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Comunique of Alfredo Cospito from the prison of Ferrara

From Act for Freedom!

Alfredo, from the prison of Ferrara, asks for this short communiqué to be circulated, excusing himself for not having done so earlier but he was completely isolated in the hospital. He sends a hug to everyone.

Prison of Ferrara, 14/07/2019

“I give you the tragicomic news that after 5 hours’ operation my bloody gall bladder has abandoned us (July 8) due to the hunger strike. Excuse me but I still can’t answer your many letters decently. But count on my answers. The only positive thing is that I have lost 21 kg.

Keep on writing to me.

Sure that the struggle in solidarity with the comrades proceeds ever more effectively.”

Alfredo

Anarchist Comrades Released From Prison in Greece

From Abolition Media Worldwide

On Wednesday, 24.07, anarchist comrades Christos and Gerasimos Tsakalos, members of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire were released. The comrades were originally convicted with sentences of over 70 years, which were reduced to 20. The comrades made use of the Paraskevopoulos law that was introduced by the previous SYRIZA-led government and were released after having served 8 years of their 20 year sentences.

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The Saga Continues: Updates on Queer Resistance and Repression in Hamilton

From North-Shore Counter-Info, Anonymous Submission to North Shore Counter-Info.

It’s been an incredibly hectic few weeks in Hamilton, and the situation here has been constantly evolving. Things have been beyond enraging and occasionally heartbreaking, but also quite inspiring and frequently heartwarming. For all the bullshit, stress, and violence, folks in the city have been radicalizing, conversations have been shifting (suddenly it’s not so controversial to hate the police or to condemn city council!), and broad support for queer anarchists, including the politics they hold and the actions they take, has been growing.

Our Day of Action on Friday far exceeded everyone’s expectations – close to 50 solidarity actions took place across several continents and in Hamilton our night demo was a wild success. Somewhere between 150-200 queers and supporters took the street for a night march that was explicitly anti-police and anti-state.

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Against this backdrop, repression has unfortunately continued to intensify and expand outwards to focus on more people and criminalize additional activities.

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This statement is intended to provide an overview of the most recent developments and give some brief updates on where folks are at.

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Anarchists Ready for Battle, New Democracy Moves to End College Asylum

From The National Herald

...While many academics and college officials want asylum they also want their grounds to be protected but haven’t offered any ideas or compromises. Critics, including students, have also protested and the notorious anarchist group Rouvikonas warned it would get tougher.

The union of university professors, POSDEP, regards university asylum as “a historic and highly charged institution that has been corrupted,” the union’s leader Yiannis Nimatoudis told Kathimerini.

“We should focus our discussion on asylum that safeguards teaching and research, not on asylum for illegal acts, as is the case today,” he added.

The rector of the University of Crete, Odysseas Zoras, stressed that “asylum no longer protects freedom of speech, but obstructs it,” showing the dilemma of the colleges whose teaching is based on free speech and critical thought butting into the reality of the anarchists power.

Student unions and the youth arms of several political parties have spoken out against the proposed changes, describing the university asylum law as “a democratic conquest” that should be protected but offered no ideas how to keep the grounds safe.

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Call for Week of Agitation for Miguel Peralta

From It's Going Down

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Faced with this disparaging and absurd panorama, we worry that the political and economic power of the cacique Zepeda family from Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón continues to have an impact on the legal rulings being made in Miguel's case. We are particularly concerned with the political influence of local representative of MORENA Elisa Zepeda Lagunas. For over four years that Miguel has been incarcerated, it has been demonstrated on countless occasions that the accusations against him are fabricated. The absurdity is ever clearer with the same courts (tribunal in Oaxaca and court in Huautla) having cast aside the same criminal case, for being inconsistent and contradictory, resulting in freedom of seven other political prisoners from Eloxochitlán.

We make a call for solidarity, against this ruling and to demand that all of the courts involved do not delay any longer in freeing Miguel. We call for a week of agitation #SkandaloContraelEncierro July 22-28, to repudiate the prison institutions and to show our solidarity with our imprisoned comrades, from your own spaces and according to your own forms.

Share your
#SkandaloContraelEncierro and send it to:
solidaridadelox@gmail.com
FB: Miguel Peralta Libre

Prisoners to the streets or everything will explode!

Anarchists put Picnic Tables in Park

from the Lansing State Journal

Anarchist group put picnic tables in Reutter Park and Lansing isn't objecting - for now.

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On Willem Van Spronsen's Action against the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma

From CrimethInc.

On July 13, Willem Van Spronsen was killed by police while apparently taking action to disable the fleet of buses that serve the Northwest Detention Center, a private immigration detainment facility. His final statement, reproduced below, conveys that he was acting in response to the continuous raids and deportations carried out by Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE). His action occurred on the one-year anniversary of a hunger strike inside the Northwest Detention Center and an encampment outside. You can read a list of other acts of resistance that have occurred inside the Northwest Detention Center here.

We understand why Willem Van Spronsen decided to give his life to interrupt the violence that is perpetrated against undocumented people in the United States every day.

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Willem Van Spronsen's Final Statement

*There's wrong and there's right.
It's time to take action against the forces
of evil.*

Evil says one life is worth less than another.

Evil says the flow of commerce is our purpose here.

Evil says concentration camps for folks deemed lesser are necessary.

The handmaid of evil says the concentration camps should be more humane.

Beware the centrist.

I have a father's broken heart

I have a broken down body

*And I have an unshakable abhorrence
for injustice*

That is what brings me here.

This is my clear opportunity to try to make a difference, I'd be an ingrate to wait for a more obvious invitation.

I follow three teachers:

Don Pritts, my spiritual guide. "Love without action is just a word."

John Brown, my moral guide. "What is needed is action!"

Emma Goldman, my political guide. "If I can't dance, I don't want to be in your revolution."

I'm a head in the clouds dreamer, I believe in love and redemption.

I believe we're going to win.

I'm joyfully revolutionary. (We all should have been reading Emma Goldman in school instead of the jingo drivel we were fed, but I digress.) (We should all be looking at the photos of the YPG heroes should we falter and think our dreams are impossible, but I double digress. Fight me.)

In these days of fascist hooligans preying on vulnerable people in our streets, in the name of the state or supported and defended by the state,

In these days of highly profitable detention/concentration camps and a battle over the semantics,

In these days of hopelessness, empty pursuit and empty yearning,

We are living in visible fascism ascendant. (I say visible, because those paying attention watched it survive and thrive under the protection of the state for decades. [See Howard Zinn, A People's History of the United States.] Now it unabashedly follows its agenda with open and full cooperation from the government. From governments around the world.

Fascism serves the needs of the state serves the needs of business and at your expense. Who benefits? Jeff Bezos, Warren Buffet, Elon Musk, Tim Cook, Bill Gates, Betsy de Vos, George Soros, Donald Trump, and need I go on? Let me say it again: rich guys (who think you're not really all that good), really dig government (every government everywhere, including "communist" governments),

because they make the rules that make rich guys richer.

Simple.

Don't overthink it.

(Are you patriots in the back paying attention?)

When I was a boy, in post-war Holland, later France, my head was filled with stories of the rise of fascism in the '30s. I promised myself that I would not be one of those who stands by as neighbors are torn from their homes and imprisoned for somehow being perceived as lesser.

You don't have to burn the motherfucker down, but are you going to just stand by?

This is the test of our fundamental belief in real freedom and our responsibility to each other.

This is a call to patriots, too, to stand against this travesty against everything that you hold sacred. I know you. I know that in your hearts, you see the dishonor in these camps. It's time for you, too, to stand up to the money pulling the strings of every goddamn puppet pretending to represent us.

I'm a man who loves you all and this spinning ball so much that I'm going to fulfill my childhood promise to myself to be noble.

Here it is, in these corporate for profit concentration camps.

Here it is, in Brown and non-conforming folks afraid to show their faces for fear of the police/migra/Proud Boys/the boss/beckies...

Here it is, a planet almost used up by the market's greed.

I'm a black and white thinker.

Detention camps are an abomination.

I'm not standing by.

I really shouldn't have to say any more than this.

I set aside my broken heart and I heal the only way I know how—by being useful.

I efficiently compartmentalize my pain...

And I joyfully go about this work.

(To those burdened with the wreckage from my actions, I hope that you will make the best use of that burden.)

To my comrades:

I regret that I will miss the rest of the revolution.

Thank you for the honor of having me in your midst.

Giving me space to be useful, to feel that I was fulfilling my ideals, has been the spiritual pinnacle of my life.

Doing what I can to help defend my precious and wondrous people is an experience too rich to describe.

My trans comrades have transformed me, solidifying my conviction that we will be guided to a dreamed-of future by those most marginalized among us today. I have dreamed it so clearly that I have no regret for not seeing how it turns out. Thank you for bringing me so far along.

I am antifa. I stand with comrades around the world who act from the love of life in every permutation. Comrades who understand that freedom means real freedom for all and a life worth living.

Keep the faith!

All power to the people!

Bella ciao.

Total Liberation!

From Signal Fire

"It seems every generation thinks theirs will be the most remarkable, yet ours might just be the first that turns out to be right. To say this century is the most crucial our species has ever faced is actually an understatement: we're dealing with the most significant crisis life in general has ever faced, even amidst billions of years of evolution."

Introducing our first publication, in collaboration with Active Distribution: Total Liberation offers a holistic revolutionary strategy aimed at dismantling all forms of hierarchy—an insurrectional project

grounded in social ecology, deep ecology, and anti-speciesism. This pocketbook, released amidst a hot summer of rebellion, responds to that age-old question faced by all revolutionaries, yet posed with unrivalled urgency in the year 2019: what the fuck are we going to do!!?

This can be expected to arrive in radical bookshops in the UK and abroad over the next weeks, and will soon be available from the Active Distribution and AK Press websites, as well as to download for free online.

[Anews editor note: it appears the text has been shared here: <https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/total-liberation-anonymous-english>]

Welcome Home
Connor Stevens!

via fundrazr

for background info on the Cleveland 4, you can read the linked article from The Guardian

Connor Stevens is one of the Cleveland 4. He is being released soon so we're raising funds to help get him basic necessities when he is released! It's possible he'll even be released by November!

The Cleveland 4 were four Occupy Cleveland activists who were were arrested on April 30th, 2012, accused of plotting to blow up a bridge. But it was the FBI, working with an informant, that crafted the plot, produced the "explosives," and coerced these four into participating.

Connor took non-cooperating plea deals and plead guilty to all charges. The judge applied a "terrorism enhancement" to their sentences, elongating their sentences as well as subjecting them to harsher prison conditions. Connor served 8 years 1 month—all to be followed by lifetime supervised release.

We Should Be Paying Attention Why the Hokoana Trial Matters

from Puget Sound Anarchists

It's been over two years since an anti-fascist was shot during the January 20th, 2017 counter-demonstrations to Milo Yiannopoulos' talk at the University of Washington in Seattle. Many have moved past the outcome of that night and swung their attention elsewhere to other events. But, the stance of the state, and the possibility of a month-long trial that has recently begun of the admitted shooter can not be ignored.

The single shot fired into the stomach of the demonstrator that inauguration day was muffled by the hundreds of the arrests and rioting earlier that day in Washington, D.C. The physical and legal atrocities that transpired in D.C. dominated the immediate media cycle, but nearly three years later we should all be watching what unfolds in this Seattle court room.

Elizabeth Hokoana came to the University of Washington with her 9mm handgun that she regularly carries; knowingly in violation of strict no carry regulations on school campuses in Washington State. She says she does not remember shooting the man she identified as an immediate threat, but she knows she did it to "save her husband." Her lawyers will argue in court that her assault was indeed in "self defense" for she says that the man she shot had a knife. To this day, besides her statement, no evidence of a knife has been found.

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The case itself currently being tried in Seattle is important for those who engage in direct physical confrontation (known generally as violent confrontation) of the far-right. Both in its manner of investigation, and for its outcome. So far, public elements of the far-right as well as second-amendment advo-

cates have abandoned the Hokoana couple, and their fate rests in a judicial proceeding. The ripple effects of an acquittal will be felt on all sides of this conflict.

In effect, the state of Washington's version of "stand your ground" is being tested here, and antifascists and anarchists are the test case. If a judge finds that Emily Hokoana was protecting herself and her husband with in reasonable means from what she viewed as an imminent assault (RCW 9.94A.030); then she has won the larger legal right to kill us. She fired one bullet that night with the intent to stop, with deadly force, someone she found to be "threatening." And the fact that we are not speaking about deadly force charges is quite possibly only because of luck and fast acting street medics.

If Elizabeth Hokoana is found guilty, a 15-year sentence could come down. One that in our haste to prove "what happened" that night, we helped bring to fruition whether we meant to or not. We are not responsible for the repression that the state brings, on our comrades or our enemies. But what was gained in those media battles of the first half of 2017? There is a vast difference between controlling a narrative or countering spin and engaging in a style of investigative journalism that can and will lead to criminal charges. And we are negligent to not both understand the difference and implement it.

The trial is expected to end the week of July 23rd, 2019. There are currently trials of Proud Boys, house resolutions about criminalizing popular dissent against fascism, riots in Puerto Rico and Hong Kong, and a comrade just ended their life with the hope that others could gain back theirs. There is a lot to draw our gaze and our time. But we should

watch as this unfolds, and count the ways we could have done better. Both for ourselves, our known comrades and those in masks that we fight side-by-side with while never knowing their names.

In solidarity with those who resist.

Solidarity with Dinos Giagtzoglou

From anarhija.info

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Dinos is accused of terrorist organization, with the well-known counter-insurgency article 187A, of having sent several letter bombs to EU officials, economic organizations and Credit Rating Agencies throughout Europe in Spring 2017, including a booby-trapped folder to Lucas Papademos, former Greek Prime Minister, former governor of the Bank of Greece and former vice president of the European Central Bank, who had been seriously injured by the explosion of the package and for this reason Dinos is also accused of attempted murder.

The first trial for the possession and transport of weapons and explosives will begin on 20 September 2019.

For the second process the investigations are still open while the French authorities have already visited Athens investigating the explosion in the office of IMF in Paris.

Dinos rejects the accusations of being the author of attacks or a member of "terrorist" organization and declares that both the rent of the apartment and the transfer of material were part of his revolutionary solidarity with a persecuted comrade.

May solidarity once again become the concrete action of all those who fight to disrupt the mega-machine that annihilates all bodies.

A solidarity that is alive and made of hearts that beat in unison with the same spirit and tension for a different world.

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