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There is a permanent conflict being carried out in the guts of this society. Open hostilities that we see when the mask slips, are only one side of the continual warfare. Behind the police murders, the ruined forests, the domestic battery, the workplace casualties, the factory farms, a mosaic of hidden violence is taking place. It's hidden in the conventions, the regulations and hierarchies. It's in the possibility of a bailiff at the door, the certainty of a preacher's moralistic hate, the inevitability of the fumes and carcinogens, and the predictability of venom for the rebels which is carried by reporters. Until you've trained your eye to see, also hidden are the many contrary relations; rebellious smiles that are exchanged, the moments of solidarity, the communities and individuals in struggle: behind the years of captivity, the corresponding seizures of freedom. The times when the hand of who wishes to domesticate us, gets bitten. To awake to the nature of the war pressing against you, is to glimpse something of what this world denies to us. It's only a step further to feel the presence of a wildness barely suppressed; coursing like lava beneath the factories, suburbs and prisons, waiting to sweep them away. From the foundations up, warming our friends and burning terror into the hearts of the enemy. Anarchy is the stance we freely choose to fight for the destabilisation of an existence unworthy of us.



'THE ESSENCE OF MODERN SCHOOLING'

"The family and the tribe are the schools of savages," wrote James Mulhern.^[1] It would be far more accurate to say that "savages" don't have schools, but that would perhaps bring the whole idea of schools into question, or at least get the reader to think about how tribes have been replaced by schools, families by classes. If modern schools are presented as simply more advanced forms of something that has always existed, they somehow seem more unavoidable, a part of our "human nature." **Schooling is necessary to a society to the extent that a given society constitutes a social order where individuals are subordinated to some collectivity. Government and hierarchical social relations maintain "social order" in civilized societies, and are therefore prerequisites for the development of schooling.**

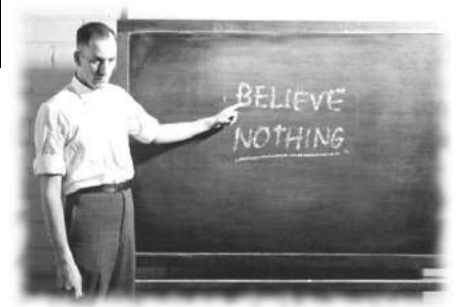
[...] *"The 'Enlightenment', which discovered the liberties, also invented the disciplines,"* wrote Foucault. *"In the eighteenth century, 'rank' begins to define the great form of distribution of individuals in the educational order: rows or ranks of pupils in the class, corridors, courtyards, rank attributed to each pupil at the end of each task and each examination; the rank he [sic] obtains from week to week, month to month, year to year; an alignment of age groups, one after another; a succession of subjects taught and questions treated, according to an order of increasing difficulty."*^[2] The individual was more and more enmeshed in a psychogeography shaped according to the interests of power. Such is the shape of the new schooling being forged during the Enlightenment, soon to be systematically applied by the nation-state. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, for example, both saw education as a way to create a more "homogenous" citizenry. Benjamin Rush, echoing Aristotle's thinking, spoke the hidden truth of schooling: *"Let our pupil be taught that he does not belong to himself, but that he is public property."*

[...] Benjamin Franklin's virtues of temperance, silence, order, resolution, frugality, industry, sincerity, justice, moderation, cleanliness, tranquility, chastity, and humility were perhaps the Bourgeois virtues *par excellence*.^[3] These values were becoming ever more entrenched in society as industry progressed and *industriousness* became the absolute good: *"The workshop, the school, the army were subject to a whole micro-penalty of time (latenesses, absences, interruptions of tasks), of activity (inattention, negligence, lack of zeal), of behavior (impoliteness, disobedience), of speech (idle chatter, insolence), of the body*

('incorrect' attitudes, irregular gestures, lack of cleanliness), of sexuality (impurity, indecency). . . each subject find[s] himself [sic] caught in a punishable, punishing universality."^[4]

[...] Eventually, schools became graded, policy making centralized, curricula standardized, and architecture uniform. **What emerged were systems of public education, education having acquired its entirely institutional character. This development paved the way for the sterile bureaucracy of the 20th century.** The schools became important auxiliary institutions to the factory, teaching children to be orderly and tractable. **An important transitional period (1800-1830) in the development of industrial society in England and America was marked by a type of school known as a Lancaster or monitorial school.** Such schools were originally inspired by the schooling system in India whereby the caste system was preserved through the gathering of hundreds of children from the bottom two castes (95% of the population) into big rooms where they were taught self-abnegation and little else by a *Brahmin*. Joseph Lancaster, after reading a report of the Hindu system, worked to establish similar schools in England and the United States. These schools were very much like factories, emphasizing economy, routine, and competition. While this particular form of school did not survive, the ethos that informed the Lancasterian system continued. In other words, the factory continued to be a model for schools. Schooling became inextricably tied to the reproduction of the new industrial order and capitalist social relations. Given the importance of the new schooling system, it is no wonder that schooling would soon become compulsory.

[...] During the latter half of the 19th century, the United States, France, and



England, all established systems of public education with compulsory attendance. John Taylor Gatto describes the imposition of compulsory attendance in America: *"Our form of compulsory schooling is an invention of the State of Massachusetts around 1850. It was resisted – sometimes with guns – by an estimated eighty percent of the Massachusetts population, the last outpost in Barnstable on Cape Cod not surrendering their children until the 1880s, when the area was seized by militia and children marched to school under guard."* By 1900, most states had government schools and compulsory attendance.

An area of investigation that very clearly shows the role of schooling in a society is the conflict between a society that has schools (the United States) and societies that don't (American Indians). During the 300 years following the establishment of a Jesuit missionary school in Havana, Florida in 1568, Catholic and Protestant religious groups dominated attempts to educate Indian youth. It was in the 19th century that schooling came to be seen as a way of assimilating young Indians into the dominant (white) society. Civilization, Christianity, and farming were to be the values forced upon the uncivilized. *"In 1819 Congress established a civilization fund, which lasted until 1873 [when the Bureau of Indian Affairs took control of Indian education], to provide financial support to religious groups and other interested individuals who were willing to live among and teach Indians."*^[5] The House Committee that recommended the creation of the fund, revealed the philosophy behind the program: *"Put into the hands of their children the primer and the hoe, and they will naturally, in time, take hold of the plough... and they will grow up in habits of morality and industry..."*^[6]

[...] Schools represented, especially to American Indians, a new relationship to space, which was conceived of in linear terms. Lines, corners, squares, and straight rows represented industrial civilization's relationship to wilderness. **Space was colonized by the disciplinary imperative: freedom of movement was carefully regulated. As the student learns to heed the teacher's commands, he [sic] internalizes the discipline that shapes**

individuals. “A relation of surveillance, defined and regulated, is inscribed at the heart of the practice of teaching, not as an additional or adjacent part, but as a mechanism that is inherent to it and which increases its efficiency.”^[7] Is it any wonder that schools resemble prisons? As Morris and Rothman wrote, “With no ironies intended, they [19th century prison reformers] talked about the penitentiary as serving as a model for the family and the school.” Foucault has written of the transition from the penalty of spectacular torture to that of an organized prison system, roughly coinciding with the emergence of the nation-state and the Industrial Revolution: “The reform of criminal law must be read as a strategy for the rearrangement of the power to punish, according to modalities that render it more regular, more effective, more constant and more detailed in its effects...” An early reformer, Cesare Beccaria, wrote that “the most certain method of preventing crimes is to perfect the system of education.”^[8] Some time later Horace Mann declared that “School is the cheapest police.”

[...] In 1907, William C. Bagley published *Classroom Management*, which concerned itself with the most efficient operation of the “school plant.” School boards were increasingly dominated by businessmen, and a more utilitarian, career-focused education was called for.

“We couldn’t ask more from a patriotic motive than Scientific Management gives from a selfish one,” said Theodore Roosevelt, obviously full of enthusiasm. **Frederick Winslow Taylor (who developed Scientific Management) clearly grasped the import of his ideas when he wrote, “In the past the man [sic] has been first; in the future the system must be first.”** Taylor saw that the best type of industrial management in operation in his time was based on the workman taking initiative and the employer giving some special incentive in order to keep the worker motivated and productive. Taylor’s idea of Scientific Management or task management was that the employer could even more effectively and efficiently secure the initiative of workmen by studying the tasks of the workmen and developing a science for each element of a man’s work and then selecting and training workmen best suited for the tasks which the employer had familiarized himself with. By studying tasks, assigning workmen to definite tasks which they are to perform within a specified amount of time, and monitoring the workmen’s progress, the employer takes on new responsibilities, but will be able to greatly increase the efficiency of his operation. **Taylor was indifferent to the dehumanizing aspects of Scientific Management;** he felt that an increase in

efficiency would bring greater prosperity to all; and the rights of “the people” (in other words, people as consumers) were more important to him than those of employers or employees. Scientific Management sounded the death knell for what was left of the dignity or autonomy of labor – a prerequisite for the fast-paced consumer culture of today.

There was much enthusiasm for scientific management in the corporate world and especially the corporate media: articles appeared in popular magazines seeking to apply Taylor’s principles to the army, the legal profession, the home, the family, the household, the church, and of course, education. Taylor’s ideas “were adopted, interpreted, and applied chiefly by administrators; and while the greatest impact was upon administration, the administrator, and the professional training programs of administration, the influence extended to all of American education from the elementary schools to the universities.”^[9]

An abstract of a speech (regarding the application of scientific management to schools) delivered to the High School Teachers Association of New York City was published in the *Bulletin*:

A [...] Purpose or object of ‘Scientific Management.’

1. To increase the efficiency of the laborer, i.e., the pupil.
2. To increase quality of the product, i.e., the pupil.
3. Thereby to increase the amount of output and the value to the capitalist....^[10]

Another development was the Gary Plan, started in Gary, Indiana in 1908 by William A. Wirt, superintendent of schools there at the time. The Gary Plan consisted of the departmentalization of school subjects and children being “platooned” into groups that would use assembly rooms, gymnasiums, shops, laboratories, and playgrounds at the same time as other groups used classrooms so that all facilities were being utilized; and at the sounding of the bell, children would change classes. **The Gary Plan allowed administrators to show how efficient they were. After it was endorsed by the Federal Bureau of Education in 1914, it was blocked in New York in 1917 where riots broke out in opposition to it: schools were stoned**



“Society highly values its normal man [sic]. It educates children to lose themselves and to become absurd, and thus to be normal. Normal men have killed perhaps 100,000,000 of their fellow normal men in the last fifty years. [...] Children are not yet fools, but we shall turn them into imbeciles like ourselves, with high IQ's if possible.”
– *The Politics of Experience*

and police tires slashed and 300 students (mostly Jewish) were arrested. Nonetheless, by 1929, the Gary Plan or variants of it were in operation in 1,068 schools in 202 cities. After 1930, this specific form of schooling declined, yet Wirt’s innovations left a permanent mark on schooling in general.

[...] As John Taylor Gatto observed, “**Before the 20th century there was no parasitic army of assistant principals, coordinators, and assorted bureaucratic specialists.**” The increasing complexity of the administrative hierarchy and the proliferation of

standardized tests helped to ensure teacher conformity. Given impetus from the work of Edward Lee Thorndike, standardized testing spread rapidly after World War I and the Carnegie Corporation poured over \$3 million into the effort. **Worldwide, universal primary education became the goal of virtually all governments in the post-World War II era. Also in this era, higher education experienced tremendous growth in industrialized nations.**

More and more money is being put toward postgraduate training and scientific and engineering research and experimental development.

[Schooling] looks now like a finely tuned behavior modification machine, channeling people into various meaningless jobs for the rest of their lives. Schooling produces masses of people, not autonomous individuals. Individual parts of the schooling machine don’t really matter any more. Technology has obviously served to institute new forms of social control, as Marcuse observed in *One-Dimensional Man*.

Our very consciousness is surrounded on all sides by a mass media, and in this modern context, schooling becomes a technique of propaganda that functions *through the use of knowledge*, not in the service of any classical ideal. When Jacques Ellul wrote about modern propaganda in *Propaganda: the Formation of Men's Attitudes*, he emphasized that it is above all a set of methods of a technological society based on mass media that addresses individuals only as members of a mass that shares common feelings and myths. Ellul pointed out that not all propaganda is explicitly political. Schooling is a type of sociological propaganda, aimed at the integration of the individual into the social group. As students go hazily from class to class, box to box, schooling as a technique of social control perpetuates itself. And as leftists drone on about better education for the people, for the masses of people, they are unaware of what an important role they play in reproducing existent social and economic formations.

[...] In many ways, resistance to the proliferation of the factory system parallels the resistance to compulsory schooling. When a definite loss of autonomy was seen as a new and threatening imposition, radical acts of resistance and sabotage were not uncommon. The industrial system (along with puritanical morality) served to domesticate the exploited, allowing for resistance to be more easily recuperated through institutional channels such as union bargaining and political reformism. What were considered factory virtues are virtually the same thing as school virtues. Discontents who have internalized these virtues aim at tinkering with the repressive apparatus, not destroying it.

[...] In Hebrew there is one word for both "education" and "chastisement." The

powerful men of the ancient world were rather clear about what schooling entailed. **Today it is of the utmost importance to conceal the role of schooling in society.** Submission to authority is always the goal of schooling. The power wielded by authorities – the power to reward and punish, to habituate the individual to desired patterns of thought and action – works to integrate the individual into a hierarchical social order. [...] Society is the main actor, and individuals merely respond. To those who haven't picked up on this clever phrasing, "society" can be understood as those who have the power to make administrative and legislative decisions. Individuals only act as a part of "society" to the extent that they submit to existent social conditions, and possibly try to influence those who hold positions of power. [...] A more in-depth critique of schooling in particular came from Ivan Illich in *Deschooling Society*, published in 1970. Illich was opposed to the school as an institution and formed a cogent critique of its functions. Schools divide social reality: "education becomes unworldly and the world becomes noneducational." Illich saw childhood as a product of industrial society and a social category that perpetuates the authority of the schoolteacher. "Once young people have allowed their imaginations to be formed by curricular instruction, they are conditioned to institutional planning of every sort. 'Instruction' smothers the horizon of their imaginations. They cannot be betrayed, but only short-changed, because they have been taught to substitute expectations for hope." His criticisms of schooling are manifestly evident and entirely valid: "The school system today performs the threefold function common to powerful churches throughout history. It is simultaneously the repository of society's myth, the institutionalization of that myth's contradictions, and the locus of the ritual which reproduces and veils the disparities between myth and reality."

The themes inherent in theories of schooling have been rehashed for centuries.

It is all too easy to see the devastating effects of schooling in our everyday lives: people have lost their imaginations and others must determine the meaning of our lives. Students are taught to recognize that they are constantly under surveillance. The rooms are distributed along a corridor at regular intervals. The teacher stands in front of the class making sure that everyone displays acquiescence in receiving the lesson. Later the students are examined, tested – observed and controlled. The examination "manifests the subjection of those who are perceived as objects and the objectification of those who are subjected. The superimposition of the power relations and knowledge relations assumes in the examination all its visible brilliance."^[11] We must be made dependent, even helpless – memorizing bits of knowledge without any need. **All sorts of industries would collapse, John Taylor Gatto observed, "Unless a guaranteed supply of helpless people continued to pour out of our schools each year." Capital must dominate the future not just through the production of new commodity-things and technologies, but through the production of commodity-people. Every individual is merely a component, a piece of machinery.** This is the essence of modern schooling. [...] Yet the level of sensual freedom most of us experienced continued to be high until we were sent to school. At school, we found most of our life being structured into time slots in which we had to do certain things. "Pretending" was frowned upon, called immature. This intensive repression was very effective and it was not long before we learned to be good producers and consumers, seeking ever the approval of authority and our peers.

Still underneath it all is the wild animal we truly are. *And in all of us, it sometimes rebels.* We do not fully accept authority. We want to be able to just enjoy ourselves. We hate work and are bored by commodity consumption. We know life can be much fuller.

"Studying – or critiquing – civilisation and culture and ways of transmitting these knowledges to future generations basically made me examine the concept itself (that exists only in civilised human society) that is based on an understanding of people, and children, first of all as incapable of learning the right knowledge, how to live in the world. And by this of course the civilised mean in the civilised world, domesticated world.

And so first of all you mistrust them to learn because obviously these knowledges are not 'natural'... All other species, all the children are perfectly capable of learning how to live in their diverse biospheres and societies. So by taking children and forcing them to learn a certain standard, first of all you preclude the fact that they will be free to learn new ways, so you make sure that the paradigm repeats itself. [...] Human animals and non-human animals, they all are perfectly capable of learning about the world, enjoying the world, interacting creatively, socially, with the world. We're all part of this world. And in this domestication, in these civilised pedagogies, we are being misled. We are being forced to learn how to live in bondage.

[And so] the education system itself has to be dismantled."

- interview with Layla AbdelRahim on fighting domestication and colonisation, dismantling the school system, living and learning



RAGE OF THE WILD-CHILD WITHIN

01.02.14, Athens, Greece: *Two private school buses set on fire. "THE ONLY SCHOOL THAT ILLUMINATES IS THE ONE BURNING[...] LONG LIVE THE WILD FOXES OF THE WESTERN METROPOLISES". Signed 'Armed Teenagers'.*

10.09.13, Santiago, Chile: *The group 'Children Mutilated by Education' in affinity with the Informal Anarchist Federation / International Revolutionary Front let off a smoke bomb at the National Institute college to sabotage routine and order. Because "we don't want to carry on contributing to this stupid progress, we don't want to spend the best years of our youth confined in school with a few pathetic days of rest conceded only to make us more productive[...] In this place we are taught to obey without question, timetables, routines, ways of acting and following a way of behaving that will serve us later to be another cog, being a work hand or a professional with stupid routine activities. [...] There's always been people interested in knowledge and sometimes knowledge can offer us the cognitive weapons to break through the ruling ideology with which they try to inculcate us. This is more a critique of school as an imposition[...] for all those inspectors, teachers and directors who feel as if they have supreme authority, humiliating us and writing records and notes on us as if it was nothing when in reality they are playing with our future, acting just like judges and prosecutors. We remind them that despite our young age we know how to recognise those who hurt us[...] We will be the youth that do away with this shit."*

11.04.13, Reñaca, Chile: *Hours before a large 'march for education' renamed by the combative ones as the 'march for delinquency', arson struck the mansion of the former rector of University del Mer (who previously spent several weeks in prison due to all the money that he stole from thousands of heavily indebted students).*

23.05.13, Stockholm, Sweden: *On the fourth consecutive night of rioting after an elderly migrant was killed by police, at least two schools go up in flames alongside a shopping centre, police station and over 70 cars. Throughout the uprising schools were consistently smashed and burned.*

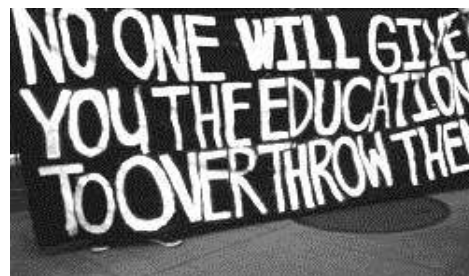
16.05.12, Montréal, Canada: *About a hundred people make a noise demo at the Tangay female detention centre (where three women accused were held after smoke bombs in three Montréal subway stations crippled the entire network for over two and a half hours during the morning rush and cost the city several million dollars in lost productivity.) This takes place during the Quebec 2012 student strike, sparked off by a tuition fee hike, which spiralled into many riotous assemblies (sometimes on a daily basis) and sabotages, and drew in broader participation from the disenfranchised, anarchists and other anti-systemics. Two of the prisoners are also accused of ransacking the University of Montréal during an occupation in April, and one of ransacking the offices of the former Education Minister as well as assaulting a photojournalist at the courthouse. The crowd communicate with the prisoners by using megaphones, fireworks are set off and a smoke bomb thrown at the cops.*

24.04.12, Barcelona, Spain: *"[A] religious school was attacked with paint bombs on the exterior, the locks sealed and the windows were blown out. [O]ur comrades are the ones that instead of occupying their schools and spouting reformist proclamations, decide to destroy the classrooms and burn the books."*

22.03.12, Barcelona, Spain: *A warning call evacuates an elite business school, before the bomb explodes. A reminder that "the origin and causes of our daily problems have no metaphysical foundation whatsoever. Poverty, exploitation, repression, and systematic abuse are the results of very concrete structures, of specific decisions taken by specific people who have specific interests. One such structure is called the College of Business Administration and Management (ESADE). Nestled in the middle of the wealthy Pedralbes neighbourhood, this school produces a stream of executives who – day after day – order, manage, and benefit from the destruction of the lives of the great majority of the population. Each year, the school propels social predators into the world, and for the rest of their lives they dedicate themselves to plundering and trampling [the exploited]."*

15.03.12, Valparaíso, Chile: *Incendiary/ explosive placed against the Association of Police Chiefs and Officials office to coincide with the first march that year of the confrontational Chilean student movement: "not in order to support their demands for free domestication but rather to contribute to the spread of revolt and direct action against all that oppresses us. Since we do not aspire to be students nor workers, we are free individuals recovering all that is wild that civilisation has robbed us of..."*

06.02.12, Santiago, Chile: *BBVA bank broken into to set a fire that destroyed the branch and damaged Santander bank next door. "This action gestated in the eternal hatred of a life rotted by a world of adults, a boring life of cement and rules... in every time they categorise us as men and as women, in every day of school, in every punishment, in every childhood dream transformed into adult realism... in every one fallen, every one murdered, in every particle of bastard asphalt[...] FIRE TO ALL THE PRISONS! TO ALL THE FAMILIES! TO ALL THE SEXUAL GENDERS! TO ALL AUTHORITY AND ALL THE CITIES... WE ARE CHILDREN AND WE WILL NOT PLAY WITH MUD WE WILL PLAY WITH FIRE"*



22.01.12, Hammamet, Tunisia: *Students armed with molotovs, stones and firecrackers attack their school which wanted to force them to be accompanied by their parents to justify their repeated absences.*

19.02.11, Grenoble, France: *"IUFM gates (school for teachers) has been closed with chains, and doors stuck with cold weld. Graffiti followed:*

1. This idea is echoed elsewhere: "In the most primitive cultures, there is often little formal learning, little of what one would ordinarily call school or teachers; for, frequently, the entire environment and all activities are school, and many or all adults are teachers..." "History of Education," *The Encyclopedia Britannica*. [ed. - We could consider the view of some Innuit elders, for instance, who said that "traditional knowledge is not static, and not something abstract and separated from the context in which it is produced, but is always related to the present. In this respect it contrasts with the modern education system, which sets great value on the absorption of objectified knowledge." (Saulla Nakasuk, Hervé Paniaq, Elisapee Ootoova and Pauloosie Angmaalik)]
2. Michel Foucault, *Discipline & Punish: The Birth of the Prison*
3. David B. Tyack, *Turning Points in American Educational History*. Noah Webster: "...good republicans... are formed by a singular machinery in the body politic, which takes the child as soon as he can speak, checks his natural independence and passions, makes him subordinate to superior age, to the laws of the state, to town and parochial institutions." Benjamin Rush: "The government of schools... should be arbitrary. By this mode of education we prepare our youth for the subordination of laws and thereby qualify them for becoming good citizens of the republic. I am satisfied that the most useful citizens have been formed from those youth who have not known or felt their own wills til [sic] they were one and twenty years of age."
4. Foucault.
5. Jon Reyhaer and Jeanne Eder, "A History of Indian Education." Jon Reyhaer ed. *Teaching American Indian Students*.
6. Joel Spring writes, "In the early days of missionary schools, teaching the value of work became a major source of conflict between teachers and parents." Joel Spring, *The Cultural Transformation of a Native American Family and Its Tribe 1763-1995*. Along with the teaching of "a good work ethic" came profound social transformations. For example, "Among Choctaws, who traditionally did not have social classes, schooling became an important means of creating and distinguishing social classes."
7. Foucault.
8. Cesare Beccaria, *An Essay on Crimes and Punishments*. Beccaria nonetheless did not foresee the rise of common schools and compulsory schooling.
9. Raymond E. Callahan, *Education and the Cult of Efficiency: A Study of the Social Forces that Have Shaped the Administration of Public Schools*.
10. Some suggested labor saving devices were printed outlines, seating plans, recitation cards, and attendance sheets.
11. Foucault.

"there's no good master, burn your school" [...] "better unemployed than teacher" and some more... On a school: "school is prison / scols [ed. - like a suck-up] are screws, death to the director / down with all prisons". A Renault shop (employs prisoners) attacked: glass broken and about 30 vehicles with tires down."

21.09.10, Coacalco, Mexico: *Butane gas bombing at the New School of Technology headquarters* "because it represents the new era of these centres of domestication called schools, where they learn things that are useless for a free life, but necessary for a life of slavery and alienation. They create beings that depend on technology in order to live in these concrete nests called cities, but more closely resemble large prisons. They train malleable minds to be used for entrepreneurship and to expand civilization..."

"They're wonderful these basic facts of school. [...] The elementary knowledge to all and each, the basis for knowing, the necessary know-how for living in the city, the particular useful things, the things that are more worth knowing how to do, speak, shut up if you want to get out of it. The particular things that you are interested in understanding, if you don't want to die too alone, too poor and not totally depressed. The essential things to a life in society, to a life like those who teach it to you, all of which you should know in order to manage for the better the way you are screwed. Read - the verdict - Write - inside the boxes - Count - the number of years that remain for you to endure. The ways of being, of bearing your slavery as serenely as possible. The modes of (non-)thought adapted to this stupid joke: your rotten condition. The schools, moulds for hordes of neurotic citizens and devotees who, like those who came before, assure and defend with passion and conviction the survival and the perennialness of (those who have made that which is) this world. The school makes it very easy for the cops, advertisers and other cynical, deceitful bastards. The school fabricates cops, advertisers and other deceitful, cynical bastards. The values of the school are those of the hated society: work, competition, performance, pridefulness, ambition, submission, obedience, collaboration, snitching... (etc, etc) Carrot, stick, efficacious results."

- *Because It All Starts In School, Start By Setting Fire To Your Own School Today (Hurry, There Won't Be Enough For Everyone)*

L'AMOUR CIVILISE

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There's no right life in a wrong world.
- Theodor Adorno

Perform. Alarm clock. Shower, toast, coffee. The news. Crisis. Bus, subway. Emails, Facebook. Perform. Work. Lunch. Crisis. Coffee. Work. Subway, bus. Cook, eat. Emails, Facebook. Perform. TV series. Beer. TV series. Bed. Perform. Love.

L'amour.

Cohabitation, life as a couple.

Our world is a disgusting world - a thankless world. We spend life convincing ourselves of it, and it's true; and we chat to each other about it, we study it. "*Oh look, the world is now 5.6% crueller than last week!*"

Civilisation saves nothing. It advances, it consumes, it transforms everything it touches, and it touches everything. The process is total and self-referential. We are touched by it, changed by it: we sabotage the machine, the machine sabotages us.

But love?

The wheel turns. Perform. We want a full life, a real and happy life. We feel that it's possible and we want it. *We deserve it.* We have a right to it. Life as a couple, romance. Intimacy with another person. **The masks come off. We devote ourselves, we ally ourselves to this person, who will be there when things go badly, and when they go well. A person who will not abandon you.** A person who wants what's best for you, who really wants to know you, who knows you, who loves you as you are, sincerely.

Here, in love, everything has to be perfect. We realise we're in love, it's like fireworks. We go out, we have fun, it's the best. When we fuck it's a marathon, it's the frequency, the amount - we break the records.

The rest, the world, it's shit. But love, it's perfect. In a world of fakes, there are at least some honest things.

Outside, the wheel turns. The world is not getting better. Every day we are

trampled; the imbeciles are kings, the sociopaths give lessons in ethics. Smog, disease, poverty. Civilisation is hungry, and it opens yet another abattoir.

During the day, it's war. It's horrific. We die inside.

At night, everything has to be perfect. We pretend like nothing is wrong. *Nothing's up.* Love is our solution, it's our reward. *At least we're together. It's not that bad. But with time the brutality of the world invades our bubble. Stress, fatigue, humiliation. Time goes by, every day is the same. We can no longer recognise ourselves.* We get bored, we find ourselves ugly. We can no longer manage to perform; it's draining.

And no-one feels alive. The other is not perfect - has never been perfect. We manipulate ourselves and each other; *it's not that bad, we have good intentions.*

And it gets worse. Finally nothing is intact. Love is not what it was. We tear away from it. The dreams collapse. We no longer know who we are, we want to die.

There's nowhere to seek refuge.

The masks and artificial world remain, another life-lesson in a game where all the rules are against you. The love of the revolt remains, and love's revolt. Civilisation destroys everything? Let's destroy civilisation.

The wheel does not turn in circles. We cannot perform, we can only *be*. Love does not obey. We only really become close through something more than words, despite machines, above the noise. Our affection, it's like our anger. Love fights against the crazy daily rat-race and wants its death. **Love is what it is, sensual and subversive under the veneer of appearances.**

Together we realise that solidarity, liberty and empathy are not just words, but simply what we are... and we are the hatred of industrial society.

Together and against everything.

D'un amour chaotique.

Un amour sauvage.



PLAN FOR EUROPE'S BIGGEST CHILDREN'S PRISON

In January [2014] justice secretary Chris Grayling announced plans to build Europe's biggest child prison. Euphemistically called a 'secure college' or 'Pathfinder' the proposed facility is, in reality, an enormous new prison built to save costs by warehousing children and contracting out its running to private sector companies such as Serco and G4S.

The state intends to create a small network of "secure colleges" to hold the current 1,117 [ed. - imprisoned] children in England and Wales.

Construction of a 320-bed, £85m "pathfinder" secure college, which will hold girls and boys between 12 and 17, is due to begin next year, on land next to Glen Parva prison, Leicestershire.

The bill's proposals would allow staff in secure colleges to use potentially fatal restraint on children to enforce 'good order and discipline.' In 2008 the courts ruled that using force for these purposes breaches children's human rights because it can cause serious harm and was not shown to be necessary (the court referred to evidence that in secure children's Homes restraint is not used to enforce good behaviour by children convicted of an offence). Restraining children for reasons of "good order and discipline" is no more necessary now and it is just as dangerous today as it was in 2008.

This is about life and death for children. The 2008 case was triggered by the deaths of children in custody who had been restrained for failing to comply with orders. Fifteen-year-old Gareth Myatt protested when prison officers in a G4S-run secure training centre tried to remove a piece of paper from his room, which had his mother's mobile phone number on it. He was restrained by three officers who ignored his desperate pleas that he couldn't breathe. Adam Rickwood was 14 when he took his own life after being restrained by four members of staff in a secure training centre run by Serco.

This is blatantly a return to the old system of 'borstal' in which so called 'delinquent youth' were intended to be reformed, a system where training, education and moral influence were applied to fit offenders back into society and prevent them from reoffending again. The conditions in such borstals was a regimen designed to be "educational rather than punitive", but it was highly regulated, with a focus on routine, discipline and authority. **Borstal institutions were designed to offer education, regular work and discipline, though one commentator has claimed that "more often than not they were breeding grounds for bullies and psychopaths."** Evidence exists of brutality, both by staff towards the inmates and between inmates creating an atmosphere mirroring prisons, but for children instead.



The Criminal Justice Act 1982 abolished the borstal system in the UK, introducing youth custody centres instead.

There should be no illusion that imprisonment of youth and their so called reforming is an act of violence by the state to make those who rebel against their authority into upstanding citizens to fit back into the system. Of course imprisonment of youth has continued since the 'borstal' era, but what is apparent by this move is to incorporate into the general privatisation of the prison system, youth offenders, into an already ever increasingly securitised apparatus that aims to violently restrict freedom to those who do not fit in, to enslave them inside and once outside.

Fire to the new 'borstals'!

Let's break out of the prison society that surrounds us!

ATTACK THE PRISON APPARATUS AT EVERY CHANCE!

The poverty of the imagination lies in the political and the spiritual... The handout's gone as soon as you've got it, living hand to mouth, served up to you on a plate, the waterholes are pretty much always open. Some swallow the label that reads passive-victim, get angry with others for the shit groove they've carved out for themselves, do you only see yourself in terms of customer, worshipper, addict, patient, worker, prisoner and claimant, because these are not empowering positions to hold. It's no wonder you seek out mind-altering substances, who wants to look in the mirror at a brow-beaten servant failure? You sell yourself, the price of flesh, you put yourself on the shelf, the human commodity, they buy you to use you up, abuse you, cheaply priced, throw you away, then wash their hands, no strings attached, no responsibility, no respect, the body is now a commodity, a disposable nappy. What an ugly way to live.

Give me something to do, make me feel useful, make me feel important, give me a responsible position, give me authority, give me all these, then I will feel my worth, my place in society, my function in life, make me a knight then I can step - once to the right - from the black square - to the white square - I've completed a move, I've accomplished something, I'm a chess piece, I'd like a uniform, this security makes me feel so free, I have great responsibilities you know, what will I do when I have to think for myself?

Living without taking risks is the worst choice for it means dying impoverished.

[anon.]



A MUCH-NEEDED INVITATION TO DISCUSS THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE STATE, CAPITAL, & ALL FORMS OF AUTHORITY

[ed. - This text emerged from Barcelona in 2010, at the dawn of the period which saw the re-emergence of an insurrectionary presence on those streets after a lull of some years. Adding to the night-time actions, anarchists of different tendencies notably began carrying out attacks and disruptions in broad daylight, such as road blocks by burning barricades and destroying traffic signals, hurling molotovs on parked luxury vehicles, breaking surveillance cameras and bank windows, paint-bombing real estate agencies and fashion stores. The tone of these particular authors is somewhat dismissive of actions which don't necessarily resonate in 'the social sphere', which we don't entirely share, but we think it's a worthwhile read for whoever has, does or will go on the attack and pays attention to all the relevant dynamics.]

Some of the tools or practices that define us as anarchists/autonomists/anti-authoritarians are direct action and sabotage, which we use in order specifically to contribute to the extension of social conflict and revolt, thereby keeping our lives in our own hands.

The goal of this document is to invite all those who have taken their first steps – all the [Iberian] Peninsula's and (why not?) the world's anti-authoritarians – **to open up a space for argument/discussion/reflection/(self-)critique, and to leave behind silence, anonymity, and communicating with one another solely through claims of responsibility for the actions we carry out.** It's very important to us that we don't remain isolated in the face of the diverse reality in which we live. Therefore, we need continuous discussion, the purpose of which is to keep the necessary tools of struggle in good working order, sharpening our aim and exceeding our limits along the way. We also want to draw inspiration and encouragement from all the little jolts and gestures of solidarity, which remind us that the struggle continues and we are not alone.

A FEW PRELIMINARY EXPLANATIONS: ATTACK AS PART OF POLITICAL PRAXIS

The instances when we practice direct action are quite varied. Sometimes, in the case of direct, frontal attacks on the symbols of capital and the state (those responsible for Earth, animal, and human exploitation), actions have an attacking quality. Other actions are carried out defensively in response to aggression directed against us, like social conflict,



imprisonment, and death. And still others develop within the contexts and time frames of specific campaigns.

When we talk about direct action, we don't just mean going out one night to smash, destroy, burn, etc. **Our understanding of direct action is that it is valid when it is also accompanied by revolution in one's everyday life.** Additionally, we must be capable of analyzing what types of actions are most appropriate for the times and the situations we find ourselves in. Through the different communiqués that are circulating, we happily see that we are once again taking back the night. But we're not taking back the streets during the day, which would provide us with the knowledge and opportunities we need to spread our ideas and practices.

We also understand that revolutionary practice can't be based exclusively on direct action. Instead, direct action should be complemented by other political projects and spaces – anarchist libraries, social centres, newspapers, magazines, radio stations, street propaganda, and collectives that tackle specific problems – **but only when these are disassociated from authoritarian logic and peaceful coexistence with existing power structures.** It is in the sum of these practices that we find our overall contribution. Otherwise, if there is no networking, interchange, and mutual support, and if we don't manage to understand the contribution each of us makes, our actions and initiatives will ultimately remain isolated, valueless, and insignificant, which would be a shame and a real waste of energy for everyone. It's completely understandable that each

comrade tends to focus on the type of practice that responds most closely to her [sic] concerns, and we don't want to fall into the stale (and often poorly developed) critique of specialization, since we do think certain practices require special – if not exclusive – dedication and attention. But we want to emphasize our belief that we make a key error each time we look down on the initiatives mentioned above, whether for political or strategic reasons. Weighing the practice of propaganda against that of action, as if both weren't intimately related and mutually reinforcing in a synergy of nearly undefinable limits (action is without a doubt the best form of propaganda, while propaganda extends, sustains, and gives content to action), is too simplistic an approach to even consider. **Propaganda, at least as we understand it, is a moment of anarchist political forment, a way of nourishing the soil from which actions and everything else sprout.** We have to find the forms that enable us to strike more and strike better, and extend them to different areas of life. Sadly, for many, the principal meeting spaces for this purpose are the countless *fiestas* that fill the weekly "anti-authoritarian" agenda.

CONFRONTING ATTACK

In questioning ourselves about possible reasons for the lack of actions, the loss of the streets, or the pitiful social peace that has befallen us, we concluded that it was necessary to engage in self-critique (but always with humility). We reject arrogant attitudes, bragging (which perhaps we've all done at some point), and vanguardism. **We've all felt and experienced fear, put up with some shitty situations, or simply avoided them. As human beings, we can't deny those feelings, but we must work diligently so that they don't paralyze us, lead us to passivity or inaction, and make us "put out the fires" in our own lives.** By the same token, we have to be sincere with ourselves and experience these processes step by step, decisively but without rushing or doing a shoddy job, and always looking ahead. Just as we don't believe in hierarchising the tools of struggle, we also don't feel that someone is greater or lesser because they once did some thing or another. Devaluing our experiences of attack and the emotions they trigger, along with denying our own weaknesses and feelings, not only signify self-deception, but also a lack of revolutionary honesty toward our comrades (especially the youngest ones). What's then conveyed are fetishistic

“The state imposes an artificial stability. Under the urban asphalt the social tensions can grow discreetly, until an unpredictable moment when they burst forth and destroy that stability. History doesn’t change in peaceful waves, but in violent ruptures. But if we wait, be it for waves or for ruptures, while the state busies itself every day with winning the contest, we won’t be able to facilitate the rupture or be prepared when it comes. We have to prepare ourselves. Yet while preparation is very important, courage and ease of action are more important still, and one does not attain these qualities talking and drafting proposals for hours on end[...] Ease of action is attained after the action. Courage is attained with practice, or with groups of friends who are also afraid but decide to confront this fear together. [...] More actions can be carried out in broad daylight, checking out the surrounding streets first to make sure there’s no passing patrols, dedicating thirty seconds to your target - all the while greeting the witnesses with a well masked smile - and disappearing into the multitude. In this way a simple painting or broken window becomes a public event, a little rupture in normality that will affect the rest of the day of everyone who saw it and infiltrate in their conversations with colleagues and family.” - *It's Easy to Attack*

visions of violence and struggle divorced from the codes of values and humanity that characterize their practice. In addition, a door is opened to disastrous and sometimes irreparable results. By saying that, we don’t mean all actions should be governed by the same principles. The anarchist/autonomous milieu, despite its reduced size, encompasses a rich diversity of tendencies and ideological poles. But due to the serious consequences that can result from putting action into practice, we believe that an effort must emerge from each of these ways of thinking to put on the table all the truths and lies of a tool that won’t admit its mistakes.

Another immature approach to attack is the oversimplification and linearity with which actions are often evaluated. **Placing them on a “hardness” scale, or to say it another way, a scale that goes from a low to a high level of spectacle, reduces analysis of the action to its most superficial aspect, failing to comprehend that it’s not only the tools used – hammers, incendiary devices, explosives, firearms – that define an action’s character, but a complex of parameters among which one finds the tools, but not just the tools.** We think an attack can be evaluated via multiple facets. An attack is coherent if it responds to the political principles that led to its planning. It has agitational value insofar as its capacity to create cracks in social schemes and composition. It is personally satisfying if it responds to the need for revolt and confrontation of the people who participate in it. It is strategic if it is directed toward achieving an objective within a predetermined plan. It is effective if it really manages to achieve that objective. And so on and so forth. By analyzing things this way, we realize that breaking a window – at a specific time of day, with a specific goal in mind, within a specific context – can often achieve what using more destructive tools can’t. And of course the opposite also applies: at other times, sitting down to analyze the situation and think about what action should be carried out, we reach the conclusion that it’s more appropriate to turn to something more than a stone or a hammer.

AFFINITY GROUPS AND NETWORKS

Actions can be carried out by affinity groups, but that affinity shouldn’t be based solely on *compas* [ed. - “*compañerxs*”, *somewhere between friends, colleagues, affines and comrades: no direct English equivalent exists*] sharing a certain practice. We understand and experience affinity as something deeper and more personal: knowing your *compas* well enough to reach a high state of tune and rapport. Knowing their character and the way they will react to possible unforeseen circumstances having to do with other components of the group allows the most appropriate decisions to be made at the least favourable moments, thereby avoiding arrests and other unpleasant situations. Likewise, it also seems vitally important to us that everyone should feel comfortable and secure – in short, at ease – about the action to be carried out.

Another crucial aspect, and one that often suffers from a severe deficiency, is the matter of the “networks” or infrastructure (human and material) that support a group’s activity. Organising a network of collaborators and material elements (safe houses, tools, etc.) significantly broadens the perspectives and possibilities to which an action group can aspire.

On the other hand, the scant support and communication between groups (consolidated or emerging) should be increased and improved in order for us to contribute to our overall conception of what is possible and viable. **Here an important role is also played by people from other generations with more knowledge and experience.** This aids in transmission of technical knowledge and more general advice (like how to “move around” on the streets), while also preventing the repetition of errors.

Because ultimately, in the face of all the system’s repression and all the witch hunts society has organized against the “enemy within,” we need strong support and solidarity among ourselves.

FROM THE DEFENSIVE TO THE OFFENSIVE: REALISING OUR OBJECTIVES AND DISCOURSE

When we read communiqués that claim responsibility for an action, we see that most of them accompany attacks whose discourse is anti-repression and anti-police. We spoke above about different actions and approaches we can direct at our enemies, but we realise that we normally allow ourselves to be carried away by the current generated by their repressive maneuvering. **We believe that, apart from organising the necessary responses, we should be taking the initiative to attack more and attack better. In other words: truly shifting to the offensive; diversifying our targets; “taking careful aim”; always trying to cause as much material damage as possible; bringing the conflict to those who are specifically responsible, focusing especially on their property (homes, cars, shopping centers); striking the actual structures of capitalist and state institutions; and letting our imaginations run wild.** Remember the symbolic aspect of these actions. No action will destroy the entire mechanism of power by itself, but there should be an urgency to how we materialise the confrontation.

Communiqués must serve more of a purpose than simply communicating the action as an event. Although writing more involves a certain added risk, we still truly lack communiqués with sharper discourse and clearer political positions. This is doubtless an aspect for all of us to work on.

KEEP LEARNING, KEEP FIGHTING

Even though this world takes so much away from us, it also provides us with a wide range of useful means for the development of direct action. In this sense, any tool is capable of being turned into a weapon. Common pieces of furniture we find thrown away on the city streets, as well as objects that are easy to find in any store, etc., can be tremendously destructive. It’s necessary to make the effort to learn the techniques of sabotage and to put creativity to work on what can be useful to us. Making the decision to attack a target as a group is not difficult. There are many ways and countless different methods that have already been

put into practice, and there are still many more to discover, right there in our reach.

Nevertheless, that shouldn't take away from the fact that sound preparation and well-studied methods will allow us to carry out solid, secure attacks with the highest probability of success.

We dream of a world filled with little gangs/groups/crews spread throughout the cities; a world in which bosses, the rich, judges, pigs, reporters, torturers, and exploiters can count on being ridiculed and attacked; a world in which they fear for their property and the tranquility of their filthy lives.



Incendiary clashes in Barcelona, in 2012's general strike

Like we've said, our words are animated by a deep desire to encourage, provoke, and discuss. We aren't the first and we won't be the last to write and say these things, but the flame of freedom born in our hearts drives us to say them again and put them into practice.

Because we want to keep fighting, we must keep learning. This is our small contribution to the interchange of approaches and experiences called for by collective learning. We invite those to whom these lines are addressed to reflect, share knowledge, and contribute to enriching the heritage of a struggle based on all kinds of experiences. It has been forged by all, and it belongs to all.

SOLIDARITY AND FREEDOM FOR THE OPPRESSED, PRISONERS, AND THOSE UNDERGROUND.

A WINK TO THOSE IN STRUGGLE ON THE OUTSIDE.



- Barcelona, Summer 2010

'THE SEARCH FOR AFFINITY'

We believe that anarchists have the most amount of freedom and autonomy of movement to intervene in social conflictivity if they organize themselves in small groups based on affinity, rather than in huge formations or in quantitative organizational forms. [...] Many draw back in front of affinity. It is in fact a lot easier and less demanding to sign up to something, be it an organization, a permanent assembly or a scene and to take up and reproduce formal characteristics, rather than undertaking a long and never exhausted search for comrades with whom to share ideas, analysis and eventual projects. **Because affinity is exactly this: a reciprocal knowledge between comrades, shared analysis that lead to prospectives of action.** Affinity is therefore directed on one hand towards theoretical deepening and on the other towards intervention in social conflictuality.



permanence. It can "increase" up until the point that a shared project becomes possible, but on the other hand, it can also "decrease" until it makes it impossible to do

anything together. The archipelago of affinity groups therefore constantly changes. This constant change is often pointed out by its critics: one cannot build anything from this, because it is not stable. We are convinced of the opposite: **there is nothing to be built around organisational forms that revolve around themselves, away from the individuals that are part of it.** Because sooner or later, at the first blows, excuses and tricks will anyways surface. The only fertile ground on which to build is the reciprocal search for affinity.

Finally, we would like to point out that this way of organization has the further advantage of being particularly resistant to the repressive measures of the state[...]

Where crystallized formations and big organizations can practically be dismantled in one hit, because of the same fact that they are rather static, affinity groups remain agile and dynamic even when repression hits. Since affinity groups are based on reciprocal knowledge and trust, the risks of infiltration, of manipulation and snitching are much more limited than in huge organisational structures to which people can formally join or in vague surroundings where it is only necessary to reproduce certain behaviour to join the club. Affinity is a quite hard base to corrupt, exactly because it starts from ideas and it also evolves according to these ideas.

[...] It is true that the search and the deepening of affinity require a lot of time and energy, and that therefore it is not possible to generalize it to *all* comrades. The anarchist movement of a country, of a city or even of a neighbourhood cannot become one big affinity group. **It is not about enlarging different affinity groups with more comrades, but to make possible the multiplication of autonomous affinity groups.** The search, the elaboration and the deepening of affinity leads to small groups of comrades that know each other, share analysis and pass together to action. [...] Since its search is permanent, affinity evolves in

"Those scrappy guerilla conflicts in which underequipped ragtag rebel forces manage to inflict surprisingly serious losses on powerful armies of state. Lacking the vast, if unwieldy, arsenal of the establishment the rebels fall back on cunning. Their attacks while often slight are frequent and sustained aggravation can be more demoralising over time than a few high-casualty spectaculars. At such an ordnance disadvantage guerillas use whatever lies at hand, sometimes finding in the material of the everyday a devastating dual purpose."

- We Have to Talk About Kevin

ANIMALS MADE TO ORDER



[ed. - Posted 04.03.13 on the blog *Uncivilized Animals*, based in the (occupied) United States]

There is a scale of violence that can only be achieved by a civilized society.

Free people with simple tools are just not adequate for the realization of some tasks. Warriors can only do so much without the support of bureaucrats and the tip of a spear cannot reach as far as a predator drone.

Most helpful to achieve certain levels of violence is rigid hierarchy, wage or slave labor, complex technology, standardization, mass society, and a cool distance (physical or psychological) between assailant and victim. **In short: people need to show up for work and the trains need to run on time.** To the extent that these things are missing, the scale of violence will almost necessarily be diminished.

Enter Jackson Laboratory. They have achieved a scale of ongoing violence that is difficult to conceive. They provide a key part of the infrastructure of the animal experimentation industry.

A staggering number of the mice who fill the cages in animal laboratories around the world originate from JAX Mice & Services, a division of Jackson Laboratory based in Bar Harbor, Maine (with additional locations in Sacramento, California and Farmington, Connecticut). Approximately two-thirds of Jackson Laboratory's \$214 million 2011 operating budget was dedicated to JAX Mice &

Services. **From June 2010 through May 2011, JAX Mice distributed over 3 million mice to more than 900 institutions in 56 different countries.** And more than 1 million live mice are held at the Bar Harbor headquarters.

But as *The Connecticut Mirror* has explained: "[t]hese aren't just any mice. These are the product of a sophisticated, highly controlled and protected mouse-breeding operation. They live in rooms designed to be impenetrable to the smallest unwelcome microbes, in cages stacked floor-to-ceiling and supplied with filtered air that changes once a minute. They're cared [sic] for by handlers wearing protective suits, who know their inbred charges so well they can spot a potential genetic mutation that even a biologist might not notice."

JAX Mice has over 7000 different genetic strains of mouse available for purchase by animal experimenters around the world. Many of the varieties have been bred specifically to exhibit particular pathologies or to develop various diseases. The "features" – or more accurately, ailments – of each genetic strain can be found by using the extensive JAX Mice online database. Using their advanced search, one can search for mice by "phenotype of interest" or "human disease of interest." Their database can also be searched by "disease term."



Stock Number: 000646 "It is highly susceptible to cortisone-induced congenital cleft palate. It has a high incidence of spontaneous lung adenomas, and lung tumors readily develop in response to carcinogens."

"The anthropocentric paradigm of the system makes a *thing* of every living being, turning it into goods, flesh for slaughter, exploitable resources, organs for dissecting: a malleable and modifiable pile of cells, genes or atoms. The system's different forms of oppression merge and permeate one into another, forming a net of links and relations. Taking out a single issue from this net means losing contact with reality and misunderstanding the development of power. We have got to ask ourselves what we are opposing, we must recognise the need to unite the different battles for liberation, never losing that tension that put us against the whole of society, that doesn't let us feel satisfied, that never let us hide behind words..."

– *Message for the 2010 animal and earth liberation meeting in Italy from Silvia Guerini*^[1]

1. ed - see *Return Fire* vol.1 pg14

To begin to understand the full scope of what JAX Mice offers it is worth taking some time to explore their database. Here are a few examples of what can be found with even minimal effort:

- If you were looking for mice who would develop tumors with unusual frequency you would have over 200 strains from which to choose. You could then decide that your preference is for muscular tumors, skeletal tumors, tumors that develop on the eye, tumors that develop in the urinary system, the respiratory system, or the reproductive system.
- You can find mice with heads that are of an abnormal shape or size.
- You can find mice who have been bred to be obese.
- You can find mice who suffer from paralysis and can select a strain with either front or hindlimb paralysis.
- There are mice who age and/or die prematurely.
- There are mice who suffer from a very wide range of eye abnormalities.
- There are mice with abnormally high or abnormally low pain thresholds.



Stock Number: 002726 "exhibit a phenotype similar to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in humans; becoming paralyzed in one or more limbs with paralysis due to loss of motor neurons from the spinal cord."

Every one of these conditions – and countless others – is a deliberately inflicted injury. The people at Jackson Laboratory are literally selecting for illness; breeding for disease and pathology. They may often speak of finding cures but their routine activity is the deliberate imposition of suffering on millions of individual animals. Furthermore, this suffering is generally amplified once the mice arrive at their final destination and are used in experiments at other institutions which can be highly invasive and most often deadly.

So those are some of the mice... but what about the services referenced in JAX Mice & Services name? If mice are the raw material, services may be said to provide the "value added" portion of their operation.

The JAX Mice site has a page titled "JAX Surgical & Preconditioning Services". Experimenters can order mice with diet induced obesity, mice of various ages, and/or pregnant mice timed to deliver pups after being sent through the mail.

There are also various surgical procedures that mice may be subjected to prior to being shipped out. There is a lengthy list of "standard surgeries" they will perform for a set fee. They are willing to remove various organs, insert microchips, or do a brain cannulation. The brain cannulation procedure is described on their site as follows: "The cannula implanted in mice consists of a guide cannula and a dummy cannula. The guide cannula is placed into the brain at predetermined coordinates through a hole drilled in the skull. The dummy cannula consists of a cap that screws onto the guide cannula and has a stylet that inserts into the guide cannula to prevent materials from entering it when it's not being used."

JAX Mice & Services boasts that: "We can age JAX Mice to display one or more of a variety of disease phenotypes, such as Alzheimer's, alopecia, cancer, diet-induced obesity (DIO), and diabetes."

The possibility of inflicting debilitating injury on an individual prior even to birth – effectively imposing cradle-to-grave suffering – may initially seem odd when in fact *it has become commonplace*. Human children are increasingly poisoned in the womb, being born with a heavy body burden of industrial chemicals. They are then nursed on breast milk that may contain "DDT (the banned but stubbornly persistent pesticide famous for nearly wiping out the bald eagle), PCB's, dioxin, trichloroethylene, perchlorate, mercury, lead, benzene, arsenic... paint thinners, dry-cleaning fluids, wood preservatives, toilet deodorizers, cosmetic additives, gasoline byproducts, rocket fuel, termite poisons, fungicides and flame retardants." (This is not to



Stock Number: 000697 "Mice homozygous for the diabetes spontaneous mutation (Lepr^{db}) become identifiably obese around 3 to 4 weeks of age."

question the prudence of breast feeding for both mother and child; in a toxic world, this rocket fuel laden diet seemingly remains the best option available.)

In sum, the mice at Jackson Laboratory are simply further along the same trajectory of domestication that we ourselves are on. If they are a paradigm example of what it means to be domesticated; we are nonetheless following the same path even if we have not received our Stock Numbers yet. Not surprisingly, there is a wide gulf dividing so-called laboratory mice and their wild counterparts; for example, research results on laboratory mice cannot be reliably extrapolated to apply to field mice. The former have been too thoroughly manipulated to shed light on the later. **But there is reason to be hopeful and to believe that the project of domestication is never complete, that fissures remain like cracks in concrete.**



Brain cannulation

an open field. The rats who had never previously been outside very quickly began to engage in the wild behavior of their peers, behavior that was suppressed

when they were confined to a laboratory. They developed natural social hierarchies, mapped paths through their new terrain, and found food that was radically different from the pellets that were provided in the cages they left behind. Berdoy has said that: "This shows that while we can take the animal from the wild, **we have not taken the wild out of the animal.**"

The wild remains in every one of us regardless of how long we have lived in a cage.

NO COMPROMISE – TOTAL LIBERATION

14.12.13, Lyon, France: *Air France travel agency gets locks glued and 'Stop Vivisection' graffiti* – "Air France is the world's first transporter of animals to laboratories. [...] We then headed toward the city centre and glued about 20 locks of shops selling fur and leather products. [...] Animal exploitation is everywhere in this society and we will fight until our last breath. Furthermore, France has seen a huge increase in the far-right politics lately. Racism, sexism and homophobia are everywhere and anyone working beside those oppressions will also be targeted."

16.09.13, Portland, U.S.A.: *An Oregon section of the Informal Anarchist Federation (F.A.I.) slashed several tyres of dairy vans to "continue the momentum" of similar attacks on speciesist companies.* "We are happy to see the surge in illegal actions in Portland. Keep fighting. Until all humyn and non-humyn prisons are destroyed".

26.08.13, Sun Prairie, U.S.A.: *At 7am* "a cell of the Animal Liberation Front entered the back yard of Brian L. MacMillan[...] Vice President of Wild Fur Operations at North American Fur Auctions, the largest fur auction house in North America." *They smashed a window and inserted his own garden hose, flooding the house. Against* "the torture and subjugation of what is wild and free. All who contribute to industries of earth and animal destruction shall take note."

15.08.13, Corvallis, U.S.A.: *Liberation of captives from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.* "Wire cutting tools were used to completely cut open 2 of the game bird pens and partially cut open 2 others giving 3 ringnecked pheasants, 1 white pheasant, and 1 mountain quail a chance to escape into the surrounding wildlife area. [...] There are over 100 registered captive wildlife facilities in the state of Oregon that imprison pheasants, quail, mink, elk and other wild animals. These facilities generally contain little to no security, require little to no specialized skill set to raid, and hold animals which in many cases can be directly liberated into the wild. All it takes is a little determination and a \$15 pair of bolt cutters to make animal liberation a reality." *Done in solidarity with anarchist prisoners and fugitives.*

27.07.13, Canelones, Uruguay: *Several birds, guinea pigs, rabbits and other animals were broken out of the Atlantida zoo and relocated,*

graffiti left behind. "There were those who by pure instinct flew away towards the horizon. [...] For a life in freedom, away from the domestication that we try to force on them..."

20.07.13, Ukraine: "2 dolphins were set free from Yevpatoria dolphinarium as a result of a special operation with diving equipment. [W]e covered 2 km underwater and breached the security perimeter: We cut the nets and entered the dolphin containment pools. In the next hour we cut a large part of the perimeter barrier. [...] As soon as dolphins got wind of freedom and open water, they escaped into the night sea." *Carried out by 'SEALS on tour' cell of the Animal Liberation Front and Informal Anarchist Federation (A.L.F./F.A.I.).*

11.06.13, U.K.: *150 hens liberated from a south England intensive farm on the June 11th day of solidarity with long-term eco-anarchist prisoners.*

03-07.04.13, Cartago, Costa Rica: *'A solitary fox' in affinity with the Earth Liberation Front (E.L.F.) glues locks on "various commercial establishments of technology, sale of meat, chicken restaurants, pharmacies, telephone transaction establishments like Movistar, as well as appliance stores, etc, because the destruction of the planet by large-scale industry and production doesn't stop, neither do we..."*

18.01.13, Athens, Greece: *"Against the authoritarian tombstone of the general social apathy, we promote the chaos of direct action." A.L.F. 'Chaotics' rampage with spray cans; among their many targets are fur, leather and pet shops, a butchers, an animal laboratory office, house of a known poisoner of stray animals, and a hunter's car gets attacked with a hammer. "Nonnegotiable solidarity to the urban guerrilla captives..."*

04.11.12, La Paz, Bolivia: *Two smoke bombs ignited in a central Burger King takeaway by F.A.I. 'Incendiary Nucleus of Action for the Spread of the Revolt'. "[W]e will not give up our appetite for disruption until there is an end to every relationship based on domination[...] we will empty and destroy all the cages, physical and mental, that ravage our bodies and our lives, robbing us of the potential to disobey and destroy civilisation, a potential that day by day, through our actions, we are reappropriating."*

08.08.12, Santiago, Chile: *Invasion of a research facility at the Catholic University to interrupt a course on laboratory animals. Windows were broken, and animal liberation slogans were left behind on the walls. Two days earlier another group broke into an animal lab at the University of Chile, and two days later police closed roads surrounding the Catholic University after a bomb warning call and discovering a suspicious object...*

09.05.12, Ukraine: *Firebombing in an undisclosed locality, against the offices of a company tasked with capture and disposal of stray animals and their crematory. "A terrible law aimed against stray animals is passed on the eve of the World Football Cup that will take place in Ukraine this year. We speak of the animals who didn't choose to live in the city streets, who ended up there by human will and civilisation's logic of development. Well, the masks of humane animal care and "westernness" are dropped now: municipal services are expected to hunt and kill our four-legged brothers and sisters. This is a bloody cleaning in anticipation of guests from "civilised West". [...] It is hard not to notice: cruelty towards those who stand "below" in the hierarchy of species gives birth to the cruelty and coldness towards other human beings. And vice versa: if we are taught that it is okay to live with prison system for humans (with all its macabre attributes and features of suppression and coercion), then how much easier it is for us to agree upon an existence of death camps for "lesser" animals? Fused into the disgusting back loop scheme these dual relations suck from us all that is left of humanity and dignified attitude." F.A.I./A.L.F. 'Two Sequoias' are responsible.*

05.05.12, La Paz, Bolivia: *Locks are glued shut by 'A few wayward noctilucae' of the F.A.I. "against speciesist incarceration ideology and the interlocking patriarchal ideology that justifies domination. Thus, we blocked the entrances and left flyers in: an agency of 'Pill' milk, the 'Lain' weight loss centre, in the 'Apisbol' company which produces bee products and sells beekeeping supplies, the 'Cochabamba' fried chicken restaurant chain, in the 'Femenina' leather shoe store, in another 'L.A.M.' which sells coats made of alpaca wool, a meat market part of the 'Bambi' network, and a 'Bible Center'. [...] For its part, the attack on 'Lain' is an attack on the hegemony of oppressive beauty that disciplines our bodies and thins our minds, creating an idea/image of the perfect body. Making technological intervention over bodies necessary to reinforce the sex/gender system and its false, alienating dichotomies. Man/Woman, Feminine/Masculine, Heterosexual/Homosexual. Making it clear that the perfect bodies in advertising are nothing more than artificial and technological social constructs."*

08.03.12, Bristol, U.K.: *Windows of Beauty Box beauty salon are smashed by anarchists of the A.L.F./E.L.F. and 'Suckers' sprayed across the front of the shop. To "reject the standardised, sanitised forms of beauty peddled by this society and shops like this one", and "because we cannot ignore the capture from the wild, enslavement, and slow poisoning of the Garra Rufa fish used in "fish pedicures"." They clarify that although the action coincided with International Women's Day,*

"we are fighting against oppression every single day and will continue to take actions whenever we want to." Thoughts sent to those who were repressed by the cops at a Bristol gathering for animal liberation the week preceding, and solidarity "with all those struggling against oppression in whatever form."

20.09.11, Florianopolis, Brazil: *An unfinished vivisection lab at the Santa Catarina campus was doused with petrol and kerosene "then lit with a simple match, letting the fire perform its duty in destroying that vile building." A.L.F. Brazil.*

15.09.11, Mexico State, Mexico: *A.L.F. vandalise a KFC outlet, release a reptile from captivity into a suitable wild environment, but are thwarted from burning trucks at an ostrich-skinning facility by a security guard. This is in solidarity with anti-civilisation prisoners; two days before, A.L.F. Mexico State had burned a KFC and freed two turtles into a large lake, similarly in solidarity.*

24.04.11, Amsterdam, Holland: *Two fur shops get their windows broken and smoke bombs put inside, and a petrol station is sabotaged, claimed by E.L.F./A.L.F. 'Green Commando' "in solidarity with the comrades of Bologna" (Italy) who were facing heavy repression for recent attacks.*



21.01.11, France: *Two floors of an administrative building belonging to vivisectors Biomatech are destroyed after incendiary devices are placed against "the proposed expansion of this torture centre" and the imprisonment of anarchists.*

19.05.10, Madrid, Spain: *Claim from the anarchist group 'Wild Earth' – "In the early morning hours a fire was started at the front door of the EPHOS academy, a place of learning for future murderers. In this school they teach the future leaders of pharmaceutical companies to kill our animal brothers and sisters and the earth without mercy. 'Here the land is devastated and animals murdered' was written on the walls. [...] The earth devastated, our minds wiped out ... and we fight amongst ourselves for a larger piece of this absurd pie (increased wages, reduced working hours, better labour contracts...). We do not believe in the crisis because we have been in crisis since our birth: indoctrinated in the schools and in the family, exploited at work and murdered in the hospitals or in jail." In memory of Mauricio Morales (see Return Fire vol.1 pg92).*

"Often in the fight against the State/Capital we see an enormous indifference to animal liberation, when we should instead recognise that forgetting about the animals means to allow the chain of exploitation to persist, because authority occurs when a being (regardless of species, gender or origin) is seen as inferior, as an object, as property. Many often continue to reproduce and put into practice these stigma that society imposes on us and many prefer to ignore it. In the social war this must be present and solidarity also claimed with animal prisoners, it's important not to stop practicing our offensive..."

– Henry Zegarrundo (see *Rebels Behind Bars; Further Details About the Police Operation & Snitches in Bolivia*)



PROTECTING LAND, DISRUPTING EXTRACTION & GOING FERAL



Throughout 2013, like in years before, anarchists and others organised a series of encampments along various themes in different parts of the world, or contributed to and extended pre-existing ones. Some were directly to oppose a specific development, others more generally to share skills, discuss practices, and meet accomplices old and new. Below we present some of the content which either went towards initiating the events or came out of them. For kindness wildness and the revolt!

U.S.A.

[Release about the Feral Awakening gathering, scheduled for the early autumn in the Western state of Oregon, "a place for folks to gather together in the wild who desire to see the destruction of civilization and wildness flourish in its place":]

We'd like to invite groups and individuals engaged in struggles against the destruction of the Earth (and indeed all interconnected forms of oppression) to join us and share your stories, lessons, skills, and whatever else you may have to offer.

We're hoping to have **skillshares with earth skills such as cordage making, basketry making, flintknapping, plant walks, shelter making, primitive trapping and whatever else comes up. Also hoping for workshops on primal parenting, basic anti-civilization theory, anarcho-primitivism, beyond agriculture, moralism, ethics and nihilism, science, technology, [and] spirituality** amongst other things.

This will be a loosely organized gathering, without having a very specific schedule.

SPAIN

*[In the province of Catalunya, an occupation camp starting 23rd August was called against the M.A.T. pylon mega-project. This wasn't the first occupation in the course of the struggle, and aside from the nuclear and 'alternative energy' issues described below, a statement from a previous forest camp describes some of the other motives for the powerful to push the project through: "Some of the "problems" this MAT line hopes to solve are: to be able to secure electrical power for the tourist villages (especially in summer) of Girona (Costa Brava, for example); electrical supply for the TAV/AVE [ed. - high-speed train, resisted in Spain in a similar manner as the Lyon-Turin one is in France/Italy] (which would happen to be the first one to need it!); avoid electrical blackouts like the one of 2007 in Barcelona... We're not going to enter the debate arena in which one side shows an "independent study" that states how much this power line is needed and the other side comes with yet another study that shows the opposite. It's obvious which side we're with, but we state that **it is imperative to actually fight this power line and not just keep debating and making press conferences. In the meantime, we're trying to build the foundations of a new world starting right here and now, reconnecting with the Earth[...]** hurting the empire and making pressure on its fissures. From here, from the forests that have always hid the rebels, maquis [ed. - anti-fascist partisans], conspirators and plotters." Here's the call for the 2013 camp:]*

ACTIVE RESISTANCE CAMP IN DEFENSE OF THE LAND – AGAINST THE M.A.T. AND THE WORLD WHICH NEEDS IT

WHAT IS THE M.A.T.?

The very high tension line ('Muy Alta Tensión' – M.A.T.) is an electrical motorway which transports at least 400,000 volts. It is being constructed in order to connect European States to each other and also Europe with Africa. It is necessary in order to sell and distribute excess energy produced by nuclear power plants and the so-called alternative sources of energy. At the same time, it is the network which capitalism needs in order to supply the electricity necessary for other projects and infrastructures of death and destruction, such as high-speed railway lines. Those responsible for all this are always the same ones and the construction companies in question are directly involved in other projects which are destroying lands around the world; companies like Vinci standing out in Europe and Endesa in South America.

WHY THIS CAMP?

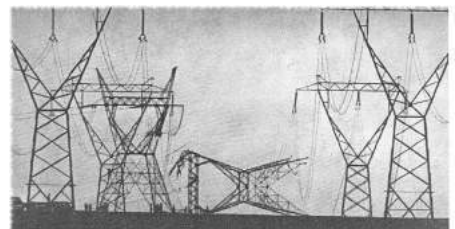
So that the last decisive section for the connection between France and Catalunya cannot be constructed. So that the energy coming from 6 French nuclear power plants does not cross this land or any other. So as to treat the struggle against the M.A.T. as a starting point for questioning our way of living, which is mainly imposed by the domination of Progress. So as to create on the affected land a space for meeting, information, agitation and action.

WHY HERE AND WHY NOW?

After more than 10 years of struggle, we are at a decisive moment. In September, expropriations [ed. - compulsory purchases] are expected to begin, directed against owners who have refused to sign the sale of land needed for the construction of the M.A.T.'s last pylons in Girona. It is because of all of this that we are inviting you to participate actively in the camp, in order to share, struggle and resist in a self-run space, without leaders and representatives. We want to create moments of exchange and connection between various struggles, because the M.A.T. affects us all and is not an isolated struggle.

AGAINST PROGRESS, ITS INFRASTRUCTURES AND ITS DEFENDERS: LET'S TAKE OUR LIVES BACK!

[ed. - Following on from the week-long resistance encampment, a large abandoned farm-house was squatted and the access-road barricaded in Oriol, very near to where two of the pylons are to be built, under the noses of a heavy police presence in the area. 'The wild and free squatters of Mas Castelló' announced that they wanted "to fill the house with life and energy, for there to be workshops and spaces to share practices and learn from each other, sharing skills and experiences, rebuilding the spaces as we need them, and coming together to liberate our lives from the apathy imposed by obligations and codes that we have never wanted to follow." The headquarters of Endesa were paint-bombed in Barcelona, and another of their offices in the city has their locks glued shut shortly after, due to their involvement in the M.A.T. and also "other high-voltage power lines that devastate the territory, fortify progress and civilisation, and reinforce the domination of the State and capitalism."]



THE PHILIPPINES

[From a report on the 2nd Solidarity Eco-Camp, which took place in Tanay, Rizal, over four days during March 2013 following the Black&Green Forum in Quezon City. The crew who organised the event invited other anarchists from Indonesia, Japan, Germany, Greece and the U.S.A., "to strengthen the relationship with other affinity groups and build an international network". Recurrent themes that came up were mining, advancing State control and militarisation as the dominant system struggles to keep up resource extraction in an increasingly unstable world at ever-greater cost. However in general it was seen that autonomous groups in the represented regions were fighting over "multiple and interconnected social and ecological issues". We print extracts from the report concerning the state of struggle in the territories in question, in the words of the different individuals who travelled to the Philippines:]

– Mining corporations in the Philippines such as Sagittarius Mines/Xtrata, Philex and among others [create] the destruction [of] lakes, rivers, bays, forests (upland and mangroves) and other ecosystems are being used and exploited in favor of the capitalists to the demise of marginalized communities. We encourage people and community to directly take action in defending and reclaiming their lives by protecting their own habitat. [...] The massive destruction of the ecology of the archipelago is directly attributed to investments of corporations who are up to extract natural resources to gain more profit. [...] Like any government in the world, the Philippine Republic is guilty of executing people both political and innocents.

– The history of Indonesia is a history of agrarian conflict which has endured since colonial times, and continues to the present day. Conflicts which remain unresolved or which are even deliberately cultivated to reinforce structures that benefit political and business elites. And then, as part of these conflicts, acts of violence emerge, by state security forces against the people, legitimized in the name of the law. [...] Another source of violence comes from those elements of society whose discourse supports that of the state and corporations, with their slogans about resistance, saying that resistance should be non-violent, meaning that the people do nothing in the face of the state...

– [U]nprecedented enormous protests against nuclear society have been happening in Japan to get our destiny back to our own hands. [...] The Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident is the

second largest nuclear disaster after Chernobyl [ed. - see *Return Fire vol.1 pg43*]. Approximately 30,000 people died from its accident, and currently, around 150,000 people still live in evacuation under government orders or by their own choice and certain number of those people cannot go back to their home town forever because of high level of radioactive contamination.

Although it was triggered by a large earthquake and tsunami, this accident was definitely a human disaster. **It means that an electric company and the national government are responsible** due to a series of underestimations sustained by a "myth of safety", such as that of the height of a possible tsunami, the possibility of a "station blackout," and duration of power failures. In addition, confusing and misleading information, and also a deliberate concealment of information occurred. **In the background of this, there is the "Atomic Village" or "Atomic Circle," a very closed relationship among politicians, government offices, academics, industrial leaders, and the media.** Japan has had no true independent regulator of nuclear issues. This disaster revealed that Japan is the society simply determined by the economic growth led by the state policy.



– The German state as one of the powerful leaders in Europe and also in the world has to defend its capitalist interests by any means necessary. [Concerning] one of the main topics (mining) at the Eco Camp, **German business is actively participating in the overexploitation of natural resources around the world and of course also in the Philippines.** Since over 10 years the "Commerzbank" gave credits to the mining company Lepanto to support gold digging in the Cordillera region.

This area and their people are strongly affected through the environmental pollution. In the Tampakan area in Mindanao a Gold and Copper project was developed by the big Swiss mining company "Xstrata", one of the shareholders is the

"Deutsche Bank". This bank also gave loans to "Atlas Consolidated" to finance their copper mine in Toledo City, Cebu. But also other big companies, like for example "DHL" try to make substantial profits out of this dirty economical practice. They provide everything what is needed to take care of the mining sector needs.

– [from the *Open Coordinative of Thessaloniki Against the Gold Mines, which are in Halkidiki, northern Greece:*] Soil, water and air are priceless, and belong to all of us. Gold, on the other hand, is an abstract concept that, especially today, acquires value when it functions as 'money', when it is used as an effort to counterbalance the 'over-the-top money', money invented out of thin air, that came into being three decades ago through bank lending and the stock exchanges' system of speculation and gambling. [...] 'Development and progress' is the echo following the announcements concerning the goldmines, as well as the wind turbines on Lesvos and Limnos islands, and elsewhere, the waste incineration factories; all these plus innumerable other such crimes are presented as the antidote to the crisis, the same crisis that the development itself created. The case of the

goldmines is the most extreme one, out of all these 'developing crimes in the name of progress', due to the fact that no one even dares to oppose the destruction that they are about to cause, but also because – as we all know by now – the multinationals will draw all the profit, apart from a short-term small portion that will go to a few hundred workers. Furthermore, it is not coincidental that this scandalous transaction scam of the northern-eastern Halkidiki mines took place during a period of affluence, at a time when no one paid any attention, while the realization of the mega-project, the actual construction of the mines, is pushed forward now, amidst the crisis. **Here, we are faced with blunt blackmail: we have to either accept such a plainly and straightforward destructive proposition, or else we will not manage to survive.**

– Since **Americans** are in a period of what may be the final transfer of capital from the taxpayers to the elite the authorities are taking every measure to protect their interests from civil unrest. Federal and State governments are implementing policies to aid in a rapid increase in mining, oil extraction, timber harvesting and many other ecologically damaging activities which are also inspiring resistance. [...] After the evictions and disruption of the Occupy movement many activists refocused their attention to stopping the XL Keystone Pipeline, the rapid increase in coal mining and the associated rail lines and super ports. There is also an increase in protests and direct actions against the rapid increase in hydraulic fracturing or fracking though no wide spread campaign of sabotage by the public has occurred yet. Fracking is a process of pumping toxic chemicals into the earth to force carbon to the surface. The contamination to fresh water and the surrounding ecosystem is already driving many into poverty as their land and homes have become worthless. This crisis is likely to grow dire when the tens of thousands of wells already in operation run dry during the decade and the small amount of profit shared with local land owners also evaporates. It is very important that the Anarchists and other opponents of corporate and government domination start to work together and consider new strategies of resistance while at the same time organizing systems of mutual aid as the economy continues to collapse and the repression increases.

RUSSIA

[This is from the announcement about the “Free Life Studies” event which took place in Southern Russia, June 2013:]

This event will be based on self-organisation and initiative of everyone involved. So the outcome depends on those who wish to participate. There will be nobody who you can look up for guidance, only those who knows some bits and pieces, those who can offer you some answers, not order you around. **A primitive schedule is being worked on (dinner times, hikes, lectures, workshops and entertainment) but the end result will depend on your applications and your willingness to add something to this schedule. We are counting on your participation.** You can always send us a list of themes you are interested in, but even better, find a person who will be able to arrange workshops on this event.

The aim of this camp is to find ways of dropping out of the system, not getting coopted!

Of course, there’s no escaping from talks about civilization, saving of mankind [sic] etc, but our concrete aim is creating base of knowledge and skills that facilitate the search for personal freedom. We encourage radical activism, but stand up against passive self-sacrificial activity.

General plan of event

1. *Recapture and adaptation of free spaces: methods of search and capture. Land, apartments, houses.*
2. *Living outside civilizational framework: forest camp in mountains. Communal life.*
3. *Nomad’s life. 5-days hike in the mountains aiming at reaching Black Sea.*

All active and self-sufficient individuals are welcome!

Please send us letters with fake names and true intentions or talk to us in person if you’ve uncovered our identities. Don’t forget to tell us the city you’re coming from and the name of an activist who could vouch for you [Translator’s note – Russian anarchist scene security measure for some years now].

SWEDEN

[Information from on the ground in the Gállok area about an occupation of Swedish eco-radicals together with the colonised indigenous people of that land, the Sami, to prevent the British firm Beowulf Mining digging for iron. “Gállok is a very beautiful place, with cloudberry, blueberries, reindeer and the small lake GállokJávrrre which is full of fish and so clean we drink the water from it. It’s surrounded by swamps and an old-growth forest with many of the species extinct in other places. [...] **Civilization and Economies have clearcut forests, built dams in the rivers and when nothing is left alive come the mining industry like “saviours”. They offer work opportunities that only lasts a couple of years and sacrifices the last sustainable livelihoods before they leave an even more devastated landscape behind.** [...] A mine in Gállok does not only afflict the area close by but also risks Luleå river. There is a risk for dam failure and that the water quality decreases. A waste-water big dam is planned in the forest and in the lake GállokJávrrre, where poisonous waste water would be stored for eternity. That waste water would not ever leak is only a dream.” Support for the opposition to the mine is durable among the local settler population as well as the Sami and eco-radicals. “We stand in solidarity with indigenous culture and fight against the mega-machine of mining.”]

Right now there is a battle to save Sápmi (occupied by Sweden) from more mines. Sápmi has already been exploited and colonized by the Swedish state and corporations for generations. Now an entirely new area is under attack from the mining industry, the forests, mountains and lakes west of Jokkmokk are threatened.

Since a month there is a blockade against British Beowulf Mining’s test mining project in Gállok going on. Activists have joined together with Sami people to save the place from a big iron mine. **The 29th of July the Swedish police came and tore down the first blockade and arrested 6 persons. The same night the blockade was raised again, with improvements to the company’s great disappointment.** The activists plan to stay for the winter when the reindeer and herders come and legally can stop the test mining.

Resistance against the planned mine is growing while the Swedish police have said they are doing what the mining corporation orders them to. Beowulf is currently silent and probably do not want more bad exposure and might try to beat the activists in the waiting game. Meanwhile more people join the protests in different ways through art and music as well as supporting the growing protest camp.

Update: The second barricade also was destroyed by the cops the 12th of August and a security guarding company is hired to protect the testmines and the road[...] Mining test dates are set for 21st of August but can probably be delayed even more...



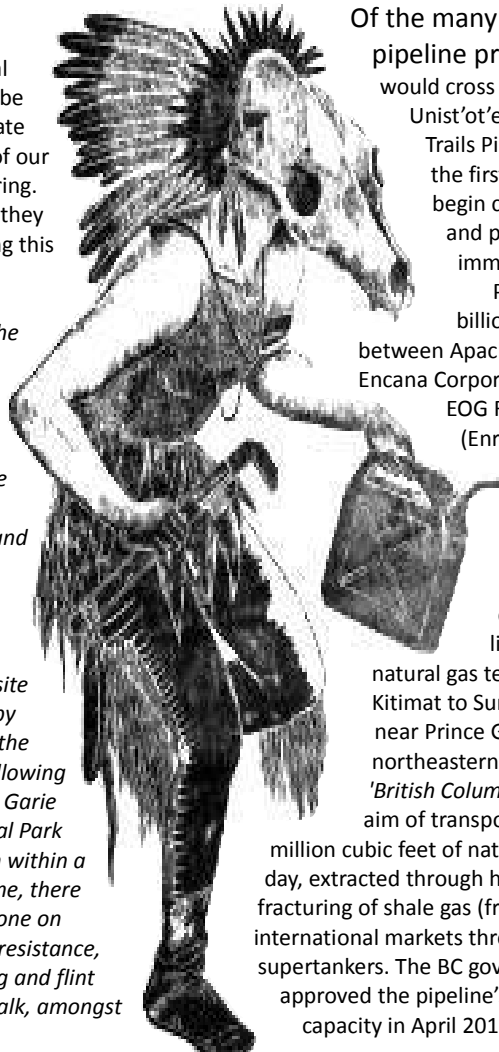
AUSTRALIA

[Announcement of Fierce Dreams, a three-day gathering from October 18th-20th in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney:]

For many of us it is becoming increasingly obvious that civilisation cannot be redeemed or fixed. One look at the nightly news, or our fractured communities, or the devastated environmental landscape around us is proof enough. [...] This event will be an anarchist encampment/autonomous zone aimed at breaking down the barrier civilisation puts between each other, the wilderness and the wildness within ourselves. [...] Together we will talk, weave, play music, gather, make fires, play games and explore ideas relating to a vision of life beyond mass society. We will work to undo the domestication that civilisation has strongly conditioned us to believe as 'normal'. We aim to forge links between those of us who will not accept the damage inflicted by mass society and the empty promises of technology.

[...] This Blue Mountains area, like the rest of Australia, is under occupation by colonising forces. We acknowledge this and support Aboriginal efforts toward their own liberation. We respect the original inhabitants of this area (Gundungurra and Darug people) and when the final site is determined we will be approaching the appropriate groups to let them know of our intentions with this gathering. We will accept any advice they have with regard to holding this event on their land.

[ed. - Actually in the end the gathering could not take place in the originally planned location. The Australian military accidentally started a huge bush-fire while testing ammunition in high heat and with strong winds – the resulting blaze destroyed hundreds of homes and evacuated a great many people. Even the back-up site 50km away was affected by smoke and threatened by the travelling fires, and the following day the caravan moved to Garie Beach in the Royal National Park south of Sydney. Still, even within a vastly shortened time frame, there was "anti-civ discussions, one on domestication, ecological resistance, rewilding, knife sharpening and flint firelighting, and a plant walk, amongst other things..."]



CANADA

[On un-ceded northern lands claimed by the Canadian State, a long-term occupation camp has been erected by members of the Unist'ot'en clan and other grassroots rebels of the Wet'suwet'en Nation five years ago. **This is because they are fighting all pipelines, current or future, slated to cross their traditional territories;** including Enbridge Northern Gateway, Kinder Morgan northern proposal, Pacific Trails, Pembina, Spectra, and others. Pacific Trail Pipeline's proposed route is through two main salmon spawning channels which provide the staple food supply for the people. The Wet'suwet'en are made up of five Clans, with territories that they are expected to manage for their future generations. **Neither the Unist'ot'en clan nor the other grassroots Wet'suwet'en are associated with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en, the colonially-recognised council that seeks to manage and pacify relations between the occupiers and the occupied.** Anarchists have been actively complicit with the blockades (see **Global Flash-Points**), and solidarity from other indigenous groups continues to reinforce the resistance. Below is some background of the case from a couple of years ago:]

WHAT IS PACIFIC TRAILS PIPELINE?

Of the many proposed pipeline projects that would cross through Unist'ot'en land, Pacific Trails Pipeline (PTP) is the first one slated to begin construction and poses an immediate threat. PTP is a \$1 billion partnership between Apache Canada, Encana Corporation, and EOG Resources (Enron Oil and Gas). The 463-kilometer pipeline would connect a liquified

natural gas terminal in Kitimat to Summit Lake near Prince George in northeastern BC [ed. - 'British Columbia'], with the aim of transporting up to 1 million cubic feet of natural gas per day, extracted through hydraulic fracturing of shale gas (fracking), to international markets through supertankers. The BC government approved the pipeline's expanded capacity in April 2012.

WHAT ARE THE UNIST'OT'EN SAYING?

The Unist'ot'en clan of the Wet'suwet'en Nation has been vocal about their opposition to PTP. Clan members have built a log cabin and protection camp in its path. Most recently, on November 20th, 2012, Wet'suwet'en Chief Toghestiy intercepted and issued an eagle feather to surveyors. In Wet'suwet'en law, an eagle feather is used as a first and only notice of trespass. The surveyors and all other people associated with PTP were ordered to leave the territory and told that they are not ever allowed to return to Unist'ot'en land. The road has now been closed to all industry activities until further notice. On August 23rd, 2010, Toghestiy and Hagwilakw of the Likhts'amisyu clan gave Enbridge representatives trespass warnings during a Smithers Town Council meeting where Enbridge attended to attempt to smooth over their recent oil spill on the Kalamazoo River. In November 2011, setting up a road blockade with "Road Closed to Pacific Trails Pipeline Drillers" signs, the Unist'ot'en and the Likhts'amisyu of the Wet'suwet'en escorted out PTP drillers and their equipment.



WHAT IS THE CARBON CORRIDOR?

Pacific Trails Pipeline, along with Enbridge pipeline and Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, are part of a larger energy strategy. **Like Alberta, the British Columbia government aims to be an 'energy power house' by exploiting some of the largest shale gas deposits in North America and using pipelines to place fracked shale gas on the more lucrative international market.** According to the Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives, much of the shale gas produced in BC is currently destined for Alberta, where it is used as fuel in the tar sands. All this is happening as Keystone XL pipeline to the U.S. Gulf Coast and Enbridge's proposed reversal of the Line 9 pipeline to open up Ontario, Quebec and U.S. markets are also putting short term corporate-driven capitalist interests and resource-extractive colonial developments ahead of Indigenous self-determination and stewardship, destroying and exploiting the land and ecosystems, and disregarding the safety and health of communities including those who have to work the poisonous jobs in these industries.

EXPLOSION AT THE JUSTICE ACADEMY, BUENOS AIRES, & INDUSTRIAL LOGGING OPERATION ARSONED, BRYANSK



[ed. – From the autumn of 2013, two important communiqués for direct attacks on the structures of authority and ecological destruction, and which concern ideas and practices in their global insurrectionary tendencies. **The first calls attention to a lack (which we also perceive) in deep debate beyond the local level, and the second highlights the drawbacks of attempting coordinated actions internationally in reply** – suggestions for which have been publicly brought up at least twice before in recent years through communiqués by active groups, and it's good that the issue is now being addressed in the same forum. Increased dialogue and mutual development of the struggle for liberation are more necessary now than ever, above acritical backslapping and rhetoric. **Asymmetric warfare is contingent on analysis and adaptability: our challenge is to find ways of organising and attacking which open more doors than they close, and for this, discussion and reflection is more valuable than clinging to ready-to-wear proposals. It's good to be clear about what we might hope to gain from some of the ways of anarchist self-organisation that are being put into practice, and we think that there's more than one way that comrades might use such tools, some more promising than others.** Contrary to the second communiqué, hence we're glad to see the issues raised in the communiqué by Argentinian comrades. However, similarly to the Russian comrades, we're unsure about the desirability of 'themed' campaigns. As well as the potential advantage this could offer the security services, we are also wary of the potential development of a vision of struggle that sees the anarchist offensive as a symmetrical, 'head-on' assault on whatever aspect of power, giving us an illusion of grandiosity at the expense of real depth and holistic antagonism. **Ourselves we believe one of our greatest strengths is our unpredictability and range of targeting, and the use of communication to show the links between different institutions which are being hit with an insurrectionary consciousness.** (More chaotic approaches to coordination without a restricted focus, such as the context the Russian group place their action within, perhaps offer different, diverse opportunities.) But, in the end, individuals and groups will do as they see fit, and each blow landed in the face of this rotten system brings us fierce joy. We thank these groups for their contributions.]

Buenos Aires, Argentina – claim for the attack on the Justice Academy:

Certainty is ours!

What surrounds us is suffocating and if one has dignified blood in their veins instead of dirty water they can't deny this. The democratic regime headed by the repulsive Cristina Kirchner, dressed up as progressive and champion of human rights, is beginning to show the other side of the coin. So the appointment of the new Minister for Security, Alejandro Granados, backed up by drug smuggler Daniel Scioli, only made more evident what many already knew: democracy arrests, tortures, accuses and kills, and in this respect it has nothing to envy in other political regimes.

We agree with Granado, we are at war and it is either them or us... we are not concerned by these declarations. On the contrary we increase the level of the struggle that we carry out against all forms of oppression inflicted on the individual and on free communities. Millions invested in matters of security such as the Biometric Identification System, thousands of surveillance cameras and guards storming the suburbs don't stop us nor do they distract us.

Inside the dense network weaved by the enemy we believe that justice is a fundamental pillar, an indispensable supporter of the management of the misery. Businessmen [sic] and politicians demand and create laws and then lawmen [sic] and police enforce them with the

approval of that part of society which encourages the use of certain measures, or that is simply an accomplice of repression through its disgusting indifference.

Today the media talk about the proposals of lowering the age for minors to be prosecuted thus trying to make legal what is already happening: kids are being condemned to confinement, rape, abuse and death in the concentration camps of democracy called prisons. Certainly in the near future we will see judges sentencing thousands of people to years and years of imprisonment. Many of these people, even if they are distant from our values and principles, even if they can't or don't want to escape the consumerist frenzy, at least choose not to offer themselves passively to the whip of the bosses.

In this context, as a contribution to the war we are waging against the established authority, **on Monday September 16th at around 2am we attacked the Justice Academy of the Judicial Council of the country** in Parana 386, Avenida Corrientes, where brainless, resigned and cowardly citizens wander between bars, theatres, cinemas and brothels, places where tourists take pictures of the obelisk and buy beautiful cards illustrating 'South American Europe'...

Outside the entrance of the target we placed a homemade device made of a plastic bottle filled with a litre and a half of petrol and six 10cm long sealed little pipes filled with black powder. The ignition mechanism was made of two sticks of incense, which operated as fuse as soon as we lit the flame thus triggering the strip of phosphorous we set all around the bottle. First came the fire and second came the explosion.

The result of the action, silenced by the press, can be seen by anybody who happens to pass by.

We have just explained how our device was made in order to show that there's no need for sophisticated materials or complex techniques to carry out this kind of attack. Of course perfection and the deepening of one's knowledge are very important in the fabrication and use of explosive and incendiary devices. But information on how

to do it is largely available, your genius can do the rest.

That's why we are sharing the knowledge on how to fabricate a homemade device.

We want to inspire those who oppose the system but don't do much in practice. Information is available and if one doesn't do anything it's because one has decided not to do it, full stop.

Making this attack known is part of our action and of our being anarchists. **Many daily anarchist actions are not made known for a number of reasons, and any group or individuality can draw their own conclusion. As we already said, silence doesn't mean inaction.** But considering our context we think it is necessary to communicate this direct action. Furthermore we believe in *quality* not in *quantity* because a frantic series of attacks doesn't leave space for thinking or for the development of our projects. **In this respect we agree with the project of the Informal Anarchist Federation / International Revolutionary Front (FAI/FRI). We try to fight paralysis and repetition of clichés and to promote a serious dialogue between those who think it is worth-while.**

All over the world there are dozens of cells and groups that give shape to the FAI/FRI following the proposal that came from Italy about ten years ago as a response to the insults of the Italian Anarchist Federation. These groups and cells gained further strength thanks to the comrades of the Conspiracy of the Cells of Fire^[1].

Beyond a few etymological issues concerning words we find a little bit disputable (federation, front), which is not an important point because as the comrades of the CCF said: *"we don't have the slightest affection for words.*

International communication creates ways and possibilities of struggle that each time require

new words to express themselves", we would like to highlight how rough the approach to what the FAI/FRI should be is. **With very few exceptions most interventions didn't kick-start any debate, as far as we know. Little has been done in**

the campaigns of attack against the same target in different areas, and unfortunately claims often express bravado and self-referentiality, while the authors don't seem to pay attention to the signature they use.

Anarchists must never put strategy and caution aside. Power is always a step ahead. Historically the lack of a common signature has never undermined coordination and debate between anarchists from different

"What do we consider an "informal organisation" to be? A whole made up of individuals, groups, structures, movements and other more or less stable forms of relationship between people who attempt to enter into contact in order to deepen their reciprocal knowledge. [...] We think that the Anti-authoritarian Insurrectionalist International should not have a quantitative aim, we should not simply seek a numerical growth in its adherents. This growth will only come about if the participants find it useful to establish reciprocal contacts for going into, each on the basis of their own personal and political affinity, reciprocal knowledge with a view to working together. These contacts will, let's say, be the result of the existence of the International, but will not in any way be bound by it. The individual participants will look for their own comrades, starting off from reciprocal knowledge within the international and building their own kind of affinity with them. This could therefore exclude all the others with whom, although belonging to the same organisation, do not feel close because they lack this affinity. Here the non-quantitative concept of organisation becomes clearer. Not having the characteristics of formal organisations, it does not have growth as its objective, therefore makes no claim to draw into it the whole reality of the struggles in their various national and international expressions as though it were a tiny social laboratory. Instead it intends to limit itself right from the first moment of its existence, to becoming a point of reference, an occasion for those interested to meet and exchange knowledge and form links of affinity, friendship, affection, not in order to create a wider circle of friends but in order to make the others' experiences available to those who want it in order to widen their own possibilities of struggle, therefore their own revolutionary capacity to act on reality."

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Insurrectionalist International

parts of the world. **As for the international Front, we wonder whether we are going towards spectacularization instead of heading to seriousness and strength.** This shows the difference between calling things by their names and imagining things. Surely

there are groups that coordinate and carry out their particular attacks, but it seems to us that the only aspect they have in common is the acronym FAI/FRI.

We are always mindful of these issues, always trying to continue our war, not with fear or remorse but with lucidity and trying to improve... perhaps the fate of anarchists is prison or the graveyard, we don't know, but we try to avoid this fate as best as we can, not because we want to safeguard our lives or search for the easy way but because we are happy with striking, attacking, conspiring, setting fire. We don't want more martyrs or carrion to feast upon. As some comrades of another tendency, comrades we admire for their courage and strength, said: *we want to realise the orgy of our dreams here and now.*

At the moment we are not thinking of finding agreement. We'll see what happens out of this declaration based on respect and acknowledgement of those who struggle against the enemy and don't rest on the safety of mere theory.

We take the opportunity to send our love to the comrades repressed and tortured in Uruguay... they have now been released but are subjected to many restrictions^[2]. Active solidarity with Gabriel Pombo da Silva, prisoner in Spain^[3], Marco Camenish in Switzerland^[4], Nicola Gai and Alfredo Cospito in Italy^[5]. Active solidarity with Hans Niemeyer^[6], Alberto Olivares^[7], Freddy Fuentevilla, Marcelo Villarreal and Juan Aliste^[8], prisoners in Chile, with the brothers and sisters in Greece and with all dignified prisoners in Argentina.

Love and strength to Felicity Ryder^[9] and Diego Rios^[10], whose situation is difficult beyond imagination. **We hope you'll get these words and know you are not alone.**



*We salute the clashes in Brazil,
Colombia and Mexico!*

The conspiracy for revenge doesn't stop!

LONG LIVE ANARCHY!

Bryansk, Russia – Earth Liberation Front / Informal Anarchist Federation claim for the attack on an industrial logging operation:

On October the 2nd of 2013, 2 incendiaries of 1.5l petrol each were placed at the sawmill situated on the land of a hunting resort under Bryansk (western Russia). Tongues of flames rose up to lick the rags left by unfortunate woodcutters right on the device. A nearby hill offered an awesome spot to enjoy the night scene: thick smoke was soon gathering under the roof and coiling around the compound in a mist-like fashion.

We suggest this action to count as our input to the Phoenix project (#7), a project for the revival of direct action deeds and anarchist resistance after the repressions of 2010-2012^[121]. We wholeheartedly support our mates from Moscow cells of CCF and ELF when they state the necessity to resume and widen our attacks on state and capital.

Some thoughts about the recent critique by anonymous comrades from Argentina. Without any second thoughts of being self-referential or posting useless bravado:

Interior debates are not always worth it to publish in English on international sites. Besides we thought that a series of attacks on similar targets still sparks debates in the anarchist community at least on the local level (we can name the anti-police campaign of 2008-2011^[122], Khimki and Butovsky forests^[123], recent protests against the mining project in Voronezh^[124]). Sometimes things go beyond debates.

We also considered it agreed upon that it's very hard to coordinate timed hits on similar structures at the international level (like fur farms, woodcutting businesses, cops, prisons, military structures, industry, banks, gas and oil etc.) as this takes more time and we are communicating on a more or less public level here. So our enemies can get the better of us. **It is debatable whether we should risk our freedom during the next action for a chance to see a communiqué about similar action taking place 6 months later somewhere else.** Besides, one cannot say we do not coordinate to some extent: notice the series of attacks on power supply lines and electricity industry objects in Belarus, Canada and Indonesia, actions taken against banking institutions in the UK, Russia, Germany, Italy, Greece, numerous coordinated hunger strikes performed by our imprisoned comrades throughout the planet.



Aftermath of the first act of the Phoenix Project, an explosive attack on Koridallios prison director's personal car in Athens by the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire together with F.A.I. 'Consciousness Gangs', 07.06.13

For our collective the whole FAI-FRI thing is more important because of the feeling of being part of some wider community. In the past that was the "social anarchist" organisations' exclusive domain. Now anarchists of other inclinations can feel camaraderie and support across the globe. Just several years ago in our country if you wanted to get in touch with anarchists you'd have to suffer through established mainstream anarchist organisations. And if some shit happened they were the first to mumble about police provocateurs and stuff. **Now people who feel the same, who are edging towards rebellion and actions as no less valid than anarchist theory, can link up outside the pacifist and reformist anarchist framework.** And when we read about hundreds of cars burning in one part of the world^[125], banks going up in flames in another^[126] and construction vehicles sabotaged somewhere else^[127] – so much the better. A short trip in memory: recall the heated discussions over the FAI acronym just a little while ago (or early discussions over the support/denouncement of CCF). **We believe it is the achievement of every group from FAI-FRI that things have changed.**



Indonesian police school burns in Balikpapan as the fifth act of the Phoenix Project by 'International Conspiracy for Revenge', 24.08.13

We understand that your concern is lack of streamlined coordination in our attacks, but we have another issue to discuss as well: **new groups to be formed, spreading of information, countermeasures against repression.** If one wants to coordinate her [sic] attacks more thoroughly, she needs only to read other people's communiqués better. But to fight the still ongoing repression aimed at direct action groups world-wide – this is the task we believe should be addressed ASAP.

- ELF/FAI, Nestor Makhno Commando^[128]

1. ed. - See *Return Fire vol.1 pg40*

2. ed. - After a riotous demonstration in Montevideo on August 14th 2013, two anarchists were arrested and bailed; before another demonstration on the 24th four simultaneous operations in the vicinity of La Solidaridad squat carried out by the intelligence police, Department of Special Operations and Interpol snatched 12 more, to be insulted, beaten and threatened with rape (as none ended up charged it seems the main intent was identification). On the 28th one of the bailed was called to present herself to immigration officials then kidnapped again by the State. The other bailed was seized by an unmarked car outside her own house the next day. This takes place in the context of a police wiretap campaign, harassment, eviction attempts and other attacks against the anarchist movement in Uruguay.

3. ed. - See *'I Didn't Want to be a Proud Worker'*

4. ed. - See *Rebels Behind Bars; "Mayday is Not a Celebration – The Colonisation of Everyday Life"*

5. ed. - See *Rebels Behind Bars; Verdict Read Against F.A.I./F.R.I. 'Olga Cell'*

6. ed. - See *Global Flash-Points*

7. ed. - A former combative prisoner of Pinochet's dictatorship, Alberto is now part way through his sentences after a number of expropriations in Chile. He partakes in the January 22nd prisoners' collective, hunger strikes and other protests.

8. ed. - See *Return Fire vol.1 pg72*

9. ed. - See *Return Fire vol.1 pg98*

10. ed. - See *'On the Open Road'*

11. ed. - The Phoenix Project is carried out by various groups as a campaign open for any anarchist to join, and was inspired by the arson against the National Association of Prison Guards in Santiago during May 2013 (as revenge after anarchist prisoner Ariadna Torres was punished for insulting a judge and the jailers seized her letter to the outside – see *Rebels Behind Bars; The Temuco Bombs Case*). It has spread from Greece to Indonesia, Russia (as above), back to Chile and as of March 2014 so far also to Mexico.

12. ed. - Multiple and concerted attacks (primarily in the Moscow district but also in other cities) on police traffic posts, service vehicles, stations and in one case even personal cars outside a cop's home. These years saw the rise of insurrectional anarchism in the Russian state territory, with the birth of the Russian groups from Conspiracy of Cells of Fire and the Informal Anarchist Federation alongside other guerrilla formations and many anonymous attacks. The campaign even spread into Ukraine, where '8th of May Movement' carried out a molotov attack on a police station in Kharkiv. It wasn't limited to police; you could see nine luxury cars mysteriously burning in Moscow the same night that anarchists reported two police cars doing the same at their station in Troitsk after their visit, or as the St Petersburg revolutionary organisation R.A.T.S. arsoned a bulldozer and road roller where the business centre of oil and gas traders Gazprom was being constructed while in Eastern Degunino the second unclaimed bomb attack on police stations in the district within two days damaged the structure and two cars of the attendant fleet. Simultaneously with the improvised explosive attack at the police centre of Pezna (for which no group took responsibility), the Animal Liberation Front torched a forest service vehicle in a Moscow region game preserve.

13. ed. - These two forests in Russia are both under threat and are the stage of fierce eco-defence.

14. ed. - The nickel mining project is a threat to Azov Basin, especially to Khopra River (believed to be the

cleanest river in the basin). The project is also 15km from a unique oak forest and home for endangered species. Another Russian nickel mine near Norilsk is believed to be one of the most polluted places in the world, a wasteland with no vegetation for 24km around, producing smog, acid rain, respiratory diseases and toxic metals in the human body. In June 2013 a crowd of several hundred stormed the premises of the mine's geological exploration party, torching cars, construction trailers and drilling rigs.

15. ed. - In the first three months of 2013 in Buenos Aires, 'Friends of the Earth' arsoned 100 cars which were either luxury models or belonged to private security. Two months before, they had burned over 100 more. The group regularly torches luxury, private security, police and other governmental vehicles (some in daylight hours), among other actions, and since 2011 began also claiming as a F.A.I. group.

16. ed. - Shortly before this claim, F.A.I. groups had firebombed a Banco Estado branch in Santiago, Chile (frequented by guards from the adjacent prison) and a Barclays branch in Bristol, U.K. From the Bristol communiqué by F.A.I. 'Improvised Guerrilla Formation': "our attack on this predatory institution aimed at the principle of civilised progress itself which banks represent so well: economic growth, development and expansion, which needs masses chained to their jobs and the earth to be ravaged, the essence of industrial capitalism with all the class slavery and domination of wildness that it requires." Meanwhile the Santiago action was by F.A.I./F.R.I. 'Victor Lambros Incendiary Group'. Victor Lambros is the son of Pola Roupa and Nikos Maziotis (militants of the armed social anarchist organisation Revolutionary Struggle), born July 24th 2010 in Greek prison before the two gained pre-trial release. He's named Victor in memory of Pola's father (a saboteur during the Nazi occupation of Greece), and Lambros in honour of the anarchist guerrilla Lambros Foundas (also a Revolutionary Struggle fighter, killed during a shootout - see **Return Fire vol.1 pg62**). "In July 2012, the whole family went into clandestinity, fleeing from sentences of 50 years in prison. To date they have not been arrested. For us, the flight of these three compañeros represents that, even in the most difficult situations, there is some hope."

17. ed. - In Moscow not long before this, C.C.F./E.L.F. arsoned bulldozers at a highway construction site.

18. ed. - This group was previous known by their torching of a mobile phone tower near Bryansk and expropriation of portable equipment from its booth. They're named after an anarchist guerrilla who fought at the forefront of the Revolutionary Insurrectionary Army of Ukraine during the Russian Civil War, after organising many expropriations of landowners' estates for peasant unions following his liberation from life imprisonment during the 1917 revolution. Makhno battled in succession against the Ukrainian Nationalists, the Imperial German and Austro-Hungarian occupation, the Hetmanate Republic, the White Army, the Red Army...



The banner (in Krakow, Poland) reads: "STRENGTH, LOVE & SOLIDARITY TO THE INCENDIARY HOSTAGES OF THE SYSTEM IN ITALY, GREECE, MEXICO & CHILE"

EXCERPTS IN UNORDERED TIME FROM A HEALING FEMALE LINE

"Our first experience of fear is to be separte from the mother body, the source of all life and happiness" - C.G.Jung

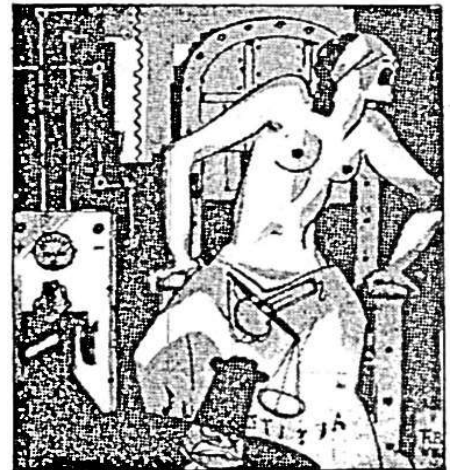
In this culture our second experience of fear is to be trapped by our mother/parents in the house, the unit of capitalist exploitation which extracts profit from the lives and life-force of women and children. Animals in captivity often have problems breeding and displaying healthy, parenting behaviours with their offspring.

I am in my mother's house. I know the doors are locked. They will be, because it is night outside. They are always locked to the night. The night is, for her, dangerous. Dangerous for women, dangerous for children. Full of strangers, bad people, criminals, fear. **Her fear.**

I am required to be a part of the house by my mother. If she catches me trying to break away she will give me fear. Pour it into me from her mouth, from her eyes, her words, the ways in which she holds her body until I am bound by this fear also. For her peace of mind she needs to know that I am here, inside this house. Then everything that she cares about is locked up inside, safe, because she does not want to feel that fear. To get caught up in imagining the worst things which could happen away in the outside world. Things she has been told. Fears she has been given, from the man in the corner shop, from the girl at work, from her family, from television, from newspapers, from others, fear from her mother and her mother before that and how far back? **I am locked in, by more than keys.**

I am afraid, I am afraid of my mother's fear, but beside that I have my own, underlying tension. It makes me nervous to be trapped. Unable to escape. That is my fear, the fear of imprisonment. They fight within me, the fear of the guard versus the fear of the prison.

I learned to walk quietly around the house, so that I could listen. To check that the house remained silent I learned every squeak in every floorboard and every creak in every door until I could traverse the house as silently as a ghost without even thinking of it. It became habit, in order to bear everything. I would not even make the sound of breathing. Sometimes when I met people around the house, and spoke to them they would jump, with, "Oh! You scared me." Strange I thought, they could be



afraid of me? When there were much more scary things in the house.

I would not always stay locked in. At night when everyone was asleep, I could creep ever so quietly downstairs, avoiding the one, that creaky step. I could quietly unlock the back door, slowly moving the keys in the locks, not a creak, not a clatter and exit, ever so carefully, slowly shutting and locking it behind me. **AND BREATHE.** Then I was **FREE!** Outside in the world which was **ALIVE!** Everything sparkling in the streetlight, moonlight, starlight night and rustling in the wind, wafting tantalising scents of plants and earth and tarmac to me. The sound of my footsteps clear and crisp on the streets.

It is like playing Tetris to a point in a circle repeatedly around you. The game you learn to play from your mother, the flow of objects in space. Processing, preserving, purchasing, discarding. Working, scrubbing again and again and again. To survive. What would the earth come to look like around me if I could get to it? Down through the layer of concrete I have been caged upon and play that game there, planting and weeding. Letting things live or die.

The house becomes an extension of your body as you teach your child the game. Something that must be cared for, continued. You build the computer uterus, the cotton wool world of childhood, laced with television dreams. The place in which to hide from outside eyes the shit and the blood and the sweat and the tears of real life under the bright, clean hygienic carpets and work-tops. Women's work. **Until one day you give birth for a second time. They leave the house conditioned to go and make another unit, to feed the rich,** to continue the factory farmed human breeding program.



I ask myself. Shall I let it live or shall I let it die? This my creation?

"Got comfort, a pool and all the things that people come to Spain for during the summer. I'm sure you'll feel better about your home once you've had a trip away for a while. Sounds to me like you're going stir-crazy. I can understand that. I get VERY stir-crazy here," says Mother.

The underlying fear that if you don't tow the line you will be attacked. A surface calm exists, hiding the emotions of a disturbed childlike being. I remember my dreams when I was a girl in her care that she was trying to kill me. The evil mother, the one which you hardly ever saw, suppressed as it was behind the mask of idyllic motherhood... But occasionally a crack would appear in that controlled exterior allowing out the years of rage in random unheralded violence. Crying out that the world is selfish, selfish.

The repeating patterns of abuse. Mother tells me about how horrible her mother and older sister were to her.

"They used to make things up about me, then punish me for them by not speaking to me. You know she didn't mention me in her will, or you two. I don't care about the money. She's having a dig at me from beyond the grave. I try to tell myself I don't care, but it still hurts. She didn't come to my wedding, none of my family did."

"That's interesting," I say, "you and my older sister have played out the same thing with me for a year when my child was young and I don't know why."

"I don't remember," says Mother.

How deep do you want to dig? How far back do you want to go? How much do you think you could handle to know? Picture albums by a railway line are sometimes not always picked up. Then the patterns just repeat as people go on unknowing and unknown.

Mother says, "It's like when I was young there was no security, my mother and father fought, my mother and sister ganged up on me. It was like the house had a personality

and it was my anchor, my security and ever since I've needed that in my life. It was my comfort, my significant other." Prison.

Learned helplessness is where you put a dog in a cage and give it [sic] electrical shocks if it goes on one side. It learns not to. Then you shock it if it goes on the other side which it learns and then you shock it randomly no matter what it does. In the end it just gives up and lies down there. Even when you open the cage and it could walk free.

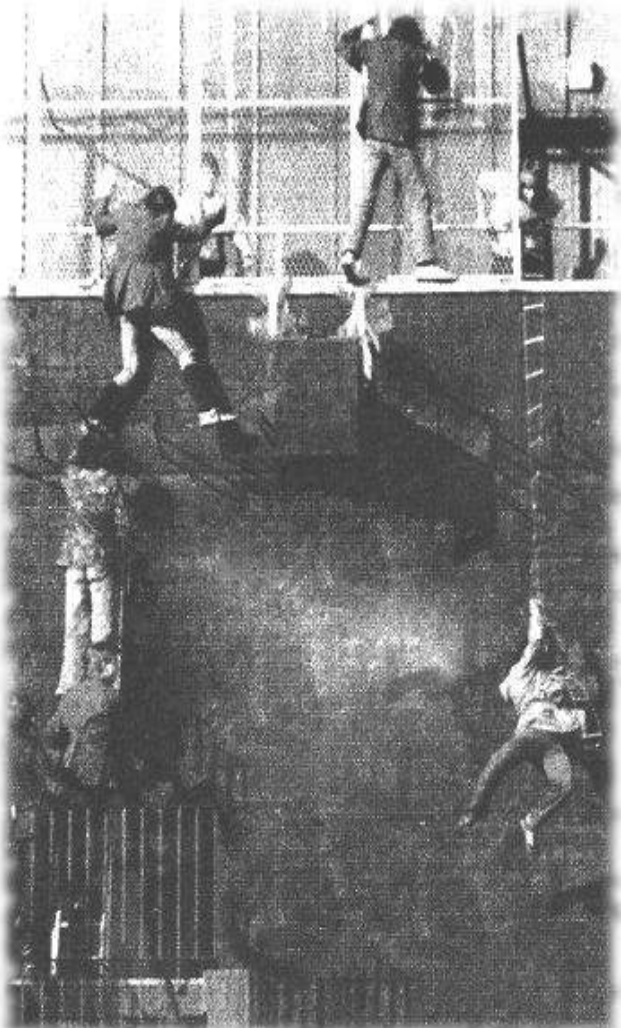
I'd been up LIVING, in the night. Dancing and dancing, in a squat in another town. Train home in the morning light. I was happy to put music on and play Tetris in a circle around the house. Allowing my mind to wander as my body moved through the space. Letting the ego step back. While passing through the attic I thought to go and do something (I don't remember what now, it must have been something as interesting as tidying paper clips) and felt myself repress that drive, NO, a constriction in my trunk associated with the decision to not do the thing I wanted. I stopped still, thinking, "That's interesting, I wonder how it would look, that repressive construct, if I enlarge upon it through my body and allow it to flow onto my face." I did so, and turned to look into the mirror to see what it was, and I was terrified for there was the face that used to haunt my nightmares, the child killer. The face of my mother SCARING me. Taught helplessness.

When I think of the violence in my childhood I feel powerless.

The house, my mother's body. My body, my mother's body, her mother's, mother's mother's, makes more compost. Life striving after life striving after life, while trapped in this machine perpetuates the loneliness.

"Women's unpaid labour in the home has been the pillar upon which the exploitation of the waged workers, "wage-slavery", has been built, and the secret of its productivity."
- Mariarosa Dalla Costa

"Every trauma that occurs is an individual trauma perpetrated by individuals and experienced by individuals. Every trauma is a social trauma with roots in social institutions and implications for society at large, and every trauma is a historic trauma, fostered by the past and reverberating into the future. Our society is made up of vast numbers of traumatized individuals, and our culture has come into being through a universally traumatizing process. The outcome - today's technological civilization with its massive psychopathologies and unending ecological disasters - is a collective reflection of the traumatized personality." - My Name is Chellis and I'm in Recovery From Western Civilization



THE FAULTLINE OF ISTANBUL

– *Insurrection Notes From Taksim*

“People flock the streets, barricades are set up, cars are burning and everything that’s not bolted down gets thrown at the police. The sky is clouded by teargas and a scream for freedom makes its way through the dust. The planned destruction of one of the last green spots in Istanbul, to have a shopping mall instead, was the spark that brought thousand of people to the streets for resistance. So far the revolt spread like a wildfire all over the country. No matter how different the motivations and reasons of everyone involved may be, they open new spaces of self-organisation, solidarity and controversy by rupturing the existent.

All these things that are rarely happening in this world as we know it. Between school, work, paying your rent, feeding your family and so on, it seems like there is no time to dispute with the destruction of our environment. We like the fact, that there are people that still doing exactly that. As we can see, the small fights in your daily life can be the trigger of a general uprising. We are recognising the smoke signals of the cities and we see these fights matching up with our own ones – against displacement, degradation and police violence. That’s why we call out for solidarity with the people of the uprising. Let them see the signals from on the Bosphorus as well, so that they are not alone.”

– leaflet handed out at a June 7th spontaneous solidarity demonstration in Berlin while blocking traffic, building barricades and attacking police with stones, paintbombs and fire under the Turkish-language banner “Özgürlük için omuz omuza!” (“Side by Side Towards Freedom!”)



[ed. - The occupation of Taksim Square and Gezi Park in Istanbul began on May 28th to resist the government’s plans to build a shopping centre and destroy the green area. Clashes begun on May 31st, and escalated from demonstrations to full-blown rioting across 67 cities all over Turkey. An unprecedented amount of people flooded to the streets regardless of the barrage of tear gas, bullets (both plastic and live), water cannons and more, as the uprising generalised itself past the specific ecological concern. Besides the destruction of the construction equipment, it was the police who saw the largest amount of anger directed at them. Here’s a text from local anarchists about the context and events of the revolt. As we prepare to print, Berkin Elvan died on March 11th, having turned 15 while in a coma after being shot in the head by a tear-gas canister in June, becoming the most recent dead from the uprising. The next day, after the funeral, banks were attacked and a ruling party election office was trashed and burned. Nothing is over...]

Actually it was NOT totally unpredictable, but we somehow couldn’t see it was coming. What have people of Turkey being doing until this revolt? Students have beaten up the teachers who gave them grades lower than they deserved. People stabbed doctors who neglected their loved ones. They shot sergeants to run away, and deserted obligatory military service. They



Mayday 2012 riot in Istanbul the year before the Gezi Park protests. Various eco/anarchist organisations and individuals rallied behind a banner: ‘We Are Going to Burn Banks, Factories, Jails, Constitutions, Flags and Uniforms’. A strong black bloc launched attacks on various banks and companies such as Starbucks, Burger King, McDonalds etc. while destroying advertising and transportation infrastructure.

Insurrection of individuals and revolutionary groups finally touched each other and got connected in Gezi Park Resistance (as of May 29 to date [ed. - article posted mid-June]). **So, we wanted to share some of our observations from behind the barricades with you:**

– Roads were blocked, trunks and back seats are checked to see if they secretly sneak gas bombs to police. Because police used ambulances to sneak bombs, people carefully searched them; people stoned fire trucks because they were observed to be carrying water for the water cannons that put out fire barricades.

– ID checks for those who were suspected to be undercover police.

– CCTVs and cameras were dismantled and damaged.

– More than 40 outstanding barricades were set. Pavement stones, billboards, traffic signs, trash cans, whatever is in hand and lying around, were used.

crashed police stations and beat up abusive police officers. After courts gave their verdict, people gave a taste of their own verdict at the hallways of courts. Women brought their own justice to their violators. They committed suicides under the pressure of big exams, credit card debts...

– Banks, ATMs, billboards and bus stop advertisements were destroyed.

– Police containers and police cars were set on fire, OR used for the benefit of public.

– Construction machines and buses were overturned, damaged and set on fire.

– Food and necessary supplies were shoplifted from corporate supermarkets around the neighborhood.

– Media vehicles (CNN van) were overturned and destroyed.

– A bulldozer was captured to counter-attack riot control vehicles, and water cannons were pushed out of the streets.

– Young kids who were abused and humiliated by cops every day set the record straight by stoning and cursing them in their face. They wrestled back their integrity.

– Trucks and bulldozers were captured and used to build barricades.

– Unorganized and largely apolitical youth got acquainted, discussed and mutually learned tactics and strategies with more radical and organized groups.

– Thousands of young people got firsthand experience in clashing with police forces.

– A large solidarity network was spontaneously organized for food, drinks, solution for tear gas and cigarettes.

– Drink and food points were set up to disperse free stuff to whomever in need.

– People started to frantically share everything, their chocolate bars, cigarettes, their home-made food, food they were given by others.

– Trash and litter were collectively collected, even the cigarette butts.

– Everybody was helping everybody with anti-acid solutions against tear gas on the barricades.

– People opened their houses' doors, as well as small cafes and shops, for perfectly random protestors, who were cornered by police forces.



– Housewives and other people in the neighborhoods joined the protests with making noise with pans, etc.

– Food and anti-acid solution kits were placed in a lot of spots.

– First-aid points were set up.

– Doctors ran from barricade to barricade during heavy clashes.

– Street vendors happily proliferate in the absence of police, who normally chase them and confiscate their stuff.

– Sex workers, including transsexuals, could work, stroll around, and mingled with others freely without being abused.

– A vacant area under closure had been liberated for the public and turned into a small park.

– Some other vacant houses, which were under mortgage closures, were occupied and put into use.

– A small urban garden was created.

– A free library was set up.

– People read bulletins and pamphlets like they never did before. They thought things they never thought before.

– People claimed back and made the streets their own again with graffiti, stencils and various different flags and colors instead of billboards and commercials.

– Instead of going to work or back home with public transportation or cabs, people marched slowly under clouds of tear gas chanting slogans and curses. They weren't scared anymore, they kept on marching.

– People determined their own agenda, not parties, powers or leaders.

– Not a single woman was abused. They freely marched, strolled around and stayed in the park.

– People spent their time together instead of killing it in front of TVs or computer screens.

– Masses were disillusioned and openly started to criticize mass media.

– Kurds freely waved their guerrilla flags (PKK [Kurdish Workers Party]), showcased portraits of their guerrilla leader under arrest (Apo) and enjoyed themselves with their traditional collective folk dances. Nationalists willy nilly had to get used to it. Even some of them couldn't resist and joined the dances.

– Middle-class activists, with their pristine bourgeois hygiene standards, ate the same food, shit in the same portable johns and went long periods without showers together with the homeless people and street animals.



People realized life without cops is JOY, indeed.



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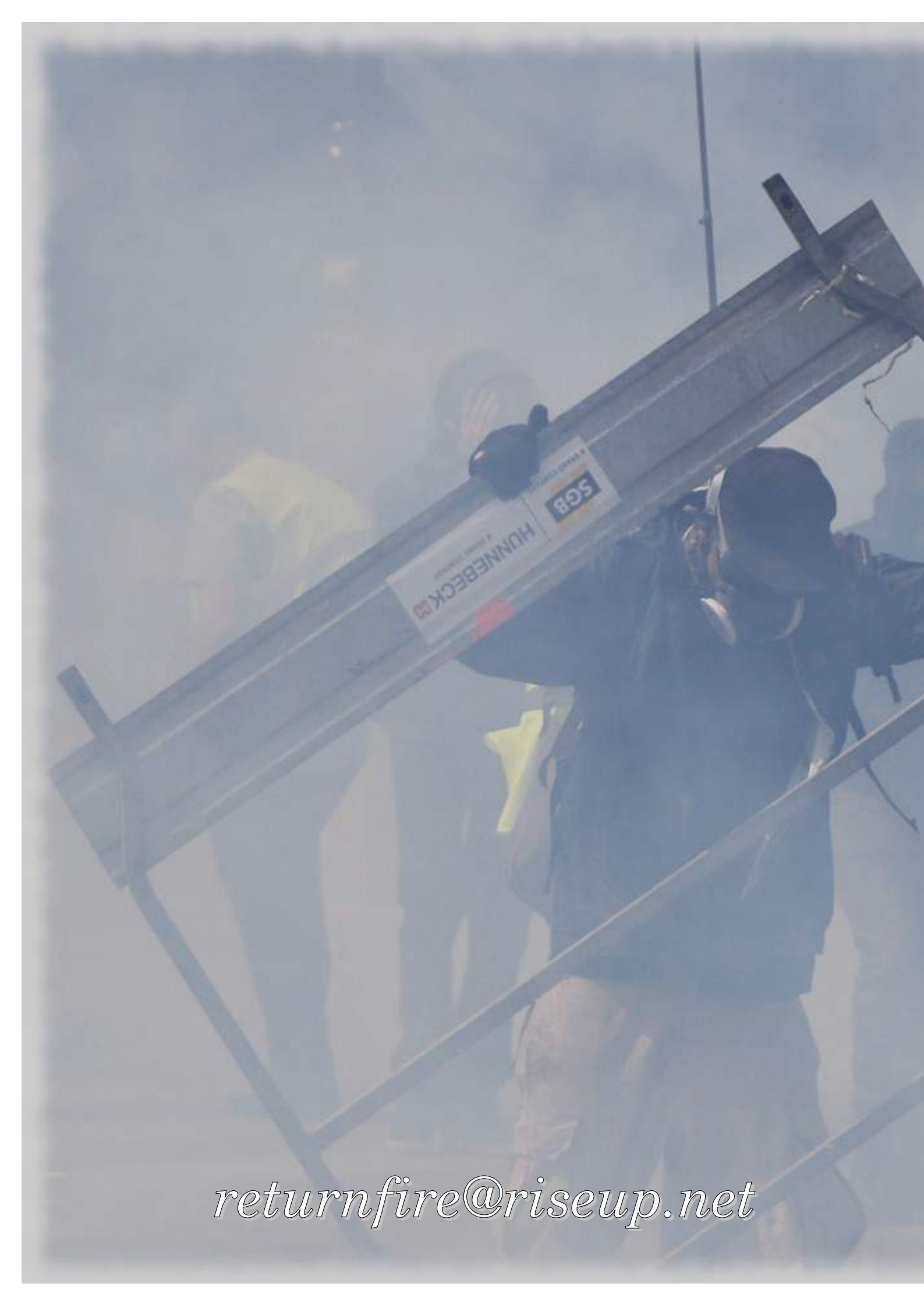
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Her feet scarcely moved, but her body so swayed and her dress spread so gloriously around her that we were transported with joy. She danced to the song of a bird that sang passionately in Other Kingdom, and the river held back its waves to watch her (one might have supposed), and the winds lay spell-bound in their cavern, and the great clouds spell-bound in the sky. She danced away from our society and our life, back, back through the centuries till houses and fences fell and the earth lay wild to the sun. Her garment was as foliage upon her, the strength of her limbs as boughs, her throat the smooth upper branch that salutes the morning or glistens to the rain. Leaves move, leaves hide it as hers was hidden by the motion of her hair. Leaves move again and it is ours, as her throat was ours again when, parting the tangle, she faced us crying, 'Oh!', crying, 'Oh, Harcourt! I never was so happy. I have all that there is in the world.'

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