgeshire - 100% destroyed; Piccotts End, Hertfordshire - 100% destroyed; Albury, Hertfordshire - 100% destroyed; Stanton, Gloucestershire - 100% destroyed; Graffoe, Lincolnshire - 80% destroyed; Brigsley, Lincolnshire - Crops failed; Morley, Norfolk - Crops failed; Bramham, West Yorkshire - Crops failed; Munlochy, Highland County - Crops damaged with a giant X; Piccotts End, Hertfordshire - 70% destroyed; Hutton Magna, Durham - 30% destroyed; Low Burnham, Lincolnshire - Significant crop damage; Winterbourne Monkton, Dorset - 60% destroyed; Warwickshire - Crops failed.

Maize Farm Scale Trials (Locations And Status): Bramham, West Yorkshire - Crops damaged; Preston Wynne, Herefordshire - 60% destroyed; Flintshire, Sealand - 60% destroyed; Wivenhoe, Essex - 10% destroyed; Alresford, Essex - 95% destroyed; Hinton Waldhurst, Oxfordshire - 55% destroyed; Shinfield, Berkshire - 20% destroyed; Upwey, Dorset - 80% destroyed; Upwey, Dorset - Crops damaged by crop art; Upwey, Dorset - 15% destroyed; Broadwey, Dorset - 70% destroyed.

May the impressive example set by our British comrades be an inspiration to anti-GE activists everywhere!

INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE

October 19, Brazil: Indigenous Brazilians Retake Bahia Land

Indigenous Brazilians of the Pataxo’ Ha-Ha-Hae tribe, armed with bows and arrows, occupied 13 estates in the south of Bahia state to demand that the government speed up return of the land to their control. The seizures continued throughout the weekend; by October 22nd the Pataxo’ warriors were holding 20 estates, and by October 24th they had 84, comprising at least 30 percent of their land. The land in dispute - some 54,100 hectares - is legally recognized as being part of the Pataxo reserve but has been taken over by

colonists and large landholders. The government has promised to compensate the settlers and return the land to the Pataxo’, but has failed to follow through, and the Pataxo have grown tired of waiting.

November 12, Honduras: Cops Kill Indigenous Protester During Massive Protests

More than 2,000 Maya Chorti indigenous people seized a stretch of highway near Sinuapa in the western Honduran province of Ocotepeque to demand land titles. The Maya-Chorti National Indigenous Council organized the protest to pressure the government’s National Agrarian Institute to fulfill a May 1997 agreement in which it promised to provide the Maya Chorti communities with titles to 7,000 hectares of land in the San Andres sector of Ocotepeque. As the protesters were waiting for the INA representatives to arrive to discuss their demands, local judge Ana Sanchez ordered state security forces to break up the road-block. More than 100 troops - including agents of the National Police and soldiers from the army’s 12th Battalion - moved in wearing gas masks and wielding tear gas, rubber clubs and automatic weapons. One protester was shot to death: he was identified by the Council of Indigenous and Popular Organizations of Honduras as Jose Roberto Isidro. At least five indigenous protesters were hospitalized with bullet wounds. Protesters threw rocks and other objects at police, and several police agents were injured.

November 14, Chile: Police Disperse Indigenous Mapuche

At least 15 people were hospitalized with injuries on November 14th when police agents tried to disperse indigenous Mapuche residents who were blocking vehicles of the lumber company Mininco from entering forest lands in the Chilean region of Araucania. Mapuches reportedly threw rocks and Molotov cocktails at the Carabineros militarized police; the Carabineros fired plastic bullets at the Mapuche.

Anarchist Resistance

October 16, Philippines: Anarchist Action Against McDonald’s

Anti-Capitalist Convergence Philippines, a network of autonomous activists, conducted parallel actions in light of the commemoration of the World Food Day and the International Day Of Action Against McDonald’s. ACC anarchists picketed a McDonald’s branch in Quezon City while handing out leaflets and later joined the broad mobilization of peasants demonstrating against GATT. Similar actions were done in cities on other islands, namely Cebu and Davao. The statement distributed that day reads as follows: *“From the advent of the Industrial Revolution to the present, humanity has been assured by its rulers of salvation- salvation from the hardships of living. One of the hardships that has been paid lip service has been hunger. And up to now we see that hunger is still plaguing the world, killing tens of thousands of people everyday. How do our rulers plan to solve this? By waging wars and increasing military spending, thereby displacing millions of families, destroying wildlife*

and using valuable funds for weapons instead of food? By altering the genetic makeup of organisms they see useful and profitable and claiming that this will solve food scarcity, under the framework that brought about this scarcity in the first place? By establishing the fast food industry and the meat industry, two of the most destructive industries in the world? But we know that hunger is not essentially a part of human existence. It was only institutionalized in the methods of organization brought about by civilization.. Hunger does not exist, but there exists an organization of hunger. Our task for now is to destroy it. We join the ranks of all those that are victimized by hunger and violence. We believe that only the ultimate destruction of capitalist civilization will bring about a world of diversity, freedom and harmony. We are to do away with what we hate - hunger, patriarchy, speciesism, ageism, boredom, violence - and plant the seeds of our utopia now by waging our struggle. Animal liberationists, neo-Luddites, queers, autonomes, tribalists, guerrilla artists, hard-core punks, scavengers, feminists, guerrilla gardeners, cheerleaders of the revolution: fight the globalization of hunger”
-Anti-Capitalist Convergence Philippines

November 12, Holland, Night Visit Paid To The Spanish Consulate In Amsterdam

From the communique: *“Yesterday night, a group of solidarian people visited the Spanish consulate in Amsterdam. Several bottles with picture inside were thrown at its windows. Although the idea was to break the windows and spread the picture inside, they resisted the impacts (at least they seemed to... The authorities seem to have bought expensive windows, perhaps due to other people’s visits...). Anyway, the windows will possibly have to be repaired. And picture was spread all over the wall. This is a new action of solidarity with the struggles taking place in Spain, especially with the framed-up people from the kraking (squatting) and anarchist movements, and with the FIES prisoners. We want to call to the Spanish government’s attention: their permanent attacks against the anti-capitalist dissidence will sooner or later begin to have bad consequences. Fascism is getting strong in Spain, and if we don’t act against its government, sooner or later other European countries will begin to frame and jail revolutionaries. All our love to our international brothers and sisters.”*

November 17, New York: The Surveillance Camera Players Take Action Against Face Recognition Software

New York City: At first, it was fun. With the text of George Orwell’s book 1984 in mind, actor Bill Brown walked through New York’s subways, stopping at each surveillance camera he found. He stepped up to these cameras and performed a role - a recitation of passages from 1984 - using lots of gestures, as in the theater. Bill Brown hoped that the surprised human beings and commuters watching the surveillance cameras would perhaps laugh. Today, however, Bill Brown is serious. He has made a count of the cameras. There are approximately 5,000 cameras in NYC as a whole, and they are filming everyone all the time. Bill Brown began to notice the close association between “high crime areas” and high concentrations of such “minorities” as blacks and Latinos; the close association between the camera and social control, which goes back to the obsessive photographing of criminals, the poor and the mentally ill in the 19th century; the status of the visual image in the *Society of the Spectacle*; and the fact that the security industry has everything to gain from overstating the dangers of the very things that video surveillance presumably eradicates. When he was done counting the cameras, Bill Brown was shocked. He decided to resist being filmed everywhere and all the time. Today, Bill Brown works with a group of people who call themselves the “Surveillance Camera Players,” an Anarchist performance art group formed in 1996 on the basis of a “Guerrilla Manifesto” that

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defined the camera as a “tool of social control.” “We demonstrate that we are not intimidated by the cameras, that we are opposed to the invasion of our privacy by the state, and that we believe in the power of the individual.” Recently, the SCP has inspired cultural dissidents in the Italian city of Bologna and anarchists in Lithuania to take up the campaign against surveillance cameras, and on November 17th, 21 groups from six different countries staged shows in front of a variety of targets. In Paris, the well-known group of militants called “Smile, You are Being Filmed” wore sheep masks and held aloft a banner that proclaimed, “No to Video Policing.” While in New York, the SCP performed a skit based on radical psychologist Wilhelm Reich’s *The Mass Psychology of Fascism*. In Arizona, another group performed a play, “*Don’t worry — You’re still allowed to shop!*,” at a tiny outdoor mall, criticizing not only the hidden cameras, but also various laws - maintenance ordinances, no camping and no loitering, for example - that restrict behavior in the area.

ANIMAL LIBERATION

October 26, Long Island, NY: Bank Targeted In ALF War Against Terrorism

The “Special Operations: HLS” cell of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) continued it’s campaign against UK-based animal research giant Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) by attacking the Long Island offices of their major investor, the Bank of America. A communiqué released by the ALF states: *The Animal Liberation Front has joined the United States in their noble War Against Terrorism! We visited the office of the known terrorist organization, the Bank of America in Long Island, smashing more than 30 windows, including three huge display windows. The Bank of America is responsible for the deaths of 500 animals every day at HLS as a result of their involvement with HLS investor Stephen’s Inc. The Bank of America is a known enemy of freedom for animals, and until they sever all ties with Stephen’s and with HLS, we will continue to make them pay for their crimes.*

Nov. 11, California: ALF Destroys Equipment At Lab In Solidarity With Deceased ALF Activist Barry Horne

San Diego: The Animal Liberation Frontline Service received the following communiqué: *On the evening of November 11, 2001; the Animal Liberation Front gained entry to the contract animal research lab of Sierra Biomedical (aka HTI Bioservices; at 10326 Roselle Drive in San Diego, CA). The death camp was subsequently smashed to pieces from the inside out for several hours. “Vital” equipment was destroyed and file after file was soaked in muriatic acid. No piece of equipment was left intact. A transport van located outside had its tires slashed, was doused in paint, and was just simply worked over. It is almost unbelievable that such a benign exterior could house such abhorrent acts as those performed in this lab. No high-priced contract is worth murder nor is it worth what the ALF will do to stop these murders. We were thorough and determined, they will not soon recover from our visit. We struck not with anger, but sadness in our hearts of the lives taken before our arrival and for the recent death of our friend Barry Horne.*

The ALF is always watching.

December 5, New York: Raid On Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) Breeder, Marshall Farms

The full text of the Marshall Farm communiqué follows: *On the evening of December 5th, we visited Marshall Farms in upstate NY, liberating 30 beagle puppies and 10 ferrets. After outsmarting constant security patrols, we scaled the electrified fence, breaking through the door of one of the approximately 50 sheds of animals. Inside, we found hundreds of beagle puppies waiting to be shipped to vivisection labs, transferred from one small cage to another, destined to be killed. Before the next security patrol, we packed up 30 puppies and 10 ferrets and stole away into the night with them, taking them away from their hellish life, and giving them a life filled with freedom and joy. As a breeder for Huntingdon Life Sciences, Marshall Farms would have ensured that these animals had a tortured, painful life suffering in labs. Beagles are routinely poisoned to death and abused at the hands of callous workers at HLS. Workers have been caught punching beagle puppies in the face, shaking them and throwing them against walls, and dissecting living animals for “research data” that even technicians admit*

is faulty. These 40 animals will never have to endure such brutal conditions. This action is dedicated to Barry Horne, whose life’s work brought attention to the suffering of animals in laboratories everywhere, and whose actions inspired people who care about animals to act on their behalf, even if it means risking your freedom for theirs. Let this action serve as a warning to all who aid Huntingdon Life Sciences in killing 500 innocent victims every day that you cannot hide from justice.

- ALF

December 11, Norway: Whale Processing Plant Torched

The Norwegian whaling fleet has for years used the Olavsen brothers Lofoten plant as a transit hub, where the meat from newly slain whales would be delivered, processed and distributed throughout the country. The plant had recently expanded. But both the old and new buildings were destroyed in a December 11th blaze, which resulted in damages estimated at \$3 million U.S. dollars. Five days earlier, the whaler Nehella burned and sank at the dock in Lofoten, incurring a loss of \$300,000 U.S. dollars. Jan Olavsen was attending a meeting of the Norwegian Small Whaling Union at the time his processing plant burned down. Olavsen took over leadership of the Union from Steinar Bastesen, Norway’s “Man with the Golden Harpoon” and the most visible public champion of whale hunting, who was elected to the Norwegian parliament in 1997. Norwegian pigs say they have not yet determined the cause of the two fires. Rune Frovik, spokesman for the whaling lobby group High North Alliance, previously helmed by Jan Olavsen, called the timing of the two fires “very suspicious.” The Olavsens are the owners of Nybræna, the whaler scuttled by Sea Shepherd agents in Lofoten over Christmas 1992, for which Norway sought in vain to extradite and jail Sea Shepherd founder Paul Watson. The Nybræna, subsequently re-floated, was damaged on the 11th when the fire at the Olavsen processing plant spread to the dock where it was moored.

January 6, New York: Warren Stephens Gets Bamboozled

The following communiqué was anonymously received by the Animal Defense League and describes in full an act of economic sabotage against Warren Stephens, President of Stephens Incorporated: *For many months, anonymous activists have been employing various surveillance techniques in an effort to obtain more information about Warren Stephens, the puppy killer president of Stephen’s Inc. Through continuous monitoring of Warren wherever he went, and whatever he did, we’ve come across some extremely useful information. To teach this puppy killer a lesson, we used his credit card, along with the credit card of his glorious live-in maid, Richard Estelita to go on a brilliant shopping spree! With Warren and Richy’s disgusting blood money, we charged over \$100,000 of goods, services, merchandise...and who knows what else! We barely even kept track ourselves, we were having so much fun! Warren was kind enough to deliver about \$1000 worth of flowers to HLS investors, workers, and breeders which included greeting cards sure to touch their hearts. About \$30,000 worth of airplane tickets should keep Richy and Warren quite busy for the next few months. Maybe they can fly around the world apologizing for their repulsive investment. Tens of thousands of dollars worth of computer equipment was bought and delivered all over the states courtesy of Richy. What a swell guy he is! While Richy and his wife Courtney Martin aren’t off killing puppies they might enjoy a few \$400 espresso machines (complete with weekly coffee subscriptions), and hundreds of dollars worth of seedy pornography and “adult” magazines that were subscribed to their New York home. We thought maybe Stephen’s Inc. would need a few paper shredders as well, since everyone knows Warren is a dirty liar. We wouldn’t want him getting in trouble, would we? Of course, we can’t forget Warren’s new washing machine...sorry, only divesting from HLS will get the blood off your dirty little paws! Our fun only ended when we finally exhausted his credit limits...oh well! Till next time!*

January 13, Colorado: Fire At Animal Hide Company

Denver: A fire that destroyed an industrial building in Greeley may be the most expensive in the city’s history. Losses at the Montfort Nugget Cowhide Plant on the northeast side of Greeley total between five and seven million dollars. Company president Mike Wheeler says his business

lost millions of dollars worth of hides, wool, equipment and supplies in the fire. He claims that most of the loss is covered by insurance, and hopes to rebuild on the site of the burned-out building. Greeley police and the FBI are investigating whether or not this fire in Greeley is linked in any way to a series of animal rights burglaries at a Denver tannery. Animal liberationists have broken into the HSG Colorado Tanner Plant in Denver three times between October and December. In a Nov. 15th break-in at the tannery, an intruder with a black marker scrawled “Animal Liberation” and “Murder” on two shearing machines. Then, around Christmas, animal liberationists re-entered the plant and hinted that their next attack would be arson, leaving behind a scrawled message in green marker stating,” This is my final attack, next time burn.” The Montfort Nugget Cowhide Plant cleans and cuts up to 6,000 lamb-skins a day for businesses that make a variety of products, including seat covers, paint rollers and bomber jackets. It also processes lamb hides from a ConAgra slaughterhouse next door. The building held 250,000 pounds of wool and 125,000 lamb-skins. There are numerous environmental reasons for activists to be targeting the livestock and wool industries, including (but not limited to) the ecological devastation that has been inflicted on the soil, grasslands and surface water of the 70% of the eleven western states that have been sacrificed for “open range” livestock grazing. But perhaps the most pressing issue - from an animal liberation perspective - is the ranching establishment’s assault on native wildlife, particularly their ruthless extermination program against large predators.

January 24, England: Animal Testing Lab Scared Away

London: A British research laboratory long targeted by animal rights activists canceled trading of its shares as part of a plan to transfer its financial operations to the U.S. Protesters have called the move a “huge moral victory.” Huntingdon Life Sciences Group PLC, which does testing on rodents, primates, and dogs, said it took the action to provide its shareholders with more privacy and trading opportunities and not because of the protests. Huntingdon has struggled to attract financial backing since complaints about the mistreatment of animals at its testing facilities flared into a high-profile and often violent campaign against the company’s staff, investors, and debtors.

ANTI-CAPITALIST RESISTANCE

Nov. 9, Turkey: Thousands Protest Turkish Government’s Inability To End Economic Crisis

Ankara: Thousands of Turkish workers marched through the capital, angered by the government’s failure to ease the deep economic crisis that has led to massive poverty. Daily price hikes are crushing the nation’s working class, which is increasingly having problems making ends meet ever since Turkey plunged into a deep economic crisis last year. Some 10,000 demonstrators - workers from both the private and public sectors as well as students - converged on Ankara’s working Sıhhiye district. They called on the government to step down and accused its members of blindly following International Monetary Fund measures to resurrect the economy. “We came to bury the government in the grave!” the demonstrators shouted. They also chanted: “Down with the IMF! Independent Turkey!” Bayram Meral, head of Turkey’s largest labor union Turk-Is, said workers were bearing the brunt of IMF-demanded spending cuts and threatened a nationwide strike. “This will end in a general strike,” he warned, addressing the crowds through loudspeakers from the top of a bus. The government deployed 5,000 riot police - including snipers on rooftops and officers on horseback - in case of trouble but there was none.

November 15, Greece: Bomb Damages American Express Branch In Northern Athens

Athens: A bomb explosion damaged an American Express bank branch in a shopping center, but no one was hurt. The mid-afternoon explosion damaged the facade of the popular mall, which also houses a large toy store and a boutique, and is located on a busy avenue leading to Athens’ main Olympic sports complex, and the city’s northern suburbs. This blast came as student groups and various political parties prepared to commemorate the Nov. 17th anniversary of a student massacre in 1973 by the Greek state. This anniversary march is almost always marked with a demonstration at the United States Embassy,

where marchers converge to protest U.S. support for the 1967-74 military dictatorship that ruled Greece. Athens pigs were unwilling to say whether they thought this bomb explosion was related to the anniversary, but some did speculate that it could be the work of any one of dozens of local “leftist” and anarchist groups, who are known to target Greek and foreign businesses and luxury cars in the Greek capital. Other police officials made fleeting reference to the November 17th Movement, one of Europe’s most sophisticated and elusive armed struggle groups, who have killed 22 people since 1975, including five U.S. officials (The November 17th Movement is named for the 1973 date that Greece’s military junta murderously crushed a student uprising). Cracking down on “domestic terrorism” has become a top priority for Athens, with the 2004 Olympic Games scheduled to be held there. In the past, Greece has come under intense criticism for its inability to control its own internal dissidents and has so far budgeted \$600 million for Olympic security.

November 16-18, Canada: Protests Shadow Annual Meetings Of The G20, IMF, And World Bank

Ottawa: The Finance Ministers and central bank governors of the Group of 20 (G20) nations, as well as key segments of the World Bank and IMF, met, once again, amidst tear gas and confrontational protests. On the first day, although crowds were much smaller than expected, a spirited demonstration of about 400 people roamed the downtown area chanting, banging drums, and taunting police. Before they set off, protesters held a brief rally. Rally speakers addressed the need to continue our activism against the state and capitalism, even in spite of the government’s new efforts to crush dissent in the war on “terrorism.” Early on in the demonstration, groups of anarchists managed to dismantle sections of the police barricades and briefly enter the security perimeter. From here protesters continued on, with small groups of people dragging newspaper boxes onto the streets, spray-painting graffiti on corporations, and smashing the windows of a McDonald’s with rocks and metal poles. By early evening the demonstration thinned out, and special police squads dispersed the crowd with tear gas and concussion grenades. Several people were arrested. The next day, thousands of protesters converged on the Supreme Court building to oppose the anti-terrorism legislation, Bill C-36, and were met by a large group of riot pigs. After removing a set of police barricades, a number of people were able to march towards the Conference Center where the G20 meetings were taking place. Unfortunately, they were stopped by well-equipped, baton-wielding riot pigs. The police were brutal. Many protesters had to go to the hospital. This was followed by more angry and violent confrontations with the pigs. Plywood was appropriated from the boarded up windows of banks and used as a shield for protesters combating pigs. Unfortunately, as the confrontations dragged on, most of the protesters left the scene, and the G20 meetings went on with little serious disruption.

November 27: U.S. Government Pressures Greece To “Crack Down” On The November 17th Movement After Recent American Express Bombings

Following the bombing of an American Express Branch in Athens earlier in November, the U.S. Government is threatening Greece with economic sanctions unless they redouble their long efforts to crush a shadowy, seemingly invulnerable urban guerrilla group called “November 17th”, who are believed to be behind the bombing and who are seen by the U.S. State Department as a major security risk to the 2004 Olympics, which is scheduled to be held in Athens. “November 17th” has been involved in 21 political assassinations since 1975, but no suspect has ever been arrested in connection with any of the attacks — a fact a U.S. commission considered in its recommendation to put Greece on a short list of countries “not cooperating fully” in fighting terrorism. The U.S. State Department has described Greece as “one of the weakest links” in anti-terrorism efforts in Europe, and some commentators have wondered whether Greece has the competence to handle Olympic security. In an effort to save face, the Greek state has set up two hotlines enabling callers to phone in information on “terrorist” activities anonymously and are offering a reward of over \$4 million for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any members

of “November 17”. But Greek police admit that they have no idea who masterminds the operations of this group, nor how many members are involved or even what its real objectives are. November 17th’s targets have been widely varied. The group apparently began with an anti-junta Greek underground of radical leftists and anti-fascists who in 1975 conspired to kill Athens CIA chief Richard Welch, who they blamed for collaborating with the U.S. backed military junta that ruled Greece at the time. November 17th’s next targets were Greek officers known to have tortured political prisoners for the junta, and several senior U.S. military officers. After that, they spent many years assassinating wealthy Greek businessmen accused of exploiting Greek workers. Their last assassination was in June 2000 when they took credit for the murder of a British military leader , Brigadier Stephen Saunders, who was shot at close range in Athens traffic while on his way to work by two assailants on motorbikes. In a 13 page declaration that later appeared in the daily newspaper “Eleftherotypia”, they claimed to have killed Saunders because of his role in NATO’s “barbaric” air strikes against Yugoslavia. The declaration denounced NATO for “nazi-like crimes and the murders of thousands of unarmed people” and also took credit for a series of attacks in 1999, including firing rockets at the German ambassador’s residence and at the offices of the governing Socialist party. Initially, “November 17th” appeared to portray itself as a Marxist-Leninist revolutionary group but later tracts sent to the media conjured up images of a modern-day Robin Hood band, fighting for the poor against the ruling powers of Greece. Investigators believe that the group consists of perhaps no more than 10-15 people who may hire foreign hitmen who can come and vanish without a trace, but who always use the same .45 magnum revolver, which ballistic experts established killed CIA pig Richard Welch in 1975, to authenticate their deeds. The members of November 17th also appear to the self-taught, never breaching their tight security to venture out and tap the expertise of middle east guerrillas or IRA bomb-makers.

Early December: The Battle Against The WTO Continues To Rage In South Korea

Some 20,000 farmers, students and supporters protested against the World Trade Organization’s new round which is expected to force open South Korea’s rice market. The protesters burned bags of rice and fought off around 3000 riot police with sticks and bamboo poles in downtown Seoul’s busy Chongro Street. Several police charges were pushed back by hundreds of organized farmers, workers, and students responding swiftly with stones and sticks. Most wore masks and were organized into groups of 25-30 representing different unions and student groups. The fighting lasted for hours with what seemed to be relatively minor injuries on both sides considering the severity of the fighting; cut and bruised workers and police could be seen receiving first aid on the scene. Korean small farmers feel they cannot compete with giant American agribusiness companies which produce cheap rice at a much lower market price than the domestic industry. Such an opening would put in jeopardy the lives of an already poor and aging agricultural labor force and create the conditions for multinational corporations to buy up domestic farmland. While the anti-globalization movements in North America and Europe are currently reflecting on the context of their actions in the wake of the September 11 bombings and the continuing war in Afghanistan, protests are intensifying on the Korean Peninsula; this was the fifth protest in 3 weeks to bring out over 150,00 people to protest the WTO and the domestic repression of labor rights in Korea.

Early December, Indonesia: Air Force Plane Destroyed In Aceh Province

An Indonesian Hercules transport plane burst into flames after plowing into a ditch after landing at Lhokseumawe in Aceh province. The Free Aceh Movement claims some of its members shot down the plane. One witness says the plane overshoot the runway and caught fire after crashing into a shallow ravine. A local rebel field commander claimed he deployed 150 fighters to shoot down the plane. The Free Aceh Movement, a pro-feminist/anti-capitalist guerrilla movement, has been fighting since the late 1970’s for independence from the government of Indonesia. The movement thrives despite an average of ten political killings by police and the military in the region each day. The Free Aceh Movement has

developed a guerrilla force so effective that the world’s largest liquid natural gas extraction facility, owned by Texas based Exxon, has been shut down completely for months at a time. The guerrillas have called for the Indonesian government to withdraw from the region, saying they are prepared to provide all social services. The Movement includes whole battalions made up of women only. According to international intelligence monitors, the Movement has no history of attacking the civilian population.

December 14-15, Belgium: Rioting Breaks Out At EU Summit

Brussels: Belgian police used water cannons and tear gas to disperse masked protesters wielding cobblestones and metal staves outside the EU Laeken summit. At the EU Summit in Brussels the rioting anti-capitalist activists smashed the windows of banks in Place Bockstael, a square near the Laeken royal palace where the two-day EU summit was being held. They also hurled a metal barrier through the windows of a police station, wrecked several parked cars and daubed anti-capitalist slogans on boarded-up shop windows. Police in riot gear surrounded a hard core of several hundred demonstrators and systematically searched people wanting to leave the area. They turned on two water cannons in the Avenue du Port after protesters built fires on the street, and used loudhailers to urge the rioters to disperse. Police said about 40 people were arrested, among them a few that they called “well-known trouble-makers.” The riots erupted after up to 12,000 demonstrators, far fewer than originally expected, had marched peacefully through Brussels calling for an end to war and to economic inequalities. The protesters at that point were a mixed bag of anti-globalization activists, anarchists and environmentalists, brandishing banners saying: “Not in my name: Stop the war!” and “Stop the massacre: Free Palestine!” Many of the protesters chanted anti-war slogans. “Good for the rich, bad for the poor. We don’t want your capitalist war,” one group chanted in English. Anti-globalization protesters have increasingly pushed the anti-war theme since the U.S. launched a war in Afghanistan following the September 11 suicide jet attacks.

December 20, Indonesia: Gunmen Kill Oilman In Aceh

The Exxon oil company in Indonesia says gunmen have killed one of its contract workers - and wounded a number of others. The workers were traveling to a gas field in the troubled northern province of Aceh. Exxon spokeswoman Julia Tumengkol said a convoy transporting them was fired on near the south Lhoksukon pipeline. The Indonesian military have blamed separatists rebels of the Free Aceh movement who - like the people of East Timor—are seeking independence from a government they consider exploitative, racist, environmentally destructive and violent. Exxon temporarily closed its operations in Aceh earlier this year, following a series of rebel attacks, which included arson and kidnapping.

February 12, Indonesia: More Anti-Colonial Resistance

Aceh: The US Ambassador to Indonesia was prevented from entering a University by college students protesting US support for the brutal repression of independence movements. Also that day, rebels attacked a major military command center, killing eight soldiers.

ANTI-WAR ACTIONS

September 7, Israel: Students Say No To Army

Around sixty Israeli high school students have said they will refuse to serve as soldiers in the Palestinian territories, because to do so would be to carry out racist policies. A popular news agency reported that the students have written an open letter to the Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, criticizing what they said were the aggressive policies pursued by the government and army. The letter listed land expropriation, demolition of houses, torture and executions without trial, as crimes against the Palestinians. The students say they would refuse to take part in such heinous acts. Young Israelis are conscripted into the army from the age of 18. An Israel-based pacifist organization says 22 soldiers have been jailed for refusing to serve in Palestinian territories.

September 23, Scotland: Angry Wimmin Stop Nukes

Feminist avengers took action against the war machine by stopping the convoy that regularly transports nuclear warheads from Burghfield,

Berkshire to Couport Base, West Scotland. Dressed in pink and silver, the wimmin burst through the police who were trying to pen them in, stopped the trucks that were carrying these missiles of death, and climbed on top of them, remaining there for an hour claiming “We celebrate all life and weep for all death, we take direct action to show that we are not consenting with the war ways of those who conspire globally to exercise control through fear. We will not cease til war is no more.”

October 16, Greece: Anarchists March Against The War

Thessaloniki: A demonstration against the war in Afghanistan was organized by anti-authoritarians and anarchists against the war in Afghanistan and the culture of destruction. The protesters marched through the most commercial streets of the city towards their destination - the buildings where the American Consulate and the European Union are based. Protesters carried banners reading: “Terror Is Your Civilization,” “Neither Allah, Nor God, Only Social War” and “Yesterday They Were Allies, Today They Are Enemies, Always The Target Will Be The People.”The mood in Greece is generally opposed to the war in Afghanistan. The mobilizations against the war will be continued in Thessaloniki and Greece.

Early November, Turkey: Anarchists Demonstrate Against The War And Capitalism

Istanbul: The Turkish group Anarchist Platform demonstrated against war, poverty and capitalism. With bread (symbolizing poverty) and black flags in their hands, anarchists burned American and McDonald’s flags. Police attacked the crowd violently and 58 anarchists were arrested, one of whom was hospitalized with serious injuries. The demonstration started on the main campus of Istanbul University in Beyazit. Anarchists marched carrying a banner that read: “Capitalism kills during war and peace” and shouted slogans such as: “More patience, more poverty! More patience - more misery! It’s enough, no more slavery!” When anarchists reached the main entrance leading to Beyazit Square they attempted to break down the chained gate that stood in their way, shouting, “State domination and hierarchy will be smashed by anarchy!” It was at this point that the police moved in with capsicum spray and attacked the crowd.

Early November, Yugoslavia: Militant Anti-War Demonstration

Belgrade: There was an anti-war demonstration organized in front of the US embassy. Around 20 people gathered in front of the police line, burned the US flag and started throwing things at the US embassy.

November 6, England: Anarchists Smash Up Multinationals

Bristol: As the murderous war machine continues to destroy the lives of innocent people in Afghanistan, anarchists continue the struggle against our true enemy. The only just war is the war against capitalism, the real war against terrorism. On this day, a city center Starbuck’s cafe was smashed up, and forced to close the next day. Starbuck’s is an icon of capitalist progress i.e. abuse of workers and ruthless profiteering, and so presents itself as a natural target. The same night a Barclays Bank was spray-painted with the slogan “*Sabotage The War/No Peace Under Capitalism. To Be Continued...*”

November 9, Columbia: Anti-War Protester Shot Dead During Massive Anti-War Protests

Bogota: A student from the National University at Bogota was shot dead when police forces invaded the university campus. In the afternoon, there were clashes between students protesting the war in Afghanistan and police forces. Then a shot was heard. Medical student Carlos Geovanny Blanco Leguizamo was found wounded by the shot and taken to the hospital. He died a few moments later. Carlos was part of

a growing network of independent activists in Columbia fighting economic globalization and the war in Afghanistan. Police deny they were behind the shootings but many witnesses assure that the shot came from behind police lines. Corporate media in Columbia have almost ignored the case. Please don’t let this be forgotten. Take action at the nearest Colombian embassy or consulate. After Carlo Giuliani it is with sadness that we see an anti-globalization/ anti-war protester shot dead in South America

November 24, England: British Foreign Office Minister Doused With Fake Blood

British Foreign Office Minister Ben Bradshaw was sprayed with fake blood by an anti-war protester during a Quaker-organized public meeting about the war in Afghanistan. A man brandishing a squeezey bottle approached Bradshaw and doused him with fake blood, covering his face, hair, shirt and jacket. What this action shows is how vulnerable these murderous bastards really are at times!

Our Salutations To Militant War Resisters

Since September 11, massive demonstrations against state terrorism, and the war in Afghanistan, have taken place all over the globe. Underground, clandestine actions have taken place in France, Italy, Greece, Spain, England, India, and Israel, while impressive street protests have been staged in countries such as Pakistan, Israel, Ireland, Scotland, Bolivia, Columbia, Turkey, and North American cities such as Quebec and Ontario, Canada, Portland, OR, San Francisco, Santa Rosa, and Los Angeles, CA, Boston, MA, New York City, Philadelphia, PA, and elsewhere.

We give our salutations to those who have taken direct action to make a statement against imperialism and war in the Middle East, but we also recognize the futility of combating the world’s super-powers through small-scale sabotage, peaceful protests, and community forums.

It is very disappointing to see that many anti-war activists and organizations are now inactive because the war in Afghanistan is supposedly “over” and “peace” has been established. Some groups, such as the grotesquely backwards liberals of the French “ATTAC,” have gone so far as to say that they support G.W. Bush, and that dropping bombs on the people of Afghanistan turned out to be a good thing after all, a necessary procedure in the process of establishing “peace” (this coming from the same scum who condemned the property-destruction in Genoa). This “peace” is, in reality, the

continuation of Western imperialist control over the “resources” and people of Afghanistan, and this control is not likely to end until the industrial capitalist nations are destroyed, either through their own self-destruction, or through an active anti-authoritarian revolution.

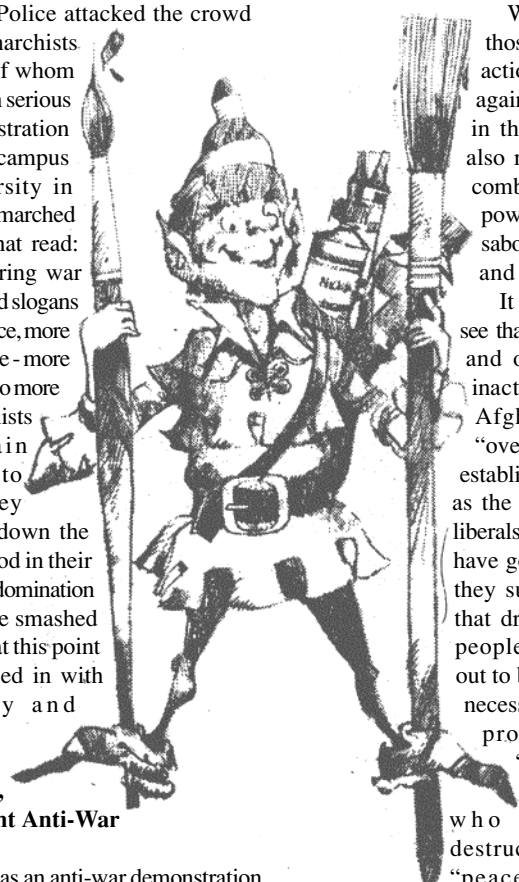
The powers-that-be are not even trying to hide the fact that the Northern Alliance, which has a history of using systematic rape to achieve its goals, will be no less oppressive than the Taliban for the Afghani people. And now, with the Northern Alliance collaborating with Western corporations and U.S. government institutions, we can only expect the worse fate for the people in that region. But, of course, we all did what we could to stop the war, right? We can all pat ourselves on the back now.

We encourage all to get more involved in their own communities, and to step up their activities against the powers-that-be in a more intelligent, more thoughtful, more creative, and a more effective manner in the dark days to come.

ANTI-FASCIST RESISTANCE

October 11, Spain: Anti-Fascists Fight Police And Attack Banks

Barcelona: Several hundred anti-fascist activists confronted police and destroyed banks and storefronts after being attacked with rubber bullets by police protesting a “pro-Spain” rally organized by the extreme right. Twenty-eight people were



arrested and one was injured. Anti-fascists destroyed six banks, one insurance agency, and one real estate agency. The clashes began shortly before noon, as hundreds of riot police prevented a demonstration organized by over 30 anti-fascist and anti-capitalist groups from reaching the Plaza Montjuic where the traditional fascist celebration of “Dia de la Hispanidad” was being held. After the police charge, some anti-fascists began to build barricades while others directed themselves to the nearest bank, where they promptly destroyed the windows and interior, setting it on fire before leaving to chants of “War against capital!”

December 2, Germany: Anti-Fascists Face Off With Neo-Nazis

Berlin: A dispute over the record of the German army in the Second World War set off violent clashes in the streets. Police used water cannons, tear gas and batons to drive back anti-fascist activists protesting against what was believed to be the city’s biggest-ever neo-Nazi march. An estimated 3,500 extreme right-wingers were gathering nearby to oppose an exhibition that blames the Wehrmacht for wartime atrocities. The violence began when the anti-fascist demonstrators threw stones at police trying to keep the two sides apart. Several people were injured, and the police said they made a number of arrests. Some anti-fascists reacted by smashing up police cars. One was overturned and another damaged. The exhibition challenges the once widely held German belief that the regular army, as distinct from Nazi forces such as the SS, was innocent of war crimes, or committed them only under duress. It was closed two years ago after some of its photographs were revealed as fakes. But far right groups, including the National Democratic Party (NPD) which organized the march, regard it as anti-German. The NPD had planned to march through the old Jewish quarter, past the city’s main synagogue. The exhibition focuses closely on the plight of almost two million Russian prisoners of war who died in 1941 and 1942 while in the custody of the Wehrmacht.

January 14, Pennsylvania: Anarchists And Anti-Racists Defeat Neo-Nazi Recruiting Drive

York, PA: This event was a victory for anti-racism. Several white supremacist organizations had planned a meeting / rally to capitalize off past racial divisions and tensions in this city. However, hundreds of people with basic common sense from York and elsewhere successfully rose to the challenge and prevented the event from going off without a hitch. Despite massive police protection, neo-nazis were driven off the streets of the city. After shouting across the street for hours at anti-racist activists and residents, the neo-nazis turned and ran, and were then defeated in a nearby alley. Several neo-nazis were pummeled unconscious and sustained massive damage to their vehicles despite threats of bringing firearms and claims of Aryan fighting superiority. The white supremacists selected York as a place for them to build their movement, in part by exploiting the tragedies of the past, and in part because they have local organizers in the area. The Eastern Hammer Skins and the World Church of the Creator both have members in this area. Practically the entire working class community came out to join the anarchists and anti-racist activists in a confrontation with the neo-nazi scum. A rough estimate of the size of the crowd was over 400 York residents participating in the counter-demonstration. It is clear that the people of York are angry that their community is being cynically used by neo-nazis to build their movement, and also that their city government and police came to the aid of the racists.

PRISONER RESISTANCE

July 6, California: Man Escapes Jail With Fake ID Card

Los Angeles: Kevin Jerome Pullum escaped the downtown jail in LA using a phony ID with a picture of Eddie Murphy on it. He had been permitted to wear civilian clothes to a court date, and slipped his prison overalls on over these before returning to jail. In the jail, he took off the overalls revealing his civilian clothes, then pinned on the fake employees’ ID with a picture of Eddie Murphy on it and walked out.

July 6, Indiana: Prisoners Riot In CCA Prison

Indiana: Hundreds of Indiana state prisoners held at the Otter Creek Correctional Complex in Wheelwright rioted. The prison is owned and

operated by the private, for- profit Corrections Corporation of America. The riot lasted nine hours and involved prisoners throwing televisions, sinks and toilets out of windows and burning clothes, bedding and mattresses. No one was seriously injured but the remote mountain prison was extensively damaged. Indiana prison officials said the riot, which began in a recreation room and then spread, was “under investigation” and three prisoners suspected of “prompting the disturbance” have been moved. No reason or motive for the uprising was given in media accounts.

September 12, England: New Prison Site Under Construction Trashed By Pixies

Ashford, England: During the night a group of “Pixies” visited a prison construction site in Surrey which has been earmarked for a new, privately run women’s’ prison. With little planning, the “Pixies” descended on the site compound and well and truly trashed two lorries and a number of diggers, leaving behind the spray-painted message: “No Prison State.” The Pixies said “It was fun and easy, give it a go.”

October 2, Mexico: Prisoners Stage Massive Uprising

Nogales: Several prisoners in Cereso Nogales Prison used home-made knives to capture four guards, then released 120 prisoners who then used clubs and knives to battle guards. After five hours, state police stormed the prison and regained control of the unit and released the hostage guards. At least six prisoners were killed and ten were injured. Police deny killing any of the prisoners or firing their weapons, even though news reports said they heard shots fired. Mexican police have a long history of murdering rebellious prisoners after they have been subdued.

October 25, Oregon: Two Victims Of The War On Drugs Escape From Federal Camp

Two prisoners escaped from a minimum security camp run by the federal prison system outside Sheridan, Oregon. James Denton, 59, and Bryan Caskey, 36, both serving sentences on marijuana charges, were discovered missing during a head count in the morning. Denton was serving a six-year sentence for conspiracy to grow marijuana and conspiracy to launder money. Caskey was serving a ten-year sentence for conspiracy to grow marijuana and was scheduled for release in 2005.

November 13, Peru: Massive Prison Uprising

Some 670 prisoners at Socayaba prison in the southern Peruvian province of Arequipa staged an uprising during a shift change, taking as hostages around fifty guards and employees. The prisoners were demanding the dismissal of judges linked to the criminal corruption network of self-exiled ex-President Alberto Fujimori; they blame these judges for their unfair trials. They were also demanding that the Supreme Court proceedings be accelerated, “anti-terrorism” laws be repealed, “constant abuses” in the prison be stopped, and sentence reductions in exchange for work be made to all prisoners, without discrimination, including those jailed on terrorism or drug-trafficking charges. The uprising ended 20 hours after it began, following 12 hours of intense dialogue. Various government officials promised to make concessions to the rebellious prisoners in exchange for cooperation.

November 15, Haiti: Prisoners Riot Against Prison Abuse

Port Au Prince: A prisoner at the National Penitentiary struck a guard. Ostensibly, while putting the prisoner into an isolation cell, the prisoner died of unexplained causes. Prisoners who witnessed his treatment were outraged and started a fire in the kitchen and armed themselves with bottles, rocks, and kitchen utensils to protest his treatment. Prison officials responded by sealing off the neighborhood and sending in SWAT teams and police, who used tear gas and (real) bullets to quell the uprising. Four prisoners were killed in the process. The prison, built in 1926 to hold 800 prisoners, currently holds over 2000 - and of that number, less than 200 have actually been convicted of a crime.

November 26, Brazil: Prisoners Escape Through Sewers

Sao Paulo: Over 100 prisoners at the Carandiru prison escaped from the prison by digging a tunnel through the prison’s sewers. The prison is the biggest in Latin America, holding over 8000 prisoners. It has escapes, riots, and uprisings on a regular basis.

December 15: Rioting Migrants Try To Escape From Australian Camp

Canberra: Authorities fired water cannons to disperse up to 60 asylum seekers trying to break out of one of Australia’s controversial camps for illegal immigrants in a third consecutive night of rioting. An Immigration Department spokeswoman said detainees, armed with bed frames, metal poles and other makeshift weapons, tore through an internal fence shortly before midnight at Woomera, the biggest and most isolated of Australia’s six detention centers. Extra police were drafted to control the masked protesters who pelted detention staff with rocks. At about midnight 50 to 60 detainees breached internal security fencing and attempted to breach the external fencing. The riots are the latest in a string of violence and escapes at the South Australian desert camp at Woomera which houses about 1,000 mostly Middle Eastern asylum seekers who arrived illegally. Up to 300 detainees have gone on the rampage this week, yelling “visa, visa, visa” as they set fire to 21 buildings in the compound, using aerosol cans converted into flame-throwers, and injuring 21 staff by throwing rocks and other missiles. The violence has again thrown the spotlight on Australia’s hard line of detaining anyone arriving in the country illegally or overstaying visas in secure camps while their applications to stay are handled, which can take years.

FURTHER SYMPTOMS OF STATE MELTDOWN

October 27, Washington: Cops Identified And Threatened By Those They Oppress

Bremerton: Kitsap County sheriff deputies have received at least two separate death threats after an officer accidentally left behind a list of personal information on all sheriffs’ department employees while executing a search warrant. The list contained the names, addresses and unpublished telephone numbers of an estimated 160 Sheriffs Office employees.

Early November, Jamaica: Working Class People Fight Back Against The Pigs

Political and social unrest continues in Jamaica. Police incursions into working class areas have met considerable resistance. In one case a Rasta named “Dread” was arrested for dealing marijuana, until a crowd of people attacked the cops and set him free. Incidents like these imply genuine solidarity between people. This tendency is not limited to Kingston. A few days later, in Savanna-la- Mar, cops shot 23 year-old Junior Wright, in the back of the head as he ran from them, killing him. Witnesses insist he was unarmed. They began rioting and continued for several days, smashing up two high street banks and blocking roads. When cops tried to move the blockades they were stoned. The spontaneous solidarity shown recently by ordinary people leaves its participants in danger, but it is hard to see what course other than the coordination of such courageous defiance will change things for the Jamaican working class.

November 12, France: Disgruntled Employees Threaten To Blow-Up Factory

Cormeilles-Le Royal: Disgruntled employees of the bankrupt French household appliance maker, Moulinex, threatened to blow up a factory if they did not receive financial compensation. One employee said that the workers had placed “sulfuric acid, acetylene, gas and petrol” at strategic points in the factory. “We will blow it up if we don’t get money,” the employee said.

November 23, Illinois: Man Sets Himself On Fire In Mall

Cherry Valley: A man shouting “freedom and liberty for all” set himself on fire in a suburban shopping mall, and hurled flaming objects at shoppers before he was subdued and taken to a hospital. This was on the day after Thanksgiving, the biggest shopping day of the year, and one can assume that there was an anti-consumerist message in the action. This action also reflects the desperation to which the emptiness of commodity culture can drive a feeling person.

December 13, Republic of Congo: Violent Student Rebellion At Kinshasa University

The University of Kinshasa has been closed down after three policemen were killed on December 13th. They were stabbed to death by students demanding a reduction in tuition fees, according to a government spokesman. Thousands of students battled with 40 armed police officers who were protecting two government ministers on the campus. Two government ministers were stoned and when they tried to leave the campus, the crowd pulled three policemen into the bush, stabbed them and took their AK-47s. Earlier that week, tuition fees in the south-eastern city of Lubumbashi were reduced following clashes at the university there. The Interior and Education Ministers had gone to the university to negotiate with the students. They are demanding that annual fees of \$150 be cut in half. The Kinshasa Information Minister said that the ministers had reached a deal with the students but they were attacked as they left the campus. Eye-witnesses and human rights activists have said that two students were killed by police in Lubumbashi but this was denied by authorities. Our correspondent says that this government has a real fear of any popular demonstration and especially by students.

January 9, China: Violent Working Class Rebellion Against Neo-Liberalism

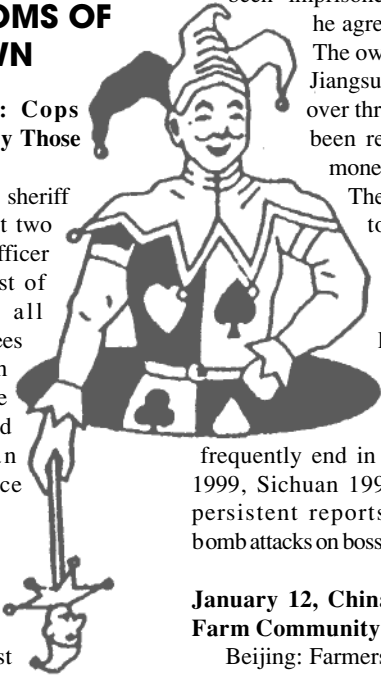
Sheyang: A factory owner and his wife have been “imprisoned” by Chinese workers until he agrees to pay them their wages. The owner of the toy factory in this Jiangsu province has been held for over three weeks while his wife has been released to try and raise the money to ensure his safe release. The police have been too scared to intervene, and the local authorities have also washed their hands of the affair. Spontaneous protests like these have been increasing in frequency with the “liberalization” of the Chinese economy, and frequently end in mass battles, (e.g. Wuhan 1999, Sichuan 1998). There have also been persistent reports of assassinations and bomb attacks on bosses and local party bureaucrats.

January 12, China: Riot Over Taxation In Farm Community

Beijing: Farmers in a Chinese village threw stones and overturned cars to fight off an attempt to collect taxes they considered to too high. Authorities have sealed off the county where the protest erupted in the central province of Henan. Farmers who planned to submit a protest petition were arrested. Violent tax protests have become common in China’s vast countryside in recent years.

January 18, Nigeria: Pigs Die In Recent Clashes With Fed-Up Working Class

Katsina: An angry crowd in Northern Nigeria has killed seven policemen. Three *real* people also died in the conflict, which erupted during the afternoon in the market town of Danja. The events began soon after midday, when a man pushing a cart knocked into a policeman, apparently by accident. Witnesses in the town say that even though the cart-pusher apologized, the cop struck him with such force that the man died instantly. On seeing this, people in the market then attacked the policeman, who managed to escape and return to his headquarters. Police reinforcements arrived in the town soon after, by which time an angry crowd had gathered. In the ensuing confusion all that is clear is that the police attempted to disperse the crowd but were themselves overpowered, seven of them losing their lives, along with three townspeople. More police reinforcements soon arrived in the town and all that is known about this latest assault on Danja is that hundreds, perhaps thousands of people have fled the town because of intensifying police violence. These are rebellious times in Nigeria; the authorities are having a difficult time trying to contain the frequent outbreaks of political violence across the country. Most recently, hundreds of working class and unemployed Nigerians rioted throughout the country because of a significant rise in gasoline prices. The financial districts in many Nigerian cities were attacked heavily during the riots. Despite democratic rhetoric, it is clear to many Nigerians that the police and the army are answerable to no one but themselves.



Port-Au-Prince: Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at hundreds of poor Haitians who ransacked warehouses and demanded rice under a program that critics say is illegally subsidised and benefits some ruling party officials financially and politically. Protesters had poured out of the Cite Soleil seaside slum and surrounded hundreds of trucks and official state vehicles loaded up with cheap rice. Rice is a staple in Haiti, a Caribbean nation with one of the hemispheres worst hunger problems. Riot police fired shots into the air and tear gas canisters into crowds demanding a share of the so-called “Rice for Peace.” But they were unable to control the crowd, which ransacked port-side warehouses. A nonprofit arm of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide’s Lavalas Party has been importing the rice from Asia and the U.S. free of taxes and customs duties. Party officials say the program is a legitimate way to bring down living costs, but working class Haitians claim the program is corrupt and that it only benefits Party officials.

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Portland, OR: After stepping down from the North American Earth Liberation Front Press Office on Sept. 5, 2001, Leslie James Pickering has returned to his position as Spokesperson for the group.

“Those who struggle for revolutionary change in North America will not be intimidated by the system’s alleged ‘War on Terrorism’, it’s so-called ‘Patriot Act’ or their ‘House Subcommittee hearing on Eco-Terrorism’. If anything, these only exemplify the dire need for a revolutionary movement struggling on the side of the people here in North America.”

The Dialectics Of Sabotage:

A Look At Direct Action In 2001

(Year-End Report)

Of the 137 actions, 31% can be classified as major actions, which are defined by the North American Animal Liberation Front Press Office as “Actions where either animals were released or rescued, fires were set, significant property damage occurred, trees were spiked, or crops were destroyed.” Of the 72 Animal actions in 2001, 15 were major (21%), with the ALF claiming responsibility for 12, almost all of them, while the ELF claimed one. Of the 51 Earth actions, twenty were Major (39%), with the ELF claiming responsibility for eight, and with one action being jointly claimed by both ELF and ALF. Eight of the thirteen Genetix actions were major actions, with the ELF claiming four of those.

The Earth Liberation Front: Setting New Standards In Direct Action Excellence for 2001

Genetix Actions:
Fourteen actions were taken against GMO/GM sites and projects. Four of these involved the destruction of crops, which were all claimed by anonymous groups and individuals. This represents a dramatic decrease in this tactic since the previous year (2000), when 18 actions of this type occurred.

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In 2001, approximately 200 windows were smashed or damaged, with Animal actions accounting for 75% of those (149), while at least 50 were damaged in Earth actions. 128 vehicles were destroyed or heavily damaged, with Earth actions accounting for 80% (103). Genetix actions accounted for thirteen vehicles, and Animal actions accounted for twelve, including one yacht. 19 buildings were destroyed or heavily damaged, included ten buildings in Earth actions, six in Genetix actions, and three in Animal actions. Eleven actions were directed against equipment, Earth actions accounting for nine of those, and Animal and Genetix actions one each. There were six tree spikings, five golf courses damaged, and two billboards altered. There were eight companies attacked in cyberspace.

of those, and Animal and Genetix actions accounted for four each. Compared to 2000, fires set for the cause of Animal Liberation were down sharply in 2001, four compared to the previous years nine. Earth Liberation fires were up 33.3% from a total of nine in 2000 to twelve in 2001. Of the 43 major actions, 60% were claimed by the combined ALF and ELF groups. The ALF took credit for twelve of these actions, the ELF thirteen, and one action was jointly claimed by both groups. 67% of all major actions (29) occurred in the western region, with the combined states of California, Oregon and Washington accounting for 20 of those. The mid-west registered seven Major actions, three each in Michigan and Iowa. The northeast had five (four of them in New York), and the southeast had only two, both in Virginia. Of the 20 fires set, 70% (14) occurred in the western region, with Oregon accounting for six of those, Arizona three, Washington, and California, and one in New Mexico.

19 actions resulted in significant property damage, where the total dollar amount exceeded \$100,000, for a total of \$17.3 million in damages. Animal actions accounted for “only” \$2.5 million of this total, while Earth actions accounted for \$7.8 million, and Genetix actions accounted for \$7 million. Six actions in 2001 resulted in damages of 41 million or over each for a total of \$12.6 million. In 2001, the most damages inflicted in a single action, the most damages inflicted by the ELF, and the most damages in a Genetix action was the fire set at the University of Washington, Center for Urban Horticulture which was burned down on May 21 in Seattle. Total damages were \$5.6 million. This action is ranked second in damages inflicted by the ELF, following the Vail, CO action in 1998 which caused at least \$12 million in damage to ski lifts, the lodge and the restaurant. The most damage inflicted by the ALF in a single action in 2001 was the \$1 million fire set at the Coulston Foundation’s White Sands Research Center maintenance building which was burned down on Sept. 20 (2001) in Alamogordo, NM in an attempt to end the chimpanzee torture that occurs there.

The most widely-reported simultaneous actions which occurred in 2001 were the early morning fires set by the ELF on May 21, in Clatskanie, OR and in Seattle, WA. In Clatskanie, the Jefferson Poplar Farms were targeted and sustained \$500,000 in damages, and in Seattle, the University of Washington's horticulture center was torched causing \$5.6 million in damages to the enemy. On April 28, as World Week for Animals in Laboratories was winding down, the ALF conducted simultaneous lab raids in California and New York. In Castroville, CA, the ALF raided ICRC Company and rescued 28 rabbits, while at the same time ALF activists raided the Cornell Duck Laboratory in Eastport, NY and rescued 247 ducks. Finally, there was one more simultaneous action of merit. On June 10 in Idaho, two actions took place to oppose genetic engineering. In Moscow, the ELF "Night Action Kids" cell claimed responsibility for causing \$20,000 in damage to the University of Idaho Biotech Building, while in Filer, Roundup Ready peas were uprooted and destroyed by an unnamed anti-GMO group.

We believe that the struggle to liberate animals from torture and enslavement cannot and does not exist in a political vacuum. There is a direct connection between the oppression of animals to the destruction of our planet, and to the genetic alteration of all life forms. The attitude which allows for the torture, abuse and killing of animals is the same attitude which allows the perpetuation of old growth logging, urban sprawl and development, as well as the arrogance inherent in changing the genetic code of plants and animals. This attitude we are fighting is rooted in an ideology of "progress" and unsustainable growth, which seeks profit and the accumulation of wealth at the expense of all species, including humans, and all of our habitats; indeed, the very planet which sustains us. We also believe that the animal and earth liberation struggles exist side by side with movements for revolutionary social change. This same attitude which allows the torture of animals also allows the torture of humans, and allows economic policies to be imposed on "third world" peoples, policies which serve only corporations and the wealthy, and the expense of *all* life, including that of the as-yet unborn generations. For these reasons we support all "illegal" direct actions taken against the destroyers of our planet, and against capitalism, globalization and industrialism.

In the aftermath of S11, it's likely that many mainstream animal rights and environmental groups will give into fear and intimidation and will lessen the intensity of their campaigns, or even cease some altogether. This makes it more important than ever before for underground actions to continue. While the moderate groups adjust their strategies and tactics to fit into the New World Order police state, effectively muzzling their voices and lessening their already limited impacts and gains, it will be up to the underground to stay on the course of fighting tyranny, oppression and the terrorist attacks leveled against animals, humans, and our very planet.

May chaos watch over you in all ways!



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HIT WHERE IT HURTS BY TED KACZYNSKI

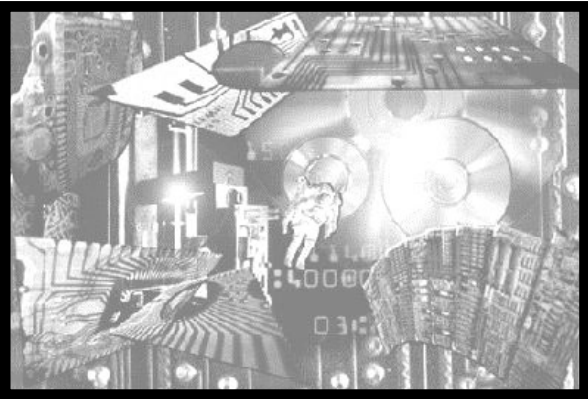
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3. The Timber Industry Is A Side Issue.

To take another example, no one in his right mind believes that anything like real wilderness can survive very long if the techno-industrial system continues to exist. Many environmental radicals agree that this is the case and hope for the collapse of the system. But in practice all they do is attack the timber industry.

I certainly have no objection to their attack on the timber industry. In fact, it's an issue that is close to my heart and I'm delighted by any successes that radicals may have against the timber industry. In addition, for reasons that I need to explain here, I think that opposition to the timber industry should be one component of the efforts to overthrow the system.

But, by itself, attacking the timber industry is not an effective way of working against the system, for even in the unlikely event that radicals succeeded in stopping all logging everywhere in the world, that would not bring down the system. And it would not permanently save wilderness. Sooner or later the political climate would change and logging would resume. Even if logging never resumed, there would be other venues



through which wilderness would be destroyed, or if not destroyed then tamed and domesticated. Mining and mineral exploration, acid rain, climate changes, and species extinction destroy wilderness; wilderness is tamed and domesticated through recreation, scientific study, and resource management, including among other things electronic tracking of animals, stocking of streams with hatchery-bred fish, and planting of genetically-engineered trees.

Wilderness can be saved permanently only by eliminating the techno-industrial system, and you cannot eliminate the system by attacking the timber industry. The system would easily survive the death of the timber industry because wood products, though very useful to the system, can if necessary be replaced with other materials.

Consequently, when you attack the timber industry, you are not hitting the system where it hurts. The timber industry is only the "fist" (or one of the fists) with which the system destroys wilderness, and, just as in a fist-fight, you can't win by hitting at the fist. You have to go behind the fist and strike at the most sensitive and vital organs of the system. By legal means, of course, such as peaceful protests.

4. Why The System Is Tough.

The techno-industrial system is exceptionally tough due to its so-called "democratic" structure and its resulting flexibility. Because dictatorial systems tend to be rigid, social tensions and resistance can be built up in them to the point where they damage and weaken the system and may lead to revolution. But in a "democratic" system, when social tension and resistance build up dangerously the system backs off enough, it compromises enough, to bring the tensions down to a safe level.

During the 1960s people first became aware that environmental pollution was a serious problem, the more so because the visible and smellable filth in the air over our major cities was beginning to make people physically uncomfortable. Enough protest arose so that an Environmental Protection Agency was established and other measures were taken to alleviate the problem. Of course, we all know that our pollution problems are a long, long way from being solved. But enough was done so that public complaints subsided and the pressure on the system was reduced for a number of years.

Thus, attacking the system is like hitting a piece of rubber. A blow with a hammer can shatter cast iron, because cast iron is rigid and brittle. But you can pound a piece of rubber without hurting it because it is flexible: It gives way before protest, just enough so that the protest loses its force and momentum. Then the system bounces back.

So, in order to hit the system where it hurts, you need to select issues on which the system will *not* back off, in which it will fight to the finish. For what you need is not compromise with the system but a life-and-death struggle.

5. It Is Useless To Attack The System In Terms Of Its Own Values.

It is absolutely essential to attack the system not in terms of its own technologically-oriented values, but in terms of values that are inconsistent with the values of the system. As long as you attack the system in terms of its own values, you do not hit the system where it hurts, and you allow the system to deflate protest by giving way, by backing off.

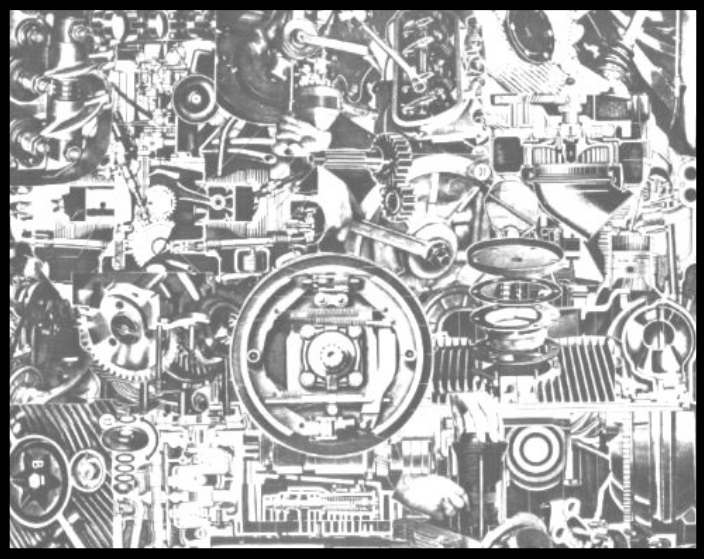
For example, if you attack the timber industry primarily on the basis that forests are needed to preserve water resources and recreational opportunities, then the system can give ground to defuse protest without compromising its own values: Water resources and recreation are fully consistent with the values of the system, and if the system backs off, if it restricts logging in the name of water resources and recreation, then it only makes a tactical retreat and does not suffer a strategic defeat for its code of values.

If you push victimization issues (such as racism, sexism, homophobia, or poverty) you are not challenging the system's values and you are not even forcing the system to back off or compromise. You are directly helping the system. All of the wisest *proponents* of the system recognize that racism, sexism, homophobia, and poverty are harmful to the system, and this is why the system itself works to combat these and similar forms of victimization.

"Sweatshops," with their low pay and wretched working conditions, may bring profit to certain corporations, but wise *proponents* of the system know very well that the system as a whole functions better when workers are treated decently. In making an issue of sweatshops, you are helping the system, not weakening it.

Many radicals fall into the temptation of focusing on non-essential issues like racism, sexism and sweatshops because it is easy. They pick an issue on which the system can afford a compromise and on which they will get support from people like Ralph Nader, Winona La Duke, the labor unions, and all the other pink reformers. Perhaps the system, under pressure, will back off a bit, the activists will see some visible result from their efforts, and they will have the satisfying illusion that they have accomplished something. But in reality they have accomplished nothing at all toward eliminating the techno-industrial system.

The globalization issue is not completely irrelevant to the technology problem. The package of economic and political measures termed "globalization" does promote economic growth and, consequently, technological progress. Still, globalization is an issue of marginal importance and not a well-chosen target of revolutionaries. The system can afford to give ground on the globalization issue. Without giving up globalization as such, the system can take steps to mitigate the negative environmental and economic consequences of globalization so as to defuse protest. At a pinch, the system could even afford to give up globalization altogether. Growth and progress would still continue, only at a slightly lower rate. And when you fight globalization you are not attacking the system's fundamental values. Opposition to globalization is motivated in terms of securing decent wages for workers and protecting the environment, both of which are completely consistent with the values of the system. (The system, for its own survival, can't afford to let environmental degradation go too far.) Consequently, in fighting globalization you do not hit the system where it really hurts. Your efforts may promote reform, but they are useless for the purpose of overthrowing the techno-industrial system.



6. Radicals Must Attack The System At The Decisive Points.

To work effectively toward the elimination of the techno-industrial system, revolutionaries must attack the system at points at which it cannot afford to give ground. They must attack the vital organs of the system. Of course, when I use the word "attack," I am not referring to physical attack but only to legal forms of protest and resistance.

Some examples of vital organs of the system are:

A. The electric-power industry. The system is utterly dependent on its electric-power grid.

B. The communications industry. Without rapid communications, as by telephone, radio, television, e-mail, and so forth, the system could not survive.

C. The computer industry. We all know that without computers the system would promptly collapse.

D. The propaganda industry. The propaganda industry includes the entertainment industry, the educational system, journalism, advertising, public relations, and much of politics and of the mental-health industry. The system can't function unless people are sufficiently docile and conforming and have the attitudes that the system needs them to have. It is the function of the propaganda industry to teach people that kind of thought and behavior.

E. The biotechnology industry. The system is not yet (as far as I know) physically dependent on advanced biotechnology. Nevertheless, the system cannot afford to give way on the biotechnology issue, which is a critically important issue for the system, as I will argue in a moment.

Again: When you attack these vital organs of the system, it is essential not to attack them in terms of the system's own values but in terms of values inconsistent with those of the system. For example, if you attack the electric-power industry on the basis that it pollutes the environment, the system can defuse protest by developing cleaner methods of generating electricity. If worse came to worse, the system could even switch entirely to wind and solar power. This might do a great deal to reduce environmental damage, but it would not put an end to the techno-industrial system. Nor would it represent a defeat for the system's fundamental values. To accomplish anything against the system you have to attack *all* electric-power generation as a matter of *principle*, on the ground that dependence on electricity makes people dependent on the system. This is a ground incompatible with the system's values.

7. Biotechnology May Be The Best Target For Political Attack.

Probably the most promising target for *political* attack is the biotechnology industry. Though revolutions are generally carried out by minorities, it is very useful to have some degree of support, sympathy, or at least acquiescence from the general population.

To get that kind of support or acquiescence is one of the goals of political action. If you concentrated your political attack on, for example, the electric-power industry, it would be extremely difficult to get any support outside of a radical minority, because most people resist change to their way of living, especially any change that inconveniences them. For this reason, few would be willing to give up electricity.

But people do not yet feel themselves dependent on advanced biotechnology as they do on electricity. Eliminating biotech-

nology will not radically change their lives. On the contrary, it would be possible to show people that the continued development of biotechnology will transform their way of life and wipe out age-old human values. Thus, in challenging biotechnology, radicals should be able to mobilize in their own favor the natural human resistance to change.

And biotechnology is an issue on which the system cannot afford to lose. It is an issue on which the system will have to fight to the finish, which is exactly what we need. But - to repeat once more - it is essential to attack biotechnology not in terms of the system's own values but in terms of values inconsistent with those of the system. For example, if you attack biotechnology,

primarily on the basis that it may damage the environment, or that genetically-modified foods may be harmful to health, then the system can and will cushion your attack by giving ground or compromising - for instance, by introducing increased supervision of genetic research and more rigorous testing and regulation of genetically-modified crops. People’s anxiety will then subside and protest with wither.

8. All Biotechnology Must Be Attacked As A Matter Of Principle.

So, instead of protesting one or another negative consequence of biotechnology, you have to attack *all* modern biotechnology on *principle*, on grounds such as (a) that it is an insult to all living things; (b) that it puts too much power in the hands of the system; (c) that it will radically transform fundamental human values that have existed for thousands of years; and similar grounds that are inconsistent with the values of the system.

In response to this kind of attack the system will have to stand and fight. It cannot afford to cushion your attack by backing off to any great extent, because biotechnology is too central to the whole enterprise of technological progress, and because in backing off the system would not be making only a tactical retreat, but would be taking a major strategic defeat to its code of values. Those values would be undermined and the door would be opened to further political attacks that would hack away at the foundations of the system.

Now it’s true that the U.S. House of Representatives recently voted to ban cloning of human beings, and at least some congressmen even gave the right kinds of reasons for doing so. The reasons I read about were framed in religious terms, but whatever you may think of the religious terms involved, these reasons were *not technologically acceptable* reasons. And that is what counts.

Thus, the congressmen’s vote on human cloning was a genuine defeat for the system. But it was only a very, very small defeat, because of the narrow scope of the ban - only one tiny part of biotechnology was affected - and because for the near future cloning of human beings would be of little practical use to the system anyway. But the House of Representatives’ action does suggest that this may be a point at which the system is vulnerable, and that a broader attack on all of biotechnology might inflict severe damage on the system and its values.

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Place The Blame Where It Belongs:

The GA Collective Respond To “HIT WHERE IT HURTS” BY TED KACZYNSKI

Although the Green Anarchy editorial collective whole-heartedly supports Ted Kaczynski as an anarchist political prisoner, we had serious reservations about running this article due to Ted’s hostility towards feminism and his casual, off-hand dismissal of other liberation struggles which he chooses not to prioritize in his own life. Racism, sexism, homophobia and poverty are not “non-essential issues” to us, as they appear to be to Ted; compulsory heterosexuality, socially-enforced sexual conformity, racism, mysogyny, and class division are all products of a hierarchical, patriarchal power structure, and none of these problems can ever be fully solved within the context of civilization. It’s not “technology, above all else, which is responsible for the current condition of the world”, as Ted claims - it’s civilization / patriarchy - and if we want to dismantle the technological megamachine that is now devouring the biosphere, then we need to understand how the megamachine came to be, what led to it’s creation, and how it serves the interests of civilization’s rulers.

We ultimately decided to print this article because Ted is a sharp strategic thinker, and because we feel strongly that more discussions like this need to be occurring in the pages of the anarchist press. At the same time, we feel compelled to say that Ted’s analysis of patriarchy and civilization is severely lacking, and we take offence to his disparaging use of the queer-identified term “pink,” which is reminiscent of the fairly overt homophobia we have seen in previous pieces by Ted, like Ship Of Fools. Simply and solely removing technology as the total liberatory answer is a limited and mechanistic approach. We face a totality of domination which oppresses all life and we need to try to see the whole picture. For anti-authoritarian transformation, many struggles are necessary and need to be respected along with an awareness of the underlying connectedness.

Of course, there can be no doubt that technology is a major link on the chain of our oppression and it’s important that anarchists / anti-authoritarians purge themselves of the liberal belief that technology is “neutral.” There are five books that we can recommend to our readers that will help get them started on the process of deconstructing their faith in and allegiance to technology. They are: **The Technological Society** by Jacques Ellul (out-of-print, but readily available in any good used bookstore), **Technics and Human Development: The Myth Of The Machine** Volume 1 by Lewis Mumford, **Technics and Civilization** by Lewis Mumford, **My Name Is Chellis & I’m In Recovery From Civilization** by Chellis Glendinning, and **Four Arguments For The Elimination Of Television** by Jerry Mander, which focuses on the destructive impact of a very specific technology but which also offers an incredibly strong critique of technological mediation - which has a much wider applicability.

9. Radicals Are Not Yet Attacking Biotech Effectively.

Some radicals do attack the biotechnology, whether politically or physically, but as far as I know they explain their opposition to biotech in terms of the system’s own values. That is, their main complaints are the risks of environmental damage and of harm to health.

And they are not hitting the biotech industry where it hurts. To use an analogy of physical combat once again, suppose you had to defend yourself against a giant octopus. You would not be able to fight back effectively by hacking



at the tips of its tentacles. You have to strike at its head. From what I’ve read of their activities, radicals who work against biotechnology still do no more than hack at the tips of the octopus’s tentacles. They try to persuade ordinary farmers, individually, to refrain from planting genetically-engineered seed. But there are many thousands of farms in America, so that persuading farmers individually is an extremely inefficient way to combat genetic engineering. It would be much more effective to persuade research scientists engaged in biotechnological work, or executives of companies like Monsanto, to leave the

10. Hit Where It Hurts.

It is open to argument whether I am right in thinking that biotechnology is the best issue on which to attack the system politically. But it is beyond argument that radicals today are wasting much of their energy on issues that have little or no relevance to the survival of the technological system. And even when they do address the right issues, radicals do not hit where it hurts. So instead of trotting off to the next world trade summit to have temper tantrums over globalization, radicals ought to put in some time thinking how to hit the system where it really hurts. By legal means, of course.

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King Culture

by Chuck A. Rock

Roll up some leaf- forget to brush my teeth
Find my relief -in my belief- nothing, is that something?
Culture is king-What will we bring-a shining prince?
Since, the time has come and gone and I am so tense.
Still tense, no prince will be my salvation-
Living in tents, living in past tense. What revolution?
No solution will end pollution except the abolition of the nation.
Industrialization is our vaccination between all relations-
The machine will try and separate the rivers and the ocean-
The machine will separate the blood from flowing to my brain-
The machine will try and dam up the river of life-
The machines will try and sell off my life-
The machines roll and roll crushing body and soul-
And what will stop this machine? A machine gun?
Will love stop it, holding hands? It is on the run.
It runs love over like a frog under a tire-
Stops your heart like a bird on a live wire-
Sire, oh King culture, why do you pick my bones?
Sire, oh King vulture, separate my meat and bones.
Sire, oh Vulture Culture, devour my flesh and leave my bones.
Sire, my oppressed instinct says your machine will sink-
And the flow of life continues after we're extinct. Think!
I am not afraid of extinction cause' I'm not afraid to die-
King Culture do you think, do you feel, can you cry?
King Culture you cannot see, cannot perceive, you haven't an eye.
King Culture do you exist? Are you the machine?
Am I you? Is this true? Am I you? Am I now machine?
Am I the king? Am I you king thing? I don't wish to be-
I want to see. I have an eye. I cry- I cry-
And the machine runs over my tears.

we must remember that all of our hearts are broken.

No Peace for the Poor

Peace they cried
From sun-tanned faces
Fattened up on granola bars
to the white maggot faces
of the steel mill kids
hanging out on the corner
There ain't no peace for the poor

Peace they cried
Violence begets violence
But the kids were too busy
With their moms getting beat up
And their daddies drinking and running from the law
To listen
Cause their ain't no peace for the poor

Peace they cried
Marching down the street
All straight and tall
Stepping over the drunken Indians sprawled
Along the hot sidewalks like dying dogs
There ain't no peace for the poor

Peace they cried
Walking home
To their apartments
Potted plants and prints in the hall
While all around
The war goes on
In silent insidious form
There ain't no peace for the poor. . .

- Ann Hansen
from "Writings of the Vancouver Five"

PRISONERS OF WAR

Anarchist Prisoners:

Ali Khalid Abdullah #148130, Kincross Correctional Facility, 16770 South Watertower Drive, Kincheloe, MI 49788. New Afrikan anarchist serving 10-20 years for “assault with intent to rob while armed” for his involvement in trying to shut down a major drug dealer.

Mark Barnsley WA 2897, HMP Wakefield, 5 Love Lane, Wakefield, WF2 9AG, UK. Mark was attacked by a gang of drunken students and defended himself. He has refused to admit guilt and is having his parole delayed because of it.

Thomas Meyer-Falk JVA Bruschal, Zellle 3117, Schonbornstr. 32, 76646, Bruschal, Germany. Anarchist activist imprisoned for “crimes” relating to his anti-fascist activism.

Ojure Lutalo #59860, POB 861, Trenton, NJ 08625. Black liberation activist and anarchist. Ojure is serving a very lengthy sentence for various clandestine actions. He is being held in a Management Control Unit, where political prisoners are isolated by the authorities.

Robert Middaugh #6859467, PO Box 5000, Delano, CA 93216-5000. Anarchist activist serving a three year sentence for an assault on a pig during the 2001 Long Beach May Day action.

Silvano Pellissero Com. Mastrolierto, Via Ferrerinoli no2, Sanponso, 10080 Torino, Italy. An anarchist sentenced to seven years for allegedly sabotaging a rail line construction site in the Northern Italian Alps. He can read Spanish, French and Italian but not English

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 Rob Los Ricos was convicted of Assault and Riot for throwing a rock at a cop at the 1999 Eugene J18 Reclaim The Streets. He recieved a 7 year sentence. He is currently assigned “Anarchist Security Group Status.” Do not send anything containing any circle-A’s.

Harold Thompson #93992, Northwest Correctional Complex, Route 1, Box 660, Tiptonville, TN 38079. Sentenced to life plus 50 years for a 1979 robbery of a jewelers, killing a police informer who had murdered his partner in a shooting incident in Ohio. He was later given an extra 32 years for a failed escape attempt.

Usak Anarchist Autonom (UAA)

UAA is a Turkish anarchist group that is currently being persecuted by the fascist Turkish government, apparently for doing nothing more than handing out anti-authoritarian leaflets to the public.

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Abbas Irmak E Tipi Kapali Cezaevi, B-2, Kersehir, Turkey.

Zamir Karaagac E Tipi Kapali Cezaevi, B-5, K. Maras 46060, Turkey.

Ibulent Kurt E Tipi Kapali Cezaevi, D/8, K. Maras, Turkey.

Ibrahim Demir Ozel Tip Cezaevi, B/1-2, Gaziantep, Turkey.

Osman Ercan Ozel Tip Kapali Cezaevi, C-2, Koguso, Amasya 05100, Turkey.

Ecological Resistance Prisoners:

Dr. Yuri Bandazhevsky UI. Kalvarijskaya 36, PO Box 35K, Minsk 220600, Belarus. Serving eight years for telling the world that the nuclear radiation around Chernobyl is worse than the Belarus government has admitted.

Marco Camenish Viale dei Trigli 14, 13900 Biella, Italy. Imprisoned for clandestine attacks against a number of ecologically destructive and exploitative industries. He can speak English and Italian.

Charles Hoke #861206, ACH, Indiana Department of Correction, Indiana State Prison, PO Box 41, Michigan City, Indiana 46361-0041. Charles is 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 on politically-motivated arson charges related to the arson of cars at Romania Chevrolet and an attempted arson at Tyree Oil in Eugene, Oregon. He is a long-time environmental activist who needs your support.

Craig Marshall (Crittter) #13797662, SRCL, 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.

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

Mordechai Vanunu Ashkelon Prison, Ashkelon, Israel. Serving 18 years for telling world media about Israel’s nuclear capabilities.

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.

Animal Liberation Prisoners:

Dave Blenkinsop HM Prison, Bedford, MK40 1HG, UK. On remand for allegedly physically attacking the director of Huntington Life Science. **Mel Broughton** DJ8216, HMP The Mount, Molyneux Avenue, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0NZ, UK. Serving four years for conspiracy to cause explosions for the cause of animal liberation. **Geert Waegmans** Begijnestraat 42 2000 Antwerp, Belgium. Serving four years for arson attacks in the name of animal liberation.

The SHAC Three:

All three of these prisoners are animal liberation activists serving 12 month prison terms for helping to organize the Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) campaign. **Greg Avery** FF9142, HMP Belmarsh, London, SE28 OEB, England. **Heather Avery** TE1951, HMP/YOI Highpoint, Stradishall, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 9YG, England. **Natasha Dellamaigne** TE1952, HMP/YOI Highpoint, Stradishall, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 9YG, England.

Indigenous Prisoners:

William Firewalker Burchett #03655032, West 5852, Federal Prison, PO Box 7000, Fort Dix, NJ 08640. Native American religious rights activist being held in prison under questionable circumstances.

Eric Wildcat Hall #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 Marion Correctional Institution, PO Box 2405, Marion, NC 28752. Long-time Amerindian activist being framed for a murder he did not commit.

Leonard Peltier #89637-132, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048. An 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) #193786 E-6-7, Station Correctional Facility, PO Box 56, Elmore AL 36025-0056. Native activist being framed for setting schools on fire.



Anti Imperialist

Anti-Capitalist Prisoners:

Kathy Boudin #894171, PO Box 1000, Bedford Hills, NY10507. Former member of the Weather Underground serving time for being a passenger in a get-away van during the 1981 Brinks expropriation attempt in New York. Despite her work with incarcerated mothers and AIDS victims, she is still being denied early release by the authorities.

Marilyn Buck 00482-285, Unit B, 5701 8th Street, Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568. Serving 50 years to life for actions taken after she escaped prison herself including an armed robbery of a Brink’s armored truck and the liberation of Assata Shakur from prison. She is was the only white member of the BLA.

Judy Clark #83-G-313, PO Box 1000, Bedford Hills, NY 10507. Former Weather Underground member.

Bill Dunne #10916-086, Box 1000, Marion, IL. 62959. Anti-authoritarian sentenced to 90 years for the attempted liberation of a prisoner in 1979.

Larry Giddings #10917-086, PO Box 1000, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Anti-authoritarian prisoner jailed in 1973 for attempted expropriation, paroled in 1978 then re-arrested in 1979 while attempting to liberate a comrade from prison. He is serving 75+ years with no known parole opportunities.

David Gilbert #83A6158, Attica C.F., POB 149, Attica, NY 14011. Former Weather Underground member serving time for clandestine actions against imperialism and capitalism.

Alvaro Luna Hernandez #255735, Hughes Unit, Rt. 2, Box 4400, Gatesville, TX 76597. Chicano-Mexican freedom-fighter serving time for a police-orchestrated frame-up to stop his effective social justice organizing in the Barrios.

Mutulu Shakur #83205-012, Box PMB, Atlanta, GA 30315.

United Freedom Front Prisoners:

The following three individuals are serving huge sentences for their role in actions carried out by the United Freedom Front (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.

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.

Action Directe Prisoners:

The following three individuals are time for their role in actions carried out by the French group Action Directe (AD). AD was an armed struggle group made up of communists, anarchists, and autonomists. They carried out a series of clandestine attacks against corporations and government institutions in the name of the class struggle, and the struggle against imperialism. For a time they aligned themselves with the Belgian Communist Combatant Cells (CCC), and the German Red Army Faction (RAF), as a united anti-imperialist front.

Joelle Aubron 2174K, C.D. - Quarter femmes, Chemin des Anzacs, 62451 Bapaume Cedex, France.

Nathalie Menigon 2173J, 969B02, BP266, 65307 Lannemezan, France.

Jean-Marc Rouillan 969B202, BP266, 65307 Lannemezan, France.

Black Liberation Prisoners/POWS:

The following prisoners are all 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 who work to crush all dissent.

Sundiata Acoli #39794-066, Box 3000, White Deer, PA 17887, USP Allenwood. He is a BLA POW. He is imprisoned for actions carried out in the fight for black liberation, including killing a cop.

Zolo Azania #4969, Indiana State Prison, PO Box 41, Michigan City, IN 46361-0041. Long-time community activist who is being framed for murdering a pig.

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.

Marshall Edward Conway #116469, Box 534, Jessup, MD 20794. Veteran BPP leader who continues to maintain his innocence of a police murder in 1970, which he claims not to have committed. He asserts that he is one of many political prisoners in the United States as a result of F.B.I.’s war against the BPP.

Bashir Hameed (J York) #82A6313, Box 149, Attica, NY,14011-0149. Former Black Panther and BLA POW who has been incarcerated since 1981 for killing of a pig.

Robert Seth Hayes #74A2280, Box 500, Elmira, NY,14902. Robert was captured and convicted in NYC in 1973 under a host of charges, attributed to membership in the BLA.

Veroza Bowers Jr. #35316-136, FCC Medium A-1, PO Box 879, Coleman, FL 35521-0879. Former Black Panther serving time on frame-up charges related to the murder of a pig.

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

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

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.

Mumia Abu-Jamal AM8335, SCI Greene, 1040 East R. Furman Highway, Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090. In 1981 Mumia was framed for the murder of a pig. He was recently taken off death row and he is currently awaiting resentencing.

Red Army Faction (RAF) Prisoners:

The RAF was an urban communist guerrilla group that rocked the German capitalist government for nearly three decades. The RAF was closely associated with the anarchist guerrilla movement the Second Of June Movement, and other European anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist armed groups. The RAF carried out a series of actions against war, fascism, and capitalism, and in support of Palestinian liberation, freedom for political prisoners, and womens liberation. Some RAF members are still at large, and many of their imprisoned continue to resist behind bars through hunger-strikes and other methods.

Eva Haule Obere Kreuzackerstr. 4, 60435 Frankfurt, Germany.

Rolf Heissler Ludwigshafenerstr. 20, 67227 Frankenthal, Germany.

Birgit Hogefeld Obere Kreuzackerstr. 4, 60435 Frankfurt, Germany.

Christian Klar Schonbornstr. 32, 76646 Bruschal, Germany.

Brigitte Mohnhaupt Munchnerstr. 33, 86551 Aichach, Germany.

Rolf-Clemens Wagner Paradeplatz 5, 34613 Schwalmstadt, Germany.

NOTE: We cannot always list all of the prisoners that we would like, so we may rotate certain sections for future issues.

Prisoner Support Contacts:

Anarchists Prisoner Legal Aid Network (APLAN), 818 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97204. Email: aplan@tao.ca

Free and Critter Legal Defense Committee / Break The Chains: Northwest Political Prisoner Support Network, POB 11331, Eugene, OR 97401. Call: #541-343-8548. Email: gumbycascadia@yahoo.com and check out the new webpage: www.breakthechains.com

North American Earth Liberation Prisoner Support Network, (New Address!) P.O. Box 50082, Eugene, OR 97405.

Friends of MOVE, POB 9709, Philadelphia, PA 19143.

North American Animal Liberation Front Support Group, Box 69597, 5845 Yonge Street Willowdale, Ontario M2M 4K3 Canada.

Prison Activist Resource Center, POB 339, Berkeley, CA 94701. Webpage: www.prisonactivist.org (Excellent resource for info on black liberation, Puerto Rican independence, indigenous, anti-imperialist, and anti-capitalist prisoners).

South Chicago Anarchist Black Cross, POB 721, Homewood, IL 60430.

UK Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network, c/o BM Box 2407, London, WC1N 3XX, UK. Check out the webpage: www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk

Prisoner and State Repression News

Early December, Turkey: Anarchist Prisoners Held In F-type Prison

Usak: Two anarchists were taken by the police in a city in mid-west Anatolia because they were distributing leaflets at a meeting organized by trade-unions. Later on, three other anarchists were taken, and all five of the detained anarchists were arrested for supposedly “being members of an illegal terrorist organization” called Usak Anarchist Autonom. Although they did nothing more than distribute leaflets, for the government this was enough to label them “domestic terrorists.” They did not even find any (in their own words) “violent” or “terrorist” clues related to the group. The trial will be held in Izmir DGM (SSC-State Security Court) sometime in April. At the moment they are in Usak Prison; each of them in separate cells. This week they’ll be sent to Izmir F-type prison. They were beaten badly and tortured by Usak police and they have been refused legal representation. For the first time in twenty years, Turkish anarchists will be judged by the Turkish government as an “illegal organization” and this trial will show to what lengths the state is willing to go to squash anti-state resistance. For more information, please contact: **Ankara Anarchist Black Cross** at: abcankara@yahoo.com

Early December, USA: Elves Avoid Trial

In November it was reported in the *Earth Liberation Prisoners Newsletter* that three activists in Nebraska - Jason Theimann, Craig Schjodt, and Brian Hindley - had been charged with Criminal Mischief at a number of golf courses that suffered ELF vandalism attacks. We have just learned that the three have negotiated a deal with the courts that avoids any trial and any possible prison sentences. As all three were first time felony they qualified for a “diversion program” which essentially means they pay restitution and each do community service. After fulfilling the program the charges will be removed from their record!

Early December, Canada: Wiebo Ludwig Has Been Released

Alberta: Wiebo Returned home to Hythe after serving 19 months in jail for bombing and sabotaging oil-drilling operations. Ludwig is fighting petroleum companies that have contaminated large sections of Alberta with sour-gas emissions, causing hundreds of miscarriages, stillbirths, and birth defects. Ludwig’s statement about Wiebo’s legal hassles condemned authorities who “choose to ignore our concerns, vilified a peaceful people and ultimately, unjustly incarcerated our spokesman in an attempt to shut us up.” They added: “Be assured that this ordeal has not succeeded in destroying or silencing us but has rather strengthened our unity and resolve.”

Early December, California: Robert Middaugh Sentenced To Three Years:

Robert Middaugh (“Ruckus”) was sentenced to three years in a California State Penitentiary, charged with assaulting a police officer during the Mayday protest in Long Beach last year. During a Reclaim the Streets action, a clash with the police took place which resulted in over 100 people arrested. A handful of anarchists who were arrested, such as Robert Middaugh, were charged with more severe charges such as assault on a police officer. In court, the prosecutor threw everything they could towards him charging him with assault on a police officer, refusal to comply with a police officer, conspiracy to commit a crime, and riot. In addition, Middaugh was on probation relating to another confrontation with the LAPD. During this incident he was charged with assault on a police officer and was given a strike for this arrest. This added another three years to his prison sentence. Middaugh was looking at 16-17 years in prison, plus another strike against him. The judge told Middaugh that he would be in prison for 3-4 years whether or not he was convicted for the Mayday event because of his parole violation. With no other option Middaugh took a plea bargain and the courts dropped most of charges except the parole violation and the assault charge on the police officer. He was given three years each for both charges and these sentences were to run concurrently. In addition, he was given his second strike. For more information, please contact: **Los Angeles Anarchist Black Cross** PO Box 3671, Anaheim, Ca 92803-3671. Email: la_blackcross@hotmail.com

December 5, USA: Anarchist Groups On "Terrorist" List:

Greek and Italian anarchist groups were included in a list of thirty-nine organizations on the USA PATRIOT Act’s “Terrorist Exclusion List.” These groups were designated as “terrorist” by US Secretary of State Colin Powell, in consultation with Attorney General John Ashcroft. The anarchist groups included on the list are “Black Star,” “Anarchist Faction for Overthrow,” and “Revolutionary Proletarian Nucleus.” The state intends to exclude from the US those seen as “supporters” of these groups, and to deport those already here. Ominously, a government press statement noted: “This round of Terrorist Exclusion List designations are by no means the last.”

December 19-24, Italy: Anarchist Killed In Prison:

Bologna: On December 19, Carlo Tesseri and Horst Fantazzini were arrested near a bank, and charged with attempted aggravated

robbery. Apparently, they were stopped while on bicycles and were in possession of materials the pigs found suspect. A few hours later, the cops searched their houses and confiscated books, flyers, stickers and other forms of anarchist propaganda, as well as personal letters, notebooks, a computer and money. After 32 years in prison, Horst had obtained partial liberty a few months earlier with his punishment scheduled to end in 2022. Carlo was released in July after seven years in prison. Both are anarchist comrades who have lived lives characterized by rebellion and the passion for anarchy, in pursuit of true freedom. On the evening of December 24, comrades in Italy were informed that Horst had died in the shower due to complications from a heart attack. The next day they learned that he had been beaten severely by the pigs as was evidence by the bruises all over his body.

January 3, Turkey: The Hunger Strikes Continue To Kill:

The death toll from a hunger strike by Turkish anti-capitalist political prisoners rose to 43 with the death of a 32-year-old inmate of a high-security prison at a state hospital in the Aegean city of Izmir. Ali Camyar died this morning after being on a hunger strike since May last year. More than 100 anti-capitalist prisoners are currently on hunger strikes, prolonging their protest by drinking tea and taking vitamin supplements. The protest began in October 2000 with anti-capitalist prisoners concerned about plans to transfer them to new high security prisons where they would be housed in single or three-person cells rather than in wards where as many as 100 inmates sleep in one room. The prisoners and their supporters claimed that human rights abuses by wardens could easily be covered up in the new prisons and that the new regime severely restricted the rights of inmates to interact. The government has refused to negotiate with the protesting groups, saying that the old prisons allowed rebels and criminals to take control of the prisons. In December 2000 the government launched raids on 20 prisons across the country, resulting in the deaths of 30 inmates and two paramilitary soldiers. More recently in November 2001, police raided the houses of supporters of the hunger strikers in Istanbul which resulted in the deaths of four people. For more information on the anti-capitalist struggles of Turkey, please check out the website: www.ozgurluk.org.

January 7, Texas: Chris Plummer Has Been Released:

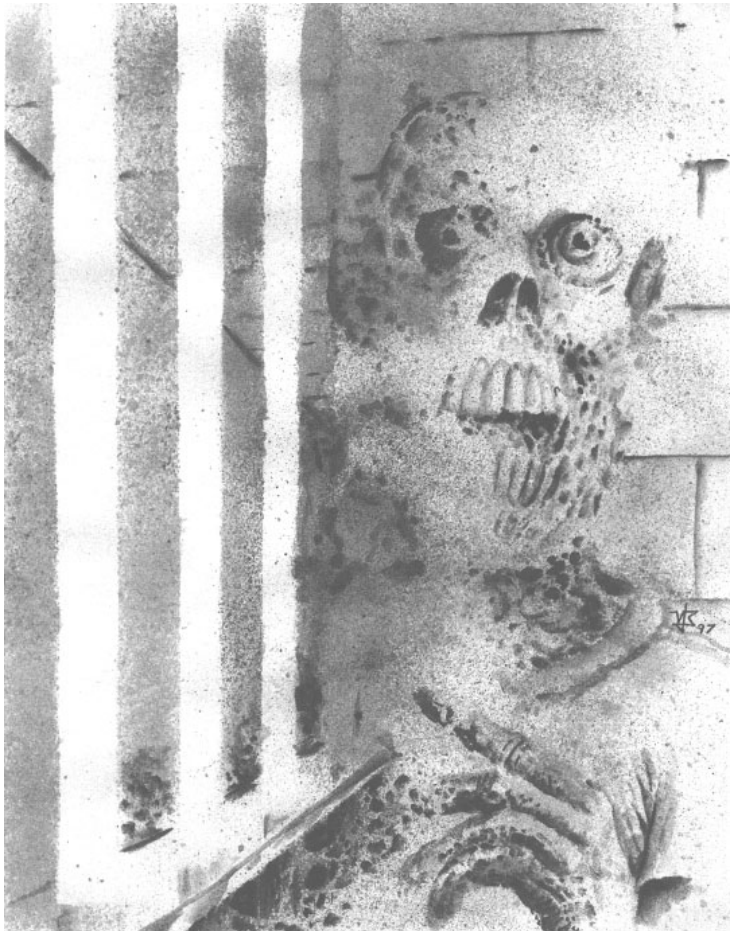
Austin: After serving over eight years in prison for actions against a Texas-based white supremacist group, anarchist activist Chris Plummer has finally been released from prison. According to the Austin ABC, Chris is adjusting well to life on the outside, and he is very happy to be with his wife and his family once again. Chris has asked that if you would like to contact him, please write to the address below. Chris is only interested in hearing from people who would like to help him with anarchist and prisoner-support organizing. Write to: **Chris Plummer** PO Box 1324, Austin, TX 78767.

January 23, California: Authorities Raid The Home Of The Founder Of Raisethefist.com:

Los Angeles: “They’re afraid. And they’re going to try and silence us any way they can... My best advice is to not give in to their fear-tactics. Keep fighting, and fight hard. Don’t stop.” Yes, if you speak out against the war and against this society, chances are you will get the attention of the state. Anarchist activist Sherman Austin, who runs the anarchist website RaiseTheFist.com was surrounded by 25 armed LA pigs, Secret Service, and FBI agents. He was interrogated and all of his computers and radical literature were seized. He may not see these again. There is no content on the site not readily available anywhere else. Sherman says “They raided it simply because it was effective- kids were starting to set up clubs in their schools called “RaiseTheFist”- we were also beginning to put together an anarchist collective for Los Angeles. I believe one of the main things that got them scared about the site, is that we called for an actual change.” The authorities are using the pretext of the “War Against Terrorism” to stifle dissent. For more information, contact: **Los Angeles Anarchist Black Cross** PO Box 3671, Anaheim, CA 92803-3671. Email: la_blackcross@hotmail.com

January 28, California: Santa Cruz Two Sentenced:

San Jose: Matt Whyte and Pete Schnell, two long-time environmental activists, were sentenced in federal court recently. Matt was sentenced to 14 months in prison, and 3 years of supervised release. Petey was sentenced to 24 months in prison, and 3 years of supervised release. Petey went into custody directly after sentencing, but Matt chose to accept the offer of voluntary surrender, and will go into a federal prison’s custody on March 4th. Petey is currently being held in Santa Clara County Jail, and we are waiting for contact information. Matt and Petey were arrested in January of 2001 in Capitola, CA (near Santa Cruz) in possession of components of incendiary devices. Federal charges were filed a few days later. Matt and Petey accepted a plea bargain in federal court in October, pleading guilty to one of the two federal charges. Donations can be sent to: **Santa Cruz Two Defense Committee** PO Box 583, Eugene, OR 97440.



Late January, Colorado: Eco-Defense Prisoner Jeremiah Bowen Has Been Released:

Jeremiah was released at the end of January (2002) having served a prison sentence for setting fire to a town house in protest of the destruction of the environment. Jeremiah can now be reached c/o **Erickoponen** 1630 A. 30th, PMB 437, Boulder, CO 80301.

February 12, Washington DC: Craig Rosebraugh Keeps Quiet During Congressional Hearing On Radical Environmentalism:

Citing his Fifth Amendment right not to incriminate himself, Craig Rosebraugh, a former spokesperson for the Earth Liberation Front, declined to answer any questions from a House panel probing “eco-terrorism.” Accompanied by his attorney, Rosebraugh turned aside dozens of questions from frustrated House members who asked about his knowledge of the elusive environmental group, which has claimed responsibility for countless acts of economic sabotage. The only question he answered was to confirm he was a U.S. citizen. Because Rosebraugh chose not to answer any of the questions that were asked of him by these scum-bags, he could be prosecuted for Contempt of Congress. According to reports, during the panel hearing Congress members asked Rosebraugh if he was aware of any connection between “eco-terrorists” and organizations such as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), and the corporation Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream - which indicates that the authorities are completely ignorant of the nature of movements such as the ELF and ALF. Rosebraugh, of Portland, was subpoenaed to appear before the committee. He submitted a written statement in advance of the hearing in which he praised “those individuals who take direct action by any means necessary to stop the destruction of the natural world and threats to all life. They are the heroes, risking their freedom and lives so that we as a species as well as all life forms can continue to exist on the planet.” The people in power feel that now, with most of the populace scared of dissent because of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on America, they can successfully persecute earth liberation, animal liberation, and anti-authoritarian activists. We need to show to them that these movements cannot be crushed by merely putting the most outspoken activists in prison, and that repression will only fan the flames of our resistance. It is vital that we as a movement stand behind Craig Rosebraugh. For more information, check out the website: www.protectcivilliberties.com

Virginia: Animal Rights Activist Within Claws Of State:

Seattle animal rights activist Jonathan Batchelor has become yet another target for activist repression. While dumpster diving in Seattle in late November 2001, Jon was stopped by police and then arrested on two Virginia felony warrants for actions that allegedly took place during the Animal Rights 2001 conference in Fairfax, VA. He was extradited to Virginia in early January and is now being held without bail awaiting a trial March 6, 2002. He is desperately trying to raise legal fees and needs support. You can send contributions and support via **Jonathan Batchelor** c/o **Seattle Mutual Aid Legal Fund** PO Box 95616, Seattle, WA 98145-2616.

Mexico: The Resurgence Of Anarchism Leads To Mass State Repression:

The government is attempting to crush all genuine resistance. In the last few months, the Ricardo Flores Magon Native People’s Council (CIPO-RFM) has been a regular target of the police. CIPO-RFM is rooted in the communities of Oaxaca State, since 1997 it has united four Indian organizations of 2,000 people into a mass resistance movement. It is openly anarchist and fights on several fronts, for better conditions (water, infrastructure, services) and for self-organization of the communities. After having survived murder attempts, and continuing death threats, its members are now subject to arbitrary arrests. This was particularly the case in

the weeks before a big mobilization in Oaxaca, last November, when all the CIPO communities were meeting on the question of native rights. One of the organizers, and his son, were arrested and jailed for several days. International solidarity is essential. CIPO puts out a bulletin on the internet Nuukanta'a which you can contact via email at ciporf@yahoo.com.mx

New York: Connor Cash Faces New Charges:

New York City: Connor is now facing charges of "aiding terrorists" in addition to the other charges that he has for his alleged involvement in ELF actions in Long Island. The government is claiming that the additional charges have nothing to do with the World Trade Center attacks. More information can be obtained by contacting: **Connor Cash Support Committee c/o Long Island Animal Defense League** PO Box 1117, Huntington, NY 11743. # (631) 340-4708. Email freeconnorcash@yahoo.com

Arizona: Mark Sands Tried And Convicted For C.S.P. Actions:

Phoenix: Mark Sands admitted in federal court that he torched luxury homes under construction near mountain preserves in various areas of Arizona. Mark pleaded guilty to eight counts of extortion affecting interstate commerce and one count of using fire to commit a federal felony. He faces 15 to 20 years in prison. He came under scrutiny in April after a surveillance camera caught him wearing a hat and gloves, writing "C.S.P.," the arsonist's acronym for Coalition to Save the Preserves, with a red marker at a construction site near his home. He was indicted in June, 2001, on 22 counts of arson and extortion. The indictment linked him to eight fires that were set between April 9, 2000 and Jan. 18, 2001. On February 13, Mark was sentenced to 18+ years in prison. Unfortunately, since his conviction he has been speaking out against the underground radical environmentalist movement, even referring to it as a "terrorist" movement. It is unclear to us why the same man who pulled off a series of impressive acts of economic sabotage in defense of the environment would now want to condemn such actions as "eco-terrorism" - especially considering such shallow rhetoric hardly mattered to the judge when he threw the book at Mr. Sands.

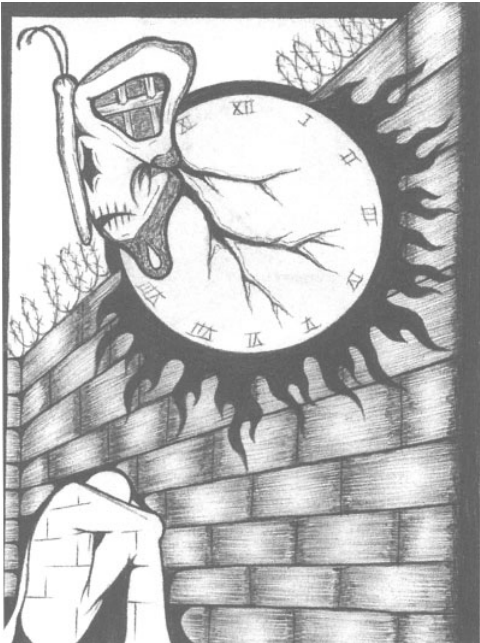
Texas: Support Alvaro Luna Hernandez:

Alvaro is a Chicano-Mexican prisoner of war, born of the anti-colonial, anti-imperialist struggles of the Chican movement of the 1960s and '70s. He was the director of the National Movement of La Raza and a Barrio leader. Alvaro fights for the liberation of the militarily annexed Mexican homeland (present day Southwest U.S.A./Texas) and for an end to capitalism. Alvaro was sentenced in June of '97 to 50 years in prison for defending himself against police terror. Trial evidence clearly shows Alvaro was a victim of a police-orchestrated conspiracy to frame him and stop his political activism. We cannot allow Alvaro to be isolated behind the prison walls! For more information, contact: **Free Alvaro Campaign** c/o PO Box 667233, Houston, TX 77266-7233. You can download a Free Alvaro organizer's kit at: www.freealvaro.org

Please keep in mind when reading GA that we can only include so many news items related to prisoners and state repression. We may not always be able to have such an extended section, so for more information on political prisoners and state repression, see the Prison Activist Resource Center webpage: www.prisonactivist.org

"From Cell Blocks to City Blocks"

A conference against the prison-industrial-complex. This conference will *not* be a conference for questioning or theorizing about prisons. Instead, it is being put together with the belief that prisons are inherently oppressive, and that they exist in order to maintain social inequalities. This conference will be centered on continuing efforts to organize a viable anti-prison movement, and on finding tangible ways to combat the prison-industrial-complex. It will be held at the state university of New York at Binghamton from March 16th to the 17th. Panelists will include: former Weather Underground member Bill Ayers and Ramona Africa.



Support The SLA Five:

Five ex-members of the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA), including Sara Jane Olson, were charged with murder for a killing that occurred during a bank robbery in 1975. The charges against the former SLA guerrillas, who were made famous in the early 1970s after kidnapping newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, came after police arrested three of the suspects: Emily Harris, her ex-husband Bill Harris and Michael Bortin. The murder charges stem from the April 21, 1975 shooting of Myrna Opsahl, who was killed when the group raided the Crocker National Bank in Carmichael, California. The arrests came just two days before Olson - who lived for years in anonymity as the wife of a Minnesota doctor - was sentenced to 22+ years in prison for her alleged involvement in a 1975 SLA plot to bomb a police car. It was not immediately clear how the murder charges would

affect Olson's sentence or parole status in that case. Authorities claim a conviction on the new murder charge could bring a sentence of life in prison. It should be clear to us that these former radicals are being prosecuted - after over 25 years from when the crime of which they are accused was committed - as part of a new wave of repression against the anti-capitalist movement. Because of the political climate that exists in a post-September 11 world, the American empire is going to play off of the fears of the apathetic majority and persecute dissidents of all stripes. The SLA is a perfect target for the authorities in the new "war on terrorism" because they were a short-lived, ineffectual, arguably misguided, revolutionary group that lacked popular support. Despite our political differences with the defunct SLA, it is essential that we take a stand against their persecution, for any one of us could be the next victims in the "war on terrorism," which is, in reality, a war on dissent. For more information, see the website: www.saraolsondefense.com

New International Campaign To Free Ali Khalid Abdullah:

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Yes, we are back! Sorry for the delay, but a lot has happened and we have been through many interesting experiences. We have seen and felt much. We have traveled to other lands, re-thought many ideas, suffered some painful losses, had many close calls, read a few new things, learned about many people and their struggles, danced in the forest, burned some flags, dreamt, balanced paranoia with reality, fought, loved, and all the other important and not-so-relevant things we do to try and create a resistance to the Death Machine while we live the only lives we have.

You may feel familiar with aspects of the new issue, hopefully challenged by some of it, and want to kill us for other parts. We are continually trying to work on, through, and sometimes over shit. We will continue to provide as much news, action updates, and reports from the frontlines of the resistance to this system of domination we are out to destroy. We try to include perspectives and ideas that may not fall into the usual scope of either a "green-anarchist" or "insurrectionary" publication. Much of this issue is re-printed from interesting current and dated (but vital) sources, but there is also a good amount of original writings, art, poems, rants, and, of course, a few spasms involving cops. Highlights include: *"The Selling Of Anarchy: Happy Packaging For A Serious Struggle"*, *"Does Anybody Here Remember Autonomy"*, *"This Is Not A Love Story: Armed Struggle Against The Institutions Of Patriarchy"*, and the full text of Ward Churchill's *"Some People Push Back: On The Justice Of Roosting Chickens"*. We do not necessarily encourage you to participate in anything promoted in here, but we sure as hell wouldn't discourage any of it either. (96-pages)

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