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TORCH THE CAMP, FIGHT THE COPS, BLOCK THE STREETS: #OCCUPY RESISTS EVICTION

by Ignite! Collective

DECEMBER 19th was a day of anxiety for the Occupy Denver encampment. With the threat of a fifth eviction looming, Occupiers spent their nights building up outrageous, haphazard structures to flaunt in the face of Denver's selectively enforced laws against blocking sidewalks. Cardboard castles, plywood shacks and a canoe in a tree were some of the obstacles Denver Police looked to clear during a late-night raid on the 19th.

Evictions to date seem to scare off those that have homes to go back to, and the sleepy few left to defend the camp from more than one hundred police that evening were a couple dozen mostly homeless youth. As the police surrounded Civic Center Park, the atmosphere turned from the passive, non-threatening compliance typically seen during OD evictions into a fiery, fed up raging response from some of the most marginalized people in the city admirably asserting their ability to fight back against their oppressors.

During the raid, arrests were made and individuals among

the encampment made the decision to set fire to several of the structures. Several threw barricades into the street. Most protesters were pushed towards 13th and Broadway where they faced down the riot line with a new tactic to block police traffic: Tebowing. Af-

ter marching around Broadway, the Occupiers opted to march through the surrounding Capitol Hill neighborhood urging residents to wake up and join them. Several did, and as the demonstration made its way towards Colfax Avenue.

When a dump truck full of remnants of the camp was sent by DPD down Colfax, many felt it was a blatant provocation. The small march, no more than 30 people, opted to block the truck, jump in the back, and begin throwing things out of it in order to save parts of the camp. Riot police convened on the location shortly afterwards.

According to Occupy the Press, citizen journalists covering the Occupation, the demonstration



A demonstrator stands near a burning structure

splintered once a gun was pulled, presumably by police. A protester ran, which led to a riot truck chasing them down. Two members of the press were assaulted by two police who were not able to be identified. A "parade of police... four riot trucks with nine riot cops each, four vans (ostensibly for arrests), several SUVs and a litany of squad cars - following a group of 30 people." The protest reached the 16th Street Mall, where more arrests were made after demonstrators began throwing barricades into the street in front of the police. In total, eight were arrested for minor charges and one person, Michael Clapper, is facing felony arson charges. <<<cont. pg 2.



Eviction:

cont. from pg. 1 >>> Clapper is still imprisoned, held on \$50,000 bond. Support is being organized, and his next court date is January 23rd.

The camp has since reformed, and is still mostly consisted of homeless folks. Occupy the Press has filed reports about police arbitrarily harrassing the remaining Occupiers, typically confiscating tarps. In a form true to nearly every department in the country, they're a lot harder to deal with when cameras aren't present.

Our masthead this month features a burning structure set fire during the eviction.

Occupy Denver held its last Saturday march of the year during the afternoon of New Year's Eve. The central theme was opposition to the War on Drugs, and about 250 attended.

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FUCK PASSIVITY



ARM THE POOR





The Elves Revolt!

Reporting Back from the Big Ol' Elf Revolt

Posted to Colorado Indymedia

This past Saturday, D17, a gaggle (or herd? maybe a swarm?) of radical elves took to the streets of Denver, united in their desires for liberation from the cruel, exploitative hand of the “free” market. The system of capitalism in which these elves have been laboring has concentrated mass amounts of profit and power (both material and ideological power) into the big fat lap of Santa. Santa, in all of his greed to amass more and more capital, has done so on the back of poor working elves all over the globe, from the North to the South Poles. All elves are targeted and affected in some way by the social and economic system, which mandates their need to sell their labor, while not benefiting elves in any way from the perverse machinations of capitalism. Yet all elves are not targeted or affected in the same way. We must acknowledge the differential impact upon elves of color, indigenous elves, elves in the global South Pole, women elves, trans elves, and queer elves. We elves also know that our reindeer comrades and our homelands (our pristine forests and mountains and rivers) are contaminated, subjugated, and decimated every day by the never-ending hunger of capitalism.

The elves in Denver hosted a revolt against Santa and all his foulness in solidarity with all of the targets of capitalism. Our festive garb and delicious anarcho-snacks set the tone for a beautiful march as

we gathered in Hungarian Freedom Park and rejoiced in each other’s presence. Our first move was to take over the entire eastbound portion of Speer, totaling 3 and sometimes 4 lanes of traffic, in direct defiance of Santa’s armed henchmen (aka the Denver Police Department). We carried banners and signs as we chanted and danced and joked and laughed our way to the consumerist capital of Denver (aka the Cherry Creek district) to spread our joy of resistance to those privileged elves who are (literally) buying into the false gratification of consumption. We were able to greatly disrupt the shopping plans of many of the privileged elves, invoking vitriolic slurs as we marched past. And as the murderous villains tailed us and attempted to clear a lane of traffic and channel the direction of our march, the 60-70 elves on the streets mutinously maintained their ground. The privileged consumers and the armed thugs could not break our spirits. Not even the physical and sexual intimidation that came from one Officer Baughman could deter our mission.

So here we stand, two days after the day of revolt, victorious in all of our elfdom. Yes, the system of capitalism is still in full operation. But the politics of our action surely made a chip at the machine, even if temporarily. I felt it. I think we all felt it. And it will only serve to add to the momentum of the impending insurrection. **!Viva las Elves!**



Police Continue To Harrass Occupying Homeless

by Occupy The Press

EARLY this morning (12/27), DPD continued to harass Occupy Denver kids - even though they have not rebuilt structures in the park. Police approached the park at almost one in the morning and ripped tarps off sleeping homeless. The message is clear - get out. Continually, the occupy encampment reminds people leaving from fluffy office jobs (on their way back to the suburbs) that income inequality and hegemony is a real thing.

The police are seen in a video posted online (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A...>). When cameras arrive the police suddenly stopped being so aggressive and backed

into the street. They are continually asked what is defined as encumbrance and if they could possibly point to what meager belongings qualify as such. The police identified nothing.

The standoff lasts more than 30 minutes and ultimately the police left without evicting anyone. This, of course, is a common scare tactic meant to have the people police themselves while the mainstream media is not alerted to a full scale raid (as seen last Monday).

For more, visit our website at OccupyThePress.Org. Feel free to comment or if you have contributions for us, please email us (links on the site).

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The Occupy camp as seen a few days before being raided and dismantled. Photo from COIMC



Local Briefs

District 4 Cop Shop Vandalized in Retaliation for OD Raid

A communique posted to Colorado Indymedia took responsibility for an attack on a District 4 Police Substation. Claiming “immediate retaliation” for the 12/19 raid on Occupy Denver and titled “anonymous missive on recent attack”, Ignite! is posting it in full:

“target: district 4 denver cop shop
time: after your bedtime
mode: vandalism
rationale: immediate retaliation for the eviction of the civic center park homeless encampment. for dpd’s existence. to encourage you to join in on the fun.
announcement: expect more p.s.

fuck you.”

Three “Militant, Anti-Cop” Banners Dropped for Winter Solstice

A communique posted to Colorado Indymedia details the following:

“During winter solstice rush hour, Three (count’em) three militant anti-cop banners were dropped off a bridge facing both ways on I-25 downtown. They read “DPD turn your weapons on yourselves”, “James Bradley was right”

(in reference to the man recently shot and hospitalized for hitting a police cruiser with a hammer) and “FROM THE NILE TO THE PLATTE HIT A COP WITH A BASEBALL BAT!” They were seen by thousands of motorists driving slowly on icy roads during rush hour traffic. And are rumored to have made several cops weep.

Wheat Pasting Reported

Wheat pasted posters and stickering is a pretty popular pastime for radical crews in Denver. Recently, a post went up on Colorado Indymedia showcasing one crew’s work as well as providing a recipe for sticky, sticky paste. Remember: If it is freezing, the paste doesn’t stay so well and your shit will come down with ease. If you’re posting up against the pigs or Nazis, why not crush up some glass into your paste so “dogooders” will learn the hard lesson of reaping what they sow. Communique:

“It smells of insurrection on this christmas evening. It kinda smells like corn starch, water, and elmers glue. Denver felt the wrath of these black clad and very cold Coloradans. The message: “From the Nile to the Platte, hit a cop with a baseball bat” Some of the targets included 5 points and east colfax ave. They say misery loves company

and these miserable cold poor souls would love some company on the streets of denver. I hear wheat paste sticks especially well to cop cars.

A recipe of love to spread the rest of denver the joy we feel in our hearts on this cold christmas evening.

HOW TO WHEAT PASTE Method 1...

Use some cornstarch instead of flour. It makes it clear instead of that nasty brown-ish color.

Add 1 cup cornstarch for every 2 cups of water...it tends to get madd thick so add more water as you go. If it starts to clump then use a masher to break up all the clumps and your good...nd when ur done cookin it add a little bit of sugar and it makes it mad sticky...

Cause its clear you can use it to put over top the work when you done...cheaper then any of that spray stuff.

Method 2...

Pour wheat flower till it fills up 1/3 of the way. Pour some water in while you stir it so that it mixes good. You got to use that spray sealant this way cause it comes out that brown-ish / tan-ish color...

Spread the cheer in your neck of the woods.



Metro Area Shoplifters Holding It Down

Several stories concerning shoplifters have appeared on local crime blotters in the last month. In one notable story that took place Dec. 8th, a woman was caught stealing at a Walmart in Wheat Ridge. When apprehended, the woman allegedly told the arresting officer that it wasn’t the first time she’d been caught and banned from a store and that it wouldn’t be the last.

In another story, three people are being sought after loss prevention officers attempted to stop the trio allegedly stealing at a Target off of Sheridan. Instead of going quietly, apparently the guards were pepper-sprayed and the trio fled the scene with a cart full of gaming electronics and other items.

Several other shoplifting stories made blotters this month, including shoplifters being caught by civilians, shoplifters making clean getaways, and a first-time shoplifters, generally older folks, being caught as well.

DENVER GENERAL STRIKE

MAY 1ST, 2012

FOR POPULAR POWER TO THE PEOPLE. FOR HAMMERS IN THE HANDS OF EVERY PERSON LOOKING TO PUT MORE NAILS INTO CAPITALISM'S CASKET. FOR SHOWING THE RULING CLASS WHO REALLY MAKES THE WORLD TURN.

STAY TUNED

NO WORK - NO SCHOOL - BUY NOTHING - PAY NO DEBTS

NATION & WORLD

news from around the country and globe

Greek Anarchists Beat Up and Rob Member of Parliament

Communique courtesy of War on Society:

“On the night of November 23rd we tracked down the MP of PASOK S. Kouvelis boarding a luxurious Lexus, probably his car.

Without a second thought we decided to attack him. We punched him and robbed him, as is done from the side of politicians.

In his bag which we confiscated, were: a laptop, documents of PASOK, expensive pens, credit cards with a total of 90.000 euro in them (!!!) and his MP identification card.

As well, we were amazed by the fact that his bag was full of condoms, what did that dirty old man want with them???

This action was a reaction to the daily violence we receive.

Freedom to our comrades.

Fighting salutes to the imprisoned members of the C.C.F.

Violence to the violence of authority.

Unknown anarchists”

Finland: Claim of responsibility for arson of two police vehicles

Communique courtesy of War on Society:

As the world economy falters the power elite holds on to capitalism with tooth and nail, even though around them, the house of cards is wavering. The people who suffer from this listen to the money-grabbing power elite without calling into question the orders the elite hands out just to save their own hides.

The police are a model example of obedience. The decisions are made high up in the hierarchy and the people who execute these commands can not and will not put them into question. Bureaucracy will always prove too slow and rigid for life that is characterized by being fast-paced and ever-moving.

On the night of Friday the 16th of December 2011, we burned two police cars in the backyard of a Volkswagen-dealership in the Herttoniemi district in Helsinki. We torched both cars by lighting and placing a handful of lighting briquettes on the front wheels and then fled the scene.

According to their communiqués the police have apprehended people in the vicinity of the dealership on the same night. It is not unheard of that the police bungle arrests without any evidence.

We claim responsibility for the arson of these cars and wish to say, that no arrests will resolve this situation.

Solidarity with all who are imprisoned!

Portland, OR: Claim of responsibility for theft of TV news camera by anarchists during port blockades 25,000\$ News Camera Stolen at Port Action

“Given the good deal of media-led misinformation/opposition to the west coast #d12 port shutdown, the presence of habitually unsympathetic local news crews at the blockaded terminals in Portland seemed to assure that our actions would be misrepresented beyond recognition. So when the opportunity arose to relieve KATU of a 25,000\$ news camera, we did just that. Given KATU’s inclination to distort current events through the filthy lense,

we figured they were no worse off filming their story from the muddy bottom of the Willamette. #splash.

-some folks.”

Chile: On the burning of Transantiago on December 2nd

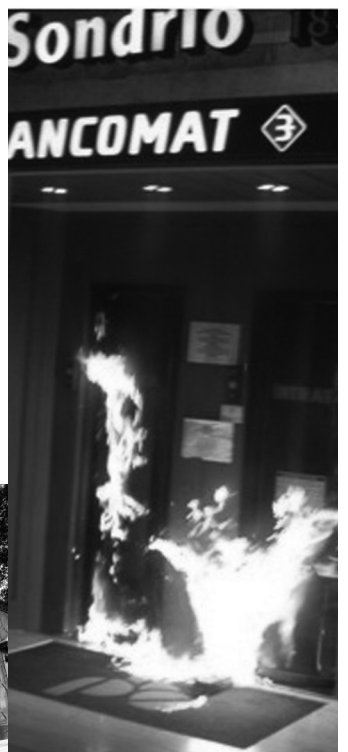
“In Vengeance for the murder of the 81 in San Miguel Prison

We decided to attack their dirty machine with the fire that is our friend, we covered our faces and we went with eyes fixed on the objective, we intercepted a 506 microbus of the nefarious Shilean transport system and, after having the passengers (whose inability to take position in the war led them to criticize those who struggle) get off we doused the tires and interior seats to later launch a phoenix so that the fire arising in the streets which at that hour were filled with a spirit of false solidarity; our eyes laughed to see how that street corner burned; minutes after the attack we disappeared with the wind, they did not know who struck them; with our action we want to remind the powerful that we are here, that we have

not wavered, that although they imprison us we are not afraid, we want THE FIRE TO VENGEFULLY REMEMBER THE PRISONERS MURDERED BY THE DAMNED PRISON SYSTEM IN SAN MIGUEL PRISON, WE WANT THE SMOKE OF THE BARRICADES TO OPEN UP TO THE COMRADES WHO EVADE POWER, WHO FLY HIGH, WE ALSO REMIND THE PRISONERS ACROSS THE WORLD YOU ARE NOT ALONE

We call for the multiplication of actions, for the expansion of the barricades over the whole world, for there to be no peace for the powerful; let us transform ourselves into a volcano and make the cities burn, let us become earthquakes and destroy every center of consumption.

WE DO NOT WANT THEM TO DOMESTICATE US



2011 Reportback from the Denver Anarchist Black Cross

by the Denver Anarchist Black Cross

WE hope these words find our comrades around the world in the best of health and spirit, during this time of massive social upheaval and revolt. The world has definitely seen a spread of anarchist influenced and revolutionary praxis throughout the last half of 2012, and we've definitely been feeling the massive change in current here in Denver.

2011 saw the busiest time yet for our collective, as we worked to support social movements active in Denver, and across the world.

GENERAL/INTERNAL:

The most recent formation of the Denver Anarchist Black Cross has now been active in the Denver metro area for 2 1/2 years. During that time our collective has seen a lot of ebb and flow with our membership and our work. However, the last 6 months of 2011 saw our collective solidify to a consistent membership base. At the close of 2011, we had 11 dues paying members, with three more people expected to complete their membership process sometime in January 2012.

2011 saw the start of what will hopefully become an annual tradition

of hosting a weekend retreat for ABC members. Through events such as this one, we've seen our membership not only solidify numerically, but also become a tighter and more cohesive group. We look forward to our bonds continuing to strengthen in the New Year.

Denver ABC has maintained our blog at denver-abc.wordpress.com for the entirety of our collective's existence. The blog is updated nearly everyday with news about political prisoners, state repression, and other stories of interest to members and supporters of DABC.

LONG TERM POLITICAL PRISONER/POW SUPPORT:

One of the mainstays of Anarchist Black Cross work will always be support for long-term imprisoned comrades, classified as political prisoners and prisoners of war. Denver ABC has continued our dedication to supporting our kidnapped warriors through a variety of ways.

Since our inception, Denver ABC has worked to maintain a comprehensive listing of political prisoners and social movement prisoners held captive within the U.S. An electronic version of our listing is continuously updated and available at our blog at denverabc.wordpress.com.

An 11th edition of a print version of that listing was made available in November, with a new edition to be made available sometime in January 2012.

For the second year, Denver ABC maintained a \$30 a month stipend for long held Black Liberation prisoner, Mutulu Shakur. Mutulu had been held in Florence, Colorado, until earlier this year. After his transfer to California, DABC also donated \$100 to Mutulu's commissary fund to help him purchase personal items that were not transferred with him. DABC also helped to publish a pamphlet by Dr. Shakur, available through P&L Press: <http://plpress.bigcartel.com> More information on Dr. Shakur and his case can be found at this support website: <http://mutulushakur.com>

Near the end of 2011, DABC expanded our monthly stipend program to include another prisoner, Siddique Hasan, a participant in the famed Lucasville Prison uprising that took place in Ohio in 1993. Siddique is currently on death row and has started to receive a \$20 monthly stipend from DABC. He relies on phone calls to supporters to help organize around the cases of the partici-



pants in the Lucasville uprising who still rot in prison cells in Ohio.

In July, DABC held our 3rd annual Running Down the Walls 5k benefit for U.S. held political prisoners. The run was held in solidarity with the chapters of the Anarchist Black Cross Federation and other ABC chapters across North America. This year's run was the most successful by far. 40 participants helped us raise over \$1,100. \$800 was sent to MOVE prisoner Michael Davis Africa to be used for the purchase of a bass guitar and related equipment to help start a revolutionary jazz band within the Pennsylvania prison in which he is held.

Our efforts at supporting individual political prisoners also included sending \$300 each to the last two members of the United Freedom Front held captive within the United States, Tom Manning and Jaan

Laaman. DABC responded to a request by Jaan for emergency financial relief after he spent hundreds of dollars on phone calls to his family following the unexpected death of his son this Fall. Tom was (and still is) in need of emergency funds, as his current medical condition has made him unable to work within the prison facility and he has become indigent without any income.

Our work to support our long held comrades has included a myriad of other programs and initiatives, including participating in a night of action for long term anarchist prisoners which took place on June 11th. DABC members helped plant dozens of flowers throughout Northwest Denver, accompanied by vibrant full color posters explaining the cases of two comrades, Eric McDavid and Marie Mason. <<<cont. on pg 8.

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In the spring, DABC mailed out a questionnaire to every prisoner that we list. The questionnaire covered many topics, ranging from support needs to visions for the broader revolutionary movements that our comrades have been kidnapped from. Our goal with the questionnaire was to create a dialogue that could help shape and inform the support work that DABC and other political prisoner support groups are engaged in. We received responses from over 30 comrades (a response rate of roughly 35%). The results of the questionnaire will be made available early in 2012.

August marked the 2 year anniversary of our monthly political prisoner letter writing nights, and thus far, we've never missed a month. During the first Wednesday of each month, participants meet at 6:30pm at the 27 Social Centre for a meal and an introduction to a different case or group of cases. A casual atmosphere is created for writing cards and letters of support. Participation in our monthly letter writing nights has steadily

increased, with some of our largest letter writing events ever happening in the closing months of 2011.

DABC continues to help mail and distribute 4StruggleMag, a publication edited by the Toronto Anarchist Black Cross and United Freedom Front prisoner Jaan Laaman. 4StruggleMag celebrated its 20th issue this past month. P&L Printing, a project of several members of DABC (see topic heading below) has provided the printing for 4StruggleMag for over a year now, while DABC packages and mails the nearly 600 copies of the magazine to prisoners and subscribers across the U.S. and Canada.

FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER SUPPORT:

The struggle a political prisoner faces does not end once they are released from prison, no matter how long they have been outside of the prison gates. It is with this contention in mind that DABC also believes it is important to support our previously imprisoned comrades. They have lost years of their lives to our social movements, and they deserve our continued support.

In August, Denver ABC staffed a book table for former Angola 3 prisoner Robert King during a speaking event at a conference of trial defense lawyers held in downtown Denver. The event presented a screening of the documentary "In the Land of the Free" about the case of the Angola 3. King is the only released member of the trio. Herman Wallace and Albert Woodfox are still held by the state of Louisiana. More information about their cases can be found here: <http://www.angola3.org/>

Following the conference, DABC organized a dinner with King and local American Indian Movement organizer Ward Churchill to commemorate Black August. The event was very well attended and helped raise several hundred dollars for the Angola 3 as well as some more money for the North American Anarchist Black Cross conference that was organized by DABC (see topic heading below for more information).

This summer, Denver Anarchist Black Cross was able to donate a brand new and high end laptop to Lorenzo Komboa Ervin, an anarchist and former Black Liberation political prisoner who currently resides in Memphis. Since August, DABC has been able to create a solid working relationship with Lorenzo and his wife, JoNina. More info on that can be found under the ABC Conference and P&L Printing headings below.

PRISON ABOLITION/MIGRANT DEFENSE:

Throughout 2011, Denver ABC continued our commitment to supporting local movements resisting mass imprisonment throughout Colorado. Our work focused on two fronts: the Colorado state prison system and the ICE detention system.

Our work within the Colorado state prison has been multi-pronged. We still maintain a free literature program for prisoners; sending radical, revolutionary, and anarchist titles into prisons across Colorado. 2011 finally saw the release of a new catalog of titles, as well as the solidification of the project, which had stalled last year for various reasons.

DABC held several solidarity rallies with women prisoners actively struggling

against violence and sexual assault at the hands of guards at the Denver Women's Correctional Facility in northeast Denver. Twice in the spring, a group of 20-30 people held banners proclaiming solidarity with the women struggling inside. The reactions from the women inside were supportive and excited, as women banged on the windows of prison cells and raised fists in solidarity. Our efforts to create a solid working relationship with these women has stalled out, after some correspondence with women who got our address off of a large banner held outside the prison, encouraging them to write us. We hope to work more on this in 2012 and correct our mistakes.

Our solidarity with prisoner struggles was not just limited to the geographic confines of Colorado. During both rounds of hunger strikes that spread across the California prison system, Denver ABC took a role in organizing local solidarity. In July, we helped organize local movement members to call and write the prison system, and to write and develop relationships with the prisoners active within the hunger strike. In October, we organized a march and rally, where we handed out hundreds of fliers with information about the strike.

We continued our phone call and letter writing campaigns, and also held a teach-in and strategy session where we were able to get Bo Brown, a former member of the George Jackson Brigade and a member of the Pelican Bay Hunger Strike Support Committee, to video chat with the participants about the strike and the efforts to offer support.

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cont. from pg. 8>>> Our work supporting the efforts of local migrant and Chican@ liberation movements was not as active as it was last year, but still took up a considerable amount of our organizing efforts, particularly in early 2011.

Our efforts started right out of the gate of 2011, when in January, we worked to raise \$700 for a dear comrade and friend from local migrant liberation organization Comite Defensa del Pueblo, whose son was facing deportation and needed urgent legal help. Our efforts helped secure a lawyer, and our comrade's son was not deported, though he continues to serve a jail sentence. He is due to be released in the coming months.

DABC maintained our presence at monthly vigils against the ICE Detention Center in nearby Aurora. We also worked to offer physical support and solidarity around two higher profile cases of local migrant organizers facing deportation, Jeanette Vizguerra and Gerardo Noriega, cases that local organization Rights for All People took the lead in organizing. We also helped to donate \$300 to El Centro Humanitario, a center for day laborers that was facing a possible eviction from their building.

For the second year, DABC has maintained our involvement with Colorado AID (Abolish Inhumane Detention) an organization that provides visitation and court-watch for migrants facing detention and deportation. DABC members have been

instrumental in helping maintain the courtwatch program, and in setting up a website detailing those efforts.

LEGAL SUPPORT:

DABC has been providing legal support to local social movements since our inception. 2011, however, pushed this work to a whole new level, as we worked to support participants in the local anti-police movement, including an attempted murder case. By the tail end of the year, our legal efforts were completely tied up with support for Occupy Denver, the local incarnation of the Occupy Wall Street movement. (Occupy Denver is covered under a separate topic header below).

The main thrust of our legal support work during the first 9 months of 2011 centered around providing legal defense for demonstrations against Denver area law enforcement agencies. In all, our support efforts focused on 4 arrestees from two separate demonstrations. 3 of these arrestees faced minor misdemeanor charges for defacement of public and private property. All of the arrestees were able to take plea deals that resulted in very minor fines or community service. Our support included providing bail as well as court observation.

The most serious case we have ever offered our support for was the case of Amelia Nicol, a woman arrested during the "March Against Police Terror" that took place in May. Amelia was accused of throwing a molotov cocktail (or a bomb, depending on which capitalist media source you choose to read) at police officers. She was charged with two counts of attempted murder of a police officer, arson,

use of explosives, possessing explosives, and a host of other felonies and misdemeanors. In all, Amelia faced over 100 years in prison for these charges.

Denver ABC took the initiative to offer the support necessary to win this court case. Our support took on a myriad of roles; starting with providing correspondence, speaking to Amelia on the phone everyday, and working to develop a pressure campaign against the District Attorney.

DABC organized a letter and phone call campaign, where hundreds of postcards, letters, faxes, and emails were sent to the District Attorney from all over the world, demanding that the charges against Amelia be dropped. We organized a press conference outside the DA's office, and a half dozen supporters went inside to drop off hundreds more postcards directly to the DA. This was the first time DABC had organized anything like this. Video of the press conference can be found on our blog.

On June 9, after being imprisoned for over a month, Amelia had her most serious charges dropped in court. She was bonded out by DABC members on June 13, facing one felony count for possession of explosives, and 3 misdemeanor charges for assault and resisting arrest. DABC provided Amelia with a place to live, a job, clothing, and other physical resources that she needed upon release.

By September, the remainder of Amelia's charges were dropped in court. Amelia went from facing over 100 years in jail to being completely free and clear in a matter of months.

This was the first time DABC has ever performed a support

role of this magnitude and with these dire of consequences. It was definitely a learning experience, and one that will continue to inform our legal support work. It also was a major victory for our collective and for local revolutionary movements.

OCCUPY DENVER:

A lot can be said about our participation in Occupy Denver. The comments, history, analysis, and insights we have gained could fill an entire periodical at this point. However, we'll just offer a brief overview of our involvement.

Denver ABC was present from the first General Assembly ever held at Occupy Denver. In fact, members of our organization facilitated the first five general assemblies. We were also a part of helping to adopt guidelines that would ensure an acceptance of a diversity of tactics, embodied by the St. Paul's Principles, four guiding points drafted and adopted by organizers of a diverse array of political and tactical persuasions during the 2008 protests against the Republican National Convention in Minnesota.

Early on, DABC helped host a workshop on anarchism that was very positive and seemed to generate quite a bit of interest in our work and ideological framework. DABC took on the role of the legal working group from the start of Occupy Denver until we issued a statement of a decision to no longer perform the legal support role on December 4. Read our statement on our blog.

During our time performing the legal support role for Occupy Denver, we maintained a 24 hour staffed legal line, utilizing anywhere between 2-15 volunteers depending on the intensity <<<*cont. pg 10*

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cont. from pg. 9>>> of the actions we were supporting. We performed this role during 4 brutal and militarized police evictions of the camp, and many smaller actions and events that Occupy Denver hosted or participated in over the course of 2 months.

To date, there have been 104 arrests at Occupy Denver or related actions, including the eviction of a squat occupied by anarchists and participants in Occupy Denver. DABC has been directly responsible for bonding out 44 of those arrested, and contributing in bonding out an additional 21. In total, Denver ABC raised \$16,531 for Occupy Denver legal defense, and expended \$16,512 in the process. However, due to various failures of defendants to appear for court, DABC members have been left in debt nearly \$5,000. This figure has been reduced from the previously released estimate of \$8,500, since one person has been re-arrested, and their bond canceled through the bondsperson, meaning we are no longer responsible for their full bond.

In addition to providing bond support and a legal line to support arrestees, Denver ABC coordinated with the local chapter of the National Lawyers Guild to provide free attorneys to every person arrested. Further, DABC coordinated courtwatch activities for the overwhelming majority of the first appearances and hearings that happened before December 1st.

DABC members also took on a variety of other roles, including acting as street med-

ics along with our comrades at the Colorado Street Medics, as well as picking up arrestees from jail, providing them meals and often providing them with places to sleep or decompress after being released.

Although Denver ABC pulled out of our support role in an official capacity on December 4, the eviction of December 19 saw DABC helping organize support for the arrestees, most of them homeless youth accused of fighting the police and burning barricades and structures during the eviction. We have been meeting with members of Occupy Denver to help them set up their own support infrastructure, and hope that we can help set up a proficient legal team made up of people outside of our collective.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

The Denver ABC Mutual Aid Fund provides emergency financial relief to social movement members in dire economic need. Since its inception, the fund has provided thousands of dollars to local movement members.

Over the course of 2011 the Mutual Aid Fund provided \$1,430 in loans and grants to cover medical expenses, legal and bond fees, groceries, and other expenses.

Most of the funds for the Mutual Aid Fund were generated through two fundraisers this year: a cake walk that has become an annual spring tradition, and our annual Martyr's Ball celebration. This year's Martyr's Ball raised more money than both of the previous years combined. A change of venue and the support of many new allies made through Occupy Denver helped make this possible.

TACTICAL DEFENSE:

The Denver Armed Resistance Committee is a working group of Denver ABC that works on providing tactical and self defense skills and resources to members of local social movements. This past year, DARC offered 4 public introduction to firearms trainings, with over 40 participants attending. DARC also partnered with local blog Queer-Radical.com to offer an event entitled "Queers, Dinner, and Guns", a small dinner followed by an introductory firearms training.

CHILD AND FAMILY SUPPORT:

DABC continued our work to build a multi-generational movement and support parents and families throughout 2011. In the early part of the year, DABC members helped construct a new room at the 27 Social Centre that would act as a childcare room and a base for our Nurturing Liberation program. The room has since been filled with a seemingly endless supply of toys, books, games, and radical youth and parenting resources.

The room sees a lot of action at the 27 Social Centre, providing a place for kids to play, interact, and hang out during events, weekends, and even during the work hours of P&L Printing, a collective print shop housed in the 27 Social Centre, where parents affiliated with DABC are employed.

DABC also provided childcare at several events for outside organizations, and hopes to really work to further develop the Nurturing Liberation program into the coming year, with more classes and events for kids and families involved with local social movements.

NORTH AMERICAN

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS CONFERENCE:

In August, Denver ABC hosted a conference for North American Anarchist Black Cross chapters and other anarchist based prisoner support formations. Around fifty participants representing at least 14 different organizations and defense committees active in the United States and Canada participated in the weekend long conference.

Former prisoners Bo Brown (George Jackson Brigade) and Lorenzo Komboa Ervin (anarchist, Black Liberation prisoner) as well as local organizers Ward Churchill, Glenn Morris, and Pavlos Stavropoulos offered their experiences and insights during the conference.

It was an amazing and constructive weekend, filled with networking, strategizing, and information sharing. Some projects and initiatives came out of the conference, though nothing very formal was created. Overall, the conference worked to strengthen social and movement relationships between various ABC and anarchist support collectives and programs.

P&L PRINTING/27 SOCIAL CENTRE:

Members of Denver ABC have been running a collectively owned commercial print shop for nearly 3 years. P&L Printing is a union, worker owned shop, affiliated with the Industrial Workers of the World, and the Communications Workers of America Local 7777.

P&L mainly works with non-profits and unions in the Denver area, and also provides all the printing needs of DABC and many other movement organizations in the Colorado Area. <<<*cont. pg. 11*

DABC'S YEAR:

cont. from pg. 10>>> in the Colorado area. P&L provides direct employment for 5 collective members, 3 of whom are ABC members.

In 2011, P&L provided printing for a variety of anarchist and radical projects, including:

- Anarcho-Syndicalist Review
- 4StruggleMag
- Eric McDavid Defense/Sacramento Prisoner Support
- Christy Road
- Certain Days Calendar collective (outreach materials)
- Kersplebedeb
- Jericho Movement
- Rob Will and DRIVE
- And of course, Denver ABC

P&L Printing's distribution arm, P&L Press also released our first book publishing project, *Driven by the Movement*, a book written by JoNina Ervin, the last editor of the Black Panther newspaper and wife of anarchist and former political prisoner, Lorenzo Ervin. The book covers the history of some of the most influential, yet forgotten, ground level organizers of the Black Liberation struggles of the 60's and 70's. The book is available through P&L Press.

Money spent through printing at P&L works to not only support the workers of the collective and the work of DABC and other anarchist groups, but also the 27 Social Centre, a large warehouse that serves as a radical community center in Northwest Denver. 27 Social Centre is home to nearly a dozen anti-capitalist projects and groups, including Denver ABC.

OTHER SUPPORT/ ANTI-REPRESSION WORK:

In April, DABC organized to support one of our members and close comrades, Stefan Martinez, in response to mounting FBI pressure against him. Stefan had been contacted and harassed by the FBI for years, demanding information on Earth and Animal Liberation activities and groups, and other radicals. Stefan always refused to answer their questions or to talk to them, and after months of harassment, they stopped contacting him.

However, in the early Spring of 2011, the FBI again repeatedly attempted to contact Stefan, leaving multiple messages on his voicemail. Stefan never called them back, but it was time to up the ante with a different response.

DABC organized a rally outside the Denver FBI Headquarters, and attempted to meet with the FBI Special Agent that had been contacting Stefan, to demand that he stop and to make it clear to the agent that the community knew about their attempts to contact Stefan, and that community members would support their comrade. Agents at the gate refused to allow entry into the building, and a minor argument ensued, resulting in police arriving. No arrests were made and after some time heckling the FBI agents and security, the rally disbanded.

Since the rally, the FBI has not made any further attempts to contact Stefan. We see that as a major success. The FBI thrives off of secrecy and alienation. When we can expose them publicly and they see that the community knows about their efforts to recruit

snitches, we can effectively fight their efforts.

DABC has also participated in a variety of other local organizing efforts, including involvement in an anti-capitalist contingent within the various labor protests that happened in March and April in solidarity with the worker movements in Wisconsin and the Midwest, as well as organizing a panel discussion in the early Spring to discuss strategy for a growing anti-police movement in the Denver area.

DABC members spent much more time doing outreach at higher profile events and shows this year. DABC tabled at shows featuring Dead Prez, the Subhumans, and other bigger name acts when they played local shows.

For the second year, DABC members were also able to speak at a class on anarchism held at the University of Denver. The stipends received from this speaking opportunity went toward our funds program for political prisoners and prisoners of war.

SUPPORTING DENVER ABC:

In 2011, the workload of Denver ABC increased exponentially from the previous year. We were able to support dozens of legal cases, provide thousands of dollars worth of financial support to movement members inside and outside of prison, and ensure that many people would no longer sit in jail cells, and would not spend their lives inside of them. We've only been able to accomplish what we have because of financial and physical support and solidarity from hundreds of supporters in Denver and across the world.

This year, more than ever, it has become very clear that we

can only continue our work because of YOUR support.

So, if you want to make sure the DABC Crew can continue to fight the evil forces of statist, capitalist, and reactionary repression, we need your help!

Here's a few ways to show your support and solidarity, and make sure we can continue to support you and social movements across the world:

You can support the work of Denver ABC in a variety of ways:

- Buy a DABC T-shirt!
 - Buy a Martyr's Ball poster print!
 - Donate to the DABC Mutual Aid Fund or our Prisoner Warchest!
 - Subscribe to our email announcement list and our Emergency Response Network/Twitter
- Details are available on our blog at <http://denverabc.wordpress.com>
- Get involved!

-Print with P&L Printing
Supporting P&L directly benefits the 27 Social Centre (for which P&L pays most of the rent and bills) and Denver ABC. For information, email P&L at plprinting@msn.com
Support your local ABC or other anti-authoritarian projects!

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Break Something Every Day

A New Years Resolution

by Ignite! Contributor

WITH the ever growing distaste for the current course of society, one must always question and redefine who exactly the enemy is. Is it the cops with their growing arsenal and policies of force and violence? Maybe it's the corporations that enslave us, forcing us to buy back our lives at a considerable loss. What about the government that, despite our loudest protest, continues to push it's imperial agenda? Perhaps we can blame the bourgie fucks that support this class war, which has allowed this system to deepen its hold on all of us.

The situation is not improved by the fact that most of these "enemies" work hand in hand with one another, not (as those whose dogma and ideologies do the thinking for them would like to say) with one facet of the beast in control giving the orders to the rest, but as different parts of a free for all gangup on the human and natural world. If the problem was only one person, government, or corporation, the work of their complete destruction or overthrow would still be daunting and dangerous, with no certainty of victory no matter how hard you may fight. Given the fact that these powers add up into a terrifying and ever growing whole, with no clear heart to aim at, the work of this world's destruction can seem completely unstoppable. UNLESS you find another target...

All we hate and want to bury is united by one common quality – CONTROL, in one form or another. However the principles of control and domination themselves are not something that any one person can fight as a whole, in all places they exist. What we can kill in ourselves is our submission and control-ability. Seeing as many all of our enemies consist of individual people and concepts given weight by their widespread acceptance, and the participation of the population as a whole, then OBEDIENCE is perhaps the biggest thing we have to fight. Some fight it through removing themselves from society or otherwise dropping out. There's nothing wrong with this (it can even be quite fun!) but refusing participation alone tends not to topple the things you run away from.

Regular damage, on the other hand, can. Though spectacular and intense actions such as bombings and arsons can be inspiring (in fact, we wish there were more) the fact is it is hard to regularly sustain such actions on a regular basis. On top

Ignite! will be hosting a meeting and strategizing session on Feb. 17th at the 27 Social Centre at 6PM. If you write, take pictures, draw, whatever the fuck and want to help, come on down let's do some talking. Maybe do some redesigning? Idk.

of this, capture in such a situation is of the sort to permanently take you out of the game short of a jail break, and most people do not feel comfortable taking such risks.

While we all like to hear of large scale attacks on the oppressors of our freedom such actions are for the most part out of the reach of many. They take large amounts of planning and resources, not to mention a knowledge that is beyond rudimentary to be effective. In a world driven by media spin, even the most effective attacks are considered extremist, the perpetrators marginalized as sociopaths, driving the masses towards sympathy for the attacked and calling for more law and order, thus ensuring the safety of the elite and ruling class.

However, low level sabotage on a constant and varied basis provides an accessible opportunity to unsettle the routine of obedience and cause regular financial damage. It may not rake in the anarchy points of burning police stations to the ground, in fact it may not even be recognized as an act taken in the pursuit of anarchy, but if you take small steps to break something every day, the price of your actions will begin to skyrocket. You are also much more likely to be able to remain free to inflict damage another day. One of the biggest, if not THE biggest incidences of destructive direct action in 2011 was not another case of anarchists breaking windows (though hurray for that whenever it happens) but the mysterious acts of sabotage to infrastructure taking place during the Verizon strike. With no bad ass communiques, autonomous supporters of the Verizon workers cost the communication giant millions upon millions of dollars through subtle acts of sabotage and vandalism such as the cutting of cables.

There are a million different ways to cause trouble, and while this is not so much a how to, just an inspirational why. We encourage you (the reader) to research styles and techniques. Observe your local scene, determine the best tactics, and decide for yourself the level of commitment that you can make. **BREAK SOMETHING EVERY DAY!** Keep looking into the pages of Ignite for more tips and ways to completely stop the business as usual attitude in your local community.