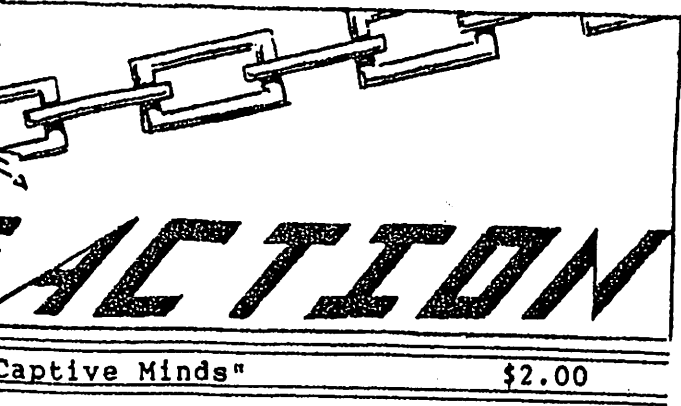




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dash into the local KFC, Uzi a blazzin! blow up their local school, or of dropping their boss into the nearest available tree-mulcher. Fact, the media would run out of tragic macabre tales to tell of a people driven plumb loco.

The debt which the law abiding owe to we criminals goes far back in history. Karl Marx noticed that the evolution of the lock was inextricably intertwined with the ever more adroit practices of thieves, and Ernest Hemmingway commented similarly on the evolution of safes, commensurate with the increasing ingenuity of safecrackers. And think of all those safes, chock full of capital-veritable challenges to sublime criminal minds!

It's said that a high percentage of criminal plots are simply learned off of watching the idiot box. Maybe Hollywood will some day soon make a four star movie about the ultimate heist, the ultimate reexpropriation of capital, where we, the protagonists of the criminalized deviant class take over the tools of production and give the collective boot to those sparkling law abiding ones at the top of the heap!

If, after watching this film, members of our class decide to emulate this sublime criminal plot, it may well prove to be the end of history. At least

FREE SPEECH

AND THE I.W.W.

by

Gulf Coast Red

Most people in the U.S. believe that the American Constitution is some unequivocal guarantor of free speech and assembly. The reality is more the opposite though. People have often, historically, had to exercise the right to speak and assemble freely in spite of a U.S. governmental repression intent on checking these very democratic aspirations.

The Industrial Workers of the World are no strangers to butting heads with the plutocracy over the exercise of free speech. The plutes don't like any type of free speech that threatens their grip on the world's workers. The I.W.W.'s quest has always been to get the working class organized into One Big Union (limin' up the slaves) in order to dump the bosses off of our backs, and abolish the wage/class system. This has necessitated a lot of free expression, and the bosses have tried a lot of angles to shut us up. Nevertheless, instead of waiting for the government to grant, or hand down the right to speak freely in some time consuming court ruling, The I.W.W. used and still uses Direct Action to ensure something (Free expression) no government should have to be looked to to ensure. After all, Direct Action Gets

Wobbly Steve Toff reported that "on the first night they used the 'protest pit' the cops started beating people." The rap metal band Rage Against the Machine played there to 10,000 people, but the cops pulled the plug on them and gave everyone (thousands of people) 15 minutes to vacate the area. This was physically impossible, and mounted cops began crushing people against the fences, beating people with truncheons, and shooting people with pepper spray, and rubber and wooden bullets. A group of Wobblies carrying a red and black I.W.W. flag held fast when billy club swinging cops tried to force them from an intersection they were occupying.

Such is the nature of the class war, but this is not the first free speech skirmish, or skirmishes the I.W.W. has been involved in.

In Spokane Washington, 1909, job sharks had been selling logging and mining jobs to gullible hungry workers. They would often sell the same job to as many workers as they could sucker, which would result in 500 people showing up for 50 jobs. The I.W.W. decided to put a stop to this practice and set up an I.W.W. hiring hall where workers didn't have to pay for a job, and where they had some economic leverage against the bosses. The bosses retaliated by tryin to close down the hall, impound I.W.W. records, and ceasing publication of the union's paper.

Wobblies took to the streets, soapboxing at public meetings to hip the workers up to what was goin' on. They often had to compete with the Salvation Army - "The Starvation Army" to practice this form of direct action. The Starvation Army was in bed with the bosses and notoriously anti-union. They worked overtime to



• Everett office with members in doorway. 1916

Fellow Worker, Jack White was sentenced by a San Diego judge to six months on bread and water. When asked if he had anything to say to the court, he replied: "The prosecuting attorney, in his plea to the jury, accused me of saying on a public platform at a public meeting, 'To hell with your courts, we know what justice is.' He told a great truth when he lied, for if he had searched the inner most recesses of my mind, he could have found that thought, never expressed by me before, but which I express now. To hell with your courts, I know what justice is, for I have sat in your courtroom day after day and have seen members of my class pass before this so-called bar of justice. I have seen you, Judge Sloane, and others of your kind, send them to prison because they dared to infringe upon the sacred rights of property."

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SOLIDARITY FOREVER!

By Ralph H. Chaplin

When the Union's inspiration through the worker's
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There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun.
Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble
Remember you're outside for strength of one?

But the Union makes us strong!

CHORUS

Solidarity forever!

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BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE REVOLUTIONARY

MOVEMENT

by

Gulf Coast Red

The last couple of years have some encouraging bursts of working class revolt to show us that all are not complacent with the capitalist system. Many at these events, such as the W.T.O., and Democratic and Republican National Conventions have had clearly class conscious motivations, while others, not so clear, have merely proposed reforms within the capitalist system.

We need to form a more clear and definitive anti-capitalist movement which unequivocally has as it's aim to abolish capitalism and the political state, and which seeks to replace it with a classless, moneyless, democratically worker-run society of free access.

In order to build a more clear-cut and unified movement, I propose that a North American Convention of Libertarian Socialists be called for the purpose of comparing strategies and methodologies, and to rationally discuss ways we can work together more effectively in order to form a more comprehensive plan of action. As Ben Franklin said, "We will all hang together or we will all hang seperately." This convention should include anarchists of every stripe, council communists, synicalists, and ballot oriented libertarian socialists. At present there are many splintered groups in North America who are aiming at similar goals, i.e. a form of anti-statist

many fronts and that those revolutionaries struggling on different fronts be thoroughly knowledgeable about and solid with those on all other fronts. In order to effectively minimize violence will require a majoritarian movement which will entail lots of struggle to get more people to understand how the class system works so they can join in it's abolition.

ORGANIZING IN THE WORKPLACE

One of, if not the most important places we need to focus organizing is at the point of production, or the workplace, whether it be in the industries or in the service sector. It is at the point of production that the class war is most fundamental because it is at that point that workers are robbed by the bosses and forced to participate in and reproduce their own exploitation. It is also the place where workers have the most potential power, if they only realize it.

We need to be organizing in the Industrial Workers of the World, I.W.W.. Joining in class collaborationist unions like the A.F.L. only leads us down blind allies. What is needed is to get the working class organized in to ONE BIG UNION, not just nationally, but internationally. The I.W.W. is a union of class conscious revolutionary workers intent upon abolishing the wage system, and we realize that the working class and the capitalist parasite class have nothing in common. Dues are inexpensive, and the power of

the union resides in the hands of the rank 'n' file.

The short term aims of the I.W.W. are of course to

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS PRISONER SUPPORT

Prisons and the police forces are part of the state's social control mechanisms. As we build a more effective movement, no members, of whatever revolutionary organization will be exempt from police repression and imprisonment. This is why it is important that all revolutionary organizations realize the importance of supporting a strong A.B.C. network. It will be as it already is an important integral part of a revolutionary program to support class war prisoners. The A.B.C. should also work to support social prisoners with the intent of helping them to gain political consciousness and be assets to the revolutionary movement. At present the A.B.C.s and P.P.W.C. are barely able to stay afloat. Get involved! The A.B.C.s should be about prison abolition. As we organize industrially and in our communities, we will ourselves be about policing ourselves making prisons and police superfluous and "useless. Since we won't have or need them in a post capitalist society, why not work towards their abolition now!

POLITICAL PARTY

Of course, no anarchist considers voting for a capitalist party an option. The "lesser of two evils" argument doesn't wash with anarchists and both major parties in the U.S. are the puppets of capital. In fact, anarchists for various reasons, most of them good, shun electoral politics altogether. Historically the argument goes back to the split between Bakunin and the anarchists and Marx at the 1st Socialist International in 1870 over the issue of capturing state power first (Marx, utilizing the ballot) or

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if they have the whole body in a cell that they have
contained all that makes up the person. But a prisoner
is not a geometrical figure, and an approach which is
successful in mathematics is wholly unsuccessful when
dealing with Human Beings!

In the case of the Humanbeing, we are not dealing
only with the single individual. We are also dealing
with the Ideas and beliefs which have motivated him
and which sustain him, even when his body is confined.
In the case of Humanity, the whole is greater, much
greater than it's parts because the whole includes the
body which is measurable and confinable and the Ideas
which cannot be measured or confined.

These prisons operate with the concept that since
it has a person's body, it has the entire being, be-
cause the whole cannot be greater than the sum of
it's parts. They put the body in a cell and seem to
get some sense of relief and security from that fact.
The Idea of prison victory, then, is that when the
person incarcerated begins to act, think, and believe
the way they want him to, they have won the battle and
the person is then REHABILITATED! But this cannot be
the case because those that operate the prison have
failed to examine their own beliefs thoroughly, and
they fail to understand the types of people they at-
tempt to control. This leaves no victory for the sys-
tem.

There are two types of prisoners. The larger num-
ber are those who accept the legitimacy of the ass-
umptions upon which the society is based. They wish to
acquire the same goals as everybody else: Money, Power

On Apathy and Egalitarianism

by: Rick Mogan

In the development of an egalitarian world, there remains an insidious mindset slithering among us that we must all endeavor to eradicate: apathy.

Apathy mumbles, "Why bother?" Apathy would have one avoid a challenge, eliminate useful confrontation, and moreover allows the deep reaching roots of numbing slothfulness to establish themselves in one's soul. And frankly, once rooted firmly in a state of abject apathy, there is but little hope that the person so affected will awaken from their slumber. Indeed, as oft is the scenario, only a major life event is likely to overcome it and thus free them from their respective fears and anxieties. This is truly sad, for why must we ever introduce senseless tragedy into our lives in order to spur us into action?

Apathy opens wide its mouth to speak and flexes its muscles to act; yet cobwebs of disillusionment form and quickly choke the speech, arthritis' fears decimate the limbs, and

self-righteous moralizers of western capitalism's corporations to imprison a slave class made up of the poor and afflicted while mercilessly exploiting them for shameless profit, both home and abroad. All of these acts are unconscionable, some admittedly more than others. And yet, do they not all have an all too common denominator the dastardly spirit of apathy?

The ineffective pings of a few bomb throwers and antagonists against the bulwark of capitalism aside, there exists ample room for united global activity to overcome the machinery of greed. It feeds on our sweat and blood after all. When will we say enough is enough? Some of us have said no more, some of us remain in limbo, and still others have become detached from emotion. Unless we successfully incorporate a corroborative unity in our valiant struggle against the onslaught of needless greed, where we are, we shall no doubt fail in our efforts to prevail with an egalitarian society. Thus to nurture apathy, to remain unaffected emotionally, is tantamount to conceding defeat and so becoming another hapless victim waiting to be further

EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK

After several years of inactivity, an Emergency Response Network (ERN) has been relaunched to facilitate action among prison activists, supporters and campaigns.

The ERN last had a presence in North America in 1989-'90, then again in the mid-'90s, before fading quickly. Situations calling for some sort of emergency response by non-prisoners range from hungerstrikes, lockdowns, punitive transfers where regular contact with a prisoner is lost, action on behalf of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War, political trials and prosecutions, criminal justice issues and more, up to and including major incidents like hostage-taking or takeovers. The ERN now has a global focus, and is centered around action for all prisoners.

All concerned individuals, groups and campaigns are encouraged to submit information to the ERN list. It's hoped that, when joining the ERN, you will take time out of your day and make a point of acting on alerts as well as circulating them among other activists and other venues. The old ERN called for a number of groups to organize as coordinators in their regions, who in turn would be connected to a regional network of activists. If you're working with others in your area, take time to share ERN actions and get them involved. Due to high mailing costs, the ERN circulates its alerts via email, but activists everywhere are encouraged to distribute hardcopy ERN

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In early September of 1917, raids on 48 I.W.W. halls
occurred across the nation. 165 I.W.W. delegates were
arrested for conspiring to hinder the draft, encour-
rage desertion, and intimidation in connection with
labor disputes. 101 Wobblies went to trial in 1918,
which lasted about five months. The charges had been
based on speeches and articles in the Wobbly press,
for example, in the Industrial Worker, "Capitalists
of America, we will fight against you, not for you!
Conscription! There is not a power in the world that
can make the working class fight if they refuse!"

John Reed, the socialist writer who wrote "Ten Days
That Shook The World" about the Russian Revolution
covered the trial. He wrote of the defendants, "I
doubt if ever in history there has been a sight just
like them. One hundred and one lumberjacks, harvest
hands, miners, editors...who believe the wealth of the
world belongs to him who creates it... the outdoor men,
the hard-rock blasters, tree-fellers, wheat binders,
longshoremen, the boys who do the strong work of the
world."

The Wobblies also used the trial to get their ideas
across. One Wobbly spoke to the court "You ask me why
the I.W.W. is not patriotic to the United States. If
you were a bum without a blanket; if you had left your
wife and kids when you went out west for a job, and had
never loved a woman, you would be a Wobbly."

Most people are unaware that Hellen Keller was a member of the I.W.W.. In 1918 she wrote, "Whether the I.W.W. increases in power or is crashed out of existence, the spirit that animates it is the spirit that must animate the labor movement if it is to have a revolutionary function."

Anarchists Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman were both sentenced to prison for agitation against the draft. Emma addressed the jury, "Verily, poor as we are in democracy how can we give it to the world?... a democracy conceived in the military servitude of the masses, in their economic enslavement, and nurtured in their tears and blood, is not democracy at all. It is despotism-the cumulative result of a chain of abuses which, according to that dangerous document the Declaration of Independence, the people have a right to overthrow."

President Wilson had laid it on thick with the nationalist propaganda about how after the war, the workers would enjoy democracy and share in the wealth of the rich. The war killed 10 million workers, and created some 20,000 new millionaires. Only the upper crust shared in much of the "post war prosperity."

Another more commendable politician, however, Eugene Victor Debs, who ran for president five times on the Socialist Party ticket, had an ingrained hatred of war. He had witnessed as a boy in Terre Haute, Indiana, the maimed, crippled and sick of the Civil War. Debs: "In bourgeois wars, the revolutionary elements are shoved into the first line trenches to shoot off one another's heads and at the same time, shoot off the head of the revolution, and thereby

War is the crimson carnival where the drunken devils are unchained, and the snarling dogs are "sicked" upon one another by their brutal masters; where they shoot off one another's heads, rip open one another's bellies, and receive their baptism of patriotic devotion to their master's anointed moneybags in a thousand spurting geysers of their own blood, brains and guts.

Working Men and Working Women of America! let us swear by all that is dear to us and all that is sacred to our cause, never to become a soldier, and never to go to war!

If the pot-bellied masters insist upon the the Crimson carnival, the Devil's Bloody Debauch, they will henceforth rip out their own loins and livers, riot in their own blood and entrails and offer up their own mangled and putrescent carcasses on the blood drenched altar of Mars and Mammon:

The dastard jingoes even now are plotting to force the United States into the seething maelstrom of fire and slaughter, pestilence and famine, misery and hell. Every subtle agency known to their infernal ingenuity is being employed to accomplish their satanic design. The working men of America have it in their power to foil this monstrous policy; to slay the demon of destruction and put an end to war here and everywhere, now and forevermore.

They have but to stand up like men and in the commanding voice of their class and the eternal glory of their cause proclaim the fiat of civilization and humanity: LET THERE BE PEACE!!!!

Eugene Debs paid no heed to the Espionage Act. Most

FOR PRESIDENT



by Gulf Coast Red

during the initial yrs. of western elites were terrified of the working class. Working class enthusiasm was global and even popular by the 1919 Seattle general strike which shut the city down for weeks. The elites put their best bet the rearmament as a bulwark against Russia. They imposed harsh reparations on Germany to sidestep this and to internationalize, bankers such as J.P. Morgan, and Owen D. Young, with the Dawes Report, came up with the Dawes Plan of a series of generous German reparations and had the three largest firms, I.G. Farben, I.G. Chemicals, and German General Electric (G.E.) I.G. Farben, closely tied to the pharmaceutical company and remained, even after Pearl Harbor, a firm in Nazi Germany. I.G. Farben producing gas for the Nazi death camps, also built a plant at Auschwitz utilizing

John Foster Dulles who would later become Eisenhower's Secretary of State, and Allen Dulles

The goal of American elites of course, was global economic domination. The Council on Foreign Relations, composed of academics, corporate elites, and lawyers already mapped out blocks of production and trade and how to strategically access them for the purpose of world control. The C.F.R. also helped spawn such class war tools of domination as The World Bank and The International Monetary Fund-institutions which today wreak impoverishment on peoples the world over.

After the war, Hitler's Chief of Soviet Intelligence Reinhard Gehlen, an SS war criminal, made a deal with the U.S. government to supply anti-communist intelligence as long as he was allowed to maintain his own autonomous operation.

His entire organization was eventually transposed from the 3rd Reich into the American government being incorporated into the nucleus of the CIA.

Dulles and other U.S. officials allowed numerous sadistic murderers such as Gehlen, Joseph Mengele, Klaus Barbie, and Adolf Eichman to escape justice and take refuge in Latin America. Many ex-Nazis would later link up and become part of fascist groups and governments in Latin America, collaborating with CIA operatives, and repressing popular elections and revolutions in line with the right wing corporate agenda. Klaus Barbie himself became extremely involved in the drug trade. The legacy of corporate CIA, Nazi

In 1948, Secretary of Defense James Forrestal became worried at the possibility of communists winning the 1948 Italian elections. Mr. Forrestal himself had collaborated with the nazis due to his relations with the banking Co. Dillon Read, which helped finance Hitler. He and Allen Dulles urged the U.S. government to form a secret organization in order to subvert the elections. The organization was called the Office of Special Operations, and was successful in it's stated purpose. In fact, it was so successful that George Kennan of the Council on Foreign Relations suggested forming the Office of Policy Coordination which was created by the National Security Council for the purpose of overthrowing governments considered to be "Unfriendly" to U.S. interest: O.P.C. was later subsumed under the CIA, and monies to finance it were drawn from untraceable government accounts and laundered through certain American corporations.

In this way, we see the genesis of secret government and corporate patterns of ruthless foreign policy. At times these covert activities would go against Executive or Congressional mandate. For instance, subsequent to the Bay of Pigs fiasco, President Kennedy fired many top CIA officials, including Allen Dulles, and demanded that covert activities be brought under control of the Joint Chiefs and Department of Defense. Covert activities persisted though, particularly in Viet Nam in spite of Kennedy's orders.

In Kennedy's last days he had been gradually lead-

Yang Pao's revenues from heroin and opium increased as did the amounts he gave to the S.O.G.. Santo Trafficanti of Operation 40 and Operation Mongoose ended up gaining a close alliance with Yang Pao, and flooded the U.S. with pure China White heroin becoming the largest importer and distributor of this substance. After this grisley endeavor, Shackley and Cline were brought back to the west in order to head the CIA's Western Operations. Shackley and Cline then directed the assassination of Chilean President, Salvador Allende and his Chief of Staff, and orchestrated the overthrow of their democratically elected socialist government. It was a mild socialist government, akin to the one existing currently in France.

From there the duo were sent back to the east to Viet Nam where once again, fueled by Yang Pao's money, they prosecuted Operation Phoenix which entailed assassinating another 60,000 or so village administrators and noncombatants. With knowledge that the CIA assassination programs would be shut down soon in Laos, Cambodia, Viet Nam and Thailand, Shackley and Cline set about creating a secret team of anti-communist assassins, funded through private organizations, gun running, and drug money, which was not subject to CIA control. They began stockpiling American weapons and explosives in Thailand, and using Iran to launder Yang Pao's drug money as well as money from sales of American arms to Iran.

During the Carter Administration, the Sandinistas deposed the brutal U.S. backed dictator Anastasio

MADE IN THE SHADE

by

Gulf Coast Red

Fellow prisoners, captives, and slaves of the capitalist state. The last two decades have witnessed a gradual escalation in anti-immigrant hysteria. The I.N.S. now has built in computers in their pig-cars which can immediately check, or record the fingerprints of "aliens." Gee, like these people come from Mars or something. Stepped up border patrols, and all manner of anti-immigrant to legislation designed to criminalize people fleeing their homelands (often due to U.S. foreign economic policy) seems to be the order of the day. This is not simply a U.S. phenomenon. The same governmental anti-immigrant xenophobic trends are being practiced in western European democracies, from Ireland to Poland, and of course, such government policies help to fuel the fire of racist nazi bone head hate groups. Such fascist groups always work on the side of the state in order to sow the seeds of nationalism and anti-working class sentiment.

We have all seen some of our fellow and sister prisoners(sisters where are you?)locked up in the Tx. concentration kkkamp, often for spittin on the sidewalk infractions, and because they happened to be "one a them there foreigners", upon parole they end up deported to their country of origin. It makes no difference whether or not they happened to come here at the age of three, and have no family or ties

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Different states have different authorities who issue the licenses and investigate complaints of malpractice by doctors and nurses. Check with your law library to find out if they have a listing of state agencies, or write the Governor's Office in your state capital and ask them who regulates the activities of doctors. Some states have a single agency, such as Illinois, while others, like Ohio, have a different agency for doctors, nurses, and dentists. Make sure you check on the proper agency to handle

FROM THE TRENCHES

Reply to Gulf Coast Red's response to Open letter
from the MSM in CR4

Dear Comrade,

Your reply raises a number of issues but I would like to discuss here that of class. You claim that the managerial class are not members of the working class and that cops are similarly not from our ranks. As a socialist adhering to a two class model of society I can only assume they are thus members of the capitalist class. But they can't be because they both have to sell their physical and mental abilities for a wage or salary in order to live, which puts them in our ranks. I personally know managers, I went to school with guys who became cops(guys I'm still friendly with)and have many friends who are university lecturers with good incomes. All consider themselves to be members of the working class and all agree with my socialist idea for the future.

Socialists do not speak of "upper middle", "middle" or "lower middle" or the other myriad classes used by sociologists in their gradational picture of class society. We quite simply say that one's class position is determined by their position in the relations of production. We use the language that best describes the social relationships that actually matter in society; we speak of capitalist and worker, feudal lord and serf or slave and master. Neither can we accept that class relations are based on forms of

speaker you are, but the plain fact is, that cops are the paid head knockers of capitalism. Marx spoke of the state as being the executors of capital. Street cops are just the lower rung on the hierarchical ladder of the state. They are authorized, uniformed and armed by the state to fulfill the function of capitalist guard dogs and protectors of a status quo which produces allmanner of misery, including crime. I think that enough historical evidence has transpired to indicate that the police are not working class, however they may regard themselves. They may be drawn from our ranks, but they most surely are not in our ranks. Police are strike-breakers, scab-herders, and have been a perennial check on working class revolution. In that light, I think it is a mistake to accord cops the designation of working class. As we say out west, "They ride for the brand." Ask yourself exactly what role, and for whom your friends on the force will play if there is a general strike in the U.K. or even a general upheaval? Will they join our side, or will they start busting our heads? It's been my experience, that a lot of the personal or affective type of relating goes right out the window when central command tells the goons to get in lock-step in the prison system. Then, it's all about formality and bureaucracy.

I doubt it's much different in the British police forces. If I could count the times on my fingers that I've heard these cops parrot the old Wurenburg defense of "I'm just following orders"when they're tickled on the thumb, I'd have to be an eight

Dear Comrades

I'm a supporter of John Bisset's irrefutable and totally logical case for the socialist alternative" (CR4), but I also liked Gulf Coast Red's observations on the revolution in Spain at the time of the civil war there. I just wanted to make a couple of comments.

What I think Bisset meant by saying socialism has never been tried is that it can only work on a world scale. Socialism/communism was not only tried by our ancient ancestors-it worked extremely well for millions of years. It was the natural choice of the human species. But it was organized by communities that were mostly isolated from each other. Civilization brought more contacts among communities, but it also brought trade, private property and war-and eventually destroyed its own communist foundations. It's up to us to restore that primitive communalism on a sophisticated global scale.

The Spanish experience of the 30s, like the Utopian socialist experiments of the 19th and 20th centuries, was for all its impressiveness still only an island in a sea of capitalism.(OK, a pretty big island!) Gulf Coast Red reports that "about a third of Spain" was organized into collectives. While this gives a somewhat rosy picture, a breakdown of the real numbers is perhaps even more provocative. In the foreword to Gaston Leval's Collectives in the Spanish Revolution(London:Freedom Press,1975), we read that "in Aragon, Levante and Castile there was a total of 1,500 agricultural Collectives. In Catalonia all

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done their afflictions, and it may well be that we will not be able to overcome such malitudes universally untill we bring about an anarchist society. One thing is for certain though brother, and that is that there will be a drastic reduction overall in social harms of all kinds when we bring about anarchism and we will be able to bring to bear many more resources on these social problems, and we will then deal with them in a humanistic and humane way.

For the social Revolution

SCR

To Chain Reaction

I am writing this from Solitary Confinement within the confines of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice. I'm doing an 18 yr. sentence for stealing a stinking truck. I've got 8 calendar years flat, in on this sentence, and have been set off by the Parole Board 6 times so far + given the same two reasons of denial each time, of which I cannot change. Those befalls: "Past criminal history"(It was not habitualized or enhanced) and, "Seriousness and nature of Offense." (Which I would think was already taken into consideration during my trial or sentencing) Also, not one of these times that I have been "interviewed for parole" have I sat in front of a parole board, nor even a member of Parole, to present myself as a living human being, and not merely as a number or file.

"Well, no matter how crazy things seem to get around here, I was gladly awakened by an ugly C.O. with a copy of "Chain Reaction" in his hand for me, + I've got to say, it definately made my day, both because it's good to see a hack doing something worthwhile for a change to earn his daily bread-and most

WORDS FROM THE OUTLAW'S BIBLE

by E.K. Zoozle

The most visible member of the System, and the first one you'll come in contact with, is the cop. He isn't always recognizable as such, because it's his state of mind, rather than his clothes, which makes him what he is. His zebition is to control the behavior of other people. He lacks imagination and tends to think in a linear fashion, so he usually relies upon rules to solve everything. In this respect, he has much the same mentality as the religious zealot; indeed, many cops are religious in addition to being legalistic. They believe that the world is in conflict between absolutes of right and wrong, and that rules exist for the purpose of sustaining the triumph of the "right" over the "wrong." Whether these rules are God's or the government's, the cop sees it as his duty to enforce them.

Organized government holds the championship title for rule-making, so it's not surprising that this kind of person would be attracted to it for a livelihood. He's deeply impressed with the government's status as dominant authority in our society, and he is likely to attribute the quality of justness to its rules simply on that basis alone. When asked why he puts his support behind the establishment, he's likely to reply, "because it's the law." What he's actually doing is aligning himself with what he perceives to be the "winning side." He chooses established government to join up with so that he can share in the security that comes from the legitimacy and prevailing balance of power that it holds.

Cops tend to have fragile egos, and it's very im-

NO MORE SELLIN' OUT!

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GOLF COAST RED

The history of racial animosity in the U.S. goes far back in our history, rooted in slavery, the blood-dranchened genocidal expansionism of a government which has systematically exploited, uprooted and marginalized different racial and ethnic groups; the legitimization of all this with religious doctrine. Racial tension between poor whites and black slaves did not always exist however. In the early colonial days, white indentured servants and black slaves often lived in communities together and at times revolted and took up arms against their masters together.

Little by little though, just as house slaves later gained some privilege over their brothers and sisters in the fields, poor whites were given privileges and conferred with the mythological status of whiteness in recompense for selling out and becoming overseers of black slaves.

Those in power always use this sort of tactic in order to break the bonds of solidarity of those they wish to control. Those at the top use their enticements, but it also takes acquiescence from the bottom, and therein lies the problem. A good analogy and relevant example of this could be comparatively drawn with how labor leaders have often historically jumped in bed with the bosses totally subverting their fellow worker's interests. Another could be shown by the way middle class elements act as overseers of workers, policing and keeping them in line, enticed with money benefits, status and prestige—even though they have

The pain of racism and the animosity it engenders has become embedded in our culture and prisoners bring this baggage with them to these state created hell holes. The amount of senseless violence and death this has resulted in is legion. Yet this type of violence is nothing but an endless reciprocal exchange among people who should be on the same side and it accomplishes nothing positive. One rotten anti-working class deed begets another, ad infinitum. Members of all racial groups are responsible for committing these, often predatory deeds, and it's time prisoners stepped off this stupid continuum and quit fucking each other around!

Prisoners killing one another because of skin color, point of geographical origin (whatever fucked up town we happen to come from), or clique affiliation is nothing but idiotic and it is absolutely no threat to the established order whatsoever. The cops thrive on this sort of shit and are only too happy to cart one more of us out to the state bone yard to rest for eternity. It's an old saying that "when the master cracks his whip, the slave lashes out at the slave he's nearest." With some of the lashing out that goes on in Tx. prisons: though, some of the slaves may as well apply for jobs as executioners down at the Huntsville Walls Unit because that's the same side they're working for anyway.

Every fucked up deed we do to one another only aids the cops in making our lives more miserable, and in aiding the cops we also aid the capitalist bosses. It's a form of sellin' out and kissin' ass to those in power, fact, looked at a little more closely,

CHIST COMMUNISM?

Capitalism is based upon worker exploitation and it keeps workers in bondage through fear and coercion. By pitting one group of workers against the other through the fear of unemployment, capitalism ensures itself a steady supply of cheap labor. When workers seek higher wages, the capitalist threatens to move his business somewhere else or bring in "foreign" workers. This is a major cause of friction between different races and ethnic groups. While the elimination of capitalism alone will not bring an end to all forms of racism, the creation of an egalitarian society based on anarchist-communist principles will go a long way in alleviating much of it and eventually causing a change in the hierarchical ways we think which foster the supremacist attitudes responsible for racism.

The same holds true in regards to women, gays, lesbians, bi-sexuals, and transgendered. The end of competition in the workplace and the end of the market system of distribution will eventually bring an end to

There are many so-called "modern conveniences" that don't necessarily make life better or even more enjoyable. In more than a few instances, our techno-society has created a more stressful living environment that has added as many new problems to life as curing old ones. Our senses have been bombarded by the consumer society spectacle to the point where we are always seeking more intense and stimulating experiences—just as a junkie requires an ever-greater dose to get the same high. Marxist communism means that communities will be free to develop goods and services geared toward creating prosperity and well-being for all members of society based on what the people decide they want, not what some commercial says they want. This has the potential to unleash creativity and innovation as never before realized under capitalism.

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pollution control devices available. Reliance on fertilizers, chemicals, and fossil fuels will be eliminated where their use is dictated solely by profit. Renewable resources will be developed to their fullest potential.

If capitalism could make everybody rich, we would all be living in mansions. But the truth is that in order for someone to be able to accumulate billions of dollars in wealth, thousands of others must live in poverty. There is nothing right or fair about one person living like a king while thousands of others are starving. The world has a finite amount of resources and all of earth's inhabitants are entitled to live a life of dignity free of starvation and homelessness. But that is not possible when only a few thousand rich elitists hoard the majority of the wealth. Just because a person has not been endowed with as great of talents or intelligence as someone else is no reason why that person should be relegated to a life of misery while another lives the life of opulence.

The elitists who sell the phoney line of "rugged individualism" blame laziness for people's failure to

assured of having a job tomorrow. Families today live hand-to-mouth, one paycheck away from financial ruin. There is no certainty in constantly having to worry if you'll have a roof over your head or food to fill the bellies of your children—no sense of serenity for the future.

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will rise out of poverty. The capitalist rainbow of prosperity and wealth is just an illusion to hundreds of millions of hardworking men and women.

If there's so much wealth available, why are the ruling class greed-heads so worried about spreading it around to everybody in an anarchist-communist society? The answer, as explained above, is a simple one. The capitalists know that the creation of an egalitarian society will mean an end to their great fortunes since it is only through the denial of wealth to the majority of earth's inhabitants that sustains dynasties such as theirs.

On the day when the new egalitarian society arrives, the rich will lose their positions as rulers over the working class. They will no longer have domination over others or the ability to amass obscene sums of wealth from the blood, sweat and tears of workers. The parasite class knows who are the real creators of wealth—workers!

An anarchist-communist society, egalitarian in nature, free of the coercive apparatus of the State and repudiating all forms of classism, racism, sexism and homophobia, is easily within our reach. All we have

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Superstore. The only difference being that whereas the local merchants often view Wal-Mart as an adversary, they glory over the prospect of increased business that will be generated by the infusion of money from the new prison.

The argument is often posited by prison opponents, and rightly so, that the huge expenditure of revenues on prisons takes money away from educational and social programs. The reasoning goes that taxpayers should be outraged over the sacrifice of their children's education at the altar of criminal justice. What seems to be overlooked in this argument, however, is the fact that it's these same taxpayers who are clamoring for prisons to be built in their communities in order to "stabilize" the local economy. Many

the local economic landscape. American communities coast-to-coast are today also becoming addicted to concentration camp economics. Prisons have become part of the grand illusion to cover-up the crisis that consumerist capitalism now finds itself. With all the laudatory reports of a booming economy it comes as a shock to most people that a crisis even exists. But if all is so well in the land of the gold card, why are so many communities on the verge of collapse, grasping for whatever jobs they can manage to scavenge up, even the caging of humans?

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jobs, if things continue on their present course. will last into perpetuity. It's really a devilishly clever way to deal with "surplus" workers that the capitalist system has no current need of or desire to retrain. As prisoners they aren't counted in the unemployment statistics, have their activities restricted so as not to be a "problem" for authorities, provide employment for hundreds of other people, and also show up as a positive contribution to the GDP. From a capitalistic socioeconomic perspective, what's not to like about it?

Most American communities seem to be tuned-out from the oppressive conditions in which prisoners exist behind the walls of these economic wonders. Local citizens either don't care, don't know, or don't care to know about the despairing state of the occupants caged in these human zoos. The prevailing mood is that they get what they deserve no matter how horrible the conditions are inside the concrete and steel tombs. When the German concentration camps were liberated toward the end of World War 2, the local residents were brought to the camps to view the atrocities that had taken place. The conditions were

provides for a last line of defense against the democratic majority. Under the U.S. Constitution the chosen electors are free to change their votes and are not required to uphold the popular vote, though historically the popular vote has generally been followed. But the only reason the popular vote was chosen as the method of "appointing" electors is that it gives the illusion of democracy. Most of the time the electoral vote coincides with the popular vote and so it's assumed by the people that they actually elected the president. It's only on the rare occasion, such as the quagmire of election 2000, when the system exposes its dark undemocratic underbelly.

As the executive branch of government, the President of the United States holds all the police and military powers. The president also has the power to veto any legislation, to institute "executive orders" which amount to one-man legislation (in other words, the powers of dictator). All the federal judgeships are appointed by the president. This includes the all-powerful justices to the U.S. Supreme Court, which comprise a nine-member ruling junta capable of striking down any legislation deemed inappropriate by the rul-

WHO ARE THE REAL TERRORISTS?

On October 12, 2000, a small vessel, apparently packed with explosives, pulled alongside the U.S.S. Cole, a Navy guided-missile destroyer in the process of docking in Yemen to refuel. According to eyewitnesses, there were two occupants in the small craft when the explosive force of its cargo ripped a gapping hole in the port side of the Cole. Seventeen U.S. sailors and the two suicide bombers were presumably killed in the blast.

American news reports called the incident a "terrorist attack." President Clinton renounced the attack as such, and he along with Defense Secretary William Cohen called the alleged suicide bombers "cowards" for committing this so-called act of terrorism against American naval forces.

But wait a minute. This wasn't a group of college students on a field trip around the world, but a U.S. Navy warship on military maneuvers in foreign waters. When you cruise around the world in a vessel decked out in heavy military armaments of war, shouldn't you

as a "humanitarian act."

What is more cowardly, the act of blowing up military personnel at point blank range, killing yourself in the process; or launching cruise missiles from many miles away (as the crew of the Cole is trained to do) killing thousands of civilians while you later sup at the dining table at the end of just another "business day"? And what can more closely be considered a terrorist act, the destruction of a provocative warship and its warrior occupants, or the remote-controlled destruction of a city and its civilian occupants? Why is the true terrorist attack—NATO's bombing of civilians—considered "humanitarianism" while the bombing of a warship is considered terrorism?

The answer to these questions can be found in most American's perception that all U.S. acts of aggression are noble and good while aggressive acts against the U.S. are terrorist attacks against a peaceable people. But the truth is that the United States is anything but a peaceable people. America has been engaged in

Part A Revolution

By Ronald A. Young

Many who claim to be revolutionary anarchists nonetheless find various ways to rationalize their taking sides in the nationalist bloodfests. The main rationale for continuing to cling to the old ways appears to be the belief that such movements may evolve into social revolutionary movements, just as many hold to the false notion that we can achieve the social revolution through involving ourselves in liberal social struggles (and that's a whole other article in itself). Still others believe that if there's no viable revolutionary movement involved in these "liberation" movements then we must support the lesser of evils, hoping that it will evolve into a libertarian movement.

Revolutionary anarchists have never believed in such evolutionary schemes, and history has bared out the fact that a revolution which fails to immediately smash the State will utterly fail to emancipate and liberate the people. Still, those who embrace this Marxist-Leninist ideology trudge on, trying to sell

Nationalism generally does not recognize the principle of egalitarianism but espouses separatism and inequality. This runs entirely counter to what anarchist communists believe. Anarchist-communism is opposed to discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or religion, among other things, all of which are used extensively as the basis for almost all nationalist campaigns. How then, can we see ourselves lending even minor support to movements involved in such things? We should not! We must not!

Anarchist communists believe that it is the obligation of prosperous regions of the planet to see to it that the needs of people in less prosperous and impoverished regions are met. This, no doubt, requires a certain amount of wealth redistribution from one region to another. This is what egalitarianism advocates. Nationalism, however, acts as a barricade against ever achieving such a world.

Revolutionary anarchists must staunchly oppose the ideology of national liberation movements which claim that there is some

boundaries must be eliminated. We do, however, support working-class struggles against racism, genocide, ethnocide, and political and economic colonialism. But here again we should walk a fine line, making every effort to educate the people on the need not only to defend themselves against the enemy without, but also to defend against the enemy within. This means fighting against the continued imposition of hierarchal and patriarchal institutions.

Our agitational and support mechanisms must be directed at getting the working class on both sides of these nationalist conflicts to see that they have nothing in common with their rulers and would be better served by building an alliance with the workers on the opposing side and training their guns on their respective rulers instead. It is the ruling class on both sides who use the working class as cannon fodder to achieve the goals of the bourgeoisie, which are, more often than not, in direct conflict with the interests of the people.

We, as revolutionary anarchists, support working class nonparticipation in these nationalist battles. If the working class refuses to fight against itself

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Whose
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"The rule of law." At one time or another you've probably heard this phrase. It's used by civics teachers, college professors, politicians, and a host of other disinformation dispensers. What exactly is meant by this catchy little jingle?

Supposedly, the rule of law, as differentiated from the rule of man (or woman), implies that the laws established by the legislative branch of government will be fairly and equally applied to all members of society regardless of their position on the soci-economic ladder. This is in contrast to the rule of man (or woman) where a despotic form of government can make up laws on the fly and apply them arbitrarily according to the whims and fancies of the prevailing dictator.

Now consider the way laws are passed and enforced

quences. On the other hand, if you're defending yourself against an unlawful attack by a rogue cop and just happen to kill him in the process, well, the DA is going to indict you for capital murder and do all he or she can to make an appointment for you with the executioner. This in spite of the fact that under the law you were within your rights to defend yourself.

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Prisons are prime examples of the contradictions that exist within the legal structure of American society. Here you have people incarcerated who have been determined by the courts to be law breakers. The people relegated to rot in these modern day dungeons are beaten, brutalized, and treated in all manners of contempt, including being murdered by their keepers, acts which by the rule of law are illegal. Yet, the keepers of the prisons are just as immune from the consequences of the law as are the keepers of the law on the street. Prison guards can murder prisoners with few repercussions, the same way police can get away with murdering people on the street.

In Texas, the prison system has been under a federal consent decree for over twenty years. Even though they claim that they will abide by the law if removed from all court supervision, Texas prisoncrats leave no stone unturned in finding ways to flaunt the law and continue abusing prisoners. Led by the state attorney general, John "Cornhead" Cornyn, a fascist Republican, the good ol' boys and girls who rule

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REMOVE THE BLINDERS FROM YOUR EYES

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We have unreflectively accepted the idea that freedom means the right of a few individuals to control the lives of millions of people by virtue of their private ownership of community, national, and international resources. We have unreflectively accepted the idea that democracy refers to a political system in which the marginal participation of common people is designed to protect the political and economic power of the propertied class. The key political values that emerge from the Constitution are frozen in the ice of eighteenth-century elitism.

We allow the privileged to rest comfortably in a set of social relationships that call exploitation freedom and the empowerment of the rich democracy. Given these conceptual blinders, the oppression of others becomes harder to see and the corruption of our own humanity, particularly if we are among the privileged, becomes invisible. Lies about who we are and what we do become more palatable than the truth.

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We have been told all our lives that we can't change anything, that you can't fight city hall. At

boundaries must be eliminated. We do, however, support working-class struggles against racism, genocide, ethnocide, and political and economic colonialism. But here again we should walk a fine line, making every effort to educate the people on the need not only to defend themselves against the enemy without, but also to defend against the enemy within. This means fighting against the continued imposition of hierarchal and patriarchal institutions.

Our agitational and support mechanisms must be directed at getting the working class on both sides of these nationalist conflicts to see that they have nothing in common with their rulers and would be better served by building an alliance with the workers on the opposing side and training their guns on their respective rulers instead. It is the ruling class on both sides who use the working class as cannon fodder to achieve the goals of the bourgeoisie, which are, more often than not, in direct conflict with the interests of the people.

We, as revolutionary anarchists, support working class nonparticipation in these nationalist battles. If the working class refuses to fight against itself

NATIONALISM:

No Way To Start A Revolution

By Ronald A. Young

Having been raised in a world full of nation-states, it's understandable that the majority of people have a difficult time viewing conflict resolution and autonomous self-determination in terms other than nationalism and nationalistic contests.

We have for the most part been indoctrinated into the belief that in every nationalistic war or conflict we must choose up sides—good guy versus bad guy. It is this myopic view of the world which hinders the development of an international revolutionary social movement. As revolutionary anarchists we must be willing to step back and view the world through "new eyes". It's time for us to put our complete efforts into developing an international revolutionary anarchist movement and pull ourselves away from continually falling into the trap of nationalist geopolitics.

Autonomous self-determination of the people is a major tenet of anarchism. However, such autonomy must be attained through the auspices of internationalism,

Many who claim to be revolutionary anarchists nonetheless find various ways to rationalize their taking sides in the nationalist bloodfests. The main rationale for continuing to cling to the old ways appears to be the belief that such movements may evolve into social revolutionary movements, just as many hold to the false notion that we can achieve the social revolution through involving ourselves in liberal social struggles (and that's a whole other article in itself). Still others believe that if there's no viable revolutionary movement involved in these "liberation" movements then we must support the lesser of evils, hoping that it will evolve into a libertarian movement.

Revolutionary anarchists have never believed in such evolutionary schemes, and history has bared out the fact that a revolution which fails to immediately smash the State will utterly fail to emancipate and liberate the people. Still, those who embrace this Marxist-Leninist ideology trudge on, trying to sell

REAL TERRORISTS?

as a "humanitarian act."

What is more cowardly, the act of blowing up military personnel at point blank range, killing yourself in the process; or launching cruise missiles from many miles away (as the crew of the Cole is trained to do) killing thousands of civilians while you later sup at the dining table at the end of just another "business day"? And what can more closely be considered a terrorist act, the destruction of a provocative warship and its warrior occupants, or the remote-controlled destruction of a city and its civilian occupants? Why is the true terrorist attack—NATO's bombing of civilians—considered "humanitarianism" while the bombing of a warship is considered terrorism?

The answer to these questions can be found in most American's perception that all U.S. acts of aggression are noble and good while aggressive acts against the U.S. are terrorist attacks against a peaceable people. But the truth is that the United States is anything but a peaceable people. America has been engaged in

AMERICA GETS 'BUSHWHACKED'

By West Texas Slim

For those of you who, in the aftermath of election debacle 2000, still believe that America is a democracy, I have a bridge named Brooklyn that I'd like to sell you. When the loser of the popular vote is the one elected to the most powerful political position in the world—president of the United States—something is terribly wrong in the "land of the free." And once again, we have that hallowed of all documents—the United States Constitution—to thank for the will of the people once again being denied.

Most people in the U.S. have probably heard of the electoral college at some point in their lives but never gave it much thought until now. Suddenly all the good folks of the U.S. are running around shocked that such a system exists which can award the presidency to the loser of the popular vote. However, Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the U.S. Constitution states in pertinent part:

Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number

provides for a last line of defense against the democratic majority. Under the U.S. Constitution the chosen electors are free to change their votes and are not required to uphold the popular vote, though historically the popular vote has generally been followed. But the only reason the popular vote was chosen as the method of "appointing" electors is that it gives the illusion of democracy. Most of the time the electoral vote coincides with the popular vote and so it's assumed by the people that they actually elected the president. It's only on the rare occasion, such as the quagmire of election 2000, when the system exposes its dark undemocratic underbelly.

As the executive branch of government, the President of the United States holds all the police and military powers. The president also has the power to veto any legislation, to institute "executive orders" which amount to one-man legislation (in other words, the powers of dictator). All the federal judgeships are appointed by the president. This includes the all-powerful justices to the U.S. Supreme Court, which comprise a nine-member ruling junta capable of striking down any legislation deemed inappropriate by the rul-

jobs, if things continue on their present course. will last into perpetuity. It's really a devilishly clever way to deal with "surplus" workers that the capitalist system has no current need of or desire to retrain. As prisoners they aren't counted in the unemployment statistics, have their activities restricted so as not to be a "problem" for authorities, provide employment for hundreds of other people, and also show up as a positive contribution to the GDP.

- From a capitalistic socioeconomic perspective, what's not to like about it?

= Most America communities seem to be tuned-out from the oppressive conditions in which prisoners exist behind the walls of these economic wonders. Local citizens either don't care, don't know, or don't care to know about the despairing state of the occupants caged in these human zoos. The prevailing mood is that they get what they deserve no matter how horrible the conditions are inside the concrete and steel tombs. When the German concentration camps were liberated toward the end of World War 2, the local residents were brought to the camps to view the atrocities that had taken place. The reaction was not one of

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have a "multiplier effect" on the economy.

Though corporate privatization is making huge inroads into the prison business, the majority of prison construction and operation still remains in the public sector. A good example of how the prisoner as commodity fuels economic development of small communities can be found in the rural West Texas town of Post. The cereal magnate C.W. Post began building the town in 1907 in the middle of the semi-arid badlands of Garza County. It never developed much beyond its current population of approximately 4,000. Postex Cotton Mills began operation there in 1913 with 250 employees and became the town's largest employer. Dreams of Post hitting the big-time were dashed when it lost out on a bid in 1916 to become the site for Texas Tech University (known as Texas Technological College at the time). That honor went to the then-small town of Lubbock (today population 200,000) 50 miles to the northwest.

In 1955, Burlington Industries bought the town's Postex Cotton Mills which eventually expanded to employ 450 workers at its height of operation in 1973. But in the early 1980s Burlington followed other corporations who were moving their operations over-

[In announcing the grand opening of a new prison], little or nothing is mentioned by the local media about the human dimension of the cage occupants. And whenever they do garner acknowledgement it's usually in animalistic terms.
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Superstore. The only difference being that whereas the local merchants often view Wal-Mart as an adversary, they glory over the prospect of increased business that will be generated by the infusion of money from the new prison.

The argument is often posited by prison opponents, and rightly so, that the huge expenditure of revenues on prisons takes money away from educational and social programs. The reasoning goes that taxpayers should be outraged over the sacrifice of their children's education at the altar of criminal justice. What seems to be overlooked in this argument, however, is the fact that it's these same taxpayers who are clamoring for prisons to be built in their communities in order to "stabilize" the local economy. Many

assured of having a job tomorrow. Families today live hand-to-mouth, one paycheck away from financial ruin. There is no certainty in constantly having to worry if you'll have a roof over your head or food to fill the bellies of your children—no sense of serenity for the future.

Today anarchist communists have a good idea of how to achieve a social revolution that will bring prosperity and well-being to all members of our global society. It will be an all-inclusive society of all the people making decisions about what they want from life, not just a handful of elitist lawmakers. Let us come together and join in bringing forth the social revolution. CR

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will rise out of poverty. The capitalist rainbow of prosperity and wealth is just an illusion to hundreds of millions of hardworking men and women.

If there's so much wealth available, why are the ruling class greed-heads so worried about spreading it around to everybody in an anarchist-communist society? The answer, as explained above, is a simple one. The capitalists know that the creation of an egalitarian society will mean an end to their great fortunes since it is only through the denial of wealth to the majority of earth's inhabitants that sustains dynastys such as theirs.

On the day when the new egalitarian society arrives, the rich will lose their positions as rulers over the working class. They will no longer have domination over others or the ability to amass obscene sums of wealth from the blood, sweat and tears of workers. The parasite class knows who are the real creators of wealth—workers!

An anarchist-communist society, egalitarian in nature, free of the coercive apparatus of the State and repudiating all forms of classism, racism, sexism and homophobia, is easily within our reach. All we have to do to achieve it is for the working class to want

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pollution control devices available. Reliance on fertilizers, chemicals, and fossil fuels will be eliminated where their use is dictated solely by profit. Renewable resources will be developed to their fullest potential.

If capitalism could make everybody rich, we would all be living in mansions. But the truth is that in order for someone to be able to accumulate billions of dollars in wealth, thousands of others must live in poverty. There is nothing right or fair about one person living like a king while thousands of others are starving. The world has a finite amount of resources and all of earth's inhabitants are entitled to live a life of dignity free of starvation and homelessness. But that is not possible when only a few thousand rich elitists hoard the majority of the wealth. Just because a person has not been endowed with as great of talents or intelligence as someone else is no reason why that person should be relegated to a life of misery while another lives the life of opulence.

The elitists who sell the phoney line of "rugged individualism" blame laziness for people's failure to

WHY NOT ANARCHIST COMMUNISM?

Why do you suppose that capitalists are so afraid of communism? Will anarchist communism improve or degrade the quality of life for most people? Let's look at these questions and see what answers we find.

One reason capitalists are afraid of anarchist communism is because a society based on such a system will make these moneychangers' jobs obsolete. When the workers themselves possess the means of production and the people collectively own all the natural resources, there is no need for managers, presidents and CEOs of corporations. There will be no more stockbrokers and bankers to skim the cream off the top.

Workers and communities together will decide what products will be manufactured and the types of services provided. This doesn't, however, mean that there will be a lack of variety in products and services. The people, organized in various ways by industry, community or region, will be responsible for deciding what they want or don't want to produce.

Capitalism is based upon worker exploitation and it keeps workers in bondage through fear and coercion. By pitting one group of workers against the other through the fear of unemployment, capitalism ensures itself a steady supply of cheap labor. When workers seek higher wages, the capitalist threatens to move his business somewhere else or bring in "foreign" workers. This is a major cause of friction between different races and ethnic groups. While the elimination of capitalism alone will not bring an end to all forms of racism, the creation of an egalitarian society based on anarchist-communist principles will go a long way in alleviating much of it and eventually causing a change in the hierarchical ways we think which foster the supremacist attitudes responsible for racism.

The same holds true in regards to women, gays, lesbians, bi-sexuals, and transgendered. The end of competition in the workplace and the end of the market system of distribution will eventually bring an end to

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The pain of racism and the animosity it engenders
has become embedded in our culture and prisoners
bring this baggage with them to these state created
hell holes. The amount of senseless violence and
death this has resulted in is legion. Yet this type
of violence is nothing but an endless reciprocal
exchange among people who should be on the same side
and it accomplishes nothing positive. One rotten anti-
working class deed begets another, ad infinitum.
Members of all racial groups are responsible for
committing these, often predatory deeds, and it's
time prisoners stepped off this stupid continuum
and quit fucking each other around!

Prisoners killing one another because of skin color,
point of geographical origin(whatever fucked up town
we happen to come from), or clique affiliation is
nothing but idiotic and it is absolutely no threat
to the established order whatsoever. The cops thrive
on this sort of shit and are only too happy to cart
one more of us out to the state bone yard to rest for
eternity. It's an old saying that "when the master
cracks his whip, the slave lashes out at the slave
he's nearest." With some of the lashing out that goes
on in Tx. prisons:though, some of the slaves may as
well apply for jobs as executioners down at the Hunts-
ville Walls Unit because that's the same side they're
working for anyway.

Every fucked up deed we do to one another only aids
the cops in making our lives more miserable, and in
aiding the cops we also aid the capitalist bosses.
It's a form of sellin' out and kissin' ass to those
in power, fact, looked at a little more closely,

Greetings Comrades

As you may or may not know, October 22 is national day of protest against police brutality. And we here in Houston kicked off a weekend of resistance on Friday Oct. 20th with a rally followed by a march to the cop shop.

The rally started at 4PM at Market Square Park. Over 200 people gathered there as speakers from the MCP, RCP, an EZLN support group, Ray Hill from the Prison Show on Pacifica 90.1 and the friends and families of the people who were murdered by the police spoke about police brutality, the repression and criminalization of a generation. We at the ABC were also on hand with the black flag flying high while we distributed anarchist literature. There was a Stolen Lives Wall there to commemorate all the people murdered by the pigs.

From the rally we marched several blocks to the police station. During the beginning of the march the cops tried to cut the march in half at an intersection, but we were strong in numbers, strong in spirit and refused to stand for that kind of shit. We marched with masked and unmasked faces yelling "No justice, no peace. Jail the killer police" (or as the anarchists yelled "Fuck the killer police") and "MPD, MPD, why do killer cops go free?" There was a host of banners, signs, puppets, drums and even fire breathing on the streets to show our purpose. We got a good response from the people on the street and in passing cars.

Once at the cop shop the speakers continued. Speakers representing AIM, RCP, RCPB, The Nation of Islam, and more family members of those killed spoke

From the Trenches cont....

Hello there brother! How are you keeping, and, oh yes, happy new year! I suppose you (we all) have to make the best of our circumstances but that is no reason for inaction. One of the things we in the Anarchist Federation believe in is creating a culture of resistance and I see that the term has been taken up by the U.S. magazine, Barricade. (Have you seen it, by the way?).

We need to build a genuine (non-middle class) revolutionary counter-culture to build confidence and combativity. And you know, that is precisely what Chain Reaction is doing, in the most admirable way. Forward to the 2 million print run! Oh no, hopefully by then prisons will be abolished!

Whilst I don't believe in punishment (two wrongs don't make a right), I do think anarchists are weak on the issue of dealing with anti-social behavior. Obviously, most crime will probably disappear in an anarchist society. But what do we do with the most sadistic murderers- the uncontrollable, multi-murderers? Your views on this would be appreciated, especially as you probably have encountered quite a few of them.

Whilst I remember, please give a plug to ORGANISE! in Chain Reaction. If prisoners write to the mag's address, they can obtain it free of charge. Brother, keep on fighting, there is a new world to win and we need it now.

Solidarity, Colin

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Gulf Coast Red responds

come their afflictions, and it may well be that we will not be able to overcome such maladies universally until we bring about an anarchist society. One thing is for certain though brother, and that is that there will be a drastic reduction overall in social harms of all kinds when we bring about anarchism and we will be able to bring to bear many more resources on these social problems, and we will then deal with them in a humanistic and humane way.

For the Social Revolution

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To Chain Reaction

I am writing this from Solitary Confinement within the confines of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice. I'm doing an 18 yr. sentence for stealing a stinking truck. I've got 8 calendar years flat, in on this sentence, and have been set off by the Parole Board 6 times so far + given the same two reasons of denial each time, of which I cannot change. Those being: "Past criminal history" (it was not habitualized or enhanced) and, "Seriousness and nature of Offense." (which I would think was already taken into consideration during my trial or sentencing)

Also, not one of these times that I have been "interviewed for parole" have I sat in front of a parole board, nor even a member of Parole, to present myself as a living human being, and not merely as a number or file.

"Well, no matter how crazy things seem to get around here, I was gladly awakened by an ugly C.O. with a copy of "Chain Reaction" in his hand for me, + I've got to say, it definitely made my day, both because it's good to see a hack doing something worthwhile for a change to earn his daily bread-and most

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Dear Comrades

I'm a supporter of John Bisset's irrefutable and totally logical case for the socialist alternative" (CR# 4), but I also liked Gulf Coast Red's observations on the revolution in Spain at the time of the civil war there. I just wanted to make a couple of comments.

What I think Bisset meant by saying socialism has never been tried is that it can only work on a world scale. Socialism/communism was not only tried by our ancient ancestors-it worked extremely well for millions of years. It was the natural choice of the human species. But it was organized by communities that were mostly isolated from each other. Civilization brought more contacts among communities, but it also brought trade, private property and war-and eventually destroyed its own communist foundations. It's up to us to restore that primitive communalism on a sophisticated global scale.

The Spanish experience of the 30s, like the Utopian socialist experiments of the 19th and 20th centuries, was for all its impressiveness still only an island in a sea of capitalism.(OK, a pretty big island!) Gulf Coast Red reports that "about a third of Spain" was organized into collectives. While this gives a somewhat rosy picture, a breakdown of the real numbers is perhaps even more provocative. In the Foreword to Gaston Leval's *Collectives in the Spanish Revolution* (London:Freedom Press,1975), we read that "in Aragon, Levante and Castile there was a total of 1,600 agricultural Collectives. In Catalonia all

Casanova, head of the ruthless National Guard. The U.N. Truth Commission for El Salvador states that Vides covered up and protected soldiers who were responsible for the rape and murder of three nuns and a layperson. He was also present for the torture of an esteemed Dr. Juan Romagoza who, due to the extent of the torture was unable to ever perform surgery again. Since Garcia and Vides' privileged asses have been enjoying State protection stateside, many working class Salvadorians have been denied asylum here, even when facing torture or death in El Salvador.

Most working class prisoners in the U.S. had their prison college programs totally devastated when that crooked old bat, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison did away with the P.E.L.L. grants for prisoners. However, if you had been responsible for the murder of thousands of Mayan Indians and had been fined 47.5 million in damages to pay eight Guatemalans for the massacre of their family members, and a U.S. citizen for the torture of an American, Sister Diana Ortiz, and your name just happened to be Hector Gramajo Morales, Guatemalan Defense Minister...well hell, you could get a U.S. scholarship to go to Harvard!

Plenty of Haitian working folks can't get into this country, but the U.S. will harbor a Haitian in a heartbeat if they happen to have been a terrorist for Francois "Papa Doc Duvalier" such as Luckner Cambonne, or Paul Samuël Jérémie who was convicted of torturing Baby Doc Duvalier's political opponents. He escaped and now resides in the U.S.. Florida seems to be the state of choice for many of these alien torture freaks, such as Colonel Carl Dorelien, who during Aristide's exile 91-94 commanded

This treatment is in spite of statutory and/or administrative rules and regulations that say prisoners are to be given medical, and dental care, by professional staff, comparable with the same standards as people on the streets are entitled to. Another set of standards is set forth by medical accrediting agencies, such as the American Correctional Association (a pro-prison group), and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care. Each prison system also has their own rules that state we are entitled to proper and meaningful medical services. Seldom are any of these standards or rules upheld by those that provide the medical care or that supervise the care providers.

Medical professionals, however, are also governed by a higher standard than that set forth by the prisons. Each professional, even the prison doctors, nurses, and dental staff, must be licensed the state they are working in. The state sets minimum standards for these medical staff to keep their licenses. Tests must be taken, and passed, to ensure they know what they are doing, before any licenses are issued. These state boards are there to ensure, also that the professionals maintain a certain level of care to all, even prisoner, the patients they treat, and investigate complaints.

If you have attempted to get help from your medical department, and they are refusing you treatment, or providing you treatments that are not effective, or causing you more problems than you originally had, telling you they are the medical staff and know what they are doing, it's time to find out. Licenses for medical staff, even for prison medical staff, are available to the general public for the

your reply to the grievance, make sure you appeal it to the next higher level. Also, send a copy of your complaint to the medical department administrator, this puts him on notice that you are not being given the treatment you need, and allows him to become part of your future suits.

Once you've gotten a response to the appeal, it's time to go outside of the system and file a complaint the state medical board. Those reviewing the complaint at the medical board are licensed physicians, who know the Code of Ethics that all of the doctors (including prison doctors) are bound by in that state, and if your doctor is violating those ethics.

They will notify that a complaint has been filed, and is being reviewed. This alone may be enough to get you the proper care, no doctor wants to be sanctioned by the state medical board and have that become part of his licensing file. The medical department will at least take a second look at your situation, and will have to inform the medical investigators what actions they've taken to ensure you are being given the standard of care you deserve, not by prison standards, but by public standards.

Different states have different authorities who issue the licenses and investigate complaints of malpractice by doctors and nurses. Check with your law library to find out if they have a listing of state agencies, or write the Governor's Office in your state capital and ask them who regulates the activities of doctors. Some states have a single agency, such as Illinois, while others, like Ohio, have a different agency for doctors, nurses, and dentists. Make sure you check on the proper agency to handle

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MADE IN THE SHADE

by

Gulf Coast Red

Fellow prisoners, captives, and slaves of the cap-
italist state. The last two decades have witnessed a
gradual escalation in anti-immigrant hysteria. The
I.N.S. now has built in computers in their pig-cars
which can immediately check, or record the finger-
prints of "aliens." Gee, like these people come from
Mars or something. Stepped up border patrols, and all
manner of anti-immigrant to legislation designed to
criminalize people fleeing their homelands (often
due to U.S. foreign economic policy) seems to be the
order of the day. This is not simply a U.S. phenom-
enon. The same governmental anti-immigrant xenophobic
trends are being practiced in western European demo-
cracies, from Ireland to Poland, and of course, such
government policies help to fuel the fire of racist
nazi bone head hate groups. Such fascist groups al-
ways work on the side of the state in order to sow
the seeds of nationalism and anti-working class sen-
timent.

We have all seen some of our fellow and sister
prisoners(sisters where are you?)locked up in the
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sidewalk infractions, and because they happened to
be "one a them there foreigners", upon parole they
end up deported to their country of origen. It makes
no difference whether or not they happened to come
here at the age of three. and have no family or ties

THE COVERT GOVERNMENT by Gulf Coast Red

The United States Government is nearly always at war due to the fact that it finds itself continually having to maintain a global system based on a powerful rich minority against a poor majority, and it often uses terroristic violence toward this end.

The American Constitution states that only Congress shall declare war, however, without declaring war officially, numerous acts of war have been legitimized by Congress, such as the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution which allowed for the prosecution of the Viet Nam War, not to mention, funding of the CONTRAS.

The American Constitutional government and it's system of checks and balances was set up by a minority class of wealthy merchants and landed gentry who basically thought that the less the popular masses had to do with government the better. They in effect set up a form of government which would be biased in favor of the elite class and in which governmental accountability to the masses would be precluded. This form of government has made possible undemocratic coalitions at the highest echelons, obscured from public view. These coalitions and alliances have been responsible for promulgating horrendous policies, both domestic and abroad, in order to secure global economic control.

Historically, elites have often worked through their own private organizations, such as the Trilateral Commission, The Council on Foreign Relations, The Ford

At the end of WWI and during the initial yrs. of the Russian Revolution, western elites were terrified of the revolution spreading west. Workingclass enthusiasm for the revolution was global and even popular in America as exemplified by the 1919 Seattle general strike which shut the whole city down for weeks. The western elites saw as their best bet the rearmament of Germany as a bulwark against Russia. The Versailles Treaty imposed harsh reparations on Germany, therefore, in order to sidestep this and enable Germany to reindustrialize, bankers such as J.P.Morgan, Charles G. Dawes, and Owen D. Young, with complete governmental support, came up with the Dawes Young Plan. This consisted of a series of generous loans which allowed for German reparation and had the effect of strengthening Germany's three largest firms, I.G.Farben, United Steel, and German General Electric (39% owned by American G.E.) I.G.Farben, closely tied to Standard Oil, a huge pharmaceutical company and chemical conglomerate, remained, even after Pearl Harbor, the most immanent firm in Nazi Germany. I.G. Farben, responsible for producing gas for the Nazi Final Solution in German death camps, also built a synthetic fuel and rubber plant at Auschwitz utilizing slave labor.

Of two brothers elite, John Foster Dulles who would become Sec. of State under Eisenhower, and Allen Dulles

The goal of American elites of course, was global economic domination. The Council on Foreign Relations, composed of academics, corporate elites, and lawyers already mapped out blocks of production and trade and how to strategically access them for the purpose of world control. The C.F.R. also helped spawn such class war tools of domination as The World Bank and The International Monetary Fund—institutions which today wreak impoverishment on peoples the world over.

After the war, Hitler's Chief of Soviet Intelligence Reinhard Gehlen, an SS war criminal, made a deal with the U.S. government to supply anti-communist intelligence as long as he was allowed to maintain his own autonomous operation

His entire organization was eventually transposed from the 3rd Reich into the American government being incorporated into the nucleus of the CIA.

Dulles and other U.S. officials allowed numerous sadistic murderers such as Gehlen, Joseph Mengele, Klaus Barbie, and Adolf Eichman to escape justice and take refuge in Latin America. Many ex-Nazis would later link up and become part of fascist groups and governments in Latin America, collaborating with CIA operatives, and repressing popular elections and revolutions in line with the right wing corporate agenda. Klaus Barbie himself became extremely involved in the drug trade. The legacy of corporate, CIA, Nazi

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LAWS OF THE PARASITE CLASS

Agitation against the war by anarchists, passivists, I.W.W.s, and Socialists intensified, and as a result, in June of 1917, Congress and President Wilson passed some extremely reactionary legislation known as the Espionage Act. Ostensibly the Act looked as though it were aimed at spies and government infiltrators, yet, tacked onto it was a clause which stipulated up to 20 years in prison for "Whoever, when the U.S. is at war, shall wilfully cause, or attempt to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty in the military or naval forces of the United States, or shall wilfully obstruct recruiting or enlistment in the service of the U.S...."

The Espionage Act was designed and used to imprison people who spoke against the war, but even more, it was used by the ruling class as a weapon to try and bust up revolutionary organizations. Particularly the Industrial Workers of the World. American revolutionaries were well aware that it was a boss's war. Having learned of the mass carnage on the battlefields of Europe, where hundreds of thousands of fellow workers had been sacrificed for capitalism, they agitated harder.

Two months subsequent to the Espionage Act's passing, Charles Schenk, a socialist, was arrested in Philadelphia for printing and distributing 15,000 leaflets which vehemently denounced both the war and the draft. The leaflet stated that conscription was a violation of the 13th Amendment protection against "involuntary servitude"; and that conscription was a "monstrous deed against humanity in the interests of the financiers of Wall Street" and he exhorted people "not to submit to intimidation."

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In early September of 1917, raids on 48 I.W.W. halls occurred across the nation. 165 I.W.W. delegates were arrested for conspiring to hinder the draft, encourage desertion, and intimidation in connection with labor disputes. 101 Wobblies went to trial in 1918, which lasted about five months. The charges had been based on speeches and articles in the Wobbly press, for example, in the Industrial Worker, "Capitalists of America, we will fight against you, not for you! Conscription! There is not a power in the world that can make the working class fight if they refuse!"

John Reed, the socialist writer who wrote "Ten Days That Shook The World" about the Russian Revolution covered the trial. He wrote of the defendants, "I doubt if ever in history there has been a sight just like them. One hundred and one lumberjacks, harvest hands, miners, editors...who believe the wealth of the world belongs to him who creates it... the outdoor men, the hard-rock blasters, tree-fellers, wheat binders, longshoremen, the boys who do the strong work of the world."

The Wobblies also used the trial to get their ideas across. One Wobbly spoke to the court "You ask me why the I.W.W. is not patriotic to the United States. If you were a bum without a blanket; if you had left your wife and kids when you went out west for a job, and had never located them in this country, would you be patriotic to the United States?"

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK

After several years of inactivity, an Emergency Response Network (ERN) has been relaunched to facilitate action among prison activists, supporters and campaigns.

The ERN last had a presence in North America in 1989-'90, then again in the mid-'90s, before fading quickly. Situations calling for some sort of emergency response by non-prisoners range from hungerstrikes, lockdowns, punitive transfers where regular contact with a prisoner is lost, action on behalf of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War, political trials and prosecutions, criminal justice issues and more, up to and including major incidents like hostage-taking or takeovers. The ERN now has a global focus, and is centered around action for all prisoners.

All concerned individuals, groups and campaigns are encouraged to submit information to the ERN list. It's hoped that, when joining the ERN, you will take time out of your day and make a point of acting on alerts as well as circulating them among other activists and other venues. The old ERN called for a number of groups to organize as coordinators in their regions, who in turn would be connected to a regional network of activists. If you're working with others in your area, take time to share ERN actions and get them involved. Due to high mailing costs, the ERN circulates it's alerts via email, but activists everywhere are encouraged to distribute hardcopy ERN

Other state socialists derive from the Marxist-Leninist variety, including Trotskyites, Maoists, and all manner of Stalinists. They are all authoritarian and seek state power for the purpose of setting up state capitalist dictatorships in which a centralized party and bureaucracy plan and run the state and the economy from the apex of the state hierarchy. At the bottom, all the workers are forced to carry out their dictates. Needless to say, civil liberties are severely repressed in these governments, which are, to say the least totally repugnant to anarchists.

Anarchists are right to shun these types of parties, but does all of this suffice as reason for a total abstinence from electoral politics on the part of anarchists? No! In order to construct a real working class effective and comprehensive revolutionary movement, a libertarian socialist party will be a great asset.

By libertarian socialist party, I do not mean one which is reformist, nor one which seeks state power in order to maintain state power as in Marxist-Leninism. Both are inimical to the libertarian communist/socialist vision of a stateless, moneyless, society of free access.

By libertarian socialist is meant, a party which is leaderless, unhierarchical, totally democratically structured, and which has as its sole objective to gain a majoritarian vote at the polls, so that once elected it may set about the immediate dismantling of the state and the capitalist system. Working in conjunction with revolutionaries on other fronts, it may then help to usher in a production for human use society. As mentioned above, no one can predict which

direct action. No party, no matter how much it clings to legalism will be exempt from police repression once it becomes a palpable threat to the capitalist hegemony. Such a bent precludes struggle which will gain working class respect. Any revolutionary party worth its salt will have to get its feet wet once and awhile.

It remains to be seen whether or not these parties will be able to transcend their ideological straight-jackets and get solid with other groups moving along the same path. Either way, a libertarian socialist party will be important. Such a party ideally would struggle right along side direct actionists, work in close solidarity with revolutionary unionists and community organizers. Whether it be direct action against police brutality, clear-cutting, or toxic racism, libertarian socialists can help to stave off these immediate encroachments of capitalism while helping to bring the victims to a clear revolutionary perspective.

At present, unfortunately, Marxist-Leninist parties fill to a great extent this void misleading people into believing that the totalitarian state, complete with secret police, gulags, and BIG BROTHER equals socialism. Anarchists also have their ideological straightjackets though if they refuse to rationally consider the idea of a libertarian socialist party simply because of dogmatic anarchist orthodoxy. That type of conformity should be questioned rationally by anarchists, not to be too heretical or anything.

DEMOS, DIRECT ACTION IN THE STREETS

The working class needs to take to the streets

have a victory over the prisoner because those in charge take the same kind of approach and assume that if they have the whole body in a cell that they have contained all that makes up the person. But a prisoner is not a geometrical figure, and an approach which is successful in mathematics is wholly unsuccessful when dealing with Human Beings!

In the case of the Humanbeing, we are not dealing only with the single individual. We are also dealing with the Ideas and beliefs which have motivated him and which sustain him, even when his body is confined. In the case of Humanity, the whole is greater, much greater than its parts because the whole includes the body which is measurable and confinable and the Ideas which cannot be measured or confined.

These prisons operate with the concept that since it has a person's body, it has the entire being, because the whole cannot be greater than the sum of its parts. They put the body in a cell and seem to get some sense of relief and security from that fact. The idea of prison victory, then, is that when the person incarcerated begins to act, think, and believe the way they want him to, they have won the battle and the person is then REHABILITATED! But this cannot be the case because those that operate the prison have failed to examine their own beliefs thoroughly, and they fail to understand the types of people they attempt to control. This leaves no victory for the system.

There are two types of prisoners. The larger number are those who accept the legitimacy of the assumptions upon which the society is based. They wish to acquire the same goals as everybody else: Money, Power

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS PRISONER SUPPORT

Prisons and the police forces are part of the state's social control mechanisms. As we build a more effective movement, no members, of whatever revolutionary organization will be exempt from police repression and imprisonment. This is why it is important that all revolutionary organizations realize the importance of supporting a strong A.B.C. network. It will be as it already is an important integral part of a revolutionary program to support class war prisoners. The A.B.C. should also work to support social prisoners with the intent of helping them to gain political consciousness and be assets to the revolutionary movement. At present the A.B.C.s and P.P.W.C. are barely able to stay afloat. Get involved! The A.B.C.s should be about prison abolition. As we organize industrially and in our communities, we will ourselves be about policing ourselves making prisons and police superfluous and useless. Since we won't have or need them in a post capitalist society, why not work towards their abolition now!

POLITICAL PARTY

Of course, no anarchist considers voting for a capitalist party an option. The "lesser of two evils" argument doesn't wash with anarchists and both major parties in the U.S. are the puppets of capital. In fact, anarchists for various reasons, most of them good, shun electoral politics altogether. Historically the argument goes back to the split between Bakunin and the anarchists and Marx at the 1st Socialist International in 1870 over the issue of capturing state power first (Marx, utilizing the ballot) or

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One of the bloodier free speech battles the I.W.W. was involved in, however, occurred in Everett WA in 1915. It had started out as a strike by the A.F.L. shingle weavers, which was subjected to police and gun thug infiltration of meetings and picket lines. Fellow Worker, James Rowan was sent by the I.W.W. to organize a solidarity campaign. He was arrested as soon as he blew into town. The I.W.W. had decided to open up the town and "organize the slaves." They attempted to establish a "solidarity" campaign.

eventually acquitted, yet none of the Sheriff's deputies was ever arrested or prosecuted (sound familiar) and the Sheriff, in fact, later on, landed a government job.

In spite of all though, the I.W.W. eventually won out, and they opened up their halls to the working class in Everett.

In San Pedro CA, 1923, The I.W.W. held a massive free speech fight to speak out against the anti-syndicalist laws enacted there, under which more than 100 Wobblies were serving sentences of up to 14 years. It was also to demand hiring through the union hall. At the time, the longshoremen and seamen were out on strike (some 3,500 workers) and some 99 ships were tied up in harbor.

The I.W.W. held meetings on Liberty Hill overlooking the harbor, "You could look down on the ships and get a sense of the power of the workers."

The cops were nervous, and eventually arrested some 700 people. Speakers would stand up to speak, and the cops would haul them off to the slammer, and at one point as the strike intensified, some 5,000 people were out in mass, having meetings all over town.

A massive throng of Wobblies converged on the San Pedro jail, where about 50 wobblies were locked up. Some prisoners inside broke out some windows, and began to sing a song composed in Chicago, 1917, by Harrison George "In Chicago's Darkest Dungeon For The O.B.U. (One Big Union). "Remember you're outside for strength of one? us." And the people outside would come back with, "And we're in here for you." Powerful stuff!

The author of "The Jungle" Upton Sinclair came out in support of the strike, as well as free speech. As he mounted the soapbox to speak "Congress shall



SOLIDARITY FOREVER!

By Ralph M. Chaplin

When the Union's inspiration through the worker's blood shall run,

There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun. Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one?

But the Union makes us strong!

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• Everett office with members in doorway. 1916

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jury, accused me of saying on a public platform at a
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others of your kind, send them to prison because they
dared to infringe upon the sacred rights of property.

The Crime of The Century

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Gulf Coast Red

Welcome once again, fellow miscreants, reprobates, and recidivists, to a brand new edition of **CHAIN RE-ACTION**. Ah, and where would those law abiding capitalists and their brainwashed state dupes be without we members of the criminalized class? What politician, or other type of cop does not owe us a great debt of gratitude for their self righteous, and secure livelihoods, and for that matter, where would people in the prison industries be without us to leech off of? Even as we speak, the powers that be are finding new and innovative ways to criminalize us and put us under the state boot, from laws to the latest police technology, Big Brother is alive and well in the Lone Star State, the state that helped launch Bush to the White House.

When I was a boy, we used to run into the local 711 Store, grab some beer, and run out without paying. Once outside, we yelled "WHAHOOO!" and therefor, called it, Whahooing beer. Anyway, whahooing beer is probably damn near known as an institution by all Texans who grew up in the 70s, and it was a hand slap misdemeanor offense then, but will now get a teen 10

dash into the local KFC, Uzi a blazzin! blow up their local school, or of dropping their boss into the nearest available tree-mulcher. Fact, the media would run out of tragic macabre tales to tell of a people driven plumb loco.

The debt which the law abiding owe to we criminals goes far back in history. Karl Marx noticed that the evolution of the lock was inextricably intertwined with the ever more adroit practices of thieves, and Ernest Hemmingway commented similarly on the evolution of safes, commensurate with the increasing ingenuity of safecrackers. And think of all those safes, chock full of capital-veritable challenges to sublime criminal minds!

It's said that a high percentage of criminal plots are simply learned off of watching the idiot box. Maybe Hollywood will some day soon make a four star movie about the ultimate heist, the ultimate reexpropriation of capital, where we, the protagonists of the criminalized deviant class take over the tools of production and give the collective boot to those sparkling law abiding ones at the top of the heap!

If, after watching this film, members of our class decide to emulate this sublime criminal plot, it may well prove to be the end of history, at least

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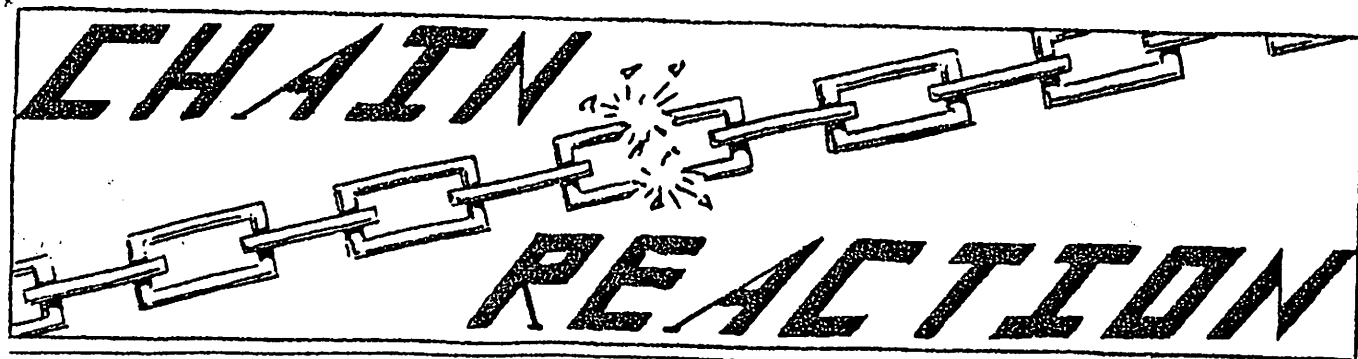
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