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Updates for August 29th

11 Aug - FBI Steals Sensitive Legal Material from Ruby Montoya and Jessica Reznicek's Home

On August 11 2017, over 30 FBI agents raided the Berrigan House, home of Ruby Montoya and Jessica Reznicek, as related to an ongoing investigation into Ruby and Jessica's peaceful actions against the Dakota Access Pipeline in January.

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The FBI agents entered the house with their guns—pistols and assault rifles—drawn and immediately put Jessica in handcuffs. Even though the cuffs were removed after a short time, no one in the house was permitted to contact their attorneys; nor were they allowed to observe the agents ransacking their personal belongings. The agents claimed to have a warrant, but would not show it to anyone.

When the agents were done, ten of the agents carried boxes and sealed backs. They refused to allow any visual verification of what was stolen, yet had the audacity to ask the victims to sign an inventory. The agents were denied. Of the items missing is attorney-client privileged research. Illegally confiscating private information could seriously hamper Ruby and Jessica's ability to defend themselves and to receive a fair trial. When residents of the house demanded that the intruders identify themselves, the agents refused.

Both of the courageous activists remain out of prison as of the writing of this article.

Ruby and Jessica held a press conference last month in which they read a prepared statement while standing in front of the Iowa Utility Board (IUB). In the statement, Ruby and Jessica confessed to arson and other acts of sabotage along the Dakota Access pipeline, describing what they did in detail and stating their reasons. They then took a crowbar and hammer and began pulling off the letters of the IUB sign before being arrested. They were released from jail the next day and charged with fourth degree criminal mischief.

For more information on how to support Ruby and Jessica, check out mississippistand.com

12 Aug - Veronza Bowers Update

A comrade from the Jericho Movement recently got a call from Veronza Bowers our, following his transfer to the medical facility in Butner, North Carolina.

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He said quietly "I am doing o.k. and some days are better then others, but i have received so many cards that i know i am blessed by friendship.

Please let folks know that i haven't been able to write back but after the next round of Chemo— my 3rd, i should have more energy. His doctor said that he will be reducing the intensity of the 4th round if it is necessary and Veronza will keep us updated after round 3.

He had a great conversation with Dr. B Zeller and wants to thank her for her help and support, as do all of us on the Jericho Medical Committee.

So keep the cards headed to North Carolina.

12 Aug - “Under No Circumstances Will I Ever Cooperate”: A Statement on Resisting FBI Harassment, from Jayden Savino

Another person from North Carolina is facing a grand jury subpoena and actively resisting it.

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My name is Jayden Savino and I am an Anarchist and Earth First!er currently living on occupied Cherokee land, often referred to as Asheville, North Carolina. Since April 3rd, the FBI has been harassing folks in my personal and professional life. The FBI has consistently requested that these individuals suggest that I call the FBI to answer questions regarding an investigation. I have secured legal representation and remained silent throughout this period of state harassment. On July 10th, the FBI visited my parents' house and questioned my father, asking very specific questions about me, my constitutionally-protected beliefs and associations, and certain activist communities with which I may or may not be affiliated. The FBI failed to fish any information from my parents, who are now legally represented.

This harassment comes during a period of heightened state repression of radicals in North Carolina. For instance, on July 10—the same day the FBI visited my parents' house—North Carolina resident Katie Yow received a Grand Jury subpoena. These seemingly unrelated cases appear to be parts of separate investigations, but the parallels paint a picture of increased and possibly coordinated targeted repression of anarchists in this part of the country. While the stated reasons for the investigations are different, the likely political motivation, and the kinds of information sought, are the same. Thankfully, another parallel in these investigations is Yow's refusal to cooperate. I too will continue to resist the state and struggle towards liberation for the Earth and all of the life forms she has created. I wish to express my noncompliance once again.

The FBI is attempting to make myself and my community feel isolated and fearful. Unfortunately for the FBI, this harassment has done the opposite for myself, my community, and my family. This type of FBI repression is not a new phenomenon, and the state's efforts to target activists and dismantle movements is as American as genocide. While it is unclear what exactly is being investigated, I will continue to embody my solidarity with the resilient herstory of state repression resisters, along with those who will continue to resist after my time. There is no greater betrayal or humiliation to our movement and the Earth than to cooperate with the state.

The amount of support I have received from lawyers, comrades, lawyers who are comrades, and people I've never met is breathtaking. We've created our own silver lining, one that has made us stronger and more fierce than ever. No matter how severe their threats—or repressive their tactics—under no circumstances will I ever cooperate with the FBI or police. The fearless herstory of state defiance from black, indigenous, prisoner, queer, and animal/earth liberation movements fills me and my community with more than enough hope, guidance, and defiance to resist any repression the FBI has up their sleeves. I was an anarchist before this harassment, I am an anarchist now, and nothing they can do will compromise the integrity of my beliefs or move me to participate in undermining the integrity of my community.

We have nothing to gain, and much of our freedom to lose, from cooperating with the FBI. If an FBI agent contacts you, do not speak to them. Remember: Law enforcement officers are trained to lie to us and to manipulate individuals into responding to questions in ways that can be used to justify criminal charges of lying to a federal agent. Those charges, which carry a five year prison penalty, are then used as leverage to coerce further cooperation and damage our communities. It is therefore safest not to answer any of their questions. If an agent comes to your home, do not answer the door. Ask them to leave their card at the door and to leave, and contact an attorney immediately. If you have been contacted by law enforcement and

would like to spread the word to keep your community aware and safe, or if you have questions about FBI harassment of activists, you can contact the Earth First! Journal at [collective\[at\]earthfirstjournal.org](mailto:collective[at]earthfirstjournal.org).

13 Aug - An Update On Sundiata Acoli

This is a concise update of the status of Sundiata's case.

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Sundiata was again denied release on parole in November, 2016. There are procedural processes after denial. There is the administrative appeal of the denial; the parole board sets a new hearing date called a Future Eligibility Term (FET) which has been set at 15 years. Sundiata is 80 years old at the time of the FET decision by the board and will be 95 by next parole hearing date. The appeal of that FET was upheld by the board in a decision dated June 21, 2017.

The next phase is an appeal of the denial of Sundiata's parole to be heard in the New Jersey Appellate Court-the court that ordered Sundiata's release in September 2014. That order was appealed to the New Jersey Supreme court after which followed, procedural steps, which are not necessary to detail here.

Now, Sundiata's attorney must get transcripts and will have other expenses, including printing, and of course his legal fees, and will begin the process of preparing an appeal brief once he gets a briefing schedule. The process according to Sundiata's attorney can often drag on as the State will not file documents before the brink of the deadline; no interest in accelerating a potential release of Sundiata.

Funds are needed. All of you know that Sundiata deeply appreciates the support, and commitment to getting him released. Many of you have contributed each time there is a call for funds; please tell others about Sundiata and ask them to join you and make a contribution. Much thanks in advance, on behalf of Sundiata.

Check or money order payable to Sundiata Acoli Freedom Campaign (or SAFC)

Mail to:

Florence Morgan

120-46 Queens Boulevard

Kew Gardens, New York 11415

If paying via PayPal: SAFC766@gmail.com

15 Aug - Eric King Update

Eric needs books and has written about his solidarity with anti-fascists.

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Books for Eric are preferably paperback, although hardcover will be accepted if paperback isn't available, and must come from a publisher of some sort.

His Amazon wishlist is at <http://a.co/gUbDsYs>

August 16th - In Solidarity with Anti-fascists from Eric King and the EK Support Crew.

On behalf of Eric King and the EK Support Crew, we'd like to express our deepest and unwavering solidarity with folks who were in Charlottesville last weekend. We were all horrified to hear of the murder of Heather Heyer and the injuring and hospitalization of other antifa and BLM folks who were protesting

the neo-nazi, "alt-right" scum. May Heather rest in power and let us never forget anyone who has died fighting fascism.

In the last year we have seen a rise in fascist activity all over the country and the world. With essentially a nod from Trump, the "alt-right" has been able to organize their neo-nazi, KKK, Traditionalist Workers Party, and other fascist groups with little to no consequence aside from anti-fascist counter demonstrations. This has been the beacon of resistance, the number of people from Northern California to the Pacific Northwest to Charlottesville, Virginia who descend on these fascist rallies to protest them, refusing to let them get away with it. As was seen all too intensely last weekend, the antifascist movement is growing and individuals are willing to put themselves on the line to put a stop to the fascist threat.

The Eric King support crew along with Eric King himself stand in uncompromising solidarity with those antifascists who stood up in Charlottesville and all of those brave individuals who have been pushing forward in the fight against fascism and continue to do so in the months and years to come.

15 Aug - Leonard Peltier Legal and Medical Update

Good news on the medical front, Leonard got his wheelchair and now has more mobility in getting to various programs, like the computer class as well as the art room.

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He wants to thank his lawyer and Committee for their help in getting the chair but Leonard knows the real struggle will be to get a new hip so that he won't be in pain or need a wheel chair at all.

We also got a wonderful donation for the legal fund and the friends that sent it are willing to match any new funds up to 5,000.00 dollars which will be a huge help with the new research and focus that Leonard's attorney wants to take. So, no amount is too small to be matched. If you use PayPal or a check just indicate Legal Fund, and we will let you know how it is going in the next letter.

I hope you have all seen the ad for the concert that will be happening in Tulsa, OK on Nov. 6th. The last day for VIP Packages is 10:00am August 16th, 2017. Visit the concert details at www.doksha.com. It will be very exciting to have these wonderful musicians together performing to help us raise funds and awareness of Leonard's struggle.

For all our supporters that have asked for the red Leonard Peltier t-shirt, we will have them by the 22nd of this month. If you have a back order waiting yours will be the first filled. That means we have It in all sizes now from small to 5X. I will be looking for your order.

August 25th - Leonard Peltier Newsletter

I want to start with an update on Leonard. I just spoke to the prison and was told,"the Coleman Prison is in lock down and all visitations has been canceled for this weekend." So, another week without communication as even letters take at least 4 days to get to and from Leonard. If you have a few minutes this weekend please drop Leonard a note, post card from your area is always welcomed as it gives Leonard a picture, which he can sometimes use in a painting. Here is his address; Leonard Peltier 89637-132 Coleman 1 Post Office Box 1033 Coleman, Florida 33521.

Second, I would like to thank the supporters who sent money to the legal fund, and to let you all know that any money sent for the legal fund will be matched until Oct. 1st. Therefore, September will be the month to donate with the best results for Leonard's legal fund. I am hoping you all will step up as no amount is too

small to be matched or appreciated. Which mean that anyone thinking of sending me a birthday gift for my September B-day send a check or PayPal to the legal fund instead ;-}

We received an update from the concert organizers (Doksha.com) that "We're proud to announce the addition of John Densmore to the lineup of In The Spirit of Crazy Horse. John, the original drummer and founding member of legendary rock group The Doors, will be performing alongside all the other legends on stage that night. We're excited to have John on board and we look forward to hearing some of the greatest songs ever written in November!". A great addition for us old rockers, music for everyone! And you can get the ticket on line at www.bokcenter.com.

I represented ILPDC at the Million Prisoner March last week in DC. Leonard and I wrote the presentation as the event dealt with the 13th Amendment special clause that makes slavery illegal in the U.S. except in prison. Leonard has been imprisoned for 43 years and for his job as an orderly he makes \$5.00 a month, which is why we so appreciate everyone that has sent him commissary over those 43 years. I was able to meet supporters from all over the country and some former political prisoners who had done time with Leonard and now work for his release. Met some interesting people from the Minneapolis area who are supporters and want to work with our Board Member Stephanie Autumn, who lives in that area. Well spent weekend for Leonard!

We, that is ILPDC & board & Leonard, want to thank the Rosenberg Fund for Children for their grants to Cyrus, Leonard's grandson and Emily & girls Granddaughters which will help them visit Leonard. Cyrus will visit Leonard over his B-day weekend and Emily and the girls will visit the first weekend in October. The RFC has been a wonderful support for Leonard and other prisoners to keep them in touch with their families.

Not wanting to forget the art lover, Kari Ann has a special sale on the painting Horse Doctor. Please email with any inquiries @ info@peltierart.com.

15 Aug - Tech firm is fighting a federal demand for data on visitors to an anti-Trump website

DreamHost is resisting a DOJ search warrant for more than 1.3 million IP addresses to identify visitors to a website set up to coordinate protests on Inauguration Day.

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by Ellen Nakashima (*Washington Post*)

A Los Angeles-based tech company is resisting a federal demand for more than 1.3 million IP addresses to identify visitors to a website set up to coordinate protests on Inauguration Day — a request whose breadth the company says violates the Constitution.

“What we have is a sweeping request for every single file we have” in relation to DisruptJ20.org, said Chris Ghazarian, general counsel for DreamHost, which hosts the site. “The search warrant is not only dealing with everything in relation to the website but also tons of data about people who visited it.”

The request also covers emails between the site’s organizers and people interested in attending the protests, any deleted messages and files, as well as subscriber information — such as names and addresses — and unpublished photos and blog posts that are stored in the site’s database, according to the warrant and Ghazarian.

The request, which DreamHost made public Monday, set off a storm of protest among civil liberties advocates and within the tech community.

“What you’re seeing is pure prosecutorial overreach by a politicized Justice Department, allowing the Trump administration to use prosecutors to silence critics,” Ghazarian said.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney’s office in the District of Columbia, which sought the warrant, declined to comment. But prosecutors, in court documents, argued that the request was constitutional and there was no reason for DreamHost not to comply.

The search warrant was issued July 12 by a Superior Court judge in the District of Columbia and served on DreamHost on July 17.

The request marked an escalation from January when prosecutors investigating the protests asked DreamHost to preserve records and issued a subpoena for a limited set of data on the site. The company complied with both requests, Ghazarian said.

In April, the federal government charged more than 200 people in connection with the protests that injured six police officers and damaged store windows and at least one vehicle. The charges included property damage and assault.

After the search warrant was served, DreamHost raised concerns with Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Borchert, according to court documents. The company thought the request was overbroad and that it sought information — such as draft blog posts — in violation of the 1980 Privacy Protection Act.

Prosecutors responded July 28 with a motion to compel the company to turn over the data on DisruptJ20. “That website was used in the development, planning, advertisement and organization of a violent riot that occurred in Washington, D.C. on January 20, 2017,” U.S. Attorney Channing Phillips said in the motion. DreamHost’s concern about breadth “simply is not a sufficient basis . . . to refuse to comply with the warrant.”

The prosecutors also argued that the warrant identified the “precise categories of information” that DreamHost must provide and “precise limitations” on the information that the government may seize. They also argued that the Privacy Protection Act does not preclude the government from seizing even “protected” materials with a search warrant.

On Friday, DreamHost filed a reply arguing that the warrant’s breadth violates the Fourth Amendment because it failed to describe with “particularity” the items to be seized. Asking for “all records or other information” pertaining to the site, including “all files, databases and database records” is far too broad, the company said.

The warrant also raises First Amendment issues, it said. Visitors to the protest site should have the right to keep their identities private, but if they fear that the Justice Department will have information on them, that will chill their freedom of speech and association, the company argued.

The company said that the warrant would require them to turn over data on potentially tens of thousands of law-abiding website visitors.

Mark Rumold, staff attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, said that no plausible explanation exists for a search warrant of such breadth, “other than to cast a digital dragnet as broadly as possible.”

He said that the government appears to be investigating a conspiracy to riot, "but it's doing it in a blunt manner that does not take into account the significant First Amendment interests."

Even people who were nowhere near Washington on Inauguration Day who visited the website will have their data "swept into a criminal investigation," he said.

A hearing is scheduled for Friday in Superior Court before Judge Lynn Leibovitz.

August 22nd - DOJ modifies request for info on Trump opponents

by Laura Jarrett and Mary Kay Mallonee (CNN)

Federal prosecutors have modified their request for a website host to turn over records related to a Trump protest site "in light of factual revelations," according to a new court filing Tuesday.

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Last week, DreamHost said in a blog post prosecutors were seeking "all records" related to "disruptj20.org," which organized Trump protests in January -- including 1.3 million IP addresses of visitors to the website. DreamHost, which hosts disruptj20.org, claimed this would be a "clear abuse" of government authority and raised free speech concerns.

In Tuesday's new court filing, prosecutors balk at this assertion: "The government values and respects the First Amendment right of all Americans to participate in peaceful political protests and to read protected political expression online."

"This warrant has nothing to do with that right," the filing continues. "The warrant is focused on evidence of the planning, coordination and participation in a criminal act -- that is, a premeditated riot. The First Amendment does not protect violent, criminal conduct such as this," lawyers for the government write.

The Justice Department argues that DreamHost is not qualified to conduct the search to identify records that contain evidence of crimes. The Justice Department says any information that falls outside the scope of what the government can seize will be sealed and not reviewed without a formal court order.

A court hearing in the case is scheduled for Thursday morning. What is deemed within the scope of the government's new search request will figure prominently in the court session.

17 Aug - Statement from Eric Clanton: "Keep Building Long Term Strategies"

Eric Clanton is facing years in prison after being targeted by a dedicated swarm of internet trolls known for spewing racism, xenophobia, and misogyny onto the web.

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Suddenly a hit piece by Milo Yiannopoulos caused the targeting to go viral. Several old social media photos were posted, online accounts hacked, addresses published, hundred of calls to my employers, and countless threats of physical violence made against me, my coworkers, friends and many others. This harassment campaign is where the accusations against me originated.

Dealing with an unintelligible internet force smearing and threatening me online was not easy, and created stress to say the least, but I had every expectation that very few people would take them seriously, especially considering the character and credibility of their sources. However, five weeks later the Berkeley police smashed into two houses, held guns to peoples' heads, handcuffed, verbally abused, and stole the belongings of over a dozen people including books and zines.

All of this after my attorney Dan Siegel had reached out to Berkeley police on my behalf, and all on the basis of an 'investigation' that largely involved detectives reading far right forum posts and studying unverified youtube videos. When I was interviewed at the police station detective Hong had the nerve to say to me, "the internet did the work for us." My case threatens to set a new standard in which right wing extremists can select targets for repression and have police enthusiastically and forcefully pursue them.

This is just one example of the police doing everything in their power to facilitate and to legitimize the violence and the rhetoric of the so-called alt-right. They are also criminalizing protesters who stood up to neo-Nazis last summer, hundreds of J20 and standing rock defendants. All of this from a system that has perfected criminalization through centuries of racist policing. All of this moves in a strategy to further chill dissent, and to clamp down on resistance to the dangerous and aggressive growth of the exact kind of white supremacist violence that we saw this last weekend.

RIP Comrade.

Heather Heyer gave her life trying to stop the growth of this hate. She died defending decency, and may she rest peacefully knowing that struggle will continue and multiply. There's little comfort in words at times like these especially for people directly affected, but love and solidarity to her family and to everyone who is still physically and psychologically recovering from this brutality. We've got your back.

To all my supporters:

I want to thank everyone who came to court for me last Thursday or tried to. I know it was much quicker and less climactic than we thought. Supporting me in this bizarre time is not only an act of care, but one of bravery and strength. Seeing that on display makes me feel our collective power. Thank you all for showing up and for all the diverse, creative, and intimate ways that support has materialized outside of court. Thank you especially to the close friends who have cared for me fearlessly and unfailingly.

The fear and anxiety that this creates is by design, and it ripples out by design, BUT we get to decide its effectiveness. Look out for each other, be safe, be careful, and think hard about what all that means in the changing landscape. Keep caring for one another too and don't be afraid. Keep building unity, creative struggle, and long-term strategies for expanding, and strengthening the communities that we live in and want to defend. We're stronger than they are! Solidarity always!

Special thanks to the bay area anti repression committee, the labor action committee to free Mumia Abu-Jamal for helping build support, the community readiness corps for helping keep me safe, and the amazing lawyers who have been donating their time to help me fight this!

18 Aug - My First Time (with a brick and a handbill)

Please read the latest from Walter Bond.

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I remember the first time I was ever in a riot. It was Martin Luther King Day in Denver, Colorado and the ku klux klan and assorted nazi, fascists and skinhead scum had turned out to spew their invective racist garbage from the steps of the capital. Our mayor was mayor Wellington Webb. He was incredibly distraught with the fact that the kkk had come to town and obtained legal permit to gather and rally on the capital. So he organized a counter march and demonstration of which I took part.

Tens of thousands of people marched in protest. the march started in Aurora on Colfax Avenue and ended in Denver proper right in the center of downtown and in front of the racist scum. the klan and assorted wing nuts were heavily protected by police and riot squad. as a sea of people gathered the kkk began screaming racial epithets and slurs and laughing at the protesters. And that's when.....

All at once the crowd seemed to surge forward like a great tide in the ocean! And all hell broke loose! people began flipping over cop cars and starting them on fire, fights broke out and the few supporters of the nazis to stupid to remain behind police lines (or more likely unable to after the crowd surged) were drug out into the protest and severely beaten even as they ran away with all the speed their little aryan legs could carry them. A few teenagers snatched up an RTD bus and drove it down 16th street mall and ran in right through the front of the ESPN sports store.

I remember that while one racist piece of shit was getting his ass kicked there was some corporate media guy there trying to record the ensuing mayhem. I think he was an affiliate of FOX. People were trying to block his view of the action and he kept forcing his way forward. I was only 13 at the time but I felt outraged that this one prick with a camera (note: this was still in a time before the entire globe was under a microscope and there was no such thing as cell phones for the masses) could possibly get good people arrested that were simply cleaning the town of racist trash. So I picked up a brick and threw it at his camera, and I nailed it! I also ended up busting him in the forehead at the same time, but he lived.

The nazis, skinheads and kkk had planed to escape out the back of the courthouse to a bus that was waiting to take them to safety. The crowd got tipped off to this and instead the knuckleheads found themselves being pelted with a shower of stones as they tried to get on the bus which sped away with about half of them, leaving the other half scurrying like mice through the city streets! It was a glorious day!

I remember looking around surveying the damage. the racists that incited the hatred were dealt with, with expedience. The police that protected them had their cars flipped and burned and afterwards the kkk was banned from ever holding a rally again in Denver city limits!

Conversely, I remember a year later going to my first legal protest. It was with a PETA style organization and we met up at a bookstore ahead of time to go over what would be the days "action for Animals". Basically we would be standing across the street from a Kentucky Fried Chicken fast food restaurant. We were not allowed to actually stand on the sidewalk directly in front of the KFC where people could actually hear us or we might possible disrupt the steady flow of commerce with our buttons signs and pamphlets, oh, the horror!

The woman that organized the event gave all of us newbie's a quick indoctrination. Were were to basically be super shiny happy people, wave at all the cars and be ready to tell people verbatim what was already in

the handbill. If any media showed up they were to be instantly directed to our spokeswomen, and the rest of us (about 20 in all) were to remain human props in the background that just smiled a lot and said “Yeah, Vegan!”, kinda like cheerleaders.

No one took a pamphlet from me, a few people honked, some held up their buckets of fried chicken and flipped me off or screamed at me to fuck off as they took off out the drive thru! One or two people asked my why I wasn't out here helping people when so many of them needed help instead of the Animals. Then we all ran back to one of the “activists” apartments to see if we made the local news. Which we actually did for about 90 seconds and everybody declared it an incredible win for the Animals.

Unfortunately, Not one Animal was helped that day. Not one Animal heard us, And not even one person was turned away from their lunch meal choice of dead meat. It didn't do shit except make US feel like WE were doing something, busy work for the compassionate.

I guess I never got good at being deluded. Doing nothing, or at least nothing of benefit always ends with a bunch of abstract thinking. A sort of connect the dots butterfly effect or talk about the seeds that have been planted or the consciousness that's been raised. While Direct Action always has a a direct effect that is perceivable in the real world and has little need for diatribes, candles or good vibes...

19 Aug - Thoughts on the Millions for Prisoners Human Rights March

Thoughts from Jeremy Hammond on the August 19, 2017 Millions for Prisoners Human Rights March.

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Revolutionary greetings! I am writing from behind bars to voice support for those taking to the streets in solidarity with prisoners lives. We may not be able to be there with you today, but we are marching with you in spirit!

Comrades, the struggle to end mass incarceration is up against a particularly harsh political climate. The system that has been subjugating millions of people in chains and cages is now fronted by a racist billionaire who casually encourages police brutality! No longer do they feel the need to disguise their repression in the rhetoric of democracy and justice. The crackdowns have already begun: maximum sentences, privatized prisons, asset forfeitures, deportations. What is it going to take to stop this? The political process has failed us. The democrats cannot provide any meaningful resistance. Nothing short of abolition, nothing short of revolution, will bring about our collective freedom.

To those who want to support our brothers and sisters currently jammed up in the struggle, there is much to do. Even seemingly minor contributions like sending books to prisoners to developing a penpal relationship can bring life to the people who are otherwise withering away like a flower without water or sunlight. Unfortunately, this alone will not bring about our freedom. The only form of solidarity that can stop the ongoing atrocity of mass incarceration is direct action: solidarity means attack!

21 Aug - MOVE update - August 2017

We share the following, via Ramona Africa.

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ONA MOVE, my friends! This is an amazing time for our MOVE family. There is so much going on that I want to be sure that you're aware of. The latest with my family's parole status is the continuing denial of parole for our brother Delbert Africa. Delbert was recently denied parole and given a 5 year set-back despite the continued recommendation of the prison that he be paroled and despite him being free of

misconducts for decades. Our brother, Mike Africa, sees the parole board in September. He recently went through the prison parole preparation process and after being recommended for parole by this same prison every time he has gone up for parole over the past 9 years, this time they told him they were not recommending him for parole. They did not, because they could not, explain this change in their decision. Like Delbert, Mike has been misconduct free for decades. Nothing has changed since the last time they recommended him for parole. Our brother, Eddie Africa, on the other hand, for some unexplainable reason has never gotten the recommendation of the prison he's in, despite being misconduct free, SCI-Mahanoy has suddenly recommended him for parole. I tell you all of this to show you that the plan is to keep MOVE in prison til they die, no matter what (being misconduct free or not, having the recommendation of the prison or not), and that it is up to the power of the people to see that it doesn't go down that way.

On a lighter note, for some reason, there's a lot of media activity around MOVE at this time. On September 9th, The Philadelphia Museum of Art is opening a 3 month project on the City of Philadelphia. The project has an extensive focus on MOVE. The fact that such an established institution is including and focusing on MOVE in such a project and came to us for material is a good thing, a sign of changing times and attitudes. It will put a lot of attention on MOVE for people that we wouldn't regularly be in contact with. We encourage people to make time to see this exhibition.

There's an Opera, based on MOVE, opening on September 16th for six nights at the Wilma Theatre on south Broad St., The Avenue of The Arts. This is a prestigious area of the city and "Opera Philadelphia" is not a fly by night institution. The tickets for the opera, "We Shall Not Be Moved", sold out very quickly. Again, this opera connects us with an audience that we're not usually in connect with and therefore gives us a great opportunity to focus on The MOVE 9 and their 39 years of unjust imprisonment.

There are also a number of media projects (movies, mini-series, documentaries, docuseries, etc.) in the works about MOVE. MOVE members are not at all interested in being movie stars but we see these media projects as wonderful opportunities to focus a huge amount of attention on The MOVE 9 in a huge way and therefore a huge amount of pressure on officials to release our family. This is an amazing time and must be seized. As these projects unfold, we must take full advantage of them to gain the release of innocent MOVE members. These are prime opportunities to reach people that have not been reached before and we can't allow these opportunities go by without using them to our full advantage.

Finally, for those that don't already know, the historical marker about the 1985 bombing of MOVE is now installed at Osage Ave. & Cobbs Creek Pkwy. (63rd St.). Take a look, those of you in or near Philadelphia. Five uncompromising children accomplished in a year what adults had not accomplished in 32 years. Also, the movement across the country to bring down statues of racists has escalated the movement here in Philadelphia to bring down the statue of racist former mayor, Frank Rizzo (if you're too young to know who and what he was, research him). The vicious attitude of Trump and his cronies has really opened people's eyes, got people on their feet and in the streets.

Keep your eyes and ears open so you're on top of what's going on.

17 Sept - Running Down the Walls

WHAT: 5k Run/Walk/Jog/Bike

WHEN: 2:00-7:00pm, Sunday, September 17th

WHERE: Prospect Park– Lincoln Road/East Lake Drive, east of the Terrace Bridge

COST: \$10 registration (includes food and drinks afterwards)

MORE:

Every year, prisoners and supporters of political prisoners organize solidarity events with Running Down the Walls. In the last few years, we've had runs in Albuquerque (NM), Arcata (CA), Ashland (OR), Bellefonte (PA), Boston (MA), Buffalo (NY), Chico (CA), Denver (CO), Elmore (AL), Inez (KY), Los Angeles (CA), Marion (IL), Minneapolis (MN) New York (NY), USP Navosta (TX), Pelican Bay (CA), Phoenix (AZ), Tucson (AZ), Seattle (WA), and Toronto, Ontario. This year we hope to expand the amount of runs in prisons and other cities, as well as increase the amount of funds raised for community projects. NYC ABC's goal with this year's run is \$4,000. You can donate online by going to gumroad.com/nycabc

This year's run will take place on Sunday, September 17th at 2:00pm in solidarity and conjunction with runs that will take place in cities and prison yards across the country at the same time.

REGISTER AS, OR SPONSOR, A PARTICIPANT

To raise our goal of \$4,000, we need your support:

Promote – print and distribute this poster <<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/rdtw2017-copy.pdf>> and/or this flyer <<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/rdtw-2017-quarter-sheet.pdf>> to friends and local businesses, your doctor's office, laundromat, food co-op, wealthy benefactor, et cetera.

Run/walk/bike/roll in the 5k – We need participants who can run/walk/bike/roll the 5k and are able to collect financial pledges to offer as donations to the run. Download the brochure, complete with registration and sponsor form at https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/2017-participant_sponsor-brochure-back.pdf

Volunteer for the run – We need folks who are willing to staff a registration/literature table, hand out water, bike the route as street medics, and help chalk the route beforehand.

Donate online at gumroad.com/nycabc

Donate to the run/sponsor a participant – If you are not able to attend, but want to support this fundraising effort, please mail donations to:

NYC ABC

Post Office Box 110034

Brooklyn, New York 11211

Your donation of \$10 or more entitles you to the celebratory picnic after the event.

Each year, we split proceeds between the Anarchist Black Cross Federation's Warchest Program and a local organization. This year's partner group will be the 5 Borough Anti-Repression Committee (5BARC).

The Warchest Program:

The Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF) has initiated a program designed to send monthly checks to those Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War who have been receiving insufficient, little, or no financial support during their imprisonment. The Warchest program was initiated in November 1994. Its purpose is to collect monthly funds from groups and individual supporters, and send that money to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (PP/POW) via monthly checks. Over the last two decades, the ABCF warchest has dispensed over \$85,000 to political prisoners in the United States. Currently, there are ten imprisoned comrades who receive a monthly stipend as part of the program; they are:

David Gilbert, Hanif Bey, Herman Bell, Jaan Laaman, Jalil Muntaqim, Joseph Bowen, Malik Smith, Oso Blanco, Robert Seth Hayes, Ruchell Magee, Sundiata Acoli, Tom Manning, and Xinachtli (FKA Alvaro Luna Hernandez)

For more information, visit: abcf.net/warchest-program

5 Borough Anti-Repression Committee (5BARC):

The 5 Borough Anti-Repression Committee (5BARC) is dedicated to defending NYC #DisruptJ20 defendants who were mass arrested on inauguration day in Washington D.C. while protesting against everything Trump stands for. Each defendant now faces at least 8 felony charges which amount to 75 years in prison. 5BARC aims to build a local coalition of organized supporters who will voice their opposition to these absurd charges. #DISMISSJ20

From the Q train, get off at the Prospect Park stop. Walk to Lincoln Road and turn right into the park. We'll be about 700 feet away.