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Tamara, APOC, School Occupations Bonanno, Teen Bandit, and Housing Protestations

and so much more

Solidarity with Spanish anarchist prisoner Tamara

On Tuesday 15 December, anarchist comrade Tamara was detained in Madrid. Her arrest warrant originated in Barcelona, from the Mossos d'Escuadra [Catalan autonomous police force]. She is accused of mailing a letter bomb to Albert Battle, director of the Penitentiary Institutions of Catalunya.

The continuation of the social war is the best homage that we can make for Tamara.

A space has been created at the Ateneu Llibertari del Besòs [an anarchist social center] to drop off things for Tamara, such as--

-Books

-Clothes that are not blue, nor grey pants [per prison regulations]

-Music CDs, originals and still in the packaging [not copies]

The address of the Ateneu is Rambla Prim 76, 08019 Barcelona, Espanya, include a note inside the package that the material is for Tamara, she probably only reads a little English but I haven't been able to find out yet. Here's the website of the Ateneu

<http://www.nodo50.org/albesos/>]

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<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10447>

Why APOC is a White-Supremacist Organization

The time has come for Anarchist People of Color - the anti-authoritarian organizing option for those who feel excluded from the mainstream anarcho-liberal dialogue and suffice to call it "exclusively white" as the guilt-leveraging path to exclusivity - to seriously question the terms of its own existence and answer the touchy questions it has engendered but shirks responsibility for.

I will begin with this allegory: In pre-revolution Haiti (the land of my ancestors), the classes were divided into three - black slaves at the bottom, white French planters on top, and mixed-race "gens de couleur" in the middle. It came to pass that, after the Revolution, this middle class of self-described "people of color" became the new ruling elite that agreed to sell out the Haitian people economically to France and maintain the rigid class system. My grandmother was a half-French woman "of color" with relative class privilege, and my grandfather was a dark-skinned peasant-turned immigrant to New York in the 1970's. Their marriage was unique at the time, but the riots following Aristide's "coup" were a unifying force for many people and those who could afford to leave, did.

The moral we can draw from this is that only by upholding the structure of white

Why we reject the plan to fix the schools by cutting prison funding

What does it mean to pit students against prisoners? Obviously at the first level it's a maneuver of public relations. The government is taking the words of the student movement into its mouth, but without proposing any real solution for the crisis of schools or prisons: only a desperate attempt to maneuver itself around the political crises on its horizon.

The university and the prison are the two remaining institutions in this society in which masses of individuals are gathered together for years at a time. They exist as reverse mirror images of each other; the schools, for the privileged, to produce particular kinds of skilled labor; the prisons, for another kind of workforce, the lumpen or surplus population who are not necessary to the economy. They become subjects of value production through being incarcerated, or through participation in underground and gangster economies; they go into the military; they live in the shantytowns popping up across the state. They are a reserve pool. The prison is symbiotic with the ghetto; college, with the suburb; in this sense they are structures of

class stratification which mark out their denizens for very different roles in life.

In the last major revolutionary upsurge (the 1960s and 70s), prisoners and students played major roles, especially in California.

The riots in Berkeley; George Jackson and the San Quentin six. The counter-revolution was not purely repressive, but actively constructed with millions of tons of concrete in the new, more modern schools and prisons. The kinds of crowds that gathered by the thousands in Sproul Plaza during the Free Speech Movement were preventively dispersed by the new campuses designed to have no central gathering point. Similarly, in the prisons, new regimes of separation and isolation were installed. Prisoners across the board were cut off further from contact with the outside world and with other sections of the prison, contained in smaller, more manageable, modular sections.

More at

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supremacy can “people of color” exist as a class.

The liberal insistence on cultural “tolerance and inclusiveness” is the largest and best of Trojan horses in today’s anarchist discourse. The fact is that multiculturalist tolerance does have a legacy of Eurocentrism, but we should take this logic a step further and say that multiculturalism is itself a form of white supremacy that has been “hijacked” by non-white agents - in much the same way that Obama is the “humane, non-white face” of racist America.

Much more at
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10483>

Mutual Aid Disaster Relief in Haiti

A network of street medics, action medics, and other skilled individuals with politics of mutual aid has developed to help send organized teams of volunteers to Haiti to help earthquake survivors. This network is building off experiences gained working at the Common Ground Clinic in New Orleans and as street medics and campaign medics from the West Coast to Appalachia to the Northeast Anarchist Network, with varying levels of medical and herbal knowledge & clinical experience.

We are -- Providing direct medical aid, medical and social advocacy;

--Documenting the developing situation on the ground and providing an alternative media source; and

--Establishing a grassroots structure that allows the effective distribution of aid.

Donations will immediately go towards

--Provision of emergency medical supplies and gear;

--Travel costs for medics and team to reach devastated areas of Haiti; and

--Supporting grassroots relief efforts on the ground.

Breaking news and reports from the field:

<http://mutualaiddisasterrelief.org/reports.shtml>

Our network, and a link to donate:

<http://mutualaiddisasterrelief.org/>

Who to e-mail if you want to help:

mutual-aid-disaster-relief-in-haiti@googlegroups.com

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10499>

Forest Occupation in Catalunya

Since October 17th we're occupying a piece of forest that was meant to host one of the hundreds of electrical towers that conform the new Very High Voltage (MAT) power line, and that will eventually interconnect France, Spain and, time will tell, Africa. The place we now call our home is in an area called Guillerries (Girona), near Sant Hilari Sacalm village, at about 1000 metres high and surrounded by mountains in a pretty isolated environment.

The reasons for this occupation are many: we won't accept without fighting yet another gigantic infrastructure that will solve absolutely nothing and in fact, will worsen things up. We have to choose which side we're in: either we stand for western civilization or we fight against it. It's time for action. This is an attempt to show that some people still have what it takes, that challenging the establishment is a condition for us to be able to live in this world.

Some of the "problems" this MAT line hopes to solve are: to be able to secure electrical power for the tourist villages (especially in summer) of Girona (Costa Brava, for example); electrical supply for the TAV/AVE (which would happen to be the first one to need it!); avoid electrical blackouts like the one of 2007? in Barcelona... We're not going to enter the debate arena in which one side shows an "independent

study" that states how much this power line is needed and the other side comes yet with another study that shows the opposite. It's obvious which side we're with, but we state that it is imperative to actually FIGHT this power line and not just keep debating and making press conferences.

In the meantime, we're trying to build the foundations of a new world starting right here and now, reconnecting with the Earth. Living what our instincts tell us, hurting the empire and making pressure on its fissures. From here, from the forests that have always hid the rebels, maquis, conspirators and plotters. We can still be kinda invisible and feel protected by these forests.

They've sold us the idea of progress and science as a nostrum/panacea that will free humanity of its fears and that will give us commodities never dreamed before. A commodity that, on the other hand, we never get to catch because progress has to create new gadgets every single minute. What we're able to see is that progress reduces us to total useless persons, full of insecurities and passivity. Every moment we spend in this world we lose knowledge about how a life would be without all these commodities they sell to us.

More at
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10417>

Warsaw: Tenants occupy housing authority

Occupation of Housing Authority

Tenants are occupying the housing authority in downtown Warsaw.

A group of tenants stormed the local housing authority in Warsaw this morning and have been occupying it ever since. The tenants, many of which are members of the Tenants Defence Committee, are demanding that the city resign from plans to turn off their gas.

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Throughout Warsaw this winter, hundreds and hundreds of families have been suffering without gas, electricity and sometimes without running water or toilets due to slumlords or the city who are trying to harrass people out of their homes. The Committee is trying to take action to stop this and to get the gas back

on in some apartment buildings. More and more tenants are trying to take action, but are being frustrated by city authorities.

Desperate tenants have begun to take action. The housing authority is occupied and people have vowed to keep up the occupation for as long as it takes. Many people took part in the action today and some people are barricaded in overnight. There are also about 20 people on hunger strike. More tenants are expected to come and support the protests tomorrow. The Committee will make direct actions at other offices during the week.

More on this case: http://cia.bzzz.net/tenants_occupy_housing_adminstration

More at
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10522>

At Large: Teen Bandit. Even Larger: His Legend.

From NPR - by Vanessa Romo

A teen bandit from the small Washington island of Camano has been on the run for 20 months and is being touted as a modern-day Jesse James. Police say the young outlaw is an amateur criminal — but a master escape artist.

The last time authorities had Colton Harris-Moore in custody was in April 2008. At that point, he was serving time in a halfway house for youth offenders, just south of Seattle. He'd been convicted of theft and possession of stolen property.

It was bed-check and he was in his pajamas. But soon after the nightly routine, he climbed out a second-story window and into the night.

Since then, the now-18-year-old fugitive has eluded police in Washington, Idaho and Canada, repeatedly vanishing into the woods. Police suspect he's stolen at least two planes, two boats and several cars, plus broken into more than 50 homes. Yet the only thing growing faster than Harris-Moore's alleged rap sheet is his legend.

Lawless But Loved

"I don't understand it, myself," says

county sheriff Mark Brown. He bristles at the mention of Harris-Moore's exploding popularity.

"Reasonable people would not want to idolize somebody or sensationalize somebody who's a thief," he says.

Harris-Moore is wanted in five counties on multiple charges. But 10 of those charges are in Harris-Moore's hometown of Camano Island — Brown's jurisdiction.

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During a recent appearance on a local Seattle radio show, Harris-Moore's mother, Pamela Kohler, said she has no idea where her son is hiding.

"And I like it like that, because that way I don't have any information to give to the police," she said.

Kohler says she's writing a book about her son's exploits. She plans to use the profits to open an animal shelter for abused pets, something she says her son had dreamed of doing. Kohler also claims he's a genius.

"He took an IQ test a few years ago and he's three points below Einstein," she says. "And if he flew those planes without

lessons. I am very, very proud."

A Thief With A Fan Club

But he's not a boy only a mother can love. He has a growing legion of fans — and not just locally. Harris-Moore's fame reaches far beyond the small Puget Sound community where he is accused of invading homes and stealing credit cards. Feelings about Harris-Moore run the gamut from locals who are tired of the story — and of answering reporters' questions — to fierce fans enamored with the growing myth.

People have even written songs. The lyrics to "The Ballad of Barefoot Harris" read, "But he'd never hurt a fly, and he'd never kill a man, and he never will be found."

Fans as far away as Greece, Italy and Australia extend open-door invitations through the magic of Facebook. To date, there are more than 16,000 members of a fan page for Harris-Moore.

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Update: Alfredo Bonanno

From *After Trikala*

From within a climate of daily anarchist action and the brutal repression of every aspect of our lives I am taking the liberty of informing you of two important developments concerning the detention of Alfredo Bonanno.

As you already know Alfredo Bonanno and Christos Stratigopoulos were transferred to Korydallos prison ...

There, the pharmacy refused to grant him his medication for diabetes and severe pain in the shoulder caused by a tumour diagnosed by doctors at the health centre of Amfissa. Following pressure from their comrades a doctor sent by the Italian Embassy visited him in prison where his serious state of health was confirmed.

I would like to inform you that at this time the investigator in Trikala is deliberating the application for Alfredo's release on bail.

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We demand the immediate liberation of Alfredo Maria Bonanno

Ojore Lutalo arrested in Colorado on his way home from LA Anarchist Bookfair

Received word from LA ABCF that Ojore Lutalo (former Black Liberation Army political prisoner/pow and New Afrikan Anarchist) was pulled off the Amtrak train on his way home to New Jersey from speaking at the LA Anarchist bookfair.

He was charged with endangering public transportation in Colorado. His bail is set to 10,000 dollars. Currently there is an effort to bail him out.

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Berber activists take to the streets calling for autonomy

Last week, Berbers across North Africa celebrated their New Year. Yennayer, as it is known, is the first day of the Berber calendar and is marked by various events from throwing parties to collecting food for the poor.

But the festivities were marred by protests in Northern Algeria. Activists took to the streets calling for autonomy for the Kabylie region.

For centuries the Berber people have complained about discrimination and marginalisation of their culture and heritage.

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The New Year's protests were organised by the Movement for the Autonomy of Kabylia.

More at

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10555>

[Solidarity initiative to Alfredo M. Boinanno: <http://325.nostate.net/?p=694>]

More at
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10560>

Anti-Olympic protesters get their game on

From *Vancouver Sun* - by Doug Ward

Anarchist punk ruled on the night of Jan. 22 at Victory Square, in the heart of the Olympic city. More than 200 anti-2010 protesters, some carrying black flags and burning torches, gathered for what had all the hallmarks of a dress rehearsal for the street protests that could erupt during the Winter Games just over two weeks away.

The crowd, mostly young, some wearing bandanas over their faces, had come to march against the "police repression" of anti-Olympic activism. A portable audio system jacked up the energy level with the opening chords of the Rolling Stones' Street Fighting Man. "Everywhere I hear the sound of marching, charging feet, boy," howled Mick Jagger.

A few protesters with megaphones screamed slogans, often laced with obscenity, at startled motorists: "No 2010!" and "Did You Vote For Gordon Campbell?"

The small but angry far-left demo recalled the much larger anti-globalization demonstrations of a decade ago: the APEC protest and the Riot at the Hyatt in Vancouver, the epic Battle in Seattle against the World Trade Organization and the violent clash between demonstrators at the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City.

Many alumni of those so-called anti-globalization convergences were in the crowd, along with younger activists seeking to emulate their radical forebears.

Among the veterans of those earlier protests was Alissa Westergard-Thorpe, an indefatigable anti-Olympic activist and a student at the University of B.C.

Now 35, Westergard-Thorpe is a key figure in the militant Olympic Resistance Network (ORN), perhaps the most radical of the anti-Olympic groups behind the "Take Back Our City" march...

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Much more at
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IEF | Even Feminism Desires the Text of Power + A Few Clarifications: World Civil War

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World Civil War | Gloss 1.

Civil war presupposes the modern state. In some ways, civil war can be read as both what was outside of history and then, with the development of the modern state, what became included in history. A comment like "The history of societies thus far is the history of class struggle" has a secret intelligence contained within it when we read it through our magic decoder matrix: civil war.

History and society were only really unified with the development of the modern state. The modern state in Hegel became the subject of history for his philosophy. Marx, among other Young Hegelians made this their object of critique. However, lurking below the surface of such idealism in Hegel was Hobbes and the concept of sovereignty. The state of nature in Hobbes was a sort of permanent potential of war of all against all. Law, enforced by the state, would create a clear divide between what was inside the law and what was outside of it; generating "civil society" (or "the civil state") on the inside, and civil war on the outside. This meant that living beings would only be included in human society (and thus, history) once they became subject to the rule of law; all manner of imperial practices come with ease. However, even in Hobbes's hypothesis, there remained a permanent problem. Law, which gives human society its so-called order, can only be enforced through means which appear indistinguishable from civil war. What Marx discreetly references is not that class struggle is the history of living beings on the planet, but that class struggle is civil war inside the gates; and is the general conditions of capitalism.

The concept of a "world" may be important in some of the ways "world civil war" is used. "The evident is not merely a matter of logic or reasoning. It attaches itself to the sensible, to worlds" (p4, Call). A world is a zone of meaning, sense—"before time, absolutely, there is sense." (Ok, War it is Tiquun 1) History is the reification of time as Man's time, and perhaps even the concealment of civil war. It locates a living being as subject to the sensuous praxis of generating and reproducing human society. Civil war is the free play of bios, of forms of life; life which acts in a world.

"Civil," because worlds are not limited by the boundaries or laws of nation-states and because conflict can take place in myriad of spheres, with a multiplying array of techniques. "War," because the potential for doing violence to the most just must not be discounted, ever. On a terrain with a multiplicity of worlds, only forms of life who feel their power can act decisively.

Even in Hobbes, if there were not civil war, there would be no need for Leviathan. Leviathan wasn't a god on earth, as much as the political equivalent of someone who's afraid of the dark. The modern state therefor had as its object the warding off of an ever present civil war. It coded civil war as "evil", and put religious apparatuses to work. We could say the modern state's practices of government had the character of a war against civil war. The development of techniques of governing which corresponded (liberalism) excluded and disciplined dangerous elements. At certain times these elements were juridically coded as "the hostis" (hostile, unknown, outside), and came in the way of invading parties, but also in the way of crime, and later, sickness.

What we call "world civil war" develops out of the modern state's failure, and each and every elaboration of civil war. Reading its history religiously, we learn that good does not triumph over evil; moreover we learn that coding the state as the hand of god reaches a threshold because its techniques of power continuously collapse into the terrain of evil. Law cannot be enforced without the possibility of doing violence to the most just. Civil war is then the omnipresent aporia of the modern state. It cannot prevent transgression and revolt and yet it is logically demanded to develop itself to do just that.

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