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Updates for November 28th

13 Nov - Solidarity with Lollo

On the night of Wednesday, October 18th, many people were arrested in the streets around Sonnenallee (Berlin), where people were expressing their solidarity with people under attack in Gaza.

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Amongst the arrested was an Italian person, who until now (November the 6th) is detained in the JVA Moabit.

Except the accusations which are raised against him, the reason to keep him in preventive detention is mainly because the judge doubted his address in Berlin.

In Germany in the last decades, the struggle of Palestinian people has been suppressed and their history distorted in the name of antisemitism. In a country with such a dark history, the demonization of the Palestinian struggle for liberation works as a tool for Germans and the Western world to wash out their guilt and cover their own antisemitism and Islamophobia, to sustain colonialist policies and establish their power worldwide. Practically that meant that Palestinian voices have been silenced, Palestinian struggles and culture criminalized and Palestinian organizations and days of remembrance have been banned. During the last months German politics have been getting more aggressive and this has led to the ban of any type of demonstration and solidarity with Palestinian realities.

This repression has made people spontaneously take the streets in Sonnenallee. The German state has reacted with a militarization of the area, random arrests and controls based on racial profiling, trying to create the image of "the dangerous Arab".

As anarchists, we do not support any fundamentalist organization and ideas. Instead, we stand with the oppressed people in Gaza, Berlin streets and everywhere else in this world and with Jewish people fighting the right-wing government in Israel.

13 Nov - LADISLAV KUC WILL BE FREE – DONATE TO HIS RELEASE FUND

Native activist Leonard Peltier is Ladislav Kuc was arrested in 2012, and sentenced to prison in 2014, for allegedly making explosives and bombing a McDonalds restaurant (where no one was hurt). longest-serving political prisoner in the U.S. history.

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via *UNOFFENSIVE ANIMAL*

After being incarcerated for 12 years, Ladislav's release date is in a couple of months. If all goes as planned, Ladislav will be released from prison in January 2024.

If you want to support Ladislav, you can donate to his release fund <fundrazr.com/027Cec>:

"...Ladislav has not been able to work or raise many funds since his incarceration and his family incurred significant expenses paying for his legal representation on the successful appeal. All donations will be sent to Ladislav to help him with basic expenses adjusting to life outside of prison and welcome him back with his family and community. Thank you for your generosity!"

14 Nov - Police Attack Protesters As Hundreds March Against Cop City in Atlanta, Halt Construction

Press release on recent mobilization against Cop City in so-called Atlanta that was attacked by police.

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On Monday morning, a bold and joyful procession of roughly 500 people marched along a public road to the proposed Cop City construction site. Holding banners and giant puppets, and accompanied by drummers and a brass band, Block Cop City activists reclaimed Atlanta's rich civil rights legacy from politicians who continue to tarnish it with every voter disenfranchised and each tear gas canister thrown. Despite the violent response by police, activists minimized arrests and harm through careful planning, extensive preparation, and close attention to lessons learned from generations of revolutionary struggles against repression and authoritarianism.

The march began with a festive gathering in Gresham Park where participants adopted an explicit commitment to nonviolence and heard from Kamau Franklin (Executive Director of Atlanta-based Community Movement Builders) and Joel Paez (father of Tortuguita, a forest defender murdered by police in the forest in January).

"Now is not a time for cowardice. You are either with the oppressed or with the oppressors. You are either with the people or the pigs. You cannot stand in the middle. You cannot be on both sides. You cannot close your eyes to the terror of policing that happens in this world," stated Kamau Franklin. "We are going to continue defending the forest. We are going to continue defending the legacy of Tortuguita. We are family. You are my family," said Joel Paez.

Once the march was underway it took less than an hour for the police to declare it illegal, just as they did in 1965 during the March from Selma to Montgomery. Despite numerous stated commitments from religious leaders and city officials to honor the right to protest, armed riot police terrorized the crowd with tear gas grenades, attack dogs, clubs and ballistic shields.

"We just witnessed overt violations of our civil rights on a road named after the U.S. Constitution. Atlanta claims itself to be a civil rights hub, but it erases its own legacy when protests arise that confront the power of politicians and police. The police's violence against protestors today affirms our belief that Cop City must never be built," said Mary Hooks, field secretary for the Movement for Black Lives

As other protestors took to planting tree saplings in the Weelaunee Forest, journalists were forcibly separated from the crowd and threatened with arrest by police. We condemn this infringement of these journalists' rights as well as the arrest of protestors including the Indigenous activists arrested while visiting Tortuguita's altar in the Weelaunee Forest over the weekend.

The movement to Stop Cop City and Defend the Atlanta Forest is undeterred by today's police aggression and is planning a press conference and vigil at the Dekalb County Jail at 8PM. Additional vigils were also held at the Atlanta City Detention Center and Rice Street Fulton County Jail where arraigned RICO defendants are expected to be released on Monday.

Sam Beard, Block Cop City spokesperson stated, "The City of Atlanta's actions against this movement under the leadership of Andre Dickens have been draconian but we remain committed to the opposite: building a world free of police violence and repression where all of us can thrive."

16 Nov - Update on Belarusian anarchist prisoners

Here are some updates from Belarusian anarchist prisoners from October.

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On 12 October, Ryta Zotava and Mikita Khilkevich were released from imprisonment upon serving their full terms. They had been sentenced to 2 years of imprisonment for pasting of stickers produced by Pramien anarchist collective. The third defendant in the case, Vadzim Dzenisenka, continues to serve his term which is 6 months longer.

In mid-October it became publicly known that Tamaz Pipija had been placed into a punitive isolation cell. The term of isolation and the formal reason are not known. The administrators of the penal institution had threatened Tamaz to transfer him to a prison regime upon the end of punitive isolation. During his imprisonment, Tamaz significantly lost weight. He had been detained in September 2020 and later sentenced to 5 years of imprisonment for a participation in demonstrations in August and September 2020.

On the third anniversary of arrest of anarcho-partisans, telegram channel Pravo na vosstanie (The Right to Insurrect) published the last word of anarchist Siarhei Ramanau pronounced in the court on 13 December 2021. It took three years to smuggle this speech outside of the courtroom. ABC Belarus reprinted the speech (in Russian): <https://abc-belarus.org/2023/10/29/slovo-v-sude-sergeya-romanova/>

On 19 October, Lukashenka signed a decree on the closure of the penal colony nr. 5 in Ivacevičy and on creation of a 'work-therapy preventorium' in its place. The closure must take place in no more than three months. According to data of *DissidentBy*, there are five political prisoners in this penal institution, including Aliaksandr Frantskevich*.

* *ABC-Belarus supports Frantskevich as a political prisoner while criticizing his political practice at the same time.*

18 Nov - Illustrated Guide Version 16.9 Uploaded!

nycabc.wordpress.com/2023/11/18/guide_16_9

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We've finished the latest version of the NYC ABC "Illustrated Guide to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War" and it's available for viewing (and download) by visiting the link at the top of this post. This update includes updated mini-bios, photos, and address changes for several prisoners.

19 Nov - Remembering the Life and Times of Revolutionary and former Political Prisoner, Ed Mead

A memorial and look-back at the life of former political prisoner and activist, Ed Mead.

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"Regardless of when a general change in political consciousness may come to the U.S., the fact remains that the march of history and the forces of progress are on our side. Through the process of our struggle, we will make important changes right now, changes that will also help to propel that much needed rise in consciousness right here in the belly of the beast."

— Ed Mead (1941–2023)

On November 6, 2023, lifelong abolitionist, writer, fighter, and former political prisoner Ed Mead joined the ancestors. Ed died at home, on his 82nd birthday, after almost a decade of battling late-stage lung cancer. Born in 1941, in Santa Monica, California, to Ramona (Ona) Irene Mead and Edward Leo Mead, Ed was the second oldest of six siblings.

Ed Mead did not live a conventional life. As his lifelong friend and comrade, Mark Cook, is fond of saying, Ed spent his life "kicking ass for the working class." After spending much of his youth in reform "schools" and detention centers along the Pacific coast, Ed became politicized in prison in the 1960s. He was a founding member of the George Jackson Brigade, a revolutionary guerilla underground organization based in the Pacific Northwest in the mid-to-late 1970s. Ed spent 35 years of his life in prisons, 18 of which were for his political actions as a member of the George Jackson Brigade.

A brief bio for an essay Ed wrote in the 2024 Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners calendar reads, "I was once a young man doing life on the installment plan, well on my way to becoming just another crime statistic. Then something changed, I became rights conscious. I no longer identified as a criminal, instead I came to identify as a prisoner rights activist. With the passage of time and a lot of effort, I morphed again; I became class conscious—I became a communist. These changes were not sudden, they

involved years of struggle and difficult study. The one thread throughout the years of change was political struggle on the inside and studying the writings of early revolutionaries. This is the path for those of you who will no longer accept the things you cannot change and are instead changing the things you cannot accept.”

While in prison for his part in armed struggle, Ed helped to form Men Against Sexism (MAS) at Walla Walla State Penitentiary in Washington. With other comrades, Ed helped to put an end to prisoner-on-prisoner sexual assault and other forms of abuse at Walla Walla. He also helped to form the Committee to Safeguard Prisoners’ Rights at Arizona State Prison. He was a seasoned jailhouse lawyer and a committed organizer within the prison walls. While imprisoned, Ed was a prodigious journalist. He co-founded and wrote for the Red Dragon in the 1970s, The Abolitionist in the 1980s (different from the contemporary newspaper of that name), and Prison Legal News, which still exists and is the longest running newspaper produced by and for current and former prisoners in the United States.

Once released from prison in 1993, Ed worked tirelessly with revolutionary organizations and prisoner support groups, including but not limited to the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, the Attica Brothers Legal Defense Committee, the Seattle chapter of the National Jericho Movement, All of Us or None, and the National Lawyers Guild. Ed created the Free Mark Cook Organizing Committee and worked relentlessly to free his comrade Mark Cook, who was finally released in 2000. He also founded Prison Art, a nonprofit website that provided a platform for prisoners to sell their crafts and artwork. And he continued to write about prison conditions and prisoner resistance. He wrote for California Prison Focus, founded The Rock to support California prisoners on hunger strike, co-created the prison newsletter The Kite, and Prison Covid newsletter to track the pandemic in prison in 2020–2021. Ed believed changing prisons will come from the prisoners themselves. This belief motivated his work on publications featuring prisoner journalism and communications.

In 2016, Mead donated his papers to the University of Washington Libraries to be accessed by researchers, students, activists, and others. The collection, which forms the basis of something now called the Washington Prison History Project, includes several prisoner-run newsletters and lawsuits that Mead participated in. It also included the programming code for the Warden Game, a computer game Ed designed in prison in the mid-1980s after the Washington Department of Corrections introduced computers on a limited capacity in prisons. (A playable version of the game, based on Ed’s original code, is on the WPHP site.) Ed was later able to use the computer skills he taught himself inside to gain employment as a technical engineer for several different agencies.

Ed published the zine, *The Theory and Practice of Armed Struggle in the Northwest: A Historical Analysis* (Kersplebedeb, 2007), and the book *Lumpen: The Autobiography of Ed Mead* (Kersplebedeb, 2015). Some of his organizing in Washington prisons is also captured in the books *Concrete Mama: Prison Profiles from Walla Walla* (originally published by University of Missouri Press, 1981), *Guerrilla USA: The George Jackson Brigade and the Anticapitalist Underground of the 1970s* (University of California Press, 2010), and *Creating a Movement with Teeth: A Documentary History of the George Jackson Brigade* (PM Press, 2010), as well as in dozens of talks and interviews he conducted over the years. He can be seen in the film *The Gentleman Bank Robber: The Story of Butch Lesbian Freedom Fighter Rita Bo Brown* (2017). Along with Mark Cook, Ed also has an interview in the forthcoming book *Rattling the Cages: Oral Histories of North American Political Prisoners* (AK Press, due out in December 2023).

In the Postscript to *Lumpen*, Ed wrote, “Let me tell you what my mama told me. She said the Earth should be a better place to live as a result of you having passed through. It took me a long while to internalize that message, although I do think the world is a slightly better place as a result of my having been here.” We agree with Ed—the world is a better place because of his lifetime of struggle and sacrifice. Ed Mead Presente!

19 Nov - Fireworks at HMP Bristol for Imprisoned Anarchist Toby Shone + Moved to HMP Garth

Anarchists gathered at HMP Bristol on Friday 21 September at 8pm. As darkness fell, fireworks were launched over the prison to protest the rearrest of anarchist Toby Shone and to let him know he is never alone.

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via Dark Nights

Toby was arrested by an armed police unit while he was driving to Gloucester at 9am on Tuesday 19 September. The arrest was apparently ordered by Ashley Fussell from the National Security Division Wales and South West. The armed police unit is based at Bamfurlong, Gloucestershire, and was involved in Toby's original arrest in November 2020.

Toby was arrested and recalled to prison for alleged breach of license conditions. He is accused of having an unauthorized phone and of attending an "anti-state" dinner and letter-writing night for anarchist prisoners held by Bristol Anti-Repression Campaign at BASE Social Centre in August. These alleged breaches apparently warranted an arrest by an armed counter-terrorist unit. The cops want him to serve the remainder of his sentence which means he will not be released until November 11, 2024.

Toby had just been released from the Approved Premises in Gloucester where he had been forced to live since getting out of prison at the end of December last year. Probation could no longer make a case for keeping Toby there under extreme curfew as the hostel needed the room and also didn't understand why he was still there. He had been in his new flat in the Forest of Dean for just 9 days.

Donations to his support fund can be made to The Bottled Wasp which can be found at brightonabc.org.uk/bottledwasp.html

Imprisoned anarchist Toby Shone has been moved 265 kilometres from his home in Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire and nearly 300 kilometres from support in Bristol to HMP Garth in Leyland, a high security prison near Manchester. Despite being in the resettlement part of his sentence, a vengeful probation and counter-terror team are attempting to isolate Toby from his perceived support base and loved ones in the south of the country and deliberately place him at risk of harm in a notoriously violent Category B prison for those serving sentences of 10 years or more. Probation has demanded Toby serve the rest of his sentence which is just short of 13 months, due for release on 11 November 2024.

Toby was imprisoned in Wandsworth, Bristol and G4S Prison Parc for nearly two years accused of being the administrator of counter-information project 325.nostate.net. After the political prosecution failed and the cops had to drop the case 5 days before trial in October 2021, Toby received a sentence of 3 years 9 months for possession of psychedelic medicines. He was released on 28 December 2022 under heavy restrictions (license conditions) overseen by a multi-agency team (MAPPA) including the National Security Division (counter-terror) and was forced to live in a filthy bail hostel in Gloucester for 9 months. He had just moved back into a flat in the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire when, on the morning of 19 September 2023, he was pulled over and arrested by an armed police unit a few miles from the city of Gloucester. He was accused of being in possession of an [unauthorized] phone and attending a dinner and prisoner letter writing night at BASE anarchist social centre in Bristol in August.

Toby continues to be held as a TACT (Terrorist) prisoner despite being proclaimed Not Guilty of any terrorist offence by a High Court Judge in a court of law in October 2021.

November 22nd - Update

Toby Shone, currently incarcerated in Category B prison HMP Garth, is receiving no mail – including his legal mail from his lawyers – and any money being sent into him to be added to his prison account is being restricted to only those persons on his approved contact list. If you are intending to send him a letter, it is

suggested that you send you message via **emailprisoner.com**, which he is currently able to receive. If you want to send him money and are not on his approved contact list, Toby suggests you send it to his support group (bank account details below).

If you have sent him mail, books, etc. at HMP Garth and have not received a reply, Toby asks that you contact Brighton ABC [**brightonabc@riseup.net**] so that you can be added to the complaint that his lawyers are putting together to challenge the prison's actions.

20 Nov - International Call For New Year's Eve Noise Demonstrations

Call from the NYC chapter of the Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) for noise demonstrations this New Year's Eve (NYE).

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This is a call for a raucous night of strong solidarity with those imprisoned by the state on one of the noisiest nights of the year. On New Year's Eve gather your crew, collective, community, organization, or just yourself and come together to raise a racket and remind those on the inside that they are not alone.

Internationally, noise demonstrations outside of prisons are a way to remember those who are held captive by the state and a way to show solidarity with imprisoned comrades and loved ones. We come together to break the loneliness and isolation.

We know that prison is beyond reform and must be completely abolished. It is a mechanism of repression used by the state to maintain a social order rooted in white supremacy, patriarchy, and heteronormativity. To come together outside of the sites of repression is to also stand in defiance of what they represent.

The logic of the state and capital—of punishment and imprisonment, must be replaced by a rejection of oppression and exploitation. This call is one step in that direction.

Wherever you are, meet on New Year's Eve at the prisons, jails, and detention centers, be loud in solidarity with those imprisoned and to push forward the idea of a world free from domination.

We send this call in solidarity with those defying state repression of large scale dissent: from anarchists in Chile to Atlanta to Russia and all of those in the spaces between.

We want a world without walls and borders.

We will fight together until everyone is free!

20 Nov - Anarchist Prisoner/Okupa Che Member Jorge "Yorch" Esquivel Interview

There is a great interview with political prisoner Yorch. It's too long to reprint here, but it's available online <tiny.cc/YorchIGD> and as a zine <tiny.cc/YorchZine>.

20 Nov - Pola Roupa Released from Prison

Revolutionary Struggle guerrilla, Pola Roupa, has been released from custody in Greece.

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via *Abolition Media*

Revolutionary Struggle was at the forefront of the anarchist communist struggle in the internationalist revolutionary movement. They were an organization who acted clearly, methodically, and intelligently in response to the onslaught of capitalism in the unipolar moment, and the repression they faced had local and global ramifications.

Pola was granted conditional release due to having a young child, but her partner and fellow revolutionary Nikos Maziotis remains in enemy captivity.

Below we will publish Pola's statement since her release:

"November 17, 2023. 50 years since the 1973 Polytechnic uprising and I was released.

After 7 years of consecutive imprisonment (arrested on 5/1/2017), 8.5 years together with pre-trial detention (arrested on 10/4/2010) and 13.5 years in total, the sentence I served for my participation in the Revolutionary Struggle, I was released from prison. The symbolism of the day was strong as this year's November 17 marks the 50th anniversary of the Polytechnic uprising of 1973. On such a day, everyone remembers the dead of the Polytechnic but also all those who fell in the struggle for freedom.

In my mind, such a day was dominated by the memory of our dead comrade in the Revolutionary Struggle of Lambros Foudas. But in my thoughts is also comrade Nikos Maziotis who, despite the fact that he has served 11 years of 'closed' prison and 14 years of mixed prison – a period of time that is too long for a 20-year sentence -, the judicial councils of Lamia refuse to release him.

It is now clear that a unique status of exception has been imposed on Nikos Maziotis as no prisoner with similar cases (charges based on 187 A) and with similar sentences (that is, there is no life sentence) has remained in prison for a long, long time.

This exemption regime based on political criteria and motives and which in practice nullifies the institution of parole which according to the law is mandatory and not 'gratuitous,' is not left to the personal will of the respective judge, this exemption regime it has to stop. In addition to the flagrant violation of his rights, this special exemption regime is reminiscent of a junta-style treatment of a political prisoner.

After spending so many years in prisons, it would be a lie if I said that I am not thinking about the many dozens of female prisoners we lived together. On the occasion of the – I believe by mistake – publications that 'found' that I was released from prison because I am the mother of a minor child, I have to say that in addition to the fact that I have already served the years of detention required for parole, there is no provision by no penal code discharge a prisoner on parole because she is the mother of a minor child. Only article 105 of the Criminal Code of 2019 provides for home detention for mothers with children under the age of 8, a measure that is not particularly applied.

Having lived with women for many years, I know that most of them have a central role as caregivers for people such as minor children, the elderly, the sick, the disabled, and their prolonged detention has a terrible impact on the lives of those who live alone. without their help.

Conditional dismissal for mothers of minors and for women who take care of categories of people such as those I mentioned above, is a provision whose absence from the criminal code demonstrates that the legislators do not take into account the pivotal position of women-caretakers in social life. It is a shortage that often costs lives."

21 Nov - New Essay by Eric King

Eric is in a step-down program at ADX in Florence and the below is an essay he submitted as part of the program.

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It was determined it would be unconstitutional to release someone from ADX-level-deprivation to the streets, so the ADX created a special unit for people within a year of their release. They are supposed to be able to earn privileges to help them adjust to the outside world. They have specialized caseworkers that help them know what kind of programming they're eligible for, they can get phone calls, they can get snacks, they can earn a lot of things.

Eric has not been OFFERED any programming.

Through other prisoners, Eric found out about a program in which he could write essays for treats and submit them to psych. (As a reward for this essay, Eric requested "sugary cereal pls.")

***It's cute every time we submit one of these essays to talk about just the audacity of where he is, and what he is writing these for. It's nothing but laughable what pre-release preparation looks like at the Federal supermax ADX Florence. We talk about how it was deemed not okay to release someone due to the streets directly from the ADX. What this means for Eric now... is a little more than just essays. And non-existent pre-release programming. The reality is what the bureau of prisons is going to do (so that way they don't deprive him in such a way he is released directly to the streets) is place him at USP Florence where multiple people who were involved in his original assault and torture. Both on and off camera where he was repeatedly choked and smothered while fully 4-point restrained. He was left almost naked with no bathroom for 7 hours. 3 to 4 hours of this video tape has been deleted. And even without the jury being aware of the four pointing and torture he was acquitted for the attempted charges of assault on lieutenant Wilcox. Now for one day he gets to be placed at the prison where this man's son works and various other people involved. Because it would be deprivations to just release him to the streets...

This day, these 24 hours that stand between him and freedom are heavily on his mind. The white gang politics at this prison are intense. If you look in Pacer the lawsuits are abhorrent. And often involve guards turning their backs and letting prisoners take care of business...

Beyond this

This 24 hours that stand between him and freedom...was supposed to happen last February. Prisoners are allowed up to a year and a halfway house and through the covid pandemic the standard has been such. However, the prisons are so grossly understaffed, the ADX specifically such an extreme that if the person who reads his mail goes on vacation, if the person who schedules phone calls goes on vacation, if the person who is responsible for his pre-release paperwork goes on vacation... It does not get done. Because the ADX does not have enough staff to have backup security officers for prisoners. This is the unit that holds some of the most notorious federal prisoners in the United States. And almost every position, is unique and the ones that are assigned to provide enrichment to prisoners, to help them program, to get them phone calls, to help in any way... DO NOT HAVE TRAINED BACKUPS... These prisoners just go without.

These prisoners are completely reliant on one person to get the job done.... The bureau of prisons has so grossly negligently understaffed these prisons that it's not all grudges and closets. Sometimes it's just procrastination and vacations.

Eric was eligible for a halfway house in February. The bureau of prisons did nothing to help communication with us probation so that way Eric could be accepted to serve his probation in Colorado. His May halfway house date was thrown in the trash. After months long delay thankfully, he finally was able to be in contact with us probation who have been nothing but supportive in his journey towards release. When US probation finally accepted his placement, he was given October 12th as a halfway house date. He grieved and celebrated this with his family. However, the person assigned to do the job and submit the application did not submit it properly and accidentally submitted paperwork to the halfway house saying he has an active warrant which is not accepted in a halfway house. The halfway house communicated with the employee saying that once the warden signs off on the new application that they were allowed to call the halfway house to get a new date because they were incredibly overbooked right now and Eric had waited long enough. 2 days. That's how long it was going to take for the warden signature. 3-4 weeks was the reality by that point he barely has a date by the end of the year. He may have 2 months in the halfway house.

Eric has had a job offer since April to train and work as a paralegal. He has pretty urgent medical needs that is costing the bureau of prisons a pretty penny. He's almost to the point where he gets to have a CT scan to see whether the asbestos in the segregation unit visiting room at FCI Englewood permanently damaged his lungs. And if that is what's causing the growth in his lymph nodes that he has been trying to get help for for years. He had a surgery scheduled however it was canceled by a nurse at USP Lee after his victory at trial. (in the same 24 hours she added an alert to his medical file that can be seen on every page, saying that this

prisoner likes to hit lieutenants with closed fists.) He has had senate intervention. He has had call in campaigns. He has had the bureau of prisons bring him to hack doctors that order scans on the wrong sides and tells him he should just do yoga.

(funny story actually. This nurse signed his paperwork transfer order to ADX Florence. The federal supermax prison that involves a secretive internal court procedure, an obscenely long application and months of waiting to get designated...the day he arrived at USP Lee. The bureau of prisons wants to talk about how carefully they place people at ADX Florence, however Eric's hearing was nothing but ceremonial. His transfer order had been signed months prior by the same nurse that canceled his surgery after he was acquitted for the assault was Donald Wilcox.

The harm that was caused to Eric though was minimal in comparison. Eric has met since his arrival so many souls at this prison who cannot say this... And then there's the people no one is ever going to meet again besides their lawyers and us born blood relatives. The prisoners on special administrative measures. One can't help but wonder how many of those prisoners had a stamped ticket for travel to the ADX before their hearing wherever completed.

Eric lost 10 months. Which is nothing compared to everyone else in that building. However, it did directly affect his health...

During all this time he could be seen outside doctors. He could be working. He could be getting used to life outside deprivation. However, he is not. He is not because the bureau of prison believes that in the most secure prison in the nation it is not pertinent to have someone trained as a backup for every position 🙌♂

So as cute as it is to laugh at how ridiculous pre-release programming is, the bureau of prisons pre-release programming that they have planned for Eric is to place him somewhere that could potentially put his life in danger. All while stealing days weeks and months of his life. He has not had a disciplinary infection for years. He has done nothing that might warrant the treatment he has received.

After that horrific reality check, we want to balance it out with a really beautiful article from Eric.

Arrowhead

When I was in elementary school, my mom worked as a bid coordinator for a food distribution company. In gratitude for securing great deals, one of her clients gifted her with Chief's season tickets. She probably would've preferred money, or a raise, but for me this was life changing.

Being poor in KC meant you were a world away from live games. You'd have the game on TV, muted, listening to Mitch & Len on the radio broadcast, rocking counterfeit hats and shirts. Now I'd be going live, the only kid in my circle who'd ever been.

My mom—unsurprisingly—chose all the warm games, which was fine by me. I'd be going during the play off push. Mom was in a serious relationship that would turn into a very happy marriage to a person I considered—and still consider—to be my dad, Jim. He'd be my chaperone, a task he excelled at.

Match day was a total event. We'd start early to get me prepped for the painfully cold KC winters. T-shirt, long-John shirt, sweater, jacket, long-John pants, 3 socks, sweat pants and snow pants, hand-warmers in my gloves, pockets and shoes. We wouldn't drive to the games; instead, we'd drive to the bowling alley in North KC where people would be tailgating, boozing, gabbing. I loved it. When our bus arrived, it was my job to remember our bus number so we could catch the same one on the return. Most likely it didn't matter, but it made me feel trusted and important.

There are few moments in life more exhilarating than arriving at a stadium on match day. I fell in love. Not just with the Chiefs, but with live sports, local teams, big events, the thrill of common goals and shared experiences. These early experiences helped shape my entire life and personality. The games were amazing. I got to see Derrick Thomas, Marcus Allen, I even got to meet Len Dawson once. The crowds' joy was my joy, our rage united, our hatred of Elway made us family. I got to scream, cuss, chant "We're gonna beat the hell out you, You, YOU! You You You!!" I felt alive and a part of something bigger. We won, we celebrated. We lost.

The results mattered, but most importantly was spending time with Jim. I felt included and loved. It was our thing together—freezing half to death together. We were a family. My mom had those tickets for about seven or eight years, and not once did match games become a chore. The last match I went to was during the 2014 season. I got tickets from my ex's uncle and took a friend who'd never been before. It was the only time I've ever been and not had fun. We were playing the Dolphins, coldest game of my life, stadium half empty, and my friend complaining the entire time.

To me, the Chiefs aren't some team. They're my family history. They are bbqs and nachos with family and friends, halftime pick-up games in the driveway, bonding and sharing it together. This is what I want to share with my girls, this love and joy, a family tradition, an inclusion into something special. Kansas City forever.

21 Nov - Hridindu Roychowdhury pleads guilty to firebombing Wisconsin anti-abortion group office

The following is corporate media, so please read it with a critical eye.

MORE:

via *The Associated Press*

A man accused of firebombing an anti-abortion office in Wisconsin last year has pleaded guilty to a federal charge of damaging property with explosives.

Online court records show Hridindu Roychowdhury, of Madison, entered the plea Monday in the Western District of Wisconsin. He will face up to 20 years in prison when he's sentenced on Dec. 1, but prosecutors have agreed to recommend the judge reduce his sentence because he has accepted responsibility for the crime.

According to court documents, someone broke a window at the Madison office of Wisconsin Family Action on May 8, 2022, six days after news outlets reported that the U.S. Supreme Court was set to overturn *Roe vs. Wade*, the landmark 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

The reports sparked abortion rights supporters to mount protests across the country. Two Catholic churches in Colorado were vandalized in the days leading up to the Madison firebombing. And someone threw Molotov cocktails into an anti-abortion organization's office in a suburb of Salem, Oregon, several days later.

The U.S. Supreme Court did indeed overturn *Roe v. Wade* a little more than a month later, putting Wisconsin's 1849 ban on abortion back in play. A Dane County judge this past August ruled that the state's ban doesn't apply to medical abortions, prompting Planned Parenthood to resume offering abortions in the state weeks later.

Someone threw two Molotov cocktails through the broken window, setting a book case on fire, and spraypainted "If abortions aren't safe then you aren't either" on the office's outside wall.

Firefighters extinguished the fire. Investigators pulled Roychowdhury's DNA as well as two other people's DNA from the Molotov cocktails and the broken window. DNA that investigators pulled from a half-eaten

burrito that Roychowdhury threw away matched one of the profiles. Court documents do not say whether investigators have used the two unknown DNA profiles to identify anyone.

Police arrested Roychowdhury at Boston International Airport in March 2023. He had a one-way ticket to Guatemala, according to prosecutors.

Roychowdhury's attorneys, Joseph Bugni and Alex Vlisides, didn't immediately respond to an email Tuesday seeking comment.

26 Nov - Statement on the Recent Arrests in Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón

Statement from Miguel Peralta's Support Group following the recent arrests of three more community members from Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón, Oaxaca.

MORE:

The Indigenous Mazatec community of Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón is a factory where they manufacture crimes through a combination of political party-caciquismo, state corruption, impunity, and indolence.

Since 2010, Indigenous women, men, children, and elders of the municipality of Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón, in the state of Oaxaca, have been under siege by a cacique group led by Elisa Zepeda Lagunas and her father Manuel Zepeda Cortés.

The cacique family has utilized their different political positions at the municipal and state levels to orchestrate the continued persecution in complicity with different levels of government in Oaxaca, the judicial power of Oaxaca, and the legislative power at the state and national levels.

For thirteen years the people of Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón have seen their right to live in freedom and peace trampled on. The community fabric has been unraveled by the systemic repression that the state has permitted and participated in.

The tolerance of the persecution against the Mazatec people of Nguixó is outrageous. They have faced political imprisonment, arrest warrants, fabrication of crimes, half-century prison sentences—like that which was imposed twice on Miguel Peralta—public accusations, harassment, and media attacks.

It is shameless the way the Zepeda Laguna cacique family has used the three branches of government—executive, legislative, and mainly judicial—to prevent community organization. The racism is evident against Indigenous peoples who defend their own forms of representation, their natural resources, and their territory. That is to say, their right to live.

Until when? What more? How many more arrests are they going to carry out for fabricated crimes? How many more acts of torture are they going to allow? How many more freedoms do they intend to snatch away? Their lies do not have any substance. It is clear that they govern tyrannically, and that political persecution is the method chosen by Elisa Zepeda, her cacique group, and her family, to impose themselves in the Sierra Mazateca and the state of Oaxaca. In the face of all this, we continue making noise to demand:

End the persecution in all its repressive forms against the Mazatec people of Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón! Immediate freedom for Jaime Viduaria, Artemio Viduaria, Ranulfo Viduaria, Alfredo Bolaños, Fernando Gavito, Francisco Durán, Paul Reyes, and Marcelino Miramón! Absolute freedom for Herminio Monfil, Jaime Betanzos, and Miguel Peralta!

Enough already of the impunity and simulation of justice! The state's justice only serves those in power. All of the arrests carried out against the compañerxs of Nguixó have been illegal because the crimes for which they are accused don't exist. What exists is manipulation, and criminalization against those who

resist in Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón, both inside and outside the community, in the streets, in the encampments, in the mobilizations, in the prisons, in persecution, in exile from the community.

Freedom for all the Prisoners, Persecuted, and Processed of Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón!

28 Nov - Virtual Fundraiser & Tribute to Our Baba Sekou Odinga

WHAT: Revolutionary Support for a Revolutionary Leader

WHEN: 7:00pm, Wednesday, November 29th

WHERE: [youtube.com/@BlackPowerMedia](https://www.youtube.com/@BlackPowerMedia)

COST: FREE, but it's a fundraiser so empty your wallet!

MORE:

Revolutionaries do not receive a pension, they generally do not have social security allotments, they don't have supplemental income. Our aging revolutionaries, those who have placed their liberty and lives in jeopardy for the freedom and liberation of oppressed peoples, don't have health insurance and often depend on medicaid or medicare for medical assistance.

Sekou Odinga, age 79, is a Black Panther Party/Black Liberation Army Veteran, former u.s. held Political Prisoner, Freedom Fighter, husband, son, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and Patriarch of our Community.

Sekou was hospitalized on September 3, 2023 for serious health complications and released to a rehabilitation facility. He has suffered from medical complications and has returned to the hospital a couple of times. Sekou is now back in the rehabilitation center and receiving therapy and the additional support that he requires.

This Virtual Fundraiser and Tribute is to support Sekou's therapeutic Rehabilitation and Healing, as well as to support his wife, dequi and his family as they support him. This speaks not only to the love and beauty of this struggle, but also exposes the socio-economic deprivation that the majority of Black People suffer, and the need for universal health care for all.

5 Dec - RAPP's 10th Anniversary Gala

WHAT: Gala

WHEN: 6:30pm, Tuesday, December 5th

WHERE: Threes Brewing Gowanus - 333 Douglass Street, Brooklyn 11217

COST: Tickets from \$125 <tiny.cc/RAPP_Gala>

MORE:

RAPP's "10 Years of Family and Freedom" Gala celebrates a decade of achievements, recognizes leaders in the field, and pays heartfelt tribute to the cherished memories of those we hold dear. Join us for a reception and ceremony in honor of community resilience, family, freedom, and love.

To make a tax-deductible donation by check, make your check out to RAPP's fiscal sponsor, SEE; write "For RAPP Campaign" in the memo line.

8 Dec - UP AGAINST THE WALL MOTHERFUCKER

WHAT: Book launch

WHEN: 7:00pm, Friday, December 8th

WHERE: PIT Records & Books, 411 South 5th Street, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

MORE:

The title says it all! Ben Morea is hosting the launch of his new book and if you are able, you should be there.

10 Dec - MACC Care Assembly

WHAT: Assembly

WHEN: 3:00pm, Sunday, December 10th

WHERE: PIT Records & Books, 411 South 5th Street, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

MORE:

SCHEDULE:

- o Self-defense class Muay Thai Martial arts training - no experience necessary, show up at 3 pm
- o Political education session
- o Care exchange & a community meal

What is the care exchange? As we sit down to share a meal we check in and exchange our requests and offers, in the spirit of mutual aid. Requests – do you need help with anything? Offers – do you have any skills, time, or resources to offer? This is a conversation to help facilitate building and maintaining relationships among us by identifying needs and sharing what we can in solidarity.

For COVID safety: Show a negative rapid test; free tests will be provided at the door.

10 Dec - Send Love Through the Walls

WHAT: Card Party

WHEN: 5:00pm, Sunday, December 10th

WHERE: Woodbine - 585 Woodward Avenue, Queens

COST: FREE

MORE:

Resistance in Brooklyn, in conjunction with the Spirit of Mandela coalition, the People's Senate Northeast, and our comrades of the WOODBINE collective happily invite you to another year of SENDING LOVE THROUGH THE WALLS

Our annual holiday card-writing party to US political prisoners (and some international prisoners as well, this year from Palestine, Rojava, Eritrea, & beyond). For more info: resistanceinbrooklyn.ows@gmail.com

10 Dec - Black & Pink Holiday Card Party

WHAT: Card Party

WHEN: 5:30pm, Sunday, December 10th

WHERE: Mayday Space - 176 Saint Nicholas Avenue, Brooklyn, 11237

COST: FREE

MORE:

Join Black & Pink NYC on Dec. 10 for our annual holiday card party and a celebration of 5 years of our chapter formation, in collaboration with Mayday Space! We will send holiday cards (made by some of our incarcerated members) to 300+ inside members in NY, NJ, and CT, and there will be performances and food. All are welcome to come and go as they wish.

We will also be kicking off our five-year anniversary by trying to raise \$10,000 for our inside members! You can support our fundraising efforts via a ticket donation.

Nobody will be turned away for lack of funds