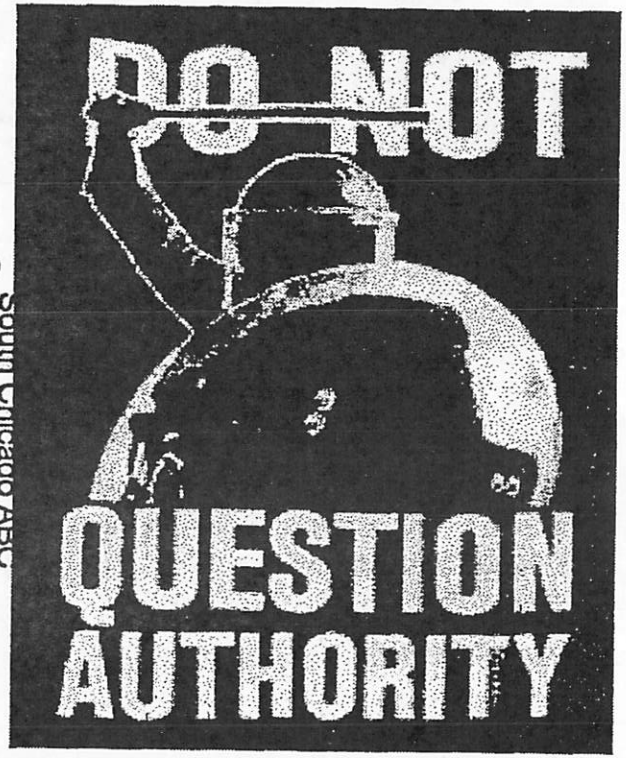
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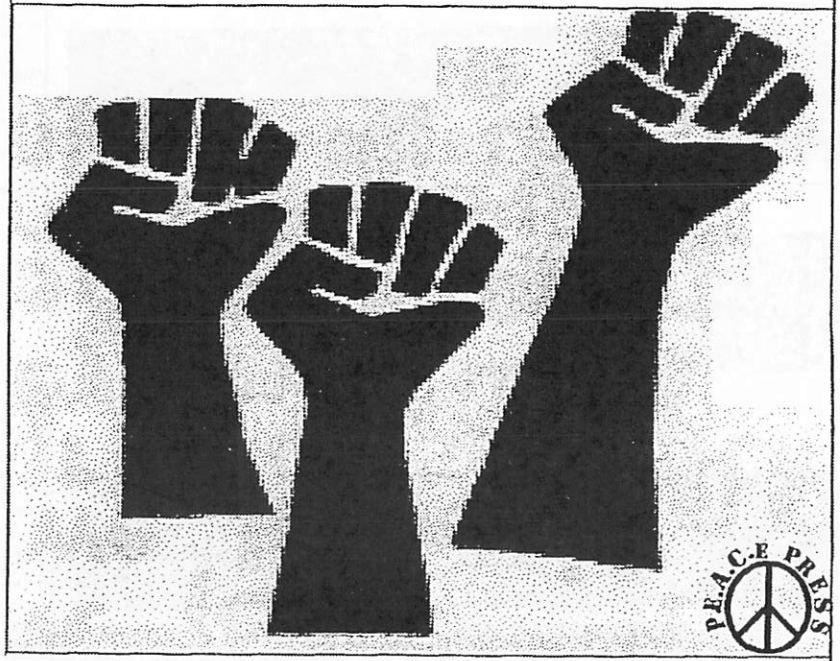


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- Alexander Berkman

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BOOKS AND ZINES!

Well if it's anarchism you want, check out Living My Life, Emma Goldmans autobiography. It's by far the most interesting book i've read. The book contains an in depth look at anarchism at the turn of the 20th century, along with encounters with prominent names like Berkman, Most, Kropotkin, Haywood, Voltarine de Cleyre and Lenin. The book also takes you through countless mass protests, meetings, prison encounters and the Russian Rev'n. The book is completely intriguing.

Another great anarchist book is ABC Of Anarchism by Alexander Berkman. This book is a great intro, and discusses topics like the anarchist-communism, revolution and other interesting factors that must be looked at in an anarchist society. You can get this book from many independent presses, like Tree Of Knowledge.

The last book i read was called Swallowed By The World, by Robert Sutter III. It's a story about a young squatter that is corrupted by all the hate that surrounds him. You journey with Jona as he tries to stamp out racism and along the way runs into direct opposition. The books very well written and put out independently. You can also get this book at Tree Of Knowledge.

Pick up a copy of Here Be Dragons (one of my favorite zines) from Tree Of Knowledge as well.

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Peace//Anarchy, Brock.

VEGAN RECIPES!

Garlic tofu- Cut half a block of tofu into fairly thin slices. Melt margarine in a frying pan and start to cook the tofu. When the tofu is brown and cooked on one side before you flip it sprinkle the slices with soya sauce and garlic powder, then you flip'em. Cook until their brown on the other side and eat. I like to eat this recipe with a little ketchup and some rice. **Beans and rice stirfry**- cut up an onion, a green pepper and broccoli if you have it. Cook these in a wok till their just getting soft. While your veggies are cooking in the wok make 3-4 cups of rice. Once your veggies are ready get a can of kidney beans drain most of the liquid, but not all and toss it in along with 2 diced tomatoes. Cook until everything is tender then add the rice. Mix everything up and maybe add a little soya sauce and enjoy. **Chickpea "meat balls"**- Drain a can of chickpeas and mash them into a paste as best as possible. Add enough flower to make it stick together when you roll it into balls, finely chopped onions, a little garlic powder and pepper. Roll it into balls and cook'em in a frying pan or pot. While your "meat balls" are cooking start to cooks some spagetti. When your "meat balls" are ready to go add some spagetti sauce, heat (do i have to tell you the last step...) pour sauce on top on your spagetti and enjoy.

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One of the main reason for veganaphobia it the issue of protein. The fact of the matter is that most consume to much protein. North Americans consume up to 7 times more protein then needed. To much protein leads to osteoporosis and even kidney failure. You can get enough protein from eating whole wheat bread, oatmeal, beans, tofu, corn and even broccoli and mushrooms. Unless all you eat is junkfood it's nearly impossible not to give your body the protein which it needs. If you were to eat only wheat, oatmeal or potatoes your body would get all the protein it needs to function properly. If someone was to only eat cabbage they would get twice as much protein then needed. The protein issue was created by the meat industry, who tell you that you need meat the survive. Don't get sucked into their advertizing scheme. Like everything else, we've been brought up to believe certain things, know your sources!

Supplement!

If your having troubles adapting to a vegan lifestyle due to lack of recipes and such you can alter your old favorite recipes to vegan recipes. For recipes involving cheese like pizza you can usually just use soy cheese which most likely can be found at your local grocer or health food store in the tofu section. For things involving meat like chili or even sandwiches you can get soy products like vegetarian ground beef and deli slices. The same goes for baked goods like cookies, muffins, etc, you can replace 1 egg with one blendered banana and milk with soy milk. It's very simple to enjoy good food with all the alternative dairy and meat products in the grocery stores these days. As the number of vegetarians and vegans grow so do the products available. Now that there's a market for veggie foods stores provide a larger quantity and selection.

Hello, this is the third issue of Under Oath! Well I've made lots of changes since the last issue. No more huge writing, this way I'll be able to cram more stuff into each zine. Another improvement is that I'm going to focus mainly on anarchism and animal rights, but i imagine that there will still be enough room to sneak in a little rant or two with a more personal perspective, emotionally driven articles are usually pretty useful in a day to day life.

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For the past 3 or 4 months I've been working my tail off with P.E.A.C.E Press orders, deals, distribution for my zine and submitting a few articles and such to others. For the most part the P.E.A.C.E Press project is hard work with little reward but hey, it's great to talk to all kinds of people and get lots of mail.

The good news is that P.E.A.C.E Press is finally supporting itself, and is gaining interest and correspondence around North America. I estimate that I've distributed over 100 copies of Under Oath #2 and about the same with #1. I'm hoping to circulate this issue more and get a bigger following. If you or anyone else would like to sell Under Oath in your distro send me any amount of money you wish and I'll send you as many copies as possible. As always trades are definitely welcome. Everything is handled with a very laid back, flexible approach.

If you write as zine P.E.A.C.E Press would love to distribute it for you. Be warned that money is tight, and donations are definitely welcome. It's a very d.i.y non- profit project and all funds are put towards the press. I also enjoy submitting articles to other zines (on-line or on paper) so don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Buy sending me an e-mail to under_oath@hotmail.com you can receive under oath once every monday through e-mail.

In other news P.E.A.C.E Press is also going to be the Ontario chapter for the APF (anarcho-people federation). I need all the help i can get in the way of correspondence with active anarchists within your area. I also need info of actions like protests of any kind or reports about the anarcho-punk or anarchist scene in your area. By helping me out you'll receive a free copy of Counterculture which is where all the info that is gathered goes. If you would like a copy send me your address. Counterculture is a free paper but postage is appreciated and donations are badly needed. This is why: the APF has spent nearly $900 and only two issues have been released, they have only gathered $75 in donations so far, so every little contribution helps no matter how small. If you wish to get a bunch of copies of Counterculture for your distro send $5 to: Counterculture/ P.O. Box 73/ Odenton, MD 21113// U.S.A. DO NOT send for an individual copy because they cannot afford the postage, you can get your hands on one through P.E.A.C.E Press.

Also P.E.A.C.E Press is hopefully going to form a vegetarian society or group. By doing this we hope to raise awareness about animal rights and veganism. In the future we are going to be organizing potlucks, distributing handouts and

so on. Write or e-mail for info about how you can help. If you send me a couple bucks i will send you a stack of handouts and other useful tools to help.

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We'll i think I've covered most of the stuff i aimed to cover so on with #3, enjoy. Peace//Anarchy. Brock

ACHIEVING YOUR GOALS

Armed with guitars and a voice we step upon stage to play chaotic, distorted emotional art. Driven by angst, united by the love of freedom and expression. What an incredible feeling one gets when pouring thoughts and ideals out to an attentive, interested audience. It's such a great opportunity to spread the seeds of awareness and knowledge.

For the most part people dive into music without a clear mind set of what it is they wish to accomplish. Whether it be for the expression of ideas, thoughts or just for fun you get out of music what you put in it.

Punk/ hardcore has always been centered around a theme of individuality and the voicing of opinions or grievances. This theme always expanded the showcase and introduced the public to alternative cultures. Music is an incredibly strong tool of change, it's also something that we should not take advantage of. In parts of the world like Singapore there is no punk rock, there are no anarchists or zines, etc. In places like these common things which we take for granted are illegal and are punishable, in fact in Singapore any resentment of the government is considered illegal and anarchists are branded as criminals.

Before my bands (Unarmed) first show i took an oath to never be just another punk band. I swore that we would take music one step further, we did this by handing out a newsletter (which will be handed out each show) and speaking to the audience about our lyrics and what we believe. We took the time to communicate with the audience. We also tried to get the audience involved as well, by encouraging them to speak up and express any opinions they wished after or during our set. We want abolish the pattern of : band gets on stage, band plays songs and band gets off. To accomplish this we talk with the people not to them, that way they have the opportunity to take part.

After the show a friend of mine got up to say "i always see bands that label themselves punk but they never really question why there punk."

"Why am I punk?" I pondered after the show. The answer i came up with was: when someone believes strongly about whatever it may be the positive impact that they receive from their ideas drives their initiative to share with others and hopefully have a positive impact on their lives as well. What good are coveted views? And what purpose do they serve?

incomprehensibly painful tests on animals. The tests include dripping substances into the eyes of restrained rabbits, or smearing them on a guinea pigs' abraded skin, forcing chemicals down the throats of mice, and filling rats' cages with sprayed fumes. These tests often cause shaking, vomiting, bleeding from the nose and mouth and in many of the cases death. The most disturbing of all this is that by purchasing these products you are directly supporting this torture to take place, and what for? So you can smell nice or have soft hands. How is this justified?

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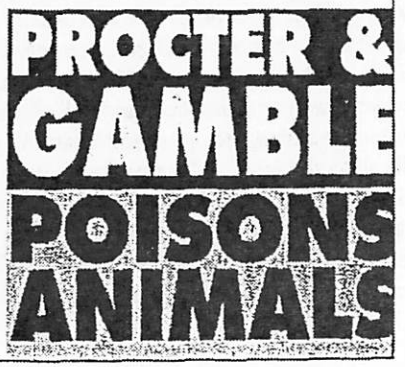
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Some large companies which do not test on animals are: Amway, Revlon, Crabtree & Evelyn and Gillette. Plus many more that i haven't listed.

* info taken from peta's "Died" handout.



way of living outside of populated cities all together in a peaceful way.

If you don't think you can help us right away, we will keep in contact with you. We will eventually have a place for alot of people but because we are just starting we need serious people who are willing to work hard."

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Wow. Progress, initiative, a step forward. I hope to get in contact with these people so i can write updates and such in each issue. I also hope to check it out this summer, i guess we'll see what happens. Get in touch with the CRASS COMMUNE by writing: 1020 Queen St. West #2/ Toronto, Ont./ M6J 1H6 Canada.





CRUELTY FREE CONSUMER

As a consumer you have an enormous responsibility of what your money is spent on and who it supports. Most consumers put little thought into who they give their money to. Many don't realize that without their support Nike wouldn't use child labor, many multinational companies wouln't remain in third world countries, Proctor & Gamble wouldn't continue to do unnecessary and painful tests for their useless products on innocent animals and these are only but a few of the many cases where big business and corporations exploit human and animal lives as well as our enviroment. My first report on why we should boycott certain products will zero in on Proctor & Gamble.

Proctor & Gamble put out a wide range of products that we use daily, from hairspray to orange juice. P&G insist on performing cruel, unnecessary and

It's very important to decipher your motives. Reason being that with a mapped out path and a constructed conclusion it makes the long journey understandable and distinct. Organize your motives and act.

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FREEDOM?

Does our government really respect your freedom? Do you believe that you are free? The government uses the word freedom to create the illusion of independence, when in reality it only whitewashes your mind with the use of the word. Are you free to reject the system and all it's tyranny ways? Of course not because your always in it's sight. Freedom can only come with the loosening if not the extreme dismissal of forceful consequences, allowing the individual to take control of his/ her own fate and making the decisions that concern his/ her own best interests. This could prove successful with a slow decline which leads to the complete disintegration, so that people will get used to making their own decisions, because most are accustomed to having those decisions forced upon them with the consequences to suffer entact if one wishes not to comply.

The abolishment of such harsh punishments does not imply the abolishment of persuasive arguments to guide, direct or to discuss options or possible routes one could take. In Robert Paul Wolff's book " In Defense Of Anarchism," he said " if a crook were to ask for my wallet at gun point, " he states " i could refuse but i would have to suffer the consequences." I find this example to mirror the method our government uses to persuade and harness the individual. Which brings me to the conclusion that the only freedom we have is to conform and to obey. We're free to be who they want us to be.

For the most part alternate lifestyles have always been frowned upon by the system and will continue to be unless we educate, act and defy. In our current position this is incredibly difficult because of the lies and propaganda that's had and still has such a large effect on our lives, but if our desire is strong enough we can overcome this injustice. We can remove the gags from our mouths and the blocks from our eyes, and live free. It's your duty to break the system before the system breaks you.



How do you go about "breaking the system?" DIRECT ACTION. Direct action is the best possible way to collapse the system onto itself. Direct action means acting and speaking out against something, anything without going to the external authorities. For example someone who solves his/ her problems without the use of coercion. Voltairine de Cleyre stated in her essay "Direct Action" that, "real non-resistancents can believe in direct action only, never in political action. For the basis of political action is coercion; even when the state does good things, it finally rests on a club, a gun, or a prison, for it's power to carry them through." For direct action to be effective it must be non-violent.

The idea that violence is a useful tool in any form of protest is a dangerous one. The use of such tactics will only lower our cause to the level of those who we are fighting against. Therefor we will be part of the problem not the solution. Non-violence is very effective especially when fought against with violence because it unearths the subhuman nature of those which result to it. If it is not returned it will surface questions about ones actions that have never been thought of before. I'll end off with a great quote from one of the greatest introductions to anarchism, Alexander Berkman's book "ABC of anarchism." "Violence is the method of ignorance, the weapon of the weak. The strong of heart and brain need no violence, they are irresistible in the consiousness of being right."

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* Most of this article and an interview will be published in a zine called Social Suicide, thanks to Stephanie for all your help and co-operation.

THE ROOT OF HATRED IS INSECURITY.

Hate- Intense dislike and hostility.

One of the main justifiable causes for the hatred of another human being is the feeling or "vibe" one receives from anothers differences. The feeling of insecurity and threat that can be felt when one is newly subjected to different races, religions, sex, sexual preference, etc, etc, etc. It's very clear that these factors are nothing more than illusional differences and that no one should be judged upon, but hatred isn't something that ones born with it's something your taught. Some have been kept in the shadow of ignorance because that's what they were brought up on and taught or that's all they've ever known.

A child that lives in total isolation is going to have different feelings about these human variations then a child that lives in the city, and has seen how different people are. Therefor a child that is brought up in that kind of atmosphere will grow up to except and be indifferent to the diversity of people. It's just common knowledge. We have to teach people that the person that can be seen is not the true person.



When we witness hate our first reaction is to get angry, to argue or even worse to get violent. We have to think of anger as a blind fold and learn to control it and i'm sure most know that when you remedy violence with violence you obviously get more violence. Gandhi

conclusions. Are minds are not to be policed. We shall no longer remain passive as institutions impose their ideas of morality upon us. We shall no longer let them mold us into their images of what it is to be a man, woman, mother, father and lover. We will decide. We will set our own goals and standards. We are not born into systems. We are born autonomous and free, and have the right to remain as such.

- Matheu Pelletier

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CRASS COMMUNE!

It was a bitter November day, my feet were sore from the long journey home from school. I extend my cold and shivering hand to open the door to my house. As i walk inside i ponder, can this day possibly get any worse? I draw my attention to the top of the stairs, there sits my 14 year old dog who is wasting away right before my eyes. She can no longer walk down the stairs by herself, it weakens me to see such an affectionate companion suffer. I give her the attention she needs, then grab the key to the mailbox. With anticipation i open up the small door leading to a stack of bills which my parents will most likely just get by paying and a couple pieces of corporate diarrhea attempting to take over the world. I snarl at the pile in disgust, but hey, what's this? A large brown package with my name on it. I rush inside and tear it open. Yahoo, 100 copies of Counterculture #3. As i start to read the lucky copy i claim as my own i see it. "CRASS COMMUNE" as i read i became more and more excited until i can no longer fight the urge to call my comrade Matt and announce the good news.

"Our goal right now is set for April 1999 to get a land of about 200 acres but with the possibility to buy the lands adjacent to end up with 700-1000 acres. We need help with: a water system, electricity, composting, agriculture, construction, communication and transportation. We also need a deal for solar panels, a compost toilet and materials to build a greenhouse. We already have a group of people would are going to help us build the first 2 shelters with a recycling method. We have around $175,000 saved . The land will be bought by a native Canadian so we don't have to pay tax to the government.

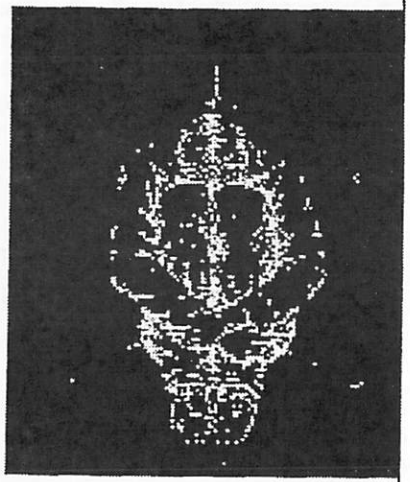
After 4 years of talking to tons of people many of them think it's a good idea, but NOBODY seems to do anything. I mean there's a few that want to start something but accept for that, the rest really don't know what they want in their lives. We know. We are organizing ourselves and asking for help and support of any kind, this is the chance to get everybody together in a solidarity movement. Our goal is not to change the system right away, but simply by showing the rest of the population what we have accomplished and teach them a new

ASK QUESTIONS!

This is the first guest column that i've had in Under Oath, and hopefully not the last. The following article was written by my long time friend and comrade Matt Pelletier. The reason for me printing this is because he brings up strong points about how many of us choose to live our lives. For the most part we choose not to ask ourselves questions because we are afraid of what we might find out about the world, others and most of all ourselves. So we fall into place blindly, excepting our chosen roles in society. I think what Matt's trying to say is the only way you can be an individual in this society is if you question the way things are and how you and others lives your lives. Enjoy.

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We all have a moral code which we try to live our lives by. Our morals are very important, they define and dictate who we are and what we stand for. This makes me wonder why so many of us spend so little time cultivating them on our own. The seeds of morality are planted by our parents, in their schools and society with the hope that through constant inculcation we will grow to mirror and to echo their beliefs. All this is done to create an environment of mental conformity and subordination.



The Buddha once said "All that we are is the result of what we have thought." I disagree. I believe that all we are is the result of what we have experienced. So many of us disregard our experiences. We adopt the social norm even when we have experienced things that seem to indicate the contrary. Many of us fool ourselves into believing that dressing differently and adopting bad boy images that the media has created are an effective way to break loose from our mental prisons. If we want to end our stagnate mode of thought and rebellion we need to question the roles we have assumed and been assigned . Aldous Huxley states in his novel "Brave new world" that " we only believe what we are conditioned to believe." We must not be afraid to find who we are. If we cannot shape are own lives and let our personal experiences dictate our morality, then our existence is vain. To be human is to question and to question is to be alive and to be alive is everything.

To live a lie is to admit that you are powerless to overcome it. You have power. Let it then be our duty to question. We must investigate and experience for ourselves. When knowledge and experience are acquired we can judge things free from institutional taint and conjecture and draw our own

once said " and eye for an eye and the world goes blind," and if this is true (which most will agree with) why do we counter hate with more hate? The reason, well we all have hate buried within us and instead of taking into prospective the cause of ones hatred we generally sweep it under the rug . How then should we handle prejudice?

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Non-violence and enlightenment are two ways to solve a dilemma like this. Enlightenment will only come if you except and treat everyone as a comrade or friend. By shunning someone you give them no reason to change. If we become blind and lower ourselves to the level of ignorance as those who hate, we to become part of the problem. Anger fuels blindness and blindness leads to ignorance. We must work with people not against and shine sunlight onto the dark shadow of hatred.

*This is also on www.unclezine.com. Thanks to Geoff Fink for posting it. I will be submitting a new article every week or two. Thanks also to Allison Coleman for putting this in her zine.

WHEELCHAIR DESPAIR

Wheelchair despair is a short story that i wrote while pondering a Frederick Neiztche quote. "The true free spirit will not wish to see the laws of the herd abolished, least there exist nothing to struggle against and overcome." This one quote has made me rethink all that i am. If i were to live in a perfect world what would i do? I would run out of things to write about in my zine as well as my band and all the political bands that i listen to probably wouldn't even exist. All my political thoughts would no longer be needed because they'd be a reality.

It's a scary thought. As a human i feel that it's my duty to fight against the unjust realities that take place in this dark world. I have the responsibility to lash out against certain things that i believe to be not right, no matter how insignificant my actions are anything more then being a passive observer if a positive step. Although "ignorance is bliss" to some and i can definitely see the appeal of being indifferent towards things that happen around you, but from a human perspective ignorance is far from bliss. Ignorance hurts. The main factor that allows ignorance to exist is public passivity. The oppressors want you to think that you are insignificant and weak for the reason that you wont make waves in their calm waters.

We'll read the story. Like it, hate it or whatever. The purpose of it's creation was to point out the definite appeal of ignorance but at the same time displaying it's ugly, side of excepting the horrors and outrageousness of our world.

So there he was sitting in a tattered, old wheelchair. So frail and breakable in appearance, his face shadowed by dark stubble and his eyes were such a magnificent color of blue. An old knitted sweater with breast pocket clinging for life hung from his skeletal remains like a flag would from a pole on a day without wind. This being was once my kindred spirit, we grew together. Enemies of this god awful place, like weeds grow in a garden. To stubborn to die and to proud to be uprooted. Our plans were so plentiful and real and our hearts were so hard like life itself.

I remember the last time we spoke. It was like attending a funeral. His weak submitted leer caught my eye and i examined his gloomy features. Pulling his black chaotic hair from his sight he whispered incoherent words, i could only make out the words broken back. He emotionally expressed how he could no longer go on as "just another gagged fish in the pond." He continued," times with you have been swell and even made me a better person, but now i'm giving everything back, fairwell...friend." just like that he grew silent and placed his head in his lap.

As far as i'm concerned he died right in front of me that day. I can't help myself from still noticing the dim flicker of light which i could just barely see shinning through his pale skin.

Each day i'd sneak him vegan snacks past nurse Myers i think it was. Each time he would snatch the food from my hands and without out a word devour it with unbeatable time, after nearly choking on it he would muscle it down and return to reading all folded up in his chair.

Never a single smile or sign of happiness grazed his face. I was growing more and more frustrated, until finally i'd had enough.

Nurse Myers recently informed me that he had stopped reading and for the past week he's been constantly scribbling in a small spiral notebook.

Today i was to go and visit my bundle of living deceased... but there would be no vegan food on this day.

With butterflies in my stomach i walked like a soldier or a school bully down the hall of the gloomy institution. I stopped and stared at the entrance to his room. With a deep breath and a fight with a stubborn door handle i succeeded into his room.

Once again wearing the same clothes which he had been wearing since my first visit he was sitting in the center of the room at a small childrens desk writing. He heard my approaching footsteps but didn't give me the pleasure of even a glance.

He was writing fast and cacophanated. With the strongest voice i could muster

A change can start with you at your job. Heres some good ideas that i got from the "Here Be Dragons" zine. These 2 methods were taken from the I.W.W pamphlet "How To Fire Your Boss - - A Workers Guide To Direct Action"

The Good Work Strike.

"Most of the time pissing around at work indeed lashes out at the boss, but doesn't really do anything for other workers. For instance, breaking merchandise by accidentally dropping or cutting it just makes the boss loose money. The good work strike allows the direct activist to stick it to the man and pat his/her fellow worker on the back at the same time. Plus, workers usually gain public support by using this tactic. A friend of mine worked in a shitty chain restaurant and did this to the letter. A new item, key lime pie, was added to the menu at the price of something like $2.15 a slice. The pies were always precut and very small, hardly worth any workers hard earned $2.15. My friend would charge $1.50 for the pie instead. He did likewise when vegetarians would order a sandwich that normally had meat. He was instructed to charge the same price for any dish with meat or without, but he didn't really like the idea of bilking his fellows out of cash, so he adjusted the prices to what he saw fit. The workers guide tells the story of New York City I.W.W restaurant who won some demands by heeding the words of union organizers who said "pile up the plates, give'em double helpings, and figure out the checks on the low side." I've been known to give discounts to perfect strangers because they pointed out what a rip off certain items were. Be creative, and good work strike!

Work To Rule.

Almost every job, or at least ever job that i know of, has a host of asinine rules that we are supposed to comply with. Everyone generally ignores these rules and work gets done better all the way around. We'll what if you followed every little rule and standing order and regulation your job had? Chances are your production would suffer greatly, and the only thing that you could tell your boss is "i was just following the rules" and you would be telling the absolute truth. My job at K-mart gave me a good chance to work to rule. The associate handbook explicitly states that one is to never run while at work. I heeded this rule to the letter. If i was paged or the phone was ringing off the hook, i would casually walk, all the while following the rules of the company and pissing off my bosses. The workers guide gives a great example of the work to rule. Austrian postal workers gained demands by following a rule on the books which stated that each piece of mail had to be weighed to ensure that the proper postage was on it. Before this the workers passed all parcels that were clearly underweight, but in keeping with the rule, they now weighed every piece of mail. The offices were congested with unweighed parcels by the second day!

Be creative and act as directly as you can without getting fired.

*Here Be Dragons: www.pitt.edu/~marst71/dragons.html

only because of the work involved but the way people view those who fill these positions. People have to realize that these jobs are important in the production and maintaining of a society. One way to eliminate the negative side of work is to go out of our way to make undesirable jobs more desirable. We could do this by offering higher pay or better conditions. These 2 factors would provide the worker with easier work and a larger reward, making all round working conditions more positive.

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What about those lazy people who would rather do nothing then to work? Yes, there will definitely be people who fall into this category and who refuse to aid society. This can be dealt with in 3 different ways. The first option (and i think the most positive) would be to allow the person to choose a job that suits his/her best interests. Laziness is a product of undesirable, uninteresting work. One would have to make sure that the people are happy with what they are doing, or else the important tasks will not be completed properly. Not only would this decrease the quality of production and distribution but it would also decrease the happiness and the interest of the public. The second method could be to discuss the individuals productivity directly with the person or with the public. By showing the individual the ways in which he/she is making the group suffer the individual would be more inclined to help out. Or if you were to discuss it with others it would also have a conclusion to the similar effect, although it's somewhat of a negative approach. The last way in which we could maintain productive labor would be to sever the individual who wished not to be apart of the anarchist society, causing them either to survive on their own or to integrate into our society. This approach however would most likely obtain a similar conclusion as our current situation, which is the lack of alternatives. If we only provide one way of life we will follow in the same footsteps of authority. I'm not completely sure who said it but "you can measure how civilized a society is by how it treats it's minorities." I can't really see a method like this reaching any positive measures.



Currently labor is based on the exploitation and manipulation of workers, making them submit to their bosses. All round it will be the worker who will play the biggest part in an anarchist society, before and after revolution. The power of the worker is often overlooked, either because of ignorance or intimidation on the part of worker. Certain actions like strikes and labor unions will steal the power from the hands of the masters and give it to the working man or women. With workers refusing to perform labor, how could society function? And how could huge direct acts of civil disobedience possibly be stopped? It's stongly credible to believe that a revolution or any change at all would be initiated in the work place.

up i said "why are you here?" He looked at me with an empty stare and for a moment he even ceased his nihilistic scribblings. The puzzled look on his face engraved itself into my mind, even though it only lasted seconds before he continued to write i replay it in my head day after day.

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The room was silent except for the pen scratching of this mysterious human zombie. I asked him if i could read his book. He kept writing without even the slightest pause. I asked a second time and once again was ignored. Then overcome by anger i snapped the notebook from his soft hands. Almost instantly he the most alarming screech proceeded from his mouth. The hideous scream seemed to get louder and louder. With incredible force he began to smash his head repeatedly off the wooden desk, creating this horrible sound.

Shocked, i returned his book and instantly the screaming and the hitting came to a halt, and he continued his obsessive composing. The horrible thuds which his head made and the hypnotic screech echoed in my ears.

Blinded by anger I yelled, "why don't you care? You were once so alive, so free. What happen that made the person I once knew into this strange, anti-social, hermit?" Taking a second breath i clutched his arm tightly to put a temporary end to his chicken scratching. I looked him directly into his eye and proceeded with my lecture, "i'm your friend what can be so big that you can't tell me?"

He innocently gazed at me like a dumbfounded child, then scribbled a final passage in his book and fiercely tore out the page. With a tear rolling down his cheek he handed me the crumbled sheet, which i excepted and left the room.

I dragged my sore feet in a state of no feeling to a near by park. The day was so tranquil and beautiful. I rested my bones at a small picnic table with countless vows of love etched within the surface of the discolored wood. With a broken heart i opened the note, it read:

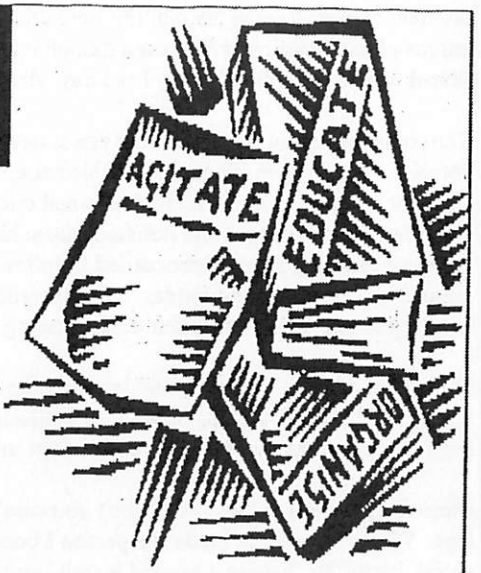
"THE EARTH IS A PRISON AND WE ARE ALL
JUST NUMBERS ON DEATH ROW."

You will never believe me when i tell you this but these brilliant, elegant words which in appearance looked like the work of a child in kindergarten ripped apart all that i am and all that i've lived for to that moment and left me a naked, disintegrating, corpse.

I sat in the middle of that park till the moon came up...lifeless. I shed a warm tear and tasted the bitter sweet salt of human evolution. THE END.

* This is also on the www.unclezine.com page

EDUCATE YOURSELF



When i attend school, with the exception of history and a few other small components i see nothing but a stagnate waste of time and energy. I get almost nothing out of my education. What i want to learn i teach myself through reading and exchanging ideas with others. Modern school is setup in a manner that puts the emphasis on the subjects (or students) ability to obey and follow orders. The purpose of school is to prepare you to serve in their world, it teaches you absolutely nothing of value to someone who is searching for alternatives (once again of course history is the exception).

One of the main flaws within education is that attendance is forced. This shines a light on 2 problems. #1 students who don't except the teachings of modern education have no where else to turn because they don't offer alternatives. #2 students who do attend school will in no way be able to perform to the standards of their teachers and principals because they are only human and sometimes they would rather be doing something else. When you force someone to perform a task which they do not wish to do you must except the fact that there is no way the task will be fulfilled to it's highest potential.

Alternatives to the oppressive public schools which we attend currently are Ferrer schools. Fransico Ferrer was an teacher who made schools that revolved around not trying to control it's students with rules, walls and restrictions. Ferrer schools didn't cram useless garble down the throats of young minds instead the teachers taught what the children wanted to learn at their own pace as well, which means they didn't have to attend school day after day. They went and left as they pleased. Because these schools offered such freedom the student often attended on a very regular basis. It's the modern method of education which chain us to a desk and straps a pen in our hand that makes learning so undesirable.

So you there that says I want to learn about anarchism, atheism or anything that isn't the "norm" arm yourself with a book, and open your eyes to the wide world of educating yourself. There's lots of information out there that you are not being told in school, find it, learn it and live it.

QUESTIONS ON ANARCHISM.

I hope in this issue of Under Oath as well as future issues to answer some questions concerning anarchism. My purpose of doing this is to inform those non-anarchists who read this zine the meaning and hopefully to spark interest on the subject. As for those who do consider themselves anarchists i hope to provide you with answers to questions concerning how an anarchist society could work, some of the more technical details as well as any other factors involved.

What is anarchism?

Well anarchism is not a gang or a club which you can join. An anarchist is not someone who carries bombs and spray paint. Most of all anarchy is not chaos actually it's quite the opposite. The word anarchy comes from Latin and means "no rulers." The word anarchism is the theory, teachings and philosophy of anarchy and an anarchist is someone who studies, practices and believes in that theory. The theory of anarchism is that all forms of government is unnecessary and unjust and the belief that all governments are in nature corrupt, tyranny and based on coecern.

Some of the questions which could pose as a problem for an anarchist society are: who would do all of the work? What would you do with murderers, petaphils and so on? How would you handle counter revolution? I have answers to some of these questions but for now i'll only answer one.

Who would do all of the work, in an anarchist society?

There is nothing more important to a society then the labour of it's citizens. Without labour a society would not be able to function, that is why we must make labor rewarding and appreciatable. The masters of a society depend on the backbreaking labor of the working class to support their world. For this reason we must take our time to build a structure which complys to the needs of everyone not just a specific group. So how and who would go about making this a reality?

Obviously work in the way of production of necessities, etc would be done by the people themselves (you and me). The work could be distributed according to those would specialize in certain fields and those capable of working the jobs which require less skill. When i say less skill in no way do i mean lacking importance. A skilled man must rely on the hard work and toil of those who perform the less skilled jobs. For instance a skilled carpenter must depend on the work of a man which cuts and distributes wood, without this mans labor the skilled carpenter would not be able to continue with his work. So you see skill labor and labor that doesn't require skill support each other.

Currently jobs like picking up garbage or janitorial work are less desirable not