Seattle Grand Jury Repression

Grand Jury trials are, in and of themselves, secretive witch hunts in which people are targeted based on their beliefs and associations. The goals of such expeditions are never transparent to anyone outside of the pursuers, and only some insight can be gained by the interrogated based on the questions asked. Furthermore, the public are not admitted to the proceedings, nor are the interrogated allowed legal representation in the court room. If this wasn't enough, at points in the proceedings those being interrogated are granted 'immunity,' meaning that they can no longer refuse to answer questions or plead the 5th. Failing to answer anything in a manner different than 'I don't know' can have you being held in contempt, and the resulting hearing will often have you landing in jail for the remainder of the grand jury appointment.

We have seen this government tactic as the latest in a recent wave of repressions targeting anarchists which is, of course, nothing new. Three anarchists in the Pacific Northwest have been incarcerated for refusing to testify in what was assumed to be a grand jury appointment seeking information on the black bloc in Seattle last May Day. However, it has been made clear through a Freedom Of Information Act request that this grand jury was called two months prior to the May Day actions. Regardless, this has (continued on page 3)

Chile: Claim for the explosive device against the Union Club via War on Society

AGAINST THE CREOLE AND CAPITALIST BOURGEOISIE. We declare ourselves the agents of the criminal revolutionary attack against the UNION CLUB, at Bandera and Alameda, in the damned center of La Moneda "WE ARE NEAR, YOU ARE FAR." We chose this target because it has for so long been historically reuniting the ideologies of natural depredation in this territory, nest of piranhas, thieves and exploiters, who being from different parties have something in common; their eagerness to unite in search of the enslavement of people's lives in order to perpetuate their privileges.  
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FOP Benefit for Pig Oct. 28th

"Unite the block, no more cops," reads the graffiti on the wall in South Philly, reminding me of a day last year when another wall nearby read, "Kill cops, not each other." It's no wonder such slogans proliferate anywhere, but especially in a town with cops as notoriously violent as Philadelphia. While the infamous firebombing of the MOVE house in 1985 makes nearly any police injustice seem plausible, it is far from the only disservice the philadelphia police can provide. In the last few years we've seen video of instances such as the beating of unarmed men on a highway, the assault on Askia Sabur in 2010, and the punching of Aida Guzman in her face at the Puerto Rican Day parade a month ago after some folks had allegedly thrown liquid at the police.

In the local film of the same title, we see people in the neighborhoods calling them 'Gangs in Blue.' and as any gang protects its own, so does the Fraternal Order of Police. These hired thugs, one of many violent arms of the state, will be hosting a benefit for Lt. Jonathan D Josey II (the woman puncher) at 1336 Spring Garden St on Sunday October 28th.

Certainly there is a level of institutional racism at work, ancestor to slave policing and plantations turned prisons in the early United States, but it is more complicated than that. Wouldn't the student of unbridled capitalism commend the racketeering cop for getting ahead? Property owners certainly commend them for putting things ahead of the living when people steal to eat or damage the operations of life-destroying industries, and one doesn't even have to wonder about the connection between patriarchy and male police exploiting their positions of power to rape women, as they all too often do.

Clearly there is more than one interest involved, and so it is in everyone's interest to tear at every oppressive seam that teaches police as a necessity. But until the edifice comes crumbling down around us we must hold the pigs accountable for their actions, because we know no one else will. As the FOP cockily states, even if a cop suffers the minor indignity of being fired for wrongdoing they are often reinstated upon appeal.
We make this attack as a shout of struggle and a call to the social war for all those who suffer some kind of domination, exploitation. We declare that the economic system of capitalism in its neoliberal phase is nothing but another tool of imposition to so dominate people, animals and La Ñuke mapu [the land, the Earth], another invention of that class that historically seeks to enrich their pockets at the cost of all.

THE EARTH IS WORTH MORE THAN YOUR DAMN MONEY - NOTHING CAN BUY OUR DIGNITY.

Autonomous Cell of Revolutionary Crime - Black Flag (NACR - BN).

Flashmob Youth Take Note
There have recently been a series of wheat pasted posters appearing throughout center city containing the statement, "IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 THIS IS YOUR BALLOT" surrounding the image of what appears to be a brick. In our best estimations, this is likely a call to escalate.

Underreported Local Actions in 2011
3/19/2011 - A bank was attacked and windows cracked when several bricks were thrown at it in Philadelphia.
4/18/2011 Two banners were dropped in Philadelphia in solidarity with the courageous actions of the Pelican Bay hunger strikers and the 6600-plus prisoners throughout the state of California who have joined the strike. The banners read “Philly Supports the Pelican Bay Prison Strike” and “From CA to PA: Stop Prison Abuse.”
8/24/11 A brick and molotov cocktail were thrown through a glass front door at Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5 headquarters shortly after 5am. The flaming device – a lit wick or cloth in a Corona beer bottle – burned itself out after hitting the floor, FOP financial secretary Michael Trask said. What motivated the would-be arsonist is a mystery. “No calls. No threats,” Trask said, adding that a surveillance camera at a nearby ATM might yield some clues.
8/25/11 - Verizon claims that since the strike began 6 days prior it had recorded 90 instances of sabotage, including cut fiber optic lines, vandalism, and harassment of management throughout New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Also, a police station and a hospital lost service as a result of the sabotage.

A Letter from Mario “Tripa” López
September 4th, Mexico - via War on Society
And if I call myself an individualist anarchist, an iconoclast and a nihilist, it is precisely because I believe that in these adjectives there is the highest and most complete expression of my willful and reckless individuality that, like an overflowing river, wants to expand, impetuously sweeping away dikes and hedges, until it crashes into a granite boulder, shattering and breaking up in its turn. I do not renounce life. I exalt and sing it…Anyone who renounces life because he feels that it is nothing but pain and sorrow and doesn’t find in himself the heroic courage to kill himself…Life — for me — is neither good nor bad, neither a theory nor an idea. Life is a reality, and the reality of life is war.

Renz Novatore - I Am Also a Nihilist

There is a line from a poem-made-song that says that “life is like a sheet of paper, at any moment it could break”… Even with the nostalgia that intones, one finally realizes that it is so, simply and coldly. There is a fragile and light line between living and dying and, even though in certain moments it can depend on a decision that we make—consciously or unconsciously—it is concretely something unexpected that ends up taking us by surprise, since as they say: “When it’s your turn, even if you complain and when it’s not your turn, even if you put yourself out there.” The anarchists of praxis, those who fight against Power, the social rebels, in short, anyone who decides to direct his or her life in a relentless struggle against the State, always find themselves on that line, light and fragile, which is not a suicidal decision—as many declare—it is simply a consequence, often unexpected. On the other hand, in many cases, being conscious of these consequences—death, prison, torture—the need for freedom is greater than any feeling of fear and terror, and they throw themselves into the battle, with absolute confidence, with fear, it’s true, but also with an implacable determination that emanates only from those who at all costs seek anarchy, or “absolute freedom, the greatest of all.”

Once again I assert: we must seek and find felicity through our actions.

1. What has happened to me—I say this because I know the arguments of those who criticize us—will be taken by a wide sector of anarchism in Mexico as starting point to discredit before society (?) our struggle, my individual project, and an informal project that at a local and global level maintains a direct struggle for the destruction of the State-capital. I know that what happened to me will be
used by some as a form of “intimidation” in order to make fewer comrades take the path of action and to amuse themselves in positions of comfort and eternal waiting.

For me, what happened to me was only an accident, which rather than weakening me morally, makes me stronger without inflating my ego. No! It inflates my convictions and my anarchist condition. If something comes out of this situation, I hope it is the intensification of debate, of struggle, of critique—clear, direct and objective. The intensification of the struggle against the penitentiary system and the prison. The intensification and increase of the direct and unmediated struggle against the State-capital.

2. In spite of these negative questions, which occupy the least of my attention, there have arisen positive things. And even in spite of the low interest—of those who say they are “in the struggle”—in participating or attending the recent anti-prison events, the comrades outside stay firm. It has made me very happy that there has emerged another insurrectional anarchist publication, accompanying my beloved Conspiración Ácrata, which is responsible for spreading the insurrectional space and anarchism of action. More publications, more debate, more diffusion and diversity. Even though, as the Conspiración Ácrata editorial says, my present situation in prison will largely make it impossible for me to continue actively contributing with that publication, I will do it as far as I am able. With this and any other medium that opens space for me, since in the struggle that we carry, the participation of prisoners of war is of high importance.

3. From my person, I absolutely reject and do not claim the motives that the State and the mass media grant me. My project, our project, is not an “arson” project. A struggle focused on the destruction of a society ruled by technological capitalism cannot be reduced and “infantilized” to a simple arson project. I am not an arsonist, a pyromaniac or a terrorist, I am an anarchist, an enemy of the State-capital. My positions are rooted in a serious posture replete with critique, self-critique, analysis and theory, but also with practice and action. Solidarity, mutual aid, self-management, autonomy and self-responsibility are anarchist values and practices that, like permanent conflictuality (an attitude toward life), we place as counter-values to those that the system inculcates in us from our birth. These values are put into practice in the present, in our persons and our environment.

(grand jury resistance from page 1) been accurately summed up as a divide and conquer tactic meant to intimidate the growing radical movement hoping to impede its successes and have it retreat. For these reasons, and for our own convictions in the first place, we must not scale back. We must intensify our fight against those vestiges of oppression, recognizing our struggle in the struggle of others, as well as reaching out to those who have remained non-cooperating in the face of imprisonment. Aside from letter writing and fundraising, here are some ways others have chosen to express solidarity since August 5th (courtesy of Tides of Flame):

8/5 St. Louis, MO - attacks on ATMs
8/6 Atlanta, GA - banner drop
8/7 Athens, Greece - stenciling & graffiti
8/10 East Vancouver, BC - banner drop
8/15 Paris, France - lots of tires slashed
8/17 Vancouver, BC - banner drop
8/21 Besancon, France - bank attacked
8/22 San Francisco, CA - yppie businesses attacked
8/28 Oakland, CA - bank attacked
8/29 Call-in to US Attorney
8/31 New York, NY - banner drop
9/9 Vancouver, BC - noise demo & grocery store expropriation
9/12 Fax-in to US Attorney
9/13 Vancouver, BC - community policing center attacked
9/13 Seattle - Anonymous hackers claim shut-down of US Attorney’s phone
9/17 NYC area - rail line sabotaged
9/17 San Francisco, CA - banner drop
9/18 Vancouver, BC - yppie restaurant attacked
9/19 Seattle - bank attacked
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There has been a call for a week of International Solidarity with Grand Jury Resisters on the week of November 12th that can be read on the Puget Sound Anarchists website. It has a background on the raids and imprisonment as well as a commentary on the stress levels of those that have been made aware of similar subpoenas awaiting them that have thus far managed to avoid being served. For that reason, the solidarity call is for everyone affected by the Grand Jury.

SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THOSE RESISTING THE GRAND JURY & THE FBI!! FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL PRISONS AND THE SOCIETY THAT "NEEDS" THEM!
In my consideration the exploitation, oppression and domination of the State-capital-technology is not only exercised against humans, but also mostly against nature and animals, all for the progress of a society that doesn’t care at all about the destruction of the natural environment, on which it also “depends,” for the comfort of a society of capital that destroys alike nature, ancestral cultures, originary peoples, and people who oppose and resist that system and its mode of life full of sell-consume, consume-sell, destroys their natural identity and turns them into another product of the market and even of “revolutionary tourism.”

That exploitation, oppression, domination is not only played out in work, but also in school, in feelings, in love, in sexuality. An example is Pussy Riot, who find themselves repressed by the Russian State and the church, put on trial much like centuries ago many people of the female sex were murdered under absurd “crimes” of witchcraft, adultery, dishonor, etc. It is due to fighting objectively against the system of domination that there are many imprisoned eco-anarchist comrades, like the case of the brother Braulio Durán or the “Operación Mangiafuoco,” comrades of the ALF/ELF who remain prisoners. It is because anarchism is a danger for the State that the police changed their attitude at the moment when Giannis Dimitrakis declared being an anarchist, after the expropriation of a bank in Greece.

And against all this is where we should focus our struggle, attacking objectively the roots of the problem: the existence of the State/capital. Against all this and with all possible means at our reach we should focus the struggle toward achieving total and absolute liberation. With objectivity and projectuality. My project, our project of total liberation, our insurrectional projectuality, does not come from the logic of “burn for the sake of burning,” it comes from a solid basis, of some principles and from the idea of destruction of the established, but at the same time it is based in the construction of spaces, realities, moments and relations that are outside of capitalist statutes and not by any possible means “assimilatable” and therefore “destructible” by the system.

Long live anarchy!!

In the mornings when I wake up, look around at my surroundings and see the bars of these cells, my body shudders and my eyes crystallize. My mind travels for a moment and enters every cell where there is an imprisoned compañero. It does not instill in me sadness or fear, or anguish; it gives me ferocity and courage to not be able to act in solidarity with you, with those who I have shared critiques, reflections, discussions and opinions, those from reflections, discussions and opinions, those from whom I have learned much and felt mutual support for my projects, for my life. You warriors for freedom, we may never see each other face to face, but I always maintain with you an affect, a feeling of siblinghood, affinity and complicity, a mutual learning. Now I go back to reading you, two, three, behind the bars in the dungeons of the State-capital. Not sad, not weak, not absent, on the contrary, always convincing… that is how I feel you! Never defeated, never repentant!

With furious affection for the comrades Stefano Gabriele Fosco and Gabriel Pombo da Silva The Culmine of our struggle and the Conspiración Ácrata of our life remain alive.*
Solidarity with comrade Marco Camenisch’s hunger strike, with the eco-anarchist comrade Braulio Durán, with the anarchist and libertarian prisoners of the whole world.
Solidarity with Felicity Ryder in her escape, in her flight of freedom. Remember sister:
¡We stand, when other fail!!
Face to face with the enemy! Social war! Individual vindication! For anarchy!
Mario López Hamández
South Voronl Detention Center Mexico City
*Culmine means summit and Conspiración Ácrata means anarchic conspiracy; Mario is referencing the anarchist projects in Italy and Mexico, respectively – transl.

A Brief Moment in History

In the midst of the first ‘Red Scare’ in the United States targeting anarchists, communists and immigrants of all kinds, there was a trial. Not by any means the first trial of its kind, even in this nation, but a trial with a conduct, and especially consequence, which were hotly contested. Railroaded because they were anarchists, and because they were immigrants, two Italian men name Ferdinando Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were sentenced to death for murdering a paymaster and security guard during an armed robbery.

What followed was a series of unsuccessful appeals, petitions, and protests. What also followed their convictions' were a number of bombings.

Just after midnight on August 6, 1927, there was just such an occurrence in West Philadelphia. A church was bombed along Girard Avenue due to a sermon delivered by the pastor condemning Sacco and Vanzetti. It even blew out the windows on a passing street car. The reduction of this particular structure to a weakened shell was one of many actions the world over in solidarity with the accused.