Are We Losing? - an editorial

Some anarchists have made the audacious claim that the fall of the Soviet Union and the resulting rise of neo-Liberalism (aka the new Corporatism) have put anarchism into the position of being the radical opposition for our time. This claim seems to make sense as anarchism is international (not NIMBY localism), uncompromised (by victory), and not compromising (liberal). There are other political tendencies that share many of our values but, like anarchism, they are fleeting and small. On the other hand, if the amount that the Canadian State spent on the Toronto G20 earlier in the year is any indication we have risen to the level of an enemy of the state.

But that is entirely in the realm of illusion. Enormous police budgets haven’t been spent on anything that can actually be considered part of an anarchist project (and media exposure of our prisoners and persecuted do not count). And we have been playing the “anarchists are coming to town” game for nearly a decade and it has largely grown thin, either as a terrorizing narrative (to windows everywhere) or as something that is interna- tionally inspiring (outside one or two trips). Around 2000 it wasn’t impossible (even if it seemed odd) to imagine traveling to Quebec, Genoa, and Seattle while keeping a fire in the belly about our chances to impact multinational organizations and the towns that host them. Today it is more common to hear stories along the lines of “one and I’m out” whether it is the RNC 2008, COP15, or Toronto G20. One experience of sound cannons, multiple tear gassings, and direct state repression (by the nightstick, boot and lawyer) is usually enough to teach the lesson of what exactly is going on around here.

Local projects used to be a regenerative place for anarchist folk. Projects that fed people, supported prisoners, and provided local radical infrastructure were all examples of the unappreciated but shared and long term work that would feed back on itself, nurturing an atmosphere of project- uctuality that made the anarchist space in many towns seem vital and attractive. While this still exists in many locations, there is also a vocal tendency to belittle this kind of work as “not effective” or aesthetically displeasing to anarchists who only see valuable local work in propaganda or direct action (against breakable public space). Both sides of this argument serve to silence anarchist work that is outside of the circles that have taken stands in this innocuous (but heated) disagreement.

The different political persuasions in North American anarchism don’t seem to be doing particularly well either. Groups are breaking up and the groups that are forming seem to be more ethereal and tenuous than ever. Red anarchism seems to have little to celebrate beyond a yearly meeting. Green anarchism appears to have disappeared altogether. Insurrectionary anarchism is such an approximate tendency that to even say that it exists in a distinguishable form requires eliminating well over 50% of the people who are inspired by it. Perhaps the only persuasion that is healthy is the event planning wing. Pick any month of the year and there is probably a book fair being held in at least one town and (nearly universally) the attendees have a jolly good time perusing titles and having conversations they could be having with each other every day if it weren’t for the death of the independent bookstore and the fact that most of us are spending all of our time online anyway...

But are we losing? Of course we are. Both on an existential axis and in real material ways anarchism is not a revolution- ary movement that holds a lot of stake in winning. How else can we maintain a relationship with a movement that has lost every conflict it has been in (and will probably lose every future conflict too)?

The better question may very well be how are we winning? The mere threat of us showing up can cost the state nearly a billion dollars. More and more we are choosing to make our impact precisely, either by showing up at one event in a distant land, by participating in long term local projects, or by devoting our energy to getting the word out. Anarchists have made a commitment to modernity which can be seen in their propaganda (in content and–strikingly–in form), in their strategy against the death of the independent bookstore, and in their sophisticated presence on the Internet. Finally anarchists are spending less and less time on time-wasting feuds defending a singular orthodox position on any number of questions. This does not mean that there is any less vitality on questions around violence, strategy, tactics, or ethics but those questions no longer have to be written in one color of ink to be read by a lot of the anarchist space.

Anarchists are winning. Not as a political movement abolishing the state and capitalism, but as an eclectic and paradoxical set of practices that reflect a changed world and a world still worth changing (and not abandoning). Our victory is that while we are the most vital political tendency in opposition to the totality of the existing order and have no significant possibility of forcing our solutions onto the body politic we are still visible and insisting on our approach. We win because we are more like the tortoise than the hare.
Support
Christopher Monfort
From Toronto Mobilize

It has been almost year now since Christopher Monfort was arrested and shot by three Seattle cops outside of his Tukwila apartment (which left him paralyzed and in a wheelchair). The police responded to a tip in relation to the scene in Seattle last Halloween when one Seattle police officer was shot. The cop killing has been linked to the Oct. 22 2009 arson of four police cars in Seattle. In both incidents American flags were left behind. While at the arson, leaflets related to the beating of a young black girl in King County (http://www.seattlepi.com/local/401779_schene28.html) were left behind as well, reading “These deaths are dedicated to (King County Sheriff’s) Deputy Travis Bruner, he stood by and did nothing, as Deputy Paul Schene Bruttally beat and Unarmed 14 year old Girl in their care.”

Monfort has been imprisoned since last November. Little support has been given to him. Monfort is not an anarchist, his ideas differ greatly from most anarchist thought. Nonetheless, he is open to dialog and like most others, would appreciate communication. Take this as an opportunity to engage with someone who has taken their ideas to their conclusions and/or offer an analysis to debate.

Monfort’s next hearing is Dec 6 in Seattle. The prosecutor is perusing the death penalty.

Write to Christopher Monfort at:

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more at:
http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/12644

New Mt. Hope Infinity Defendant Added

In May 2009, the multi-million dollar right-wing non-profit Alliance Defense Fund filed a federal law suit on behalf of Mt. Hope Church under the Freedom of Access to Clinical Entrances Act. The lawsuit named 13 individuals, as well as Bash Back! as a whole, Bash Back! Lansing, and 20 “John” and “Jane Doe”s (who the ADF is in the process of identifying). ADF and Mt. Hope Church seek, first, a broad injunction that could dramatically hinder future activism that resists the institutionalization of religious fundamentalism. Second, they asked for an unknown, but assuredly large, sum of money in supposed “damages” and trial costs.

The injunction, if granted, would set legal precedent. Imagine it was legally impossible to protest anti-choice organizations or “ex-gay” conferences. With this lawsuit we may be making new law regarding these types of demonstrations.

Last week the ADF identified one of the “Jesse” Does. There are still 19 more spots.

The Mt. Hope Infinity is in need of support in any form, especially financial, media and kind words.

http://bashbackininfinity.wordpress.com/

If you’d like to join the (small) support team, or help out in any way, email bashbackinfinity@hushmail.com.

more at:
http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/12701

Police Raid Camas Educational Bookstore
From Vancouver Mediacoop - Camas Educational Bookstore

Victoria, BC on November 5, 2010: the Victoria Police Department entered Camas Books, 2590 Quadra Street with a warrant to search and seize computer equipment and documents. Four volunteers were detained while officers searched the premise, seizing 2 computers, a Camas Educational Society annual report, and Shaw and Telus account bills.

The Camas Educational Society is a not-for-profit registered society that functions collectively to operate the volunteer run Camas Books and Info. Camas Books first opened its doors in September 2007, with the intention of providing a voice for social justice perspectives, and helping to foster a spirit of solidarity with other such struggles taking place globally. The Camas Collective has a mandate to keep the store and space as accessible and inclusive as possible in order to provide free access to internet and print information that follows our mission statement, akin to a library.

The Camas Collective has received no information from police about any incident that the search and seizure may be pertaining to, or what lead police to the book store.

For more information on Camas Books or the Camas Educational Society, go to www.camas.ca

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Two Olympia Radicals Charged With Perjury
From Matt and Maggi blog

We are asking for your support of two Olympia activists, Matt (Matthew Duran) and Maggi (Margaret Belknap), who have been charged with perjury in connection with their participation in an anti-police demonstration in Olympia, WA on April 8th. The demonstration occurred in reaction to recent police murders in Olympia, Portland, Tacoma, and the Bay Area.

The march had attendance and support we haven’t seen in years. During a mass arrest, 29 people went to jail (The State Street 29) of the original approximately 50 participants, most of whom were not charged. Several people were beaten or pepper balled, sat on the ground for hours in the cold waiting to be escorted off one by one, without being told what they were charged with, without being fed, without being allowed to call attorneys... you know the story. Like many experiences people have in jail, their treatment wasn’t the best - they were singled out for harsher treatment based on their political views.

...We were all excited when we thought this ordeal was over, but now they are facing new charges. When Maggi was initially charged with two counts of assault of an officer, she testified in her own defense. Matt, who was a witness to her arrest, also testified. Both testified that Maggi did not assault the officer, instead suggesting that perhaps it was the officer who assaulted her.

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Trial Begins of John Graham, Native Land Defender

As many who have been following this case know, John Graham has been charged with the 1970’s murder of his friend and comrade in the American Indian Movement (AIM), Anna Mae Aquash. Throughout the trial we will bring you the latest from court and the situation.

We understand the real intentions of this so called “investigation” to be two-fold. The first is an attempt by the State to rewrite history in order to cover up the brutal acts of repression they themselves committed. The second intent is to neutralize Native American struggle for survival in the face of colonial and economic domination.

No news is objective and we are not here to pretend.

To receive email updates during the next few weeks of trial contact:
freejohngraham_info@riseup.net

UPDATE: RAPID CITY, SD, 11/29/10

Today, jury selection began in the trial of Tuchone native John Graham. So far only four jury members have been selected. The process is expected to take at least until Wednesday.

Attorney for the defense, John Murphy made a thorough examination of the prospective jurors. Responding to questioning, a number of jurors admitted to being familiar with AIM activities in the 1970’s. Those familiar with AIM, also shared that they had negative feelings towards AIM at that time, spurred by the media and effects AIM activity had on certain businesses. All said that this was in the past and would not impact their impartiality now as jurors.

As you may know, federal charges against Graham were repeatedly dismissed because prosecutors couldn’t prove they had the authority to charge him, as Graham and Aquash are both from “Canadian tribes”. The case is now being tried in state court.

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Brothers Convicted In Olympic Protest-Turned-Skirmish

From Chicago CBS

CHICAGO (STMG) — Two of six people were convicted on Thursday for their alleged involvement in damaging a 2016 Olympic banner being put on the Daley Center’s Picasso statue during the push to host the games last year.

Jeremy Hammond, 24, of Chicago and his twin brother, Jason Hammond of Glenn Dale Heights were convicted of mob action following a bench trial, Cook County State’s Attorney’s office spokesman Andy Conklin said.

Jeremy Sorkin, 21, of Chicago and Brian C. Brown, 22, of Itasca were acquitted, Conklin said.

Two other defendants, 21-year-old Johnathon Clark of North Carolina and 20-year-old Anna Stafford of Wheatfield, Ind., pleaded guilty last year to misdemeanor charges and were sentenced to court supervision and community service, Conklin said.

The anti-Olympics group damaged the banner on Sept. 30, 2009, as it was being placed on the Picasso, police said. A bicycle cop also got into a scrape with five of the protesters, who were then arrested, police said.

The six were initially charged with mob action and criminal damage to property, police said. All but Brown was also charged with resisting and obstructing a peace officer.

Just two days later, Chicago was the first of four finalists to be eliminated by the International Olympic Committee.

The Hammond brothers will be sentenced Nov. 29, Conklin said.

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Solidarity Actions with the Asheville 11 on the first of the month!

Asheville 11 defense

Eleven people arrested in Asheville, NC on May 1 still face outrageous felony conspiracy and rioting charges simply for being in a neighborhood in which some windows were broken. Although support for the defendants has been growing steadily, the District Attorney is stubbornly clinging to this opportunity to defame and demonize anarchists. It is increasingly clear that the outcome of the case hinges on the attention and support the 11 receive.

Last month, an appeal went out for solidarity actions to take place on the first day of every month, in support of the Asheville 11. In response, on November 1, banners were dropped in Asheville and Oklahoma City. In San Francisco, 11 banks, businesses, and construction sites were sabotaged, and a lengthy communication emphasized the importance of solidarity in an era when communication itself is criminalized as “conspiracy.” Some beautiful new support posters and stickers appeared, as well.

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http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/12743

David Japenga Sentenced

From PITTSBURGH TRIBUNE-REVIEW - By Bobby Kerlik

An Allegheny County judge this morning declined to free from jail the man blamed for much of the damage in Oakland during G-20 protests last year.

Common Pleas Judge Borkowski sentenced David Japenga, 21, to 6 to 18 months in the Allegheny County Jail. Japenga has been in the Uptown lockup since the judge revoked his bond following his August conviction by a jury. Japenga has about four months’ credit toward his sentence.

The jury convicted Japenga of four misdemeanors and a felony for breaking windows at Citizens Bank, Irish Design Center and Quizno’s on Sept. 24 while world leaders met in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Downtown.

Japenga told the judge that his time on house arrest with electronic monitoring made him reflect on his life....

But the judge held up a flyer found in the house Japenga was living in with several other people after he was arrested. The flyer read, “We want to riot, not work.”

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http://anarchistnews.org/?q-node/12780
Towards a Family-Friendly Radical Movement: Intergenerational Liberation for All

From ElevenOClock Alchemy

... In the US, motherhood is the single biggest risk factor for poverty in old age. 5 Though mothers are the most impacted, this effect is not confined to gender. Anyone choosing to devote her time to the unpaid caregiving of children, people with disabilities, or our elders is subject to economic and social hardship and isolation. This family work is simply invisible and uncompensated under capitalism. It’s also worth noting that children themselves embody much that capitalism discourages and devalues: they are not productive in the traditional sense. They are often disorderly, reluctant to be controlled, and naturally distrustful of authority.

A hyper-individualist society takes no collective responsibility for children. It says that your choice to become a parent is yours alone, therefore an expectation of help from non-parents is unreasonable. This idea gets plenty of play in radical and anarchist circles, as another comment on Infoshop.org, in response to an article (penned by myself), advocating for the inclusion of families in the anarchist community, demonstrates: “Get this homiegirl—i’m a woman and i don’t care about your fucking kid. Clearly i must be internalizing patriarchy if i don’t drop everything i CARE ABOUT TO DEAL WITH YOUR CHILD. Does this mean i think you or your child should be treated badly? No. But i don’t want kids and i don’t want to help you take care of yours.”

Milton Friedman would be proud.

... The 12 percent of the world’s population that lives in North America and Western Europe accounts for 60 percent of private consumption spending, while the one-third living in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa accounts for only 3.2 percent. 7 This over-consumption is, in effect, force-fed to the population by the powers that be. Let’s stop needlessly targeting parents and kids as the problem and keep the heat on the enemy—the most egregious polluters and consumers by far—the military and corporate industrial complexes.

... much more at:
http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/12643

poster a: Spending time cultivating friendships of varying levels of intimacy, only to have those folks either move away to greener pastures or to bail on the radical scene altogether feels shitty, and women having babies is a sign that this is the future that invariably awaits. Exceptions certainly exist, but they are too rare to be held up as models. So check yourself with all the defensiveness and the unconvinced justifications and unthinking promotion for breeding and its role in radical intergenerational continuity. No matter how much we might wish it were true, it’s not automatic.

poster b: Yeah, it does feel shitty. But guess who is more likely to STICK, to be part of an enduring backbone or community than the eternal 20-something anarcho-tourist? Folks that lay down some roots and actually commit to a geographical community. And the folks having kids/raising a family are exactly those kind of folks. It ain’t automatic but get your head out of your backwards ass.

poster a: I know that my point might seem counter-intuitive, but given the precariousness of most people in our scene, it’s more likely that as things become more difficult for our young breeder comrades that rather than settling in and committing to a geographical community that cannot help support them, the temptation to move back to the nest of their parents is quite high. I’ve seen it happen to often for it to be a mere coincidence. Another, more likely scenario, which you chose to ignore because you can’t possibly find any counter-argument, is that the breeders drop out of radical politics altogether. They’ll go hang out with other breeders for emotional and childcare support rather than with the childless radicals who may or may not appreciate the mewling and puking rugrats. My ass may appear backwards, but i’m working from my own observations, not some wishful thinking that children = geopolitical stability. When you’ve got a good job, some real community support, and a happy home life -- when you’re a good candidate for adopting a kid -- you’re much more likely to stick around than a 20 (or 30) something starry-eyed breeder who would never consider moving back home.

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The Oaxaca Commune & Mexico’s Coming Insurrection

Introduction

From June to October 2006, there were no police in the city of Oaxaca (population 600,000), not even to direct traffic. The governor and his functionaries met secretly in hotels or private homes; none of them dared to show up at their offices. The Popular Assembly of the Peoples of Oaxaca (APPO) had posted 24-hour guards in all the public buildings and radio and TV stations that it controlled. When the governor began sending out his goons to launch nocturnal guerrilla attacks against these guards, the people responded by putting up barricades. More than a thousand barricades were put up every night at 11 pm, around the encampments or at critical intersections. They would be taken down every morning at 6 am to restore normal traffic. Despite the attacks, there was less violence in those months (fewer assaults, deaths and injuries or traffic accidents) than in any similar period in the previous 10 years. Unionized workers belonging to APPO performed basic services like garbage collection.

Some observers began speaking of the Oaxaca Commune, evoking the Paris Commune of 1871. Oaxacans responded, smiling: “Yes, but the Paris Commune lasted only 50 days and we’ve already lasted more than 100.” The analogy is pertinent but exaggerated, except in terms of the reaction that these two popular insurrections elicited in the centers of power. Like the European armies that crushed the communards who had taken over all the functions of government, the Federal Preventive Police of Mexico, backed by the army and the navy, were sent to Oaxaca on 28 Oct 06 to try to control the situation. On 11 Nov those forces conducted a terrible repression, the worst in many years, with massive violation of human rights...

The operation, which included imprisonment of the supposed leaders of the movement and hundreds of others, was described by the International Commission for the Observation of Human Rights (which visited Oaxaca in January 2007) as “a juridical and military strategy ... whose ultimate purpose is to achieve control and intimidation of civil population”.

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Europe Resists: Greek Mail Bombs Sent to Many Heads of State, Woman Sentenced for Stabbing UK Lawmaker over Iraq War Atrocities

From Huffington Post

ATHENS, Greece — Suspected Greek terrorists unleashed an unprecedented two-day wave of mail bomb attacks in Athens and abroad, with one package reaching the office of German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Tuesday.

Greek militant groups are suspected of mounting the attacks targeting embassies in Athens and international organizations and foreign leaders abroad. If that is confirmed, it would mark a dramatic escalation for organizations that have never before attempted to strike targets abroad.

The campaign used small devices that only caused one injury and minimal damage. But it highlights the difficulty of keeping bombs out of the international delivery system – also a target of Yemen-based militants armed with more powerful and potentially deadly explosives.

Security at all embassies in Athens has been increased and authorities on Tuesday suspended all international mail deliveries from Greece for 48 hours for further checks.

By Tuesday evening, at least 11 mail bombs had been detected in the Greek capital – one addressed to French President Nicolas Sarkozy and eight to the embassies of Bulgaria, Russia, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, Chile, the Netherlands and Belgium.

... Bombs addressed to embassies and state leaders were not likely to reach their intended targets, said Andrew Silke, Director Terrorism Studies at the University of East London. But the bombers probably achieved their aim by generating worldwide publicity.

much more at:
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Julian Assange and the Computer Conspiracy

From Zungu zungu

“To radically shift regime behavior we must think clearly and boldly for if we have learned anything, it is that regimes do not want to be changed. We must think beyond those who have gone before us, and discover technological changes that embolden us with ways to act in which our forebears could not. Firstly we must understand what aspect of government or neocorporatist behavior we wish to change or remove. Secondly we must develop a way of thinking about this behavior that is strong enough carry us through the mire of politically distorted language, and into a position of clarity. Finally must use these insights to inspire within us and others a course of ennobling, and effective action.”

Julian Assange, “State and Terrorist Conspiracies”

The piece of writing which that quote introduces is intellectually substantial, but not all that difficult to read, so you might as well take a look at it yourself.
http://iq.org/conspiracies.pdf

Most of the news media seems to be losing their minds over Wikileaks without actually reading these essays, even though he describes the function and aims of an organization like Wikileaks in pretty straightforward terms. But, to summarize, he begins by describing a state like the US as essentially an authoritarian conspiracy, and then reasons that the practical strategy for combating that conspiracy is to degrade its ability to conspire, to hinder its ability to “think” as a conspiratorial mind. The metaphor of a computing network is mostly implicit, but utterly crucial: he seeks to oppose the power of the state by treating it like a computer and tossing sand in its diodes.

He begins by positing that conspiracy and authoritarianism go hand in hand, arguing that since authoritarianism produces resistance to itself — to the extent that its authoritarianism becomes generally known — it can only continue to exist and function by preventing its intentions (the authorship of its authority?) from being generally known. It inevitably becomes, he argues, a conspiracy:

Why Nihilism is Not Anarchy

From Nihil

There are many around you who use language for its flavor. They talk about what they want to believe, rather than what makes sense, because they are trying to construct an identity or an excuse for their own failings.

... The philosopher F.W. Nietzsche remains tied to nihilism because he was the first to intelligibly discuss it beyond the idea that some people just wanted to destroy everything. He realized that an impulse toward senseless destruction was not nihilism, but a reverse of it; it was in itself a belief.

Nietzsche’s realization was that we as a species were coming out of a time when we believed in an inherent order: a God above, a single right way of doing things inherited from nature, a divine order of kings and aristocrats, and even an exceptional position to humans and earth.

What replaced that vision was modern science paired with the populist revolutions of 1789: we were one planet of many, the individual is alone in the universe, a lack of logical reasons for God and a democratic order replacing aristocrats. There was no inherent order to anything, only a baffling array of choices and science which revealed connections but could not prescribe a social order or meaningful direction to life.

As Nietzsche noted, our immediate tendency when confronted with this situation is to manufacture false inheritances.

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Authoritarian regimes give rise to forces which oppose them by pushing against the individual and collective will to freedom, truth and selfrealization. Plans which assist authoritarian rule, once discovered, induce resistance. Hence these plans are concealed by successful authoritarian powers. This is enough to define their behavior as conspiratorial.

much more at:
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Interview with the Seattle Solidarity Network (SeaSol), 2010

From Libcom.org interviews a member of the Seattle Solidarity Network, a direct action group that is dedicated to winning small fights against bosses and landlords over issues such as unpaid wages and stolen deposits.

Who are you?

I’m Matt, currently unemployed and living in Seattle, having moved here from England six years ago. I’ve been a member of Seattle Solidarity Network since it started, before that I was in the IWW in Seattle and various anarchist groups, such as the Anarchist Federation in the UK.

Briefly, what is the group?

Seattle Solidarity Network (SeaSol) is a small workers’ and tenants’ mutual aid group that focuses on winning small fights against bosses and landlords, over issues such as unpaid wages and stolen deposits, through the use of collective action in the form of pickets and demonstrations.

How big is it and what dates was it active from?

It’s hard to say exactly how big SeaSol is. If we quantify it by official membership, which has only recently been introduced, around sixty. Ten to forty people turn up to the average action, and we have a contact list of around four hundred people - I’m guessing that at least half have participated in one or more actions or events. The ‘organising team’ - the people who have agreed to a slightly higher level of commitment, who do most of the day to day work such as manning the phone tree, answering calls and meeting with new people - is made up of around a dozen members.

SeaSol started in the last months of 2007 and is still going strong.

How did it get started?

It got started because a small group of us, mostly IWW members and anarchists in Seattle, were frustrated with our current lack of activity.

... much more at:
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Anarchy in Indonesia

This interview was published in German in the book Von Jakarta bis Johannesburg - Anarchismus weltweit, Sebastian Kalicha & Gabriel Kuhn (eds.) Unrast Verlag 2010

Can you tell us about the history of anarchism in Indonesia?

MT: As far as I know from my friends’ stories and from what I’ve learned, the origin of anarchism in Indonesia came together with the arrival of punk music around 1998. At that time anarchism was synonymous with punk and some people in that community began to delve deeper into anarchic ideology and values. Since that time anarchist discourse began to develop amongst individuals or collectives in the punk/hardcore community, and later to a broader range of groups such as activists, students, workers; essentially reaching a wider public with different backgrounds.

Along with the spread of anarchist discourse, many discussions on this topic began to occur, and anarchist began to be debated, analysed and criticized more deeply (and this process continues until today, now with a wider arena of different analyses). The next step was to bring it into praxis, for instance forming collectives with anarchic principals and values (decentralized, non-hierarchical & consensus). Despite the many problems these collectives faced, collective models like this could be seen as something different, a counter to the model of groups which always seek to dominate (both in the political sphere and the non-political) through their hierarchical, centralist, and authoritarian forms or structures.

Actions such as Food Not Bombs can be regarded as one of the early forms of direct action emerging from an anarchic praxis here, along with producing zines and other publications, etc. At first the themes and issues of zines were mostly about the punk/hardcore surroundings, but as time went on and the process developed, more varied themes and issues were presented such as feminism,archy values, anti-capitalism, global & social resistance, variest of anarchism, environmental and animal movements, political news, etc. The progress of anarchy is also helped by the increasing levels of Internet access; internet media are used by our friends to disseminate information about anarchist discourse.

From Palestine News Network

The biggest problem for the Israeli Anarchists Against the Wall is organizing. With no functional leadership and no place to meet, they come together in Tel Aviv at vaguely agreed-upon times for bouts of organic, decentralized discourse and then disperse in borrowed cars and bicycles. The only reliable place to find the Anarchists together, it seems, is under a cloud of tear gas during one of the weekly anti-wall protests in the West Bank.

Though the Anarchists, formed in 2003, disdain position titles and spokespersons, it is seven-year veteran Dr. Kobi Snitz, 39, who functions as the group’s historian and figurehead.

“This is a metaphor for the popular struggle,” says Snitz, getting out of his battered Subaru to inflate the tire at a Tel Aviv gas station, on the way to a protest in the central West Bank village of al-Nabi Saleh. “Once you get to the demonstration, most of the work is already done.”

The work can be automotive, logistical, legal, or technological, but it usually boils down to the financial. “Everything is bad about money” for Snitz and the Anarchists between legal bills for arrested activists, much higher legal bills for Palestinians, the occasional gas mask, and replacement glass for the car windows that Israeli soldiers shoot out whenever they find a car used by the Anarchists, who they consider traitors. But high costs are just part of the job—to say nothing of injuries and arrests.

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formation about anarchist discourse.

PM: I think I have to tell you first, that Indonesian is not familiar with english language so even in that time internet was also started to spread, just a little bit of the whole first generation of anarcho-punk who understood what is anarchism theoretically.

much more at:
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As the World Burns

**Attack In Greece in Lead-Up To N17**

*From Ekathimerini*

Arson attack

A homemade explosive device placed in front of a private journalism school in the central Athens district of Kolonaki by unidentified arsonists caused serious damage to the five-floor building housing the enterprise when it detonated early yesterday but no injuries were reported. The force of the blast blew out all the windows on the first three floors, according to police, who said the device had comprised 27 gas canisters and cans of petrol.

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**Russian Embassy Attacked (Montreal, Quebec)**

The Russian Embassy in Montreal, QC had its windows smashed and paint thrown against its facade. This action took place during the days of solidarity called for between November 12th-15th in solidarity with those facing repression of the aftermath of the militant defense of the Khimki old growth forest in Russia. Freedom for ALL prisoners, from Russia to Canada

- anarchists

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**Pizza Hut Attacked: Makassar, Indonesia**

*From Jakartapost.com*

More than a dozen “motorcycle gang” threw molotov cocktails on Pizza Hut restaurant on Pettarani branch in city of Makassar. The action was conducted 04.30 this morning. Door and windows were smashed and the molotov caused enormous fire inside. The perpetrator also leave anti-capitalist message in front of the door.

more at: http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/12811

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**1 1/8 Portland Cop Car Smashing**

Last night we visited the parking lot under the Multnomah County department of "community" corrections on the corner of SE 10th and Stark. We slashed the tires of five unmarked patrol vehicles and doused them with paint stripper.

Hopefully it puts a smile on your face to know that the parole officers will be having a more difficult time harassing and imprisoning people today, as they shell out the $2.05 to do their patrols on the bus. We did this because we despise the institution of police, and care deeply and personally about its victims.

We want the police to know that they are not invincible and that there are people willing to attack all systems of oppression as long as they exist. This will take the form of building alternative systems of justice, and simultaneously smashing the fuck out of the old, oppressive ones. Sunday night was dedicated to the latter.

Freedom for all prisoners!
Justice before peace!
Solidarity with the Mapuches!

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**Molotov Cocktails against Buildings of Federal Judiciary Police**

*From Suiitcendres*

BRUSSELS - Molotov cocktails were thrown against the buildings of the Judicial Federal Police in Brussels. This was said by the television news of VTM and confirmed by the federal police.

The incendiary projectiles were thrown from the Kortenberglaan in Bruxelles against one of the sides of the buildings where are the central directions of Federal Police concerning economic and financial fraud (DJF) and of the technical and scientific police (DJT).

On the wall, traces of the flames of eight meters can be seen. On the inside of the buildings, the damage is limited. The authors are said to have broken the windows. Investigation is lead by the police of the zone Brussels-Ixelles.

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**Students Protest Fees in London U.K**

Tens of thousands of students took to the streets of London today in a demonstration that spiralled out of control when a fringe group of protesters hurled missiles at police and occupied the building housing Conservative party headquarters.

Tonight both ministers and protesters acknowledged that the demonstration – by far the largest and most dramatic yet in response to the government’s austerity measures – was "just the beginning" of public anger over cuts. Police, meanwhile, were criticised for failing to anticipate the scale of the disorder.

An estimated 52,000 people, according to the National Union of Students, marched through central London to display their anger over government plans to increase tuition fees while cutting state funding for university teaching.

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