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Updates for April 30<sup>th</sup>

### **15 Apr - Indigenous Leaders Call for Compassionate Release of Leonard Peltier**

*In light of the severe health conditions and medical needs of longtime Indigenous political prisoner Leonard Peltier, NDN Collective and Native Organizers Alliance are asking Attorney General Merrick Garland to free Peltier through compassionate release.*

#### **MORE:**

by Jordynn Paz (*NDN Collective*)

"At the 2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit, Attorney General Merrick Garland stood in front of hundreds of Tribal leaders and committed to make Native American civil rights a priority to the Biden administration," said Nick Tilsen, President and CEO of NDN Collective. "Supporting the compassionate release of Leonard Peltier after nearly five decades of imprisonment would be a clear signal that he intends to make good on that promise.

"Peltier's civil rights were violated repeatedly throughout his prosecution and imprisonment. His continued incarceration should be considered cruel and unusual punishment," continued Tilsen. "Will Attorney General Garland be known for being humane and releasing Leonard Peltier, or for letting him die behind bars on his watch? One of these choices will absolutely be a part of Garland's legacy. Given the recognition of the many prosecutorial and constitutional violations from every level of those involved in his prosecution, the only morally and legally sound action is to release Leonard Peltier now. Every single moment matters."

"We are asking the Department of Justice to support the compassionate release of Leonard Peltier," said Judith LeBlanc, Executive Director of Native Organizers Alliance. "As the longest-serving political prisoner in the United States, Leonard has become a symbol of resilience. At a time when democratic values are being questioned, the DOJ should take action as he nears the end of his life and allow him to return to his family and his ancestral homeland. We implore the DOJ to grant Peltier compassionate release."

NDN Collective has been actively organizing for the release of Leonard Peltier for years, including leading a caravan from Rapid City, SD to Washington, DC last year where they rallied outside the White House.

### **April 16<sup>th</sup> - Leonard Peltier United Nations Urgent Appeal**

On April 12, 2024, Jenipher Jones Esq., a lead attorney for Leonard Peltier's post-conviction legal efforts, filed a Request for Communications with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and the United Nations Special Procedures group, asking for communications to the United States regarding the denial of urgently needed medical care and an immediate investigation of the abuses and human rights violations habitually taking place in the nation's prisons.

Mr. Peltier, nearly 80 years old, has now been incarcerated in federal prison for 48 years related to a crime he didn't commit. He is an elder with serious medical issues, including a heart condition, kidney disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, degenerative joint disease, painful injuries to his jaw, and recent vision loss. Each of these conditions requires immediate and ongoing medical care. However, the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) is not properly addressing Leonard's medical issues. Leonard needs to see an eye specialist without further delay and receive medical treatment for his other ailments.

Furthermore, medical professionals have already determined that USP Coleman I, a maximum-security prison on persistent extremely restrictive lockdowns, where Leonard is currently incarcerated, cannot

adequately meet his medical needs. This neglect puts him at serious risk of harm and amounts to a sentence of Death by Incarceration (DBI).

Attorney Jones states, "The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has already expressed that Mr. Peltier's incarceration by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons constitutes an arbitrary detention under relevant international provisions. We hope that the Special Procedures declare similar violations of international law with respect to Leonard's medical care and conditions of confinement. The denial of medical care to prisoners not only violates the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the domestic disability provisions, but also the Convention Against Torture and the Mandela Rules on the treatment of prisoners."

Mr. Peltier's attorney Moira Meltzer-Cohen states, "Like many older people, Mr. Peltier suffers from multiple serious and chronic medical conditions that have become mutually exacerbating. For Mr. Peltier, however, these health risks are further compounded by the prison environment, which exposes him to conditions ranging from unreliable access to cleaning supplies to serious violence, while also severely limiting his access to medical care."

### **April 25<sup>th</sup> - Leonard Peltier Parole Hearing to be Held on June 10**

June 10<sup>th</sup> is the date that has been set for Leonard's parole hearing. After the hearing, it takes the Parole Commission about a month to decide.

Spoke to Leonard today! They were locked down for eleven days. He has not been getting a lot of mail. As he has mobility issues, it is difficult for him to write back.

He could use messages of solidarity. 20-point bold font – Leonard is losing his vision. No cards. Plain white paper and envelope, but you can print out pictures on paper or enclose small pictures. No more than 5. As always, thank you for your support.

### **15 Apr - Green Scare Snitch Gets Confronted at Book Talk**

*David Agranoff collaborated with the cops during the green scare investigation and subsequent wave of repression.*

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via *UNOFFENSIVE ANIMAL* and *Unravel*

He received an incredibly lenient sentence because of it. Slowly during the trial's David's lies about who he had snitched on were uncovered, starting with having talked "only about Marius because he is already in prison" and realizing that he had been collaborating with investigators for at least three years.

The movement does not forget about snitches, and both old and new activists should understand this and re-refresh it in their day-to-day life. If you collaborate with the police, you are an enemy of the animals, you are an enemy of the earth, you are an enemy of the struggle, and should be treated accordingly. There is a zine worth reading (thankfully preserved by The Talon Conspiracy) called "GOT THE HOLLOWPOINTS FOR THE SNITCHES", which analyses how other revolutionary groups have historically handled snitch culture: [thetalonconspiracy.com/2012/03/got-the-hollowpoints-for-the-snitches](http://thetalonconspiracy.com/2012/03/got-the-hollowpoints-for-the-snitches)

Originally published by *Unravel*:

*"Green Scare snitch David Agranoff was shouted down at the beginning of his book talk in Bloomington, IN on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We distributed fliers with his picture and information to the event attendees, and we called him out for the coward and snitch that he is. He and an event organizer quickly took it upon themselves to collect the fliers and physically usher us out of the event. He replied with some retorts about how "we weren't there", asking "what have you done for the movement?"*

*David seems to believe enough time has passed, and that he should be able to move in spaces without consequence. He wants to claim positive contributions towards the struggle for animal and earth liberation, despite the reality that*

he is a part of its undoing. David might be on the periphery of vegan, straightedge punk scenes, where people are perhaps not familiar with his past. David will always be a threat to those around him, especially as the State is ramping up its use of social associations as grounds for investigation. Once someone has cooperated, they can be called on to do so again.

Look for him around his home in San Diego (as cited on his blog), and perhaps giving a talk on one of his corny-looking books in a town near you! David runs a blog <[davidagranoff.blogspot.com](http://davidagranoff.blogspot.com)>, has an instagram (Count.Agranoff), and has another book coming out soon from Anti-Oedipus Press (@antioedipuspress).

## **15 Apr - Freedom with an Expiration Date**

Greece: The following was written by anarchist political prisoner Christos Tsakalos and we are including other updates from Greece as well.

### **MORE:**

via *Abolition Media*

Every prisoner, when he comes out of the prison door, takes an oath. Never come back. Almost everyone breaks that oath...

When you come back, it seems that prison has been waiting for you forever. Upon entering the prison of Nauplia I met many familiar faces from Grevena, Korydallos, transfers, detention centers. Now they looked like a natural setting for the prison. I knew their cases. They had served their sentences and had "paid" their debt to society. Principal and interest together. No one would give them a day off. I wondered why they were still inside.

"Benefits broken, probation cut, old decisions forgotten..."

The prison system is full of forgotten people. They are the permanent residents of a prison with short breaks.

The dogs of the press, behind their suits and makeup, growl for harsher penalties. They foam at the mouth, protest the length of the sentences. "Life imprisonment means life imprisonment," they bark.

They are indifferent to the fact that Greece is the country with the highest number of life sentences because of the ease with which they are handed down by judges. They are indifferent to the absurdity of the amount of the sentences, to the 70, 80, 100 years that are burdened on a prisoner who will need two lives to serve them and who will receive parole after death!

But they pride themselves on their respect for human rights and European civilisation. At least we don't have the death penalty here. And yet there is...

They may not roast the prisoner in the electric chair, but their sentences melt him with the acid of time, forgotten in concrete cells. The prisoner's enduring hope after the ordeal of the courts is a permit and the long-awaited parole...

In each application, once all the requirements have been met, he takes his file, puts on his "trinkets" and with a great dose of hope goes to meet his judges.

"Rejected... You won't make good use of the benefit. Rejected... The good behavior he shows in prison is a farce."

The prisoner did as he was told, and now the oracle of the judges prophesies his future. Very often they don't even see the prisoner in the appeals they file. Their criminal record is enough for them, while they claim that they do not judge their past. After all, he has already paid the price of his past.

Prisoners are not saints, but if “medicine” is more prison, it is worth remembering that an overdose of drugs poisons the “patient.” If one wants to cure the problem, one would do well to look for its causes. No one is born a delinquent. Prison is the mirror of society. When the prisoner sees that the values of the state are corruption, fraud, scandals, that is what he will emulate.

At the same time, the vague judicial decisions and the stiffening of the penalties of the new penal code fill the prisoner with hatred and cunning for survival. Socially excluded and carrying the stigma of prison, he will repeat his wickedness. The judges’ conjecture of “pretextual change” will become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Their freedom has an expiration date.

At the same time, outside the prison walls stretches the great invisible prison... With the fear of actual incarceration, society locks itself in. Its bars are fear, defeatism, indifference... the belief that nothing can change. People continue to wander in their own backyard, from home to work and back again, deceiving their captivity with illusions of amusement and extravagant object markings. Growing poverty, material and spiritual, makes them bow their heads even more.

But for its own liberation, the judicial council has the strictest judge. Themselves. We ourselves must choose how to live. On the terms of a happy slave or on the terms of essential freedom and dignity... May it go well for all...

### **16 Apr - Russian Anarchist “will finish tenth grade in pre-trial detention”**

*Russia: Lyubov Lizunova, the 17-year-old anarchist accused of terrorism for a graffiti, had her preventive measures tightened on April 11 from house arrest to pre-trial detention.*

#### **MORE:**

by Uri Gordon (*Freedom News*)

This was announced in a letter sent to another accused in the case, the anarchist Alexander Snezhkov. “Lyuba was also arrested. She will finish tenth grade in a preventive detention center,” Snezhkov wrote from pre-trial detention in Chita, far Eastern Russia. According to a relative of Lyubov, she violated the house arrest regime and arrived home two hours late.

According to OVD-Info, Snezhkov and Lizunova are being persecuted for a “Death to the Regime” graffiti, and accused of “approving” the arson of military registration and recruitment offices. They were detained on January 12 or 13 in Irkutsk and Omsk. The criminal case was opened against these young people under three articles at once: incitement to terrorist activities (Article 205.2 of the Penal Code), extremism (Article 280 of the Penal code), and vandalism motivated by political hatred (Part 2 of Article 214 of the Penal Code). Vladislav Vishnevsky is also involved in the case; in October last year he was included in the Rosfinmonitoring “extremist list”, where Snezhkov and Lizunova have been registered since 2022. Security officials say Snezhkov tried to leave Russia.

Since February 2022, more than 850 people have become defendants in criminal cases initiated due to protest and direct action against the war with Ukraine.

In August last year, Novosibirsk resident Dmitry Kozlov was searched as part of this case. He was asked whether he provided assistance to Snezhkov “in his illegal movement”. His belongings were confiscated, and during the interrogation that followed the search, he was told that the Anarchist Black Cross was “sponsored by Ukraine”. The investigators also complained that their work was hard, their wives were leaving them, and they didn’t like the “special operation.” One of the investigators “suggested hitting [Kozlov] in the face with a folder” and was interested in hitchhiking.

After the interrogation, Kozlov was “taken to see” other people detained on the same day: they turned out to be a transgender woman (presumably Mira Lushchayeva, detained in the case of the anti-war telegram channel) and her girlfriend. Kozlov was told that if he performs a sexual act with them, he will not be imprisoned. The man refused, after which he was released as a witness.

## **16 Apr - Dublin Prison Solidarity Coalition Calls for Releases Not Transfers**

*Dublin Prison Solidarity Coalition statement is below.*

### **MORE:**

On Monday, April 15, the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) announced plans to abruptly close FCI Dublin women's prison in a surprise move designed to evade the jurisdiction of the Special Master Wendy Still. Judge Gonzalez Rogers appointed the Special Master—the first in BOP's history—on April 5, 2024 to oversee the facility in light of rampant staff abuse, retaliation, and medical neglect. BOP officials began to load incarcerated people onto buses early in the morning on 4/15 before the Judge and Special Master were even aware of their plans. Chaos unfolded inside the facility, traumatizing incarcerated people who have already been subjected to immense harm by the BOP. As soon as she learned about what was happening, the Judge issued an order that people at Dublin needed to be evaluated for possible release and medically cleared before they could be transferred.

The Dublin Prison Solidarity Coalition (DPSC) calls for people to be released from BOP custody as soon as possible and demands that no person be transferred away from Dublin until everyone is evaluated for potential release. This is the only resolution that gives justice and accountability to those who have been incarcerated at Dublin and have endured terrible injustices for years. There are many options for release—including compassionate release, home confinement and release to halfway houses—and we believe that the overwhelming majority of people incarcerated at Dublin could meet the requirements for one of these options. We also echo the National Council's call for President Biden to grant clemency to anyone who was sexually abused at FCI Dublin.

DPSC has worked for over two years to advocate with and for people incarcerated at Dublin. We brought a class action lawsuit demanding systemic change. We collectively publicized the systemic problems which have led to rampant, continual sexual abuse. We advocated against the pervasive medical abuse occurring at the prison. We won recognition from the courts that the law is being broken and appointment of a special master was required in order to ensure that immediate changes were made.

At the very point when outside oversight was being brought in, BOP decided to shut Dublin down. But BOP should not be able to hide from community accountability. The only other BOP women's facility on the West Coast is nearly 400 miles away, and does not have capacity for everyone at risk of being transferred. People forcibly transferred could be sent thousands of miles away from their loved ones and their children. In addition, the entire BOP system is plagued by the same issues present at FCI Dublin, including staff sexual abuse, widespread retaliation, and abhorrent medical care. BOP wants to transfer people at FCI Dublin to far-off facilities which have their own records of abuse but do not have the type of consistent community support that has been built at Dublin.

We will not let the BOP succeed with its effort to disappear the people detained at Dublin. We are committed to maintaining our community advocacy, litigation and solidarity across the walls!

## **18 Apr - NY Cops arrest 120 students demanding divestment from Israeli apartheid**

*“I took this extraordinary step because these are extraordinary circumstances,” Columbia President Minouche Shafik said of her decision to call in police to break up the demonstration. And if that didn't make you throw up in your mouth, we're amazed.*

### **MORE:**

by Gwynne Hogan and Tazbia Fatima (*The City*)

Dozens of police officers swarmed Columbia University's campus Thursday, breaking up an encampment where pro-Palestinian demonstrators had slept overnight, demanding the university divest from companies and interests that support Israel.

By Thursday afternoon at least 108 people had been arrested, according to a spokesperson for the NYPD. Two legal observers were among those arrested, according to an attorney on site with the National Lawyers Guild.

In an email sent out Thursday afternoon to all Columbia students, faculty and staff, President Minouche Shafik said she had authorized the NYPD to enter the university — even as reporters were blocked from entering the campus to cover the arrests.

"I took this extraordinary step because these are extraordinary circumstances," Shafik wrote, adding students had been given warnings they would be suspended if they continued their protest. She said the encampment violated many of the university's new policies put in place last fall, requiring at least two days notice for demonstrations and requiring them to be held in authorized areas.

"This is a challenging moment and these are steps that I deeply regret having to take," her email continued. "The current encampment violates all of the new policies, severely disrupts campus life, and creates a harassing and intimidating environment for many of our students."

The NYPD crackdown on student demonstrators came a day after Shafik testified before members of Congress over efforts to root out antisemitism on campus.

In a letter to the NYPD sent Thursday that Shafik posted on the university's public safety website, she wrote that "the encampment and related disruptions pose a clear and present danger to the substantial functioning of the University. With great regret, we request the NYPD's help to remove these individuals."

The letter said all students participating in the demonstration have been informed they'd been suspended and were now trespassing.

It wasn't clear how the university had identified all those students, and a spokesperson declined to say how many suspensions had been issued.

As demonstrators were arrested on Thursday afternoon, hundreds of students chanted "Shame" and "Let them Go" from the perimeter of the South Lawn as officers rounded up those on the green, put their hands in zip ties and walked them off campus.

"I feel pretty disgusted," said a 21-year-old student named Aidan, who declined to give his last name, fearing retaliation from the administration. "It's crazy seeing how much police presence they need for non-violent protesters too."

At a press conference at 1 Police Plaza Thursday evening, Mayor Eric Adams joined NYPD officials who confirmed 106 demonstrators were given summonses for trespassing, with two others additionally charged with obstructing governmental administration.

"A peaceful protest is not in violation of city laws," Adams said, though he added because the protest occurred on Columbia's private property, "you're no longer protesting within the authority to do so."

## **Historic Echoes**

Students first set up an encampment in the South Lawn with tents and signs on Wednesday morning around 4 a.m., independent reporter Talia Jane reported.

The scene harkened back to historic protests at the university in 1968 in protest of the Vietnam War, with students unfurling some of the same signs, like one that proclaimed the encampment a “Liberated Zone.” After days of protests, the NYPD stormed the campus arresting more than 700 students, according to the University’s own account of the events.

“Columbia is a far different place today than it was in the spring of 1968,” the school’s account says. “The fallout dogged Columbia for years.”

The parallels to 1968 weren’t lost on some of the spectators who came to show support for the students being hauled away.

“People see continuities between what happened in 1968 and what’s happening now,” said a 20-year-old junior who declined to give his name fearing retaliation. “I think it’s an important part of the student culture here to question bodies of authority and exercise their right for free speech.”

By 2 p.m. police had taken away all the students involved in the first encampment, though hundreds of students remained, chanting and protesting, with some later climbing into a second section of lawn and erecting new tents there.

Third party presidential candidate Cornel West, who teaches at the Union Theological Seminary which is affiliated with Columbia, joined demonstrators at the second encampment around 4 p.m.

“I’m just blessed to be here with my courageous young people who are standing in solidarity with some precious human beings, West told THE CITY, referring to Israel’s war in Gaza as as “a genocide” that, he said, “Columbia is in denial about.”

At a press conference held Thursday evening outside the university president’s mansion on Morningside Drive, student and faculty leaders called out Shafik’s decision to bring in police.

“She is willing to sacrifice the students’ education, their health, their safety and their well-being,” said Palestinian-American student Layla Saliba. “She is throwing that away at the chance to please donors and trustees.” “Today was a dark day for freedom of speech on Columbia’s campus,” she added.

### **‘We’re Coming for You’**

Israel’s war in Gaza has roiled college campuses across the country in the seven months since Hamas’ Oct. 6 attack, where 1,200 Israelis were killed, and 240 hostages were taken, more than 100 of whom have yet to be released.

Through Wednesday, the subsequent Israeli military offensive has killed 33,899 Palestinians and wounded 76,664, according to Gaza’s health ministry, Reuters reported. Around 9,500 Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank were being detained in Israeli jails through Tuesday, Al Jazeera reported.

Last fall, Columbia leadership suspended the university’s chapters of Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voice for Peace, Columbia Spectator reported. The university’s student council in March approved a resolution calling on Columbia to divest from Israel, the Columbia Spectator reported.

Smaller numbers of Jewish students waving American and Israeli flags marched throughout the throng of students. One Jewish student, who declined to share his name, said he’d felt targeted for wearing a yarmulke.

“I passed by protesters and they look at me with my yarmulke and they say, ‘we’re coming for you,’” he said, expressing support for Columbia’s decision to break up the encampment.

## 22 Apr - Contribution to the International Anti-Prison Gathering

*England: The following is from political prisoner Toby Shone for an International Anti-Prison Gathering at the Cowley Club, Brighton, UK.*

### **MORE:**

Hello everyone this is Toby. I am an anarchist imprisoned as a consequence of Operation Adream. I want to thank my comrade for presenting a talk about the case that we are involved in. Not only has she had to deal with police terror but also the inertia and weakness of the anarchist movement in the UK. This talk is dedicated to her and all those who do not run for cover when the tempest comes. Also, before I begin my brief discourse, I want to mention that 2 days ago I was summoned by a managerial human insect of the prison's counter terrorism unit who gave me paperwork informing me that contact with another close comrade of mine had been classified as a threat to national security. And so, she will be prohibited from visiting or contacting me whilst I am in prison. She earned this accolade for receiving a recent text of mine by telephone called "The Subversive Written Word". Needless to say, I refused to engage with this provocation and kept my hostile attitude. Persecution is an honour for us.

We draw the clear line with the enemy.

Right now, I am calling for a cell in Garth prison in north-west England. I expect retribution for the prison administration for this call. I was transferred here from Bristol prison in an effort by the regime to isolate me from my comrades and local environment. Despite having only 14 months left on my current sentence at that time, I was ghosted to this long-term high security prison as revenge for my participation in the revolutionary struggle and for a fireworks solidarity demon that took place outside the prison.

I want to thank ABC Brighton for organising this event, which I have tried to collaborate with as much as I could, including writing an open letter and callout plus communicating with other prisoners and imprisoned comrades about the gathering and its aims. This is the first time an anti-prison / anti-repression gathering is taking place in the UK since 2009. The previous event had a similar format, also took place here in the Cowley Club, examined the cases of imprisoned comrades and had a special focus on the "prison society"; otherwise known as the surveillance state, of which the United Kingdom is a very good example. In the last 15 years technological social control has only become more embedded in society, to the extent that we can say that we all live in a vast prison. We can find the extensive use of CCTV, facial recognition systems, mass data collection, advanced spyware, digital forensics and artificial intelligence, etc. alongside there is a rollout of GPS-tracking ankle bracelets for imposing curfews, no-go zone and behavioural control orders. There is also the expansion of new laws concerning political activities, demonstrations and social life. Here we also have the creation of new unilateral state entities such as the National Crime Agency and the National Security Division – modern authoritarianism in its bourgeois democratic variant.

The regime on this prison island locks up more people than any other country in Europe. 88,000 people are incarcerated and there are only a few hundred places left before the prisons will be full. Thousands of prisoners are due to be released to deal with the crisis leading to almost a quarter of a million people on probation who are serving their sentences in the community. The state is embarking on a large-scale prison building programme, planning the construction of another 20,000 cells by 2026 and expanding the power and personnel of the Probation Service. I do not need to stress the fact the criminal justice and penal system has a clear racial and class basis. Mass incarceration is essential to maintain class divisions and the private ownership of the means of production. Prison is designed for political repression and to contain the contradictions of capitalism. These new prison building plans do not address the fact that existing jails are overcrowded and in a state of permanent decay. Most prisoners in the UK share cells only designed for one person and the basic living conditions are squalid with minimal time spent out of cells. Activities and education are hardly functioning and forced prison labour is widespread. Not only are more of us being locked up to provide profit for private companies but we are also being locked up for longer. Average sentence lengths have greatly increased over the last 10 years, with four times as many people serving sentences of over 20 years as a decade ago. The Prisons Inspectorate is regularly condemning the current



situation and the social consequences, but to no avail. Recently the UK Health and Security Agency issued an urgent warning that cases of tuberculosis are dramatically rising in prisons due to the filth and degradation we are forced to lie in.

It is not my aim with this brief talk to present a litany of misery, which is what we are faced with on the topic of prison and the state. With this encounter this weekend we thought it needed to organise a first point of contact in a new round of anti-prison organising and a resurgence of decentralised networks working on common platforms and issues and solidarity to our captured fighters.

What I want to highlight is a need for resistance, to create and reinforce effective practices and responsive structures with the flexibility to fight and overcome state repression. To that end internationalism is essential. To share our experiences and promote direct action and self-organisation, which is intrinsic to our anarchism.

These prisons need to be torn down and we cannot be under any illusion as to the reality we are facing.

The fire of revolutionary solidarity is in my heart and I extend it to all of you.

Lastly, I want to thank the comrades who attended the vibrant demonstration at the National Security Division Regional Headquarters in Cardiff to express their solidarity with my situation. It fueled the flame within me.

Here I end my presentation with these stolen moments. I thank you for listening. This connection is important and I will not forget it. An embrace my friends.

### **22 Apr - New Mumia Petition**

*The following is a petition to Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner the drop the case against Mumia Abu-Jamal: [chng.it/hmrSGkVWm4](https://chng.it/hmrSGkVWm4)*

### **23 Apr - Operation Scripta Scelera: update**

*Italy: On March 8<sup>th</sup> the first hearing took place of the summary trial at the court of Massa arranged for four of the ten under investigation for Scripta Scelera.*

#### **MORE:**

*from La Nemesi, translated by Act for freedom now!*

As we know, one of the comrades. Luigi, has been transferred to the prison of Bologna to have him connected via video conference. A warning to the presence of those in solidarity at the hearings and a punishment for breaking the silence imposed through restrictive house arrest with two texts. During the hearing the comrade read out a statement which had already been circulated.

The judge rejected the defence lawyers' request for an annulity of the hearing on the basis of the decision to let Luigi participate in video conference. The civil parties appeared and witness lists were submitted: the Avvocatura dello Stato joined the civil action on behalf of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and the Presidency of the Republic, claiming that "Bezmotivny" had damaged the State's image and that of public administration. The expert was not commissioned to transcribe the wiretaps because the designated expert stressed the impossibility of finishing the work alone in the time available, which was six months: the judge expects to award a collegial assignment at the next hearing. In the meantime, the trial will continue without these being available. During the next hearing, the examinations of the prosecution witnesses will begin, in particular, the deputy commissioner Ardolino will be heard and inspector Canosa of the Rome department of public safety.

The hearing, which was in any case short-lived, was attended by some 20 in solidarity. For the next one, to be held on Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> again at 3pm, the judge ordered the transfer of all the defendants, including

Luigi (who will be transported by the prison police), However, reserving the right to change their minds if 'elements of risk to public security' emerge. We stand in solidarity with the accused and will smash any attempt at isolation.

### **28 Apr - A New Chicago Anarchist Black Cross**

Guess who's back? [abcchicago.noblogs.org](http://abcchicago.noblogs.org)

#### **MORE:**

Breaking Through Borders and Prison Walls Building Bridges of Solidarity

A new Chicago Anarchist Black Cross is forming to strengthen networks of resistance and defend those facing state repression.

Having each other's backs grows our collective capacity for revolutionary action so that we may break free from prison society. We are down with all those who fight for the abolition of all police and prisons, who refuse the logic of compromise and reform, who take bold action breaking the spell of law and order to defend the Earth and each other against all forms of oppression, domination, and exploitation.

We fight for the liberation of all imprisoned freedom fighters with the same urgency as we fight for the liberation of everyone languishing in occupied lands and the colonizer's cages throughout the world.

### **3 May - NYC Anarchist Film Festival**

**WHAT:** Film Festival

**WHEN:** Starting 7:00pm, Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, continuing Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** Spectacle Theater - 124 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Brooklyn

**COST:** \$10 per program

#### **MORE:**

Spectacle is thrilled to host the first ever NYC Anarchist Film Festival, presented by the Metropolitan Anarchist Coordinating Council (MACC).

The Metropolitan Anarchist Coordinating Council presents a weekend of films made by its members and comrades. As a non-hierarchical anarchist organization, the series is curated based on our guiding principles: horizontalism, anti-oppression, mutual aid, and direct action. Each radical, experimental, off-beat, subversive, or comedic film prioritizes the lens of those who believe a better world is possible.

Come for a weekend of radical anarchist politics and stay for thought-provoking discussions after the films. Building a bottom-up anarchist movement is not without its challenges, especially in the militarized police state of New York City, but MACC encourages its audiences to find community and inspiration in this forum for representations of political action, queer filmmaking, and the interior lives of our organizers.

For the full selection of films screening as part of each program, visit [spectacletheater.com/the-nyc-anarchist-film-festival](http://spectacletheater.com/the-nyc-anarchist-film-festival)