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“...To break off with the press and television, with the images and labels that they place on our backs, means breaking off with politics. But the conclusion cannot be that of a refusal to communicate beyond the anarchist milieu at all, but rather that of a rebellion that gives itself its own tools of autonomous communication.”  
-Caught In The Web Of Deception



## Reportback from Greenhill Solidarity Demo

Today (July 8th) there was a noise demo at Green Hill youth prison in Chehalis, WA. Prisoners at Green Hill went on strike today in solidarity with the Pelican Bay hunger and work strike, and to fight for their own set of demands including affordable treatment programs, better food, adequate healthcare, and minimum wage for all jobs (full demands can be read online at [prisonstrike.wordpress.com](http://prisonstrike.wordpress.com) and in the 2nd issue of *Storming Heaven*).

Approximately 50 people met up at the park across the road from the prison and banged on pots and pans, listened to music, wrote messages in chalk on the ground, set off fireworks and smoke bombs, and held banners. From where we were standing we could see groups of prisoners being led across the yard to go to different areas of campus. The prisoners could definitely see us, and some waved or held up a fist at us. At one point a group of people ran up to the fence surrounding the yard and spelled the word “strike” in red plastic cups in the fence, facing the prisoners. Multiple banners bearing anti-prison messages were hung from the fence. A lit smoke bomb was tossed over the fence into the yard. Through all of this, there was virtually no police interference. The cops drove by a few times and were parked a little way down the road, but aside from briefly (and unsuccessfully) trying to convince two people holding a banner to move further from the fence, they took a hands-off approach.

One of the reasons this demo was significant was that it was a public and social antagonistic event outside of Seattle. Seattle is generally regarded in western Washington as the hub to which one travels for big anarchist events. There hasn't been a public antagonistic demo in Olympia that hasn't resulted in mass arrest in years. Although Chehalis is 25 miles south of Olympia, this event was largely organized by Olympians, and it was cool to see a public rowdy event happen outside of Seattle.

Some of the kids at Green Hill will in all shitty likelihood be the lifers who determine prison culture for the next handful of decades. To be clear, we aim for the immediate destruction of all prisons, but also see some potential for escalated tension within prisons for years to come if youth prisoners take part in strikes and are met with solidarity and complicity from people on the outside.

We won't know for days, if not weeks, how the strike is unfolding inside Green Hill. But as struggle develops inside Green Hill, we hope to be able to continue building diffuse solidarity from the outside.

## First Hunger Strike Death

*Originally posted to [striketheprisons.com](http://striketheprisons.com)*

We received the following letter just this morning. We deeply mourn the loss of ‘Guero,’ the first to die in the hunger strike. He died for more than himself. Killed by his conditions, by this system, we remember him.

It is with a heavy heavy heart I bring you the news that a hunger striker housed in 4B-3L of the Corcoran SHU, named Billy Michael Sell, more commonly known as ‘Guero,’ died on Monday the 22nd of July. I spoke with several prisoners today about him, some that knew him very well and they were very somber and concerned. The prisoners say, “Billy died because of the Hunger Strike”. That he was “strong, was a good person, a good soldier” and that the allegations by CDCR that this was a suicide are, “completely out of character for him and that he wasn't like that” Several guys stated, “No one believes he killed himself” He was supposedly going without water as well as food and may have had other health issues, that is unknown. As stated below, Guero is reported to have started asking for medical attention around the 15th or 16th of July, in which he did not receive and died 4 days later. He is from Riverside but none of the guys knew how to contact his family.

Here is more about him from a letter drafted for the Statewide Medical Executive, Dr. Tharrett:

“We have confirmed that CDCR claims that Billy Sell, P41250, age 32, housed in the Security Housing Unit, allegedly took his own life on July 22, 2013.”

According to information we have gathered, Mr. Sell was not under care for mental illness at the time of his death. According to other inmates near his cell, he had been requesting medical attention “for a few days” and had not received it by July 22. The other prisoners who knew Billy confirmed that he was on the hunger strike and said it would be very strange and uncharacteristic of him to take his own life. Inmates said that the guards reported he had hanged himself. The other prisoners doubt the veracity of that story.

## ANNOUNCEMENT: 6th Arrest Regarding Tinley Park Antifascist Attack

Jason Hammond of Chicago, IL has been arrested and charged with armed violence, aggravated battery and mob action in connection with the incident regarding the arrests of the Tinley Park 5.

From the Tinley Park 5 support website ([tinleyparkfive.wordpress.com](http://tinleyparkfive.wordpress.com)):

“In May 2012, the Tinley Park Five were arrested in regards to an altercation between white supremacists and antifascists in the Chicago suburb of Tinley Park that left ten injured fascists, three of which needed hospitalization. Two white supremacists were also arrested, one for possession of child pornography and another for possessing a firearm as a felon. Despite this and the fact that the meeting was organized by violent white supremacist organizations including the National Socialist Movement, Council of Conservative Citizens, and Ku Klux Klan, the State showed their cozy relationship with white supremacy by refusing the accused antifascist activist bail or a plea deal comparable to any other criminal defendant in Cook County.

In January 2013 the Tinley Park Five accepted a non-cooperating plea deal. Currently the five antifascists are serving sentences ranging from three to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.”

They can all be written at these addresses:

Alex Stuck M34020  
2600 N. Brinton Avenue  
Dixon, IL 61021

Jason Sutherlin M34023  
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East Moline, IL 61244

Cody Sutherlin M34021  
13423 E 1150th Ave  
Robinson, IL 62454

John Tucker M34024  
P.O. Box 900  
Taylorville, IL 62568

Dylan Sutherlin M34022  
P.O. Box 7711  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Anti-NATO Protester Incarcerated

Christopher French was arrested at the NATO protests in Chicago, IL last year and has recently plead to misdemeanor resisting arrest after prosecutors dropped a felony aggravated battery of a police officer charge. French received a 364 day sentence on August 15th, 2013. According to prosecutors, French had tried to break through a line of officers on bicycles, pushed an officer who was detaining a protester and then scuffled with police who tried to arrest him, slightly injuring three officers.

Christopher French can be written at:  
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### July 5th, Banner Drop in Solidarity With Prisoner Strike

A banner reading “PRISONER HUNGER & WORK BEGINS JULY 8TH!” was hung from an overpass within visibility of the King County Jail in downtown Seattle.

### July 8th, Banner Drop in Solidarity With Prison Strike

A banner reading “Strike Against Prisons” was hung over I-5 in Chehalis, WA, within view of the Green Hill youth prison on the morning of the first day of the strike. Prisoners at Greenhill Juvenile Detention Center have stated their intention to join to strike as well as their demands.

### July 14th, Rally and March for Trayvon Martin

The R.C.P. called for a rally and march to call for “justice” in the wake of George Zimmerman getting away with the murder of Trayvon Martin. Anarchists had a notable presence, yet failed to antagonize towards an actual conflict.

### July 14th, Development Arson in Pullman, WA

According to federal prosecutors, an apartment development was burned to the ground in the middle of the night by one of the employees working for the subcontracting company building the development. The arson caused \$13 million in damages to more than four buildings.

### July 15th, Black Bloc for Trayvon Martin

A black bloc of about 50 people gathered at Seattle Central Community College as night settled and took to the streets with anti-police hip-hop blasting from the sound system and twice as many pigs accompanying the march from all sides. Flyers were thrown in the air and street-signs dragged into the streets. The march wound its way to the juvenile detention center before returning to SCCC for another rally, despite losing much of its participants along the way.

### August 8th, Development Arson in Portland, OR

An apartment building under construction in Portland was set ablaze in the early morning hours, causing \$5 million dollars in damage. The development was located in a neighborhood undergoing a steady gentrification campaign. Turn to the back page of this paper to read the communique.

### August 11th, Development Arson

A housing development under construction on 24th Ave & E. Pine St was set on fire, causing \$5,000 in damage.

## OF THOSE WITH FIRE IN THEIR HEARTS: ON THE RECENT BURNINGS & CAPITALIST DEVELOPMENT

In the last year there have been a notable rise in fiery attacks directed against projects of capitalist development in the Pacific Northwest, ranging from the movements of the Anti-Gentrification Front in Vancouver, the claimed and unclaimed burnings of apartment complexes and a restaurant in Seattle, and nearly an entire city block under development razed to the ground in Portland which was claimed by Students For Insurrection. These targets vary in the ways in which they contribute to the ongoing war of gentrification, yet remain targets of anarchist rage all the same. These actions have spoken well to those who know how to listen to fires that burn at night, yet an ongoing dialogue around gentrification largely remains to be seen in an anarchist context. This article in no way means to critique the actions or the method of those with fire in their hearts, but instead to develop on the ideas that go hand in hand with the practice.

It must be stressed that simply fighting for an immediate halt to housing and economic development in lower-class neighborhoods cannot be the end-goal of such anarchist praxis and theory. This sentiment reeks of reformist demand and compromise, insisting that if things stayed the way they were people could be satisfied. Such a claim ignores the reality that the neighborhoods in which we live in that are largely made up of poor, excluded and working class people are already party of a much larger mechanic of social control. They are simply mechanisms in which to house workers who act merely as grease within the cogs of the capitalist machine of progress. The neighborhoods in which people inhabit in urban (and even suburban) areas cannot secede from the capitalist functions they perform without the complete and utter destruction of capitalism. Simply demanding an end to encroaching yuppie establishments and housing will not end the daily misery of capitalism.

As an excluded class overall, poor and working class people from the beginning are kept out of well-paying jobs due to lack of certification and knowledge that largely requires years in a university or other academic setting, a certainly unattainable status for those who cannot afford the price. Most of the time the excluded must find work in precarious (undependable) ways such as service work, sex work, hustling drugs, etc. Often this puts people in a small income bracket, actively pushing them out of living in the neighborhoods where so many people find themselves working in. Specifically speaking, housing and rent rates continue to soar throughout Seattle, especially in the downtown area and in Capitol Hill, where there is also a large concentration of venues in which those without an employable expertise find their income. The buses from these neighborhoods that go south at the end of the day into the Central District and Columbia City, notably more poor neighborhoods, are often filled with construction workers and service-industry workers. Those who find themselves homeless also frequent these routes, leaving the more economically abundant neighborhoods where they might convince passerby to kick down some change only so that they may head into the lesser-policed neighborhoods in hopes of a place to sleep. But that terrain is also changing, given that the Central District and Columbia City have proven to be key interest points for developers, and we are seeing an increase in police presence with walking patrols. Capitalist development deliberately separates neighborhoods based on class and financial income.

Not only is this a metaphorical policing of where people are allowed to live and spend their time, it is also accompanied by a literal policing as well. This summer Cal Andersen Park, the heart of Capitol Hill, saw an increase in police patrols as dusk fell, kicking out and harassing homeless people as well as just about anybody lingering around, as happens every summer. A more noticeable change occurred however after the Springtime increase in violent assaults, as the park was assigned two State Park Deputies for patrol. The city's narrative around this decision was one of maintaining public safety in the wake of such ugly incidents, while shootings in neighborhoods south of Capitol Hill have continued to rise throughout the summer without any kind of similarly allotted "safety measures". Thus it is easy to ascertain that the city of Seattle's concern over "public safety" is applicable only insofar as it pertains to neighborhoods of wealthier inhabitants. This does not mean to infer that city officials should be protecting all of "the people" with increased police patrols in every neighborhood, nor "better use of taxpayer money", but instead to illuminate one of the many laws that has governed class-based society, that the excluded classes have never been in the agenda of those who make decisions regarding the laws and regulations that govern them. The police actively kick out the excluded from wealthier neighborhoods with the façade of "public safety" hanging from their necks, while simultaneously turning a blind eye to violence in poorer neighborhoods. This contradiction is easy to see.

Gentrification goes even deeper than the deliberate separation of neighborhoods based on class. As neighborhoods are witness to a rise in housing rates and commercial development, a network of individuals and committees appears that seems to be the driving force in this mad dash for progress, which can also specifically be cited in Seattle. In the Central District, there are three corners on the prominent intersection of 23rd Ave S & S Union St that are owned by one man, Ian Eisenberg; on one corner stands the restaurants Med-Mix (recently victim of a \$90,000 arson) and next to it the Neighbor Lady (formerly the last black-owned bar in the Central District), across the street is a collection of small businesses and a post-office that all sit upon the entire city block that Eisenberg also owns, and across the street from there lies a large empty plot next to the now-closed Wildcat Social Center which is slated for the development of a multi-story condominium development very soon. This one man practically owns an entire intersection in the central-district, a neighborhood ripe for developing.

There is a new development going in at 25th Ave E between John St. & Madison St. by "sustainable builder" Cascade Built who flaunt the fact that their owner Sloan Ritchie has lived in the Central District for 15 years. There are a multitude of "green" certifications and guidelines the developments will pass so that they can be sold as such, but it is easy to see such blatant lies once one has come to realize that there is no such thing as "green" or "passive" development. The development company expects it to be finished around next summer.

The Central Area Land Use Review Committee (CA LURC) aim to create "a positive atmosphere of collaboration with incoming developers. We aim to facilitate community conversations to constructively shape development as it enters our neighborhood." Earlier this week they hosted a community meeting to give Central District residents a chance to review development plans for a 160-unit housing development on S. Jackson St, headed by the development company Isola Capital, who have been largely responsible for the eviction and destruction of old houses in the Central District in order to build the new, disgusting and utterly horrid looking condos that are seen popping up all over the neighborhood. This committee wishes to facilitate and thereby mitigate conversations between those who live in the neighborhood and those who wish to develop the neighborhood. It is clear they aim to pave the way for developers to not run into widespread anger as they demolish and rebuild.

This is the policing of living conditions and the geography of inhabitation. It is not just the police and the threat of imprisonment who kick homeless people out of parks and off the streets, who violently keep those from procuring more illegal sources of income. There are names and faces to the entities, which aid in creating the suffocating conditions that force people to work, to hustle, and to spend their lives merely surviving instead of thriving. The police work hand in hand with developers and neighborhood committees in their daily assault against the excluded and unwanted and the radar of targets worthy of anarchist violence must not overlook this.

One of the more exciting attacks to occur this year in the Pacific Northwest was when a green condo-development in the Central District that was under construction was brutally burned to the ground followed up by a communiqué claiming solidarity with grand-jury resisters in Seattle. Many critiques of the current social order met at an intersection through this nighttime arson; a hatred of development, a refusal of the lies of "sustainability", and an authentic desire for solidarity and action.

An anarchist critique of gentrification must also carry a seething hatred for the conditions that already rule our lives, the result of that being a desire for the complete and total destruction of the society that creates and reproduces work in every form, precarious or not. Our lives are delivered to us as if it were a simple board game in which there are only so many paths we may take towards an elevated state of spectacular consumerism. If neighborhood committees and business development agencies are to make 10 Year Plans for neighborhood development, why can't we? In what ways can we plot long-term schemes in which there are constantly thorns in the sides of developers and city council members as they try their hand at ruining everything in sight? If we truly desire freedom, autonomy and war on our enemies, we must do away with the entire board game and flip the table. For capitalist and economic development in neighborhoods of excluded classes to actually cease, capitalism must cease to exist in its totality. It will always continue to police our living conditions and our modes of transport in ways in which they will grease the modes of production; we can never be truly free with the specter haunting us. Gentrification cannot be stopped as long as capitalism, the state and it's authorities still exist.

## Some Notes On Insurrectionary Anarchism *(continued from previous issue)*

### **6. Informal Organization; not professional revolutionaries or activists, not permanent organizations**

*From party/union to self-organization:*

- Profound differences exist within the revolutionary movement: the anarchist tendency towards quality of the struggle and its self-organization and the authoritarian tendency towards quantity and centralization.
- Organization is for concrete tasks: thus we are against the party, syndicate and permanent organization, all of which act to synthesize struggle and become elements of integration for capital and the state. Their purpose comes to be their own existence, in the worst case they first build the organization then find or create the struggle. Our task is to act; organization is a means. Thus we are against the delegation of action or practice to an organization: we need generalized action that leads to insurrection, not managed struggles. Organization should not be for the defense of certain interests, but of attack on certain interests.
- Informal organization is based on a number of comrades linked by a common affinity; its propulsive element is always action. The wider the range of problems these comrades face as a whole, the greater their affinity will be. It follows that the real organization, the effective capacity to act together, i.e. knowing where to find each other, the study and analysis of problems together, and the passing to action, all takes place in relation to the affinity reached and has nothing to do with programs, platforms, flags or more or less camouflaged parties. The informal anarchist organization is therefore a specific organization which gathers around a common affinity.

*The anarchist minority and the exploited and excluded:*

- We are of the exploited and excluded, and thus our task is to act. Yet some critique all action that is not part of a large and visible social movement as "acting in the place of the proletariat." They counsel analysis and waiting, instead of acting. Supposedly, we are not exploited alongside the exploited; our desires, our rage and our weaknesses are not part of the class struggle. This is nothing but another ideological separation between the exploited and subversives.
- The active anarchist minority is not slave to numbers but continues to act against power even when the class clash is at a low level within the exploited of society. Anarchist action should not therefore aim at organizing and defending the whole of the class of exploited in one vast organization to see the struggle from beginning to end, but should identify single aspects of the struggle and carry them through to their conclusion of attack. We must also move away from the stereotypical images of the great mass struggles, and the concept of the infinite growth of a movement that is to dominate and control everything.
- The relationship with the multitude of exploited and excluded cannot be structured as something that must endure the passage of time, i.e. be based on growth to infinity and resistance against the attack of the exploiters. It must have a more reduced specific dimension, one that is decidedly that of attack and not a rearguard relationship.
- We can start building our struggle in such a way that conditions of revolt can emerge and latent conflict can develop and be brought to the fore. In this way a contact is established between the anarchist minority and the specific situation where the struggle can be developed.

### **7. The individual and the social: individualism and communism, a false problem.**

- We embrace what is best in individualism and what is best in communism.
- Insurrection begins with the desire of individuals to break out of constrained and controlled circumstances, the desire to reappropriate the capacity to create one's own life as one sees fit. This requires that they overcome the separation between them and their conditions of existence. Where the few, the privileged, control the conditions of existence, it is not possible for most individuals to truly determine their existence on their terms. Individuality can only flourish where equality of access to the conditions of existence is the social reality. This equality of access is communism; what individuals do with that access is up to them and those around them. Thus there is no equality or identity of individuals implied in true communism. What forces us into an identity or an equality of being are the social roles laid upon us by our present system. There is no contradiction between individuality and communism.

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8. *We are the exploited, we are the contradiction: this is no time for waiting*

- Certainly, capitalism contains deep contradictions which push it towards procedures of adjustment and evolution aimed at avoiding the periodic crises which afflict it; but we cannot cradle ourselves in waiting for these crises. When they happen they will be welcomed if they respond to the requirements for accelerating the elements of the insurrectional process. As the exploited, however, we are the fundamental contradiction for capitalism. Thus the time is always ripe for insurrection, just as we can note that humanity could have ended the existence of the state at any time in its history. A rupture in the continual reproduction of this system of exploitation and oppression has always been possible.

*(This text originally appeared in Killing King Abacus #2)*

## Flyer Distributed At Trayvon Martin Rallies Last Month

HOODS  
UP



Dear Trayvon,

With flood, with fire with strength and steel, we'll shake where they're standing and tear their legs out. Rest now and never be forgotten.

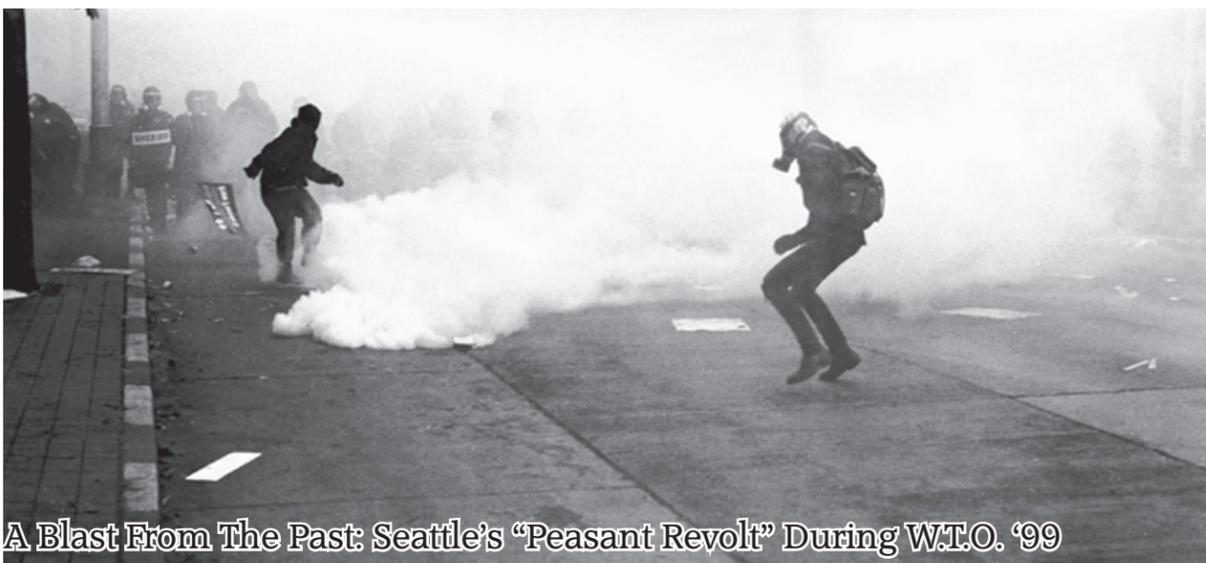
FUCK THE VERDICT

Trayvon Martin was not murdered only by George Zimmerman, but also the State which set up the "Justice System" in which a grown-man can get away with the murder of a 17-year-old, and the Media for providing an extensive character assassination. Trayvon Martin was also murdered by the Jurors, who are now responsible for taking part in perpetuating systemic racism-violence.

And now the police, the politicians and the clergymen wish to murder the memory of Trayvon Martin by pleading for everyone to "remain calm" or to "raise your voice, not your hand" in hopes of maintaining "peace and order", which depends on a systemic violence directed towards the downtrodden and exploited. It is becoming increasingly clear that we must think for ourselves and act accordingly. Would Trayvon's memory truly be respected and honored if people expressed their discontent by merely shuffling around the sidewalk under the hate-filled gaze of the police?

"Justice" cannot be expected from a system that thrives off the exploitation of the many for the prosperity of the few. How are we to react? Remain passive in the face of an ever-increasing violent reality of day-to-day life? Or get with a crew and make our rage known...

For Trayvon, Marissa Alexander, Aiyana Stanley, Jordan Davis, Oscar Grant, Kenneth Harding, John T. Williams, and for ourselves; keep your hoods up, honor the dead and fight for the living.



## A Blast From The Past: Seattle's "Peasant Revolt" During W.T.O. '99

*This text was respectfully gleaned from the online blog [angry-bippo.tumblr.com](http://angry-bippo.tumblr.com).*

Peasant Revolt was the name used by a small affinity group of anarchists, animal liberationists, and wilderness defenders prior to and during the WTO trade ministerial in Seattle back in '99.

Knowing that the majority of those protesting the WTO would not be willing to cause the level of disruption necessary to end the meeting, Peasant Revolt instead decided to ignore activists altogether. For weeks prior to the start of demonstrations members spread literature in the neighborhoods of Seattle most negatively effected by classism, racism, state violence, and capitalism. These leaflets and posters soberly suggested that while the wealthy were causing a good distraction, the poor ought to use that opportunity to take their stuff back. "Don't come to protest," the materials suggested, "come to loot. The system has taken everything from us that they can: the time has come to return the favor. This November 30th EVERYTHING on sale downtown is free if you can take it."

The posters were torn down almost immediately by "community leaders" and "social anarchists," who claimed that agent provocateurs must be responsible, but the leaflets continued to be spread quietly around the city.

If you have more information regarding this group's work and/or their original leaflets and posters, please get in touch with [stormingheaven@riseup.net](mailto:stormingheaven@riseup.net) or with the TALON archive collective at [thetalonconspiracy.com/contact](http://thetalonconspiracy.com/contact)

## Des Moines, WA Littered with White Supremacist Flyers

*retrieved from Puget Sound Anarchists on July 28th*

As if any of us needed a reminder that white supremacy is alive and kicking, the United Klans of America took advantage of the acquittal of killer dickhead neighborhood watchman George Zimmerman to make their presence known in Des Moines, WA, of all places, last week. Using the header NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH on flyers left lying around Des Moines neighborhoods, the UKA reassures the white residents of the city that they can all "sleep well tonight knowing the UKA is awake." Twelve days earlier, residents of Milford, CT neighborhoods awoke to find the exact same flier (with the same phone number, placed in the same zip lock bag with similar granite rocks to weigh them down as the ones in Des Moines) on their doorsteps.

This midnight leafleting shows that the UKA took Obama's appeal seriously, to "ask ourselves if we're doing all we can to widen the circle of compassion and understanding in our own communities." They're spreading compassion to their white brethren in Des Moines (and Milford) whose freedom and existence are under attack, maybe from the "racial mixing" occurring at recent rallies and riots all over the country in reaction to Zimmerman's acquittal; and the UKA will protect them from such a demise whether they like it or not.

The UKA is the same group who bombed and maimed the two busloads of Freedom Riders in 1961. Their organized attack was made possible by intricate collaboration with the FBI and local cops, who allowed a designated amount of time with complete police absence while the Klan beat the shit out of the black and white Freedom Riders in Birmingham and Anniston. An FBI informant basically orchestrated the attack on the bus in Birmingham, and the local FBI field office was aware of the planned attack and did nothing about it. On occasion throughout the hours-long maulings, cops showed up to watch the show, but did not intervene.

The group slipped into relative obscurity after the conviction of two of its members in Mobile, AL in 1981, after approaching random black teenager Michael Donald on his way to the store, slitting his throat, and hanging him from a tree. Sound familiar? The only difference between then and now is that those assholes were actually convicted of murder. Of course this is surprising, given the constant complicity and encouragement of the Klan and other white supremacist groups by the FBI and local law enforcement all over the country. Let us not forget that the first "modern" police forces were formed from the remnants of slave patrols in the South, and to this day the FBI maintains informants and members in white supremacist organizations.

Though many leftists (and even certain factions of the Klan) like to say that the Klan is a shell of its former violent self and nothing to be feared (just see the comments on the KOMO article), its members still plan and sometimes execute terrorizing and murderous acts under the watchful and sympathetic eye of the FBI and local cops everywhere. Just this year in New York, white supremacist and baby Klansman Scott Crawford was discovered to be assembling a fucking truck-mounted remote controlled laser beam to kill Muslims. And how was he discovered? FBI informants in the Klan. Why did they rat him out? The fat salaries they're paid by the FBI? Who the fuck knows. What's important is that white supremacist groups and the government have always been, and always will be, intimately bound.

Some also believe that white supremacist militant violence and its defense by the FBI are relevant only to the past. Events dating back 7 and 4 years ago in Florida and Arizona show that this is not the case.

In 2006, a 22-member group of Klansmen held a demonstration in Orlando, FL, just 25 miles from Sanford, where Trayvon Martin was murdered. They were protected by 300 heavily armed swat pigs. Again, not surprising to see the cops protecting the "free speech" of white supremacy – but this rally was organized by FBI informant David Gletty. Without the massive police presence mobilized by Gletty, the rally would've been incomprehensible and quickly subdued by the 500 counter-protesters.

And in the Arizona border town of Arivaca, members of the Minutemen American Defense (not a Klan group, but still a bunch of white pride motherfuckers) murdered Raul Flores and his 9-year-old daughter Brisenia in 2009 in the hopes of stealing drugs and cash to fund their militant vigilantism. A detailed description of the plan, including a map of the home, was exposed to the FBI by an informant two weeks prior to the attack. What did they do about it? The Phoenix office "lost" the map. What happened? Two thirds of the Flores family was murdered. But why would anything other than this occur?

The connection between the FBI and the Klan, or more generally government and white supremacy, is still relevant today, perhaps even more so after Zimmerman's acquittal. We should never expect law enforcement, the department of justice, the courts, or any other apparatus of the state to protect brown people, queer people, or poor people, or to "serve justice" to their killers.

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# The June 2013 Uprisings In Brazil

*originally posted online by Crimethinc*

In June 2013, immediately on the heels of the uprising in Turkey, Brazil erupted in nationwide turmoil. Beginning with protests against a public transit fare increase, this upheaval brought hundreds of thousands to the streets in open fighting with the police. The fare increase was soundly defeated, in one of the few victories of the past several years of global revolts. But the movement was a victim of its own success, as middle-class nationalists and pacifists joined in, clashing with other protesters and muddying the issues.

Although anarchists played a decisive role in these events, very little material about the upheaval has appeared in English from Brazilian anarchists. To correct this, we have solicited our comrades' perspectives from inside the riots. This is the first of two collectively authored texts analyzing the conditions that produced the uprising and the lessons we can draw from it. We will publish the second shortly.

*The opinions, analysis, gossip, conspiracy, and witchcraft expressed herein do not purport to represent all the groups and positions in the uprisings that occurred throughout Brazil in June 2013. We do not want to erase the power of difference, the capillary plurality and molecular diversity of experiences, tactics, and political perspectives. We do not want to impose a final analysis on the uprisings. These analyses reflect only the critical perspective of an anonymous, rhizomatic grupelho (faction) active in the uprisings of Goiânia, Pôrto Alegre, Belo Horizonte, São Paulo, and Rio de Janeiro. We hope to describe what occurred from a radical, anti-hegemonic, and subaltern point of view. We also aspire to convey a bit of the magic from the streets, barricades, favelas, and prisons of Bra\$il, to fuel the ongoing struggles in Turkey, Egypt, Chile, Greece, Spain, Italy, the USA, and elsewhere in the Globalitarian Empire.*

## Timeline of Events

In São Paulo, the first demonstration of this new wave of revolt against the transit fare increase took place on June 6, 2013. The fare had been increased by 20 cents. This meant that a single transit cost a third of the Brazilian minimum wage, forcing some workers to skip lunch to afford it. The MPL (Movimento pelo Passe Livre: Free Pass Movement) had called the June 6 demonstration far in advance to protest the fare increase; a relatively wide coalition backed it, including left-wing and center-left parties, social movements, and the student movement. The most radical groups anticipated it with fear and excitement: fear that the parties might get traction in the movement, and excitement about the participation of the popular classes and more radical groups. The demonstration in São Paulo occurred in the wake of street clashes with police a few weeks earlier in Pôrto Alegre and Goiânia, in weekly mass demonstrations, bringing not only more radical sectors but also popular and poor strata to the streets.

The first demonstration in São Paulo fulfilled expectations. About 5000 people took to the streets. Leaving from the Viaduto do Chá across from the city hall of São Paulo, the march passed by the most important avenues of the city. From the first moment, graffiti appeared all over the walls; dumpsters were dragged into the street and burned, disrupting and distracting the military police. Within an hour, a confrontation with police erupted that lasted until the end of the demonstration. The police attacked with tear gas, pepper spray, and stun grenades. The demonstrators retaliated with projectiles and erected burning barricades of trash and subway turnstiles. After this battle, the demonstration proceeded to Paulista Avenue (one of the city's busiest and most important streets), closing it in both directions. Again, garbage burned in the streets. Shops, corporate franchises, banks, and subway stations were transformed by means of paint and projectiles. The losses inflicted to the São Paulo subway were estimated at US \$40,000 that day.

São Paulo had not seen such fierce demonstrations since the protests against the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations over a decade before. Another demonstration was scheduled for the next day.

The same spirit marked this demonstration: graffiti on the walls, destruction of the symbols of global capitalism. Once again, the police attacked; once more, the protesters responded. A new street battle began with the police employing tear gas, bombs, and batons, and protesters defending themselves with stones, barricades, and homemade bombs. A third protest in the same mold was scheduled for the following day.

The protesters of São Paulo had a few days of rest after this three-day marathon; another demonstration was scheduled for June 13. This one started around 6 pm in the square Ramos de Azevedo, in the center of the city. Protesters gathered there from 5 pm on. The group went to the square of the Republic, then walked along Ipiranga Avenue to the street of Consolação, at the corner of Roosevelt Square.

Now it was a whole new ball game. The previous week's demonstrations had attracted more people, and this demo was attended by more than 10,000. Police appeared at the outskirts of Paulista Avenue, trying to block the demonstration to defend the interests of big business, who feared new reprisals from the enraged population. Riot police made a cordon and began to bombard the demonstration. Again, the manifestation retaliated with stones, built barricades, and destroyed targets associated with global capitalism.

This time, the police were stopping and searching people on the subway; even before the beginning of the demonstration, they detained more than 40 people. By the end of the evening, almost 250 had been arrested. This was clearly an attempt to criminalize and intimidate the movement by means of conspiracy charges and absurd bail costs (R\$20,000).

Another new aspect of this demonstration was the molecularization of the revolt. As riot police increased repression, the demonstration began to dissolve naturally into small groups of 300 to 1000. These initiated new demonstrations and points of conflict all around the city center. Guerrilla battles broke out everywhere as protesters retreating from bomb-throwing police built barricades.

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### ***August 12th, Business Arson***

The restaurant Med-Mix on 23rd & E. Union St. was the victim of an arson causing up to \$90,000 in damage, forcing the business to close for an estimated three weeks. Graffiti was left on the wall of the neighboring business The Neighbor Lady "4 Pratt and Trayv", referencing Edwin Pratt, a Seattle civil rights activist who was murdered in 1969, and Trayvon Martin.

### ***August 12th, Bus Driver Shot For Harassing Fare-Dodgers***

After a bus driver harassed three people for trying to board the bus without paying, a man who had already been on the bus stood up, yelled "War!" and shot the bus driver five times. The man tried to flee by hopping on another bus, where police officers shot him multiple times, causing his death hours later at the hospital.

### ***August 15th, ALF Action in Solidarity with Anarchist***

#### ***Prisoners***

"... the masked liberators of the Animal Liberation Front carried out the rescue of wild pheasants and quail from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife game bird exhibition pens at the EE Wilson wildlife area (north of Corvallis). 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... In solidarity with anarchist prisoners Marie Mason and Eric McDavid. For the silent ones and all those on the run."

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Unfortunately, groups like the Revolutionary Communist Party (who expropriated the potential for true, rageful reaction by protesters in Seattle after Zimmerman's acquittal and funneled it into a sentimental demonstration to sell their books and push their party agenda), thinks effective change to the system can be made. They call out the degrading prisons, the capitalist state, the bourgeois dictatorship. The RCP and other recuperators of struggle have no intention of destroying systems of domination – they just want it to be a little less degrading, capitalist, and bourgeois. Their calls for reform, anybody's calls for reform, should always be heavily criticized and squashed – they do not want what we want: total fucking freedom.

While Obama, the Revolutionary Communist Party, and every other authoritarian begs us to remain calm in the wake of Zimmerman's acquittal, we should remember that the system cannot fail those it was never meant to protect. As long as we have faith that anybody but ourselves can represent and protect us, white supremacy will keep winning; whether in the courts, on the border, in the streets, or on our doorsteps. Are we going to sit around and quietly contemplate stemming the tide of gun violence, like Obama has asked, or will we stand our own ground against white pride, the RCP, the ISO, the USA, and every other motherfucker who wants to protect, control, and kill us?

## **Now Is Always The Time: A Communique To All Youth With Rebellion In Their Hearts**

We are a group based in Portland, Oregon. We are an insurrectionary post-leftist group who believe that now is the time, we are writing this to inspire rebellion. We are a new group, and, given our name, we are also young. Unions are not the way to go for youth, nor is liberalism. We will talk about what we have done, and about what you can do. Don't buy into false leadership of the left, and don't let them tell you that now is not the time to attack. Now is always the time to attack! We have waged several attacks. From aramark the prison profiteers who provide our school lunches, to gentrifying apartment blocks that were set ablaze.

We refuse to buy into false unity. We only have affinity with those who want to destroy rather than control. If you are young and reading this hurry! Attack before the left tells you not to, attack before your parents ship you away to college. Use your youthful spirit of rebellion and leave flames behind you!

"Hurry to play. Hurry to arm yourself." -Alfredo M. Bonanno

Take his words to heart as we have. Trust in yourself and your comrades. Let everyone know that you cannot be controlled. Let the left know that you are not a revolutionary, but a destroyer. Let the police know that you are their enemy. Let the politicians know that they are not our leaders, but our enemies. Most importantly, have faith within yourself.

Go now and grab some comrades, don the infamous black clothing and attack like we have. There are sooooo many targets in portland. Be it aramark located at 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Portland. Or even the Portland Public School Districts main building located at Ne Dixon street and N larrabee ave. Hold night time smashy smashy events and pass by these places! Hold illegal dance parties and have fun. Start a paper and agitate within schools. Don't start a union, start a rebellion! The schools will not care about what you want, you must take what you want! Go go go!

Sincerely- SFI (students for insurrection)