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Student Communiques and Occupations Prisoners, Pies and Greek Conflagrations and more

Against Police and State Violence

Days of Action vs State Violence

From the Bay to the Sound:
No More Police Killings!

West Coast Days of Action April 8-9

Oscar Grant, Aaron Campbell, and all the
others: We Won't Forget!

Freedom for Joel Dow and Holly Works!

Early on New Year's morning, 2009, BART
police in Oakland, California, shot and
killed Oscar Grant as he lay unarmed on
a subway platform. Only after community
members rioted did the cop get charged
with the shooting.

On March 22, 2010, Portland police shot
and killed a homeless man, Jack Dale Col-
lins, just two months after they shot to
death Aaron Campbell, an unarmed black
man. Anarchist and other community mem-
bers responded immediately, taking to the
streets in a riotous protest that marched on
the police station, expressing anger at cops
for the systemic killings, and at the media
for covering up the prevalence of police
violence. On March 23 there was another
protest, at which police on motorbikes at-
tacked the crowd. In a typical move, they
charged one protester with attacking them.
Joel Dow is currently sitting in jail, facing a
felony charge and two misdemeanors.

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Solidarity in Tacoma: NW

On April 17th twenty to thirty anarchists
from the Puget Sound Area at 2:00PM.
Went to the Northwest Detention Center,
and held a solidarity Noise Demo for those
imprisoned on the inside. The Northwest
Detention Center owned and maintained
by GEO Group, sits tucked away in the tide
flats of Tacoma Washington. It is one of
thirteen different detention facilities in
the United States, including Guantanamo

Bay in Cuba which are owned by GEO Group
a private correction corporation. Housing
now 1500 people it was newly renovated
in September of 2009 to house 500 more
prisoners taken captive from Washington,
Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Colorado and Ore-
gon. Which is part of a large plan by Home-
land Security called Operation Endgame.

We held banners reading "ICE = SS" "Fu-
ego a La Carceles" and "Against Prisons,
Solidarity with all Prisoners," chanted
through a megaphone and with our voices
and banged buckets, metal pipes and used
an air horn. Many personal threats were
also made at the private security walking
in and out of the detention center.

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Until We Win: Solidarity Emerges in Response to Police Violence

On March 22, a Portland police officer
shot and killed a mentally ill houseless
man at Hoyt Arboretum. Jack Dale Collins
was an important figure in the Portland
houseless community, known and loved by
many. His killer, Chris Walters, responded
to a call about a "drunk transient," of
which Collins was neither, and shot him
four times within three minutes.

Within five hours, about fifty people
had gathered in a public park on eastside
to discuss strategic reaction to the second
police murder this year. A spontaneous
march to the Burnside precinct was lively
and militant in nature. The same scene
was repeated the following evening.

The following days were filled with a di-
versity of tactics in resistance to state and
police violence. Organizations like Every-
day People, who formed in the aftermath
of the Aaron Campbell shooting, pursued

reform along legal lines as they had before.
Churches discussed community assemblies
and planned speaking engagements with
Jesse Jackson. The Portland anarchist com-
munity, which has been notoriously quiet
for a few years, has exploded into action.

This seems to be indicative of a larger
trend within the North American anar-
chist space. For several years, anarchists
have been turned inward, creating a pub-
lic face of the occasional animal or earth
liberation communiqué and a whole lot
of punk shows. Popular ideas seem to be
moving to a place of open anarchist iden-
tification within larger communities,
with dual focuses on insurrection against
the state and solidarity-building projects
within communities.

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Portland: Anarchists Smash Center

FORWARD WIDELY FOR MASS DISTRIBUTION

We smashed your "community correc-
tions" center. We smashed it to send a mes-
sage. Our message is that all cops are mur-
derers and all prison is torture.

Allow us to elaborate: though the anti-
police movement may use individual in-
stances of murder with guns, tasers, and
pepper spray as catalysts for revolution, we
hold every cop or cop-supporter culpable.
This is because on a daily basis cops are kill-
ing people slowly, with handcuffs and pens;
killing them 5, 10, 20 years at a time but
killing them still the same. We believe that
a life in prison doesn't even come close to
anything resembling a decent human life.
Humans are a social animal, and forced iso-
lation (whether that isolation is from ones
peers, friends, family, or trees, grass sun-
light, and the natural world) is an abomi-
nable act that must be forbidden by any so-

ciety which held justice in any regard.

We believe this movement will be successful, and that the key to its success will be cooperation. Currently you're being argued down in city hall, protested against in the streets, and, if we may say so ourselves, taking a pretty serious thrashing after the sun sets. We are strong together because our actions work well together, and we support one another.

We would also like to take this moment to encourage day-activists to try their hand at some nighttime missions. You'll find protests aren't always necessary to strike a blow, and you'll feel more refreshed and invigorated in your day-time endeavors. For a free and equitable society. For anarchy.

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Portland: Banks, Starbucks, & Military Recruiting Center Attacked

We took to the streets yet again last night (4/26). This was an anarchist police abolition march, which meant no reformist chants and no holding back.

We went to the military recruitment center on 14th and Broadway, smashed every available window, and pelted the computers. This target is relevant because soldiers are the cops of the world. Just as the Portland Police commit racist hate crimes and enforce and oppressive social order, so to do soldiers abroad.

We also hit two Wells Fargo bank branches. Wells Fargo is the largest financial backer of G.E.O. group, which owns a majority of the privatized prisons in North America. G.E.O. group owns the northwest immigrant detention center in Tacoma, which every year kills immigrants through deplorable living conditions and denial of medical services.

A Bank of America branch was smashed as well. Their recklessness alongside other banks has caused a crisis of foreclosure and unemployment that is endemic of capitalism.

To end this laundry list, we smashed a Starbucks. We smashed it because fuck you, you fucking capitalist bastards, that's why.

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Phoenix Anarchist Actions in Response to SB1070

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1070 makes no bones about it: the bill is one of the most honest in demonstrating the progression of Arizona into the furthest depths of a Police State, and of the racism that necessitates it.

Phoenix area anarchists were quick to respond- in a matter of 2 days, a multitude of actions were organized around bringing the conflict more visibly to the streets of Phoenix (for the mainstream unaware of how issues of state racism and indigenous colonialism affect everyone).

With black flags, signs, and banners, a march of approximately 40 anarchists proceeded South on Central Avenue towards Van Buren. Pedestrians cheered as the group approached. The street, artistically peppered with messages of resistance-stickers, paintings and the like- became a ground for insurrectionary conflict as the loud cadre erected a border wall across Central Avenue: "DO NOT CROSS: VIOLATORS MIGHT GET FREE".

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As the public on Van Buren at Central were left to respond to the ruptures that their political complicity facilitated, the group rambunctiously proceeded along Van Buren to third street. "No Borders; No Nations; No Police Stations!" Chants rung about the cold concrete high rises as police suddenly and forcefully halted the march. Throwing marchers to the ground and threatening them with tasers and mace, the pigs detained the majority of march participants. The police demanded the names and birth dates of all detained at the threat of mass arrest. After approximately forty minutes all were released without charges or citation, except for one comrade who was arrested for "obstructing justice by not giving his true name"; a fabricated accusation.

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Milton, Ontario, Kanada: Solidarity Demo at Prison

On Sunday, April 18th, 40-50 Anarchists and their friends held a noise demo in solidarity with prisoners locked up at the

Maplehurst Correctional Complex and Vanier Center for Women. This superprison is located 30 minutes west of Toronto. As the march began, the front sign into the prison was spray-painted with the slogans "against prison" and "against police." We walked around the (large) perimeter of the institution with banners, yelling fierce chants, lighting fireworks and banging on drums. The prisoners mirrored our excitement with powerful rhythmic banging, yelling and cheering. This enthusiastic response was felt deep in our crew. We were inspired to see the immediate and tangible result of our solidarity. The cops and screws were certainly not pleased with our presence there (and we certainly are never pleased with their presence anywhere). Despite the cops' intentions, no arrests were made. On the way out we cut through the parking lot to distribute flyers.

Here is the speech that was read through a megaphone twice - once next to Vanier, and again near the maximum security wing of Maplehurst:

"There are about 1900 people locked inside this provincial superprison. Over 2/3 of whom are awaiting trial and haven't even been convicted of a crime.

"The reason I'm here today is to express solidarity with prisoners locked behind these walls, and all prisoners fighting for freedom. I want the people inside Maplehurst and Vanier to know that they are not alone; that we are thinking of them out here, and we desire to destroy these cages with them. With all its violence and cruelty, repression and isolation, surveillance and harassment, prison is a daily reality that can't be ignored or tolerated.

"Ultimately, the reason I'm standing here is because I want freedom. Not just this shitty excuse for 'freedom' we are offered on the 'outside' as long as we stay confined within the realm of acceptable behavior. I want a lot more than that. I want freedom from rape culture and patriarchy, police repression and court battles. I want freedom from borders and deportations, colonization and racism, and freedom from the State constantly dictating my choices.

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Scott DeMuth

In a conference call yesterday with the judge and prosecutor, Scott's trial was scheduled for September 13th. Various deadlines for discovery and motions were set, including May discovery deadlines for both the defense and prosecution and a pre-trial conference on August 23rd.

The trial postponement will give Scott's attorneys needed time to prepare a defense against a still-vague and uninformative indictment, and needed time for us--his supporters--to raise the tens of thousands of dollars that we need to cover legal and travel costs, and support activities.

If you can donate to his defense, make a check out to Coldsnap Legal Collective with EWOK! in the memo line, and send it to:

EWOK!
c/o Coldsnap
PO Box 50514
Minneapolis, MN 55405.

You can donate through PayPal, as well as find information about upcoming fundraisers, at: <http://davenportgrandjury.wordpress.com>
In solidarity,
the Scott & Carrie Support Committee (SCSC)

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/11119>

Anti-anarchist witch-hunt in Athens

From Libcom

An anti-anarchist witch-hunt against anarchist has been unfolding in Athens since the early hours of Friday with at least 6 people until now detained in relation to "terrorism". The media have launched a rumors campaign indiscriminately disclosing names and accusing the detainees of being members of the Revolutionary Struggle. As a response the Athens Polytechnic has been occupied by anarchists in solidarity.

The Athens anti-anarchist witch-hunt started in the early hours of Friday, with anti-terrorist police breaking into three houses and detaining four people in relation to "domestic terrorism".

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AmorFati Journal: Needs Help

AmorFati Journal already been running for three years now. The journal focused on insurrectionary issues, anarchist-politics, international report, reviews, etc particularly in Indonesia. Some of the article have been translated in English. You can download previous issues at Zinelibrary.info and 325.nostate.net. And now we are facing bankruptcy as most of us are precarious workers and unemployed. Fourth edition of *AmorFati* is threatened to be unpublished due to the expensive cost of printing. We need all the help from everyone. Contact us at: jurnalamorfati@gmail.com

Warm Greetings from Indonesia

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/11166>

Support The Mount Hope Infinity!

On November 9th, 2008 autonomous activists self-affiliating with the international queer liberation network, Bash Back! protested the stance and actions of the notoriously anti-LGBTQ mega-church, Mount Hope, at their headquarters compound in Lansing, Michigan. While some of the group danced, chanted and held signs outside of the building, a small group proceeded into the church to conduct a demonstration: they simply (and effectively) hung a banner that read "It's OK to be GAY!", and handed out support leaflets for the LGBTQ youth. The activists were careful to remain legal, and thus the police made no charges against them. But in May of 2009 a right-wing legal group, the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF), filed a federal law suit on behalf of Mt. Hope Church, naming 13 individuals, as well as Bash Back! as a whole, Bash Back! Lansing, and 20 "John" and "Jane Doe"s (yet to be identified). What the ADF seeks to do with this suit is obvious: to establish mammoth obstacles that would hinder future activism resisting the institutionalization of the bigotry present in many forms of religious fundamentalism.

Thankfully, we can count on our communities and allies to step up. Tracie Dominic Palmer, an activist attorney with the National Lawyers Guild, has been wonderful in supporting the group and is diligently attempting to negotiate with the ADF and build a strong defense for us--all pro-bono! However, she recently has taken

a job with friend of the court and on may 1st will no longer be allowed to represent us. We need new pro-bono support! Please mail us if you have any contacts!

And as we know, even with pro-bono support, this process is far from free. In the end, even in the event of our successful defense, it will have cost the legal team and everyone involved in the defense a great deal, both emotionally and monetarily. Bottom line: We are asking for your help in this time of need.

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bashbackinfinity@hushmail.com
www.alliancedefensefund.org

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Why we must free the Villiers-Le-Bel Four

A communique from the Villiers-le-Bel support committee regarding the upcoming trial, on charges of "police homicide attempt." The next 21st of June, it won't be summer time, it won't be the Fête de la Musique (1); it will be the start of the trial of our friends, of our brothers. Maka and three others from Villiers-le-Bel will have to face the accusation of having shot at the police during the riots of november 2007.

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Anyone who takes a walk here after 5 PM understands - watching the "robocops" patrolling Gaza style - that the State doesn't try to reestablish order where disorder would reign, but to provoke disorder at the right time to be seen as the one who brings back order when elections come.

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A month of solidarity will happen from the 20th of May to the 15th of June 2010 that will end up with a demonstration a few days before the trial.
More will be announced soon.
Get in touch with us. Organize solidarity events, debates, actions.
Let's meet.

To financially support the accused you can get the bank account number of the support collective of Villiers-le Bel by writing: respectveritejustice@gmail.com
fallaitpas@riseup.net

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The Erupting Insurrection

From The Reykjavik Grapevine

By one swift, decisive act, it has paralyzed Europe's airline industries for almost a week, delayed 64 thousand flights (and counting), affecting millions of travellers, reminding a whole continent that geography and distance still exist, while lessening the airlines' carbon footprint by an amount equal to the annual output of several smaller states combined, and possibly hindering the meagre 1% economic growth expected in the EU zone in 2010. Surely Eyjafjallajökull ("Ay! You fergot la yoghurt!" or just EJ for short) is an anarchist.

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Triple Arson Attack in Thessaloníki on April 26th and 27th

Gas canister explosions occurred in different parts of the northern Greek city. The two incidents occurred on the early hours of Monday 26/4 against the National Telecommunications Organization (OTE) branch and a news agency truck in the west part of Thessaloníki. The following night a Eurobank branch was attacked in Kalamaria, a suburb on the east part of the city.

"We all remember, with excessive hatred, from the days of the arrest of Y. Dimitrakis in 2006 the slander of him through the de-ideologation of the act he made. The overextension of the charges from authority, and the TV-snitches slandering anything about him and other comrades from his close friends.

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We stand opposed to all authoritarian mechanisms and to all snitches that assist their task and we directly take the counter-offensive for now and forever. On the night of 25th of April in Thessaloníki we attacked with fire a news agency delivery truck of "Evropi (Europe)" company in the area of Evosmos and a branch of OTE (National Telecommunications Organization) in Stavroupoli. We continued the next night again with an arson attack on a Eurobank branch in Kalamaria.

Solidarity with Yannis Dimitrakis that passes the doors of the high court tomorrow 28/4 in Athens.

Freedom to all prisoners"

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/11160>

The Politics of Impatience: An open letter

From Libcom

Dear friends,

As anarchists from a variety of different projects and political perspectives, mostly in the U.S., we are inspired by the courage of students fighting for access to public universities in New York, California, and everywhere.

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We are shocked that on March 4th at Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY), some anarchists harmfully disrupted a protest against tuition hikes, budget cuts, and childcare cuts. Some of the facts of what happened are in dispute. Some are not, including the following: A faculty member and longtime media activist was injured in the head, sectarian graffiti was spray-painted, and a parent from Defend Hunter Childcare was targeted with a sexist epithet that was heard by some as a rape threat. Some of the individuals involved have apologized for their actions. But we still need to ask why this happened, how anarchists could be responsible for these things. And how to make sure it never happens again.

At the root of the incident was an impatience by some anarchists with a rally and walkout that they decided should have been an occupation. This letter will talk about the politics of impatience and offer some ideas for action.

A movement that stands for childcare, healthcare, and education for everyone means more to most people than slogans shouted by those who are "pushed by the violence of our desires" to act as individuals.

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[Note: Projects and organizations are listed along with people's names for identification only and don't imply endorsement by that group. Groups that sign on collectively are marked with an asterisk.]

Suzy Subways, SLAM Herstory Project, Prison Health News writing collective, Philadelphia
Joel Olson, Bring the Ruckus and Repeal Coalition
Zachary Hershman, Coalition for Essential Services
Philadelphia, former SDS member
Jasper Conner, IWW, Southern Appalachian Mountain Stewards, Appalachia VA
Chris Dixon, Sudbury Against War and Occupation & Upping the Anti, Sudbury, Ontario, doris zine
Daniela Sea
Sara Galindo, L.A. (A) Book Fair Collective
etc etc etc....

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The Politics of Impotence

What follows is a response to "The Politics of Impatience", originally found on Libcom and so graciously contributed to Anarchist News. This introduction should also read as a disclaimer: fighting on the internet isn't going to solve any of the problems facing us today. We address our problems in the street. We spent an hour writing this not with the naive hope that it is part of a constructive dialogue, but as a response to an absurd article designed to isolate and deride anarchists who actually do the damn thing.

The Politics of Impotence

That you are losing control, this much is certain. Your grasp on the throat of social conflict is loosening. The younger generation, we don't care about your 95 year long zine writing careers, your expensive-ass books about people struggling in some hot-ass country somewhere, or your pretensions of understanding, after decades of participating in a failure, the one true path to revolution.

We don't have the answers either, of course, but we don't need to name every guest speaker at Bluestockings to feel better about it.

What is the purpose of an anarchist petition against the actions of a group of anarchists? Is it an honest attempt at creating an open dialogue between two sides? We don't think so. What transpired here was an attempt to coerce compliance to the old leftist dogma through force of capital. Social capital, of course, exemplified in all the name-dropping of anarcho-nobodies and their 40 years of activism, but also capital in a more real sense: the power one gains through the mass production of their writings, of their name being seen on bookshelves in the comfortable living rooms of homes across America.

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What actually transpired on March 4 doesn't seem to concern you. That the fight started when a member of the ISO hit an anarchist with a drum is seemingly inconsequential.

We are alarmed by how quickly an insult can become a "rape threat" when spoken from the mouth of a black man.

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None of this, of course, matters to you. What matters is your ability to, by any means, regain control over the elements of the social struggle that have become, from your assessment, uncontrollable.

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