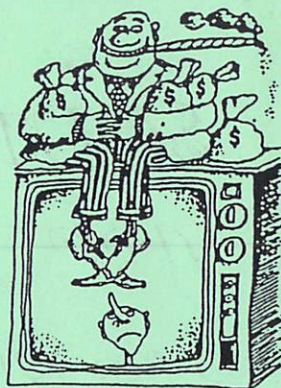


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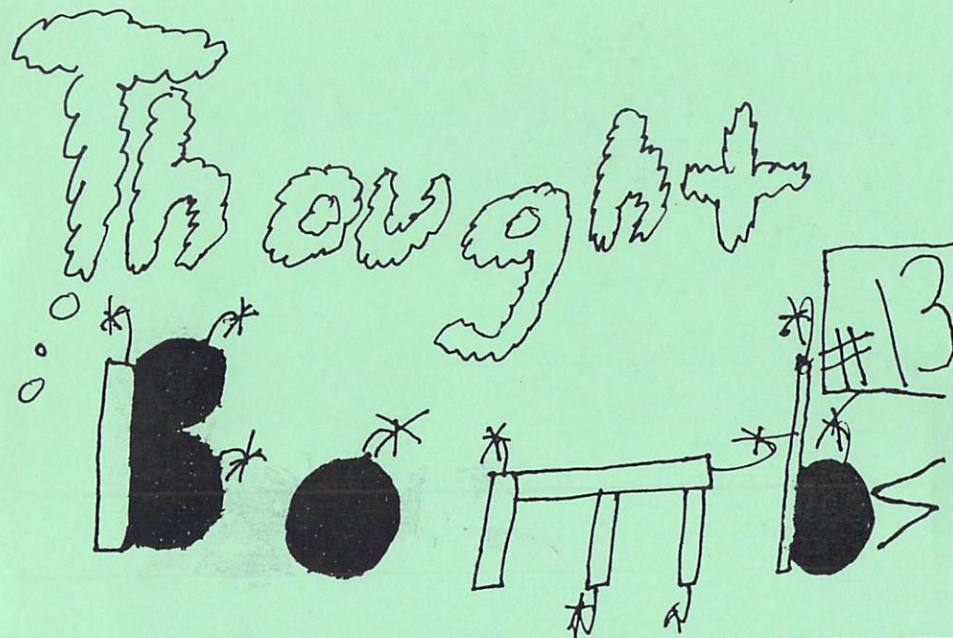
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AUTHOR Anthony Rayson COVER DUNE Stanton Rayson



Greetings! It's me again, with Thought Bombs #13. This sketch of me was drawn by a very talented street artist named Glenn. I was tabling at a Blues Show/Birthday Party for Little Scotty, a longtime showman/activist on the southside of Chicago.

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8. Pigs are friendly, cops aren't
9. Pigs can be trained, cops are mindless robots
10. Little pigs like to cuddle, little cops must show how tough they are
11. Pigs are not racist, cops are
12. Pigs are caged in dirty, feces filled pens, cops should be
13. Pigs can distinguish between a threatening weapon and a cell phone, cops can't
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Theft suspects talk about radio career

■ From their jail cells in Benton County, Cory Gallo and James Fox tell how they ran their renegade station.

By DAVID ALTENHOF
Staff Writer

FOWLER — Cory Gallo loves to brag about his pirate radio station that police said he pieced together with stolen parts.

"We had a perfectly tuned setup — for an antenna that I built out of copper pipe for four bucks," Gallo said from his Benton County jail cell Dec. 17. "It was like professional; it was pro."

Gallo, 20, and another defendant, James Fox, 30, are suspects in thefts from 37 communications towers, three businesses and four churches in Indiana and Illinois.

In December, Fox was arrested in Missouri. Indiana authorities are trying to extradite him.

Indiana and Illinois prosecutors are starting to charge the pair in the thefts. The two could be charged in as many as 21 counties.

Neither Gallo nor Fox had any extensive electronics training, Gallo said. Fox had undergone a short electronics internship. Gallo had some exposure to electronics and computers, he said.

"I did a lot of the work myself, and I just kind of ferreted it out as I went along," he said.

"It just takes time," Gallo said.

"It's like anything else — you can figure it out if you give it time."

Police searched the pair's home in the 7200 block of Missouri Avenue on Nov. 18 and hauled away large quantities of allegedly stolen electronics and computer equipment.

Gallo said the pair began broadcasting out of their Hammond home in June. The thefts from communications towers and high-tech businesses began in February, police reported.

Gallo said police marveled at their 1,350-watt antenna.

"The FBI guys came in here. They said, 'How'd you learn how to do this ... because they had never seen anybody do pro stuff like this,'" he said.

The station could be heard within a 12-mile radius of their rented home, he said. Most of their listeners were young.

"Most of the people that listened were like from the high schools ... between the ages of 15 and 20," he said.

The pair never played commercials and took requests through e-mail because they feared announcing their phone number on the air, Gallo said.

Gallo denied a police statement that their station, known as "The Goat," had satanic overtones.

"(Indiana's) a religious state, and I guess maybe the heavy metal that I was playing, Metallica and stuff, is satanic to them," he said.

The pair's Web site, which recently closed, had an image of a pentagram, a common symbol of the occult.

"It was just kind of an image," he said, saying the symbol was not meant as an occult image.

Although they did not espouse the occult, their radio station had plenty of profanity.

"We got a little out of hand, but in our defense, every radio station does that," he said.

Gallo, originally from Lockport, Ill., said that the pair worked at high-tech companies including MicroAge Inc., an Orland Park, Ill., company, and The Computer Merchant Ltd., a Massachusetts-based computer consulting company where they worked on contract.

Recently, business started falling off.

"They (The Computer Merchant) were having a real slow time in contracts and we were both seeking other employment," he said.

Gallo said his roommate, Fox, was having a hard time finding another job.

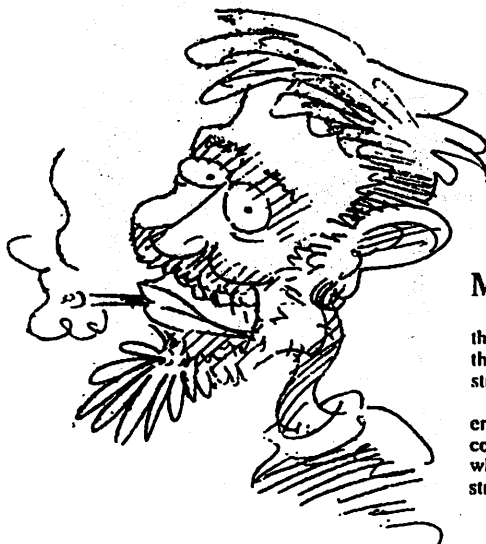
"I had a lot of money in the bank and I kind of took to partying," he said.

"I only had a couple of friends out there, and most of the time, we'd just sit around and work on cars and stuff," he said.

Gallo admitted to illegally running a radio station, but he would not discuss any of the alleged thefts, citing fears about incriminating himself.

Gallo said he will work with authorities to try to get reduced sentences.

"Hopefully, I won't end up celebrating my 50th or 60th birthday behind bars," he said.



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Marijuana might protect brain

The National Institute of Mental Health discovered that some of the chemicals in marijuana may protect the brain from the damage caused by injuries and stroke, researchers reported in July.

Writing in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Hampson's team said cannabinoids could block the effects of other chemicals that kill cells when oxygen is cut off — which is what happens in a stroke caused by a blood clot.

Sketch of Various Rants & Raves

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You can't pave your way out of congestion. All you do is spend enormous amounts of taxpayer resources to destroy cropland, disrupt communities, animal habitats, forests, etc. In the place of a natural environment, productive farms and peaceful livability, you bring instead traffic congestion, air pollution, noise, stress, road rage, strip malls, fast food dumps, etc. It's the same abomination you see everywhere throughout America.

The alarming truth is that this relentless sprawl doesn't even relieve already choked areas. Just as a new airport in Peotone wouldn't end the nightmare for the residents around O'Hare, neither will a new 1,800 bed women's prison imposed upon the citizens of Pembroke/Hopkins Park down in Kankakee County, affect prison overcrowding or "crime." The monster feeds voraciously and is never satiated.

The ever onward expansion of industrial society, based on a system of profit, is itself the problem and not the solution. An economy strung out on the consumption of oil is not self-sustaining and is in fact, environmentally suicidal. Repressive social, economic and military systems are needed to feed this worldwide addiction. The mainstream media dwells on short term inanity and the culture is an alienated, hedonistic consumerist mess. Serious debate and planning for a genuinely viable future are assiduously avoided.

I heard where a monstrous chunk of ice - twice the size of Rhode Island! - has broken off of Antarctica. The permafrost is thawing. Species of plants and animals are becoming extinct, daily. The lungs of our planet, the Amazon rainforests, are being massively bulldozed in a frenzy of greed and profit-taking.

Earth is dying and our coffin is the single passenger car.



April 4, 2000

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Dear Editor,

I would like to take issue with the assertions made by Rev. Andrew Greeley in his Sunday, April 2, column, supporting "free" trade.

The unions are against NAFTA, along with many groups fighting for social justice, for a variety of reasons. These include how companies are "free" to uproot from America, along with their living wage jobs to seek sweatshop pittance pay labor in other countries, such as Mexico. This lowers wages, working conditions, benefits, for all workers. Corporations are forcing subsistence farmers from their lands, turning them into miserable wage-slaves in these U.S.-owned businesses. U.S. workers must increasingly juggle "temp" jobs, with less pay.

NAFTA works in concert with GATT, the WTO, the IMF and the World Bank to grease the wheels for ever-higher profits for corporations, the increased immiseration of the citizens in poor countries (and ghettos in this country) the acceleration of destruction of the environment and the bulldozing of sustainable communities for family farmers. Profits are through the roof for the rich, while workers work longer hours, without security, for less real wages. Companies save on medical benefits they don't have to pay, sick leave, safety concerns, etc. in these relocated businesses, where profit maximization is the sole concern.

Along with this, the world is increasingly under the U.S. military thumb, including here at home. How can Mr. Greeley complain about China in one breath, but not the U.S. in the next? We have the highest incarceration rate in the world, where now over 2,000,000 Americans languish in appalling conditions. The prison-industrial complex is a wildly expanding punishment industry, warehousing young blacks in a new age gulag system - which is very profitable.

China exploits prison labor. The U.S. exploits prison labor. China violates human rights. The U.S. has made being black and young basically a criminal offense! China doesn't however, go around the world causing massive amounts of children to die, such as in Iraq. Nor do they bomb countries into high-explosive, uranium encased bombs submission, like we do, either!

As for Seattle, yes hundreds upon hundreds of people were injured, some severely as they were gassed, beaten and shot - by the police!! The "Anarchists" broke a few precious windows, which the media so weeped over.

There's a class war going on in this country. It's a very racist war on the poor. People like Rev. Andrew Greeley are the "ideologues" and cheerleaders for the perpetrators of this war and are paid handsomely for their service.



SOUTH CHICAGO ANARCHIST NETWORK (SCAN)

(February 19, 2000)

Established in February 2000, the South Chicago Anarchist Network (SCAN) is an open network of and for socialist anarchists from the southern parts of Chicago, working for cooperation, solidarity, inclusiveness, openness, grassroots democracy, plurality, tolerance, freedom, individuality, and autonomy.

Our weekly meetings are open to all anarchists and close-to-anarchists in south Chicago to discuss, initiate, and network around strategies, projects, actions, and campaigns. (Contact us for details.)

GENERAL AIMS

- (1) To promote the development and growth of the anarchist and close-to-anarchist community in south Chicago. To this end, we will initiate and support anarchist and close-to-anarchist activities, projects, groups, infoshops, media outlets, forms of unionizing, and so on, and also promote networking, communication, and cooperation between them.
- (2) To promote the emergence, development, and strengthening of alternative social and economic structures and institutions in south Chicago. To this end, we will initiate and support alternative forms of organization (grassroots democratic, cooperative, non-hierarchical, non-capitalist, non-authoritarian etc.) in all areas of social life (activism, media, culture, education, health care, public transportation, enterprising, housing, banking, distribution, production etc.).

CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

The Overwhelmer Biweekly bulletin functioning as forum for the general progressive activist community in Chicago to communicate, discuss, network, and announce actions, events, meetings, projects, and campaigns. Editorial: Matt <TheEpochs@aol.com>, Contributions: <overwhelmer@visto.com>, Subscriptions: <scanok@hotmail.com> 7C600K60 LAMB5

South Chicago anarchist web site <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Lobby/5217>
Contact: Josh <resist50@hotmail.com>

Study group Meeting weekly in Hyde Park to read selected works by major anarchist thinkers (Proudhon, Bakunin, Kropotkin, Malatesta, Makhno, Goldman, etc.) For more information, contact Cindy at <CBMilstein@aol.com> or

Prisoner support We will publicize articles, essays, stories, and poems by prisoners on our web site. Contact: Anthony <anthonyrayson@hotmail.com>

Mayday We promote Mayday in south Chicago. Contact: Thomas <tcjohans@hotmail.com>

April 16 protest against the IMF and World Bank in Washington ('next Seattle')
We promote this event in south Chicago. Contact: Thomas <tcjohans@hotmail.com>

Benefit gigs Contact: Andrea <agpastor@midway.uchicago.edu>

Radical Film Nights Contact: Matt <TheEpochs@aol.com>

Fair Trade Building a coalition to pressure the system towards fair trade, and to support fair trade alternatives. Contact: Steve <stevewevie@hotmail.com>

Infoshop To set one up is one of our main goals right now. Contact: SCAN <scan-1@visto.com>

We intend to gradually engage in, promote and support the broadest possible range of projects that are in line with our general aims, for instance anarchist, activist, and community groups, infoshops and community spaces, alternative media, consumers' associations, credit unions, free schools, workers and community co-operatives, and so on.

South Chicago Anarchist Network (SCAN)

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Happy Saint Patrick's Day! My name is Anthony Rayson and I was invited to speak here today by Alex Kruse. Thankyou, Alex.

I consider myself an educator. I do a lot of writing, editing, give presentations, organize workshops, etc. But I'm very different from most other educators, as I deal in subjects well outside of what the mainstream is willing to cover. And of course, I have no one to answer to, except my own conscience.

Let me quickly sketch on the blackboard what I mean.

Nazism/ Fascism	Republicans Democrats	Progressive Media	Marxists, etc.	Freedom
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	Allowable Mainstream Discourse	Grassroots Activism		Underground (Anarchism)

I'm a creature of the underground. It's a place where truth and justice and genuine freedom are passionately struggled for. It's where information is inspiring, empowering and free. The medium I work mostly with is the zine. But there's also film, art, theatre and music.

These zines are ideally homemade, self-published booklets, without paid advertising or beholden to any corporation, which are free or very cheap and anti-copyright, which means not only can they be copied without approval, but it is encouraged. They can be about any subject whatsoever. There are literally thousands upon thousands of zines throughout the country and world. This zine here is called the *Zine Guide*. They list maybe 2,000 different zines in here. I'm in here a few places. Matter of fact, I'm making my way up the charts. My zine *Thought Bombs*, is now the 175th favorite zine. Last year I was 196th. I'm #95 according to fellow zinesters, people who write zines - those people who really know about zines and who are my peers. Some zines publish tens of thousands of copies. I only make maybe 300 of mine. So, I expect to continue to gain recognition as more people become aware of my work.

I've written twelve issues of *Thought Bombs*, seven *Anti-Airport Alerts*, four *In the Trenches...* four ARA zines and a few others. I've edited several more, mostly the work of prisoners. I run a zine distro called The South Chicago ABC Zine Distro, which boasts about 120

I've received a very telling letter addressed to Central Illinois farmers from a lady living in Utah, detailing what has happened to her town after a major new "development" invaded her community. In their case, it was a corporate hog farm that promised "jobs, jobs jobs" which would stimulate this supposedly depressed region.

Slowly the lies of an environmentally harmless, community-oriented enterprise were exposed as mere stories to get the hog farm operational, through various legal hoops and initially tolerated by the locals.

The community was destroyed. Oh, many miserable jobs were made available, but now life-long neighbors won't even look at each other much less talk to one another. The stench is terrible and everywhere. It's a constant reminder of the betrayal that they now feel was so shamefully acquiesced to. The doors on the houses are now kept locked. Small town hominess and little league life has disappeared - overwhelmed by corporate greed.

It comes by many names - hog farm, third airport, must-have expressways, women's prison or TIF-district warehouses. This type of "progress" is anything but progressive and such "development" ruins childhood. It's a future of asphalt, exhaust, semis, concertina wire, human cages, armed guards, awful noise, traffic congestion, destroyed farms and much profit-taking. It's the death of human relations and a surrendering to a commodified subsistence.

Our responsibility to our kids (and ourselves) is to *STAND* up to fight - *seriously and ferociously* - fight and absolutely refuse to let the pin-striped thieves spoil the dreams of children.

Join *STAND*. Let's GO! c/o *STAND*

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To receive a copy of this lady's letter write or email me at rural_stand@hotmail.com

My wife was quite worried about the flight, but it proves to be a breeze. The airport was easy to get to, parking was free and close in. Check-in was quick and simple. The crew was friendly and professional. The plane was roomy, the fares were cheap and the flight was smooth.

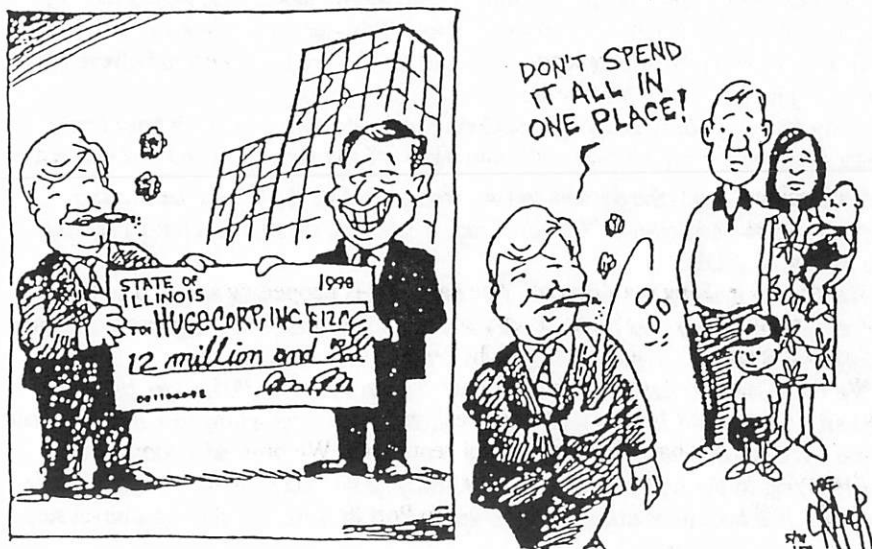
I didn't do much work, but I was able to read a couple of books, do a lot of visiting and check my email. I saw where the pro-Peotone airport crowd is organizing a march and rally from Harvey to Homewood, set for March 18th, clamoring for this boondoggle. Jesse Jackson Jr. and crew have a lot of the local clergy up in arms too, as if this is a social justice issue - the building of Peotone Airport.

Building an airport for a jobs creating public works project is terribly misguided. People in depressed areas need programs specifically designed to revitalize their own communities, not destroy farms many miles away. The root evils of institutional racism, severe capitalism and social disintegration are not addressed and thus this mega sprawl project is looked upon as the cure for complex social ills. Maywood, a mere five miles from O'Hare does not participate in the so-called economic "boom." All they see from O'Hare are countless planes, noise, pollution and congestion. It's a sad and confused southside that looks upon the greed of corporations for their salvation.

It's pure desperation that drives the poor people of color and clergy into the arms of the corporate interests and the promises of state politicians for improving the genuine quality of life - something they've never been known to deliver before.

In contrast, grassroots, environmentally sensitive citizens groups are looked upon as impediments to so-called "progress." It's a post-1984 world, allright.

PATE PHILIP HANDS OUT TAX BREAKS...



titles. I also carry many flyers, posters, essays and laminated artwork.

Anybody can create their own zine and have it reviewed by a number of zine review publications. Most zines also review other zines. My eleven year old son, Stanton, draws all my covers and contributes graphics and a few essays. There are tons of zines done by teenagers, such as this *Under 18 Zine* and *Besides the Animals: How animal consumption affects your health, the environment and the starving*. These are very well-done and respected zines.

Before the Revolutionary War, Thomas Paine wrote a pamphlet, a zine, called *Common Sense*. It served as a catalyst to galvanize the forces fighting the British. What most people don't realize is that Thomas Paine became disgusted by how the founding fathers wrote the Constitution, because it codified and legalized human slavery. He went off to France to fight in their revolution.

Today, human slavery in this country is still written into the constitution. Prisoners, of which there are now 2,000,000 of in the U.S., have no rights and may be used as slave laborers, legally! One third of all black men in their twenties are ensnared in some part of the injustice system either as prisoners, on parole or probation. The figure is 56% in Baltimore!! These numbers are several times higher than South African apartheid at its worst!

With a population comprising 4.5% of the world's population, the U.S. none-the-less consumes 30% of the world's resources - 6 1/2 times our share. Yet, the child mortality rate is higher in New York City than it is in Guatemala! We live in a society of extreme capitalism where everything is a function of the almighty dollar. This greed-based society breeds alienation and despair as if in a petrie dish. Ignorance is epidemic and a rainbow of addictions and self-destructive behaviors are almost universal. The culture is a cesspool of the celebration of violence and the sexual degradation of women. Racism is rampant as is homophobia, immigrant bashing, etc. I call it the "profanity of reality." And who gets blamed for the quote "epidemic of violence?" You guys do! The young people are the bad guys and are increasingly being treated as criminals. Meanwhile, the U.S. government sees to the death of 200 children under the age of five, every single day in Iraq, due to the murderous sanctions imposed upon them. It's a system of lies and madness, underscored with fear.

As the few are becoming billionaires, manipulating stocks and laws, the many are facing destitution. The "booming economy" is "booming" only for the already rich. You can't create wealth out of thin air or via computer. It flows from the poor to the rich. You don't hear about

any of this in the mainstream press or even in class, do you?

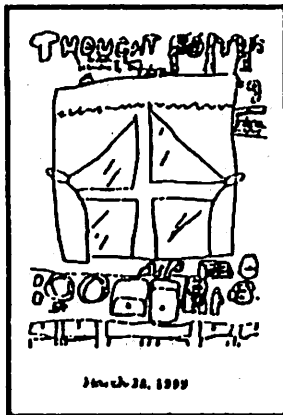
Americans also know precious little about the complex social and political realities of other countries. It's more than ironic that we may know everything possible about a baseball team or fictitious Poké-Mon characters, but we are almost totally ignorant as to how human beings are being forced to subsist in this world.

That's where people like me come in. We're the canaries in the minefield of political reality. We've crossed over the line of fear and are willing to speak the truth in no uncertain terms. You've heard about how journalists around the world are being murdered and imprisoned, threatened and silenced because of their reporting. Mumia Abu-Jamal is a good example. Here's a brilliant, award-winning, black journalist who's been in death row for decades, framed for the murder of a Philadelphia cop. They're trying to kill him because of what flows out of his pen. He's an extremely insightful writer.

You see, the truth is a very dangerous thing to the authorities and they spend countless billions hiding, distorting and suppressing it. Those willing and able to report it, do so at great personal risk. I accept this risk because I know the people of this world are screaming for the fearless truth. I've gained quite a reputation. Here's a review from a Northern Ireland publication out of Belfast, called *Direct Action Against Apathy*.

**Thought Bombs # 8/9
(60 pages A5) \$2**

Wow! There are few zines I look forward to or savour as much as Thought Bombs, written by Anthony Rayson. They are personally touching, politically motivating, entertaining, inspiring, shocking, frightening, awakening and empowering. #8 has an anarchist critique on how children are treated in our society, racism and treaty rights in the US, an inspiring article about the love of simple things in everyday life, an interview with the Luddang collective - an anarchist multimedia/music



project in the UK, and loads more stuff. #9 has stuff on abortion, how the state benefits from divorce, cops, a family trip to visit an ill father, anti-war demo's from the 60's, writings from prisoners, tips on zine making and loads more. There's also a pretty lengthy interview with Anthony that he did for another zine. Both zines have lengthy and in-depth letters sections and artwork done by Anthony's son Stanton. Sheer inspiration. Thought Bombs, Anthony Rayson, 27009 S. Egyptian Trail, Monce, IL 60999, USA.

It never ceases to amaze me to witness how man has platted this country into squares. Even the woods are pretty geometric. Stephen puts on his shades. "Cool shades - ON!" He looks like a child star. He's so handsome - like his brother. Having a beautiful mother doesn't hurt, not that I'm partial. 53

The people who work the airport and plane are very friendly. The whole initial phase of our trip has been hassle-free and fun, unlike the packing and arrangements making of the previous last few days.

There! My ears just popped. We arranged for a rental car online from one of the rental car agencies located at the Sanford Airport, which is located about fifteen miles north of Orlando. This saved us fifty bucks! We will visit Florida for a week. Our plan is to visit my folks in Port St. Lucie, my aunt and uncle in Bradenton on the Gulf coast and also my brothers down in Dade County. My father is facing serious cancer surgery and we wanted to be near him to enjoy his company (and that of my mother) and tell them how much we love them.

I hear my wife laughing behind me. That warms my heart. The flight attendant just handed us "warm towels." Actually, they're warm, wet wash cloths. She uses a pair of plastic pliers, so as not to touch them. They were rolled up cutely.

I've been very busy lately (as always) and look forward to relaxing, going to the beach and spending time with my family. I brought two overstuffed briefcases full of books, zines, papers and notebooks. I hope to do a lot of reading and writing and only some correspondence. I'm sure I'll be faced with a huge box full of mail upon my return. I'll be able to keep up with the email, at least.

There she goes, laughing again. She and Stanton are happy. Stephen's playing with his gameboy. Life is sweet* I'm gonna read. P.S. Here comes the beverage tray!

I got coffee and a cinnamon roll. We're flying over Nashville now at 37,000 feet. It's 65 degrees below zero outside and our speed is 578 mph. We'll be over Atlanta in 15 minutes.

Stephen keeps opening the tray and kicking them closed. So, we decide to joke around. I say, "Hey! Let's go on a vacation!" Stephen says, "We are, silly! Why do you think we're on an airplane?" "To get air?" I try to make him believe I just saw a frog jump - silly stuff like that.

I pity all you poor Chicagoland suckers stuck somewhere in rush hour traffic. Pretty soon we'll be in Florida and I can show off my sun-deprived chicken legs. We've decided to ask the captain to turn around and go back because Stephen forgot his Poke-Man cards. "C'mon, Dad. Let's go!" "Let's just have the drink lady ask him." "OK."

We're now making our descent. The ear thing is happening again. I hold my nose and blow. They pop back. Pretty soon, we'll touch down. I guess we'll have to play with Stanton's cards. I'm sure he brought his. If not...

We're at Sanford Airport, which is much busier than Gary/Chicago, but also smallish. As we wait for our luggage, Stephen climbs over a long row of chairs, one by one. We get our bags and pick up our rental car. We ordered a compact, but they're trying to put us in a bigger car for "only" \$10 a day more. No thanks! We drive off. It'll take us about 3 hours to get to Port St. Lucie, including a lunch stop.

Well, we left our home in Monee Township at around 7:35 in the morning. We drove down Pauling Road, which turns into Goodenow Road, as you go east. At 394, we headed north to I-80 East. The traffic was heavy coming from the east, but was a breeze going into Indiana.

We exited at Cline Avenue North. A major expressway is being constructed over this ramp. This ramp needs to be redone. It comes at you quickly and is kind of beat up and severely curved.

We went north a few miles and I jumped the gun and got off on Route 20 East. After a mile or so, I realized that we took the wrong road, so I made a u-turn and got back on Cline Avenue North to Chicago Avenue East. More and bigger signs should be put on Cline Avenue to let people know which exit to get off of to get to the airport. Surely, this mistake wasn't my fault!

From Chicago Avenue, it was easy to get to the Gary/Chicago Airport. You simply follow the signs, turn into the airport and park your car. Parking is free and the lot is well patrolled. It is a quiet, stress-free atmosphere. We were parked maybe 100 yards from the terminal entrance.

We took our bags out and walked in about 8:20. The PanAm flight was scheduled for 9 am. We checked our bags and received our boarding passes. Our two young sons, Stephen aged five and Stanton aged 11, were very excited these last several days. This will be their first airplane ride! We bought sweet rolls while we waited to board. I set off the metal detector. I had some batteries in my jacket as well as a tire gauge. They invited me to check the air on the plane's tires. Stanton set it off, too. He had his gameboy in his pants pocket.

I asked Stephen how he liked it. "I like it so far." Then, we boarded. The boys naturally wanted window seats, which they got. The plane was maybe 1/2 full. Stephen got a kick out of the tray. He and I opened and closed them several times before take-off. The seating is three abreast on either side of the aisle. There is plenty of leg room between rows, which greatly impressed my wife, Leslie. This plane had been modified to accomodate the New Orleans Saints football team, which involved taking out several seats and making the rest roomier. The whole plane was first class and not sectioned off. You are allowed up to two suitcases each weighing up to 70 pounds and one carry on bag, which can be the size of a small suitcase.

Pretty soon we taxied towards the runway. The pilot, Kevin Kelly, introduced the crew and gave us a brief weather report and flight plan. It was hot and dusty in Orlando, we would be flying at 35,000 feet, it would take 2 hours, one minute and fourteen seconds and they promised the "safest flight ever" even though there may be slight turbulence around Nashville. We have the tarmac to ourselves and there are no delays. We begin our acceleration down the runway and lift off! The boys are thrilled. It was so easy and smooth. This is a nice plane. How cool! Before you know it, we're above the clouds and our ears are feeling funny. Leslie passes out gum to help our ears pop.

A few weeks ago I gave a presentation at the College of Complexes "the playground for people who think." My good friend and collaborator Jane Doe, introduced me. Here's what she said about me.

So you see, this is very serious business. The crystal clear truth is highly revolutionary and the government hates it. I work with a lot of prisoners. Almost every day, I get notices from prison mailrooms who have censored my letters and zines, denying them to prisoners. Sometimes, prisoners are thrown into the hole just for having one of my publications mailed to them, which they never even see.

OK. Before I answer questions, I want to switch gears a little bit and give you a quick lesson on how to make your own zine. They come in all sizes. large, medium, digest, mini, micro and micro-mini. I like the digest size, because it uses standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper, which is the quickest and easiest to photocopy. You get four pages on each sheet. It's handy, readable and can be reread many times by others.

First, you create &/or acquire some material - text and graphics. You reduce it to fit the format and cut it. Then you lay it all out and format it, edit it - actually craft your zine. Here's an example of an original. Then you take your original and make a copy. It's now a master. You have to go over your master with a fine tooth comb and a bottle of liquid paper to clean up all the lines. Then you can make copies. You save a few copies with white covers. These are called "flats." Then you collate, fold and staple them into finished zines.

Then you make your friends read them, start working together on them, trade zines, start bands, work on projects, become active in your community, network with other zinesters throughout the world, start a collective, get a space and stock an infoshop to create your own autonomous zone of living freedom, cooperation, mutual aid and respect. The goal is to become completely free from the clutches of the evil, lying murderous authorities and their endless restrictions and disgusting bullying tactics, so as to enjoy a real life, lived moment by moment, in the present. Of course, once you get a taste of real freedom, you want to share it with others and help them fight for social justice, down the street and around the world. Thankyou.

Any questions?

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This society is the triumph of nazi propaganda. The Constitution of the United States is the Wannsee Conference Declaration of the Western Hemisphere. Our "humanitarian" foreign aid is the boot to the neck of the whole wide world. Let's rub the lies from our eyes and take a quick look at the truth.

The country's crowning document, the Constitution gave the go-ahead for the "final solution" in the Americas. It detailed how the New World was to be carved up into territories, then states, wrested from hundreds of existing nations of peoples, through genocidal expansion. Slave labor of black Afrikans was legitimized, codified and greatly accelerated. Womyn were totally excluded from participation in any social activities, save for household drudgery, dangerous child-bearing and sexual slavery. There's your blueprint for the corporate fascism of today. Rights aren't something "given" to you by a cleverly deceptive document of some government! They're every person's birthright!

Hitler showed how powerful the Big Lie can be in brainwashing a whole country into believing in and acting upon the "righteousness" of lebensraum. The U.\$ propaganda machine has perfected it.

Let's see what's going on today. Recently, the U.\$ military dog-leashed NATO into unloading thousands of radioactive high-explosive bombs all over Serbia in a glorious humanitarian effort. Bombing neighborhoods, factories, markets, schools, bridges, TV stations, embassies, apartments and infrastructure is not liberating - it's indiscriminate mass murder. The rapers and torturers were given assurances that they would NOT be disturbed and greatly accelerated their grisly, death-squad type sadism. They then were allowed to return to Serbia, unmolested.

Meanwhile, we continue to bomb and aphixiate Iraq, killing several hundred innocent children, every single day - for the entire decade!!!

Did the U.\$ give a damn as mass murder was taking place in East Timor, Rwanda, El Salvador, Guatemala, Afghanistan, Iran, Vietnam, Indonesia, Korea, Columbia, the Phillippines, Sierra Leone, - in fact throughout Africa, South America, Europe, Asia and North America??? No! They almost invariably helped to cause it - either directly or indirectly. Did they stop the butchery in Bosnia? No. They imposed an embargo to make it difficult for the Muslims to fight back, prolonging their gruesome agony.

Our "humanism" in Iraq is very instructive. Kuwait was chopped off Iraq only decades ago by Winston Churchill and other western imperialists, with the stroke of a pen. Lo and behold, massive oil deposits lay under the sand. When we told our erstwhile ally - Saddam Hussein, gasser of his own people, to go ahead and take it back, we reacted with media-whipped shock, when he did. Fish-in-a-barrel incinerating of trying-to-surrender Iraqi conscripts and the bulldozing of their bodies by Timothy McVeigh and Co. was greeted with mindless ecstasy. The sheep watched their Big-screened Brother, assiduously.

Nazi propaganda emanates first and foremost from the state. The fascists were overjoyed by this desert storm bloodletting and clamoured the most enthusiastically for the acceleration of the New White World Order. The Church of the Creator, in their primitive, racist, drive-by zeal are only popularizing the world-wide race war of OUR OWN GOVERNMENT!!!

speculators, bond holders, politicians and their pals. Those are the people who know what's best for all of us and we now know it! 51

For a while there, we were foolish enough to tout Gary-Chicago, Rockford and the Milwaukee Airport as useful, existing satellite airports for Chicagoland. Luckily, Beth Ruyle says these airports are no good. Why take slightly used when you can have brand new? Look at beautiful Mid-America International, down in Mascoutah. It's spotless!

The airlines claim they want nothing to do with Peotone. But just as you throw us out, you can throw them in! After all, isn't this America?

We come hat in hand and ask the state to help us let everyone know of our change of heart over all of this. Please do for us what you've done for the grateful folks of Hopkins Park, down in Kankakee County, where you are putting that wonderful women's prison. Bus and helicopter hundreds of outsiders who can be given "Yes" signs at the big rally. Then the Governor can pop in for a nice quick photo op with our children, who will be provided "Thankyou" signs, we hope.

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"Wake up, dear! You were having a nightmare!"

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STAND has decided to throw in the towel and stop fighting the Peotone Airport. We have now put our complete faith in the wisdom of IDOT. We think construction should begin *NOW!* Please implement eminent domain immediately.

It will be fun to watch our homes being dynamited - kinda like the Fourth of July. After all, these towns have only been around for 150 years or so, anyway. We're ashamed of ourselves for growing crops and raising our children out here so selfishly.

We now think George Ryan, with his impeccable reputation for integrity and honesty, should dictate our futures. Congressman Gerald Weller is a staunch ecologist and will see to it that this mega airport will pose no threat to the environment. We've seen the pro airport conceptualization and are comforted that a raccoon would have no qualms washing his paws in a nearby stream.

Those folks living near major airports who have formed groups to scream and yell about air, water and noise pollution are crazy! As for traffic congestion and gridlock, think of it this way. Isn't it the perfect time to turn the knobs on your radio and check out all the different stations?

Our children will gladly forego their future out here. If they want a peaceful, quiet rural setting with plenty of places to play, ride bikes and have fun, they can always move far away. What with email nowadays, we can always feel close to them.

Our communities are "green grass sites" ripe for "development." No wonder we have never been asked for our input on all this! After all, we're lowly locals who can't see the big picture and foolishly call this place "home." Please! Get us out of here!

Sure, the taxes will skyrocket, but so what? That money will find its way to where it belongs - into the hands of the entrepreneurs, land

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"Never doubt that a small group of concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead, Anthropologist

The cattle-caring of young blacks into our explosively expanding slave-labor gulags is also most telling. This is the final solution for the untermensch of the 21st century, here at home. Our great Constitution says slavery is A-OK for prisoners - nice and profitable, too!

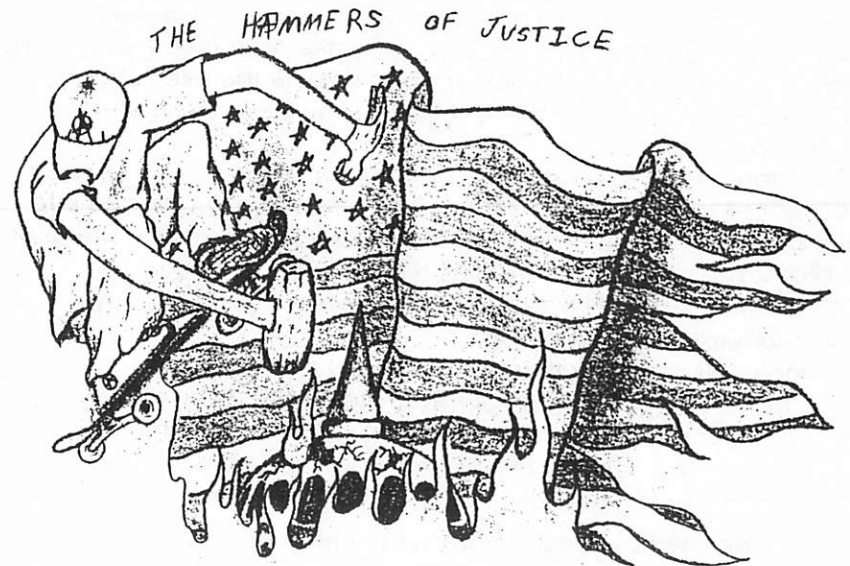
Increasing numbers of womyn are being ripped from their children and thrown into dungeons, hundreds of miles away, for defending themselves against their domestic tormentors, sucked into nebulous conspiracy charges for not snitching or just for being plain old poor and hungry. Then they're videotaped and raped by guards. Many are left to suffer and die for lack of even rudimentary medical care! Meanwhile, their sisters on the "outs" are decied for the decline in "morality!"

Twelve year old girls throughout the world, stitch together designer clothing, in hell-hole sweatshops, or forced into the most unspeakable prostitution for jet-setting businessmen-pedophiles. Every day, children beg and starve and die - EVERYWHERE! Gates & Disney "earn" their billions.

Our own brothers and sisters advertise companies on clothing billboards they wear, gorge themselves on product, are hideously plugged into the gargantuan lie and continue sleepwalking towards global extermination, oblivious to their own danger.

The way this world is being butchered, poisoned and mocked should boil the blood, fire the heart and inflame the passions of total outrage in every thinking human being.

Rub the lies from your eyes. Rip the T.V. from your wall and plug into the underground. Learn the truth and fight the state from within the belly of the beast. Stop the rape and murder of womyn, of children and men by operatives trained and programmed by their U.\$ masters. Our obligation to the children of the future is to organize to revolt! Thankyou.



The laws as written are racist. You don't let 500 billion dollars in Saving & Loan theft go - even make taxpayers pay for it - and then turn around and sentence a guy to 26 years for stealing four cookies, in a sane system. It's war on the poor, plain and simple.

The real killers, people like Henry Kissinger, who was in large part responsible for the murder of two, maybe three million Vietnamese & Cambodians and the horrific lasting ecocide of a whole subcontinent, are treated like gods and sickeningly fawned over at sporting events, television shows, celebrity bashes etc. Meanwhile, poor blacks have been railroaded into hideous "Supermax" torture chambers, whether they committed any "crime" or not - especially if they say anything, once inside.

There are serious parallels to Hitler's Germany and Amerikkka. Hitler got the Concordat signed, which paved the way for his dictatorial power. He longer had the nuisance of the Reichstag to bother with. The U.S. conjures up the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, whereas they bluffed Congress into believing the North Vietnamese had retaliated to their very real and deadly provocations. None of it was true, of course, but the precedent was set.

Reagan went off on Grenada, Central America, the CIA meddled and murdered throughout the world - without any pieces of legislative paper. Bush turkey-trotted the U.N. into the genocide of Iraq. Clinton ordered NATO to cover for the devastation of Serbia. So much for "legalities" or "constitutionality." Pure diktats to the military for mass murder became commonplace.

The story with the media is the same thing. Once, the media showed a shred of integrity and reported on a little bit of the mass murder being done in say, Vietnam. Now, the military tells the media what to say, how to say it and how to fawn over the killers - just like Goebbel's propaganda machine, but less blatant - less honest in intent and practice.

The labor unions - same thing. Once, partially independent and occasionally "progressive," they are now thoroughly plugged into the system, accepting American dominance and their little piece of the blood-stained pie. The leaders are rich, chauffeur-driven mainstream scoundrels who do not question the motives of the world's torturers, in Washington.

Schools - little Hitler uniforms, rote brainwash, regimentation, JROTC militarizing and "zero tolerance" for sanity. Bash them into becoming automatons for the system, to work their death-ray computer systems, join the military or be spit out onto the streets for later roundup by the gestapo for lifelong incarceration.

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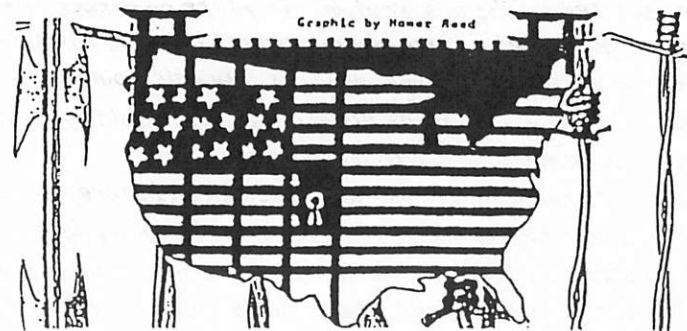
And the goal? (or should I say gaol?) It's also the same - bourgeois consumptiveness and self-gloring. The gauleiters and generals of industry wallow in obscene luxury, decadence and waste - just like Hitler's paladins tried their best to do. The only difference is, of course, Hitler's boys were menaced and their day on the top of the heap of the landfill of the dead was brief - not so for Amerika's swine. Mass murder has become "humanitarian aid," even!

The world is a small, poisoned sphere. We are all trapped Rwandan Tutsis who only await the butchers, called on by the state, to hack us all to death - and throw us in the river. The heroes of Treblinka and Warsaw were hopelessly doomed, too. But they fought, dammit, and so should we!

The South Side

LAWRENCE

The years leading up to my seventeenth birthday in 1972 had offered the escalation of the Vietnam War, the assassinations of King and Bobby Kennedy, the riots in Grant Park during the 1968 Democratic Convention, Nixon's election, FBI wiretaps, the Pentagon Papers, the murder of Black Panther Fred Hampton by Chicago police, Kent State, and countless other frightening, chaotic, and disillusioning events in America. The idea of trusting established institutions of authority, such as the police, schools, government, the presidency, the military, religion—or even community, seemed impossible to many people my age. And my own personal experience reflected this general sense of chaos, for my community had crumbled under what appeared to be the weight of its own moral, political, and religious hypocrisy. Nothing that I could point to in what had once been my world seemed to suggest that the alienation and depression I was feeling wasn't completely justified.



Most people don't vote. They don't even bother to register. All the candidates are liars and scumbags. The thought of involving oneself in the government - in any capacity - is a repulsive thought, like volunteering to be infected with syphilis. It's just something that you avoid being a part of.

Similarly, people generally avoid dealing with cops. It's really a sign of betrayal when someone "calls the cops" on someone they know or live near. The police almost invariably make the situation much worse. Sometimes you have to deal with them, like when they're right behind your car flashing their evil light show. 'Cuz, if you don't stop and let them rip you off (at the very least) they may put a bullet through your heart, especially if you're talkin' to your mama on a cell phone.

Some folks are just stone lazy - or just plain stoned - and won't register to vote. Some don't want to be pestered by politicians and their damned campaigns. Many others aren't allowed to vote because they're convicted felons. Some are afraid to register for fear of being arrested for a million different "crimes" like being "illegals" - as if how the white man came here and slaughtered his way to residency was the only way to "legitimate" citizenship!

Other folks don't register to vote because they're afraid that if they do, they will sooner or later be called into jury duty. And some folks are anarchists who realize that government is organized crime and should be eradicated like an infestation of cockroaches - my apologies to the cockroaches!

There's some connection to the jury duty thing, or at least, there used to be. Juries were culled from voter registration rolls. Now I believe they are dragooned from those who hold valid driver's licenses.

Whatever. The people who are pegged for jury duty have already been subtly selected by the prosecution. If you're an accused drunk driver, you're not gonna get a "jury of your peers" because convicted drunk drivers have already lost their licenses. Illegals wouldn't be anywhere near a jury box, except as defendants, nor would marijuana growers or anybody involved in anything "illegal."

See, if you eat so much as a grape at the local food store, that's illegal. But, if you rain high explosive bombs and kill hundreds, even thousands of innocent civilians, that's not illegal. So, you can see what a tough job it is for judges to weigh the scales of justice and determine who the guilty are. They're blacks.

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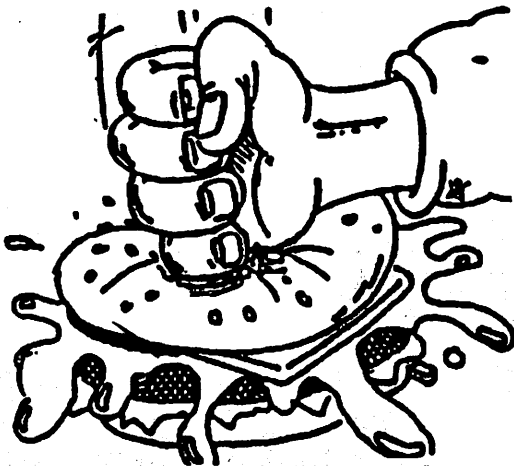
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Similarly, people who feel the government, police, the prosecutors and the gulag administrators should be the ones on trial, would also not be anyway considered for jury duty. The last question, on the lengthy (and personal) jury duty questionnaire reads something like this. "Do you believe in the American form of government?" If you answer "NO!" they'll never bother you about jury duty again. Trust me on this one. I know!

The homeless aren't on juries. They don't have mailing addresses. Neither are children. So, what you wind up with are a lot of WASPs - "pillars of the community" - like cops! The well-to-do also serve on juries and have a serious stake in keeping the system as it is. Juries are given prosecution-slanted "instructions." Sometimes, they're sequestered - held against their will - like the O.J. jury, which (usually) serves to hurry up convictions, regardless of guilt.

Poor people can't afford real trials, with competent representation. it costs a lot of money. The prosecution has unlimited amounts of money, for they have the resources of "the State." Also, at least in Illinois, public defenders the low lawyers on the greasy totem pole, are deluged with cases and are subject to being sued, unlike prosecutors, who can lie cheat, blackmail, frame, etc. with impunity from any kind of legal reprimand. This is what is known as "judicial fairness," I believe.

So poor people accused of crimes must often settle for the railroading that is the result of the collusion of the prosecution and the judge, with the rubber stamp acquiescence of the incompetent public defender. The jury does what the judge (and prosecution) tells them to do. That's if they are even there! Almost always trials take place with NO juries what-so-ever and cases are decided in judges chambers, as "plea bargains." This means guilty. The facts of the case are irrelevant, for convictions are the product produced by this factory. A finding of "innocent" is like a defectively manufactured part in a factory and is useless. You can't make money off a person who has been "let go" if you're doing business in the prison industrial complex. But you can still tag him for court costs, lawyers fees and maybe a fine. But the body snatching will have to wait for the next case. Once as a token finding of innocence is gotten out of the way, the assembly line of convictions and decades-long sentencing can begin in earnest. Now, we're talking real money!

The working poor can't afford to be on juries because they don't have living wage jobs with union protection and health care benefits and a company that will pick up the difference in lost wages. Jury duty only pays \$17.50 per day. So, being a paycheck from the streets

anyway, these people have to beg off of jury duty. If they must go, 16 they usually sit around a big room with other "potential jurors" bored out of their skulls, subject to petty rules and restrictions, for the entire working day and don't even get called to be interviewed for jury duty.

Very, very few cases go to jury trial. It's time-consuming, the courts are choked with cases and defendants have to pay extra to have a jury trial. Lawyers and judges work to expedite as many cases as possible in any given day. "Justice" isn't even a disguised sham, anymore. It's a cattle-carring of defendants to inmates. It's basically come and get your number and prison location.

Blacks? On juries??? Yeah, right. The ones who aren't already incarcerated or branded as ex-felons, won't be on juries. Many others are overloaded with responsibilities like caring for their families' children because many of their fellow parents are prisoners! Others avoid court, fearful (with every reason!) of being sucked into the incarceration dragnet themselves! Some are given a chance, only to be dismissed by the prosecution, if they show any questioning of the system.

Some blacks think white and these folks are used to pepper juries to make the sham and show of a trial, nice and "politically correct" and "open to all." It's all so bloody sordid! Even some judges, self-righteously upholding the "law of the land" (the virulent class war railroading of young blacks, other minorities, the poor and weak) have various levels of melanin in their skin pigment.

Some cops are "black" as are secretaries, bailiffs, guards, lawyers, politicians, etc. They give the system a veneer of superficial visual diversity. But, they are cogs in a white racist, extreme capitalism, holocaust situation. Lawyers go through the legal mumbo-jumbo often in a desultory, rotish, dismissive, arrogant, scripted fashion which is obscenely profitable for them and judges. They serve these unfortunate, now convicted "criminals" right into the maws of the ultra criminal netherworld - the death kkkamps of the state.

Rape, torture, beatings, killings, shackling, deprivation, isolation, torture - pure sadism reigns. The goal now is punishment - to drive prisoners utterly mad - to totally ruin their lives for the rest of their certain to be shortened, lives. This is where the crackers and the nazis and the ignoramuses who "hate niggers" find employment as guards and live to brutalize prisoners and rape women with impunity and animinity. This is where genuine crime occurs, on a massive daily scale, domestically. The world gets bombs. We get bars.

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Violence, Murdering and Criminality

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It never ceases to amaze me how people view things. When you talk about "violence" people think of a guy pulling a gun on someone or knifing them to death. Sure, that's violent, but what about the massive violence unleashed by aerial assaults by governments, such as the U.S. or Russia??

Murdering means causing a person or persons to die prematurely, killing them, the ending of life. If someone guns another down, yeah that's murder. But what about the 200 children who die every single day in Iraq due to Amerikan sanctions - for *thousands* of days in a row??? Are not these deaths murders? When I call people like Madelaine Albright, who enforce policy that translates into massive death a "genosadist" people laugh, ignore what I say and think of ME as extreme! I'm not the one insisting these children be put to death, gang!

35,000 children throughout the world die daily due to starvation, lack of medical treatment for preventable diseases, beatings, shootings, hacked to death, immolated, bombed etc.

Meanwhile, in the U.S. one quarter of the population is deemed not just "fat" but "obese!" Bill Gates has more wealth - one person! - than the entire population of Central America!! The "booming economy" is "booming" because rich Americans are getting obscenely richer doing nothing but having brokers manipulate a rigged stock market. Wealth isn't being created. It's being stolen from poor people! It's a universal system of global criminality, which translates into massive theft, rape of the environment, incredible suffering (1/5 of the world's people are *starving*!) State violence runs rampant amidst increasingly militarized societies. Species die daily. The whole world is watching everything die!

What is criminal? Some guy doing drugs or a system of body snatchers (police) railroadings (courts) and then lifelong sadism and total racism (massive incarceration?)

Governments are systematized criminality, who orchestrate daily mass murder, rape, pillaging, threats of violence and every form of crime, every single day in every single country! *That* is criminality!! It is daily five

continent genocide on every level conceivable! 18

In a worldwide firestorm of death and destruction, you don't just look in horror at the few people lighting matches! You open your eyes to the massed squadrons of B-52's who are unleashing thousands of tons of napalm, Agent Orange, millions of high explosive, spent uranium encased bombs, cluster bomblets, clouds of poisoned gas and unending high calibre rounds of a hideous assortment of hi-tech weaponry. NATO is so goddam "humanitarian!" The tears of joyous appreciation are welling in my ever so grateful eyes thanks to the last massive bombing of Eastern Europe! Oh, salvation!

The real killers wear fancy suits, are on TV, run governments and corporations, have enormous wealth, dictate policy and give the police, the paramilitary goon squads and armed forces their marching orders. They manipulate the media into believing the bad guys are not them but poor people of color. Hello? Is our "enemy" some kid on the street or the uniformed gang with the cherry picker and the license to kill?

Enough of the bald-faced lies and constant brainwash! Don't let the Mengele's of modern day capitalism deceive you any friggin' further! Stand up and fight, dammit!

LIES, DEATH & CAVIAR

I liken the decade long aphixiation of IRAQ to the siege of Leningrad by Hitler's Wehrmacht. But, it's much worse than that, of course. The seige lasted approximately 1,000 days. Maybe a million Leningraders starved to death and otherwise perished at the hands of the nazi monsters.

In IRAQ, it has lasted three times that long - and continues on. A whole huge country is being choked to death, not just a city. Maybe 1.8 million people have died and many more are near death. Huge armies were fighting the German nazis all over the world, but nobody is fighting the U.\$. nazis...

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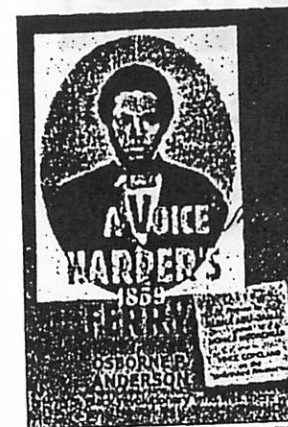
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providing Hussein cover while he helicopter
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Meanwhile, Saddam Hussein continues to
enjoy an opulent, decadent lifestyle of
caviar, gilded palaces, sexual slaves and
syncophants, while it is indeed the
citizens of IRAQ who are dying en mass.
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savings and pawned off all of their worldly
possessions to buy wildly inflated scarce
and meager food as they face utter society-
wide misery and horrible pain as they watch
first the babies and elderly die, then the
once strong. This occurs every single day!

Bush, Clinton and Albright and their
underlings also enjoy decadent millionaire
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You'd be better off shooting up heroin, curled up in a grubby corner of a rathole apartment. What's the difference? One addiction you at least feel. The other you're only assaulted by. The one can kill you, but the other never leaves you alone in your aloneness. You pay dearly for both in wasted time, money and consciousness. What's the bloody difference? The difference is the type of poison injected. One chemically poisons your body and is unmercifully addictive. The other poisons your ability to think properly and pollutes your understanding of reality. You allow lies and inanity to invade and subtly erode your ability to think freely and creatively. Instead of learning and seeking deeply thought out truths, you're settling for pathetic pablum. Then, when serious, bold, dynamic, explosive ideas are presented to you, you've been conditioned to not recognize them as important and vital. You're a slumped-over clump of apathetic!

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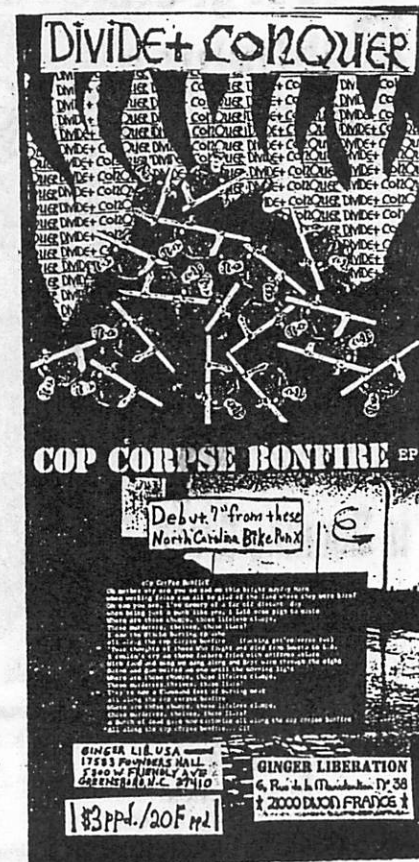
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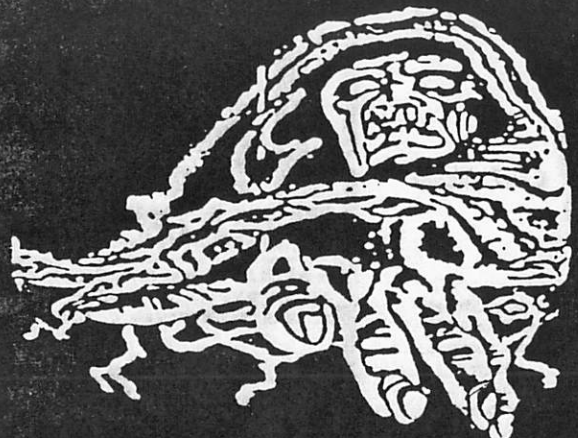
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Cops and union goons try to stop anarchists from protesting the desecration of Chicago's Haymarket monument.—photo: Julie Herrada

DID WE TRULY DIE IN VAIN?

This is the ultimate insult! The very state against which we struggled, the very state that murdered us for our anarchist ideals, that very state is now to be guardian of our monument? That is beyond irony. It is a mockery! It is a dishonor to our memory.

Remember, we are anarchists, first and foremost. We have always been revolutionary anarchists. We weren't 'labor leaders' or 'activists for social reform'. Most of us even rejected the 8-hour movement. Remember our words in Albert Parsons' *The Alarm* in December 1885: "Let us take what we can get, say our eight-hour friends, else by asking too much we may get nothing. We answer: Because we will not compromise. Either our position that capitalists have no right to exclusive ownership of the means of life is a true one, or it is not. If we are correct, then to accede the point that capitalists have the right to eight hours of our labor, is more than a compromise, it is a virtual concession that the wage-system is right."

How can you forget our trial? The state made it clear that anarchy was on trial. We were sent to the gallows for our anarchist beliefs. We used the trial as our forum, rail as we did against all government, you obscure our words with more calls to government, with more paeans to social democracy, with more speeches by reformist historians. Please reject their lies.

Remember Adolph Fischer's words at our sentencing: "If a centralized power--government--is ruling the mass of the people (nomatter whether this government 'represents the will of the majority of the people' or not) it is enslaving them, and a direct violation of the laws of nature."

Please stop defiling this monument to our cries for freedom, our cries for anarchy! Keep the state's bloody hands off our memory. Keep the revisionist historians and their 'commemoration' speeches from making our ears bleed anew. How final can we make our plea? We can only repeat our final words from the gallows--

Memory

"HURRAH FOR ANARCHY!"

After many years of effort a bunch of revisionist historians, assorted liberals and labor hacks have succeeded in getting the United States government, through the Parks Service, to designate the Haymarket Martyrs' Monument at Forest Home (Waldheim) Cemetery, outside Chicago, a National Historical Landmark. The Park Service plaque placed in front of the Monument is an insult, not only to the Haymarket Anarchists buried there, but to every anarchist who ever lived, as well. Its hard to believe, but the government and their opportunist stooges have sunk to new depths in order to completely distort the ideas of these eight brave men.

Rehabilitating the Haymarket Anarchists

Parsons, Spies, Lingg, Fischer, Engel, Fielden, Schwab and Neebe, in 1886, were among the most anti-American people alive. It is without dispute that they all advocated revolutionary anarchism. The last words of Fischer and Engel on the gallows was "Hurrah for Anarchy!". The prosecution repeatedly declared that Anarchy was on trial, "save our institutions, our society". Yet, a handful of hypocrites and liars, through the offices of the Illinois Labor History Society, a professorship at the University of Illinois in Chicago, help from a few local liberal politicians, and the U.S. Park Service (Dept. of Interior), have attempted to forever silence the truth about the eight and their cause.

In an article in the *Chicago Tribune* published on May 1, 1998 (available on request), a shill staff writer, Ron Grossman, parroting the ILHS line, spends 29 paragraphs distorting the history of the Haymarket Affair. He writes of the martyrs, Emma Goldman, Voltairine de Cleyre and Harry Kelly, all anarchists, without once mentioning their anarchist politics. Not once does he use the "A" word in any of its forms. This is more white-washing of the history of the Haymarket Affair, that began years ago with the appearance of Professor William Adelman's "Haymarket Revisited" in 1972 (which is available in most libraries). Since then, Adelman has conducted an unholy crusade to sanitize the eight anarchists. When he does admit that the men were anarchists, he denies that they advocated Social Revolution. No, in 1886 anarchism was merely a brand of Jeffersonian social democracy. His shill, Grossman, in the *Trib* article claims that the martyrs would have been happy with Roosevelt's New Deal. Grossman also uses the term "Old Left", a term most of us hadn't heard in more than twenty years, referring to left democrats, CP types, etc.; in short, pinkos, but not reds. This is the crowd that these fakers want to associate the Haymarket Anarchists with.

Adelman, in his worthless book, writes of the numerous CP hacks, like William Z. Foster, buried in close proximity to Emma Goldman's grave (an unfortunate line of graves we call "murderers row"). But in his books and the tours he takes to the cemetery, Adelman fails to mention the support that those buried in "murderers row" gave to Stalinist atrocities while lauding their involvement in the pro-capitalist AFL-CIO. On one such tour, back around 1984, Adelman had the nerve to tell a group of college students that Emma Goldman was no longer an anarchist when she died. This was too much for one of our comrades who blew up, cursing Adelman repeatedly for his lies. This was our first run in with the ILHS's revisionist agenda.

One hundred and twelve years ago the powers that be deployed the strategy of depicting anarchists as mindless, anti-social, terrorist foreigners. Today, the liberals have re-invented the Haymarket Anarchists as innocent, misunderstood Eight-Hour Day Trade Unionists. They want us to believe that the incident of 1886 was just a misunderstanding, a product of hysteria. It wasn't the real America, according to the ILHS and the Park Service who represent the real American mainstream. What a crock of shit!

The purpose of these hypocrites is to continue and reinforce the mainstream American view that all discussions about the organization of society must be restricted to the leftism (sic) of the ILHS and the Jesse Jacksons, to the rightism of the Pat Buchanans. Anybody outside this limited spectrum is dismissed as a lunatic not worth listening to. They truly hope to somehow salvage a dying liberal-social democratic politics by connecting their views and agenda to those of the Haymarket Anarchists, who have much respect from people who are not happy with this society. This is their plan: opportunism, cooptation and instrumentalism, using the eight to promote a very sick Old Left.

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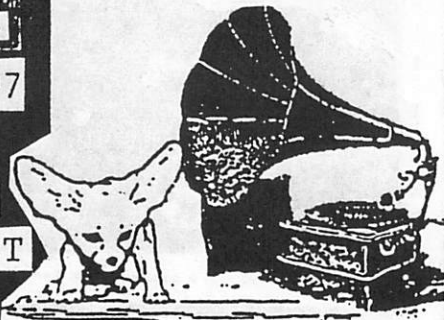
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We had already had several disputes with this bunch back in 1986, during the centennial anniversary of the Haymarket Affair. Many anarchists from around the world will remember stories of the differences and some comrades participated in the disruption at the cemetery on Sunday, May 4 that year. With considerable help from people from around the world the liberal's ceremony was challenged so strongly that several European anarchists described the protest as "powerful".

During the run-up to the liberals' sham "Haymarket Centennial", three of us were attacked by 7 or 8 goons while leafleting one of their functions. In the fist-fight that ensued one of us got a bloody lip and one of them, reportedly, a broken nose. One member of our group was repeatedly threatened, to the point that he could not attend a number of events for fear of being shot.

In 1986, the liberals boasted of a park and monument near Haymarket Square, a city sponsored parade down Michigan Avenue, a city holiday on May 1, etc. None of this ever happened. (The Haymarket Centennial Committee flyer, including revisionist history, is available upon request.)

The Plot Sickens

This same ILHS, while claiming to be the caretakers of the Haymarket Martyrs Monument, has failed to replace the plaque, containing the names of the three Haymarket Anarchists who were not executed by the State, which was stolen by scavengers over two years ago. This plaque would cost about \$200. Instead of replacing this plaque, ILHS spent over \$1000 to fix the sidewalk around the Monument. Note their priorities. We will be challenging the ILHS to replace it soon, or we will do it ourselves. We have not done so until now because we expected ILHS to fulfill their responsibilities.

Because of all this hot air from twelve years ago and the failure of ILHS to replace the plaque on the Monument, we did not believe it when a wobbly friend informed us that he had read that the U.S. Park Service had declared the Haymarket Martyrs Monument a national landmark. We thought it was just more hot air from the liberal assholes. Then a few days before May Day we heard that the ILHS and the Park Service were going to be sponsoring a dedication of a Park Service plaque to commemorate "workers' rights" (ie, wage slavery) in the U.S. on May 3 out at Forest Home.

We still couldn't believe it, but calls to the ILHS and the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency in Springfield on April 29, confirmed that Department of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt had actually approved the designation of the Haymarket Martyrs Monument as a National Historical Landmark.

We Decide to Crash the Party

We determined that this obscenity could not go unchallenged. With three days to get ready, we called as many local anarchists as we could and urged them come out to the cemetery on May 3 to spoil the liberals' party. About 15 or so comrades from our group, the Autonomous Zone, and unaffiliated anarchists, who were just as shocked, amazed and outraged as we were, showed up to protest.

We were surprised to see about 500 or so people, mostly middle-aged old lefties and liberals, a poor sound system, tents, a brass band, a choir, and every AFL-CIO hack in Chicago there. We had our banner (a drawing of Uncle Sam with blood-dripping fangs and the legend: "Bite the Hand that Bleeds You: Smash the State!"), black flags and three leaflets (available upon request), which four of our group passed out while wearing skeleton costumes labeled with the names of the Haymarket Martyrs.

Immediately when the program began to heckle the speakers: the priest, Monsignor Egan, who invoked the name of god; the Park Service bureaucrat; the representative of the Labor Department. Our disruption brought out the goons and the cops who tried to intimidate us into silence. We demanded a chance to speak from the podium, but the price was our silence in the face of the lies being told about the martyrs. Then negotiations ceased when one of our comrades was shoved by a self-appointed guardian of the Park Service plaque. There were a number of other minor scuffles and threats throughout the afternoon. We finished up our intervention with a few appropriate chants and a soapbox address by comrade Fred M.

The minions of the ILHS and labor hacks accused us of being disrespectful of the Haymarket Anarchists by our rude behavior. But who was really being disrespectful? Not one speaker, to our knowledge, mentioned that the men buried there were anarchists. Even Paul Avrich, a historian who has made his living off of the history of the anarchist movement, failed to mention this fact in his remarks. This is outrageous, and we hope that our anarchist comrades will think twice about inviting this charlatan to speak at anarchist gatherings in the future.

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But, despite the threats and intimidation we experienced, we did receive some warm support from some of those attending the ceremony on May 3. One of Ben Reitmann's daughters, Olive, came by our banner and said that she was happy to see us there. Others voiced similar sentiments and were equally appalled at this attempt to bury the ideas of the Haymarket Anarchists along with their bones.

We hope that you, too, will be outraged by this atrocity. The Haymarket Tragedy of 1886-87 took the lives of five courageous anarchist comrades and smashed a thriving anarchist movement in the city of Chicago. They could kill the anarchists and disrupt the movement, but they could not kill the Idea. The second Haymarket Tragedy of 1998 is an attempt to finish what the State couldn't 112 years ago. The Haymarket Martyrs were Anarchists, not liberals! Those opportunists and revisionists who are trying to shove that fact down the memory hole must not succeed! We urge you to publicize this attack on our anarchist legacy and that you will also write letters of protest to the following:

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A protest rally was called for the next evening at Haymarket Square. As the peaceful meeting was ending, police entered the square and demanded the small remaining crowd disperse. A bomb was thrown, an explosion followed and the police began to fire wildly into the crowd. Several police and many workers were killed and wounded.

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On July 14, 1889, the hundredth anniversary of Bastille Day, the American delegate to the International Labor Congress in Paris proposed May 1 as the International Workers Holiday. The motion was unanimously approved and since then May Day has been a day for people to honor their departed comrades and rededicate themselves to the struggle for a just and free world.

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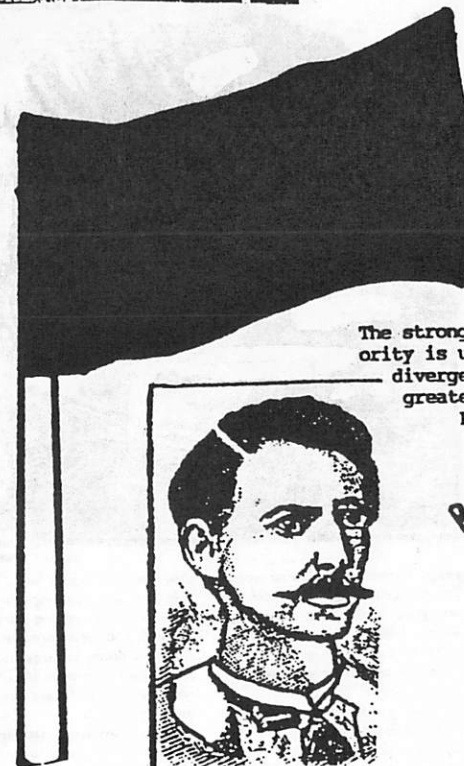


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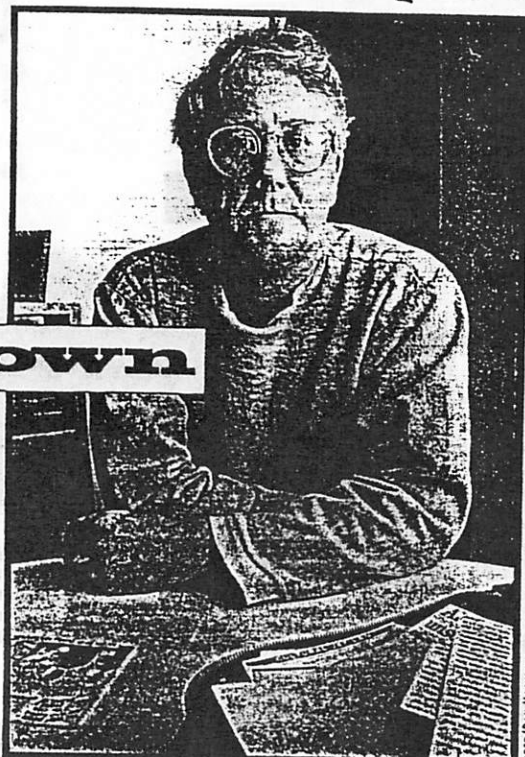
A dyed-in-the-wool revolutionary finds kindred spirits in the big house.

By CARA JEPSEN

Anthony Rayson attributes his political awakening to his parents, especially his father, Leland, a south suburban Illinois state representative from 1965 to 1977. "He would introduce bills to liberalize the divorce laws or to legalize abortion or decriminalize marijuana—things that were poison in the 1960s," Rayson says. "He was vilified and got death threats all the time. But people kept electing him."

In 1966 his parents brought him to Martin Luther King Jr.'s march on Cicero. He was 12 years old. "It was an eye-opening experience—disgustingly so. People spewing hatred and venom."

Three years later, in the fall of 1969, Rayson took a bus by himself to participate in the Vietnam war moratorium march on Washington. In 1972 he dropped out of Grinnell College in his freshman year, after the U.S. invaded Cambodia for the second time. "Every college and university in the country went on strike," he says. "Ours only lasted one day, but I decided to stay on strike. The way Vietnam was



Anthony Rayson

going, it seemed pointless to pretend life was normal." He spent the next two years hitchhiking around the country, landing a couple of stints in the clink for minor drug- and alcohol-related offenses before returning to his parents' home in Tinley Park.

Not long after his return, Rayson published his first zine. The *Peoples' Polar Express* was a crude, "ultra-rhyming stream-of-consciousness antigovernment political zine" that he xeroxed at his father's law office. He gave 80 copies to friends, acquaintances, "anyone who was willing to take it. I was real naive and young and hopeful we could use the crest of this huge anti-war movement and all the other movements that blended into it, and get rid of the damn government."

But his friends were more interested in getting high than in bucking the system. "It was an ignorant working-

class town that I came from," he says. "My friends were sinking into drug use and alcoholism, getting married and divorced, and not really knowing what they were doing. I saw no reaction to what I was trying to do. It was like carrying the banner of revolt and no one's there behind you."

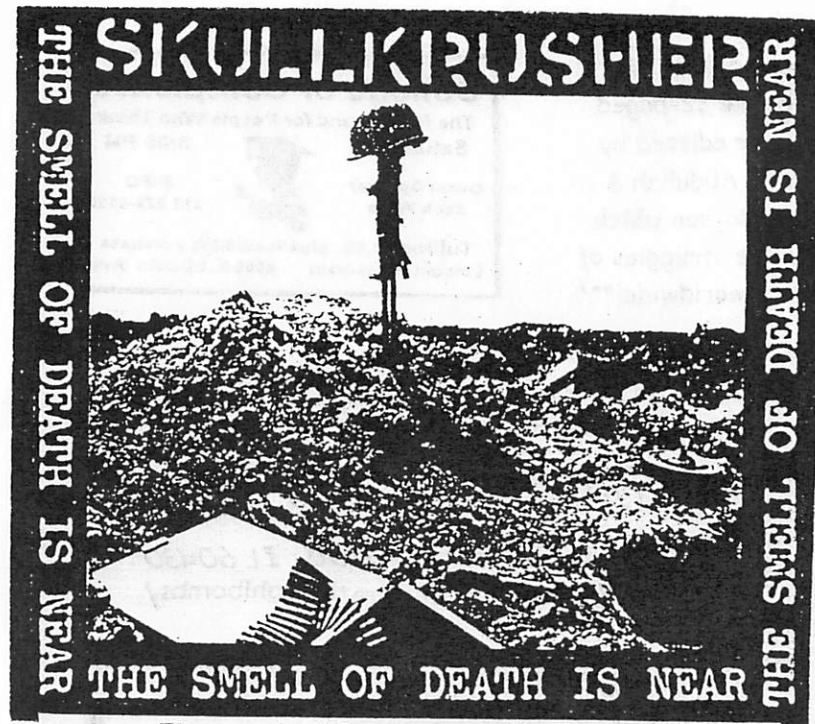
Rayson sank into a depression. His family pressured him to go back to school. Instead he moved to Elgin and took a string of blue-collar jobs. Over the next several years, he "got married, got divorced, and got married again," and moved back to the far south suburbs. He got a job as a toll collector and eventually became a union steward. He continued to write political essays and rants, but didn't publish anything.

When the gulf war broke out in 1991, he heard a demonstration was being held at a bank in Park Forest.

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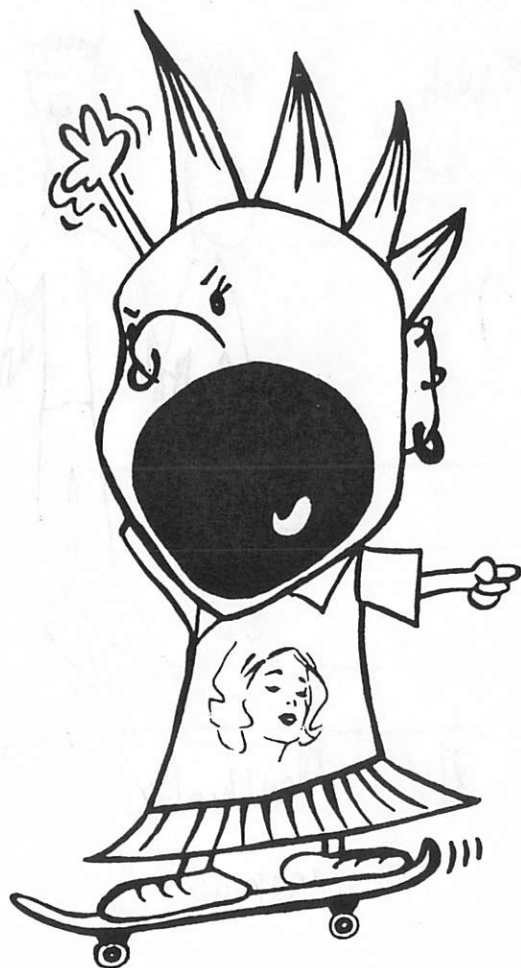
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"No one was there, so I tried to picket anyway," he says. "People screamed at me and said that I was unpatriotic."

Egged on by his wife, a reference librarian, he enrolled at Prairie State College to study history. At the same time he got involved with RURAL (Residents United to Retain Agricultural Land), a group fighting the proposed Peotone airport. Graduating at the top of his class in 1995, he threw some antiairport rhetoric into the middle of his valedictory address. "The audience loved it, but the president was fit to be tied."

Rayson started subscribing to progressive publications, and in 1997 he read an article about Noel Ignatiev, one of the editors of *Race Traitor*, a journal calling for the end of "white-skin privilege politics" by denying the concept of the white race. It struck a chord. "When I saw that, it was a crescendo of relief," he says. "So I wrote a letter and told him how I saw things from my tollbooth and all the racism I see every day." Ignatiev published it in the next issue.

When Ignatiev gave a lecture during a conference at the University of Chicago, Rayson made sure to attend. "Here's Noel Ignatiev doing what he can to explain what he knows to the world. I thought, damn, I could do that." He bought a pile of *Race Traitors*. "I mailed them to those I thought would most benefit from them. I started to write essays, and I would slip some of my stuff in with the *Race Traitors*."

Suddenly invigorated, he started STAND (Shut This Airport Nightmare Down) in 1998; the group eventually swallowed up RURAL. Last year Rayson, who lives in Monee, convinced a local farmer to plow a giant antiairport symbol in a fallow field. He then called the *Sun-Times*, which put a photographer in a plane to take a picture of it. Rayson produced a number of event-specific zines, including *Fight the White*, based on the University of Chicago conference with Ignatiev, and started a local chapter of ARA (Anti-Racist Action).

He also started publishing a more personal zine, *Thought Bombs*, which is crammed with newspaper clippings, rants, and essays, such as an account of a trip to Louis Farrakhan's Salaam Restaurant ("I'm supposed to feel terrified and vilified, no? I feel fine, except I'm a little embarrassed because my pants have coffee stains"), an

antitechnology essay called "Modern Crapology" ("Today, everything is made infinitesimal, microscopic chips encased in cheap plastic"), and "Parenting Pointers" ("When baby finally sleeps and boy wants to play and you want to relax—play"). He's even included some articles from *People's Polar Express*. "I was afraid to look at it for the longest time," he says. "It was just a big sloppy mess, and it brought back the memory of all of that depression." Rayson's wife, who does not share his more extreme views, oversees his two Web sites, members.xoom.com/thoughtbombs/ and members.xoom.com/S_T_A_N_D/.

Rayson sent his zines to prisons for free. Inmates were a captive audience, and many began to write back. Rayson was particularly impressed with the letters from Michigan prisoner Ali Khalid Abdullah, who claimed he was in jail for defending his neighborhood from drug dealers. Ultimately the reason for Abdullah's incarceration didn't matter to Rayson. "More and more I began to see that prison was the most evil part of the system of this country," he says. "It's intensified oppression across the board—it's a conscious effort on the part of the government to imprison a certain segment of the population." Last winter he published a collection of Abdullah's writings in yet another zine, *In the Trenches*. Besides correspondence, art, and essays from prisoners, it includes how-to advice for starting study groups and information about the nationwide prison-abolition group Abdullah founded, Political Prisoners of War Coalition (Rayson will speak about the group this Saturday at a meeting of the College of Complexes).

"Prisoners' outgoing mail is not censored, and they send me the most explosive, dynamite stuff," he says. "And once my stuff gets in prison, they spread them around like crazy. They form groups to study this stuff, and ask me how they can do their own zines. Basically prisons are the new revolutionary schools of education. "It falls upon guys like me to help them get their information out. But it's hard to get mainstream people to read it or realize it even exists."

Last year Rayson started a zine distributorship in his garage to skirt prison rules that ban publications from unofficial publishers. The cost

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for postage and copying comes out of his own pocket. Occasionally he receives donations from prisoners' friends and families.

About once a month he organizes citizens' forums, where he lectures about STAND and shares the floor with other grassroots groups. Rayson, who is as verbose as he is prolific, says that living simply, not watching TV, and having a no-brainer job make it easy for him to keep it all going. "People think toll collectors are the scum of the world, but that's why I like it: because it's so terrible and meaningless and horrible. I don't have to invest any of my mind at all in doing it. It's so rote-ish and simple I can use the time to write, to correspond, to do all of this work I would do at home anyway. Of course it's more stressful because I have people bugging me every five minutes."

Rayson considers himself a full-fledged anarchist. "We don't need police or courts or bosses or politicians or governments. People are like animals—they are capable of forming viable communities on their own." But he claims he has no qualms about working for a government he'd like to abolish. "No matter what you do, you're going to be working for some system that's ripping you off one way or another. At least I got it so that I'm pretty much autonomous with how I function." ■

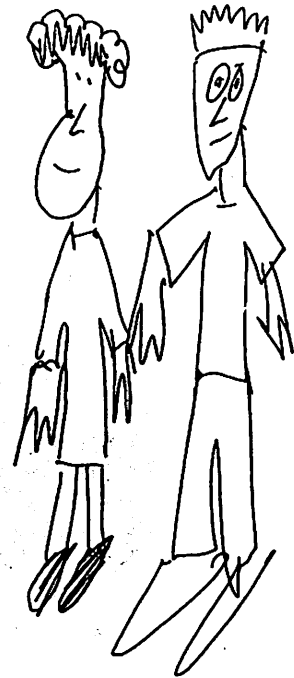
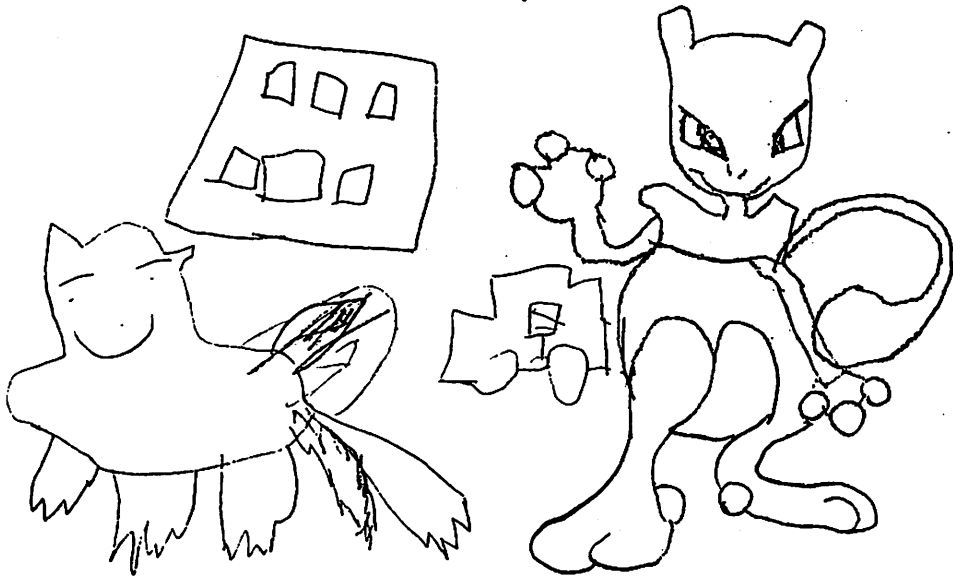
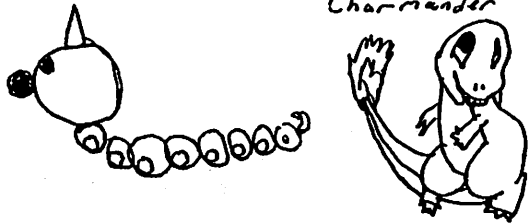


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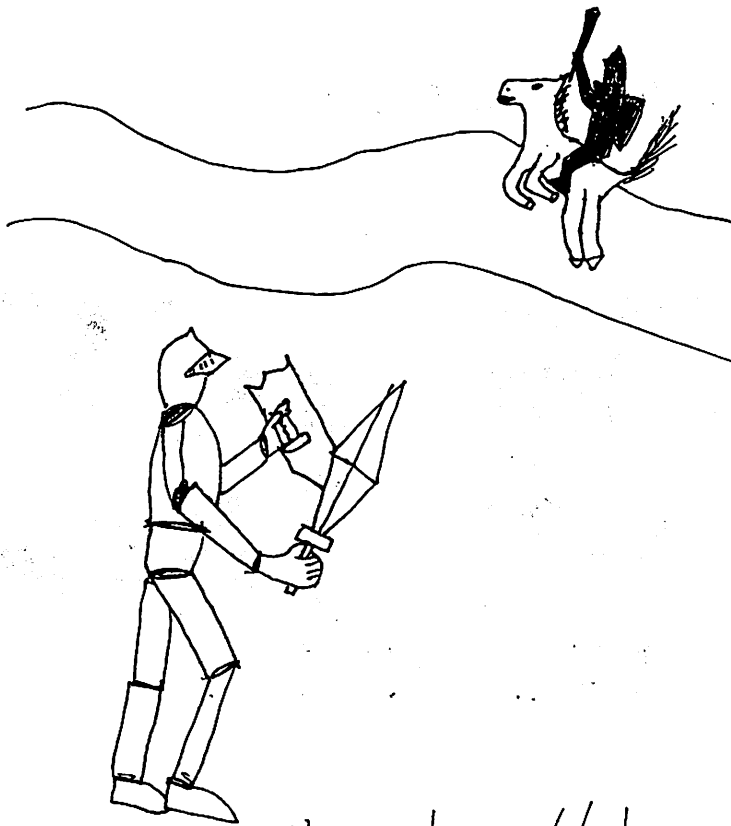


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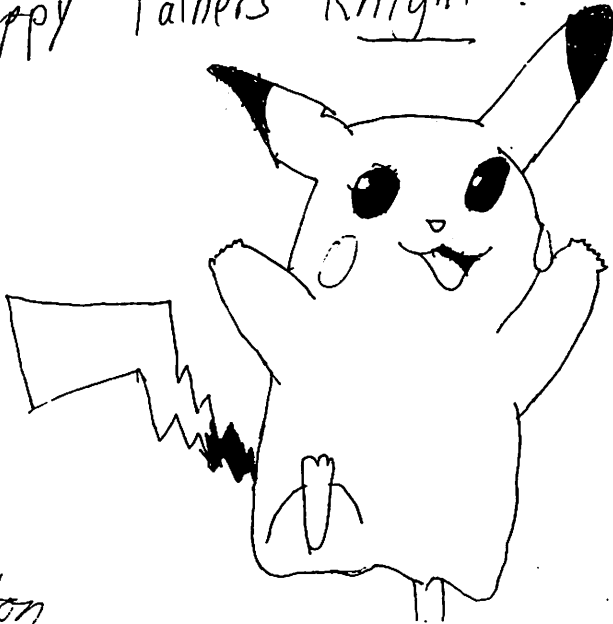


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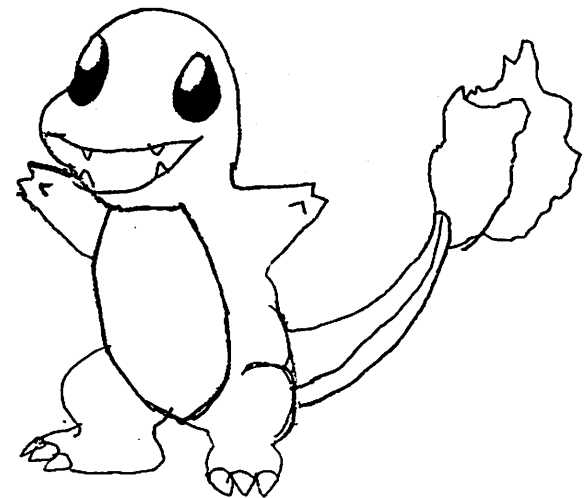


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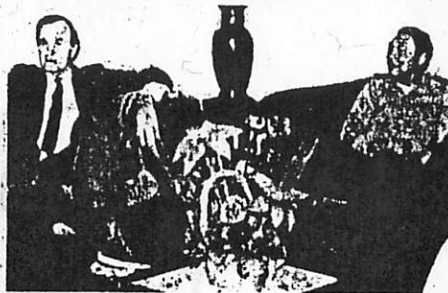
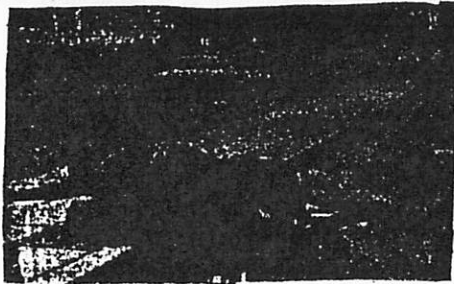
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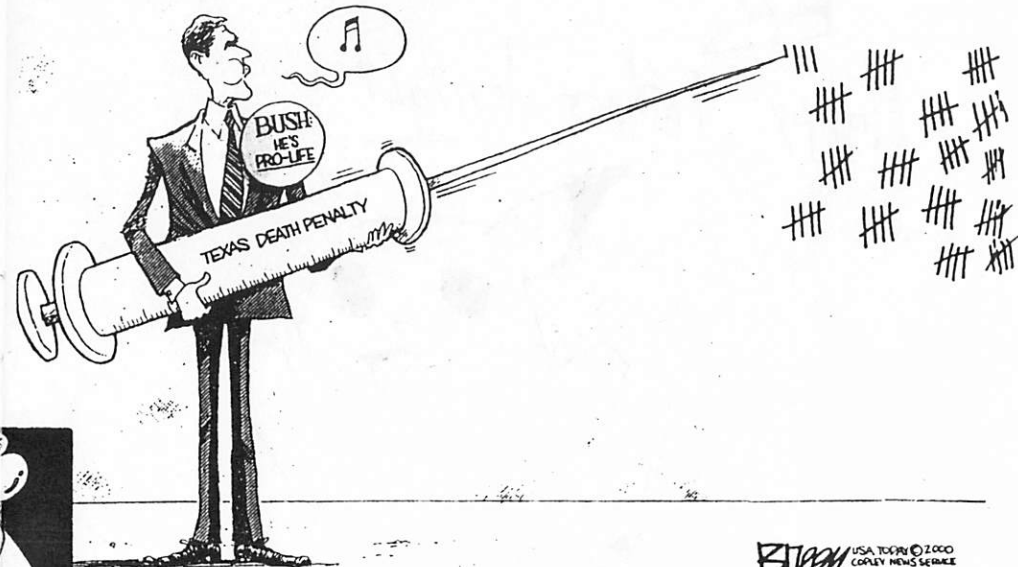


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