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From anarhija

When I translated and published the pamphlet *Individuality* and the anarchist group, signed by one of the CCF cells, *Guerilla Urbana Cell*, I added in a note that I didn't do it because I agree with the content, but to make public how much this project, in my opinion, has turned away from its original form of tension to propose (or re-propose) an anarchist individualism which, in some ways, can be found in the pages of a different insurrectionist theory, but in this case approaching or even in some points leading to formal ideas, that is the formal organization.

Similar proposals (informal platform, structured and specific organization) have already been criticized, both in the writing of comrade Alfredo Cospito addressed to the Greek comrades and in the text of some comrades who made up the CARI-PGG, and recently in the last reflection, about the mentioned text, by the comrade of *RadioAzione*.

This following is just a collection of random thoughts which crossed my mind when I was translating the text, random pieces that do not compose a figurative mosaic, but a personal abstract image open to interpretation, because I do not possess the truth to be transmitted, certainly not to be

commodify.

This pamphlet discusses various issues and many of them, from my point of view, erode the concept of individualism itself (both on theoretical and practical level). And those (at least, the authors of the text) who embraced the idea of F.A.I., propagating the nihilistic version of anarchy, are now proposing to distort it, trying to redirect it in forms (structures) that are more appropriate, I dare say, to "communist insurrectionalism" than an anarchist one, perhaps more similar to the groups like 17N; trying to structuring the informal anarchy in platforms, fixed organizations, clusters, groups, sub-groups, test-groups etc. The text is an attempt to launch a proposal completely antithetical to F.A.I., but keeping the same adjective "informal". Not because someone holds the "copyright" onto it, but because it eclipses everything informal and individualistic in this project. From my personal experience, if I think that a project does not meet my needs, I will be free to create another one, without trying to convince others to adapt to my needs. In contrary, it would mean, for me, to play politics.

I don't want with these words, for the sake of anarchy, to impose my ideas on someone. I just

think it might be better for one who plans such a structured and fixed organization to give it, perhaps, more appropriate name. "Informal", in document of F.A.I. in Italian language ("Open letter to the anarchist and anti-authoritarian movement"): "Furthermore, whoever takes part in the informal organization is a militant only when preparing and carrying out an action. The organization, therefore, does not affect the entire life and projects of the comrades (...) ". Then, if in some other language this concept has different meanings there were maybe some misunderstanding.

In this pamphlet individualism is corroded on several points, just to name a few, criticizing even the robberies done by anarchists for purely personal purposes, and not for the great cause. How selfish these anarchists are, those who satisfy their egos realizing their desires, simultaneously satisfying their material needs that the system imposes on us, and imprinting an attack on banking institutions, that is capital.

Why are some anarchists focused only on the robbery, but not on the direct action too, the authors ask. But, I ask myself, is not the armed (anarchist) robbery also a form of direct action? Are we slipped into a debate about trivial issues such as the question: is it more radical to send a letter bomb or make a robbery? *Read more*
<https://tinyurl.com/zz4r56p>

No Peaceful Transition

From CrimethInc. by B. Traven

#DisruptJ20: Call for a bold mobilization against the inauguration of Donald Trump on January 20, 2017

On Friday, January 20, 2017, Donald Trump will be inaugurated as President of the United States. We call on all people of good conscience to join in disrupting the ceremonies. If Trump is to be inaugurated at all, let it happen behind closed doors, showing the true face of the security state Trump will preside over. It must be made clear to the whole world that the vast majority of people in the United States do not support his presidency or consent to his rule.

Trump stands for tyranny, greed, and misogyny. He is the champion of neo-nazis and white Nationalists, of the police who kill the Black, Brown and poor on a daily basis, of racist border agents and sadistic prison guards, of the FBI and NSA who tap your phone and read your email. He is the harbinger of even more climate catastrophe, deportation, discrimination, and endless war. He continues to deny the existence of climate change, in spite of all the evidence, putting the future of the whole human race at stake. The KKK, Vladimir Putin, Golden Dawn, and the Islamic State all cheered his victory. If we let his inauguration go unchallenged, we are opening the door to the future they envision.

Trump's success confirms the bankruptcy of representative democracy. Rather than using the democratic process as an alibi for inaction, we must show that no election could legitimize his

agenda. Neither the Democrats nor any other political party or politician will save us—they just offer a weaker version of the same thing. If there is going to be positive change in this society, we have to make it ourselves, together, through direct action.

From day one, the Trump presidency will be a disaster. #DisruptJ20 will be the start of the resistance. We must take to the streets and protest, blockade, disrupt, intervene, sit in, walk out, rise up, and make more noise and good trouble than the establishment can bear. The parade must be stopped. We must delegitimize Trump and all he represents. It's time to defend ourselves, our loved ones, and the world that sustains us as if our lives depend on it—because they do. In Washington, DC

DC will not be hospitable to the Trump administration. Every corporation must openly declare whether they side with him or with the people who will suffer at his hands. Thousands will converge and demonstrate resistance to the Trump regime. Save the date. A website will appear shortly with more details.

#DisruptJ20

Around the US

If you can't make it to Washington, DC on January 20, take to the streets wherever you are. We call on our comrades to organize demonstrations and other actions for the night of January 20. There is also a call for a general strike to take place. Organize a walkout at your school now. Workers: call out sick and take the day off. No work, no school, no shopping, no housework.

#DisruptJ20

Read more <https://tinyurl.com/huxl5zc>

On Antifa: some critical notes

from Lucha No Feik

Presented as a personal, good faith critique of antifa and not merely an antipolitical purist attack, in light of the current moment. Note: this is speaking from a non-European context.

1. : Antifa is essentially limited by being mostly just anti-fascism (or to a degree somewhat against white-supremacy) but antifa usually stops short of being actually radical or revolutionary (explained below). Antifa acts a wall (“;no pasarán!”) where as revolt is a bulldozer. As an anarchist I am not interested in just stopping the current tide but creating a whole new wave.

2. : Antifa in Los Angeles (& in its vicinity) from what I have seen has been a mostly white subculture, where white Leftists can express their anti-racist-ness instead of an embodying an actual (anti)political force. They show up to nazi rallies but not much else. I did read somewhere that a NYC antifa group once drove up to Queens for a pro-immigrant noise demo.

3. : A united front against fascism has never really worked out well for those of us who want to destroy more than just fascism. Our desires to do more than destroy, and/or prevent fascism, find themselves indefinitely tabled. Antifa is not a political project and has no real political content beyond “let's beat up racists.” I do see now an attempt to extend the project of antifa beyond this historical limit point but instead of attempting to extend the project I would rather further other actual radical projects.

4. : Anti-fascism tends to point to a return to a less-racist status quo but usually does not look at structural things deeply enough to understand that to be against white-supremacy would include being against the USA as a colonial nation-state. Antifa sees trees where there is indeed a forest; in that they view the enemy as an individual (i.e. Trump) or groupings of Nazis or other racist white-nationalists instead of analyzing the structural nature of our racist society. This is an analysis that is but a few steps removed from the Liberal position that we should just all get along.

5. : Antifa often bases itself in a type of good vs. evil moralism which assume being against white-supremacy or racism is a purely personal choice made by good people, thus once again obscuring structural and impersonal white-supremacy. Antifa often makes appeals to “duty” as its motive, instead of self-defense or something else (though now the language has shifted toward self-defense). This likely speaks to the historical mostly white makeup of antifa.

6. : To describe every material action against racists and/or white nationalists as antifa, as some in antifa do, is to erase the resistance and revolt of those who are not antifa but something all their own.

7. If Antifa were to oust Donald Trump and to somehow demobilize every single racist in this society we would be left with a situation akin to what those in the Arab Spring experienced. The head of the State and its lackeys may be ousted but there persists the structure of the State and its manifold institutions. *Read more <https://tinyurl.com/j37cp5x>*

Mónica & Francisco: Distance, control and punishment. The importance of dispersion in the prison system of the Spanish State.

From Insurrection News

During the almost three years that we have been confined by different prisons of the Spanish State, there is one aspect that particularly calls attention to its determinant importance in prison life; we refer to the dispersion.

The dispersion corresponds to a policy of Penitentiary Institutions implemented by the socialist government in the mid-1980s, which consists of transferring determined prisoners to distant prisons many kilometers from their place of residence. In many cases these transfers are incessant and see the prisoners forced to go through various prisons in a short period of time preventing them from establishing themselves and establishing lasting relationships with others. The purpose of this policy was to curb the riots and protests inside the prisons that had been occurring during those years by drastically removing prisoners considered hostile to the prison system. On the other hand the dispersion was applied to all political prisoners as an exceptional measure to aggravate their punishment, the transfers also affected their close ones who were forced to travel hundreds of miles to be able to visit a family member or friend in prison. Therefore, from its inception, the policy of dispersion affected both social and political prisoners, and continues to do so, contrary to many who think and express that it is only applied to ‘politicos’. The difference lies, as we stated, in that for the

latter it is an exceptional measure that affects everyone only for the reason that led to their imprisonment, while it is applied against social prisoners for certain behaviors within the prison that are seen as disturbing to the ‘penitentiary order’. It is important to note that the difference between social and political prisoners is not used by us, however it is the making of this categorization that enables the structuring and functioning of the measure in question.

The dispersion is still as prevalent as it was in its beginnings. No doubt it has fulfilled some of its purpose to pacify the prisons of the Spanish State where the demands and protests are almost nonexistent, and where more than ever there is a close collaboration between prisoner and jailer. We can see how much prison is a reflection of society. The dispersion has so affected the prison life that the threat of prison transfer is permanently in the minds of each inmate. It is a constant threat that implicitly regulates and controls the behavior of the people here insofar as any behavior that disrupts the ‘order’ and manifests some intent is punishable by transfer. Thus, any breakthrough initiative is canceled by this tool of control, the transferred prisoner must begin to develop new relationships and complicities only to be warned by the jailers that they will again be subject to transfer. Today there are prisoners who, because of the provision of penitentiary institutions, do not stay for more than a year in each prison, mainly because of their history of conflict.

Read more <https://tinyurl.com/hfo8zab>

Red November, Black November – An Anarchist Response to the Election

From Black Rose Anarchist Federation

WHAT WE ARE FACING

Donald Trump has been elected the forty-fifth President of the United States. As revolutionaries we are committed to a world that has no place for the likes of Trump or Hillary Clinton. We know that Clinton would have continued making a world for the ruling class and would likely have done nothing of substance for common people. However, it's impossible to deny that Trump and his Vice President Mike Pence represent a virulent force of racism, misogyny, and authoritarianism that must be absolutely resisted. They recall the memories of the dictators of history, particularly the German and Italian Fascists, having been propelled to victory by an insurgent racist turnout at voting booths around the country.

Although these are trying times, we cannot afford to withdraw into despair and sorrow for long. We must fight the fear that grips us, and the fear that Trump will perpetuate.

There is no way around it. We MUST organize.

Trump has been clear. He will use the movement that gravitated towards him to advance a white supremacist platform. He will dismantle the victories won by workers and oppressed people. He and Pence are sworn enemies of women, people of color, undocumented immigrants, queer people, and the left and progressives generally. They will not respond to the ecological crises of climate change and species extinction, except

by adopting policies that make these much worse.

Although Clinton promised continuing deportations, expanded wars, rising income inequality, police murders, theft of indigenous land, and all of the chronic ills of neoliberal capitalism, we can expect new and stronger dangers from Trump. Migrants will face dangers on all fronts – even though Obama deported more migrants than all of the presidents of the 20th century combined. There are promises to ramp up into a massive violent anti-immigrant campaign, targeting especially Mexican, Muslim and Arab immigrants. While neoliberalism has largely been discredited, it remains to be seen if Trump will be able to replace the current economic regime with his reactionary racist agenda, or if the capitalist class will fight him back on that. Yet we can clearly expect the weak environmental protections that exist to be undone, resulting in spiraling climate change, bringing more energy companies to further destroy indigenous land in the immediate future, and accelerating the possible extinction of life on our planet by decades. We can expect abortion rights to be rolled back. We can expect many more poor people to die from lack of adequate healthcare with a repeal of Obamacare. We can expect a harsher climate of repression against social movements like Black Lives Matter coming from Trump's Department of Justice. We can expect Trump to integrate with the international alliance of authoritarian statists and far-right populists – from Vladimir Putin to Golden Dawn in Greece, Marine Le Pen in France, and Geert Wilders in the Netherlands – and to

worsen Israeli oppression of the Palestinians, collaborate with Bashar al-Assad to crush the Syrian and Rojava Revolutions, and unleash wars without precedent that may well pass the nuclear threshold.

Read more <https://tinyurl.com/h2u25xf>

Comments from txt:

Anonymous (not verified)

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"It's clear where these protests are headed without anarchist intervention, they will be quickly co-opted by liberals and turned into symbolic displays of non-resistance. Big ups to Portland anarchists for putting a wrench in that plan, despite an army of hostile liberal snitches posing as allies. The protests may still end up following that path, but only to the extent that anarchists and other radicals sit out and allow it to happen."

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