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Samantha Dorsett R.I.P.

From *Plan-it-x*

Samantha was known and loved all over the country, especially in Bloomington, IN; Pensacola, FL and the Bay Area, where she lived most recently. She lived in Bloomington, IN for many years and was integral to the foundation of the thriving DIY punk activist community there that is known all over the world. She founded the DIY punk label – Plan-it-X Records and the radical bookstore and infoshop, Secret Sailor Books which inspired and continues as Boxcar Books in Bloomington. She spent a few years in Pensacola, FL and most recently lived in the bay area where she was active with the Slingshot newspaper/organizer collective.

Sam was involved in many, many projects and amazing things over the years, she was brilliant, incredibly passionate and dedicated to fighting injustice and all that is wrong in the world. She was as rare as they come, in so many beautiful ways.

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Squat Evicted; Protests Met with Brutal Repression: Solidarity

Hunting the Opponent : French Police Shoots With Flashball Guns Demonstrators in the Head. One of them loose an Eye.

Wednesday, July 8th, the police and local Swat team evicted a squat in Montreuil (very East of Paris), the "Clinique", an empty building in front of an open-air market occupied since January. The inhabitants were making many collective activities, workshops opened to the local population : a cine-club, a street radio, a free canteen, concerts, duties to organize

collectively facing welfare institutions, owners and housing problems.

During the evening, a street canteen and a gathering were organized to protest against this eviction, in a pedestrian area close to the squat. At 10 p.m demonstrators headed on to the Clinique, lit fireworks, started to talk to the three guardsmen of the newly walled up squat. In ambush, cops charged at demonstrators without warning and shot them with flashball guns (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flash-ball>), aiming at their heads. Five people got hit from torso to head. One of them got hit in the eye. Brought in emergency at the hospital, he had a surgery, but his eye couldn't be saved.

Three demonstrators are still under arrest after 24 hours.

So many people have had irreversible harms cause of the use of those weapons. During the past year, in France, at least three demonstrators have been hit in the eye : a 17 year old college kid in Brittany in a demo past autumn, a toulousan who was taking part to an expropriation in a super-market this spring and now, our friend.

To get more flashball guns, police argued that those guns were non-lethal and that their use would be strictly supervised. Facts prove the contrary : empowered by their impunity, cops use everyday those guns, deliberately ignoring the so-called "proportional response", shooting to hurt, often at very close range.

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Why She Doesn't Give A Fuck About Your Insurrection

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The ladies agree: it's about to fucking explode.

It has already begun to rip from its seams. You begin the chant: "off the sidewalk, into the future!", but still wonder why we're convinced it's so fucking unlikely that our futures will soon converge.

We're shouting from the same sidewalk, but where you see the potentialities of the street and liberal douchebags scared shitless to challenge their passivity, I notice the identities behind the bodies that remain docile as compared to those stepping off the curb.

Maybe everyday life will remain fucking petty and beyond salvation, but when that everyday life is suffocating our abilities to participate in a struggle for liberation, it's bullshit to write it off as irrelevant. We are not living an isolated instance of resistance: if history can't teach us anything else, we should at least realize that our goals must include all forms of liberation.

Fuck your coming to shit only to fight with cops, fuck NYC's book release party for The Coming Insurrection, fuck the specifics of all the shit motivating the writing of this. Let's talk about rectifying the pseudo-divide between "insurrectionist anarchism" and "identity politics", reuniting barricades and unshaven legs, bonding riot and grrl.

I don't want to suggest that starting a fucking vegetable garden will start the rev or that we should stay off the streets and talk about the patriarchy. But if you give a damn at all about making this sustainable and not pissing off approximately 52% of the population, we need to take this shit into account and shift the politics of insurrectionary anarchism into a place of total liberation.

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poster 1: *When it comes to you dismissing Call and Coming Insurrection, it seems that either you haven't read them or you just have not understood them, because your criticism just doesn't criticize what's said in the books.*

poster 2: *I'm not dismissing either - I actu-*

ally just copied a dozen copies of The Call to give to folks because I think it's good. Nevertheless, I take issue with - and wrote this specifically in response to - the ways in which more than one crew of insurrectionists have interpreted the texts to mean that they don't need to work on "identity politics." I pointed out specific instances that I've had the texts quoted *to me* about why talking about accountability is besides the point (i.e. the insurrection) and attempted to refute the out of context quotes as statements unto themselves. That being said, I'm frustrated that folks are more stuck on whether I quoted Tiqqun/the Invisible Committee right than whether the ways in which insurrectionary ideals are put into practice are fucked up - because, they are. And, for the record, I'm not white.

poster 3: *i should also point out that her experience is in no way exceptional or isolated. whether or not an attitude dismissive of feminism is explicitly prescribed in the books in question, it's definitely prevalent among the insurrectionists of that strain that i know personally. this is an attempt to call those people out on what they think entitles them to that kind of bullshit.*

poster 4: Wow, this might be the most self-righteous thing I've ever read, to the point of hilarity even. Does the word "Reactionary" mean anything to you? Oh, and not that even matters, but it seems that the so-called 'insurrectionist' circle is much more multi-gendered and multi-racial than people opposed to it want to acknowledge, big surprise.

read so very much more at
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Peer to Peer Economies

and the Revolution in Values

From Z Mag - By Michel Bauwens

I: The Economics of P2P

Peer-to-peer social processes are bottom-up processes whereby agents in a distributed network can freely engage in common pursuits, without external coercion, i.e. 'permissionlessly' undertake actions and relations. This requires not just 'decentralized' systems, but 'distributed' systems, through which individuals can cooperate. Distributed networks do have constraints, forms of internal coercion,

that are the conditions for the group to operate, and these may be embedded in the technical infrastructure, the social norms, or legal rules. Despite these caveats, we have a remarkable social dynamic here, one that is based on voluntary participation in the creation of common goods, which are made universally available to all.

Peer-to-peer processes are emerging in literally every cranny of social life, and have been extensively documented in the 9,000+ pages of documentation at the Foundation for Peer to Peer Alternatives, and many other places on the Web.

P2P social processes more precisely engender:

- 1) peer production: wherever a group of peers decides to engage in the production of a common resource
- 2) peer governance: the means they choose to govern themselves while they engage in such a pursuit
- 3) peer property: the institutional and legal framework they choose to guard against the private appropriation of this common work; this usually takes the form of non-exclusionary forms of universal common property, as defined through the General Public License, some forms of Creative Commons licenses, or similar derivatives.

Peer governance combines free self-aggregation of individual skills and universally broadcast tasks, processes for communal validation of excellence within the broader pool of input, and defence mechanisms against private appropriation and sabotage. Peer governance differs from hierarchical allocation of resources, from allocation through the market, and even from democracy, as these are all mechanisms for dealing with scarce resources. Peer governance essentially aims at, and often succeeds in, making sure that no formal 'representative group' can take decisions separate from the community of peer producers.

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Recent "Tarnac 9" Related Arrests in Italy and Germany

Translated from Soutien - by Not Bored

On 16 and 17 July [2009], three German comrades were summoned by judges in Berlin and Hamburg, in the framework of the "Tarnac Affair." In Berlin, following a gathering in front of the French Em-

bassy, they were brought before a judge to whom, in conformity with what they said, they made no statements. The German authorities were responding to the rogatory commission launched by Judge Fragnoli, who based his suspicions about the two Berliners on the fact that, ten years ago, they had been arrested and released following a campaign that sabotaged train lines to protest against the shipments of nuclear wastes over them.

Two weeks ago, in Perouse [Italy], two companions were thrown in jail, following a vast operation by the media and the police that merits attention. While the newspapers (Le Nouvel Observateur in France and all of the Italian press) congratulated themselves that two dangerous terrorists had been arrested at the moment they were trying to sabotage train lines, it came out that, in fact, it was 16 months ago that the two companions had been spotted by the Italian federal police not far from a railroad line and that the police didn't arrest them so as to be able to continue to surveill them.

The terms in which the forty searches and the arrests of thirty-seven people (charged with "organization of and participation in a subversive association of anarcho-insurrectionalist inspiration that seeks to commit criminal acts with the purpose of terrorism and overthrowing the democratic order") have the same laughable grandiloquence as "Operation Taiga," this time called "Operation Shadow." Here one also flatters oneself with having "neutralized a dangerous anarcho-insurrectionalist cell," since the investigation established "the concrete risk that the arrested parties could, in pursuit of their project, commit offenses of the same type or even more serious ones, which are unforeseeable but inescapable." Lacking the ability to reproach the two in prison with actually sabotaging the train lines, one has accused them of having the intention to do so. And even if they are finally cleared, the procedure will at least have had the merit of putting them under pressure. As with "Tarnac," here it is a question of manuals of sabotage, fanzines communicating black projects, hypothetical campaigns of destabilization, this time coordinated with people in Greece and Spain. One will not be disorientated by learning that the Italian police forces have created their own FAASI,[1] which no longer means the "French Anarcho-Autonomous Sphere of Influence," but the "Florentine Anarcho-Autonomous Sphere of Influ-

ence." Quite obviously, these raids came a few days before the meeting of the G8. The local anti-terrorist unit (the Regrouping of Special Operations) judged the moment opportune to try to dissuade and disorganize any contestation, and not so much to prosecute an intention to sabotage that was more than a year old. But it was [Antonio] Tajani, the European Commissioner of Transportation, who provided the key to so many happy similarities: immediately after the raids, he gave comical "compliments to the ROS[2] for having frustrated an attack upon the security of rail transport," and then proclaimed, "Europe is on Italy's side concerning what reinforces security."

The summoning of the German comrades, the Italian raids, and the deployment of anti-terrorism against the "anarcho-autonomous" peril in France reveals one and the same imperial strategy, employed at the European level: the strategy of neutralizing political subversion. They conspire against use internationally; thus it is internationally that we must conspire against them.

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Korean police fail to break Ssangyong factory occupation

South Korean police were not able to carry through with a pledge to enter a Ssangyong Motor Co. factory, which has been occupied by fired workers for almost two months, as the carmaker tries to resume production at the plant.

About 800 fired employees were still in a paint shop, confronting more than 3,000 police as of 5:22p.m. in Seoul, Ssangyong spokesman Cha Ki Woong said by phone at the plant in Pyeongtaek, where the automaker is based.

Ssangyong came under court control in February, after facing a "serious" cash shortage as the global recession damped demand for the automaker's sport-utility vehicles while it lost domestic customers to Hyundai Motor Co. and Kia Motors Corp. The occupation has caused production losses of about 10,800 vehicles worth 230 billion won (\$183 million) as of July 15, according to the automaker.

The Gyeonggi Provincial Police Agency said earlier today it will enter the factory to assist a court officer demanding the former employees leave the factory. The court officer left after failing to de-

liver the document, said Ssangyong's Cha. Police spokesman Kim Dong Ho declined to comment.

A strikebreaking Ssangyong worker was hit by a projectile from the occupied factory and was sent to the hospital.

Ssangyong plans to eliminate 36 percent of its workforce to return to profit and meet a Sept. 15 court deadline to submit a restructuring plan to avoid liquidation.

About 800 workers are still in the plant and they'll resist "in the face of death" if police tries to forcibly disperse them, union spokesman Lee Chang Kun said by phone.

The output losses at Ssangyong will rise to 14,590 vehicles worth 316 billion won by the end of July if the former workers continue the occupation, which has stopped Ssangyong's production entirely.

Last month, an attempt to retake the factory resulted in between 10 and 20 injuries as company-hired security guards and the occupying workers scuffled.

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Olympia Anarchists Sentenced for May Day 2008 "Riot"

Statement:

On Tuesday, July 21st, 4 local individuals were sentenced for smashing bank windows, "rioting", and thwarting the arrests of others on May Day '08 in Olympia. The court house in Olympia was packed with supporters. A ring of police stood between us and the judge, smirking and chatting with the prosecutor during recess.

The actual crime of this whole affair is the persistence of the state, its apologizers and witless functionaries, and the daily coercion which becomes concentrated against individuals who show resistance.

This was displayed nakedly as the prosecutor and judge showed special enmity for our companero, Bryan, by ordering 120 days in jail because he held his head up during the proceedings intended for humiliation. We know that jail time is one of the prods used by Authority to break a human being down into subservience. In this regard, we think Bryan may still be better off than others who received less time, because his spirit was never fooled that the same State which is purposefully attacked every May Day might spare anyone even a little breathing room

from its wretched odor.

We are reminded of a comrade in Greece, Ilias Nikolau, accused of an explosion on the police in January, who sees clearly the stakes of his imprisonment. He writes, "To all those who think that they have overcome me, that they have overcome us...For me and my comrades it works just the other way around! Because as long as there are prisoners of war, we will continue to struggle."

We are sickened by Bryan's lawyer, who thought his liberal grandiloquence would convince the liberal judge of anything but more of the same. Had he watched Stefanie's defense (Stefanie abstained from groveling and was granted 30 days of electronic monitoring), at the very least we might have been saved 30 minutes incarceration by his painful sermon. The other sentences were 45 days for Randal, and 30 days for Shyam. References by almost every suit around the court indicated that the final absconded defendant, "the At-large Mr. Wilson", was being vilified to the furthest extent. We all laughed at the twit piece-of-shit prosecutor describing black clothing as 'combat attire', but the judge threatened us to be silent because she wanted to give her dirty verdict and then disappear from any responsibility of her own. Some grumbles accompanied our departure and someone shouted to her before leaving that she embraced a vision of democratic self-deprecation. We feel that the Judge and Prosecutor attempt to inseminate their filthy Ideal of pacifist democracy and the sanctity of property.

All four have two weeks before beginning their sentences, as well as two years probation. The other two arrestees, Daniel B. and Forest, have already served 60 day sentences. Plank of America is requesting +\$10K for its broken windows, and the judge will most likely comply with that bullshit, too, in the next month.

Do you think we ignore that in other countries your doppelgangers simply kill our comrades for their crimes? Do you think we forget all those who have been 'suicided' inside your wards? Why do you think that in Greece and Germany it is not so forgotten that the state prosecutors and prison directors were the target of attacks? It is because we understand this entire open-air prison to be a death threat. As the torment increases, we will continue fighting for our lives!

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2nd Pró-FASP Encounter - Final Notes, Documents

From *Anarkismo*

2nd Encounter towards an Anarchist Federation of São Paulo

Final notes from the 2nd Encounter towards an Anarchist Federation of São Paulo and documents distributed or read at the Encounter: "Points of Departure", "Theory: Especificismo as a Form of Anarchist Organisation" and the "Initial Greeting". There are also some photos.

Final note about the 2nd PRÓ-FASP Encounter

The Pró-Fasp Collective wishes to announce that the 2nd Encounter towards an Anarchist Federation of São Paulo was a great success.

Our expectations were exceeded, both with regard to the number of participants - around 150 people - and to the quality of the debates.

We will now start to make contact with all those who took part in the Encounter so that we can facilitate joint activities. We also renew our invitation to anyone who is interested in joining the collective to get in touch.

Our website will now undergo a period of maintenance in order to improve it.

Once again, we would like to thank everyone for their participation and dedication. It is thanks to you that we can continue our path towards a just and free society with more energy than before.

Long live anarchy!

[Translation by FdCA-International Relations Office.]

Points of Departure

Pró-Federação Anarquista de São Paulo (FASP)

All militants who are interested in becoming members of the FASP must agree with the following "points of departure", which we consider to be the basic minimum in order to be able to participate in the debates [leading up to the constitution of the organisation].

a. Understand anarchism as an ideology and thus as a system of ideas, motivations and aspirations that are necessarily linked to action aimed at transforming society, at political practice.

b. Support social anarchism, in permanent contact with the class struggle of the social movements of our times, functioning as an instrument of struggle and not as pure

philosophy or in small isolated, sectarian groups.

c. Have a concept of class that, while still remaining to be established more precisely, includes all the exploited sectors of our society.

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Spy for the US Military Exposed

From *Infoshop News*

"John Jacob" was an activist well liked by many in Tacoma and Olympia, WA. He was active in the anti-war and anarchist communities in both towns. He did extensive work with the group Port Militarization Resistance (PMR) which blocks military shipments to and from Iraq and Afghanistan through Northwest ports. He went to numerous Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) events and actions, was interested in starting a chapter or Movement for a Democratic Society, worked closely with Iraq Veterans Against the War, but spent most of his time with anarchists. Aside from attending meetings, events and actions organized by activists, he spent much personal and leisure time with other anarchists in the area.

But some recent records requests done through the City of Olympia, asking the City for any information on anarchists/anarchism/anarchy, SDS and the radical union Industrial Workers of the World, surfaced an email from a John J Towery II from Fort Lewis Force Protection with a daily force protection update for Fort Lewis. Interested in this email and the name attached to it, several activists did some research that eventually confirmed the identity of "John Jacob" as John J Towery II.

Two anarchists met with John Towery after this information was confirmed. By his own admission, John Towery spent the past two years spying on anarchists, Iraq and Afghanistan War veterans, SDSers and anti-war activists in Tacoma, Olympia and the Pacific Northwest. He admitted that he reported to an intelligence network that included county sheriffs from Pierce, Thurston and other WA counties, municipal police agencies from Tacoma, Olympia, Seattle and elsewhere, WA State Police, the US Army, FBI, Homeland Security, Joint Terrorism Task Force, and Im-

migration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agency among other agencies.

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Smack a White Boy Part Two: CrimethInc. Eviction

Note: this is a brief summary of the actions that took place, and in no way describes the situation in full

Dread locked white punks, crusties with their scabies friends, and traveling college bros swarmed a space on the dividing line of gentrification in the Bloomfield/Garfield/Friendship area late July 09 in Pittsburgh for the annual CrimethInc convergence. Whereas previous CrimethInc convergences had been located deep in wooded areas, this particular one took place in a poor, black neighborhood that is being pushed to the borders by entering white progressive forces.

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Just a few blocks away, eight anarchist/autonomous/*anti*-authoritarian people of color* gathered to discuss a direct confrontation. We arrived from different parts of these stolen lands of the Turtle Island. Some came from the Midwest, some from the Northeast, some born and raised in Pittsburgh. Altogether we represented 7 different locations, half of us socialized as female a variety of sizes, skin color, with identities of queers, trans, gender-queers, gender variants, and womyn. With little time and a desire for full consensus, we quickly devised a plan. A local apocista offered safer space housing for unarrestables, parents, and children of color, we planned to extend that offer to the best of our abilities. We departed toward the convergence from our local apoc Pittsburgh friends with complete support.

Upon entering the convergence space, we each immediately began to fulfill our roles. One apocista's role was informing a mother of color and her child about the action and then offering safer space housing for the duration of their stay. This same apocista also began informing other POC that were not already aware of our plan of what was about to take place and inviting them to join us or to remove themselves from the area if they chose. Some apocista checked in with allies about our time schedule, also ensuring that there would be look outs for cops.

read much much more at <http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/8794>