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Luers Released then Re-imprisoned

From The Eugene Register-Guard - By Jack Moran

UPDATE: Activist 'Free' Luers back behind bars after a.m. release

Environmental activist Jeffrey Michael "Free" Luers was released from state prison this morning after serving 8½ years behind bars.

A few hours later, he was taken back into custody — because of an error committed by Department of Corrections officials.

A state prison spokeswoman said officials mistakenly freed Luers, 30, because they thought he was eligible for early release under a cost-cutting bill enacted this year by the state Legislature that will result in the release of about 4,000 inmates.

Luers has been in prison since his 2001 conviction for burning three sport utility vehicles at the former Romania truck lot and for trying to set fire to Tyree Oil Co. in Eugene.

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9813>

A Love Letter to an Anonymous Stone-Thrower

Dear Anonymous Stone-Thrower,

A rock left from your beautiful hand into the Pittsburgh night searching for either a bank window, a storefront, or maybe even the visor of a riot cop's helmet to embrace. In a strange turn of events, my face obstructed the stone from reaching its final destination and, instead of the intended glass being shattered, my teeth were cracked into pieces and blood sprayed from my mouth like a scene from a '70s slasher flick. I ask you not to worry about my teeth, they are of little worth to revolutionaries; let's remember how Bakunin got along just fine with his scurvy-ridden chompers. In

fact, I'd gladly lose all my teeth, have a few fingers severed, and even a leg amputated if it would ensure that stones would continue to fly at demonstrations. A simple revolutionary cost-benefit analysis like this must surely take into account the fact that teeth are just minuscule parts of the grand expression we call a smile and smiles can not blossom on our faces without riots consuming the metropolis. So, please keep hurling those bricks into the dark sky for the sake of the world's happiness rests upon this.

My dear, I write you this love letter to also ask you, better yet, to implore you to never regret what happened this past Thursday in Pittsburgh. Despite what anyone might say, your aim -or your lack thereof- is not to blame and I insist that the fault belongs solely to my face, and to my face alone, for clumsily finding its way into the rock's path. Place all the guilt on my head... Literally. And in my throbbing skull, hypotheticals squirt out of my jarred brain. What is the exact nature of friendly-fire but a combination of the two elements essential to the composition of any revolutionary: friends and fire? Yes! I can assure you that you will never hear liberal complaints about the irresponsibility of the black bloc or banal whining about the careless violence displayed in a riot come from my now disfigured lips. For I know all too well that gestures cannot be beautiful without victims.

Read more hilarity at
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9825>

Queens Raid Hits G-20 Tweeting Anarchist

FBI anti-terrorism agents raided the Queens home of a self-described anarchist charged with tweeting protesters with instructions on how to evade police at the G-20 summit.

A dozen gas masks, liquid mercury, backpacks containing hammers and anarchist literature were among the dozens of items seized Thursday at the Jackson Heights home where Elliot Madison, 41, lives with his wife Elena, 39.

Madison is free on bail after Pittsburgh cops arrested him on Sept. 24 and charged him with hindering prosecution, criminal use of a communication facility and possessing criminal instruments.

Police tracked Madison and another man to a motel room at the Carefree Inn in Pittsburgh, where they discovered a makeshift communications center, according to a criminal complaint.

The two men were seated in front of personal computers and telecommunications equipment, wearing headphones and microphones and surrounded by maps, contact numbers and police and EMS scanners.

Cops claim they were using Twitter to direct the movements of protesters and update them on the location and actions of law enforcement.

The details of Madison's recent arrest and Thursday's search emerged yesterday as defense lawyer Martin Stolar asked a federal judge to stop authorities from reviewing confidential information contained in his client's computers.

Read much more at
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9827>

Jim Bell: Anarchist Prisoner up for Release

Crypto-anarchist, chemist, computer scientist, tax-resister, and essayist Jim Bell is up for release this December after serving a 10 year sentence for calling the government out on its bullshit.

In 1997, after years of not paying fed-

eral income tax, the IRS garnished Bell's wages and stole his car. In the vehicle, they found radical literature, information on explosive materials, and attempted to establish intent to harm, but could not. In retaliation, Bell left a propanethiol-soaked welcome mat on the doorstep of the IRS's Vancouver office—essentially a stink bomb. The IRS, unamused, tried to bring charges against Bell. His parents' home was raided, yielding computers with encrypted data, rifles, handguns, and an assortment of chemicals, none of which are illegal. He was arrested and pled guilty to obstructing IRS agents and using a false Social Security number to evade income tax. At trial he was demonized and convicted, being compared by prosecutors to Timothy McVeigh and Theodore Kaczynski. He was sentenced to 11 months and 3 years probation, during which he was not to access computers or possess chemicals-- a lot to ask of a hacker chemist.

After being released on probation, he was rearrested in June of 2000, 2 months after his release, for violating several of his probation conditions, and was returned to prison. Bell suspected that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms was conducting illegal surveillance of his activities. Indeed the ATF admitted to placing bugs in his home and placing a tracking device on his vehicle, both illegal, but he was still arrested for performing counter-surveillance on ATF agents.

Read much more at
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9834>

Raid of Memphis' Marsha P. Johnson Collective!

Reposted from bashbacknews.wordpress.org

In the late hours of Saturday, October 3, while most Bash Backers were out running errands or partying the night away; a fleet of five or so cop cars made their way toward the Marsha P. Johnson Queer Collective (known to many as simply the BB! Memphis Squat) on Bruce Street.

Upon arrival, without any announcement to vacate or any eviction notice in tow, two of the cops promptly approached a side window, using their steel flashlights to break through.

With guns drawn; several cops entered the community room adjacent to the broken window, where two queer

youth who had been staying at the collective were making love. They immediately ordered the partially-dressed duo outside, dragging them through the broken window pane.

By this time, several supportive neighbors had begun to rally across the street in their defense, screaming things at the cops like "Leave our neighborhood, pigs" and "Leave those kids alone". At one point, one neighbor, an older person of color, was told if he did not settle down and leave he would be arrested also.

Our next door neighbors, however, who collaborated with the police in the sting, however, began screaming homophobic and racist obscenities and were never asked to "settle down".

The youth were questioned but refused to give the location of any other house members.

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9837>

Call Out for Anti-2010 Olympics Solidarity!

International Call Out for Direct Action:

"Our struggles come from before 2010 and will reach beyond!"

This is a call out for direct action and solidarity. At the end of October, the Olympic Torch will come from Greece to Canada.

As we've seen here in BC, the true project of the Olympics is the enhancement capitalism, colonization and social control. New surveillance infrastructure and the training of police and security forces in counter-insurgency here will be exported around the world. The Olympics effects us all, the world over.

Direct action, disruptions or confrontations generally and against the torch relay can be part of a strategy to discourage economic development, exploitation and destruction of people and the land in "British Columbia."

Between October 29-30th, (and beyond) we welcome acts of solidarity in the form of whatever makes the most sense for your context.

Read more at
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9838>

October 2009 APOC Summit

Good People!

What's good in your hood? How are you? It's time for us to meet again. Some APOC have put together this get together to find out what's poppin. The time has come to take our struggles to new places. To do that we should see where we're at. How far have we come since we parted ways? How can we push and challenge ourselves while supporting each other?

Come to the APOC Summit in Philly: Friday, October 16 - Saturday, October 17, 2009

Any APOC from anywhere, at any stage are invited and encouraged to come (except cops, feds and perpetrators). Bring Your Rage! Smash the State and Liberate! Thugs 4 Puppies
- APOC

Read more, but no report back unfortunately, at
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9845>

Revolution is not just a word, but why revolt?

Revolution is not a word often used today in the meaningful way that it was in the past. The mildest reform or a new safety net put in place is often considered revolutionary. Advertisers of the latest product frivolously use the word in a way that nevertheless seems to subconsciously convey the inspirational meaning it had in the past. Smug academics and mainstream political partisans seem to scoff at the idea that a true revolution of values could occur by means of actual revolutionary activity. Others are so placated by the modern bread and circuses that they fail to notice growing crisis all around them.

This article is written with the intention of showing why a revolution is necessary and offers suggestions about how to make one manifest in practical reality.

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Perhaps the most difficult part of revolutionary organization is finding other sincerely devoted revolutionaries to coordinate your activities with. This is difficult for a number of reasons.

Generally, people in modern America are dumbed down and easily distracted. As much as people may think that I'm pushing the Kool-Aid with this piece, they ignore the the pushers of patriotic

American blindness that have dished the stuff out for hundreds of years. They push it to us as children at school, in church, at home, on the TV, in the malls and on the highway. We are told lies every single day through the simple nature of our consumeristic culture. We are led to believe that this is the only way, the best way, and that we had better stick with it to make it even better. And most people never see through this clearly. They can't get past it. It's too emotionally taxing for them to face and too physically threatening for them to resist -- even if they intellectually start to suspect that something just isn't right.

Conversely, it is difficult to find competent allies because many of those who are competent will have already masked their revolutionary activities. The difficulty of finding sincere individuals is also complicated by simple philosophical and personally idiosyncratic differences. It's a catch-22 because the easier it is to find and involve yourself with active radical individuals (with whom you are compatible), the more likely it will be that their security culture has been compromised. Tolerance and cooperation with any and all suggests low standards which can easily be exploited by the state. For that reason, bonds need to be formed early on OR by means of a gradual process. Jumping into the fray with a serious action alongside someone you just met can be very dangerous to your health and freedom. The more serious you are, the more likely you will be to encounter more serious, more covert, opposition from the state. (A word needs to be said about above-ground and underground radicals, but I will try to conclude with that in the final section.) On a similar note, it has been suggested that revolutionary radicals should have children because their actions will largely offset the effects of some slightly increased demands of overall consumption.

Read much more at <http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9846>

Anti-anarchist pogrom by Socialists in Greece

From Libcom.org

One day after assuming power, the Socialists launched a massive invasion of Exarcheia, the Athens anarchist enclave, with mass detentions and brutal intimidation of locals.

On the early hours of Friday 9 of October, four days after the landslide victory of the Socialists in the greek national elections, and only a day after assuming power, the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) proved its intentions towards the social antagonistic movement that has swept the country since the December Uprising: brutal repression.

Almost one thousand cops of all corpses, riot police, motorised police, secret police and usual uniformed officers swept Exarcheia, the anarchist enclave of the greek capital, at 01.30 am. The mass invasion of the police-free area was orchestrated by the new Minister of Public Order (or as the Socialist newspeak has it Minister of Citizens' Protection) Mr Chrisohoidis, infamous for his unorthodox methods in capturing and interrogating members of the November 17 urban guerrilla group in the summer of 2002 - i.e. torture. On his side the genius of repression has as of yesterday Mr Vougias, a well-known ex extreme-leftist eager to share his knowledge of things revolutionary with the State.

During the invasion, which came only a day after the new PM, Mr Papandreou the 3rd, announced that his government is "antiauthoritarians in power", hundreds of people were stopped and harassed by cops who broke into 26 bars, camped in the liberated park of Navarinou street and generally portrayed a most avenging and brutal attitude towards anyone who just happens to be within the invisible boundaries of the radical area.

Reports claim that several young people were seriously beaten during the operations.

According to the press more than 60 people were detained during the pogrom. Mr Vougias announced that "anomy will be abolished" and connected the invasion with an attack launched the previous morning by more than a dozen activists against banks and a fascist bookshop in the centre of the city as an act of solidarity to the 3 boys arrested under the anti-terrorist law.

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9857>

Technology And Anarchism

The modern anarchist movement has highly benefited from technology and the Internet, being able to disseminate information and has also the privileged

of not facing strong oppression from the state in the medium, but i fear that this time is coming to an end. For too long the anarchist movement and related movements have enjoyed a freedom normally reserved for mainstream computer users, especially in western nations. Freedom of Speech as the states call it, but we see a common thread from the state following from more repressive nations of confiscation of technological devices such as cell phones, laptops and storage media. Once this information is in the eyes of the state, it is copied and used against us.

If anarchists are to stay a fighting force within the political spectrum a serious consideration of technology and it's impacts on our movement. This writing hopes to start the conversation.

A serious Security Audit:

Defensive Technology

Businesses do this all the time, they hire outside firms to analyze their networks for weak spots. As an observer and a participant i have taken it upon myself to preform this audit on the anarchist movement. You can boil down technological faults to 3 things. we will call them the 3Es:

Email: The most commonly used form of communication on the Internet, including anarchists. Email lists predate many of the "social networking" we know now and is still a main use of organizing. Yet email is weak because of it's nature. Email is a postcard, not secure in anyway from prying eyes.

Encryption: Encryption is the only way of safety when using technology, although not an end all be all (it takes the National Security Agency 2 weeks to crack strong encryption), it can help us. Everything of importance should be encrypted from emails and chat logs to full hard drive encryption. If we encrypt everything, even the stuff that doesn't matter we make it that much harder for them to access any of our information.

Erasure: It is very important to know how to get rid of information. Many people think that dragging a file to your trash bin means bye bye, but this is simply not true. The only true way of getting information off of a media is destroying it. This also should be considered when posting things online, as logs are kept for a really long time. Are you sure you want to post about that action on facebook? once you delete it you can be guaranteed that someone will have a copy of it.

By using these 3 faults, you can analyze how your organization is (or is not) using them. By making your communications secure, you can put up a more defensive wall against the state. But what if we want to go further.

Read much more at <http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9861>

Centre for Anarchist Studies, Croatia

From *Anarkismo* - by Juraj Katalenac

This is an article about the foundation of the Centre for Anarchist Studies (CAS) in Croatia and about its web site that has just been finished.

Centre for Anarchist Studies (CAS) is an NGO founded with the goal to study anarchist theory, practice and history, emphasizing anarcho-syndicalism. The Centre collects anarchist literature, publishes anarchist publications, and gives lectures, seminars and public discussions. Because of the publishing activity, the Center is registered as an NGO, since this will make our publications available in bookstores and libraries.

So far, the Center has published three books: 1) Émile Pouget – The Basics of Syndicalism / Direct Action/Sabotage

2) Rudolf Rocker – The Methods of Anarcho-Syndicalism/CNT – Anarcho-Syndicalism in Puerto Real

3) Arthur J. Miller – Making Anarchist Revolution Possible

The Centre's web site is a public good. It's designed as an internet archive of libertarian literature on Croatian language. The archive will be constantly updated with new texts about anarchist/libertarian theory, practice, and history and with interviews and photos.

The Center wants to give as much information as it can to its users in order to break prejudices about anarchism as an idea that advocates chaotic, unorganized and Utopian society. We want to explain and elucidate anarchism as a legitimate political ideology with its theory, practice and history.

If you want more information, please contact us at [kontakt\[at\]anarhizam.hr](mailto:kontakt[at]anarhizam.hr)

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9887>

Update On Police Invasion Of Exarchia

“Espresso” is a tabloid in Athens, the sort of greek equivalent of “the Sun” in the UK or “Bild” in Germany. In-between soft-core porn and showbiz “news”, the paper has developed a habit of publishing the names of people arrested – but not convicted – for various, mostly political cases, in a clear defiance of even the state's own laws. The paper's immunity stands largely thanks to some of its very convenient links to the greek state...

Shortly after noon today, around ten people arrived outside the headquarters of “Espresso”. Armed with pots, hammers, crowbars and sticks they smashed the glass facade of the building and trashed some of the cars parked right outside, while writing slogans in solidarity with the accused for the “conspiracy cells” case.

Meanwhile, in the police-occupied neighbourhood of Exarcheia, the residents have started taking things in their own hands. Seeing that the police are trying to build a heavier permanent presence in the area, an impromptu daily meeting has been called for 7.30pm every evening at the neighbourhood's square, with only one immediate demand: Cops out of Exarcheia!

October 13: Bomb Hoax

Police cordoned off the area around a justice of the peace court near the city center yesterday morning after an unidentified caller telephoned the Eleftherotypia newspaper at 10.30 a.m., warning that a bomb would go off at the court at 11 a.m., followed by another two bombs on the hour for the next two hours. Bomb-disposal experts cleared the area around the junction of Pireos and Socratous streets but failed to find any suspect devices. Yesterday's hoax follows three similar ones last week when callers warned of blasts in central Syntagma Square and the upmarket district of Kolonaki.

Read much more at <http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9892>

Infiltrators in Santa Cruz

Three people recently entered some radical spaces in Santa Cruz and behaved in ways that led many people who encountered them to conclude that they were police agents. What follows is a description

of these individuals and a summary of the sequence of events that led people to draw these conclusions. Although it may seem at first glance that they might just be some naive kids eager to impress, read the whole story first because it does look really bad. In fact, the best thing that could be said of them is that they're dangerously stupid and would therefore also be very unsafe people for that reason. Unfortunately no pictures were obtained.

Identifying themselves as “anarchist travelers”, all of these people look like they're around 18-20, white, average height and size, wear alternative/“punk”-looking but strangely very clean clothes, and are very clean overall.

“Kao” is male, cleanshaven, shoulder-length brown hair (often in a camo headband), “conventionally attractive” features, anarchy-sign “tattoo” (?) on the side of his neck. Claims to be from Louisiana.

“Carrie”, “Casey” or possibly “Camie”: female, with braces, blond “faux-hawk” with sides shaved and some kind of rat tail or dread in the back, juggles a little, carries a ukulele around with her. From Laguna Beach, supposedly.

Another male who didn't really say anything to anyone, no one seems to have caught his name, bearded, wearing a plaid shirt and carhartts.

Read much more at <http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9932>

Boycott Chicago ABA Protest

Next weekend, major protests are planned in Chicago against the American Bankers Association. The protests are being called the “Showdown in Chicago” (an allusion to the Seattle WTO?), and are being organized by a left coalition, spearheaded by the SEIU. Anarchists are being actively invited to participate, to help add “color” and “flair” to the demos. Great, we're all against bankers and the rich, so we should hit be excited to hit the streets, right? And it'll be a great way to maintain momentum after the G20, right?

No! Think twice before joining this mobilization. There are a number of serious concerns that need to be raised within radical circles about protesting the ABA. I'll outline those below

Much more at <http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9657>

Greetings from Greece: Christos and Alfredo

They're old things, from another century. Two anarchists get arrested after a bank job. The first robbed it, gun in hand. They say the second helped him, holding the money. It happened in a small Greek village, this past October 1. And so? There are things that happen. And then that is a far away country, with an incomprehensible and untranslatable language. Who do you want to be interested in it? The robber is Christos Stratigopoulos, already arrested and convicted here in Italy fifteen years ago on a similar charge. The penalty served, he returned to Greece. Remembered by a few, unknown to most. But the other one arrested is Italian; it is Alfredo Bonanno. Yes, precisely him; who hasn't heard his name? In its own small way, the news has gone quickly around the world, revived by many press agencies: "one of the major theorists of insurrectionalist anarchism", "among the major ideologues of anarchy", "anarchist activist and writer", "international fugitive anarchist robber", "theorist of revolutionary violence", has ended up behind bars again. The promoters of antiterrorism, both Greek and Italian, have rushed in, ready to exploit the juicy occasion. The elements for concocting a fine theorem are all there: a country in which there are still fires blazing after the great insurrectionary conflagration that flared up last December, a Greek anarchist active in the movement, a foreign anarchist known for his subversive theories who travelled around the country holding meetings, a bank robbed.

Christos has taken full responsibility for the act, caused by economic problems, denying Alfredo's involvement. But, clearly, the judge didn't believe him. So both are still in jail. The first, because he dared to reach out a hand toward wealth rather than resign himself to dying in misery. What's more, he is an anarchist. The second, because... because... because maybe he helped his comrade. And, for sure, he is an anarchist. And that's enough.

They are old things, from another century. Two anarchists get arrested after a bank job. Outside, solidarity is organized. Funds start to be collected; initiatives are prepared. But that's not all. In Athens, the two prisoners get explosive greetings from the group Conspiracy of the Cells of Fire, which had just disturbed the crowning of the new Greek premier. In Villejuif, France,

someone renders their homage by smashing the windows of the local offices of the Socialist Party. One of the beauties of anarchy is that it doesn't recognize borders. And in Italy? Bah, here it has been limited to communicating the news, faithfully and coldly reporting the journalists' poisons. No comment. The drafters of daily virtual communiqués say nothing. The tenders of militant gardens fall silent. The little strategists of the new alliances hush up. The movement has now become a community, and anyone who doesn't share its rules and language doesn't exist. He is nameless. In the rush to follow the masses, have individuals been forgotten? Perhaps it's better this way. Better a sincere silence, if in the face of such an act, one no longer knows what to say, than hypocritical chatter about solidarity. Let's leave that to the Stalinist annoyances and other ruins. Or to a few third millennium fascists, who on one of their forums rendered "honor" to the two arrested anarchists.

They are old things, from another century. Two anarchists get arrested after a bank job. The first is 46-years-old, the second 72. Whether guilty or innocent, for them being anarchists doesn't even have the excuse of being an infantile disorder of extremism. Stubborn as they are, they haven't understood that now is the time to ride the wave of social movements, to defend who knows what in front of places of power, to act as social workers for the damned of the earth. No, they haven't understood this. The dream that they have in their hearts is much too big to adapt itself to the tick-tock of modern times.

No pardon, no pity.

Good-bye, beautiful Lugano.

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9948>

Occupy the Crisis: the emerging student-worker action movement in California

OCCUPY THE CRISIS!: the emerging student-worker direct action movement in California

(a summary commissioned by the antioch rebel newspaper from a participant in the ucsc actions)

On Sept. 24, thousands of students, faculty, and staff walked out of University of California campuses across the state. The walk-outs and one-day strike were called by a wide coalition of UC unions

and activist groups as a largely symbolic protest against the budget cuts, fee hikes and firings associated with the state budget crisis. At two campuses, however, in Santa Cruz and Berkeley, some people then walked back in and began to initiate occupations. Administrators and activists alike were stunned that the logic of symbolic protest had been abandoned for concrete, insurrectionary activity. Occupation, a tactic which is mostly unfamiliar in the U.S., is widely generalized in many social struggles throughout the world, and points towards new dimensions of struggle and autonomous organization that are likely to prove particularly vital as the economic crisis continues and deepens.

WHAT IS AN OCCUPATION?

An occupation is a break in capitalist reality that occurs when people directly take control of a space, suspending its normal functions and animating it as a site of struggle and a weapon for autonomous power.

Occupations are a common part of student struggles in France, where for example in 2006 a massive youth movement against the CPE (a new law that would allow employers to fire first-time workers who had been employed for up to 2 years without cause) occupied high schools and universities and blockaded transit routes. In 1999, the National Autonomous University of Mexico City was occupied for close to a year to prevent tuition from being charged. Both of these struggles were successful. In Greece and Chile, long and determined student struggles have turned campuses into cop-free zones, which has in turn led to their use as vital organizing spaces for social movement involving other groups like undocumented migrants and indigenous people.

Occupations have not been seen much in the U.S. since the 1970s until 2008 when workers at the Republic Windows and Doors Factory in Chicago occupied the building and won back pay from the bank that foreclosed the factory. In following months, university students in New York City staged several occupations in resistance to the corporatization of their schools. It was this activity which inspired the students in Santa Cruz and Berkeley.

Read much more at

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9965>

Anarchism and the Politics of Technology

From *WorkingUSA: the journal of labor and society* - by Uri Gordon

Contemporary anarchists' practical attitudes toward technology seem highly ambivalent, even contradictory. Our proverbial anti-authoritarian could pull up genetically modified crops before dawn, report on the action through e-mail lists and websites in the morning, fix her or his community's wind-powered generator in the afternoon, and work part-time as a programmer after supper. Thus, on the one hand, we find anarchists involved in numerous campaigns and direct actions where the introduction of new technologies is explicitly resisted, from bio- and nanotechnology to technologies of surveillance and warfare. On the other hand, anarchists have been actively using and developing information and communication technologies (ICTs), as well as engaging in practical sustainability initiatives that involve their own forms of technological innovation.

To briefly survey the field: resistance to new technologies was prominent on both sides of the Atlantic from the 1970s on, in the activities of the antinuclear and radical environmental movements—both important progenitors of contemporary anarchist networks (Epstein 1993; Wall 1999; Seel, Patterson, and Doherty 2000; Gordon 2007). Experimental growing of genetically modified crops was also met with widespread resistance, primarily in Western Europe, with anarchist groups often taking the lead (SchNEWS 2004; Thomas 2001). More recently, there has been active anarchist involvement in campaigning against the introduction of biometric identification cards in the UK (Anarchist Federation 2008a), against bogus “techno-fixes” to climate change such as geo-engineering and carbon capture and sequestration (Fauset 2008), and against the emergent industrial strategy of technological convergence on the nano scale (ETC Group 2003; Plows and Reinsborough 2008). Anarchist action repertoires can thus safely be said to contain a strong antitechnological element.

At the same time, however, anarchists make extensive use of mobile phones, e-mail, and Internet websites in their organizing and have themselves developed

a number of ICTs. The most celebrated example is open publishing software, by now a staple of Internet communication, pioneered in Australia by the Catalyst collective of anarchist hackers and used to run the first Indymedia website during the 1999 anti-World Trade Organization (WTO) protests in Seattle (Indymedia 2004; Meikle 2002). Many activists are also talented programmers, playing an important role in the development of GNU/Linux operating systems and other open-source, free software applications. In Western Europe there currently operate over thirty HackLabs—radical community spaces offering Internet access and training in programming while also serving as hubs for political organizing (Barandiaran 2003).

A third form of engagement with technology is to be found in the widespread anarchist attraction to innovative sustainability applications. Permaculture design (Mollison 1988), organic farming techniques, eco-architecture and construction with natural and recycled materials (Alexander 1977), and solar and wind energy—all of these have been drawing a great deal of interest from activists and are employed in many eco-villages, community gardens, and urban projects with an explicit or implicit anarchist ethos (Anarchist Federation 2008b; Bang 2005; O'Rourke 2008; Roman 2006). These technologies of practical sustainability embody, in their various ways, a combination of traditional knowledge with the latest insights from ecological science and systems theory.

Read much more at <http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9968>

Attack on Athens Police Station: five cops wounded

From *Occupied London*

At around 9.40pm on Tuesday night, four people on motorbikes opened fire against the police station of Ayia Paraskeui, a north-eastern suburb of Athens. Mainstream media report that five cops have been wounded, with one being in a critical condition. They also report that the type of weapons and ammunition used and the style of the attack refer to either the “Revolutionary Struggle” or the “Revolutionary Sect” – two of the many urban guerrilla groups active in the country

lately. It is expected that whatever group is responsible for the attack will release a communique in the next few days.

Read more at <http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9975>

Seattle: three police cars and RV set on fire

Three Seattle police cars and an RV that's used as a mobile precinct were torched early Thursday in a city maintenance yard, according to police.

Just before 5 a.m., city workers spotted a suspicious-looking man walking through a parking lot at 714 S. Charles St., where police, fire and other city vehicles awaiting maintenance work are stored, said police spokesman Detective Jeff Kappel.

The workers tried to talk to the man, and “just about that time, police cars started going up in flames and he took off running,” Kappel said. The workers called 911 at 4:53 a.m. and firefighters quickly doused the flames, he said.

“There were police vehicles deliberately set on fire,” said Kappel, who couldn't say if reports of an explosion were accurate. “Only police vehicles were burned,” even though vehicles from a variety of city departments are stored there.

Kappel also couldn't say whether the vehicles were a total loss. No damage estimate has been released.

Kappel said the Seattle Police Department hadn't received any threats before the fires, which also slightly damaged a nearby building.

The fire was so intense that it set off sprinklers inside the maintenance garage, which sustained smoke and water damage, said Seattle Fire Department spokeswoman Helen Fitzpatrick. She said the damaged police vehicles were outside the garage but behind a security fence.

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Thursday was the 14th annual National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality.

Read more at <http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9969>