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ACCIDENTS AND CIVILIZATION

There has been grave concern over the freight trains transporting explosive fuels through the middle of our city. Often referred to as 'bomb trains,' since people became increasingly aware of derailments that resulted in major explosions, Philadelphia has recently seen demonstrations, interruptions of city council, and a funeral procession for one such explosion in Montreal that killed 47 people. The problem with these acts seems to lie in a belief in reform -- safer tank cars, more stringent transportation protocols, reduced reliance through alternative fuels -- because accidents are inevitable, and the development of civilization only enhances the risks of such accidents.

Cities are large concentrations of people that require the importation of resources because they've overburdened the land base on which they reside, meaning they can never be sustainable. Civilization is built up around these cities, introduced by domestication and agriculture, separating and dedicating landscapes to certain homogenizing activities that are carried out by slaves and wage laborers. The cities themselves are under constant maintenance in order to impose an artificial permanence. Every city dweller can attest to this, having dealt with so many torn up roads in the warmer months that will be repaved some time later. We see buildings razed and built up all around us, as the flow of capital dictates, with a notable demolition accident killing several people at a Salvation Army downtown in Philadelphia in June 2013.

Sometimes a crumbling edifice may require no human intervention, as is the case of the I-95 pillar that shutdown the local highway not so long ago, which bears a striking resemblance to the currently crumbling pillars beneath the 25th Street freight train viaduct that carries so much of the crude resources the population fears. The very same resource contained in a tank car that

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WRITERS, VANDALS AND OTHER ACTION

We are pleased to acknowledge a number of unclaimed actions since we last went to print. The intentions of those involved remain undisclosed, but the results still please us and reflect our own desires to one degree or another. From an OCF Realty car that had white paint dumped upon it, to the hitch-hiking robot dismantled in Old City, and a few bouts of graffiti; "RAPIST" upon a painting of Bill Cosby's face in North Philly, a rally of odes to graffiti writers killed by police and defamations against police themselves on Baltimore Avenue, and an especially large "FUCK CONDOS" on a fence where condo development was recently approved by the city at 43rd and Baltimore.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE FERGUSON REVOLT

It's been a year since some people here fought together against police in solidarity with those in Ferguson who were doing the same. A lot has changed in a year, and so much more needs to, in order to create the kind of revolts that call police, race, and property into question. A more critical perspective on police is making itself more visible, with some organizing along explicitly anti-police lines. Street actions have taken on a more militant tone, although there are many shortcomings compared to many other cities' struggles. This evaluation aims to analyze what has changed and what changes feel necessary for the development of a movement with teeth here.

The police have again come under closer scrutiny in the last year, Ferguson, New York, and Baltimore have made the issue of police impossible to ignore. In Philly a number of groups and individuals have chosen to focus on police, police violence and/or anti-black violence specifically. The "Disempower, Disarm, Disband" campaign seems especially interesting, standing out as the only explicitly anti-police (as opposed to anti-police brutality) group among others that critique only this or that aspect of policing. It will be revealing to see where this campaign leads, and how it handles the contradictions of demanding that police

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BLACK YOUTH MURDERED, AUGUST 1970

Tensions ran high between the black population of Philadelphia and the notoriously bigoted police in August 1970, as they often have throughout history. This was a time in the city when a lot of those people referred to Commissioner Frank Rizzo's police as 'the Rizzappo,' shades of Gestapo. Some of those very police were involved with the FBI's COINTELPRO program while preparations were being made for the Black Panther Party's National Convention in the city for the following month. The program had been fairly successful in sabotaging the Panthers, and this period of time is often considered the beginning of their end. In their stead, the Black Liberation Army, an underground organization for black liberation and self-determination, were developing. In south Jersey on August 19th several prisoners would walk out of a state prison, allegedly making their getaway in the warden's automobile. Two of the men, convicted of separate robberies, would later collaborate on the hijacking of a plane in the name of the Black Liberation Army. Meanwhile, back in Philadelphia, a future BLA member named Russell Shoatz would be celebrating his 27th birthday on the 25th of August.

Russell Maroon Shoatz, as he's come to be known for his analysis and discussion of maroon societies escaping the slave economy of early amerika through multi-racial drop out societies, had founded a group called the Black Unity Council in Philadelphia that became part of the BPP in 1969. But things escalated when a black youth was killed by the Philadelphia Police department that very same August, 1970, and another group called The Revolutionaries allegedly came into being.

In response to yet another murder of black youth by authority figures, armed attacks on police were staged throughout the city. It's suggested that there were intentions to blow up one particularly secluded station in the Fairmount Park area, with the assistance of grenades stolen from a nearby military post, but resigned itself to the assassination of one cop and the wounding of another. Several other cops would be wounded afterward, leading to the arrest of Shoatz, among others.

One man accused of being involved with The Revolutionaries, as they were called, managed to beat the murder charge by avoiding apprehension by police until 1996. According to the assistant District Attorney of the time, it was because he had successfully evaded them for so long that they're case fell apart.

Shoatz, however, was captured and convicted in 1972. He has since escaped from prison three times, carried on with his political work, and been banished to solitary confinement for much of his imprisonment. After the latest, tortuous stint of 22 years in solitary, he was finally put back into general population last year in Graterford, PA.

The tear gassing and public strip searches of Black Panthers by the Philadelphia Police that followed the crime against the police begins to illustrate the extent of the problem, even on the part of the complicit media that stood idly by, filming. A problem that, not strictly relegated to race,

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ROB BANKS GET PAID

6.30 Several people held up a TD bank on the 8600 block of Germantown Avenue, just before 7pm. Dressed in hoodies, sunglasses and hats -- with at least one armed member according to reports -- one member of the group approached a teller with a bag, instructing them to fill it with cash and no dye packs. The group reportedly made off with seven grand. No injuries occurred.

Throughout the months of June and July at least four bank robberies have been attributed to an unknown person in a burqa utilizing a note stating that she had a bomb -- a Santander branch on Bustleton Avenue on June 9th, a PNC on Academy Road on June 16th, a Citizens Bank branch on Red Lion Road on July 7th and one more Citizens expropriation at 10650 Bustleton Avenue.

7.15 A TD Bank branch was targeted by someone in Center City on the 100 block of south 11th Street at 7pm on a Wednesday, utilizing a demand note and departing on foot. Since announcing the amounts procured has previously been assessed by the powers that be as encouraging to would-be robbers, it has been said that an undetermined amount of money was obtained, per usual.

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derailed over the Schuylkill River two summers ago, above a major water source and between two significant portions of the city's population. The absurdity of evacuating the 5 mile radius around that point had the car exploded, as is evidently the protocol around other exploded tanker cars, is more than clear. While the first exposed to the noxious gases emitted would be in the hospitals, schools, highway and residences very close to the accident, ultimately the entire city would be at risk.

Even the most technologically advanced societies on earth are at risk from accidents; as Japan can certainly attest. Besides the obviously horrific impact on the area immediately surrounding the Fukushima meltdown after an increasingly common act of nature ruptured it, there is still fallout from the radiation leaks all the way across the Pacific Ocean. This, somewhat unironically, after the more malicious deployment of explosive radiation in the way of nuclear weaponry dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States exactly 70 years ago, this month. Up until realizing the potential for such an intentional tragedy, Einstein believed his work developing nuclear energy would provide a great leap for humanity toward utopia by way of a nearly inexhaustible energy resource. The level of his regrets concerning what he called, "the greatest mistake of my life," after the fact are unimaginable to me. This is also a specific illustration of Marcuse's wise pronouncement that technology always serves the ruling power.

As such, an alternative technology would be prioritized for weaponization and other manners of control by state and corporate powers if and when they decided it worth their time to use them. And much the same way the electric car, while using less gasoline, is heavily reliant on coal-generated electricity, we see illustrated straw man arguments that ignore the petroleum-based components of the alternative fuel infrastructures and, moreover, the growth of indelible agriculture for fuel taking over vast aspects of the landscape; further limiting what space is available for food or even habitation of an ever-increasing population.

A population who's most marginalized groups are inevitably facing the largest risks regarding technological infrastructures. Marginalized groups that include 'othered' peoples, forests and wildlife. These populations that have a disproportionately high amount of power lines, industrial incinerators, rail traffic, pipelines and refineries posing constant threats to their health, and ultimately their lives. Because the more powerful citizens push the risk into marginalized communities, exporting

the dangers of these eyesores, declaring, "Not in my back yard." Meanwhile, everywhere else is already someone else's ever-decreasing backyard. There's no where left to drop out to, with nearly every habitable space in the world owned by private or government entities, increasing desertification of the earth's surface and sea levels rising to create climate refugees.

Even if the infrastructure was entirely collectivized in some egalitarian manner (a terrifying bureaucratic nightmare that seems likely to increase the risk of nuclear meltdowns), I can imagine the aesthetic degradation of mountains flattened, lined with windmills and other towers, birds dead at the giants' feet, to carry on this charade of growth and progress, the mantra of capital and its elite.

I walk down these streets accosted by tumbling trash, past the few trees that line the blocks sick and barkless, the scent of oil refineries in the air, along a water's edge that isn't recommended to swim in (let alone drink), with sickly sweet poisons in the back of my throat wondering if that bit of flora in the cracks may ever reclaim the concrete that imprisons it. All around, red white and blue imagery staking claim on the land it domesticated through genocide, slavery and so many subjugations, though never questioned to the degree of a certain rebel secessionist flag of the same color scheme. This is a tale that's been developing since the earliest monuments to slavery were built -- pyramids, temples, great walls -- but is a relatively short portion of human history. Civilization, itself, has always been a monument to slavery; proclaiming the superiority of humans -- certain humans in particular -- and othering the world around us. That world that we are a part of before we developed the ostracizing concept of nature and wilderness.

But nevermind these words. Ignore the large gatherings of elites coming to town that seek to revamp these infrastructures for the sake of economy, and personal profits from hydraulic fracturing. Just change your consumer habits while the largest impacts come from those infrastructures. Keep signing useless petitions on social media -- when you're not being bombarded by the largely imbecillic and overwhelming informations that prevent any original thought from forming -- and ignore the gathering of information on you and your social circles should an unseemly revolt occur, for the sake of rounding up any accused dissidents. Technology, like security, progresses at the expense of freedom, but may also provide a larger threat to our lives than we care to imagine. ★

ultimately abolish themselves. Other groups have created space that although not explicitly anti-cop, have led to and even fostered anti-cop activity among those in attendance. In particular the Philly is Baltimore demonstration saw the first large scale clashes between police and demonstrators in years. It's in these moments that we need to arrive prepared with clear intentions, to encourage underlying tensions toward insurrectional directions.

Another development that seems to come from the highly visible anti-police action in Ferguson and elsewhere, is the growth of more angry and confrontational attitudes during some demonstrations and protests here. Unfortunately being angrier with police is not enough to overcome them in the streets. It's both a failure on the end of antagonists and a success for the police that protests have not been able to block highways, or create other situations that materially stop business as usual. In short despite more anger things have yet to get out of hand. Strategies and tactics need to be developed, discussed and spread in order to move beyond the impasse of controlled street presence.

What stood out about the FTP march in solidarity with Ferguson last year was that it was organized independently of the non-profits and reform-oriented groups that organize most demonstrations in the city. There have been a few less rowdy demonstrations and a few calls that led to failed attempts at demonstrations taking place outside of, or on the periphery of, the typical activist scenes. Anonymity, tone, and intentional attendance of marches are still questions that need to be addressed and discussed. Distrust, accessibility and (lack of) on the ground communication are problems that have yet to be worked through in the milieus that are pushing toward less liberal visions of struggle.

With all these thoughts and questions in mind, we've reprinted "Philly Fights Alongside Ferguson" and "Open letter to masked comrades" for the purpose of critical self-reflection and growth.

PHILLY FIGHTS ALONGSIDE FERGUSON

This is intended to be a short and incomplete chronology of conflictual activity that took place in Philadelphia following the killing of Micheal Brown in Ferguson, MO. We've put together this zine to highlight the combative spirit that characterized the actions, especially in light of the contained and reform-oriented direction anti-police (brutality) momentum has taken on locally. We hope that this zine will be a small contribution toward an honest and combative tendency that we'd like to see grow here.

We're also interested in taking steps toward creating a collective memory of opposing the state, white supremacy, patriarchy and capital that focuses on our ability to revolt and

fight instead of seeking out narratives that prioritize our victimhood within the system. We understand that victimization is an inevitable consequence of life in a society based on domination, we want to learn from this, not to gain a moral high ground over our oppressors, but to better fight our enemies.

FOREWORD

ON AUGUST 9TH 2014 Michael Brown, a black teenager, was killed by police officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, MO a suburb of St Louis. The killing was quickly followed by uncontrollable riots in Ferguson that in turn sparked waves of unrest across the country, as well as fomenting a national dialogue about the relation between black people and the police. The following are all anonymous accounts collected from the internet: a communique, a call for a march and a report-back. All were initially posted on anarchistnews.org and reposted online and printed in a number of zines.

AUGUST 11TH 2014 - SUBSTATION VANDALIZED IN SOLIDARITY WITH FERGUSON RIOTERS

In the early hours of August 11th we sprayed "RIP MIKE BROWN" on the door of a police sub-station in Philadelphia. Michael Brown was a young black man killed by police in Ferguson, Missouri yesterday. The police regularly kill black and latino men and boys, and Micheal's death is not unusual in terms of policing.

We took this action to memorialize Micheal Brown's life and also as a gesture of solidarity and complicity with the rioters in the St Louis area, as well as all others attacking the police, white supremacy, the state, and capital.

AUGUST 13TH 2014 - FTP IN SOLIDARITY WITH FERGUSON @ CLARK PARK

For too long Philly has been pacified despite the large militant history ingrained in our radical community. Despite one of the largest repressive, and brutal police departments enforcing economic domination, we have rarely found one another in organized moments breaking from the framework of reform and party politics. Our Anti-authoritarian community is large, yet beyond social gatherings.. we often find ourselves thinking; "What is going to break us from this comfort of lifestyle activism? What is going to push us from fulfilling a scene towards an active force of resistance and solidarity?"

We find ourselves now contemplating on how we can express our utmost solidarity with not only the rebellion in Ferguson, but all communities who have increasingly been thrown into the spotlight following the onslaught of state-sponsored murders. Many of us feel powerless, and disconnected from others thinking the same exact thing, "We have no basis to act on". Well it's time to start building that base, and now is as good a time as ever to break that isolation that has been building up. We watch Ferguson in resistance, and are inspired. We see them confronting the fear that the state thrives on, finding one another, building bridges, and

replacing tears with action. We are heartbroken over the constant deaths, many people of color and other less privileged classes have fell to at the hands of police. Yet Ferguson has taught us, it is simply not enough to be isolated in heartbreak. We must support one another, and build a base for unity through action. We can no longer weep, or simply talk about our solidarity. We can only act on our solidarity.

This is why, we, as an autonomous affinity of a few folks, are calling for a FTP, Solidarity With Ferguson March in Philly. We have no organizational affiliations. The call out is set for August 23rd, 7:30pm beginning @ the 45th & Regent section of Clark Park (think the big hole). Wear black to both mourn those who fell to state violence, and to negate the forces that kill on a daily basis. We decided as an affinity, that according to the location of an earlier event, this location would be most convenient.

We are only few, but know there's more of yous out there feeling the same way no doubt. Help promote this amongst those peoples. Tell a friend, and tell them to tell a friend. We decided not to use Facebook ourselves due to both pending legal situations, and to the fact that we just don't got that social media swag to generate much invites. Anyone who wishes to, is welcome to create an event page though.

In love, solidarity and rage –

A few isolated Philly souls sick of our own isolated tears and rage.

AUGUST 23RD 2014 - REPORTBACK ON FTP MARCH IN SOLIDARITY WITH FERGUSON

Context: This event took place the same night as the anarchist book fair. Additionally, a vigil that had been planned for the night before at 7pm was pushed back one day and took place a half hour earlier than the FTP march the same night.

A call was put out for an FTP march in solidarity with Ferguson on August 23rd. At first, a small group of people wearing black appeared at the called-for location at around 7:30pm, and after some confusion and discussion moved to the vigil where others in black joined them. As the vigil was winding down, masks and pamphlets were distributed throughout the crowd. A group of about seven young boys (some on bikes) joined the bloc, and were given masks as well. As the vigil dispersed there was an air of uncertainty in the crowd, at most 60 people were gathered. The start was awkward, no one person or group taking the initiative to start the march, eventually people began marching after shouting and frustration built.

The march went south, further into Clark Park. A trash can was knocked over, and the lid was thrown into the street toward a line of police cars. The tone was set; an uneasy antagonism hung over the group. A banner was unfurled (“revolt against the misery of daily life”) and the bloc tightened, heading north toward Baltimore Ave. Bags of paint-filled balloons were passed around between masked

demonstrators. Markers and paint sticks were also distributed within the march. Once on Baltimore, the march headed West and immediately began blocking the street with a dumpster and some trash cans.

With some distance between the march and the police cars (no cops were on foot), the march went North, against the direction of traffic, up a smaller residential street, where people jumped on top of cars and shouted “fuck the police”. At the end of the block there was confusion as to where to go, some wanted to head further West, others toward the University City neighborhood, and others still wanted to return to Baltimore Ave, after cries of “stay tight!” the march went one block East, then began heading south toward Baltimore Ave once again.

Near the corner of Baltimore Ave, with police right behind them, some demonstrators turned around and threw paint balloons at the leading police cruiser. Others quickly joined in. The march, more tense than before, turned East onto Baltimore Ave. The same dumpster was again pushed into the street as the paint covered cruiser sped toward the sidewalk, and a cop stepped out. This is when the march dispersed.

Two people were arrested, one of whom was tazed after a foot chase. The other was tackled to the ground and then kicked by a few officers. Both were taken to Mercy Hospital and then to jail. They have since been released.

This was the first event of it's kind in Philly in years. There is a lot of ferocity and anger toward the police. It was impressive and courageous to attack the police quickly and unapologetically. People in bloc for the most part dressed the part well, going above and beyond simply tying bandanas over their faces. There are some things that rebels in Philly should work on. Asking who someone is or speculating on their identity during or after an illegal demonstration is not acceptable (not including undercover police). The march lacked direction and did not seem to have any predetermined destination or direction, it's unclear if those who put out the call intended to lead the bloc anywhere. There was a decent amount of people present, but because march took place the same weekend as the anarchist book fair, it's possible that many of those in attendance were from out of town. It would be great if more Philly-based rebels come out to events like these in the future. Coming to demonstrations materially prepared is vital for effectively confronting the police in the streets. The march could have benefited from large banners to both keep it tight and prevent the police from entering the march should they try. At least a few people took photographs of young kids before and as they were donning masks, this is dangerous and undermines the efforts people take to remain anonymous.

Fight The Police!

Solidarity With The Rebels In Ferguson! ★

OPEN LETTER TO MASKED COMRADES

NOVEMBER 29, 2014

submitted to Philly Anticap

As solidarity with Ferguson demonstrations have taken place in Philly we've noticed more and more people attending demonstrations wearing masks (some in all black, some not). This always makes us smile; the more of us wear masks the stronger our anonymity, and the more normalized anonymous attendance to demonstrations in Philly becomes. As we already know, there's no point in having a face at these events. Maybe we're wrong, but, part of why seeing more masks in the street is exciting to us is because we see it as building a more combative street presence.

Even though it seems that more people are wearing masks at demonstrations, we're scattered throughout the demo. As we continue to attend demonstrations masked it can be useful to congregate and march together as a masked bloc. There are a lot of potential benefits to this. A bloc allows for people to more safely change into their disguises in a complicit and non-hostile crowd, away from cameras. A bloc acts as an opaque place where we can coordinate action, share relevant information, generally communicate quickly, and act together. By coming together we can collectively push demonstrations we take part in in more radical directions; chanting revolutionary slogans, antagonize the police, and creating space for people to take other action from within a sympathetic crowd. Within a bloc we can create a culture of autonomy, resistance and direct communication within larger demonstrations and during our own events.

*See you in the streets,
masked comrades*

[BLACK YOUTH MURDERED,
AUGUST 1970 CONTINUED]

continues on to this day. Though largely integrated into a friendlier, softer policing, control and indoctrination through hierarchy is revisited daily, with the most marginalized groups facing the largest flare ups of explicit violence on the part of the state. Whether corrupted by bigotry or the power bestowed on them by the state, police officers continue to threaten freedom and livelihood of everyone that falls within their reach.

It is interesting to consider the correlation of increasingly softer policing and softer protests to indignation through our modern history. Even paltry reforms seem all the more insubstantial as time goes on, suggesting authority figures were lulling us to sleep. The occasional flare up (i.e. riot) in response to the violence that is constantly threatened by police, and most often carried out on marginalized communities, seemed to be on a decrease on the timeline of revolt. That is, perhaps, until recently.

Revisiting this particular event emphasizes that there is more than one way to address the inherent violence of the police. Even in the United States. Even in Philadelphia. And there are still people around that were there. Not to suggest perfection in strategies and tactics of the past, but a strength in diversity of considerations.

Any history deemed acceptable for the text books has had to be whitewashed either to cleanse the hands of those in power, or to dull down the tactics made necessary for struggle; from labor strikes, to civil rights, to "the movement of the squares" in Europe, Tunisia, and other occupations of the commons. Yes, there are people trying to rewrite such a recent history as Tunisia as nonviolent, where folks regularly burned down police stations during the riots that increased various tactical advantages. So let's remember these struggles as they occurred, maybe drop a line to those that were there to say, 'hello,' and strive for passions unfettered by any tradition. ★



The concept of justice comes with judges,cops,and prisons.

It has allowed white men and other powerful forces to repress people for ages. It has given legitimacy to the power of the law. Some of us say down with justice, and Fuck The Law. Calls for "justice" and "jailing killer cops" are useless. Justice exists to be used against the poor, the black and brown and other outcasts. This is not a struggle for justice, but a WAR against it. We should not act within the doctrines of the law. Instead we need to attack the very idea of the law, and disrupt its normal function. We need to learn how to fight, how to care for one another, and how to counter the existence of the global police occupation - Philly ought to take note from the resistance in Ferguson,Palestine,Greece,Turkey, and abroad. There is no getting free without a clash. The guns are already aimed at us, peace has never existed.

The only question is, how will we all prepare to engage in this Social War?





When my water catches fire
I want to douse those responsible

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Gentrification is already
taking place here.



New businesses, expensive housing, more surveillance and police, fuck-ups then students then yuppies, all constantly pushing further west, each wave wealthier and whiter than the last. Businesses that were once controversial become common place. The history of the neighborhood is washed away, while developers and speculators try desperately to sell what little authenticity remains, all the while wiping it away as they price out the undesirables.


It's not one sided though, people have been fighting back. When the Gold Standard first opened they were welcomed with a brick through the window. People have been passing on their leases as they move out, ensuring that the rent stays low. Others have taken aim at the gentry, interrupting their expensive meals with a smoke bomb.



The conflict is already here,
the important thing
is to choose a side.



**INTERNATIONAL WEEK
OF SOLIDARITY WITH
ANARCHIST PRISONERS**



**23 - 30
AUGUST 2015**

Dozens of anarchists are serving their time in jail for their beliefs of a just world. All of those people require support from their fellow comrades. We would like to call people around the

world to join this week of action with different possibilities to support our fellow human beings, to show them that we remember them and know that we will never be free until all are free.

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