POLLUTED CURRENTS & RELATIONS TO WATER

“We warned that one day you would not be able to control what you have created. That day is here. Not hearing warnings from both Nature and the People of the Earth keeps us on the path of self-destruction. This self-destructive path has led to the Fukushima nuclear crisis, Gulf oil spill, tar sands devastation, pipeline failures, impacts of carbon dioxide emissions and the destruction of ground water through hydraulic fracking, just to name a few. In addition, these activities and development continue to cause the deterioration and destruction of sacred places and sacred waters that are vital for Life.”

- Caretakers of the Earth, address to the U.N. in 2013

Another tool of industrial civilization has been discontinued locally, but only after having destroyed much of what we depend on to live. As of February, fracking is banned in the Delaware River’s watershed, a region extending from northeastern Pennsylvania to southern New York State. More than 13 million people get their water from this river.

Over the past ten years, the fracking industry has devastated the populations of people to whom it promised renewed prosperity. Studies have definitively shown that chemicals emitted by the fracking process get into people’s bodies through the surrounding region. Nausea, bleeds, rashes, and migraines as well as debilitating illnesses are commonly reported by people living near fracking activity. Fracking throughout Pennsylvania has already polluted the Delaware Valley waterways, despite this recent ban. The counties in which fracking is concentrated, moreover, are no better off financially than when fracking started.

Yet the state continues to commission new academic studies on the health effects of fracking, rather than halting the practice altogether. Right now, researchers at the University of Pittsburgh are slated to conduct a three-year study on the effects of fracking after pressure from local families who lost their children to a rare type of bone cancer. The study will not include facilities that handle radioactive fracking waste, and it will not tell us anything we don’t already know. The government’s unwillingness to acknowledge the ways in which its actions kill its people is reflected by the Health Department’s statement on the matter, which is that the dozens of people exposed to fracking near Pittsburgh who have been diagnosed with this rare cancer “did not reach statistical significance.”

The decision to finally ban fracking in this area, after more than ten years of hardly regulated practices throughout the rest of the state, coincides with fracking’s increasing unprofitability. The industry has produced a glut of cheap gas, which has wrecked havoc on the energy industry as supply has far exceeded demand for years now. Having few places to go, the oversupply of natural gas in Pennsylvania is now being used to fuel plastics production here and overseas. The multi-billion massive cracker plant being built in Beaver County, for example, is part of this desperate trend to continue profiting off of fracking’s destructiveness by converting fracking ethane into plastics and shipping it all over the world.

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WHAT WENT DOWN

ATM’s continue to be stolen throughout the city. Insurance claims for damages because of ATM thefts increased by 220% from 2019 to 2020. Due to COVID-19 bank closures or restricted hours, customers are being encouraged to use ATMs and banks are holding more money in them than before.

January 20 – Graffiti against the presidential inauguration.
“NO MORE PRESIDENTS” & “WE WANT EVERYTHING (A)”

January 24 – North Philly Food Not Bombs holds a banner during their food service in solidarity with Food Not Bombs Minsk, who were arrested after giving an interview about anarchism and animal rights. “FROM PHILLY TO MINSK FUCK THE POLICE”

January 25 – Letter writing night for Black Liberation Army prisoner Kamiad Sadiqi hosted by Philly ABC.

January 26 – Letter writing night for earth liberation prisoner Marius Mason hosted by Philly GAF.

January 30 – Banner dropped: “WE WANT EVERYTHING (A) GAF (E)"

February 12 – Protest against the police killing of Christian Hall takes place in Center City.

Late February – Graffiti against homelessness in South Philly on an OFC contraction site and in Center City. “De-colonize” scrawled across “Vote” mural on South Street.

Late February – Anti-police graffiti by the Green Anti-Capitalist Front. “ACAB” “GAF”

February 22 – Letter writing night for Cleveland 4 prisoner Doug Wright hosted by Philly ABC.

February 28 – Monthly Really Free Market begins taking place at Malcolm X Park, opening space for an alternative gift and mutual aid economy.

Early March - The District Attorney’s office is tagged in solidarity with Black Liberation prisoners. “FREE MUMIA FREE MAROON! FREE THEM ALL”

March 6 – “Insurrectionary Feminist Exterior Decoration Committee” paintbomb a pro-life billboard. “Paint on patriarchy and gender!”

March 13 – LAVA’s Really Free Market continues it’s monthly space for sharing resources.

COP BLOTTER

Five Philadelphia Police Officers have been arrested in less than a month, as of February 18th, and several others charged with various crimes throughout 2020. Charges include tampering with public records, obstruction, mis-applying entrusted property, DUI, aggravated assault, violation of a protection-from-abuse order, murder, robbery, terrorist threats, vandalism, public drunkenness, statutory rape, and sexual assault of a minor.

Recently retired Philadelphia homicide Detective John Konorowsk has been named in a lawsuit of leading an investigation that resulted in the arrest and 14-month imprisonment of an innocent man.

Off-duty Philly cop Gregory Campbell left the Fraternal Order of Police bar at 11650 Caroline Road in the North-east on Saturday, February 6th. Driving drunk, he crashed his car into a house where he killed a dog, critically injured a 53-year-old woman, and also injured her husband.

Former Philly Detective John Logan quickly resigned last month before being charged for letting a confidential snitch who was owed money by the department take valuable property out of evidence in lieu of payment, including a power washer. Later, when more payments didn’t materialize, the snitch reported the evidence room incident, according to sources.

Philadelphia Officer Eric Ruch Jr. shot and killed a 25-year-old black man following a car crash in December 2017, and was just charged last fall. Ryan Pownall, who killed David Jones in a similar way in 2018, is set to begin trial for a downgraded charge of third-degree murder in other charges in April 2021.

Philadelphia Police Officer Luis Miranda was arrested and charged last year with multiple counts of robbery and aggravated assault in connection with a 2017 incident.

Former Philly officer Sean Renaldo Stewart, 47, was recently charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, statutory sex assault, and aggravated indecent assault of a teenager over span of three years, beginning when he was 23.

Twenty-year Philadelphia Police veteran Rahim Montgomery was arrested in January over a rape five years before. He has been charged with unlawful contact with a minor, indecent assault, indecent exposure, and corruption of minors. He had been on a list of “problem cops” created by disgraced former District Attorney Seth Williams, published in 2018, after he “destroyed property inside his home and assaulted his spouse” – for which he received a ten day suspension. While many on that list were flagged as problematic courtroom witnesses, he was not one of them.

“A letter from a jail cell”

(English translation by Ko Ko Thett)

Dear Father,
the River, whose stomach was cut open, has declared war on our tiny house on the bank, hasn’t she? Right in front of the house, you must be looking out for someone who will help you with embarkment poles to straighten the river, to fill her holes with sandbags.

In the murky water, which rises like a bamboo lance, you must be gazing at the jasmine plantation laden with fruits ready for harvest.

You must be thinking a handful of rice in your mouth is about to be fingered out. Maybe you will find solace in religion, contemplating our five feet. Maybe you will think of the void a son’s labour can fill.

One son, two daughters and one son; The eldest is a poet in prison, the first daughter, a school teacher, the second, a graduate in the kitchen, the youngest, a student.

Your poet son,
Is he ever employable as the dah you use to clear weed? Forgive nothing, Father. Nothing!

“Son, Pho Chan, why do I hear noises behind you?”, you asked on the phone.

“I am at the bus stop to post a manuscript to a journal,” I lied. From your liar son in the dock to thugs who sweeten you with the tips of their tongues, “To our benefactor peasants . . .”, because they want to have you from behind, hate them all, Father. Hate them all.

A chief is unarmed. A thief is armed to the teeth.

If thieves are ungovernable, if thugs are ungovernable, what’s the point of government? Whatever happens to the jungles whatever happens to the mountains whatever happens to the rivers they don’t care. They love the country just the way they love to grate a coconut, from inside out, for coconut milk. Pitled by plinth, to make their throne taller, they will point their guns at the urna on the Lord Buddha’s forehead. Their class is that crass. To curse at that class if your religion forbids you allow me to lose that religion. I will turn the air blue on your behalf. Maybe you don’t know yet. your son was set up for demanding the so-called police not to harm ordinary citizens. Someday your son, who is not a thief nor a thug will become employable, good as your dah that clears weed. For now, Father, keep gazing at the plantation you’d ploughed with your naked shoulders. Keep singing the anthem of The Peasant Union. Yours ever,
K Za Win

Coll 1, Section 30
Thayawaddy Prison
Two Prisoners

Nineteen-year-old Christian Hall was murdered by Pennsylvanian State Police at the end of December near the town of Hamilton. Officers claimed he was pointing a gun at them when they shot him, but recent video shows his hands were empty and in the air when they began firing. Police have refused to release the names of those officers, and they have since returned to work in Monroe County.

Jury selection has begun in the trial of Officer Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis for the killing of George Floyd last year. Beforehand, the city began fortifying its positions in preparation for unrest. Still in the jury selection process as of this writing, Unicorns Riot and others have already called attention to the polarizing and exclusionary nature of the process—particularly of black people.

In Greece and all over Europe, there is a conflict playing out in the streets. Windows are being smashed, fires are being set, police are being attacked, demonstrations are taking place internationally, and riots are breaking out in Athens. Why? It’s all because Dimitris Koufoudinas—a convicted member of a leftist urban guerrilla group serving 11 life sentences for at least 11 murders—is on hunger strike since January 8, demanding to be transferred to a prison in Athens.

Here in the USA, Mumia Abu Jamal—a former Black Panther, journalist, and arguably the most well-known political prisoner in the country—has recently been diagnosed with Covid and heart disease, in addition to already suffering from hepatitis C. The reaction has been a call-in campaign to Governor Wolf and protest outside the district attorney’s office calling for Abu Jamal’s release.

The difference between these two political prisoners is extensive. Dimitris Koufoudinas was a member of the November 17 Group, a far-left organization responsible for robberies, assassinations, and bombings. The group is responsible for 103 different attacks resulting in 23 murders. The USA, Greece, the UK, and Turkey have all designated the November 17 Group a terrorist organization. Koufoudinas has never expressed regret for the crimes he is convicted of. Mumia Abu Jamal, on the other hand, is a journalist and former Black Panther. He is one of the most well-known political prisoners on the planet, with support coming from countries around the world. Activists and lawyers express outrage at the unfair trial he experienced. More recently, supporters have urged the courts to consider new evidence that could exonerate Abu Jamal of his conviction; in fact, Abu Jamal has never publicly admitted to the murder he was imprisoned over.

This enormous contrast can bring up some questions for supporters of political prisoners in the US. What would it take to build up the kind of militant support for prisoners seen in Greece locally? What doers does a narrative focused on innocence open or close? What about a narrative focused on resenting struggle? How desperate does a prisoner’s situation need to be before people begin to freak out at those responsible for their imprisonment?
LET US BURY OUR FANGS IN THE SKIN OF THE HETEROPATRIARCHY
from Publicación Refractaria, translated by The Free

March 8 is and always has been a day of commemoration and struggle.

There are those who have fragile memory, others simply ignore and there are some who better forget it.

March 8 is one of the many dates on which the murder by hand of the powerful of those who died fighting is commemorated, but unlike most of the fighting dates this was carried out exclusively by women.

In 1980, a group of workers organized themselves autonomously to confront and demand that the bosses end the conditions of misery in which they barely survived, this daring and courage was punished with a great massacre.

The powerful sought to end the strikes and sabotage with an amplifying measure so that no one would again try to break or obstruct the chain of production and merchandise, for the bosses killing workers will always be the most economical and effective option, there is plenty of poor people.

That March 8 is commemorated today thanks to the effort and persistence of many of who do not forget what happened that day, so for those of us who are committed to building antagonistic paths to the logic of the heteropatriarchal system, it is crucial not to stop remembering those who fertilized with tears and blood the ways of confrontation, thus we learn from those who were before us, from their successes and mistakes. In this way we give more accurate blows to this system of terror.

A few years ago in the territory dominated by the Chilean State, on March 8 in some areas, it took on a combative look in the streets. The flowers and celebrations of “women’s day” were exchanged for stones, screams and fire in the hands of many of the individuals who do not ask permission to fill the streets.

But while the seductive pleasure grew in the hearts of many / s, in turn, the police / reformist / social democratic practices proliferated in the demonstrations, even repressing comrades who broke with normality and order. Many of them have been attacked by the “purple police”, the latter says, orders and controls “the right thing” within the March 8 demonstrations.

In this I will be emphatic, there can be no aggression without response or room for these repressive practices within the spaces of struggle, one thing is that there are different perspectives and / or methods of how the individuals and groups that generate and / or give certain battles. They raise initiatives around the struggles of gender, feminists, etc. but it is quite another to undervalue, police, repress or betray the comrades who carry out and / or propagate political violence.

Perhaps there are individuals and groups that have the best intentions of ending the capitalist heteropatriarchal system based on reforms in the laws and constitutional changes, those good intentions loaded with naivety only consolidate domination.

We find heteropatriarchy in all our relationships from the most macro as well as the most intimate, so any initiative to destroy the chauvinist scourge has to be born and executed from ourselves from the multiplicity of our actions.

The path of confrontation is long and difficult, but it is undoubtedly full of beauty, which emanates from an endless number of comrades who make mutual support and solidarity flesh, if we bring these two words to our daily lives we become strong, we do not need any institution or intermediary, we only need our partners.

Let us bury your fangs in the skin of heteropatriarchy.

All police are enemies regardless of their color or gender.

Monica Caballero Sepulveda
Anarchist prisoner [Chile] ★

RETURN OF THE WELFARE STATE?

After decades of devastating austerity measures from Democratic and Republican administrations alike, the ~9 trillion stimulus bill has reinstated some basic welfare measures that are being heralded as a repudiation of neoliberalism and comparable to the “war on poverty” legislation of the 1960s. The bill is called the American Rescue Act, but we should not be so quick to believe that America can be rescued — nor capitalism as a global system.

In the face of very slow economic growth since the 1970s, the United States, along with other high-income countries, systematically reduced social assistance programs and privatized public services. Bill Clinton’s 1996 “welfare reform” bill, for example, went from assisting 68% of families living in poverty to only 22%.

This strategy seems to have now become unviable, especially given the 2008 recession, from which the U.S.’s recovery has been extremely slow and egregiously inequitable. The U.S.’s approach to the 2008 crisis was different, since it was a financial rather than economic one — its attempts at recovery were largely backed by the Federal Reserve pumping money into the financial system and having it “trickle down,” essentially a continuation of neoliberal strategy. Meanwhile, regular peoples’ incomes have been almost stagnant for about two decades.

concepts, November 17 has been one of the armed groups in Europe whose anti-imperialist and communist tendency, despite some criticisms, continues to be a positive reference point for the anarchist struggle in the streets, for which we can be seen in the numerous attacks of solidarity.

In order to emphasize the demands of Dimitris Koutontinas and to give strength to those who are currently distributing fire in the Greek cities for this conflict, we attacked an equipment supplier of the Greek police on the night of February 18.

Inspired by an attack on a Hertz car rental in Athens in December, we set fire to a Hertz truck in Hünower Weg in Lichtenberg. Hertz provides vehicles to the Greek police, especially to the OPRE unit. Whether Hertz does this for free, as is sometimes claimed, or at very favorable conditions, this company is thus tangible to our rage. Hold out, Dimitris!

Our struggle is not finished until all prisoners are free!

Autonomous Group “Sigurd Debus”
Every burning Hertz is a Revolutionary Cell

SERIES OF ATTACKS ON CARS IN THE PNW
via Anarchist News

[Last] month in Portland, a car was used to attack about a dozen people, killing one. This year, cars have been used to attack anti-state protestors again and again. The world is crawling with cars. The earth ideocnizes with asphalt so that the might drive all over it. The air choking on the toxic fumes that their engines spit out. Our cities are organized entirely around cars, these gridded sprawls of streets, parking lots, garages, and high-rise cars more about the machine than the animals they threaten. Daily we wail past the mangled corpses of the animal victims that cars murder. Counterattacks have been long past due.

Recently, hundreds of tires were slashed or pierced in Portland. Some cars had four tires targeted, some three, some two, some just one lonely flat. It depended on the mood. Slashings tires is quick and relaxing. A simple push of some thing sharp into an eager sidewalk, you hear the satisfying whoosh of air being freed, and the tire slowly deflates as you walk away. The giant machine humbled, incapacitated, as it is very literally brought to the ground. For a short time, it cannot kill.

Generally, darkness is best for such a fun pastime, but one can participate in the daylight as long as it’s with sufficient speed and caution. Knives, awls, punches: anything sufficiently sharp and thin can be used.

New, expensive, and luxury cars, and large trucks and SUVs have been the primary targets.

Further, a few cars have been torched recently in Portland. Setting a car on fire takes more preparation, but they burn surprisingly easily. A 50/50 mix of gasoline and diesel works best, and the accelerant should be concentrated in one or a few places, instead of splashed around.

Small camping stoves can also be lit and placed directly underneath a cars fuel tank. They will burn through and set it alight long after you have left. Leave the area promptly.

Make total war on cars.

Stay sharp, don’t get caught, and happy hunting!

-an angry anarchist fighting for the wild ★
ATTACK ON HERTZ TRUCK IN BERLIN

Since January 8, Dimitris Koufontinas has been on hunger strike to achieve his transfer to Korydallos prison. Previously, the Greek government of Nea Dimokratia had transferred him from a prison near Volos to the high security prison of Domokos. This as part of its policy of revenge against prisoners in general and especially against Koufontinas as a prisoner of the Revolutionary Organization November 17.

For us, this matter takes on significance in that Dimitris is one of the few convicts of November 17 who did not repeat in court and was the only one to take political responsibility for the group's actions.

Even though the BO 17 November has been disband for almost twenty years, it remains forever as a link in history that creates a continuity from the resistance against the German occupation of Greece until 1944, through the struggle against the right-wing terror in the Civil War until 1949 and the resistance against the military dictatorship of the Obrists from 1967 – 1974, and since then continues to express itself in the social struggles against any regime in this country.

Despite different theoretical and practical analyses and
CURRENTS & WATER CONTINUED

Regardless of fracking's impact, the land and water throughout Pennsylvania has already been compromised in innumerable other ways. The environmental advocacy group PennEnvironment recently tested Pennsylvania's 53 most popular waterways and found microplastics in every single one, including the "most pristine-looking streams." They estimate that Pennsylvania residents consume about a credit card's worth of plastic every week. The New Shell cracked plant will only increase the amount of microplastics across the state.

Last year, the much-vaunted Fracking East and 2 pipeline had a spill that dumped 200 gallons of drilling fluid in 20 places along a creek in Lebanon County, as well as countless smaller spills and other incidents of pollution. Energy Transfer's Revolution Pipeline, part of which exploded back in 2018, is also back in service, essentially because the government doesn't care about us or any other forms of life. The pipeline had already incurred hundreds of violations even while it was still being built.

Here in Philly, an entire neighborhood — Eastwick — was knowingly built by the city next to one of the nation's most contaminated superfund sites, the former Clearview Landfill. The city denied homeowners' allegations about the site's toxicity until residents started getting rashes and other health issues. The city even said that the 55-acre site had already gone directly into the Darby Creek and the Delaware River, poisoning the rest of us as well.

At the same time as we're being routinely poisoned, extreme weather events across Pennsylvania — especially heavier rain — are also threatening farmers' ability to grow food and thus to offer basic sustenance.

"Mother Earth is the giver and the protector of the spirit after life, for all people, not just the Indian people. We have a sacred obligation to protect the earth, and to learn to live in harmony with the earth."

- Chief Quiet Thunder (Lenape), Original People

Anarchists talk a lot about freedom, usually as a "negative" concept in the political theoretical sense — i.e. freedom from "things" like hierarchy and control. Most of us have a harder time articulating what we want once this type of freedom is won, what a positive concept of freedom might look like, or how we might move beyond the idea of freedom altogether, insofar as it tends to be formulated in relation to a society. Given our current context, it is hard to imagine that we'll ever have to stop fighting for freedom from oppressive forces, even in the unlikely scenario of a "successful" revolution. We still dream of a life in which we also experience something like freedom through genuine and harmonious relationships with the world around us, in which using the word "genuine" does not feel so fraught. How can we fight for this way of life, even as ecological collapse makes it fade ever farther from the horizon of possibility?

As humans we are literally mostly water, but our relationship with water has been broken in countless ways. Most people in Philly, for example, don't have a strong sense of where the local rivers go or where they meet one another, because our waterways are organized in a way that we can't interact with them directly unless we go out of our way to do so. It is a key component of settler colonialism that it discourages having a sense of place, which makes a sense of mutual reckoning possible. We can't care for or enjoy waterways if we don't know them.

The current "land back" and other indigenous-led campaigns therefore have practical as well as ethical importance; the land all over Turtle Island needs to be put back in the hands of the original people who know it best and had organized their lives in relationship to it. This process, in turn, cannot be completed without dismantling the colonial institutions and capitalist economic order that make these relationships inaccessible, and whose interests directly harm the interests of indigenous peoples. Gord Hill writes: "In political terms, this means a radical de-centralization of national power (i.e., the dismantling of the nation-state) and the establishment of local autonomy (community & region, traditionally the village and tribal nation)."

Writing about colonial society's existing institutions for "legal" issues in Catojai's article: "What defines the crisis of American education is the crisis of modern man's identity and his collective cosmological disconnection from the natural world. Those who identify most with the 'bottom line' more often than not suffer from image without substance, technique without soul, and knowledge without context: the cumulative psychological results of which are usually unabridged alienation, loss of community, and a deep sense of incompleteness." Not only people's physical health, but also our ability to be happy depends on bringing ourselves back into relationship with place and our own life forms with which we are fundamentally interdependent.

This remains, however, a problematic proposition for those of us who are settlers and whose attempts to personally cultivate such a relationship with land tend to usurp the ability of native people to do so.

Those of us who were raised with colonizer mindsets usually think of the Earth as a "resource" that is part and parcel of this process quite recently — making statements against a fast-tracked nuclear waste disposal site in New Mexico as recently as last month.

The Olga Cell of the Informal Anarchist Federation took a different route in addressing such callousness in May 2012, when they shot a nuclear executive in the knee after detaining him near the Three Mile Island nuclear disaster. Nicola Gai has since been released for being the get-away driver in the shooting of Roberto Adinolfi, while Adinolfi remains behind bars awaiting trial within the prison walls. Adinolfi worked for the Italian conglomerate that became Leonardo, which owns a vast array of military-industrial subsidiaries like the AugustaWestland Philadelphia Corporation, tech companies like ELSAG North America (which produces "automated license plate readers" that the Philadelphia Police and Parking Authorities use on their vehicles), and less obviously affronting companies like Fiat, as we reported on in February 2020.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The government won't protect you. They may even get you killed. Deep freezes in Texas and a global pandemic are the consequences of civilization. The governments that maintain it prioritize markets and the "solutions" offered by them, as they rush to reopen economies and continue providing substantial aid to businesses, law enforcement, and other harmful forces. Make no mistake, we will never support a lockdown or a socialized distribution of currency — we'd rather exist apart from those government and economic structures, defacing their symbolic notions, and toppling their threats to our autonomy.

One way or another, people are dying. Human deaths are already on the increase due to historic high temperatures from the more obvious effects of climate change, but as we've covered before, this climate catastrophe we find ourselves in also means more devastating storms, increased competition for resources, and an increased likelihood of global pandemics too. We are floundering in a global extinction moment while politicians and their economies continue to fail in protecting almost any populace. They are literally invested in maintaining business as usual.

Self-sufficiency isn't really an individual effort. What hopes we have for survival (gardening, foraging, hunting, building, etc.) are only improved by sharing those skills and resources with others. No matter what stage of human existence we think of, there is most commonly an human interdependence at play, within a larger interdependence with the rest of the natural world — and we should never forget that we are not separate from that. That doesn't mean prefigurative social aid projects as card-

NUCLEAR COSTS

This month marks ten years since the Fukushima disaster in Japan. An earthquake triggered a tsunami and a nuclear meltdown at the Fukushima power plant, quickly killing thousands of people and underway radiation across the Pacific Ocean to Alaskan shores. The only people to have ever been directly attacked with nuclear weapons — by the United States, in fact, in 1945 — many in Japan took to the streets on the anniversary of the accident to protest any use of nuclear clear power.

It was the 1945 bombing that prompted Albert Einstein to denounce his work in developing nuclear power, calling it "the biggest mistake of my life." Technological advancements always benefit ruling powers, particularly their military interests, and nuclear power was no different. It has since developed into a significant source of electrical power, which has precipitated innumerable leaks and notable meltdowns like Fukushima, Chernobyl, and even Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island in 1979.

Freddy Perlman said the 1979 incident was "no accident. It is the present stage of progress of Technology, alias Capital," called Frankensteinian by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, considered 'neutral' by aspiring managers burning to get their ‘revolutionary’ hands on the controls. For two hundred years Capital has been developing, destroying, and destroying human beings. Capital has now begun a frontal attack on its own domestic; its computers have begun to calculate the expediency of those who’ve been taught to think themselves its beneficiaries.

While the neighboring Montgomery County health department has tried to anticipate such a disaster at the much closer Limerick, Pennsylvania nuclear plant by distributing anti-radiation pills in 2017, official messages insisted in the midst of the 1979 meltdown that "there is no need to overreact, the situation is stable, the leaders have everything under control." Eventually the local populace was evacuated.

This callousness to the cost of life in pursuit of progress is also a factor in the mining and waste disposal that proceeds and follows the power plant stage of nuclear energy. Many Diné people in the American Southwest, among others, have coined the term ‘Earthship’ to describe a nuclear future that is part and parcel of this process quite recently — making statements against a fast-tracked nuclear waste disposal site in New Mexico as recently as last month.

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