



**Commemorating the Haymarket martyrs
and international riotous resistance...**

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Why Anarchist, Why News?

This is going to be the first attempt at providing an editorial direction to The Anarchist News Digest and, to a lesser extent, to the Anarchist News site. We hope this is a useful addition to the growing dialogue about the site and the condition of anarchism.

Anarchism is the simplest of ideas. Humans desire freedom and have the capacity to live in freedom from systems of control including (but not exclusive) the State, Capitalism, and Hierarchy, et al. In addition there is a history of individuals and groups that have tried to wrest autonomy from our modern conditions. This is anarchism: a beautiful idea and history.

Today the fight for autonomy lives in a more complicated, yet similar, condition. As well as hired thugs (cops, Pinkertons, etc) who physically beat us there are paid intellectuals (scholars, editorialists, journalists, etc) interested in defending the existing order no matter the cost. The desire for "freedom from" has been co-opted by many groups and forces that have no interest in a society sans the state or capitalism, no interest in questioning hierarchy or their own responsibility for the mess we are in. The very term anarchist is confused in a topsy-turvy fashion with the violence of the society that anarchists would free ourselves from. The anarchist today has a much messier task than she had 150 years ago.

This task is further muddled because the political ideology of the nineteenth century does feel a bit simplistic and anachronistic in our hyper-alienated and media saturated time. When information is "totally free" in Westernized society, and much of our modern self understanding is through a democratic "blogosphere", referring to the inhumanity of bureaucracy and the terror and alienation of the exchange relationship can seem inadequate. Anarchism is a term of tension. It both describes a goal and a desire but also a his-

Anarchists Sabotage Train in Ontario

As part of a coordinated day of attacks on the rail infrastructure, we destroyed the largest maintenance shed for electrical circuits in the area north-east of Toronto on the CN mainline. Two firebombs were placed in the shed, next to the fuses, batteries and wiring.

This action was done in the spirit of the general strike; taking immediate action towards the destruction of capitalism.

Solidarity with anarchists in the streets, imprisoned or facing trial around the world!

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torical moment and sectarian acrimony.

We believe that this tension and the positive and negative aspects of the term itself should be embraced. We believe that the explicit articulation of a political position is desperately needed in this era—in which the opinion that "politics is stupid" lives alongside the postmodern position that the end of history is upon us. And that there is nothing left to do but ride into the sunset of global neoliberal economic policies and the bankruptcy of every tangible social service and social relationship. And where people playing dress up slip between the roles of breaking the windows of the same cafes they were sitting at hours earlier.

Anarchism is an expression of the beauty of the idea in a time that is confusing as hell.

We express this beauty in a hundred different ways, ways that can seem lonely and bleak when confronted by the harsh light of day and the critical mind that sees no hope in our disconnected actions. But there is action. There are activities that should be shared. A manifesto written after a rushed action, an announcement of a break with Order, an essay about how you and your friends believe we should

May Day in Victoria

Last night in Victoria the oak bay police station was visited. We slashed two tires of a cruiser and broke two of its windows. Happy May day!!

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3 People Dead: Athens Burns

Three people have suffocated to death as a result of a fire in Marfin Bank during ongoing battles between anti-measure protesters and police in Athens.

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Soon battles erupted around the Parliament with protesters throwing Molotov cocktails and rocks, with one riot police armored van torched, and the police responding by extended use of tear gas that soon made Athens' atmosphere unbearably acrid. As more blocks reached Syntagma square, the battles spread across the city center and lasted for more than five hours.

During the clashes several state buildings were set ablaze including the County Headquarters of Attika. At the time of writing the Ministry of Finance is reported to be on fire. However the strange thing is that it is the fourth floor of the building that is burning,



break from it all: these little things are our cartography. We navigate the horrorshow with the map of the actions, passions, and criticisms of daily life. Every day something is going on that points due north against this world, and if we are lucky, towards a better one.

Why anarchist, why news? Because we believe that the self-described anarchist is the agent of this map making. We want a record of where we have been and where we are going. We plan on taking this trip with friends and being frank with each other about our wrong directions and the likelihood we are going to make it to where we are going.

A MONTH OF RESISTANCE

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at a height inapproachable to petrol bombs. The building is in danger of total collapse.

According to news reports that began at 14:00 Greek time after, under pressure by the events, most radio and TV stations decided to break their strike, claim that the fire at Marfin Bank's Stadiou street branch that has led to the death of three workers (one a pregnant woman) was started by protesters. However this remains an unsubstantiated claim. A similar case three decades ago originally blamed the fire at Kappa-Marousi building on Panepistimiou street, leading to the death of several people inside, to anarchists, while it was later proved the fire was caused by tear gas fired by the police.

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response #3
(from a statement by a bank employee):
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The management of the bank strictly barred the employees from leaving today, even though they had persistently asked so themselves from very early this morning - while they also forced the employees to lock up the doors and repeatedly confirmed that the building remained locked up throughout the day, over the phone. They even blocked off their internet access so as to prevent the employees from communicating with the outside world.

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response #4
“...About the death of the three workers. It is a common practice in Greece to attack banks in marches. In a march that the anarchists participate, if the police isn't defending a bank it is more than certain that it will be attacked and even burnt down. So when a big march is taking place all the banks close down and employees leave the place and if they don't anarchists never start a fire. Such think happened in this situation. The bank was closed and there was nobody in. Alongside with the march a small group of black blockers was moving. When they reached the bank a guy shattered the front window, threw flammable liquid in and started a fire. What they didn't know was that the bank had also offices in the same building and people were working in. The workers went on the windows and shouted people to stop the fire. People tried to put out the fire and go into the building out the doors were locked. Also the building didn't have an emergency exit. Furthermore, a firetruck that arrived first had only a small ladder that couldn't reach the upper windows ...”

Vandals Destroy Downtown Asheville Storefronts, Car Windows

From Asheville Citizen-Times

ASHEVILLE — Most of those arrested for a rash of vandalism Saturday night in downtown Asheville listed addresses in Eastern North Carolina and out of state, according to arrest warrants.

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All but one of the 11 suspects arrested were each charged with seven counts of misdemeanor injury to personal property and three counts of injury to real property. Each was being held under \$10,000 bond. One man was charged with 11 counts and had an \$11,000 bond. All are scheduled to appear in court on the charges Monday morning.

About 10:45 p.m. Saturday, a group of between 20-30 people wearing dark clothing, some wearing masks and carrying backpacks, threw items, including newspaper boxes, through windows of several businesses along O'Henry Avenue. A front

window of the Asheville Citizen-Times was shattered, as were multiple storefronts at the Grove Arcade. An ATM was smashed at the RBC on O'Henry.

Multiple cars parked on Battery Park had their windows smashed.

The violence is likely linked to the observance of May Day, a day for marking worker solidarity that has been seized upon for anti-capitalism displays of violence, especially by self-proclaimed anarchist groups in Europe.

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Diana Kostigen, of Hendersonville, was visiting downtown with a friend from Charlotte, whose car was damaged.

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When asked if she might feel unsafe in downtown now, Kostigen said yes.

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Solidarity with Greece in Chicago

Alfredo, Yiannis, among many others), and those killed in the struggle (Lambros and Katerina among many others).

We want freedom as soon as possible for these imprisoned comrades and for the anarchist prisoners here, but one day soon too, we will share across wide oceans the acute pleasure of shaking to bits every prison and every confinement. We also, of course, made reference to the recent riots, tragedy, and repression, and extend our greetings to everyone in struggle against austerity measures imposed by State-Capital.

To the Greek state,

It is possible that by your vicious repression, your manipulations, and the desperate EU bailout you may yet briefly extend your existence. But the game will be over, sooner or later - we will lay low your whole world and eradicate exchange and domination in all their forms.

-Anarchists in Chicago

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To friends and comrades in Greece,
On Thursday, May 13 a dozen of us held a demonstration against the Greek Consulate in Chicago. We want to remind you that even in the most difficult times, you have the active solidarity of uncounted others around the world. A vast subversive project is still taking shape everywhere, however slowly, and your struggle is one node among many.

Repression may be raging against you there, and our numbers here might be small, but the important thing to remember is that you've found your resonance. This resonance spreads around the world, laying foundations for real connections and the deepening of struggles.

Our goal is to make material the interconnections, to spread a concrete practice of support and solidarity. We are inspired by your example in this, so our banner read: "Athens to Chicago - Fire to all prisons, freedom for all prisoners." Our words and chants dedicated this demonstration in particular to the anarchist prisoners in Greece (the 6, Christos and

Grandview Park Party Against Redevelopment was a Smash

From Vancouver Mediacoop

Last night's anti-redevelopment party at Grandview Park in Vancouver went from 8:30 at night until almost 3:00 in the morning, coming to an end not long after the cops pushed people off the street in response to some masked marauders who smashed-up and paint-bombed the front door and windows of the nearby probation office.

Hundreds attended the party in the park, dancing to bands and deejays, listening to short speeches about the redevelopment and eventually flooding into the street. Banners, a dumpster, newspaper boxes and pieces of wood were used to block off Commercial Drive at the front of the park. A thrown paint-bomb caused the cops to back off at one end of the street when they

tried to approach the barricade.

At the other end, two plain-clothes cops were yelled at and chased away. A Canadian flag was burned by Native and non-Native party-goers after some patriots tried to grab the flag and were pushed back. Fires were then set at both ends of the street. A masked group dressed in all black who had been defending the barricades then ran out and made some "community corrections" of their own as they attacked the probation office, which of course is an extension of the police and prison system.

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Warrior Publications Statement on RBC Arson Attack

From Warrior Publications

The May 18, 2010, arson attack on the Royal Bank of Canada in Ottawa was clearly an anti-colonial and anti-capitalist action. It has had a strong impact across the country and invoked the wrath of the state. As both sabotage and propaganda, the attack was highly successful: the bank was almost totally destroyed while the RBC's funding of the genocidal Tar Sands was once again highlighted.

The attack appears to be by non-Native militants acting, in part, in solidarity with Native peoples in both BC (the 2010 Olympics and its aftermath) and northern Alberta (Tar Sands), both of which the RBC has been a main funder for.

The action and communique from the FFFC-Ottawa speaks for itself. In the days following, others (besides the government, corporations and pigs) have also taken the opportunity to speak; not against the RBC or genocide of Indigenous peoples, but against those who carried out the action.

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It is ironic that in this year of 2010, the 20th anniversary of the 'Oka Crisis', when armed warriors confronted Canadian soldiers in the Kanienkehaka communities of Kanehsatake and Kahnawake, there are Indigenous 'defenders' now attempting to impose codes of 'nonviolence.' Our peoples have engaged in over 500 years of resistance to colonization using a diversity of tactics, including armed resistance, blockades, occupations, protests, land reclamations, etc. Yes, people have died and many more have been injured, property destroyed, etc.—but colonialism is by its very nature violent.

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Santa Cruz police ask FBI to help investigate "coordinated" attack on the city

SANTA CRUZ - Santa Cruz police on Monday asked the FBI to help investigate what they believe was a "methodical and coordinated" attack on the city Saturday night.

Police also announced that they arrested a second man in connection with the downtown riot that caused more than \$100,000 in damage to 18 businesses.

Police spokesman Zach Friend said investigators believe the attack was premeditated because officers received two phone calls for shots fired and a man down prior to the violent outburst. Friend said the calls appear to have been made to "divert police and fire resources away from the riot."

Officers found no problems at the scenes of the diversionary calls, Friend said. Investigators said the rally of about 250 began as an advertised May Day event for worker's rights was "unsanctioned" and used as "political and physical cover for the organized anarchist group."

The night of the riot, a Santa Cruz police officer responding to the downtown gathering was surrounded by demonstrators who jumped on his squad car hood, poured paint on it and pelted the sides with rocks.

Investigators will be working with the FBI to identify any individuals on videos pulled from downtown businesses and available online.

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Upcoming Events from the Scott & Carrie Support Committee!

06/06:

Sssh!

Secret Café to benefit SCSC

* When: Sunday, June 6, 10am-2pm

* Where: Somewhere in Mpls!

Ask yer friends...

Word on the street is that a scrumptious brunch will be served on Sunday, June 6th. Pancakes, waffles, tofu scramble, bloody marys, mimosas, coffee, tea, various kinds of bread, live music could all be there waiting for you, but you didn't hear that from us. All donations will go to the legal defense fund.

06/24:

Prison Justice PMA

SCSC is co-sponsoring a People's Movement Assembly at the US Social Forum this June in Detroit (info at: <http://www.ussf2010.org/>)

07/23:

Day of Solidarity with Scott DeMuth

...start planning now!

* When: Friday, July 23rd

* Where: Your town

We're putting out a call for events around the nation to show solidarity with Scott as he prepares for trial in September.

Email us at [scottandcarrie \[at\] riseup \[dot\] net](mailto:scottandcarrie[at]riseup[dot]net) to let us know what you have planned!

5. 07/25 - 08/25:

Midwest Conspiracy Tour!

SCSC is excited to be teaming up with the RNC 8 Defense Committee, supporters of Hugh and Tiga and friends to bring The Conspiracy to your town! Featuring presentations about all three of these cases and upcoming trials, as well as information about AETA, grand juries, dealing with state repression, legal trainings, and more, this will be a roadshow to remember even before you read about it in your FBI file.

For more about the RNC 8, visit rnc8.org. For more about Hugh and Tiga, visit mostlyeverything.net.

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Wild Roots Feral Futures

From *Wild Roots*

Greetings from the Ute territories of occupied Turtle Island, known (for now) as the American Southwest.

The Wild Roots Feral Futures organizers collective has been hard at work preparing for this year's event, which is shaping up to be one wild time! Many things have come together, many things continue to do so, and many things still need to. At this time, less than one month before the gathering, we felt it was worthwhile to update you all on some of the recent developments surrounding the event, as well as provide various other random notes, thoughts, and observations. Please re-post and forward far and wide.

Urgent Appeal from a Secret Prison

From *the Huffington Post*

by Daniel McGowan

After three years in prison and hundreds (thousands, even) of letters mailed out, I have gotten to the point where there is little to write about. Prison life is remarkably static—so unchanging in its daily routine—that news resonates here in a pronounced way. The early part of April brought some major announcements that will profoundly affect my life here in the Bureau of Prison's Communication Management Unit (CMU). Finally, my friends will be saved from the endless litany of letters about what TV shows I watch, Prison drama, my workouts and books I have read that week!

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I am not the only one who has had my transfer request denied and who faces the paradox of being held here without any explanation why. Despite twenty months of "clear conduct" (the BoP term for no disciplinary sanctions) and participation in classes, I am still being held here at the government's discretion.

On March 30th, the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) filed suit on my behalf against the BoP regarding this unit (*Aref v. Holder*, D.C. Circuit). The suit raises

The exact location and directions to Wild Roots Feral Futures, taking place in the San Juan mountains of Southwest Colorado (in National Forest), will be announced some time in early June. The site is along a river and features old growth Ponderosa Pines, natural hot springs, and much more. Close-by towns to shoot for would include Pagosa Springs, Bayfield, and Durango, Colorado. For more information, email the organizers at feralfutures@riseup.net.

Semi-public meetings for folks interested in getting involved are taking place on a weekly basis in Durango, Colorado, every Wednesday. Contact the organizers at feralfutures@riseup.net for more information.

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a number of substantial constitutional claims and violations of federal law. Also included in the suit are fellow prisoners at this CMU, the other CMU at Terre Haute, my wife Jenny and another prisoner's wife. The suit is asking for injunctive relief—that the court intervene and fix these constitutional violations. While this is a positive step in addressing the massive problems with the concept of the Communication Management Unit, the journey through the courts is a slow and somewhat tedious affair.

Just one week after the lawsuit was filed, the Bureau of Prisons released proposed rules for the CMU, opening a 60-day comment period for the public (BoP Docket # 1148-P, Communication Management Units). The unfortunate part of this proposal is that they represent a huge reduction in communication for prisoners. The new rules would set the following standards:

1) Only one phone call per month (to immediate family).

2) Only one hour, non-contact, visit per month (with immediate family).

3) Only one, 3 page letter, to and from a single recipient per week.

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Support the State Street 29!

The State Street 29 is a group of individuals who were arrested on the night of April 8th, 2010. They were arrested at a march consisting of over 60 people that took place in downtown Olympia. The march was done in solidarity with the West Coast Days of Action against State Violence to draw attention to the fact that police everywhere are perpetuating and fostering fear among our communities.

As a fundraising drive for legal fees,

we're excited to announce the release of a new hip-hop track to benefit the State Street 29 in Olympia, WA. This collaboratively produced song, titled "Great Lakes to Cascades," is a free download for those who donate \$1 or more to the State Street 29 Support Committee. To donate more than \$1, simply increase the quantity in the shopping cart—100% of your donation goes directly to the Support Committee.

Download the track at
Crimethinc.com/blog

It features Testament & Illogik of

Raised Fist Collective (Ontario) and Strife, MK Ultra and Unrest of Thought Crime Collective (Olympia) and was recorded in Olympia in early February 2010 during Raised Fist's Empowerment Tour. It's a simple but fierce narrative on preparedness and strength emphasizing the aggressive spirit of mutual aid and collectivity.

Contact: statestreet29supportcommittee@gmail.com

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Dear Chicago Inquisitors...

Gentrification is systematic. Your views of gentrification show a lack of understanding of what we are up against (besides attacking former friends). There seem to be more attacks and splits than in the reformation. Like the reformation, you seem to think you are up to something new, when in reality you are being just as destructive as the alternative. You living in Logan Square was not causing the neighborhood to be gentrified. There is some CORRELATION between young white kids and gentrification, but young punk/hipsters are not the CAUSE of gentrification (rates of hours of TV watched in Denmark correlate to the number of cases of heart disease. Hours spent watching TV is not the cause of the heart disease, but does correlate). It is equally plausible for gentrification to happen with middle class p.o.c. Folks.

Gentrification also happens in working class white neighborhoods. Gentrification is not always along race lines but is always along class lines. Even then it is less a situation of "how can we fuck over brown and poor people?" and better follows the law that nothing is allowed to impede Capital or "progress".

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We grow and change. Claiming things (Anarchism, Straightedge, Vegan, etc.) sets rigid frameworks to live in and accepts their origins and histories even knowing either. Capitalism and civilization are not monolithic; if we expect to engage in battle, we must become more tactical. We are using played out tactics. If we expect to achieve anything, we must be able to foresee Capitalism's next move.

I'm not saying "fuck anarchy", but it is important to base our thoughts and actions on experiences and critically viewed history rather than on preset equations.

If we expect to win at anything, we must think more strategically and not just hit at everything that comes by, including the wind. The acceptance of an ideology is the acceptance of its entire path. We must rethink everything. Deviance and window breaking and burning shit down will not cause a rupture. Social war will be a war, not a joyous walk in the park, if it happens. It won't be the one we want and will not happen just because we declare it. Feeling like something different is on the brink, one is falsely inspired to keep striking hard. It will likely take longer than many expect, (people have been fighting civilization for its entire existence), so slow down and let's do this more strategically. This war will not be good or bad. More than anything, it will resemble being stuck in a thunderstorm without shelter. It needs to and is going to happen, but it may not be as pretty as wanted or expected. Those pretty clouds before the storm (or pamphlets that talk of the rev) make it seem so beautiful until it actually happens. The storm could more closely resemble a hurricane. Calling out others for forgivable things and glorifying crime, especially the crimes of others, does nothing to set the stage for social war.

Along the lines of the purity/deviance dynamic, I recall hearing members of the cunt pre-move out recognizing that people were uncomfortable at their parties. Being in a large group of people being sex-

ual, others felt pressured. People either avoided the parties or came and faced the weirdness. I'm not meaning to call you out on this, but it seems you should cut others more slack and not act so righteous. People aren't reprogrammed when they become anarchists. We are all going to slip.

I have written this not just in response to the recent problems between members of the Moving Castle and former members of the Cunt, but more to address general tendencies that the current circumstances have exposed. It is obvious that you have targeted someone who acknowledges their social awkwardness while leaving others alone out of fear that they will tear the pettiness apart. People also seem to be using personal dislike to attack on other grounds, (for example, trying to say that Ry-Ry is racist for having "Thugmissus" as his facebook name). Do you mean to imply that only p.o.c. folks are thugs or criminals? That all white people are goody goodies? Thug is a word that has been in use for a long time and has other implications. St. Paul Yeggs, Pretty Boy Floyd, The Dillinger Gang, Baby Face Nelson (to name a few from 1933-35) were all white thugs. Are we really thugs and are we really robin' banks? No. They are just ridiculous names on a site that distracts from real interactions. Once again, this is not just about these specific issues, but what is happening more generally. If you don't like someone, just say it. If there are problems in your house deal with, acknowledge, and be honest about them.

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Support Antifascists Arrested Protesting Neo-Nazis at S.F. May Day Celebration

At San Francisco's May Day celebration this past Saturday, assorted right-wing and neo-Nazi counter-demonstrators - including members of the Bay Area National "Anarchists" - a white supremacist group who have attempted to hijack leftist and anarchist aesthetics and rhetoric to push their tribalist, racialist and anti-Semitic agenda - were present on the sidewalk in front of City Hall when the pro-immigration march arrived at Civic Center Plaza.

Demonstrators tried to minimize the Bay Area National Anarchist's (BANA) neo-Nazi presence, trying to both shout them down and block their signs so their hateful rhetoric would neither be seen or heard.

In the end, two antifascist activists were arrested after members of BANA pulled weapons on the antifa and attempted to assault them. Showing their true colors, police rushed in to defend the neo-Nazis and arrest the antifascists.

Initially, bail was set at an unreasonably insane amount of \$210,000. Today (May 5th), both people were finally arraigned, and bail was reduced. Unfortunately, each person is still facing 5 felony charges - 4 counts of assault and 1 count of robbery - and bail, while reduced, is still very high - \$75,000 each.

People on the ground in San Francisco are asking anyone that can to please send money so we can bail our comrades out of jail. The best way to send donations is via Paypal to paypal@freemfone.org. You can also send well-concealed cash or checks or money orders (please leave the "pay to" section blank) to:

Kelsey & Dee Support
3030b 16th street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Please feel free to send letters of support to this address as well - we're sure Kelsey and Dee would love to hear from you!

For more info on opposing BANA go to:
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/05/02/18646549.php>

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An Assessment of the San Francisco May Day Triathlon

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Summary
Mayday was kind of like a Triathlon of anarchy. There were the all the events; an ass-whoopin', a disruptive street party, and an occupation of an abandoned complex. In the Bay we are learning that all of the various disruptive approaches, from barricading streets to occupying buildings, are of equal importance. It is ridiculous to pretend that whatever tactic is en vogue this month is the new revolutionary strategy. Transcendence is not merely broken windows or occupied buildings, but the culmination of subversive behaviors that seeks to dismantle this social order.

The struggle against exploitation is not a series of disconnected specialized fields competing against each other for attention in the radical subculture. A truly formidable revolutionary tendency understands that the strength of the culmination of its tactics is greater than the sum of its parts. Subversion is irreducible to any singular act; the behaviors that comprise a forceful radical current are much more dangerous when they understand the broader struggle in which they are a part.

Lessons

Many of us have known for years that the authoritarian socialist organizations are entirely untrustworthy, however, the way that they conducted themselves at the main march was inconceivable. We knew of their tendency to bore the fuck out people with their unimaginative speakers, and of their attempts to corral and contain marches. However, their calls to leave behind the arrested kids and their praise of the arresting officers is disgusting. The human chain they formed around the crowd to protect the fascists and, even worse, the fact that they snitched out two anarchists for yelling at the racists (one man going so far as to lie and say that he was pushed) is unforgivable. We will not forget this behavior. These people should be regarded as enemies of the social struggle.

The appearance of the Minutemen and, more shockingly, of BANA at the mayday rally indicates that the far right is not afraid to come out publicly and attempt to intimidate immigrants as well as black and brown people in a notoriously liberal

city. It is clear to us that liberalism does nothing to discourage fascists, because it is an ideology based on a misrepresentation of the concept of freedom of speech, a misrepresentation that sees no problem with racist intimidation.

That the BANA fascists are bold enough to use our name, that of anarchist, is unfathomable. Our predecessors, those generations of revolutionaries before us, those revolutionaries whose ghosts haunt the power structures of the world every time we display our strength, fought fascism around the world until they exhaled their dying breaths. Mayday was born of the popular struggle against economic exploitation in Chicago 124 years ago. That fascists would try to use mayday as a platform for xenophobic organizing when it is a holiday that arose from the state execution of 7 anarchists (6 of them immigrants) is appalling.

We refuse to tolerate the threat of fascism, no matter how it chooses to brand itself. That white supremacists instigated a conflict on the streets of San Francisco and lost is enough to bring a smile to the faces of revolutionaries around the world.

The Fallout

In light of several Mayday arrests across the country, lots of people are in need of support. The two people arrested after the fight with white supremacists in San Francisco are facing 5 felonies each. In Santa Cruz, two people have been arrested on felony charges. In Asheville, 11 people are facing a combined total of 112 misdemeanors and 33 felonies.

Legal support is incredibly important at this point. Those who don't have friends currently facing serious charges can help by raising money for legal fees and spreading the news of the arrests to sympathetic people and organizations.

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Epilogue

... There is only the chance that one day soon our self-activity will so alter the landscape that we no longer recognize the world that surrounds us.

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