

TIDES OF FLAME

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FREE KTEEO

The Witch who lights her fire in the earthen pot will never tell us what she knows, and what we do not know.



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Tides of Flame is a biweekly periodical which is part of an ongoing project of anarchist analysis and practice within the Puget Sound area.

We strive to live lives of joy, freedom, and rebellion, and for this, we are criminals.



*Who will revive the
violent whirlpools
of flame
if not us and those
that we consider
brothers?*

Come!

*New friends:
this will please you.
We will never work,
oh tides of flame!*

**THIS WORLD
WILL EXPLODE.**

~ A. Rimbaud

LETTER FROM KTEEO

Hi there everyone!! I'm doing really good—thanks in large to all of ya'll. The letters bring me hope—I am working on replying to all of them, but it might take me a while, so for now let me say thank you. Thank you for the letters, the books, the kind words, and the good wishes. Thank you, I love you and would love to keep hearing from ya'll.

Thank you to all who are supporting Matt and Leah, and myself. A big huge thank you to our support teams—you are the best of us, and I am not sure I could do this without you. Thank you to my family and friends for your unwavering support— even through the fear that you feel for me.

Being in here; meeting, getting to know, and hearing the stories of the incredible women I am sharing this space with has only strengthened my resolve.

Keep smiling—keep struggling

In Solidarity,
Kteeo



WRITE TO KTEEO:

Katherine Olejnik #42592-086
FDC SeaTac,
P.O. Box 13900
Seattle, WA 98198

Make sure to put your name and return address as well as KTeoo's full name and inmate number (in pen) on each sheet of clean, plain, lined, paper.

PS: The letters are great. Keep sending them if you can.



WHO ARE MATT & KTEEO?

In September, Matt and Kteeo were imprisoned for civil contempt after refusing to provide information to a secret Federal Grand Jury investigating anarchist activity in the Pacific Northwest. Even though they are not being accused of any crime, the state could keep them locked away in SeaTac Federal Detention Center until March 2014 when the Grand Jury expires. This is a blatant and sickening attempt to coerce them into talking to the authorities about others' ideas and actions. It will not work.

This Grand Jury exposes what we always knew: that our "rights" mean nothing. These two beautiful people have been stolen away from their loved ones for refusing to participate in the repression of rebels fighting against this rotten system.

For their silence and strength, Matt & Kteeo deserve your support. To find out how you can help, see:

saynothing.info
nopoliticalrepression.wordpress.com

WRITE TO MATT DURAN:

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NEW SUBPOENA ISSUED TO MATTHEW "MADDY" PFEIFFER

On October 25th, the day before my 23rd birthday, two FBI agents wearing ill-fitting khakis and too much gel in their hair, served me a subpoena for 9am on November 7th. I knew my fate right away: 18 months in SeaTac Federal Detention Center. Matt, Kteeo and Leah have all been imprisoned for their refusal and I will be the next. Despite the urgings of lawyers, agents and judges, I only have one option: non-cooperation. Any other option is unthinkable.

I am being asked to testify before a Grand Jury on November 7th and will likely be detained on that date for refusing to cooperate. The vultures of the state will try to imprison my comrades and I until we give in. We will never give in.

From so many different perspectives, for so many reasons, snitching is never an option. I will never betray the people I care about, the ideas which I hold dear, or the commitments I have made. I will never give any information about crimes, should I have any knowledge of them nor will I give information about my personal relationships. I will never cooperate with this or any attempt to

stop struggle. I will never cooperate with the systems of control which I loathe. If the federal government chooses to imprison me for my refusal then so be it. I expect no less from them.

The official reason the state gives for imprisoning those who refuse to cooperate is to coerce testimony. If they know anything about me or my friends they know that this will never work. Some have said that this Grand Jury is about trying to repress people's political opinions and free speech and no doubt this is true. My subpoena states that I am being asked to testify about events that took place on May 1st. The state is trying to use broken windows as a reason to ruin peoples lives. This is absurd and I will oppose it to the fullest. This life ruining system which they call "justice" is organized to defend property and capitalism. This system is against everything I believe in.

My imminent imprisonment is an attempt to disrupt struggle against domination in all its forms. What the vultures cannot understand is that attempts to repress this struggle will only embolden it, whether we are inside the

walls of the Federal Detention Center or in the streets. The growing list of solidarity actions, from St. Louis to France, demonstrates an inspiring continuity in this regard.

In silence, we roar!
Matthew "Maddy" Pfeiffer

**SUPPORT MADDY!
WED/NOV 7/9AM
700 STEWART ST**

Please show up to Maddy's grand jury appearance. It is likely that a contempt hearing will follow, after which Maddy will probably be taken into custody. Please bring anything you can to contribute: food, coffee, umbrellas, banners, fliers, signs, megaphones, etc.

SAYNOTHING.INFO

COMMITTEE AGAINST POLITICAL REPRESSION SUSPENDS SUPPORT FOR [FORMER GRAND JURY PRISONER] LEAH-LYNN PLANTE

The following is front nopoliticalrepression.wordpress.com:

The Committee Against Political Repression will be suspending support for Leah-Lynn Plante.

Leah was released from prison on October 17 after appearing before the grand jury investigating anarchists. We do not know what was said at that hearing. In the time since her release, Leah has not offered details regarding the subjects of the hearing, her response, or about her release. CAPR is withdrawing support for Leah until we get information regarding her grand jury hearing.

Meanwhile, Matt Duran and Kteeo Olejnik remain in prison, steadfast in their refusal to aid the government in its persecution of anarchists. CAPR will continue to do everything we can to support them, and we urge everyone who wants a more free, equal, humane society to do the same.

Ed: Though we at Tides of Flame would not jump to label Leah a "snitch," we, too, have decided to suspend support for her. It is with very heavy hearts that we have come to this decision, but we feel our energy is best spent supporting the comrades we know are not cooperating with the state. We truly hope that any information Leah provided was inconsequential; unfortunately, at this time, there is no way to know this for sure. A non-cooperation strategy that has any chance of successfully defeating a grand jury requires the complete commitment of every resister to say nothing. Up until now, the state had met a solid wall of resistance. A crack has the potential to cause very serious damage even if it doesn't seem that way at first.

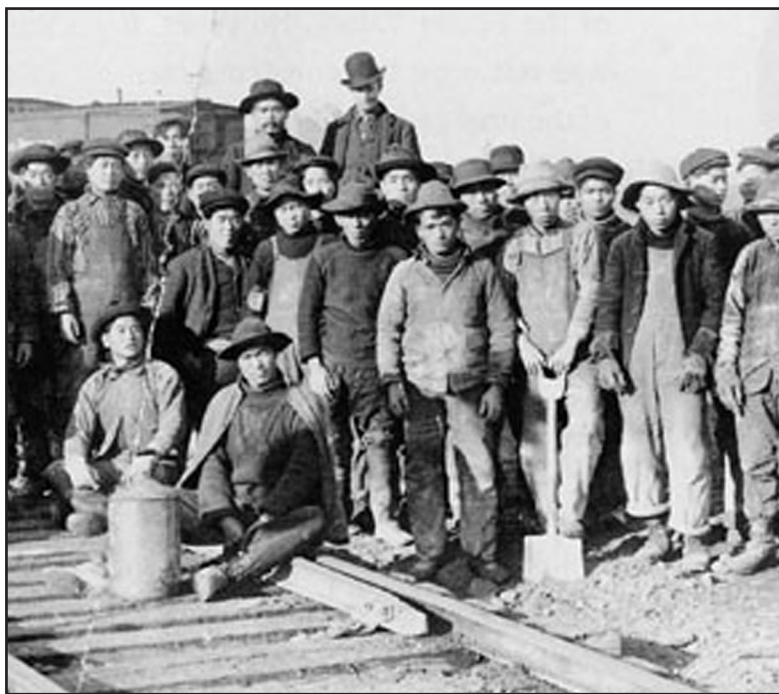
THE CHINESE EXPULSION OF 1886

Just as they are today, the immigrants were the backbone of early Seattle. Irish, Norwegian, and, above all, Chinese immigrants were responsible for building the foundation of the metropolis that we now inhabit. But just like today, the immigrants were underpaid and used as a cheap source of labor to the capitalist overlords who controlled every aspect of urban life. The biggest project involving Chinese laborers was the railroads, a central undertaking in the expansion of Western civilization. Once Seattle was connected to the new trans-continental network and the last spike was laid, the Chinese were left to compete with white laborers for every job available.

Naturally, the Chinese were favored by the capitalists of the city, given they would work for less. Over time, this began to enrage larger and larger segments of the white working class. Their hatred of men like Mayor John Leary and institutions like the Puget Sound Bank was transferred over to the Chinese laborers, who came to be blamed for every ill and misfortune that befell the white working class. Indeed, they were an easier target than the posh and well fed capitalists up on the hills.

A man named Cronin came up to Seattle from California and began organizing members of the early Knights of Labor into a secret society called the Committee of Nine, a group whose objective was to expel the Chinese immigrants, the logic being that the capitalists would be forced to employ their workers once the immigrants were gone. The influence of the secret organization spread throughout the Knights of Labor and into mainstream society.

In late September, 1885, what was known as the Siniphobe Congress held a large meeting where they picked the first of November as the date for the expulsion of the Chinese. Some Chinese left Seattle out of fear, but most stayed. The expulsion date came and went, but in Tacoma on November 3rd, the Siniphobes formed a mob and evicted all of the Chinese population. Fear of the same thing happening in the big city made several leaders of the Chinese community promise to leave as soon as



possible. This gave a boost to the Seattle racists who held a victory party at the Opera House where Henry Yesler was elected chairman of the anti-Chinese congress. After the Tacoma expulsion, soldiers were sent in to Seattle by the Federal government, but were withdrawn by the end of November.

Over the next few months, the debate became polarized between the laborers who disregarded the law and took matters into their own hands, and the protectors of American law and order who wanted an efficient and legal way to restrict immigration. In the first

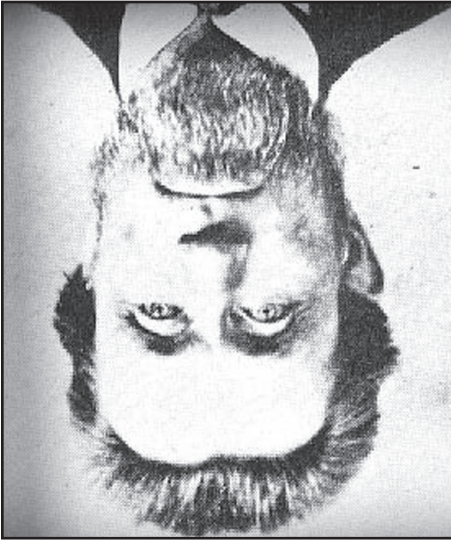
month of 1886, a law was passed barring Chinese people from owning property. However, this was not enough for the racists, who called for a mass-meeting on February 6th wherein they decided to inspect all Chinese households to determine whether they were violating city codes regarding maximum occupancy.

The next day, February 7th, was the day of the expulsion. Groups of five burst into Chinese houses, determined that city codes were being violated, and at gun point forced the residents onto the streets. Once there, the massive mob carried the belongings of the Chinese down to the docks where a steamship bound for San Francisco was waiting to take them away. The Mayor and Sheriff tried to stop the deportation, but the police refused to intervene. Eventually, a legal document was handed to the steamship captain, forbidding him from leaving, and the Chinese were interned in a warehouse for the evening. The next day, 200 Chinese decided to head to San Francisco on the same steamship.

The rest waited for the mob hysteria to subside.

The Home Guard was attempting to police the mob and protect the Chinese when gunfire erupted, killing one person and wounding four others. More troops arrived and escorted the Chinese back to their homes. The mob broke up, the governor declared martial law, and the streets were cleared. By the evening of November 9th, the city was calm and filled with soldiers. Within a week, most of the remaining Chinese had left on the next steamship to San Francisco. Cronin, the central architect of the rac-

ist hysteria, disappeared and was never seen in Seattle again. No one was ever convicted of any crime and ultimately, the Federal government paid nearly \$300,000 to the Chinese government



One of Seattle's founding fathers and the city's first lumber baron, racist piece of shit Henry Yesler.

in compensation. Those were who were driven out of Seattle received nothing.

A decade later, the steamship Miiki Maru docked in Seattle, signaling the beginning of normalized trade with Japan. Ten thousand people came down to the docks to celebrate. Now that immigration meant money for the capitalists and exoticism for the citizens, there was no hysteria in the air. After this, Chinese folks began to move back to what is now the International District, and it would not be until the start of the second world war that there would be another instance of mass racist hysteria: the Japanese internment. But that is a story for another time.

Let it be said that racism is a product of capitalism and is used to pit workers against each other. What the capitalists fear above everything else is people finally overcoming their differences and uniting to destroy the rich and their wretched system once and for all. 🐿

For more information, see:
Skid Road by Murray Morgan
The Living by Annie Dillard

SELECTED COMMUNIQUES: SOLIDARITY WITH GRAND JURY DEFIANCE

BRISTOL, UK: ARSON OF SURVEILLANCE COMPANY VEHICLE (OCTOBER 22)

Last night fire erupted in the tranquillity of bristols well-to-do redland area, targeting a marked vehicle of Standfast Ltd. besides the usual functions that led us to attack a company invested in "security" (as always, securing the sanctity of private property in mass society) one of their many cctv contracts in bristol, bath, avon, somerset and gloucestershire is both state and private schools, where as you can read in the newspapers even the toilets are no escape from the cameras.

Daily submission under impersonal institutions rarely comes naturally. after the nuclear family, the education system at all stages is instrumental in adapting the free child to the civilized world of workplaces, malls and (other) prisons that todays youth are destined for. constant surveillance has proven a most effective step in this domesticating process, kids learning to selfregulate under the assumption that they're permanently being watched, and this has been made to seem normal by reality tv, the saturation of control technology in the dead synthetic urban enviroment (supplied by the likes of Standfast Ltd.), and the atomised crowd of a generation filled with selfish fear of punishment or repremand.

But it is often still the young people who are least destroyed by this onslaught and who still find themselves impelled to refuse the system (like the riots last summer and scattered moments of revolt everyday since and before). this is just a reminder – WHEN YOU HIT A LENS IT WILL BREAK LIKE ANYTHING ELSE! so shouts the youth rebellion against society, the claimants of the recent attack on security vehicles in nottingham, and everyone else committed to the timeless crime of freedom!

Strength for Gustavo Quiroga, held in immigration detention after the Delta squat eviction in Thessaloniki, and for the Gremlin Alley resisters in cardiff!

Strength for the anarchists non-cooperating with the grand jury in the american northwest, and for the ones who fled from it!

Strength for the street fighters held for the march29 battles in Barcelona, and Carolina whos accused of burning a Starbucks that inspiring day!

Anarchy here, now and always

yours in war,
counter-surveillance cores.

NYC: TRAIN TRACKS SABOTAGED IN SOLIDARITY WITH NORTHWEST ANARCHISTS FACING REPRESSION

To our comrades enduring repression in the Northwest, you are not alone. In the early morning hours of October 17th, we sabotaged the operation of three sets of train tracks leading in and out of New York City. This action was undertaken in solidarity with Leah-Lynn Plante, Matthew Kyle Duran, Katherine Olejnik, and all of our other comrades in the Northwest. To those who are staying strong in these trying times, may this action be an expression of our deepest love. To those who seek to put them in cages, may this action be an expression of our deepest hatred.



**DEATH TO CAPITAL
DEATH TO THE STATE
LONG LIVE ANARCHY**



- New York Anarchists

ANTI-POLITICS AND REVOLUTIONARY SOLIDARITY

There appears to be a trend in radical circles of distinguishing prisoners based on their so-called 'crimes', with the intent (conscious or not) to identify 'political prisoners' who, by virtue of their actions, are more deserving of support and solidarity. Prisoners who have been targeted by the state due to their political beliefs and/or actions are given special attention amongst radicals, while the rest of the prison population spending their days in a cage are often only an afterthought, used as a means to lend credibility to political ideology, or completely forgotten.

This privileged and moralistic practice has invaded radical circles and creates a distinction between 'political' and 'ordinary' prisoner. Political prisoners are said to have been imprisoned unjustly, unlike the rest of the prison population. This can manifest either as an insistence of their innocence (as in the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal), or, in cases in which the prisoner has obviously broken the law, they are viewed as acting only in response to unjust laws or conditions (as in the case of Walter Bond). In both cases, their innocence is maintained.

But stating that some prisoners are innocent implies that others are guilty and deserve their punishment, that some unjust laws should be broken, while others should be upheld. This distinction requires predefined ideas of what is right and wrong and the application of those ideas in all situations and to all individuals, regardless of context. This process of taking subjective ideas, reifying them as universal moral principles and claiming their objectivity is no different than the state claiming that to uphold their laws is to uphold 'justice'.

The idea of justice is also problematic in that it reduces the struggle into a political debate over whose ideas are the most morally just. In this context, all actions are mere civil disobedience, attempts to expose the injustice of certain laws and to have them replaced with new ones.

Only acknowledging political prisoners devalues the experiences of all of the exploited class who are arrested for

breaking the law simply to survive. Those who steal for food, sell drugs for money, and squat or sleep on the street due to the conditions that this society has forced them into are not sent to prison because of political consciousness, but because their lives, their very existence, has placed them in conflict with those in power.

Some anarchists have attempted to broaden the definition of political prisoner to include all prisoners. But to be political means to identify with a specific ideology and to believe that the universal application of that ideology will result in a better world. Since all political systems require institutions to uphold them, political action must involve either an attempt to reform current institutions to benefit a new system, or in the case of radical politics, the abolition of current institutions and the creation of new ones in their place.

If it is accepted that to be political is to act with the explicit goal of reforming institutions to suit a new political system, then the term cannot be applied to individuals who are harassed and arrested because of their place in the exploited class. They are not targeted because of any belief system, but because they are forced to break the law just to survive. They have no choice but to live in opposition to this society, and to reduce these lives to mere politics is an inaccurate and unfair representation.

Also, as anarchists shouldn't we be fighting against political ideologies, not creating new ones? If we are struggling against this system in its totality, we should strive for a freedom based on creating conditions of existence and relationships on our own terms, and not just more freedom than we currently have by way of institutional reform.

The term political does not include those of us who do not see the struggle against this system as separate from the rest of our lives, those of us who are consciously engaging in a project of creating


ourselves in a way that completely rejects the domination of the state and capital. These struggles, along with those that the exploited class engage in everyday, are directly opposed to the authority of any political program and are therefore anti-political. Not only should the label of 'political' be undesirable because it rep-

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None of this is meant to imply that all prisoners deserve our unconditional support. Solidarity should not be given out of obligation or a sense of duty. That is the foundation of liberal activism and cannot be the starting point for any radical project. Solidarity needs to start from ourselves and our own struggles, and extend to people in whose struggles we can see our own, with those who we have real affinity with. We should be pushing the actions of our imprisoned comrades forward as their accomplices. If our friends need support it should be given in the spirit of mutual aid and never as charity. We need co-conspirators and comrades, not self-sacrifice in the name of the struggle.

But while we may not agree with the thoughts and actions of all prisoners, and there are certainly some who we would despise completely, we should be clear that we oppose putting any person in a cage for deviating from 'acceptable' social behaviour developed to maintain the current social order.

For the destruction of all prisons, for the release of all prisoners, for total freedom. 

ON WITCHES

As it turns out, many people I know wept when they watched the video Leah-Lynn Plante made just before she was taken to a federal holding facility. It made a lot of people burst and begin to let out some of the sadness, so deep and heavy that the world is exposed, the beauty and the nothingness posed in stark contrast to one another.

When I walk around on the streets and look into peoples' eyes I wonder if they know what is going on. I ready myself for bad news, become numb when it arrives, and slowly learn to accept the reality we all live in. Our enemy could come at any moment, just as they always could have, but now I know they are coming and that we are stronger than they are. On the bus, waiting in line at the store, or drinking in the bar, I wonder about witches.

How did it get this way? Have we really been fighting the inquisitors for this long? And what is it that our opponent actually fears? Because it is most certainly not just broken windows, spray paint, and newspapers like this one. Whenever they come after us, their first move is always to isolate us, to quarantine us from the public who are meant to be terrified by images on the nightly news of evil demons appearing out of the ether.

If I had to explain it simply, I would say that our enemy is afraid of what we do say, consistently and always to whoever asks. All too often, especially in the social world, what we say cannot be listened to for very long. Most people just want to enjoy what they can, think of the small stuff, etc. But there are all those who I keep meeting who are down for anything that isn't this, people who get that no one should be living within these straight lines and that the world should be free. When we all begin to gather, those of us who think this way, when there are more and more of us, it is like what's written in the books. This is what the rebellion is: the contagion, the

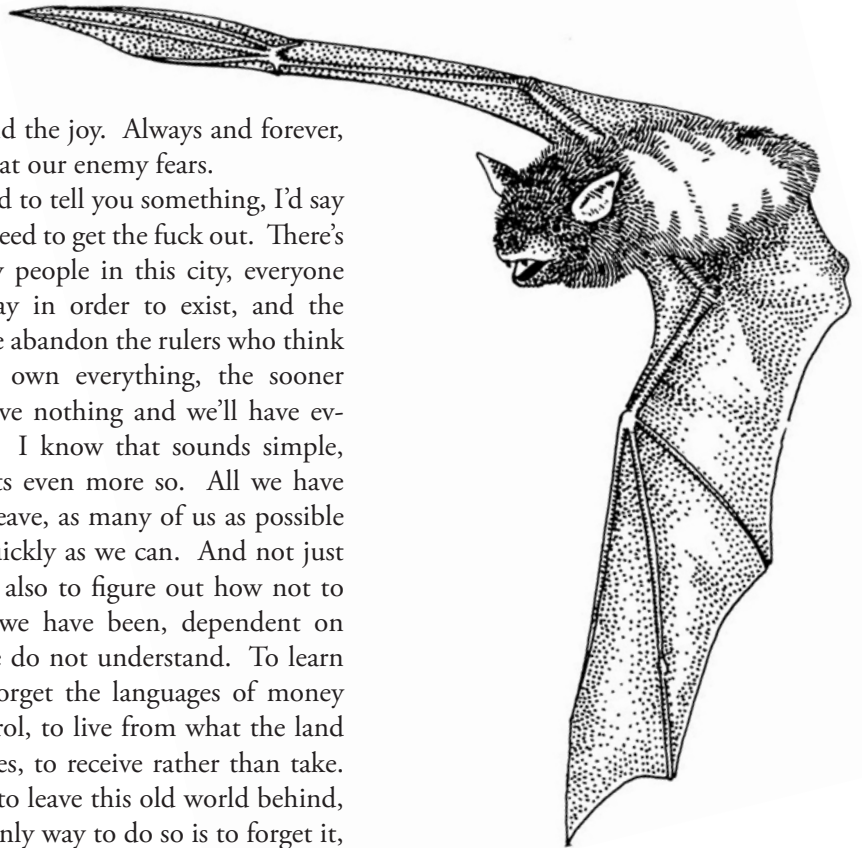
frenzy, and the joy. Always and forever, this is what our enemy fears.

If I had to tell you something, I'd say this: we need to get the fuck out. There's too many people in this city, everyone has to pay in order to exist, and the sooner we abandon the rulers who think they can own everything, the sooner they'll have nothing and we'll have everything. I know that sounds simple, but it gets even more so. All we have to do is leave, as many of us as possible and as quickly as we can. And not just leave but also to figure out how not to live like we have been, dependent on things we do not understand. To learn how to forget the languages of money and control, to live from what the land freely gives, to receive rather than take. We have to leave this old world behind, and the only way to do so is to forget it, completely.

But there are powerful people who won't let us forget. They remind us every day that this is the way things are. When they burn us, torture us, or imprison us, they aim to make us live according to their laws of fear and cowardice. But we have never been able to live in that world, and this has led us into endless trouble. They'll never beat us because we just keep popping up, despite their best efforts.

Basically, this all was to say that witches are witches and the world is the world and nothing can stop the flood that is streaming around our bodies and pushing us forward into the same future that even our enemies cannot avoid. This is all going to end.

By the way everyone watching the debates and elections: anarchists aren't gonna destroy everything. They are. And you are voting so they can do it. Congratulations on your last vote for the last president in the last days of the last sad gasps of this old and vanquished empire. 🐿



UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10
**WHO YOU CALLIN' ILLEGAL?:
 STOP DeDe'S DEPORTATION**

3-6 PM - Life Enrichment Books
 5023 RAINIER AVE S

This will be the first public strategizing meeting around deportation and mass incarceration by the group, Who You Callin' Illegal? We are coming together to support our comrade Ded's fight against her deportation.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18
**NOISE DEMO AT SEA/TAC
 FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER**

3:30 PM
 2425 South 200th Street, Seatac
Aim to make as much noise as possible for the comrades inside. Bring noise makers, megaphones, music, banners, fliers, signs, etc!

FOR MORE UPCOMING EVENTS, SEE:
 PUGETSOUNDANARCHISTS.ORG

UNTITLED BY DEE ALLEN

You're the latest
 Catch in the federal dragnet
 To your dismay.
 You're summoned before
 A cold, insinuating
 Set of faces.
 Take a seat
 On the stand
 And you're welcomed
 Like the worst possible criminal.

Barrage of questions
 Fly at you
 Rapid-fire in
 These secret proceedings.
 Seated target has
 No line of defence:
 Barristers aren't allowed.

Witnesses are forbidden.
 So you do
 What heart advises:

Stay silent.

Summoned before the
 Grand accusers again.
 Take a seat and
 Be a target again.
 Barrage of questions
 Dead aim again.
 Probing for names
 And identities
 Familiar to you.
 Digging for weakness
 Gripping fear
 On your part.
 The accusers
 Count greatly on your

Capitulation, cooperation,
 Collaboration & implication
 Of nearest & dearest.
 And you choose again to

Stay silent.

Taciturn rebel
 Charged with contempt
 By a jury of no peers.
 You feel nothing
 For the court
 But contempt.
 As your punishment,
 Buried alive
 In grey concrete,
 Reinforced steel door,
 Digital lock, alone.
 Even this
 Won't loosen your lips

Make you
 Breathe a word
 Whole sentences and
 Destroy a community.
 To do so would
 Help out the witchfinders.
 We know how that shit worked for
 Early Massachusetts
 Puritan culture.

There'll be no
 Drownings or hangings.
 Not on your watch.
 Keep those lips sealed.
 You saw nothing.
 You heard nothing.
 You breathe nothing.
 The quiet can be powerful.

Stay silent.

*That my love may travel by the wind to my children,
 to my brothers and sisters, to my companion and my
 mother. Peace and Strength in these times.*

DOWN WITH THE STATE'S PRISONS!!!

FREEDOM!!!

*Carla Verdugo, imprisoned witch
 San Miguel Prison, Chile
 October, 2012*



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 anarchistinternational.org
 anarchistnews.org*

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 theanarchistlibrary.org
 waronsociety.noblogs.org*