The Defenestration

Throwing Power Out the Window • Issue 1 • Mid September

The Defenestration is Philly's latest attempt at a radical paper, something (unlike bread) that Philly suffers a scarcity of. Following the anarchist tradition of throwing things out of windows (when we are not being thrown out of windows ourselves), we here at the Defenestration editorial penthouse feel that power, in its many incarnations and appearances has an appropriate place broken into pieces at the foot of the castle. Power spread around the people makes up for a good deal of editorial inspiration around these parts, as it does in our actions and those of our allies.

The thing about power is: although it can pervade so many aspects of existence, sometimes to the point where you think you just can't kick the entity out of your life, power also has a face. The architects of vertical power and the rulers in the tower can be found. Their identity is no secret, they flaunt their wealth and strength. If one can get close enough to them to shake their hand one is close enough to bloody their nose. And if one is close enough to bloody their nose, then maybe you're within reach of winning.

We here at the Defenestration are in the long process of throwing all power out of the window. Not just certain forms of political power. We want to tear it down and triumph over the ruins.

By Tom Burghardt, Editor, Antifa Info-Bulletin

"Why are you doing this to me? Why? Why?" -- Abner Louima, Haitian immigrant

"You niggers have to learn to respect police officers." -- NYC cops to Louima as they tortured him.

(SAN FRANCISCO) -- The vicious beating and gang-rape of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima by New York City cops is a brutal reminder that the forces of "law and order" are the State's frontline fighters in an ever-escalating war on immigrants, communities of color and the poor.

After his arrest for a minor altercation on Saturday, August 9th outside the Club Rendez-Vous, a Brooklyn nightclub, the 30-year-old immigrant was savagely beaten by two separate carloads of NYC's "finest" as he was being transported to the local cop-shop.

To drive home their point the cops stopped not once, but twice to continue their pedagogical exercise camouflaged as a beating. In this way the cops were certain Louima (a "nigger" and an "alien" to boot) would begin to learn to respect police officers. But Louima's nightmare enrollment in the NYPD's "street university" was only beginning. He had his reached his destination: Brooklyn's 70th Precinct.

Upon arrival, Louima was forced to strip naked in front of the desk sergeant and then led to a bathroom a scant few feet from the precinct's nerve center. According to some reports, 20 cops were on-duty and present at the station house at the time of the assault. Once he was dragged inside the lavatory, now doubling as a torture chamber, Louima was thrown to the ground where he was beaten and kicked again by more cops. Four, five, six. The exact number is still uncertain. This much is known, however: once Louima was forcibly restrained face-down on the floor, officer Justin Volpe shoved a toilet plunger up the man's rectum causing critical injuries to his intestines and bladder. Then Volpe, in a fit of murderous rage, shoved the plunger into Abner Louima's mouth breaking several of his teeth. In place of the usual fire-play reserved for the graduate -- a basassis mortuus and gown -- Louima was "awarded" a catheter and colostomy bag, courtesy of the City of New York.

Volpe and another cop, Charles Schwartz, have been indicted by a grand jury and face up to 50 years imprisonment for their savage attack. Both cops had been suspended for racist brutality in the past, yet the system allowed them to return to their posts to brutalize again. Despite the vicious nature of the attack, the Patrolman's Benevolent Association, the so-called cop "union" had no comment on the incident other than to dismiss the allegations and defend Louima's torturers! When criminals guard the racist anything and everything is possible -- and permitted. An investigator from the Brooklyn District Attorney's office told the New York Times that there is a lot of pressure on police from colleagues and union officials not to provide any information. The investigator said there were indications of an attempt to "cover tracks and other things up." Indeed! The weapon used by the police torturers has mysteriously "disappeared." The investigator said: "We're not going to find it. It was gotten rid of quickly."

STOP POLICE BRUTALITY!

OCTOBER 22 WEAR BLACK

And what of the powers that be, what was their response? After all, this is an election year? NYC Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Police Commissioner Howard Safir have vowed to "rid the department" of the supposedly few rotten apples who occupy minority and working class communities. Yet despite police promises "to clean things up," only made because of intense community outrage and media scrutiny, they continue to describe the incident as an "isolated matter!" Havn't we heard this before? The hypocrisy of statements such as these are underscored by the virtual open-season that Giuliani and Safir declared on minority and working class neighborhoods throughout New York. In "unfashionable" districts such as Flattbush, Harlem, Hell's Kitchen, Washington Heights and the South Bronx, largely populated by black, brown, yellow and poor white families struggling to survive capitalism's "free-market miracle," daily incidents of police violence are duly reported with numbing regularity -- to no avail, hardly a blip on the media screen.
Our criticism of the police must be properly framed; however, after all, a pedagogy of power is designed so that the poor will "learn to respect police officers" - and more importantly, those who command capital's praetorian guard. Daily, lessons for the poor, the marginalized and above all, for "youthful predators" include: wide-spread drug-dealing and corruption; savage beatings; sexual assaults; frame-ups; racist taunts and when all else fails, murder and systematic cover-up. One must never forget one's "station" nor assume that citizens have any rights that police need to respect. After all, police are "teachers" guiding us through the intricacies of race, class and the global market. But lessons such as those taught to Abner Louima are exceptional only to the degree they are exposed. As an entire generation is deemed "lost" by the capitalist ruling class, those duly marginalized can and are considered "fair game" by killer cops who dish out their unique brand of "touch love" in defense of a seemingly immutable "order of things." The "thin blue line," a serviceable metaphor for a prison-industrial complex in process of transforming the whole society into a vast, gray, terrifying penitentiary where all hopes fade, wither and die.

What does this incident teach us about the nature and role of repressive state agencies? What lessons will anti-racists glean from an episode such as this? Do the police "defend" Blacks, Latinos, Jews, immigrants and queers from attack by the resurgent forces of fascism in our midst? While "liberal watchdog" groups urge anti-racists to rely on the police to "fight fascism," the worst of this bunch -- the more well-heeled who derive their raison d'être from generous corporate grants -- continue to ignore and cover-up systematic police brutality and violence. Even more alarming, many so-called "anti-racist watchdogs" routinely conduct training sessions for police intelligence units and collaborate with the FBI. COINETLPRO with a happy face :) updated with 1990s "diversity-training" jargon! Anti-racists are well-advised to examine the ideological origins of so-called "community policing" schemes and other ruling class occupation strategies. You might be surprised. "Low-intensity conflict" practices, including PSYWAR techniques borrowed from the Pentagon, are designed to destroy any and all opposition to regressive economic and social policies instituted by ruling elites. Once reserved for Third World nations during the Cold War, the implementation of the military's counter-insurgency doctrine to "fight crime" has become a permanent feature of life in the imperialist heartland itself.

The system of course, will attempt to defuse the firestorm of protest that resulted from this incident. But jailing sadistic cop torturers is not enough. If it would preserve their monopoly of violence, the State would toss Volpe and Schwarz into a tank filled with piranhas on prime-time TV! No amount of "diversity training" will change the nature or role of these savage armies of repression. An army of occupation whose mission is to "teach niggers to respect police officers" -- and more importantly, teach us all to fear the masters who hold the leash.

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Dear Defenestrator,

You have good ideas about squatting houses. Maybe you could squat a separate house specifically as a place for us to bring politicians to. We could throw them out the window and videotape them screaming "Ach, Ach, Oweh!" We will show no mercy.

You put together the logistics of the thing and I will volunteer to do media for it. We will send the tapes to news stations as warnings to politicians. Then we can have solidarity encampments in other states. See you soon, compañero,

A.S. Shameless

twisted and inspired letters may be sent to

DEFENESTRATOR!
C/O A-SPACE
4722 BALTIMORE AVE.
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19143

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INTERNAL DEFENESTRATING

All right, so there was this defenestrator meeting at the A-Space to which not a whole lot of people showed up to, but some basic shit was decided. First off, we want to go news print pretty soon, maybe by next issue. By then we need to get a bit more organized, especially with raising cash for printing and getting some sort of production schedule worked out. As for now we're having monthly open editorial meetings at the A-Space, 7:30 pm every first Monday of the month. The defenestrator wants to be run by the entire anarchist scene and then some, so if you have any way to contribute, you should show up! There are benefits to organizing, articles to write, fliers to bring, pages to lay out etc. By next issue, the submission deadline will be this first Monday of the month meeting. So either have your submission here by then or bring it by the meeting. We need to hear about what you are doing! So write about it! If there's a demo, a speaker, whatever looks like it would fit into this calendar, give us a flyer! If you want to write an article, we would be much happier if it were laid out already or at least printed out for us in columns (.5 inch margins are nice) or give us a disk with it on.

Getting cash is also something we need to do. I estimate it will run a good couple hundred a month at least. If you like the defenestrator, you could easily put together a benefit show or rob a bank for this project.

Collecting information: The defenestrator is a good place to spread information about what's happening in your neighborhood, undercover cops, addresses of fascists, newspaper clippings, interesting graphics, etc. These are all things we are looking for plus more. If you happen to run across something you would think would go well in here send it in, or drop it by!

Once we get our shit together, we'll start having regular layout, assembly and distribution dates/times set up. Volunteers especially needed for this too!

That's about it for now! May the force be with you!

-Onion
It's a nationwide epidemic--POLICE BRUTALITY--It's a national outrage. It has to stop!

Who's being protected and served when a cop in Newark, New Jersey guns down an unarmed pregnant woman? When US marines patrolling the Mexico-US border in Texas stalk a young man tending his family's goats? When a NYC cop shoots a 16-year-old in the back and gets selected as the officer of the month by his precinct? When San Francisco cops pepper spray a Black man to death? When Chicago cops gun down a Black man with a rubber bullet after he non-violently asked for his identity? When a LA cop in a substation bashes an 11-year-old in the face with a nightstick and gets himself some blue ribbon officer of the month by his precinct? When US marines murder Haitian refugees with a bulldozer? When a cop in Newark, New Jersey shoots a pregnant woman? When US marines murder Haitian refugees with a bulldozer? When a cop in Newark, New Jersey shoots a pregnant woman? When US marines murder Haitian refugees with a bulldozer? When a cop in Newark, New Jersey shoots a pregnant woman? When US marines murder Haitian refugees with a bulldozer?

Who would punish them when the President brags about putting more cops on the street and building more prisons? When the US Congress passes more and more restrictive laws? When the whole court system works to exonerate brutal murdering cops? The INS treats immigrants like they're less than human. They cooperate with the police to criminalize them and brutalize and murder them at the border. The authorities treat our youth like permanent suspects who are guilty until proven innocent—if they survive to prove their innocence. From arrest to trial to sentencing, the criminal justice system discriminates against Blacks, Latinos, and other people of color. Geronimo Pratt, a prisoner in Oak Park, Illinois, is fighting back against police murder. He's not the first of his people to do so. The whole movement of the 60's was the tip of the iceberg. Cops, La Migra, and the military are the vanguard of control over the people. It's up to us to bring our own movement into being. It's up to us to build the movement.

We need to make a big leap in building that movement. On October 22nd, 1997, the 2nd National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation, we will begin making that needed leap. On that day in cities all across the country, people of different nationalities will march, rally, hold poetry readings and other cultural events. Many, many people will wear black in solidarity with the protests and in memory of the victims of the police. Many will come from the experience of living our lives under the guns and clubs of brutal, murdering cops. Many others will come from different backgrounds, but we will all be standing together and saying police brutality must stop, NOW! And we will call on everybody who opposes this injustice and brutality to join with us in this important fight. National Coordinating Committee of the Oct. 22nd Coalition to Stop Police Brutality

Pittsburgh where people are mobilizing against brutalizing, murdering cops. Last October 22nd in 45 cities across the US, thousands of people marched, rallied, and protested against police brutality in other ways. Many people wore black on that day. All this represents a good start. But much more is needed. It's up to us to build a fighting, nationwide movement that can raise a giant stop sign against brutal, murdering cops and those who unleash and protect them. We need to make a big leap in building that movement.

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NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST TO STOP POLICE BRUTALITY 22.

WEAR BLACK!

ji Jaga (Pratt) is out of jail, but Mumia Abu Jamal is still on death row and Leonard Peltier is still locked down, as are many other political prisoners.

It's up to us to stop this! People have been resisting from St. Petersburg, Florida, and Leland, Mississippi where people fought back against police murder, to Chicago, LA, NY, and many other places.
What is going on in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania? Since the early 1990s, eastern Pennsylvania has gained a national reputation as a haven for organized racists and militias.

From Stroudsburg, PA down to Philadelphia and over to Harrisburg, the organized racist movement is gaining strength. First, it was the hooded members of Ku Klux Klan, and then it was the armed compound of Aryan Nation and Mark Thomas. Then it progressed to the development of the Philadelphia nazi racist gang known as Alpha. Along the way racist skinheads and militias came into play. Now it is the anti-Semitic ANU (American Nationalist Union) that are planning to descend on eastern Pennsylvania.

In September 1997 in New Hope, Pennsylvania, the organized racist movement and the not-so-distant cousins in the militias are planning one of the biggest racist events ever to be held in the Commonwealth. The Education & Vigilance Network has learned that the anti-Semitic racist-inspired gang known as the American Nationalist Union will be holding a regional conference at the Best Western motel in New Hope, PA. One of the listed speakers is Eustace Mullins, a long-time bigoted writer and racist organizer. One of the articles Mullins has authored was entitled "Adolf Hitler: An Appreciation." In the past couple of years, he has become a hit with armed militias. The ANU is the outgrowth of the anti-Semitic Populist Party, one of the largest and most influential hate gangs in the country. In 1988 the Populist Party ran David Duke as their presidential candidate.

The Education & Vigilance Network is asking people to join with us for a candlelight vigil to be held outside the Best Western motel on Saturday September 20, 1997. The Best Western is located on route 202, 6426 Lower York Road, New Hope, PA.

If we don't start taking a visible stand against these hate mongers' then we have allowed them to lay claim to eastern Pennsylvania by default. Let's go to New Hope with our message of diversity and a new hope for all of Pennsylvania, a new hope that we can build a Commonwealth that is free of bigotry and hate gangs. By working together we can ensure that Pennsylvania will continue to grow as a commonplace of all people and not a fatherland for the self-appointed chosen.

If you wish to join us call, email or write:

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From Philly rides are being organized by Anti-Racist Action who can be contacted via (215)-569-2477 #8 (may be out of commission). Also try the EVN at 814.274.8079.

Critical Mass occuir> on the last Friday of every month. The ride begins at 5:30 p.m., and generally lasts a little over an hour.

Who is Critical Mass?
The riders of Critical Mass span the spectrum of all cyclists. From commuters to couriers, from grandchildren to grandparents, all abilities, ages, and styles are encouraged and welcome. There are no "members" of Critical Mass, and there are no formal organizers. Nobody runs anything, and nobody is in charge. The participants of Critical Mass are simply those cyclists who show up and ride while promoting the virtues of the bicycle as a superior means of urban transportation.

When is Critical Mass?
Critical Mass occurs on the last Friday of every month. The ride begins at 5:30 p.m., and generally lasts a little over an hour.

Where is Critical Mass?
The rides meet at Dilworth Plaza, on the western side of City Hall (Broad and Market). The route changes every month, always ending at Kahn Park (11th and Pine). Routes for Mass are written up each month by anyone interested in promoting the virtues of the bicycle as a superior means of urban transportation.
access to clean needles saves lives by preventing the spread of HIV without increasing drug use.

the federal funding ban on syringe exchange has cost over 100,000 lives since the beginning of the epidemic. clinton and shalala: it's time to lift the ban.

Wed September 17 1997 • Noon

the day of reckoning: a national day of prayer and action to lift the federal funding ban on syringe exchange

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notorious U.S. rep tom coburn's anti-needle exchange amendment passed in house bill!

U.S. representative Tom Coburn, R-Oklahoma-Coburn is infamous for his "HIV Prevention Act" which would have created a national registry of the names of all people with HIV has been successful in passing an amendment to the House's version of the Health and Human Services Appropriations bill.

Needle exchange in serious jeopardy!

There is a ban on the use of federal funds for syringe exchange. The federal government pays for most disease prevention efforts in the U.S. Studies have demonstrated that the lack of an adequately funded program of syringe exchange has caused 100,000 unnecessary infections.

Right now, US Secretary of Health and Human Services, HHS Donna Shalala could lift the deadly federal funding ban with an executive order. We believe that this order may be issued after the budget process is completed (if enough activist pressure continues to be applied). Some positive movement from the administration was shown earlier in the year when HHS was authorized to release a report that admitted the ability of syringe exchange to dramatically lower rates of new infection without contributing to increases in drug usage.

Tom Coburn's amendment would remove Secretary Shalala's ability to lift the funding ban on syringe exchange. This would mean that only Congress would have the power to lift the ban. Effectively, this means that all hopes for federal funding for syringe exchange would be permanently crushed.

PA senator specter to play key role in house-senate conference committee.

The Senate version of the appropriations bill did not include any restrictions on Shalala's authority to lift the ban. When House and Senate versions of a bill are different, they must go to a conference committee, where members of the House and Senate work out their disagreements. The conference committee meets the day after the Sept 17th national action in Washington. Please join us in action by making phone calls and attending the demonstration. Specter could stop the Coburn amendment and help end the federal funding ban on syringe exchange. Or he could allow extremists like Coburn to sink it for all time.

Pennsylvanians desperately needed to call senator specter!

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Needle Exchange Facts

- Needle exchange is simply exchanging used, contaminated syringes for clean new ones. There are over 100 needle-exchange programs in the U.S. but most of them are small programs run out of the pocket of activists. No needle exchange has come close to filling the need.

- The federal government pays for most disease prevention in the U.S. However, there is a ban on the use of federal dollars for syringe exchange.

- The majority of people with HIV in Philadelphia are either injection drug users or the sexual partners of drug users. These infections could have been prevented if clean needles were freely available.

- Numerous studies prove that needle exchange cuts the spread of AIDS. Two ZIP codes with large syringe exchange programs, rates of new infection decline by one to two-thirds.

- Syringe exchange programs do not contribute to increases in drug use.

- No one becomes addicted to drugs because of needle exchange. In fact, needle exchanges serve as a bridge to treatment. For many drug users, needle exchange sites are the only point of contact with health care professionals in Philadelphia, the single largest source of referrals to drug treatment programs is the city-funded syringe exchange.

- While many people stop using drugs at some point, there is no cure for AIDS.

- A new needle cost tax payers around nine cents. The cost of treating each person infected with HIV is hundreds of thousands of dollars.

To find a local coordinator:

- Chris lane, national coalition to save lives now • 212.213.6376

Affinity groups must check in:

- Paul Davis, act up philadelphia • 215.731.1844
- Participate in 10:30 am prayer vigil
- Maryland • 212.987.0569

To schedule lobby visits:

- Andy stern • gmc action: 212.607.1259

TO CALL SENATOR SPECTER!

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Ask Specter to "oppose any restrictions on Shalala's authority to lift the federal funding ban on syringe exchange."

Best way to lift the federal funding ban on syringe exchange: come to the day of reckoning national demonstration and lobby day to lift the funding ban on syringe exchange, Sept 17, WA, DC.

Bus info: ACT UP PHILA • 215.731.1844 • ACT UP PITTSBURGH • 412.855.5215
We rats have thrived for centuries on the abundant and senseless food waste of humans. In Philadelphia we are everywhere from the subways to City Hall, and we easily outnumber humans, but it seems that certain humans prefer feeding rats rather than feeding the growing number of hungry and homeless people in their midst. In fact in this “City of Brotherly Love” at a place call Love Park the city government has banned the feeding of humans—claiming that these actions draw rats.

This policy is not only an insult to humans and rats, but it is bullshit pure and simple. City Hall’s policy is not about rats; it’s about unwanted humans and how to get rid of them, especially those who have nowhere else to go! The rising number of poor and homeless men, women and children are a direct result of recent welfare cuts and the problem is getting worse.

And how are city policy-makers responding to this crisis? Heinously!! While the population of humans living on the streets grows the city places more and more restrictions on homeless people, limiting access to shelters. Meanwhile the city has no long term plan to create affordable housing, to rebuild neighborhoods, or to renovate the thousands of abandoned properties it owns. The city’s lack of vision is indeed complicated by the depth of its denial. A human handing another human a sandwich is not a criminal act, it is a humane act. And we rats are deeply pissed that we have been scapegoated by the city.

A rat patrol will now act on behalf of hungry and homeless Philadelphians in defiance of the city ban.

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**FOOD NOT BOMBS NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Food Not Bombs has become an important project in West Philly. A lot of people come for and depend upon the food. Also, there is a lot of involvement from people in the neighborhood. Most volunteers come to Food Not Bombs in the morning when we bag food. Sometimes we get overcrowded in the morning. However, Food Not Bombs needs a lot of support in other areas.

**FOOD**

Food Not Bombs needs more food. Some weeks most of the food is gone after the first fifteen minutes of opening our doors. When we scale food stamp cut offs happen in March, the food will go even faster. We need people to find more sources of food and pick them up.

In addition to produce and bread, we would like to be able to give out staples like rice, beans, pasta, flour, etc. Also, canned goods would help people eat throughout the week.

**VEHICLE**

Food Not Bombs could really use its own vehicle. One persons truck currently does all the pickups for both West Philly FNB on Fridays and North Philly FNB on Tuesdays. This is a lot of stress to put on one person and an old truck.

**Funds**

Food Not Bombs needs funds to use towards the needs mentioned here as well as many others. Food Not Bombs volunteers have often had to pay gas money out of their own pockets. Also, the A-Space is behind on its rent, and Food Not Bombs needs to contribute more to the space’s upkeep. A benefit for Food Not Bombs is a great excuse to have a fun and informative show or dinner.

**STORAGE**

Food Not Bombs could also collect and distribute more food if it had access to refrigeration and storage space.

**INFORMATION**

Another aspect of Food Not Bombs I would like to see happen more is the sharing of information. Please bring fliers and information for us to place in the bags. Last April, Project Teach and other AIDS organizations did workshops at Food Not Bombs, and it would be good to organize similar events in the future.

These are just some ideas put forth by one Food Not Bombs volunteer. You can contact me, Spam, at 474-6459 box7. Or just come by the A-Space Friday around 4.
Radio mutiny joins IWW in struggle for Justice at Job Corps

Student employees of the Keystone Job Corps Center in Drums, Pennsylvania, who are now under constant scrutiny and surveillance by management, are fighting for their most basic rights and decent working conditions in a heated Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) campaign. One student employee has already been fired, and many more have been written up, disciplined or harassed in a brazen attempt by management to bust the union organizing drive.

Job Corps is a federally funded program administered by corporate contractors at this site MTC, a spinoff from the military contractor Thiokol. It's purported role is to train youth for the labor market, but at this site, the administration seems to see its role as more of a correctional institution. Conditions at the Job Corps Center bear a striking similarity to the conditions in today's prison system. Student employees have severely restricted freedom to move, freedom of association, freedom to organize or pursue grievances. They receive a meager stipend comparable to prison wages, less than 2% of the money that Job Corps receives for their training. The medical services provided to them are perilously inadequate, in some cases almost leading to death from medical neglect.

Job Corps student employees watched as their instructors unionized, and the janitors unionized to get their grievances heard by the administration. They realized that the only way that the administration would listen to them was through unionization. They solicited the IWW by phone, and IWW agreed to help them organize on campus.

Unfortunately, IWW organizers were strictly prohibited from going on campus. Student employees are allowed to leave campus only by special permission, and certainly not to go to a union meeting. Students caught with IWW fliers or organizing materials were disciplined severely. Local newspapers that carried articles about the union drive were banned from the campus. The administration did everything that it could to keep word of this campaign from reaching the student employees.

In order to get the IWW's message past the prison walls, they enlisted the assistance of Radio Mutiny, a pirate radio station. Radio Mutiny brought a small transmitter to a location outside the campus and broadcast the IWW's 100 minute taped message to the student employees. With a few quick calls to union supporters on the inside, the whole campus was soon listening to the broadcast.

Apparently, the director stormed down the hallways demanding that people shut off their radios, to which the response was an increase in volume. The evenings program included us reading from the banned issues of the local paper The Standard Speaker, testimony from a friend of a young woman who was almost killed by theinary staff, a story from Solidarity Forever, the preamble to the IWW constitution, a bit from the Gato For-play Muleto Bullo, and an excerpt from Muriel Wilson's termination hearing. Plus lots of music: Last Poets, Rage Against The Machine, Utah Phillips, Public Enemy, Meat Beat Manifesto, Cypress Hill, Rhythm Axivam, Funkadelic, Nine inch Nails. The broadcast was very exciting to all involved, and helped to invigorate the union drive which has met with such severe and unconstitutional repression.

There are plans for more broadcasts soon, and this event suggests daring new directions for the use of micro-radio to skip over the prison walls that surround more and more Americans.

As the military industrial complex declines, it is being supplanted by the corrections industry as the pork barrel from which the thuggish element in Americas corporate economy feeds. Consequently, there is an explosion not only in the prison system itself, but also in programs like Job Corps which extend the incarceration model to educational institutions. At Radio Mutiny, we hope other micro-broadcasters take up the powerful technologies that we have developed in the struggle for the rights of the incarcerated, the sequestered, and those otherwise held incommunicado by the powers that be. Thus far, we have the element of surprise on our side. People in power are so sure that nothing will happen to the oppressed can come over their radio sets that these institutions often allow inmates to have radios, so that the pacifying effects of industrially produced culture can work its soporific magic on the people contained in these facilities. Let's take advantage of this assumption while it lasts! The revolution will still not be televised, but you may be surprised at what's coming in over your local pirate radio...

LISTEN TO WPPR 91.3 FM WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY FROM 6 - 12 PM

EMERGENCY RESPONSE DEMONSTRATION to murders in police custody or the signing of Mumia's execution date. Meet at noon by the Love Park Statue the day after police kill or Mumia's execution date is signed! CLIP THIS AND STICK IT ON YOUR FRIDGE!
Coudn’t help but be reminded of this excerpt from Clifford Harper’s “Anarchy: A Graphic Guide”. With our own American examples of government backlash towards activists like COINTELPRO, the Anti-Terrorism Bill and Effective Death Penalty Act, and the horrific examples in the streets of Philadelphia of police corruption and brutality, perhaps we had better watch out for open windows, too!

ITALY 1969: A BAD YEAR FOR PRODUCTION

Italy, like most of the world, had experienced conflict in its universities, but the students had made strong contacts in the factories, especially Fiat, Turin, and Pirelli, Milan.

1969 began in the ordinary way with bosses and unions settling down to their usual dealings over wages and productivity. Suddenly the giant Fiat works, known as the ‘slave camp’ erupted and thousands of young workers seized and occupied the factory. From behind their barricades, and in defiance of their union, the strikers imposed their own demands for higher wages and reduced work loads. During the ‘Hot Autumn’, this autonomous wildcat activity spread from Turin to Milan and throughout Italy.

The driving force of the struggles at Fiat were the newly-arrived southern immigrants. Outraged at the inhuman pace of the assembly lines, their first response was to refuse to turn up for work. In 1969, Fiat lost 20 million working hours as each day 10% of the 180,000 workforce failed to clock in. Strikes cost Fiat a further 20 million hours. But the workers soon developed even tougher forms of action against the hated conditions. The detailed knowledge of the complex factory enabled them to bring everything to a halt simply by staging a mini-strike at just the right point on the production line. Added to the continuous wildcats was an endless wave of spontaneous ‘meetings’ plus frequent costly sabotage.

Work wasn’t the only target. For too long the unions had connived with the bosses to ensure that production was never interrupted. The young workers now believed that their strength lay in their mass presence on the factory floor and not with isolated union officials left to negotiate in the manager’s office. If management wanted to discuss charges, they must meet workers face to face on the factory floor - if they dared. This new approach to industrial bargaining left the unions and challenged the bosses. As Agnelli, the head of Fiat, put it:

“Today, indiscipline and illegality are rife: strikes, stoppages, and marches inside the factory. Protests against speed-up conditions, gradings - against everything! The unions say they know nothing about it, and I can well believe it! These people aren’t fighting for reforms - they want revolution!”

To stop the success of these people, the state employed a new policy, the ‘Strategy of Tension’. An atmosphere of uncertainty and fear was deliberately created to ease the passage of harsher measures against radicals.

This ‘new policy’ was introduced in Milan on December 12, 1969. A bomb exploded in a crowded bank, leaving 16 dead and 88 wounded. This bomb and many that followed were the work of fascist groups closely linked to the Italian Secret Police. But anarchists were accused and heavy repression followed. Two Milan anarchists, Giovanni Pinelli, a railway worker, and Pietro Valpreda, a dancer, were arrested and interrogated. According to the police, Pinelli ‘confessed’ but managed in the presence of six police to reach a window, open it and ‘jump’ to his death four floors below.

Do you like the idea of workers taking initiative from the shop floor to secure better working conditions? Check out the Industrial Workers of the World, “the Wobblies” a labor union not afraid of direct action. We meet on the third Sunday of every month at A Space, 4722 Baltimore Avenue. For info call 215-724-1925
STUDENTS AND POLICE CLASH IN CHILE

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) - Police used tear gas and water cannons Tuesday to scatter university students protesting the upcoming 24th anniversary of the military coup led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Eduardo Moniles, rector of the University of Santiago, said around 20 students were detained during the clashes with police. Students repeatedly took to the streets in front of two Santiago campuses, erecting barricades with classroom chairs and burning tires. Police quickly moved in. Similar protests occurred in recent years leading up to and on the day of the Sept. 11 anniversary. The government said unidentified "extremist groups are planning acts of violence" for Thursday and warned that it will mobilize 5,000 police to maintain order. The date was declared a legal holiday by the 1973-90 Pinochet regime.

COLOMBIAN REBELS TAKE OVER POWER PLANT, HOLD HOSTAGES

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BOGOTA (September 4, 1997 00:45 a.m. EDT) - Marxist rebels stormed in one of Colombia's largest hydroelectric power stations on Wednesday and took at least 23 people hostage.

Army sources said the guerillas smashed their way into the Guatapé plant, which supplies the nearby industrial hub of Medellín and much of northwest Antioquia province, just after nightfall and disconnected the main turbines.

Authorities were able to avert power cuts by drawing energy from smaller generators in the area, an army spokesman told Reuters.

"Several subversives entered the power plant and took over the site and took 23 workers hostage. They disconnected the turbines," a spokesman for the army's Fourth Brigade, based in Antioquia, told Reuters by phone.

"We have sent helicopters into the area but we will have to see what the situation is before we decide whether to go in or just wait until they come out," he added.

The spokesman said the hostage-takers were thought to be fighters of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). Latin America's oldest and largest rebel army. The smaller Cuban-inspired National Liberation Army (ELN) is also known to operate in the zone.

The rebels were still holed up inside the power plant at 11:30 p.m. EDT, the army spokesman said.

Colombia's guerrilla forces regularly attack key oil facilities but rarely target hydroelectric power. About 80 percent of Colombia's energy comes from hydroelectric plants.

"We're extremely worried because this is one of the most important generating plants in the country. We don't know exactly how the subversives gained entry," Mauricio Restrepo, manager of the Empresas Públicas de Medellín public utility company, told reporters.

"We have connected other power stations and at the moment we don't have any problems with electricity supplies to Medellín or other parts of the province," he added.

-- Colombian Guerilla Movements On The Web:
FARC-EP http://www.voces.org

TROOPS CHASE KURDISH REBELS IN NORTHERN TURKEY

TUNC Cel, Turkey, Sept 8 (Reuter) - Thousands of Turkish troops are pursuing Kurdish separatist rebels in northern Turkey, where the guerrillas have begun to operate for the first time in 13 years of conflict, security officials said on Monday. "Up to 4,000 troops and around 300 members of the crack police unit launched an operation three days ago in a territory of which the provinces of Sivas, Tokat, and Ordu meet," an official told Reuters. The troops were chasing about 50 members of the rebel Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) who had originally been based in the eastern province of Tunceli [Dersim], he said. An internet news agency said the Kurdish guerrillas were reported to have penetrated into the area after coming under attack in the mainly Kurdish southeast, where the group has been fighting for autonomy or independence. The PKK has not been active before in the northern provinces, some of which border the Black Sea. But the rebels have attacked security officials in the area in recent weeks in collaboration with far-left guerrillas. Anatolian said troops were also looking for 11 KDP peshmergas, which have been described to have penetrated into the area in recent weeks. The KDP was founded by Abdullah Öcalan in the late 1980s and has a strong presence in the Kurdish southeast.

During this month, the guerillas carried out 106 ambushes, 54 armed raids, 33 attacks, 80 mine attacks, 4 assassinations, 44 battles, 17 roadblocks, and 50 acts of sabotage. There were a total of 388 military actions by the ARPK. During these military actions, the ARPK killed 18 enemy officers, 543 soldiers, 6 police, and 4 enemy agents. A total of 92 village guards were also killed in the fighting. During clashes in South Kurdistan (northern Iraq), 3 high-ranking KDP officials and 40 KDP peshmergas were killed. The Kurdish guerrillas also destroyed 1 helicopter, 66 army vehicles, and 1 armored vehicle belonging to the Turkish military. 13 KDP members and 40 village guards were taken prisoner. A total of 111 ARPK guerrillas lost their lives during fighting in North and South Kurdistan. 46 guerrillas were wounded. A total of 258 people in South Kurdistan joined the ranks of the ARPK guerrillas.

(Translated from Kurdistan-Rundbrief #15/97, 29.7.1997)

BOMBING IN ATHENS PROTESTS OLYMPIC BID

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ATHENS, Greece (September 3, 1997 11:45 p.m. EDT) - A bomb destroyed a car belonging to the Cypriot embassy in Athens Wednesday, the second attack this week against the city's bid to host the 2004 Olympics, police said.

An anonymous caller told Athens radio the leftist Anti-Establishment Struggle guerilla group set the car on fire with gas canisters to express its opposition to attempts to stage the Olympics in the city. No one was hurt.

The group also used gas canisters Monday in an attack on the building housing the headquarters of Greek Olympic Committee.

"It is a game by some youngsters throwing gas canisters to attract attention. There is no security threat," a Greek Olympic official told Reuters.

The International Olympic Committee will vote Friday on the venue of the 2004 Olympics among five candidate cities. Athens and Rome are considered the two favorites.
ongoing happenings:
Radio Mutiny. WPPR broadcasts on 91.3FM
broadcasts Wednesday thru Sunday from 6:30
till midnight and some mornings at 7:30AM
(yikes!) Commercial free and revolutionary,
WPPR broadcasts via microtransmitter to West
Philly within 4116 Chester Ave., Box 238,
Philadelphia, PA 19104. Leave a message at
569-2477 box 6
Books Through Bars packs up book to
send to prisoners free of charge every first and
third Tuesday of the month, 7:30PM at the
A-Space, 4722 Baltimore Ave. in West Philly
Food Not Bombs volunteers start
assessing food packages at 10AM at the A-
Space, Produce and Bread give-away happens
at 4PM
Anti Racist Action meets second and last
Sunday of the month at the A-Space
Sunday Brunch happens every Sunday at
noon till we’re out of food at Squirrel Squat,
located at 4818 Baltimore Ave. in West Philly
Abolish the Death Penalty Vigil happens
Thursdays 12 noon in front of the DA’s office.
Broad and Arch Streets. Bring signs, banners
and friends.
National People’s Campaign / All
People’s Congress meets Wednesdays at 7PM
at Calvary Chapel, 48th and Baltimore.
(215)724-1618
Refuse and Resist meets every Tuesday at
the Last Drop which is at 13th and Pine
International Concerned Family and
Friends of Mumia Abu Jamal meet
Thursdays at the Urban Education Building
at 4631 Market St. at 7PM
Philly Squatter’s Aid will meet Thursdays at
5PM at Squirrel Squat, 4818 Baltimore Ave.
Here is where to find information on squattable
houses, legal and practical information on
squattting and maybe meet someone with
whom to move in with.

ACT UP meets Monday night at the Church of
the Epiphany 300 S. 13th at 7PM phone: 731-
1844
Critical Mass bike rides happen every last
Friday of the month. Please do come and feel
free to bring bells, horns and flyers to pass
around. Don’t forget your bike! Last Friday of
every month - 5:30 PM West side of City Hall
(new location) 15th and Market
- Save the NYU Chimps from vivisection!
Demonstrations every Monday this
summer, 11:30 AM -1:30 PM at Bobst
Library, Wash. Square SE corner of the park in
NYC canceled only for heavy rain.

14 Sunday Industrial Workers of the
World meet 4pm at the A-Space
Incident at Oglala: the Leonard Peltier
Story (video) Documentary about Native
American political prisoner 9AM at the
Philadelphia Ethical Society, 1906 Rittenhouse
Square. Info:735-3456
Direct Action To Abolish the Death
Penalty, presentation by Terry Rumsey at
University Lutheran Church 3637 Chestnut St.
Brandywine Peace Community 610-544-1118
15 Monday Cafe Españo - speak
spanish at the A-Space 7:30pm

September 1-October 26 URBAN
NOMADS - Building a Poor
People’s Movement
Photography by
Harvey Finkie. The Exhibit includes
photographs oral histories, and appearances of
the homeless and formerly homeless
organization the Philadelphia Nomads
Movement Union. At the
Painted Bride Arts Center, 230 Vine St. more
info call the Painted Bride at 215.925.9914

18 Thursday IWW video night and
discussion: The Labor Movement in
the South, past and future, 7:30 at the
A-Space
19 Friday
Peñ Courses to celebrate Chilean
independence and benefit grassroots groups in
Santiago shantytown. Sponsored by Chilean
Committee for Human Rights/Chile Service
Project. At LaSalle University Ballroom, 20th
and Oley Ave. 7PM info for Community
Learning 951-1932

DropDead(RI), Dlskonto(Sweeden),
DisAssociate, Manual seven, Level of
Death Stalag 13 6:30PM (215)382-
3037 Tony
The Balanced Budget Scam - discussion
on how social cutback and “balanced budget”
programs will affect the less monied of us. 7:30
at Pathfinder Bookstore, 1906 South St. ($4
donation or $2 students and unemployed)

19-21 Allegheny National Forest
Defenders Gathering - stop the logging of
National Forest, for more info call (814)226-
4918 or asp@envirolink.org
20 Saturday
the American Nationalist
Union, a far right hate group is
conferencing in New Hope. Help Anti-
Racist Action and the rest of us to confront
them. Their thing starts at noon at the New Hope
Best Western. Rides will be available from
Philly, keep your eyes peeled! Info: EVA/ARA
North PA (814)274-8079

ANTI FUR Demonstration Street
Theatre and Music at Jacques Ferber
Furs, 12 pm till 4pm at 1708 Walnut St. HELP
STOP THE SUFFERING - Vegan Resistance For
Liberation call (215)657-1744

Warrington Community Garden
fundraiser extravaganza with PORCH
SALES, FLEA MARKET, BAKE SALE,
BARBECUE, local artisians. Proceeds pay
for the garden which is now a permanent GREEN
SPACE. Goes from 10AM till 4PM. 1 block
below Baltimore Ave. between 47th and 48th
Streets. Raindate is Sunday the 21st.

FIRST STUDENT ACTIVIST
ROUNDTABLE Join student activists from
NYC and the tri-state area to share info,
energy and resources and to plan campaigns. We
will meet twice monthly at the Wetlands Preserve on
a weekend afternoon to work together for
change. Noon till 3PM at Wetlands in NYC
- Rally to Stop Cassini noon to 6PM at the
United Nations in NY info:718-426-5361 or
www.lovearth.org
21 Sunday Anti-Flag, Violent Society, Canccrous Regans and Shoutbus will be playing at Stagag 13 Starting at 4pm, info call Marybeth:(212)386-2750
- Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade's first Queen demo - 11:15 sharp! - walk through at Rego Park Macy's in Queens Ctr. Mall 12-2
- Rego Park Macy's in Queens Ctr. Mall 2:00-2:15 march to Demo at Rego Park Macy's 2:00-2:15 march to Demo at Rego Park Macy's 2:15-2:30 Demonstration at Emirhurt Stem's 2:15-2:30 Demonstration at Emirhurt Stem's (917)931-4961
- Emirhurt Stem's info: (917)931-4961

22 Monday Scribble Video Night showing "Laid To Waste" about Environmental Racism in Chester, PA - 7:30 at the A-Space
- Blanks 77, Quincy Pux, Wackers
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- info Mike Anal Sausage:(mon)@Stalag 13
- (215)462-5480

22 Pennsylvania Abolitionists United Against the Death Penalty meet at the Friends Center, 1501 Cherry St. at 6:30PM.
- info: 610-891-8968

INQIUT FESTIVAL OF THE SEA GODDESS
23 Tuesday
- Plan actions or protests for October. 22nd Stop Police Brutality - All groups and individuals interested are invited.
- Refuse and Resist I: 7:30pm at the A-Space
- Animal Rights Action Team Meeting - 7pm at Wetlands in NY

24 Wednesday FOOD NOT BOMBS' Rat Patrol will serve lunch in Love Park at noon in costume to protest the city's ban on serving food in Love Park. Want to get involved? beep Tim at 577-9615 this date was changed from the 17th

Jew Crew Cafe - come hang out with radical Jews and their friends: 7:30pm at the A-Space
- 25 and 26 will be a Refuse and Resist National Council Meeting in NY

26-29 Earth First Midwest Regional Rendezvous will happen in the Shawnee Forest in Southern Illinois. For more info and directions, call (618)549-7387 or email: beanze@arsiu.edu.

26 Friday CRITICAL MASS BIKE RIDE - meet at Dilworth Plaza, on the western side of City Hall (Road and Market) at 5:30PM - Bike Shit Up!!!!!

Riot Grl Cafe 7:30 pm at the A-Space
- Pathfinder Publication Fund Rally - hear about Pombo, a man in Che's guerilla written by a Cuban General 7:30 at Pathfinder Bookstore, 1906 South St. ($4 donation or $2 students and unemployed)
- in case there is the feast of the zahé fé mébege, God of Narcotics

27 Saturday The Art of Tenbroek Cripps - Reception at 6PM
- Ram Umbeak, Jack Wright. @ The Astrocade.
- NY: Militant Animal Rights March to Macy's!!! - 11:45 AM SHARP meet at 27th St. and 7th Ave. in Manhattan on the west side of the street, 12 Noon March up 7th Ave. stopping at crucial fur targets along the way. especially at Stern's in Manhattan Mall, followed by March to Macy's 2:30 demo at Herald Square Macy's info: Adam or James: (212)966-5244
- in INDIA THE FESTIVAL OF VARUNI, GODDESS OF WINE

28 Sunday 2 films by Geunet & Caro "Delicatessen" and "City of Lost Children" 7:30 PM at the A-Space
- Peace Justice Environment Network Annual meeting featuring Amy Goodman investigative & war correspondent talking about the real reason "Democracy Now" got dropped
- Friends Center, 1502 cherry st. contact:843-7885

Oct. 22 Wear black of frameups of 6th district 39th district (to same one)
- because of 100's of years of GENOCIDE
10 Friday ~ NY: Protest the US Embargo Against Iraq $66,000 children already dead as a result of lack of nutrition, medicine and medical equipment. At present 75,0000 Iraqi kids are in malnourished condition. meet 2pm at Columbus Circle, rally 3:30-5pm at Dag Hammerskold Plaza. Info: 718-365-2954.

11-18 is a Week of Action Against McDonalds - when you and your friends make trouble for the evil clown.

12 International Moment of Frustration, also Scream Day; Thirty second global scream at 1200 hours GMT.

Barbara Ehrenreich - "The Armed Functions of Government" (video) 9AM at the Ethical Society, 1906 Rittenhouse Sq.


In 1492 Arakawa discovered Columbus and crew who return by the Bolscheviks. Cheka raids on anarchist groups and the banning of the Anarchist Congress by Trotsky in June, underground anarchists retaliate by bombing Communist headquarters in Moscow.

24 Friday - A Day Without the Pentagon Sunrise to Sunset vigil; and fast at Lockheed/Martin - US Navy Aegis Warship Test Site, Centerton Road, Moorestown, NJ. noon vigil at Moorestown Friends School, Main and Chester. Info: 610-544-1818.

25 Saturday Million Woman March Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Info: 925-1877.

Death Penalty Conference 10am-5pm at Mandell Theatre Auditorium, 33rd and Chestnut St. Info: 610-544-1816.

State of the Union @Stalag 13 Tony_TOUCH_Ryan 9AM - 11PM. Info: 215-382-3037.

26 Sunday Barbara Ehrenreich: "War and Society" 9AM at the Ethical Society, 1906 Rittenhouse Sq. 27 - Today in 1989 Nestor Makhno, Ukrainian revolutionary and resister to both white and red terror was born.

31 Samhain - All Halows Eve - traditional day of the dead, also a day of havoc and fire - usher in a long winter for power outages.

NOVEMBER

An International Tribunal of speakers against the execution of Mumia will take place in November. Planning meetings are coming up.

VENUES

Stalag 13 is an all ages, DIY punk venue located on Lancaster and 38th St. Most shows don't run more than five bucks. The Stalag-Space is a collectively run anti-profit, pro fun cafe; meeting space, gallery and performance space (and much more). We encourage community participation in our events, most of which are FREE! We are located at 4722 Baltimore Ave. (Accessible by the #34 trolley). We also have plenty of parking for cars and bikes. Our phone number is 724-1469.

EMERGENCY Responsive DEMONSTRATION to people murdered in police custody or the signing of Mumia's execution date. Meet at noon by the Love Park Statue the day after police kill or Mumia's execution date is signed.

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