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A Strategy to Dismiss Every Foreclosure in Florida

From Matt Weidner Law

Courts Are Overwhelmed With Foreclosures

Across the country, circuit court judges and their staff are becoming overwhelmed and frustrated by the total avalanche of foreclosure cases that have been dumped in their courtrooms. In Pinellas County, Circuit Court judges who used to handle like 400 foreclosure cases are now handling something like 3,000. These judges still have one judicial assistant and the same limited resources they had before the crisis. When the judge's loan JA sits down to start the day, they are bombarded with phone calls and mail and people in their face every single second....it's chaos, it's a burden and it is completely untenable for the long run.

Things have gotten so bad for the judges that I'm told at least two Circuit Court Judges in Pinellas County (Linda Allan and Douglas Baird) have announced they were no longer going to hear Motions to Dismiss filed by Defendants in foreclosure cases, but were going to start just denying them across the board without even having a hearing on the matter. Now that's one way to deal with the crisis. It's an unconstitutional, unfair and totally biased

approach that completely ignores the law and the rights of the citizens these judges took an oath to serve, but it is one way to deal with the crisis. (Look for Appeals To Come If This Practice Really Begins to Take Hold.)

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So if the Plaintiffs and their attorneys are engaging in massive and systemic fraud and the courts are totally aware of this and yet it's going totally unpunished and unanswered why doesn't everyone just get on the fraud train? I mean why not? Well here's one way that consumers and anarchists could engage in fraud that would totally throw the system into chaos. If rebels and anarchists and people who just don't care executed and recorded Satisfactions of Mortgages across the country, it would send the entire foreclosure system into collapse. A Satisfaction of Mortgage is a one page document that costs \$8.50 to record. It can be produced on a home computer, filled out correctly then sent in along with a money order or cashier's check. The Clerk of Court is required to record it and there would be no way of ever knowing where these fraudulently produced satisfactions were coming from. While the lenders were trying to figure out how to deal with this massive

problem, they would have no choice but to stop the pursuit of the foreclosure cases.

Anarchy Is a Crime Revolution is a Crime

Make no mistake, doing this is wrong. It is a crime. A serious crime. I would not do it and I'm not seriously suggesting anyone should, especially for their own mortgage. But what if? I mean what if some modern day Robin Hood or Paul Revere set out with a few hundred bucks and a few hours on a computer and started just sending in satisfactions? And what if, at the same time these same band of anarchist Robin Hoods also filed with the courts "Notice of Voluntary Dismissal and Release of Lis Pendens"? I mean when the law firms that are prosecuting these cases are so out of touch that they have no idea what's happening with their files and they have no contact whatsoever with the lenders they claim to represent, it would take them months to figure out if their law office or their client really did dismiss the case or whether this was another one of those Anarchist Dismissals.

Much more at:
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10625>

Heart Attack Talk Back

From Beneath the Snow

Angry Bystander: "You don't have the support of the public"

Calm Anarchist: "We are the public"

From yesterday's anarchist presence in the "family friendly" Take Back Our City march directed against the Olympic opening ceremonies to this morning's anarchist-organized Heart Attack directed at blocking road access to the first day of

Olympic games, the anarchists and especially black bloc contingent have been a strong force of resistance here in the Unceded Coast Salish Territory. That's often true at such convergences. What's especially striking here, though, is how disciplined and strategically--even politically--effective they've been, and how much respect they've earned through their organizing efforts leading up to this point as well as their actions on the streets.

Much of this is likely due to the fact that

anarchists have been a big part of organizing efforts toward this convergence for years now, and have been doing lots of public outreach, popular education, and even press conferences, not to mention direct actions. They've also created a space, through a "diversity of tactics" strategy that reaches outward while retaining its anticapitalist stance, for genuine ties of friendship and solidarity beyond anarchists, to others who share concerns for a just world. Many of the anarchist organizers here on the ground

in Vancouver and nearby cities have long been working in collaboration with nonanarchists on everything from tent cities to No One Is Illegal--on issues that impact people's daily survival needs. Many also "came of anarchist age" through the anti-capitalist movement of movements, and are utilizing lessons from that to build and perhaps expand on past successes as well as go beyond past mistakes. And they are acting and organizing in concert with others, premised on daily issues that impact people's lives and their communities--communities of which many anarchists here are also a part (poor, people of color and indigenous, queer and women, among others). Finally, they seem to have been willing to work out a balance within the various political events here, where during yesterday's Take Back Our City march the anarchists followed the lead of others, so to speak, and today, some of those nonanarchist folks joined the anarchists for their more militant Heart Attack direct action, as part of this anticolonial and anticapitalist convergence.

These are some impressions, at least, from an outsider perspective. But as an "U.S." anarchist, it's been striking to witness what appears to be cooperation and solidarity of a genuine character between anarchists, justice types, nonprofit types, and others, in a way that's ensuring that all the components form a far more powerful whole, and probably far beyond this particular convergence. At the same time, interestingly, the message here overall remains radical.

What's also striking, however, considering that many in today's anarchist action were from out of town, is how seemingly coordinated and in sync the black bloc was

during Heart Attack. How tight and disciplined it was in a way that allowed for a smarter, clearer, stronger street presence.

... poster #1: This is a great article. Thank you, whomever.

Constructive, upbeat, critical, not afraid to point out the weaknesses, and pointing good ways forward. Thanks to all of you in Vancouver. Here's to a more mature insurrectionary practice, and to non-ideological solidarity, from the years of tedious organizing to the couple intense days in the streets, doing it responsibly.

poster #2: A more mature insurrectionary practice? No, never.

In their wish to overcome the insurrectional nihilism infecting their friends to the south, they don't realize they're really five years behind.

Their suggestion for a directing group of flags, under the guise of 'organization,' is not much more than the suggestion to leave dominant strategizing to a small group and limit the generalization of struggle. Whether it's the intent or not, strategies that rely on a centralized organizing group restrict the inventiveness that is a web of strategies laid over one another.

In a situation like Vancouver, where the police wait politely on the side, perhaps this is fine. But note also how when the police did get involved, the bloc unable to maintain any distance by their own strength, the bloc immediately reaches its limit. In St. Paul, police were advised to abandon the downtown area for a time, and were forced to return in massive force to regain the city. In Pittsburgh, the bloc earned distance in a hail of rocks, and the space allowed for aggressive movement away from the police lines.

Note also that the police's targeting of specific individuals somehow caused the follow up reconvergence to fall through. How could that be? Pittsburgh saw running clashes through the day and night and successful reconvergences with-

out any slips of paper.

Lastly, it's cool to have good relations with other folks in town, but that's also a limit to the kind of discourse that gets shared. Instead of working hand in hand with the coherent spectacle of a summit, the social war insurrectionist tendency in the United States made it untenable -- the mad hooliganism and university students street fighting and getting beat up reflecting only the social anomie of a dying empire.

Shortly thereafter the university students in California were street fighting again, with practice. On the other hand, the ability to maintain internal cohesion seems worth emulating -- if people have things to do, they don't have to mess with one another.

poster #3: "Homes Not Games" and "No Olympics on Stolen Land" are not demands-- they're impossible demands. It's has a similar-- but sure, different-- effect to demandlessness. No one is going to provide homes and ban the olympics, and no one chanting it expects anyone to. It's meant to polarize, to build a social antagonism.

"Demandless" in the CA sense is simply to not ask for winnable demands--seeing as what can be won (still arguable) via the administration/CA state is so paltry, so moderate ("Democratize the regents", "Repeal Prop 13"). We live in an era when even moderate reforms require immoderate tactics. In the US there is no welfare state to petition to any more. So the students asked for impossible demands ("Everything for Everyone", or in the case of SF State a long list of demands that ran from the war in Afghanistan to homelessness in SF).

It sounds like the Left isn't an enormous recuperating force in Vancouver like in much of the Bay, so there wasn't a lot Leftist groups could do to stop ppl from being doing.

Much much more at:

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10670>

Colin Ward, R.I.P.

From Guardian UK

Writer, social theorist and anarchist who believed in self-sufficiency, allotments and better town planning Colin Ward, who has died aged 85, lived with the title of Britain's most famous anarchist for nearly half a century, bemused by this ambivalent soubriquet. In *Anarchy in Action* (1973), he set out his belief that an anarchist society was not an end goal. Following Alexander Herzen, the writer and thinker known as the "father of Russian socialism", Colin saw all distant goals as a form of tyranny and believed that anarchist principles could be discerned in everyday human relations and impulses. Within this perspective, politics was about strengthening co-operative relations and

supporting human ingenuity in its myriad vernacular and everyday forms.

One of Colin's favourite metaphors--adopted from a novel by Ignazio Silone--was the image of the seed beneath the snow, which suggested to him that anarchist principles were ever alive and prescient.

... He was fond of contrasting the vocabulary of self-organisation, with its friendly societies, mutuals, co-operatives and voluntary associations, with the nomenclature of the state and private sectors with their directorates, corporations, boards and executives.

Much more at:

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10774>

South Sulawesi, Makassar: Civilians & Anarchists Fight Eviction

Hundreds of civilians and anarchists attacked riot police during the eviction of land 4.900 m2 in Padang Raya, Makassar, South Sulawesi on tuesday, 23. One person injured.

Molotov and stones were being throwned at the 400 riot police and by their stupid mistakes, the tear gas that supposed to be targetted to the attacking-civilians who defended their neighbourhood, were blowed back by the wind and hit the police. The riot police retreated and the militant civilians wins. Up to this day, the blockade and struggle against eviction still happening.

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10761>

Notes on the Upcoming G20 Summit (and Countersummit) in Toronto

The leaders of the G20 major economies are meeting in Toronto on June 26 and 27. Since the global financial crisis of late 2008, the people who rule the world have already met three times to discuss means by which they can, together, make it through the social storm that's just over the horizon for neoliberal capitalism. The Toronto summit marks the fourth such occasion. Presidents, prime ministers, and the King of Saudi Arabia will relax, hang out, and decide how the working class is going to pay for bourgeois fuckups.

In Washington (November 2008), there wasn't really any significant protest activity to speak of.

In London (April 2009), the marches and demonstrations that paralyzed the City recalled the pre-9/11 heyday of the antiglobalization movement, particularly as social democrats, reformers, and left-liberals remember it: big, colourful, and about "speaking truth to power". There was some militant resistance, and the cops even killed a person, but London '09 did not become the new Seattle '99, as some had cheerfully predicted ahead of time. The reason that Seattle was so thoroughly co-opted by the impotent left was because it struck a chord around the world, and the actions of the black bloc were an essential part of that.

In Pittsburgh (September 2009), a relatively small number of anarchists took on an enormous security force that was supposedly ready and waiting, and despite the odds of an epic beatdown happening, the few and the brave managed to wreak havoc for hours while the police were powerless to stop them. With particular respect paid to the Bash Back! action on Thursday the 24th, the events in Pittsburgh constituted one of the largest instances of countersummit rioting that the United States had seen in ten years. People felt empowered, as is natural when you are finally able to attack the structures that systematically oppress you and your comrades. This wasn't a new Seattle, either. First, there was no pretense of "speaking truth to power", at least among the militants; the only thing they sought from power was its swift destruction. Second, there was no existential quandary about the issue of "violence", because some people whined about it and those who took direct action didn't give a fuck – they did what they came to do. Third, Pittsburgh has thus far failed to work its way into the

North American anarchist consciousness, because the fact that there was very little riot porn available meant that many (if not most) anarchists who weren't present decided that it was a total failure (as one participant said, "if a police substation gets trashed and no one takes a picture, did it really happen?").

So what will Toronto be like? It's an open question at this point, but:

TORONTO WILL NOT BE A NEW SEATTLE

Seriously, FUCK Seattle. I wasn't there, never been there, don't plan to go any time soon. The antiglobalization movement was fucked, it died, and it should stay dead. We learn what we can from the past, we draw inspiration where possible, but we move forward, take action, fight now. The North American anarchist movement needs to get over Seattle '99 like Trotskyists need to get over boring-as-fuck party politics. All it does is distract us.

SHOULD WE GIVE A FUCK ABOUT THE G20?

No.

The G20 has nothing to do with the way I live my life and I presume it has nothing to do with yours. In my immediate experience, world leaders are simply images on TV screens, subjects in newspaper articles, voices on the radio. They are not people I can ever have a conversation with or whom I will ever get close enough to that I can punch them in the face.

As an organization, perhaps, the G20 might have (from a distance) a certain amount of impact on my life and the lives of others: there will be decisions, changes in policy, and new rhetoric to justify the continuation of capitalism and all of its manifestations. But the G20 is a distant oppressor. The immediate oppressors are those in my actual life, my lived experience, and it's these people that I want to confront. They're the ones who actually enforce the policies that come from on high. The police might just be doing their jobs, but they're consciously making the decision to do so, and that decision has an effect. I want to face them and fight them, as well as those liberals who seek to become leaders within the movement, as well as all those little Eichmanns I know and see everyday, contributing uncritically to this system that threatens to destroy all life.

Summits attract people who dream of profound social change (or social rupture, whichever). And we're enough. We should

be taking advantage of the fact that, on occasions such as these, we find ourselves on the streets with many other potential friends, comrades, allies, and lovers. It is (at best) extremely unrealistic to think that we can convince our leaders of anything by showing up in large numbers or even taking part in black bloc vandalism – but if we find these things meaningful, we should do them anyway, for our own reasons.

ON BLACK BLOCS

When those windows got smashed in Vancouver, the nationalist hysteria it kicked up was palpable, but it was also mostly manufactured. Comments on news websites are no good measure of public outrage, despite what Mick Sweetman thinks. The journalists might have been confused, and some white yuppies who love "their country" might have gotten a little red in the face, but there's no reason to think that this reflects anything of that "the public" thinks. The fact is that "the mind of the public" is, and always has been, entirely unknown and unknowable to every politician, policy maker, and activist that's ever tried to appeal to the masses, manipulate them, direct them.

Much more at:

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10758>

Carrie Feldman in Solitary Confinement - Write Her!

From VeganThis

We just received word Carrie Feldman has been moved again, this time to Dubuque County Jail. She is being held on 23-hour lockdown. Carrie is now in "segregation", doublespeak for solitary confinement. This is a tactic used by desperate prosecutors to coerce compliance in prisoners, in this case Carrie's testimony regarding what prosecutors believe she may know about the 2004 liberation of 401 animals from the University of Iowa.

Carrie is accused of nothing more than refusing to give testimony to a grand jury seeking to indict members of the Animal Liberation Front. You can write her at:

Carolyn Feldman
770 Iowa St.
Dubuque, IA 52001

More at:

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10785>

Updates from the Day of the Greek General Strike

From Occupied London

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

(Corporate media in the country are transmitting no news, as their staff are participating in the strike. News is only coming in from Athens IMC, international media outlets and of course, from the streets. All updates are in the local greek time, GMT+2)

17.45 The administration building of the University of Thessaloniki has been occupied in response to the earlier invasion and violation of the academic asylum by police.

15.18 Anarchists who attempted to march en mass to Amerikis square in Athens for the anti-racist anti-fascist gathering there have been blocked off by riot cops. The head of the unit told them "all gatherings" have been banned at the square. There are no fascists to be seen, apparently. The anarchists are now headed to the nearby autonomously run park

of Patision and Kyprou streets.

14.35 In Athens, the main demonstration for the general strike seems to have had a good turn-out. Corporate media report 20-30,000. The anarchist blocks are strong; selected smashing of banks has been reported, along with the looting of a corporate bookshop (books were distributed en mass to demonstrators and passers-by). There is at least one confirmed arrest of a girl during the demonstration (not detention); she will appear at the prosecutor general tomorrow.

13.56 In Thessaloniki, cops have violated the academic asylum. At least two riot police units and 15 delta cops have entered the university premises apparently in response to demonstrators from today's general strike attempting to tear down the security barriers installed by the university at the campus entrance.

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10786>

Estonian Infoshop Needs Help

The 'A-library' ('A-raamatukogu', www.araamat.org), an anarchist/alternative infoshop in Tartu, Estonia (Eastern-Europe) needs help. This winter has been exceptionally cold and heating expenses have been way bigger than expected. We don't receive funding from any organization, foundation or institution, and depend on individual donations from the local scene to pay for utilities and rent: for now our monetary resources have been exhausted. We are eager to keep A-raamatukogu functioning but for that we need to pay our bills. You can help us out by making a solidarity donation to:

Local account code: 17001364482

IBAN account code: EE32 1700 0170 0136 4482

SWIFT bank code: NDEAEE2X

Currency: EUR

Recipient: INDEPENDENT ACTIVE MTÜ

Explanation: "Donation for A-raamatukogu"

More at:

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10732>

News of the Comrades Arrested in Turin

From Non Fides

Some news from Italy, with above all the address of the comrades who are imprisoned and apparently held in isolation. You can write to them in French, English or Italian, that helps to show that they are not alone and surely makes one feel better when one is in prison:

Luca Ghezzi, Via Pianezza 300, 10151 Torino

Andrea Ventrella, Via Pianezza 300, 10151 Torino

Torino

Fabio Milan, Via Pianezza 300, 10151 Torino

Yesterday about 60 people gathered in front of the CIE (centre of identification and expulsion) in Turin. News from inside, the resistance against expulsions, the resistance against being locked up in the CIE continue to be circulated. In any case, inside like outside the struggles continue.

Here below is a summary of some newspaper articles each with titles one worse than the other. (for example: "anarchists accused of over 60 actions", "2 years of raids and violence, operation against the anarchists", "behind the revolts of the immigrants...")

1) The arrested comrades are considered to have carried out 2 and a half years of struggle against the immigration politic of the Italian government and against the detention centres. Pêle-mêle are evoked :

- occupations of the Cgil, the Red Cross, Lega Nord, an Egyptian museum, the Greek consulate where solidarity faxes were sent from.

- regular gatherings in front of the CIE in via Brunelleschi (referred to as "assaults" or "attacks" by police and media)

- actions against firms that collaborate in the functioning of the CIE (the Red Cross again)

- demonstrations in public places such as the bio restaurant Eataly where during a hunger strike an intervention took place with distribution of leaflets.

- the small action at the very chic restaurant « Il cambio », frequented by right wing politicians and journalists of Turin, where, still during a hunger strike of detainees in the CIE, excrement was thrown into the room.

2) It is suggested that behind the revolts there are people who struggle against detention centres, prisons,.... Certain news-

papers, basing themselves on extracts of telephone interceptions, relate extracts of conversations between comrades and detainees going back to July 2009, saying that they were inciting them to revolt. As if these people, foreigners with no stay permits, were too stupid and too happy with their situation to think of rebelling alone...

3) In the police logic, there are leaders, they present them, expose them, put their photographs in the newspaper, 2 of the 3 people are in prison.

4) Re the raids at Radio Blackout it is said that the investigation concerns the part that carried out the struggles in the detention centres and also information put out on the radio and sms to warn about police patrols...

5) It is pointed out that « investigations » against this figure of the "enemy within", which in Italy they call « insurrectionalist anarchists » are continuing.

Solidarity and freedom to everybody with or without papers in Italy like elsewhere!

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10787>