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—*Tamara*

imprisoned anarchist in spain

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About the Guelph Anarchist

The Guelph Anarchist Black Cross Collective is committed to confronting the state, capitalism, colonization, and all forms of exploitation. The function of prisons is inherently codependent with these forces, for neither can exist without the other. We see prison as a daily threat, also manifesting in all aspects of society through surveillance, isolation and repression. We want to contribute to a struggle against prisons, and the world that needs them.

We want to support, provide resources, and help build a framework for defense with communities burdened by the legal system, courts, jails, prison, arrests, and police. This means having access to resources like lawyers, building networks of solidarity, maintaining relationships with those locked up and connecting with those who face similar struggles.

Barefoot Bandit Caught Eleuthera Island, Bahamas

Sadly, on July 11th our folk hero the 'Barefoot Bandit' was arrested in the pre dawn hours of Sunday. Police picked up his trail on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas after they spotted the 44 foot long power boat in which Colton had stolen from a local marina. Colton Harris-moore had been on the run for two years breaking into homes and stealing credit cards to acquire the means to stay on the lam. He is suspected of stealing three aircraft (with no flying experience only the knowledge from reading a flight manual and computer based flight simulator), and numerous cars and boats since his escape from a group detention center in 2008. The now 19 year old has escaped from jail, evaded sheriffs, the RCMP, and the FBI. Dubbed the "Barefoot Bandit" for the reason that he once kicked off his shoes to better evade the pigs chasing him in the woods of his hometown Camano Island, Washington.

Recently over the July 4th weekend, Colton stole a single engine Cessna Corvalis 400, from Monroe County Airport Bloomington, Indiana and crash landed in shallow waters off Great Abaco Island in the Bahamas. On the morning of the 11th after a short boat-chase The Bahaman police shot at both engines disabling Colton's boat. At that time suspecting capture, the "Barefoot Bandit" threw overboard his laptop, cell iphone and other personal belongings. Colton has been extradited to the US and will face charges in a Seattle court later this month. His charges include: interstate transportation of a stolen aircraft, attempting to elude, burglary, identity theft, illegal entry, illegally landing a plane, malicious mischief, motor vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

We wish nothing but the best for Colton and even now as he is bound in the chains of law, we hope for the continuation of his adventures in sticking to the pigs, the law, and the rich.

In addition, it's now a very profitable business. Prison is one of power's cruelest tools of vengeance: punishment. Inside prison, injustice and abuse abound, revealing the brutal aspiration to destroy people. There, everything is designed to annihilate; to create a meager subsistence; to make one feel the most intense loneliness; to distance; to erase dreams and memories, which are lost to time by those whose minds and voices are unable to scale the walls that use routine and habit to cage something more than bodies. Support and solidarity must then become visible, strike, and shatter the concrete and cold bars, preventing them from silencing the voices within.

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The struggle against prison concerns all of us who want to retake control of our lives, who refuse the dying of the light, who don't want to take part in their lies, who resist further perpetuating the silence of a society that has become complicit in all that tries to steal our lives and oppress us.

Every day, with every gesture, at every moment, we have the opportunity to seize our freedom.

An embrace for all, filled with rebellion, liberty, and complicity. Every strength, courage, support, and solidarity to Alfons, Nuria, Rodri, Gabriel, Marco, Juan Carlos, Diego, and so many other compas who are struggling and suffering the consequences of repression: May your cries never be silenced, nor your rebel hearts forgotten.

My deepest scorn and hatred for our executioners. It's not going to be easy for them to defeat us.

DOWN WITH THE WALLS!

-Tamara, June 6, 2010

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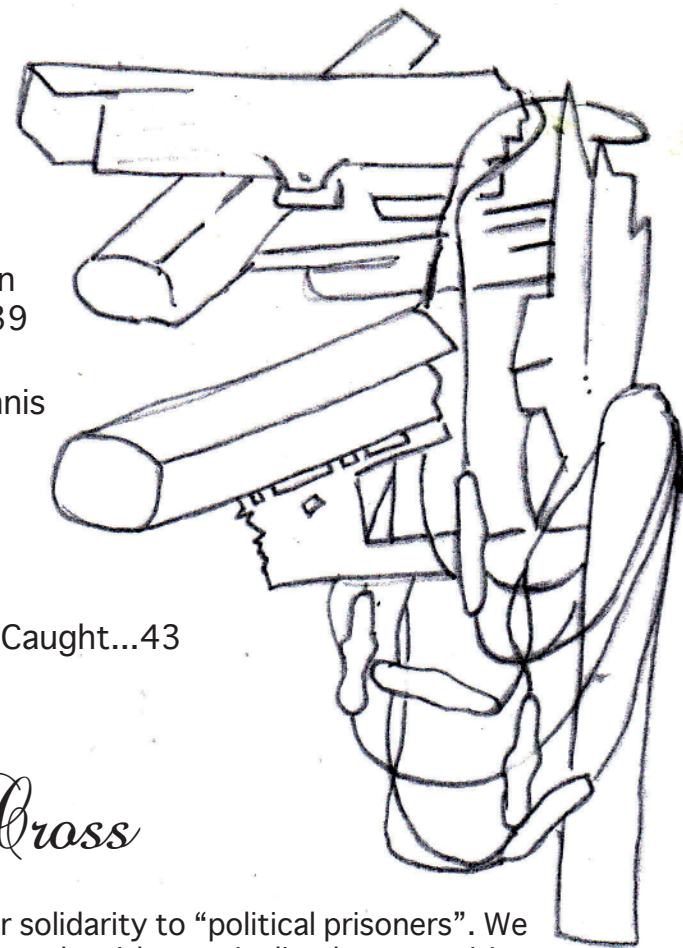
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We do not limit our solidarity to "political prisoners". We want to build a struggle with marginalized communities and anyone who strives for freedom. It is important for any ongoing revolutionary struggle to recognize that the fight against prison is a part of the fight for freedom (for us, as anarchist revolutionaries, repression and prison are a daily threat and reality). It is with this understanding that we expand our ties and strengthen our struggles.

Fight the system inside and outside the walls!

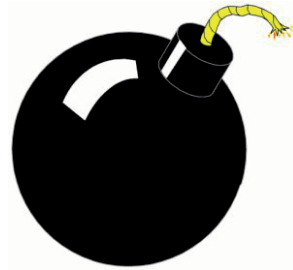
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May 18 2010 Bank Arson in Ottawa

communiqué reprinted from anarchistnews.org: Royal Bank Canada was a major sponsor of the recently concluded 2010 Olympics on stolen indigenous land. This land was never legally ceded to colonial British Columbia. This hasn't stopped the government from assuming full ownership of the land and its resources for the benefit of its corporate masters and to the detriment of aboriginal peoples, workers and the poor of the province. The 2010 Winter Olympics increased the homelessness crisis in Vancouver, especially the Downtown Eastside, Canada's poorest urban area. Since the Olympics bid, homelessness in Vancouver has nearly tripled while condominium development in the Downtown Eastside is outpacing social housing by a rate of 3:1. The further criminalization and displacement of those living in extreme poverty continues apace.



Royal Bank Canada is one of the planet's greenest companies according to one of its own brochures. Corporate Canada saw fit to include RBC as one of the top 50 in a competition dubbed Canada's Greenest Employers, which purports to recognize organizations that have created a culture of environmental awareness. Yet RBC is now the major financier of Alberta's tar sands, one of the largest industrial projects in human history and perhaps the most destructive. The tar sands, now the cause of the second fastest rate of deforestation on the planet, are slated to expand several times its current size.

The games in Vancouver are now over, but resistance continues. An RBC branch can be found in every corner of Canada. On June 25-27 2010, the G8/G20 'leaders' and bankers are meeting in Huntsville and Toronto to make decisions that will further their policies of exploitation of people and the environment. We will be there. We pass the torch to all those who would resist the trampling of native rights, of the rights of us all, and resist the ongoing destruction of our planet. We say: The Fire This Time. FFFC - Ottawa at the corner of Bank Street and First Avenue.



The bank robs you legitimately and likes it

Slogans spray painted outside a bank in Solonos Str, where anarchist Giannis Dimitrakis got arrested after an armed bank robbery, the same bank was burnt down by anarchists-antiauthoritarians.

Letter from Tamara about the prison struggle

December 15, 2009: Tamara, an anarchist comrade from Madrid, was imprisoned in the woman's prison of Wad-Ras. She is accused of having sent an explosive package to Albert Batlle, secretary of penitentiary services of the Catalan regional government. The action was in October, during a campaign in struggle against the penitentiary system and in solidarity with the prisoner Amadeu Casellas, who was on hunger strike at that time. Tamara was released in April, after four months in prison and still awaits trial.

letter reprinted from thisisourjob.wordpress.com:

It only takes a quick look around to see that we live and breathe prison. We are born in chains and condemned to endure a miserable, empty existence subject to the control of a System of domination that enslaves and feeds on our lives, and whose best weapons against dissent are the prisons charged with sowing fear among those who break the law and clash with order.

Prison is one of the System's strongest pillars. It was made for those who don't submit, for those who—consciously or not—exemplify the misery created by the System.

Letter from Giannis Dimitrakis

Anarchist Prisoner in Greece

excerpts reprinted from 325.nostate.net:

...For me now at my 32 years of age, with whatever experiences I have and whatever political consciousness and understanding I have developed, it is indisputable that since always one of the most precious and powerful weapons in the hands of people fighting against the world of the overlords, in expectance of a fair and free near future, was and will be solidarity. A solidarity which does not shrink in the face of repression but on the contrary unfolds decisively; which does not weep but attacks; which does not forget but honors with its memory.

...To all those who have stood by me through all my years of imprisonment and who continue in whatever way they can to give me the strength and courage to stand proud against all kinds of state mechanisms, I feel that I owe a part of myself.

So I salute and would like to thank all those comrades who within the context of the local and international web of solidarity that is developing and strengthening continuously in the last years and that breaks through borders and boundaries, considered and deemed it is worth for them to risk even their own freedom in order to build an effective mound and a counterweight to the attacks and decisions taken against me by those in power.

Before the final rise of the sun that melts the darkness that embraces us all, the scattered fires emerging and shining more and more frequently from the most distant and unlikely places, illuminate the points and imperceptible routes drawn out by the universal rebellious conscience. My heart and soul cannot but be wholly with it.

NO FIGHTER A HOSTAGE IN THE HANDS OF THE POWER AND
ECONOMIC ELITES
FREEDOM TO ALL IN PRISON

With comradely greetings

Y. Dimitrakis

Domokos Prison

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Ottawa Movement Defence

Update & Statement From J18 Detainees

Friday, July 16th, 2010

Sunday, July 18th marks one month since our friends were arrested and jailed for their alleged connection to the May 18th arson of a Royal Bank of Canada branch in Ottawa, Ontario. The bank remains boarded up, 2 of our friends remain in jail, and a 3rd friend has been released under very strict bail conditions, despite not currently being charged with anything in connection to the alleged RBC arson. Our thoughts are with them this weekend, as they have been constantly since their arrest, and we hope that not many more days will pass before we can see them liberated. Solidarity With Our Friends Who Are Not Free!

Statement to Supporters from Matt and Roger

Thursday, July 15th, 2010

We would like to thank everyone for their support. It's much appreciated, much needed, and makes in being in prison more bearable. Although adjusting to life in prison is not easy, everything is more or less alright for now. Of course, we are both hoping to get out on bail. Getting bail is currently what we are focused on, and this should be the priority for folks supporting us on the outside. Please remember that right now we don't want supporters talking to the media or making public comments about us or our case. If you'd like to know details on how to best support us at this time, contact Ottawa Movement Defense at ottawamovementdefense@gmail.com

In solidarity,

Matt Morgan-Brown, Roger Clement

Legal Update

Earlier this month, Claude was released on bail with very restrictive conditions, including a curfew, and a requirement that he reside at a relative's home. Roger was denied bail previously, and he and his lawyers are now working to prepare for a bail review hearing.

Matt Morgan-Brown remains in detention, as well, with his bail hearing set to occur in early August, though no specific date is yet confirmed. While this is a lengthy period of time to wait for a bail hearing, this was a strategic decision by Matt and his lawyer based on other criteria not directly related to this case. We will notify everyone as soon as Matt's bail hearing date is known for certain.

Letters of Support to the J18 Defendants

Matt and Roger are still being detained at Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre, where they are only allowed two short visits per week. This cuts them off from their wide support networks during this difficult time as they are facing serious charges. We encourage you to write letters of support to them. Please tell them that you are with them and support their immediate release. Your letters of support will be very much appreciated. Their mailing addresses are:

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Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre
2244 Innes Road
Gloucester, ON
K1B 4C4

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Gloucester, ON
K1B 4C4

No Public and/or Media Statements

PLEASE NOTE: The June 18th Defendants have asked supporters NOT to make public or media statements at this time. Please be careful when discussing this situation publicly, including online and to the media, as incautious statements may compromise the ability of the accused to defend themselves in court. Now that this matter is before the courts, we need to ensure the Crown is able to base its case only on substantive evidence, rather than relying on sensational or incautious public comments. In particular,

Nikos Maziotis on Hunger Strike

reprinted and edited from occupiedlondon.org/blog

Nikos Maziotis, an anarchist prisoner and member of Revolutionary Struggle in Greece, was on hunger strike from July 15 until July 25, demanding that to be transferred to the maternity clinic on July 25 to visit his partner Panagiota Roupas and their son who was to be born by Caesarean on July 24. He also demanded regular visits to the female prisons for visits. Here is an excerpt of the letter from Nikos (for a full translation visit occupiedlondon.org/blog):

“... my partner and comrade Panagiota Roupas and myself, both of which are members of Revolutionary Struggle, are denied the right of prison visits thanks to the attorney of the prison of Korydallos, who rejects “for security reasons” my visit to the maternity clinic “Alexandra” to visit my partner, who will bring our son to the world – the youngest political prisoner of the greek ‘democracy’...”

Update July 25:

demands are met and Pola Roupas gives birth

The hunger strike by Nikos Maziotis and Kostas Gournas ended a few hours ago, along with the abstaining from meals by approximately 90 prisoners across the country; they were abstaining in support of the demand of Nikos Maziotis to visit his newly-born child.

Nikos Maziotis was transferred this morning to the Alexandra hospital in Athens and visited his comrade and partner Pola Roupas, who gave birth to their son yesterday with good care and without the presence of the anti-terrorist unit at any stage of the procedure. It is almost certain that Nikos' second demand, to be visiting Pola in Korydallos prison, will also be met.

after their pre-trial. Regardless, raising funds now is imperative. Defendants will be held in jail until the conclusion of their trial if we do not bail them out. (During the last Oscar Grant riots in January 2009 one man was charged with arson. His trial dragged on a whole year before the city dropped the charges due to lack of evidence. This scenario is destined to repeat itself at the expense of those arrested on the 8th.)

We, the anarchists and autonomists of the Bay Area of California, lovers of rebellions, and haters of cops for their ceaseless violence against us, do humbly request for solidarity to help free these brave rebels. If your collective, scene, squat, movement has the capacity to throw a benefit, or otherwise come into money, for this legal defense fund. we couldn't need it more in order to keep our movement against the murderous police fierce and alive!

Thank you,
In Solidarity,
The Oakland 100 Support Committee

To make an online contribution use oakland100@gmail.com via [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com)

For more information on the status of the cases see:
www.supporttheoakland100.wordpress.com
or email us at oakland100@gmail.com

For ongoing coverage of the Justice for Oscar Grant Movement see www.indybay.org

Please feel free to repost and forward this widely and translate into other languages!

*For those unfamiliar with the case: Oscar Grant, a Black man, was pulled off a train in Oakland New Years Eve by a gang of police. He was laying face down on the ground when shot point blank in the back by Mehserle, a white cop. The murder was filmed by many train passengers and viewed by hundreds of thousands of people on youtube. A week after the murder herds of people from Oakland, California erupted in riots.

IT IS THE POSITION OF OTTAWA MOVEMENT DEFENSE THAT SPEAKING VOLUNTARILY TO THE POLICE WILL PREJUDICE THE DEFENSE OF THE ACCUSED AND MAKE THEIR COURT PROCEEDINGS MORE DIFFICULT. ANY STATEMENT MADE TO THE POLICE OR MEDIA CAN BE USED AGAINST THE ACCUSED, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT IS HYPOTHETICAL OR BASED ON DISTORTED INFORMATION.

No matter how friendly or intimidating police may appear, or how clever you think you might be in getting information out of them, nothing good can come of voluntarily talking to the police. If police contact you, please let us know as soon as possible at ottawamovementdefense@gmail.com

Donate to the Legal Defence Fund

Financial support is crucial right now. We must begin fundraising ongoing legal and support costs, which are already quite significant. In addition to legal fees, there are related support costs accrued by Ottawa Movement Defense. These include such things as collect calls from prison, jail canteen, etc. To donate to the legal defense fund via PayPal, please follow the below instructions:

1. Go to <http://www.paypal.com/sendmoney>
2. Type in ottawamovementdefense@gmail.com in the "To" box.
3. Type in your email address in the "From" box
4. Type in Amount and find CAD (Can Dollars) in the menu to the right.
5. Click on the "Personal" Tab and check the button "Gift".
6. Click "Continue".
7. The next page will ask you to either Log In to your paypal account or sign up for an account. If you sign up for an account, you can link up your account to your credit card or bank account.
8. For all transactions, there is a charge of 2.2% of the amount +

\$0.30. You can decide whether you will pay this amount or the Ottawa Movement Defense (in which case this amount is deducted from the amount you are giving).

Organise A Fundraiser

Please consider organising a fundraiser in your city or within your social networks. We really appreciate the fundraisers people have already organised. There are currently more underway! If you would like to volunteer and help organise with the fundraising subcommittee, please email us at ottawamovementdefense@gmail.com Please let us know if you are organising a fundraiser so we can help get the word out.

Stay Up To Date

If you would like to be added (or removed) from the Ottawa Movement Defense announcement list, please write to us: ottawamovementdefense@gmail.com

Ottawa Movement Defense is a legal and political support committee for the June 18th Defendants. We take direction from the June 18th defendants. Our support activities include: coordinating visits, fundraising towards legal and support costs, informing friends and supporters of the court proceedings, etc. We do not provide legal advice to the defendants. Currently, we are not making any statements to the media.

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Call Out for Solidarity *With Oscar Grant Protest Arrestees*

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Greetings from California, Comrades!

As many have heard, a relentless anti-police movement has grown from the tragedy of Oscar Grant's murder on January 1, 2009 by former officer Johannes Mehserle.* Recently, Mehserle was convicted of the deplorable charge of involuntary manslaughter, a weak charge which carries a sentence of probation to four years in prison.

When the news of Mehserle's verdict reached the people of the bay area on July 8, the streets heated up in a style reminiscent of the anti-police riots a year and a half ago. Downtown Oakland swelled immediately after the release of the verdict. For hours after the verdict was released, people milled about, yelling at police, and listening to angry speeches. As the sun went down, the police moved in to end the spontaneous demonstration, threatening arrest of anyone who stayed on the streets. The sky was littered with helicopters and planes. Every police force in the region had gathered in downtown. Despite these threats, in the hours that followed, blocks and blocks of Oakland were wrecked, bank windows smashed, stores looted, and trash cans set on fire by people outraged by the state and society's sickening disregard for Oscar Grant's life, and by extension, those who are always the victims of police violence in the state's constant war against people of color, women, and the poor.

The night of July 8th, and long after the riots had ended, the Oakland Police Department as well as other Bay Area police departments, snatched at least 78 people from the streets.

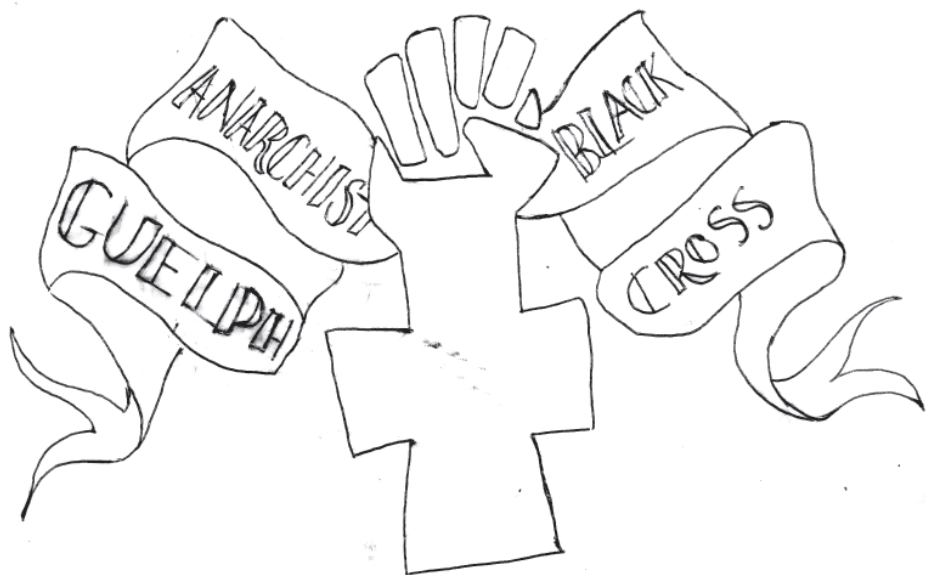
Twelve of those comrades are still in jail. Seven of them are being held without bail for parole violations. The five others face various felonies including burglary, rioting, and arson. They have bails ranging between \$60,000 and \$70,000, with one man being held for \$525,000. With a bail bondsman we can free them by posting around 10% of the bail. We are hopeful that some of these people will get their bail reduced in the coming weeks

or police murder of poor and minority people. These call for an immediate response, and anarchists facing such situations will want to carry out and encourage autonomous responses using direct action rather than making demands of those in power. The precise way in which anarchists might intervene in such situations would vary depending on circumstances. But the point is always to encourage the tendency toward autonomy, self-organization and direct action rather than to push a political perspective.

- Wolfi Landstreicher

The full text "Autonomous Self Organization and Anarchist Intervention: A Tension in Practice" can be downloaded at:

antipolitics.net/distro



Support Political Prisoners of the G20

Seventeen people so far are accused of being part of Southern Ontario Anarchist Resistance (SOAR) and organizing protests against the G20 summit. Charges include: conspiracy to commit mischief over \$5000, conspiracy to assault police officers and conspiracy to obstruct police officers.

There are dozens of other people also facing serious charges related to the G20 including mischief, arson, and theft. Information on supporting other folks can be found on the links at the end of this article.

There is currently a Publication Ban which means that details of the case are not allowed to be made public.

The nature of conspiracy charges is that anything that one defendant says can be used against all of them. It is with this understanding that we respect our comrades who are silenced.

As of July 30 2010, of these 17 people, one has been denied bail and remains in prison awaiting a bail appeal. Those who have been released remain on house arrest and have very strict bail conditions.

Letters of Support

Please be cautious and respectful when writing letters; it is very important not to implicate anybody criminally, or talk about the allegations or case at all. Please let the accused person decide what they are comfortable talking about. Please don't talk about their co-accused in letters, as they have non-association conditions.

Letters of support can be sent to the defendants on house arrest via Guelph ABC:

Guelph ABC
P.O Box 183
Guelph, Ont
N1H 6J6

As of July 2010, Erik Lankin remains in custody awaiting a bail appeal. You can write to him at:

Erik Lankin
Maplehurst Correctional Complex
661 Martin Street PO Box 10
Milton, ON
L9T 2Y3

Donate to Legal Costs

This show of police and state repression is sucking us dry of resources, time and money. We understand this to be a function of their repression. We want to continue our struggles for freedom, and we want you to continue yours. We are inviting people from anywhere and everywhere to raise funds with us to cover the monstrous legal fees that we will no doubt be facing in the coming years. If you help us shoulder the burden, you know we'll do the same for you (Maybe we have already!).

To transfer funds send donations to:
OPIRG York / transit number 00646 / institution number 842 /
account number 3542240

Mail cheques (written to OPIRG York, with G20 legal defense on the subject line) to:
Toronto Community Mobilization Network
360A Bloor Street W
PO Box 68557
Toronto, ON
M5S 1X0

To use PayPal go to g20.torontomobilize.org
To donate to the legal defence fund in Quebec: claclegal2010@gmail.com

More Info and Links

Toronto Movement Defense Committee: movementdefence.org
Toronto Community Mobilization Network: g20.torontomobilize.org
Toronto ABC: torontoabc.wordpress.com
Guelph ABC: guelphprisonersolidarity.wordpress.com

and want to bring this desire into all of our struggles not just in words, but in the way we go about our practice. Thus, there is the tension of willfully moving toward autonomy and freedom under oppressive conditions. In addition, we have specific ways in which we desire to go about our struggles and live our lives. These methods are based upon horizontal relationships and the refusal of hierarchy and vanguardism. So there is the tension of striving to find ways of putting forth our conceptions of how to go about struggle that encourage already existing tendencies toward self-organization and direct action that do not fall into the methods of political evangelism. We are, after all, seeking to relate as comrades and accomplices, not leaders. And then there is the tension of wanting to act immediately against the impositions of this society upon our lives regardless of the current level of struggle while again avoiding any tendency toward vanguardism. In a sense, anarchist intervention is the tightrope between living our own struggle in our daily lives and finding the ways to connect this struggle with the struggles of all the exploited most of whom do not share our conscious perspectives, a connection that is necessary if we are to move in the direction of social insurrection and revolution. A misstep in one direction turns our struggle in on itself, transforming it into an individual radical hedonism without any social relevance. A misstep in the other direction turns it into just another political party (whatever name one might give it to hide this fact) vying for control of social struggle. This is why we have to keep in mind that we are not seeking followers or adherents, but accomplices in the crime of freedom.

Anarchist intervention can occur under two circumstances: where a self-organized struggle of the exploited is in course, or where specific situation calls for an immediate response and anarchists strive to encourage self-organized methods of responding. An example of the first situation would be a wildcat strike movement in course in which anarchists could express solidarity, encourage the spread of the strike, expose the betrayals by the union, share a broader critique of the union as institution and share visions of a different way of encountering life and the world than that of working to maintain a certain level of survival. We will look at a variety of other examples below. The second sort of intervention would be something such as the building of a nuclear missile base in the area where one lives

and revolts are generally provoked by specific circumstances, not by mass recognition of the need to destroy the state, capital and all the institutions through which domination and exploitation are carried out. Anarchist intervention, therefore, attempts to expand the struggle beyond the circumscribed cause that provokes it, to point out, not just in words, but through action the connection of the specific problem at hand to the larger reality of the social order that surrounds us. This would include finding and exposing the commonalities between various struggles as well as the differences that can enhance a broader struggle of revolt.

Because we anarchists come to any struggle with a specific revolutionary perspective, it is in our interest to propose a methodology of struggle which carries this perspective in it, a principled methodology which provides a basis for our complicity in any struggle. The methodology of which I speak is not just a methodology for struggle, but something to apply to all of life as far as possible. First of all, the struggle must be carried out with complete autonomy from all representative organizations. We need to recognize unions and parties as usurpers and determine our specific activities in any struggle for ourselves, without regard for their demands. Secondly, our practice needs to be that of true direct action – figuring out how to accomplish the specific tasks we pose ourselves on our own, not demanding any authority or any “representative” of the struggle to act for us. Thirdly, we need to remain in permanent conflict with the social order we oppose with regard to the specific matter at hand, keeping our attacks up in order to make it clear that we have no intention of being recuperated. Fourthly, we need to be on the attack, refusing to negotiate or compromise with those in power. This methodology carries within it both the principle of self-organization and the revolutionary necessity to destroy the present ruling order.

Because of the nature of our anarchist aspirations, our intervention in struggles will always express itself as a tension on several levels. First of all, as I said most of us are ourselves among the exploited and dispossessed of the current social order, not part of the ruling or managing classes. Thus, we face the same immediate realities as those around us, with the same desire for immediate relief. But we also have a desire for a new world

Free Kelly

Kelly Rose Pflug-Back is a grassroots anti-poverty activist involved in Sense of Security (SOS) in Guelph. She was arrested at the Olympic Torch Relay in Guelph in December 2009 for alleged assault on one of the torchbearer’s security guards. These charges have not been resolved. Kelly was arrested again on the G20 weekend for conspiracy charges (not related to the 17 alleged SOAR organizers). She was released on bail and was sent to live with her parents as her sureties. Weeks later, on July 21, the police issued a news release announcing that she was wanted for 6 counts of mischief over \$5000. According to the news, she is accused of attacks on a police car and stores on Yonge Street and College Street. The story was plastered across the media, and she turned herself in to the police that same day.

She has since had two court appearances and her bail hearing is now scheduled for August 10. Kelly remains imprisoned at the Vanier Centre for Women in Milton, Ontario at least until then. You can write letters of support to her at:

Kelly Rose Pflug-Back
Vanier Centre for Women
665 Martin St. PO Box 1040
Milton, ON
L9T 5E6

Police Infiltration Report

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From April 2009 until July 2010, two undercover police officers infiltrated activist groups in Guelph, Kitchener and Toronto, Ontario. They are members of the “Joint Intelligence Group (JIG)” that focuses on extremism and terrorism. Its specific mandate has been for the Vancouver Olympics and Torch Relay, and the G8/G20 summits. It is an RCMP (National Police) led group that includes police forces collaborating from across Southern Ontario including Guelph, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Barrie, Kitchener/Waterloo and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

The names the two undercover intelligence police officers used were “Brenda Dougherty” and “Khalid Mohammad”*.

Brenda Dougherty = Filthy Rat Goof Pig

“Brenda” is in her early 40’s, white, 5’3” tall, with short white and blonde hair, glasses, and an English accent and a Canadian flag tattoo (on her back?). Her story was that she had a job with flexible hours as a home caretaker. She said she was born in Victoria, Canada and lived in England for most of her childhood and adult life. She said that she moved back because she was in an abusive relationship/marriage. She said she moved to Guelph because she had a friend who could get her a job here. She also said that she got accepted to the university of Guelph and began doing part time courses. She said she didn’t talk to her family. Her apartment appeared pre-furnished, and didn’t really look lived-in. She occasionally appeared at events with her “boyfriend”, “John”, a 5’7 or 5’8 beefy native dude with brown hair who wore sunglasses and a hat. He had a US Marine Corps tattoo on one of his biceps that read USMC and had numbers under it.

“Brenda” appeared in Guelph in April 2009 at an info-session at the University of Guelph for people interested in getting involved with the Guelph Union for Tenants and Supporters (GUTS). The primary activity of GUTS at this time was free food servings in the downtown each week. “Brenda” began cooking these dinners, usually at anarchist/punk houses. She attended almost every anti-authoritarian/anarchist public event and tried to get involved in as many groups as she could (which is not many, since there aren’t really any other public groups in Guelph). She spent some time at the Hanlon Creek anti-development occupation in Guelph in summer 2009, and always offered people rides to events and meetings. “Brenda” moved into an activist house in Guelph in spring 2010. She was always willing and able to do grunt work; she didn’t bring up ideas for projects but rather helped people with tasks. She didn’t act sketchy for quite some time; in fact she seemed fairly innocent and genuinely interested. Most people were not suspicious of “Brenda” as a cop. She was related to as a periphery friend to cook dinner with, a sympathetic neighbor, and a pleasant, charming person to be around.

dichotomy often made in revolutionary milieus), one can look at it in terms of revolutionary class struggle. While the details vary, anti-state, anti-capitalist revolutionaries generally agree that the “revolutionary task” of the exploited class is to abolish itself as a class as it abolishes class society. What does this mean and when does it happen in the course of struggle? It seems to me, that this means precisely the rediscovery of oneself as an individual with one’s own desires, needs and dreams which have no relation to what capital has to offer, desires, needs and dreams best fulfilled in free association with others based on mutuality and affinity. When, in the course of struggle, the exploited begin to find the methods of organizing their own activity together, this process of abolishing themselves as a class has already begun since they are beginning precisely to talk and act with each other as individuals. Finally, autonomous self-organization is practical. It is not the setting up of any formal organization to represent anything. It is rather the bringing together of the elements necessary for accomplishing the various tasks and activities necessary to the particular struggle. This will tend to include the development of ways to communicate, ways to coordinate actions, ways to gather necessary tools and so on. As will be seen below, in large-scale struggles, assemblies tend to develop for discussing what is necessary; these are not formalized structures, but rather specific methods for dealing with the problems at hand.

Anarchist intervention

We anarchists are ourselves often among the exploited and dispossessed. Thus, we have an immediate need to struggle against this social order. At the same time, we come to these daily struggles with a conscious revolutionary perspective and with specific ideas about how to go about these struggles. Thus, it is inevitable that our participation as anarchists will take the form of intervention. So it is worthwhile to consider what makes our participation an intervention.

First of all, as anarchists, we come to every struggle with a conscious revolutionary perspective. Whatever the specific cause that provokes a struggle, we recognize it as an aspect of the social order that must be destroyed in order to open the possibilities for a free and self-determined existence. Struggles

recuperators of the struggle, striving to take over leadership and impose themselves as spokespeople of the struggle – usually with the aim of negotiating with the rulers. Thus, they can only be viewed as potential usurpers wherever real self-organized revolt is occurring.

Autonomous self-organization has certain essential traits that define it. First of all it is non-hierarchical. There is no institutional or permanent leadership or authority. While someone who proves particularly knowledgeable with regards to specific matters relating to the struggle at hand will be given the attention she deserves for such knowledge, this cannot be allowed to become the basis for any permanent leadership role, because that would undermine another essential trait of autonomous self-organization: horizontal communication and relationships. This is a matter of people talking with each other, interacting with each other, expressing needs and desires openly, actually discussing the problems they face together and in practical terms, without any leadership to conform this expression to a set line. This brings us to another trait, one that may be controversial to collectivist ideologues, but that is the only way of guaranteeing the first two traits: the basic unit of autonomous self-organization is the individual. Otherwise, it could be argued that all states and businesses are autonomous self-organization, because on the institutional and collective level they do organize themselves, but the individuals who comprise their human component are defined by these institutions and placed in accordance with the institutional needs. So autonomous self-organization is first of all the individual organizing his struggle against the conditions this world forces upon her on her own terms, finding the means necessary for carrying out that struggle. But among the means necessary are relations with other people, so autonomous self-organization is also a collective practice. But that collective practice is not based upon conforming individuals to an organization imposed on them, but rather on the development of relationships of mutuality between them in which they discover the areas of commonality in their struggles and need, affinity in their dreams and desires. One could say that autonomous self-organization is the development of a shared struggle based on mutuality for the full realization of each individual involved. To further clarify this point (and to quickly counter a false

Brenda was very active in organizing against the G20 summit with Southern Ontario Anarchist Resistance (SOAR) and Toronto Community Mobilization Network (TCMN). Leading up to the G8/G20, it has been reported that “Brenda” tried to convince people to go to SOAR meetings. It is difficult to give any details of her involvement with G20 organizing, as seventeen people are facing serious allegations and conspiracy charges because of these pigs.

“Brenda” disappeared the evening before the confrontational protests on Saturday, June 26. It has since been 100% confirmed that “Brenda” is actually an undercover intelligence officer. Fuck that bitch.

PS. “Brenda,” we found your dildo. You should come here and get it so you can go fuck yourself.

*An account of “Khalid’s” infiltration will be posted soon online.

Free Our Friends! *Community Update on G20 Detainees*

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While G20 leaders met behind a steel cage and a 1-billion dollar Fortress Toronto operation, we witnessed an unprecedented coordinated police operation in the city of Toronto. Police brutality against protest participants, journalists, legal observers, medics, and random passersby came in the form of indiscriminate arrests, beatings, pepper spray, rubber bullets, police horse charges, illegal searches and seizures, and extended arbitrary detentions.

While in custody, people were forced into steel cage cells with up to 40 people per cell; made to sleep on concrete floors with open bathrooms; denied food, water, toilet paper, and sanitary products; subjected to sexual harassment, threats, humiliation, and intimidation; and refused access to medical attention, phone calls, and legal counsel. Many were beaten and brutalized, leading to serious injuries and hospitalization. According to an article authored by resident physicians of the Toronto Street

Medics, “All of the serious injuries we treated were inflicted by the police. While violence against property received a great deal of coverage, violence against people -- broken bones, cracked heads and eyes filled with pepper spray - has yet to feature prominently in any mainstream media. Our teams of medics witnessed and treated people who had been struck in the head by police batons, had lacerations from police shields and had been trampled by police horses.”

Over the weekend, there were 1090 arrests, of whom 113 were released without charges on the street, 714 were held for breach of the peace and released within 72 hours, and 263 released with pending charges. Around 20 people still remain in custody. While the exact numbers and charges of some of those still being held in detention are unclear at this time, we know that 17 people are facing a variety of trumped up and politically-motivated allegations including conspiracy.

These seventeen people are our friends. They come from towns and cities across Ontario and Quebec and are respected and committed activists for a multitude of causes such as environmental justice, women’s rights, economic justice, antiwar, Indigenous rights, queer and trans liberation, and migrant justice. They envision and embody worlds rooted in love, justice, freedom, and self-determination. They are also known in their communities as legal workers, students, animal lovers, childcare providers, and academic researchers. Many were targeted and arrested, including at gunpoint, in pre-emptive raids before the protests even began. We remain steadfast in standing by our friends. Targeting organizers is intended to weaken our thriving social and environmental justice movement, to isolate effective and vocal community activists, and to criminalize dissent against the violent policies of the G20 that perpetuate environmental degradation, militarization, labour exploitation, theft of Indigenous land and resources, and misery for the world’s majority. This escalating attack on certain individuals and groups is intended to intimidate and silence us all in our various movements and communities across Canada. Make no mistake, if these politically motivated charges against organizers are not defeated, police will seek to use them against organizers in all sectors of our movement.

include the confrontation of the people who affect our lives on a more local, relevant basis.

To continue developing of these thoughts, excerpts from a text called “Autonomous Self Organization and Anarchist Intervention” follow.

Introduction: a few definitions and explanations

Any potentially liberatory struggle among the exploited and dispossessed must be based on autonomous self-organization. As anarchists, who are also usually among the exploited, we have every reason to participate in and encourage these struggles. But since we have specific ideas of how we want to go about our struggles and a specifically revolutionary aim, our participation takes the form of an intervention seeking to move the struggles in a specific direction. Having no desire to be any sort of vanguard or leadership or to be caught up in the joyless game of politicking, we find ourselves in a tension of trying to live our conception of struggle and freedom within the context of an unfree reality, of trying to confront the real daily problems we face with our own refusal to play by the rules of this world. Thus, the question of autonomous self-organization and anarchist intervention is an ongoing problem with which to grapple, refusing to fall into easy answers and faith in organizational panaceas. To begin exploring this question let’s start with a few definitions and explanations.

Autonomous self-organization

When I speak of autonomous self-organization, I am speaking of a specific phenomenon that tends to arise whenever people, angered by their conditions and having lost faith in those delegated to act for them, decide to act for themselves. Autonomous self-organization therefore never manifests in the form of a political party, a union or any other sort of representative organization. All of these forms of organization claim to represent the people in struggle, to act in their name. And what defines autonomous self-organization is precisely the rejection of all representation. Parties, unions and other representative organizations tend to interact with autonomous organization only in the form of

Autonomous Self Organization and Anarchist Intervention

with an introductory analysis

Looking at how we struggle and what our focus is becomes a starting point of strengthening our revolt. The adherence of anarchists to participate in summits and mass demonstrations is understandable as these situations often provide unique opportunities to experience a commonality of desire which in daily life many otherwise lack. In the streets, in a sea of bodies, one is able to express their rage and anger, with no need for words.

The act of organizing around and summits and convergences as a focal point of one's resistance however often has the downfall of lacking a rooted momentum of struggle. This is especially true when, as we have seen in North America with both the RNC and now the G20 in Canada, all possibilities of a continued momentum of resistance are met with severe state repression as well as the looming threat of punishment in the name of ongoing conspiracy charges.

The focal point of summits in and of themselves as points of departure for resistance acts to draw attention to world leaders, public policy and other points of bureaucracy. This revolt becomes an issue not specific to the location in which the activity in it's antithesis is held but a representative symbolism, a revolt which will hold no weight once it's cast and crew have packed up and headed for home.

It is much easier to organize around something that is more disconnected from our everyday lives rather to confront the invasive and destructive forces which surround us first hand. The separation between ourselves and the privileges of power has been created every step of the way through the channels of democracy and thus it is hard to see ourselves as being capable of affecting our lives and surrounding in a tangible way. If we are going to learn to create autonomous subversive relationships between each other and in confrontation with the rulers of this society we need to begin seeing ourselves as active and creative rulers of our own lives. As a result our focus can then widen to

A recent Toronto open letter against police state tactics with prominent signatories calls for a full campaign to defend the civil rights of those facing excessive charges. The Asian Canadian Labour Alliance – Ontario Chapter is demanding the immediate release of all detainees still being held, and an end to the persecution and daily criminalization of Indigenous, migrants, and marginalized communities.

We encourage our allies to build on this growing solidarity within our diverse social movements to free our friends and demand that charges be dropped against all G8/G20 arrestees, and to keep organizing for liberation for all people, especially those who daily bear the brunt of police, state, and corporate oppression.

They cannot jail our hearts.



After a long day in the hot Toronto sun, Holly and her friends were leaving a pizza shop deciding which way to head home. Suddenly two unmarked dark colored vans appeared and a number of uniformed pigs hopped out charging at the small group of friends demanding identification. Holly and her friends were ordered to stand up against the walls while their bags were un-consensually searched by the pigs. Upon finding a black colored sweater and some protest survival gear the pigs yelled and pointed at the group, "Black Bloc! Black Bloc!.. You are being charged with criminal association!" By this time a large crowd had started together taking un-consensual pictures of the group. The pigs shouted to the camera toting crowd, "shoot [photograph] the dogs!" and "Take their picture, they love it"

Hand cuffed in plastic zip-ties, Holly was photographed by the pigs. Holly had no identification on her person but identified herself truthfully. At that time a pink id bracelet was strapped to her wrist. She and her comrades were loaded into a pigger van, only after being called derogatory names such as “cunts”, “hairy dykes”, and “whiney bitches” by the pigs.

Upon arrival at the makeshift human warehouse, the group was herded directly into cages. Holly and the 4 other ‘females’ joined a group of 25 others in the approx. 7’ by 20’ steel cages. The steel wire cages were bolted to the hard concrete floor and corrugated steel ran between each individual cage, preventing any direct communication between captives and reinforcing isolation. A suspended dome camera, hung over each cage capturing every moment of boredom consuming the captives. Above the camera florescent lights hung and above them higher up, larger lights. These lights stayed on constantly. Holly only saw only few female pigs, the majority of the jailers being male piggers.

At first, there was a sense of camaraderie in the air as the group of then strangers mingled, told stories, played games and attempted communication with folks in other cages. But as the hours dragged on the atmosphere quickly deteriorated. The ‘food’ offered by the pigs was inedible to some and the women had to hold cups though the cage for water poured from a large jug. Holly’s hands, along with many others were zip-tied behind their backs for hours.

Only until Holly was brought to ‘level 2 processing’ was she untied and led into different more isolated cages. From there she was led into a windowless trailer where she was enclosed in a small space with three male piggers. Here she was questioned: Who do you live with? Holly, hearing the words of a local known folk song gave only her name, date of birth, and where she lives; she refused to answer any more questions.

Her rights were read to her again and then she was told that she was being charged with conspiracy of commit mischief over five thousand. She mentioned the previous charges listed by her arresting pigs and she was dismissed. She was told it was unknown how long she was to be held for and she may be taken

prison restructurings since the aforementioned time period with a budget of 322.8 million dollars to spend on building new super maximum security prisons and expanding several more federal prisons from minimum security facilities to super maximum centers capable of house up to 1700 inmates per center. Was it a coincidence when, in 1971, prisoners rioted for four days because of the daunting rumors of panoptic torture in the form of higher security facilities? No. Nor will it be now, when both prisoners and their potential peers attack the reconstructive forces with a show of ferocity and force.

It is not only within these walls of isolation and torture that the state’s repression works its magic. From the many families being torn apart through deportation raids to the increased surveillance of public and private spaces to the under covers living amongst our crews, to our friends and families under house arrest, living with conditions and non-association, to those caught up with legal fees and court date, WE ARE FUCKING DONE! We are not content to live the rest of our lives stuck in solitary or in fear of it. We are not interested in any crime policies, judicial system or police state. In fact, we are wholly done with it. On August 10th we are proposing a day of action, a day to show our solidarity in struggle with those on the inside, to remind them why they are there and to destroy the apparatus which put them there.

It is obvious that in order to maintain a struggle for our lives that our efforts should and will surpass one single day, but we also recognize the necessity of action on the part of those on the outside especially in the realm of solidarity with the revolt and struggle of prisoners. We are not here for longer leashes or hotter soup but for a freedom which can and will only come from a practice based upon shared desires, shared revolt and shared ideas. As we tighten our bonds with one another and create a reciprocity between our comrades inside, both known and undiscovered, we loosen the shackles and hop the fences. We’ll leave the screws inside....

See You On the Outside!

We protest against the continuous inhumane use of solitary confinement (segregation) and the repeated whitewashing by spineless individuals in the Government who are forever having inquiries into the use of solitary and its effects on a person's mental and physical state and then hide the real facts of its use from the people.

We call upon our Brothers and Sisters from all prisons across the country, and upon all concerned peoples of Canada, to give their support to our one day hunger strike in remembrance of our comrades and to UNITE AS ONE VOICE IN OUR STRUGGLE for better understanding...compassion and EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Signed,

Jack McNeil & Howard Brown
For the Prisoners of Millhaven"

In 1983, Prisoner Justice Day became international when prisoners in France chose to go on hunger strike as an act of solidarity with other prisoners suffering the same conditions. Here is the statement that was read on a Paris radio station Frequence Libre:

"Why not have on August 10 an international day of solidarity with our imprisoned brothers and sisters,
For here or elsewhere, prison kills,
Whether it be Nalon in Ontario, Bader or Meinhoff in West Germany,
Claude or Ivan in Switzerland, Bobby Sands in Ireland,
Mirval, Haadjadj, Onno, Youssef or so many others in France,
Whether they are serving 53 years like Alexandre Cotte or 16 years like Youssef,
Whether they are considered political or common prisoners,
PRISON KILLS!"

Prison is a reality, which in the 35 years since Edward and Roberts' deaths, has not gone away. In fact, as we can see through the change in provincial and federal legislature is only getting worse. Canada is currently facing one of the largest

to 'level 3 processing' which threatened a strip search whether she consented or not.

Holly was led back to the 'level 2 processing' cages where she was visited by Investigator Spriggs. At first he was friendly and came across as seemingly helpful but his demeanor quickly changed when Holly told him that she wasn't going to answer any of his questions. He responded, "Listen you are the one in the cage, I'm here to help you. If you don't want to answer these questions you're going to be in here for a long time." To identify Holly, Spriggs called her mother to whom he played up the drama and pushed for questions. Frustrated, Spriggs left Holly alone in a cage for hours. At one point after asking for more suitable food, a younger male pig jailer noisily slurped a chocolate popsicle in front of her cage attempting to tease her. Holly sat in a cage alone, cold, hungry, and scared without access to legal council. After hours of not knowing her fate she was released.

Holly was released into the open arms of her friends and loved ones with none of the above-threatened charges. Holly was held for just over 24 hours, which is the legal length of time that one can be held without charge.

This is not the first time we have seen the tactic of isolation and degradation towards captive people used to create a culture of fear, forced submission, and control. It won't be the last time, until the last prison and cop car burns to ashes.

FUCK THE PIGS
FIRE TO THE PRISONS

Fierce & Fabulous 3 Update
Guelph, Ontario

One of the F+F 3 was arrested again on bullshit charges. They are now on house arrest, with incredibly strict conditions. The other two are still in the judicial process, which is a big pile of poop. Fierce debates are still being had as to whether or not to buy bulk glitter and lube, and cops have still not been made accountable for their actions in the targeted arrests and brutalization of queers. Shit's still fucked, court still sucks, prison should still be blown up, etc etc etc.

Struggle Against Prison

action reports

June 7: Sodexo Attacked in Montreal

communiqué reprinted from 325.nostate.net:

In the early hours of June 7th, some anarchists smashed the windows of a Sodexo office in Montreal. Sodexo is the parent company that makes food for Canadian prisons.

Prison is much more than four walls of the a vile institution; prison as a condition is reflected and reproduced in the world that surrounds us.

It is the cameras on every street corner surveilling our comings and goings; it is the DNA and fingerprint databanks that record our most personal details; it is the borders and constant threat of detention and deportation that would keep us from freely choosing where we want to live.

To Sodexo (and all others that contribute to the upkeep and functioning of prisons) we say screw you and your choice of ham and cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, when what we really want is to burn the prisons to the ground.

With love and solidarity.

June 26-27: Calgary

communiqué reprinted from anarchistnews.org:
Saturday evening/early Sunday morning, under a full moon, a group of Calgary Anarchist's set out to show solidarity with political prisoners and comrades injured in recent events in

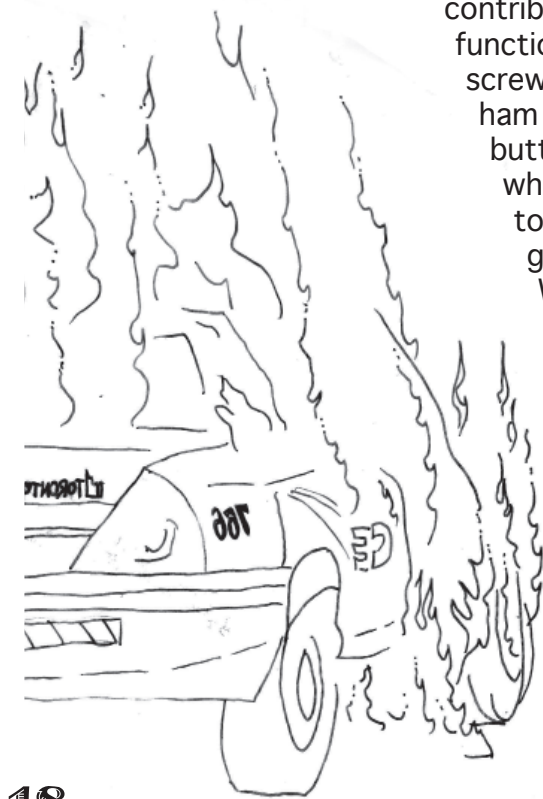
cameras in every cell and electronic consoles capable of opening one or all of its doors from a control room. It was rumors of the construction of this prison and its increased security that incited a four-day prison riot at the Kingston Pen in 1971. Because of this riot, prisoners were prematurely moved into the Millhaven Facility, which had yet to have been completed. Here prisoners were on lockdown for the majority of the time until the prison was completed.)

On May 21st, 1976, in the same facility, Robert Lander died in his cell from a heart attack. Robert had just been transferred from another prison in attempt to preemptively suppress the outcomes of a prisoner's strike which Lander had been involved in organizing. He had spent the evening calling for medical attention and in the morning he was found dead in his cell with a note demanding attention from a doctor.

On the 10th of August of that year, the prisoners of Millhaven staged a one-day hunger strike in remembrance of their fallen comrades. Here is a reprint of the statement, which was released by the prisoners:

"On August 10th, 1976, the Prisoners of Millhaven Maximum Security Prison will stage a one day hunger strike in remembrance of our two fallen comrades, EDWARD NALON and ROBERT LANDERS, who died in Millhaven segregation (solitary confinement) on August 10th, 1974 and May 21st, 1976, respectively; and in remembrance of all our fellow comrades and brothers and sisters from prisons across the country who died in the hands of an apathetic prison system and its people.

Furthermore, it is a protest against the Millhaven Administration, the Canadian Penitentiary Service, and the Members of Parliament for their continued indifference to the recommendation of the Inquest Jury made at the inquest into Edward Nalon's death. The recommendations concerned Emergency First Aid Procedure; medical and psychiatric treatment for solitary confinement prisoners and that the emergency signal systems in the cells and the time clock which assures regularity in range patrols be made functional and that steps be taken to provide that they remain functional. None of these recommendations were enacted by the above mentioned authorities.



It is with a spirit of revolutionary solidarity that we continue a struggle against prison. Although it is disappointing that this demo did not happen, we are not defeated. This experience has only increased our motivation and fueled our desire to destroy the prison-world.

All Cops Are Bastards /// Destroy All Prisons

Prisoner Justice Day August 10th

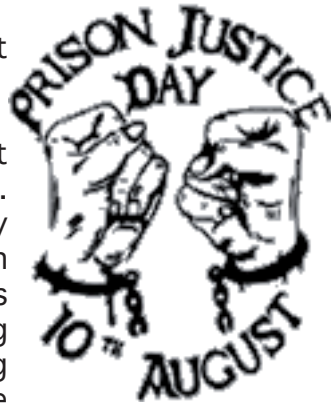
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This is a call out for solidarity on August 10th International Prisoner Justice Day.

This date has become a marking point for prison struggle across the world. Often times with anarchists specifically it is seen a point of recuperation within the North American context due to it's focus on setting demands and requesting reforms. However, some anarchist living within Southern Ontario have taken some time to reassess the origins of this date and the context of our situation and are calling out all prisoners, anarchists and disposed persyns to act in tandem with their desires and further our struggles in solidarity.

August 10th became a memorable date for prisoners across the world beginning in 1974 when inmate Edward Nolan bled to death at Millhaven* Maximum Security Prison in Bath, Ontario. He allegedly slit his veins from elbow to wrist after not being transferred from isolation into general population despite his approval for transfer. The following year inmates at Millhaven organized a day-long work strike in memory of Edward which ended with almost all of them facing solitary, some of which were still in the hole a year after the strike.

(*Millhaven Maximum was originally built in 1971 to replace the Kingston Penitentiary, both of which are in full operation to this day. It was built with high tech security systems, surveillance



Toronto. With police eyes distracted by the summits, we were able to destroy a local McDonalds and an RBC bank (chosen due to video footage of these establishments being targeted in Toronto riots) in retaliation of the police state brutalizing our friends and comrades from every walk of life, during the G8 and G20 protests. In addition to painting "NO G8, NO G20. THESE STREETS ARE OUR STREETS", to show our gestures of solidarity with protesters, we wanted to do even the smallest amount of action to show our respect and pride in all you people out there. Piece!

"Stay peaceful, by keeping your piece full." -Dead Prez

"G8, G20. They few, we many." -Test Their Logic

June 27-28: BMO Attacked in Toronto

communique reprinted from anarchistnews.org:

On the night of Sunday June 27th – Monday June 28th two Bank of Montreal branches were attacked in Toronto, Ontario. We smashed several windows on the bank at the corner of Christie and Dupont. At another, near the corner of Ossington and Dundas, we glued shut the card slot of its ATM before smashing its screen; we then broke several window and walked away. We caused this damage to respond to the arrests that happened earlier that day, as well as to attack the larger context of this repression. Bank of Montreal provides financial support for the development of the Toronto South Detention Centre, an large expansion on a prison in Mimico. This expansion will replace the existing Toronto Jail in 2012 with new high-tech and sterile forms of incarceration. Solidarity means attack! Against all repression and its prisons!



June 30: Vancouver Solidarity

communiqué reprinted from anarchistnews.org:

On the night of June 30th, a work truck belonging to Peter Kiewit and Sons was set alight in East Vancouver. This was an act of solidarity with all those taking action against the G20 in Toronto, the hundreds who were kidnapped, beaten and detained by the State and those who are now facing charges. Kiewit built the Olympic Sea to Sky highway project and filed the injunction against the Eagle Ridge Occupation ultimately resulting in the death of indigenous elder and warrior Harriet Nahane. Among other things, Kiewit also constructs US military bases. An attack against repression and those who profit off our misery. Happy Anti-Canada Day on stolen land!

July 1: RBC Attacked in Montreal

communiqué reprinted from anarchistnews.org:

On the night of Thursday, July 1st, the windows of two atm's at the Royal Bank of Canada on the corner of Harvard and Monkland were smashed. This attack is in solidarity with comrades facing state repression from the G20 weekend. Solidarity means attack, indeed. Toronto was not the beginning and it won't be the end. DONT FUCK WITH US.

-some anarchists

July 1: Wells Fargo Attacked in Guelph

communiqué reprinted from anarchistnews.org:

In the early morning of Thursday July 1st, we smashed windows at the Wells Fargo on Stone Road. Wells Fargo puts money into prisons, such as detention centres for migrants. This action follows the arrest of three people, accused of torching a Royal Bank of Canada branch in Ottawa.

It also follows the arrests and incarceration of anarchists accused of conspiracy regarding the anti- G20 black bloc destruction. To us it's clear. They are not the only ones who will rob our robbers and break those who try to break us.

In the anarchist tradition, following the resistance to the G20, we continue to bring destruction to the banks and their project of a prison-world.

-Anarchists

Anti-Prison Demo Shut Down

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On Sunday, June 27, 2010, there was an anti-prison demo called "Fire Works For Prisons" organized as a part of the mobilization against the G20 in Toronto. The anti-prison demo was organized by anarchists, and explicitly called for confrontation. This demo did not happen. The day previously, Saturday June 26, there had been major protests in the downtown core, and a break-away march including a black bloc destroyed dozens of storefronts and burned multiple police cruisers.

Immediately following the riots on Saturday afternoon, the police used many tactics of repression to ensure that all dissidents were overpowered. They raided spaces that people were staying, arresting anybody with black clothes. They attacked a jail solidarity demo on Saturday night. They illegally searched hundreds of people all over Toronto, arresting anybody who appeared like they might be a protester.

On Sunday, the police had cordoned off the whole neighbourhood around the meet-up park for the anti-prison demo, searching and arresting many people. Two busloads of SWAT team and riot cops were waiting at the Don Jail with armour and weapons. A helicopter circled over the park consistently all night Saturday and all day Sunday. There were hundreds, maybe over 1000 riot police on horses and in buses blocking off major streets near the park, with the most force on Queen St. E.

People were arrested for having banners, megaphones, wearing black pants, having black clothes and masks in their bags, etc. The entire neighbourhood was crawling with undercover pigs. This was the most effective and intense show of police force to prevent a demonstration from taking place that many of us have ever experienced. By the end of Sunday, the police had arrested over 1000 people. The disgusting conditions that people experienced in the temporary detention center nicknamed "Torontanamo" enrage us, but do not surprise us. We do not expect the police to treat people with respect when clearly their job is to violently repress, isolate, dehumanize, and control.

July 19: RCMP Station Vandalized in Montreal

reprinted from anarchistnews.org

Here is the text from a flyer that was distributed in the neighborhood:

The other night, we attacked an RCMP (national police force) station in St. Henri, Montreal. It almost goes without saying that we did this because we hate the police, and we certainly aren't alone in this hatred. Let's cast our minds back to 2006, when a handful of stolen cars were driven through police station windows, or to spring 2008, when half a dozen SPVM (montreal police force) cars were set ablaze just before the annual International Day Against Police Brutality march and another dozen were lit off when the Habs lost a crucial game in the playoffs. Recall the street battles at every March 15th demo, where people come out in thousands and some fight cops, break windows, build barricades, and wreak havoc. Keep in mind the Montreal North riots in 2008 after Fredy Villanueva was killed by the pigs. Remember the 'flics assassins' graffiti campaign, and the dozen cruisers damaged in a St. Henri police station parking lot earlier this spring.

This action, coming on the heels of the 20th anniversaries of the Standoff in the Pines at Oka and the Sex Garage riots in Montreal's gay village, only supplements a plucky struggle against the police. Continue the fightback.

- some anarchists

July 21: RBC Smashed in Guelph

communiqué reprinted from anarchistnews.org:

On the evening of July 21, 2010, the ATMs of an RBC in Guelph, On. were smashed up and the money slots filled with adhesive. RBC, as many may know by now, is a financial backer with the tar sands as well as the Toronto South Detention Center, a 1,650 bed super maximum prison facility being built in Mimico, Ontario. Fuck you RBC. Solidarity with friends and comrades dealing with court, house arrest, police, etc. Solidarity with Nikos Maziotis currently on hunger strike, and Panagiota Roupa imprisoned in Greece during the birth of their child. Solidarity with the west coast for hating the cops and for showing it.. FTP!

July 8: Solidarity Demo at Milton Jail

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A noise demo was held at the Maplehurst-Vanier Corrections Complex in Milton, Ontario. This is the second noise demo held outside of this facility, being preceded by one in April this year. Around 25-30 people came together to take the streets onto the prison property. A sound system blared anti-prison hip-hop as people encircled the holding cells holding banners with the words "Total Freedom" and "Prison is Revolting" and shooting off fireworks. At several junctures en route the sound system was turned down to make room for numerous chants expressing our ongoing desire to tear down the walls of isolation to fight together for our freedom. Impromptu speeches were given with the hope that they may be able to hear us on the inside. With the music turned down and only our voices left to fill the air, our chants were matched with the rhythmic banging of our comrades held captive on the inside. We left the prison grounds with an audience of pigs and screws letting us know that we were not welcome in the parking lot and continued down the streets with music blaring.

The climate of repression in Southern Ontario right now is extremely tense in regards to the ongoing investigation by the pigs relating to the riotous events of this past month. A cohesive strategy in how to show solidarity with our friends and loved ones in the face of the repression of this state is always controversial, but many of us saw this action as not only a reminder to those on the inside that they have not been forgotten but also as a continuation of the momentum gathering around resistance to the current restructuring of the prison system taking place in the area. As an oversight of the organizers, this demo took place during visiting hours. This means that as a result of our actions many people coming to visit their loved ones may have been denied their appointments and we would like to acknowledge this oversight and extend apologies that the appropriate considerations were not taken to ensure that this was not the case. Nonetheless, this is just one way that many of us have chosen to express our solidarity with those experiencing the isolation and rage of imprisonment, a solidarity that will (maybe) stop when the attacks on our lives come to an end. Freedom is the crime that commits all crime. Fire to the prisons and the world that needs them.

July 19: Noise Demo at Hamilton Jail

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A noise demonstration took place outside of the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre (Barton Jail) in downtown Hamilton, Ontario. Around 25 people marched around the prison, chanting slogans (the passion for freedom is stronger than all prisons; no prisons, no borders, fuck law and order; they might take our lives away but not our dignity, our hearts will pound against their walls until we all are free; smash the borders, fuck the state, all these walls are going to break; no justice, no peace, fuck the police; etc), shooting off fireworks, and making speeches.

This demonstration was held to continue creating a visible presence and tension against prisons and the world that needs them, as well as to take direct action in solidarity with the insurgent spirit: with everyone who chooses the dignity of struggle above the servility of obedience.

The 19th of July marked the beginning of a hunger strike in Saint Paul's Hospital (the infirmary ward of Korydallos prison near Athens, Greece). Below is a translation of a communication about this hunger strike. Solidarity with prisoners in revolt, inside and outside the jails of this prison-world!

"On Monday, July 19th, prisoners will start refusing food with a demand to address and solve the problem of prolonged detention of people

with chronic and incurable diseases, who (due to their state of health) should have their sentences reduced.

The human "dump", as the prisoners of this institution call it themselves, is simply tragic, as we have also heard from comrade Simos Seisidis presently being held there. People with disabilities, strokes, and fatal diseases are thrown into this vile, dirty environment full of shortcomings. The Secretary for prison policy visited some time ago, and stated that a legislative bill would resolve the matter in February or March. Naturally, he was telling lies.

The prisoners themselves, in their statement to the Minister and the media say:

'Powerless to react differently, and anyway lacking our health, we are offering what is left of our lives to sacrifice them to your inhuman indifference, not because we hope you will change, but because we refuse to live like beasts, like waste from a system and society without humanity, ethics, or honour.

So, from Monday, July 19th, all those who are able to will abstain from food and all medication and treatment, as a last sign of dignity and self-respect..."

Our comrade Simos Seisidis will participate in this mobilization."

Until we are all free!
Destroy all prisons!

