

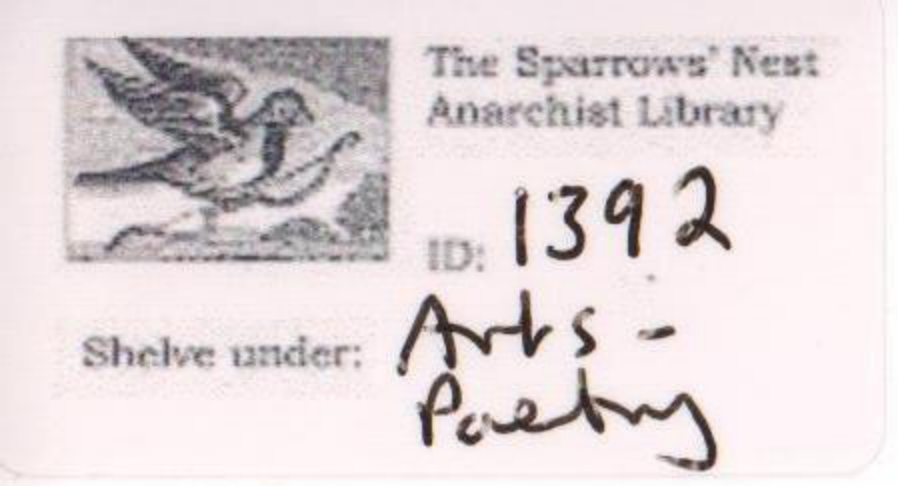
"I am an anti-authoritarian, anti-racist, anti-sexist, anarchist revolutionary of proud Irish heritage. I am also a vegetarian and strongly support the animal liberation movement. I stand for civil/human rights and will not break, bend nor be intimidated. I stand in solidarity with all people struggling against oppression but most particularly with my brothers and sisters in the anarchist movement."

Harold H. Thompson is an anarchist prisoner serving life plus sentences in Tennessee, USA after a series of farcical trials. All proceeds from this booklet go to Harold to cover his legal and general living costs.

THEY WILL
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writings and poetry by anarchist prisoner
Harold H. Thompson





I personally thank all anarchists worldwide for carrying the torch of anarchism and may their combined flame of rebellion light up the world on the path to freedom! I thank all who have worked on and contributed to this booklet, Andrew Hedden, Yusuke Josh Banno, Frank Douglas of the UK's A.F., and Simon Russell, beloved anarchist animal rights comrade, among others. I further thank three great women for making me feel alive and helping me each in their own way feel alive after decades with a hardened heart, Lise Olsen, true friend and ex-animal rights prisoner; and Karen Thimmes, dear friend and Ohio activist, and 'Little Shorty,' a smiling face in a world of frowns. I love you all and my anarchist brothers and sisters worldwide! They will never get us all!



In  Struggle & Solidarity,
Harold 

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PREFACE

by Simon Russell

I have known Harold H. Thompson for over a decade but in all that time have never laid eyes on him, separated as we are by the Atlantic Ocean and high prison walls. But I consider him (and hope he considers me) a close friend. We have traded hundreds of letters and shared the ups and downs of life in and out of prison. We rail and curse our respective countries' political stupidity, and our so-called leaders whose wars and laws are inflicted on us. A letter from Harold lying on the door mat is something always welcome in my day-to-day life as his views on the world are stimulating and provoking as are the articles contained in this booklet.

I do not claim to agree with all of what he writes here or in his letters. I am sure Harold would exclaim in horror if I did say I agreed with his every word, but each article is worth reading as his opinions are always worth considering and arguing over. On the face of it there is no reason to read a man's words and opinions above any others, and certainly not because he resides in prison, but Harold is a man who has lived his politics and philosophy both inside and outside of prison. He has been consistent both in his life and his writings. You should not read this booklet just because you do not agree with Harold's imprisonment but because this is a man worth listening to; his words would make sense not because of where he happens to be, but because his words come from experience and considered thought. Read this book with an open mind, think about what he is saying and agree or disagree as you see fit. The only freedom we truly have is inside our mind and if we fail to take advantage of that ability we are truly slaves. But always remember where one of us is in chains, NONE of us are free.

But when you have finished do one more thing. Write to Harold and tell him what you think. Support is nothing without action and a letter to a man incarcerated is worth a million good intentions.

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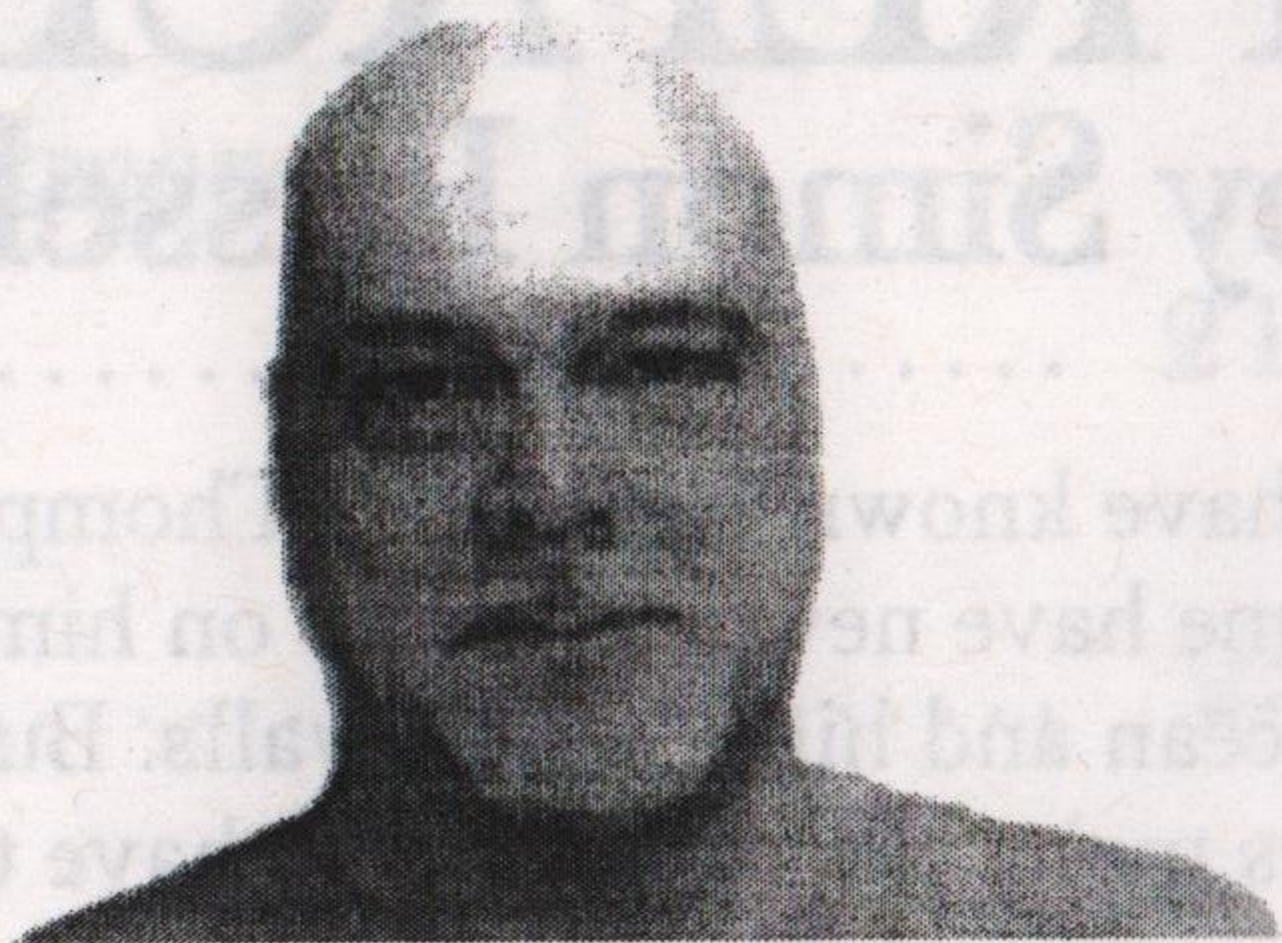
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Harold H. Thompson is an anarchist prisoner serving life plus sentences in Tennessee, USA. He is a first generation Irish-American and was born on April 9th, 1942 in Huntington, West Virginia, where his parents (both now deceased) settled after fleeing 'the troubles' in Ireland.

Harold spent his childhood years within a home environment where politics was a regular topic of conversation. He became interested in anarchism at an early age from listening to the political debates of his father and visiting friends. His affinity to anarchism was solidified by a stint of military service during the Vietnam war in which he was discharged after being wounded. He then became active in the anti-war movement, associating with Viet Nam Veterans Against the War during the 60's and 70's era of mass civil disobedience and struggle in America.

From the late 60's onwards Harold was repeatedly in conflict with the cops and the legal system, raising money for survival and political activities outside the law. Several of these expropriation activities resulted in him doing time in Wisconsin, Ohio, Georgia and Tennessee prisons. Harold has two sons (with different mothers); the mother of his eldest son was murdered in 1978. Her killer, Walter Douglas Crawley was sentenced to life imprisonment but then released on an appeal bond after becoming a police informant. On the same day as his release Crawley was overheard threatening to murder Harold's son and another child who had testified against him during his trial. Crawley boasted how he "had nothing to lose" since he'd already been sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. In Chattanooga, four days later in October 1979 Crawley was shot whilst drinking in a bar; his unmasked assailant escaped and sped off in a waiting car into the night. Ten days later, after a large scale manhunt for Harold, he was arrested and charged with the murder of Crawley. Harold was also charged with expropriating money for political activities from a jewelry store. For these incidents he was given life plus 50 years after a series of farcical trials. Later Harold was given an additional 21- 75 years for a second shooting incident which occurred in Cleveland, Ohio. Around this time Harold also had a stroke leaving him in a coma for 3 weeks. Following brain surgery he was diagnosed epileptic.

In November of 1986, Harold started a 5 year, 4 month stint in maximum security/solitary confinement after a failed armed escape attempt while in an East Tennessee prison. He was charged with the attempted murder of three guards, kidnap of a hostage guard, possession of explosives, possession of a dangerous weapon and attempted escape. The judge sentenced Harold to an additional 31 years. In July of 1993, after being released from solitary confinement for about 15 months he was framed-up for having possible escape plans allegedly based on the information of an outside "confidential informant" and put back in maximum security I Solitary confinement, where he remained until March 1995 at West Tennessee High Security Facility in rural West Tennessee. In June 95 Harold was again reclassified to lower security but had to wait a further 8 months before being transferred to a lower security prison. In 1999,



Harold was beaten and robbed by Aryan racist scum, and was again transferred to a western Tennessee prison following an intense worldwide letter campaign.

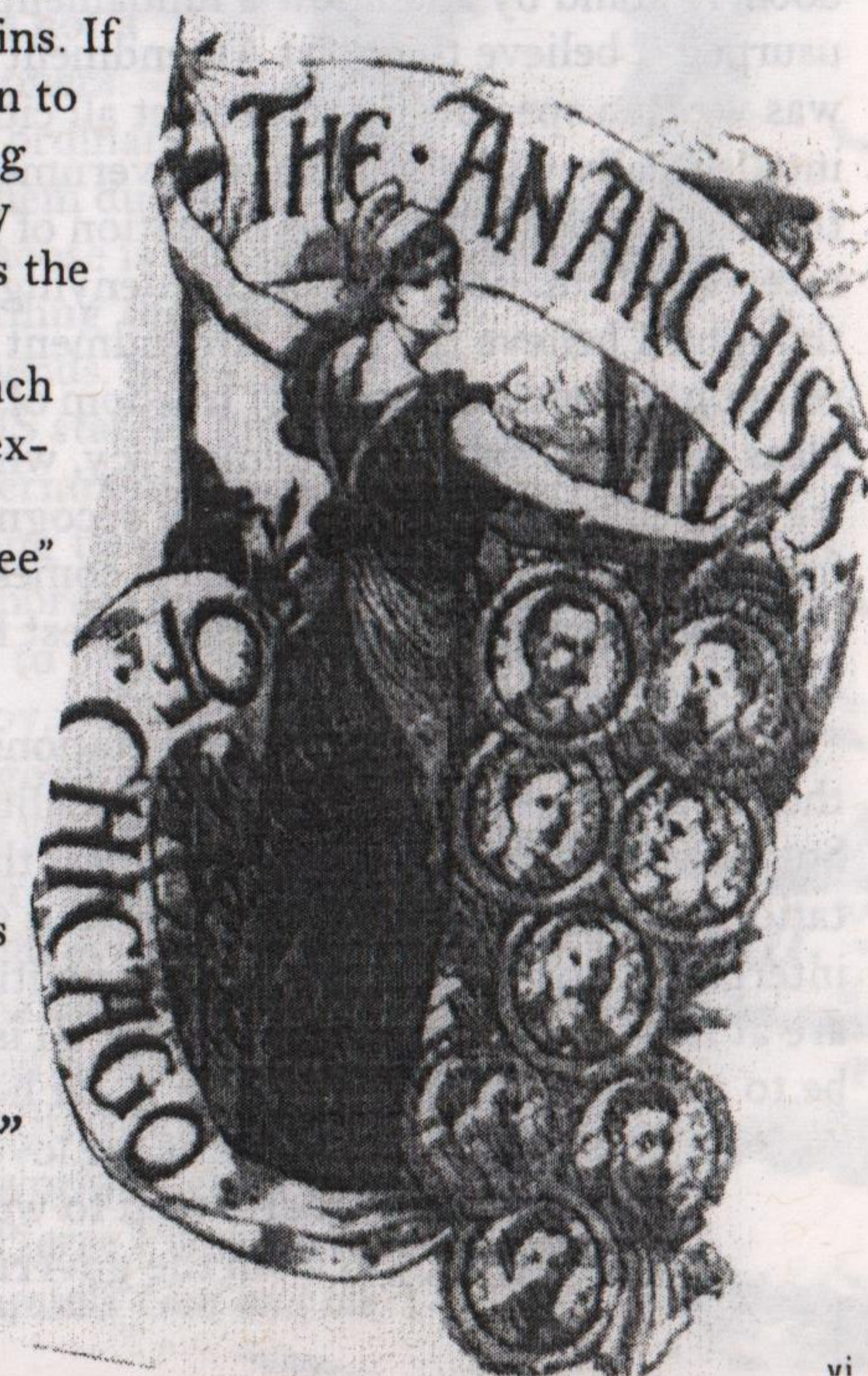
Harold spends much of his time helping other prisoners with their legal briefings, refusing only to aid the worst elements in prison society like racists and rapist scum. Behind the walls, Harold is well known for his work as a 'jailhouse lawyer' and says he copes with prison by fighting for his fellow prisoners in the courts for some semblance of real justice. His legal work mainly consists of other prisoners' appeals, drafting their legal briefs for submission to the courts, filing civil rights complaints on behalf of prisoners who have been abused and had their rights violated. He helps file proper grievances in the prison system and courts.

Harold has always been open about his anarchist, anti-authoritarian, anti-racist and anti-sexist principles, and this has led to abuse from not only prison personnel but to vicious attacks from fellow prisoners who don't like Harold's willingness to help minority inmates. Such activities have brought Harold intense provocation and harassment from prison guards, which in the South doesn't go down too well with the racist establishment. This harassment has included confiscation of his legal materials and law books in frequent cell searches and being the victim of the frame-up in 1993. Over the years, 'Psychological torture mind games' have been a form of punishment given to Harold because of his solid commitment to helping fellow prisoners and because his anarchist politics are openly abrasive to the prison system. Over two and a half decades, there have been multiple incidents of petty harassment include the confiscation of his anarchist literature and law books and deliberate damage and theft of his personal belongings by prison guards. Literature sent in to Harold was even withheld by the prison mailroom because it contained "narratives of anarchy."

Prison life never gets any easier, and with the current anti-working class, racist, "friendly fascist" political culture creeping through both American prisons and the American WASP way of life, dominated as it is by big business corporate structure, Harold sees only too clearly at the sharp end what is coursing through American political veins. If you are poor, black, working class and not given to submitting to the status quo, then hard and long prison time is a weapon the state is increasingly turning to in order to cow dissenting voices. As the profit motive enters into the system, terms like prison and factory become synonymous with each other through government encouragement to exploit the cheap-labor options of a prison workforce as against the labor costs of organized "free" outside work populations. This is one motive behind the ever escalating incarceration of America's worst-off citizens.

Harold uses a phrase from the Chicago Hay Market Martyrs that helps keep himself together and inspire others; let us prove the truth and solidarity of what he says:

"They Will Never Get Us All!"



State Prisoner's Litigation Efforts Contesting the Policy Banning Anarchist Political Publications/Materials in Tennessee Prisons

trial attorney of his time. Of course, in the social climate of 1925, Scopes was convicted and sentenced to a moderate fine. Eventually; due partially to the worldwide publicity the trial received, the anti-evolution statues were repealed and struck from state law. Tennessee society had evolved to the point of intellectual acceptance that the origin of Man set forth in Biblical passages was not the only explanation of Man's creation. The counsels in what would become commonly known as "the Scopes Monkey Trial" argued their respective sides of the then controversial issue, fueled by their individual beliefs.

Like both counsels in that noted case, I'm arguing today about an issue I feel strongly about, as it involves the pinnacle of human growth. At issue is the right of the mind to grow, while the body it resides in lives in a negative prison environment. My future ability to seek and realize intellectual growth will be determined by the outcome of this issue here or in the appeal courts. I view the expression of the opposition position as a litmus test of a state government department to determine if prisoners will docilely stand by and allow a fundamental constitutional right to be arbitrarily usurped. I believe the First Amendment of the US Constitution (right to free speech) was written specifically to protect all citizens' rights to seek information and to grow intellectually without abusive government interference, government restriction of those rights, or government creation of prior restraints to chill the ability to seek and receive information, via policies denying access to literature, printed word, and thought. I believe the First Amendment was specifically written to protect freedom of religion, provide and protect freedom of speech, and to allow for a free exchange of ideas among citizens in a democracy, which is precisely how the United States portrays itself to the world. I cannot recognize any distinction between the minds of those free and those imprisoned when it comes to seeking information, learning from one another, and exchanging ideas. A quest for intellectual growth is a continual, ongoing, lifelong pursuit of intelligent people.

Many issues and interpretations of issues are important to our lives. Topping the list are issues dealing with the quality of life and ability to grow as human beings. Sometimes government actions reveal that the government holds a different interpretation of our rights and issues affecting them, from those living under its jurisdiction-interpretations often influenced by political trends. I have found in life, though, there are at least two sides to everything: all issues, all stories. To believe otherwise would be to accept as gospel truth four great lies of our time:

"Y2K will change life as we love it!" "The check is in the mail."

"This is 100% guaranteed to work as advertised."

"Hello, I'm from the government, and I'm here to help you."

In July of 1925 a schoolteacher named John Scopes went on trial in the small town of Dayton, Tennessee, accused of violating a state law. His alleged crime was teaching the theory of evolution to his class in this state. Williams Jennings Bryan was the prosecutor supporting a state law mandating teaching only the religious doctrine ("Man is of Divine creation") and advocating complete rejection to teaching Darwin's theory of human evolution in Tennessee schools. Mr. Scopes was defended by Clarence Darrow, a famous

I believe I have a fundamental right to exchange ideas freely with free individuals of the same political preference as my own. My side is I believe I have a fundamental right to receive printed material dealing with my choice of political ideology.

When I hear of acts of civil disobedience, riots by demonstrators, or force employed by law enforcement authorities responding to demonstrators, I'm curious about what caused those on opposing sides of an issue to clash. I want to learn about all sides of the equation, to learn about the catalyst which escalated a heated situation to the point of violence. Only after all the facts are in can I then make an informed decision or choice of which side of the issue I most identify with. I refuse to accept one side over the other without knowing all the details. I refuse to display blind acceptance of any side of any issue about which I am not knowledgeable. I refuse to accept that I am expected to subscribe to the reasoning of one side and not be permitted to acquaint myself with that of the other. Isn't this what a democracy is supposed to be about-the freedom to seek knowledge, to learn, to choose according to our own dictates, without government acts of persecution against us? In my legal case (Thompson vs. Campbell, Commissioner, Tennessee Dept. of Corrections), the state government defendant wishes to have a distinction made between the rights of prisoners and the rights of the free to embrace particular politics, and wishes to restrict access to political literature abusive to prison officials. When government at any level, anywhere, in the streets or prisons, can dictate to individuals which politics they may or may not subscribe to, then democracy has gone the way of the dinosaurs. There is not a wall between the [U.S.] Constitution and prisoners. Prisoners are supposed to have all the rights of ordinary citizens except those expressly removed from them due to imprisonment. Prisoners' ability to think and choose is not removed when prison gates close behind them, exiling them from society and separating them from family and friends. Some prisoners even retain the right to vote (in certain US states), further buttressing a legitimate argument that the government should not favor one form of politics over another among its captives.

As my choice of political ideology, I embrace anarchism. My choice of politics is abusive and repugnant to prison officials. I do not embrace it from a desire to destroy, but because I'm an optimist. I believe people are capable of governing themselves. Maybe I'm a dreamer, but if I am, I have a right to dream, if that is indeed the case! In the absence of government as we know it, I don't believe the worst in people would evidence itself, rather, the best would rise to the surface. Let me briefly explain the politics of anarchism. Anarchism is a political preference taught on college campuses as an alternative political ideology. It is an old political ideology with roots in the working class and great thinkers. The works of Michel Bakunin, Pierre Proudhon, Peter Kropotkin (his *Conquest of Bread* and Bakunin's *God and the*

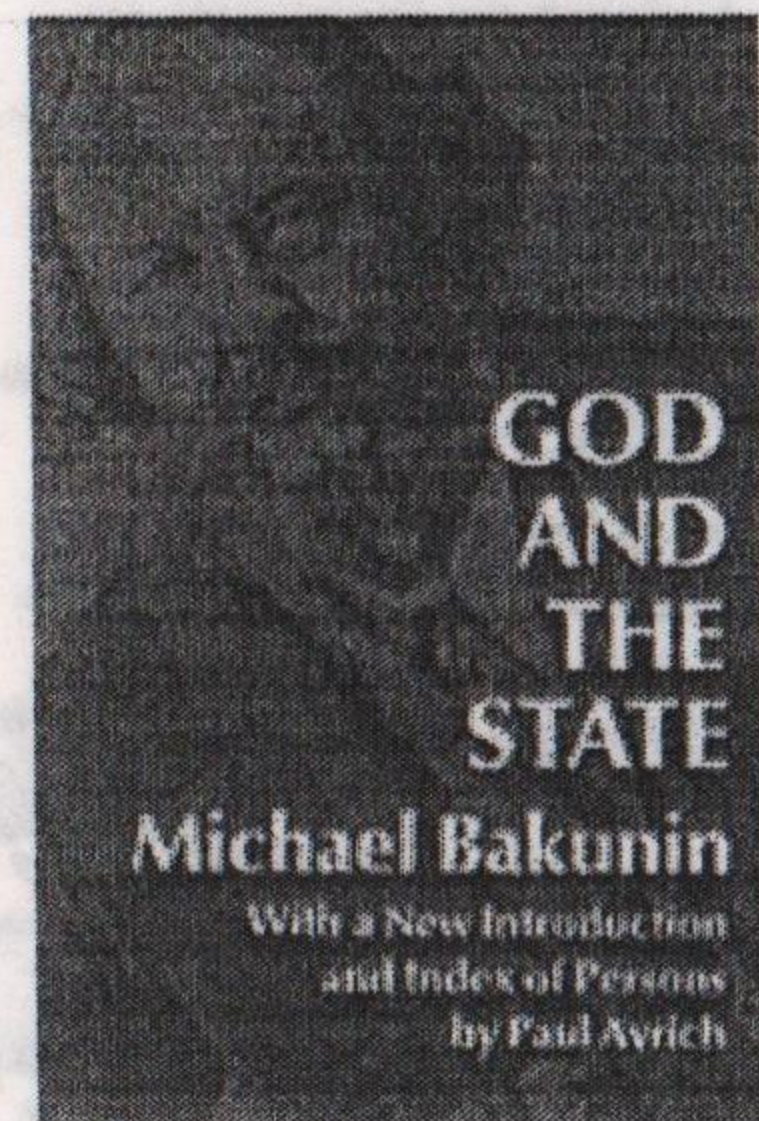
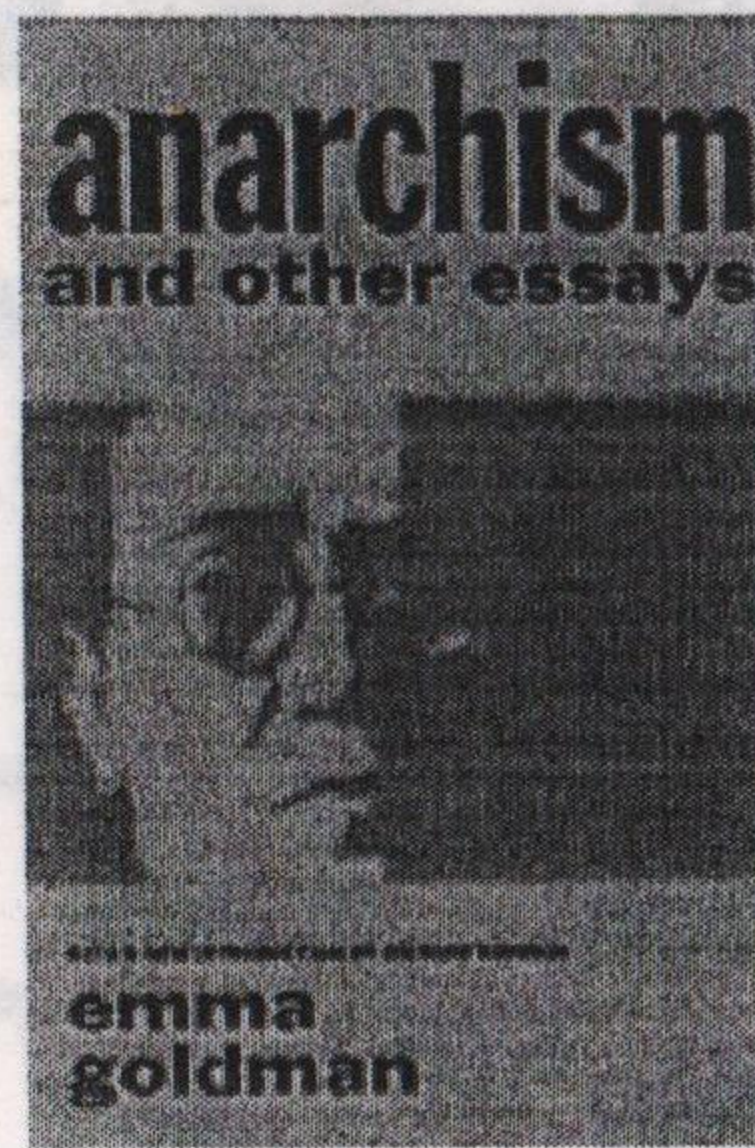
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State are required reading in civil or government courses at some colleges), James Godwin, Malatesta, Colin Ward, Rudolph Rocker, George Woodcock,

Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman are but a few of the great anarchist authors. Contrary to popular belief and media sensationalism, anarchism does not advocate running wild in the streets committing mayhem, performing acts of terrorism, creating all manner of chaos, throwing bombs or perpetrating senseless acts of violence. Anarchism means people taking responsibility for themselves and others instead of paying the government gang to do it for them! There are as many diverse views of anarchism as there are anarchists. Some label themselves as federated anarchists, others as anarcho-primitivists, anarcho-syndicalists, anarchist purists, etc.

What is being put to the test in my case is an idea, a political theory, a political ideology. Logically during this trial, much will be put forward by the defendants about certain kinds of printed material in a prison inmate's possession posing a perceived "threat to orderly operation and security of the institution." My opinion is that such an argument is hogwash! If prisoners' possession of such printed material and their being allowed to discuss political issues with others of like persuasion through the mail pose a legitimate threat of any kind to the order or security of any state penal institution, then I wish to hear specific facts of such incidents, not merely vague innuendos or profound judgmental proclamations replete with "might," "may," or "could." I want to see or hear documented proof of incidents, not conjectures, exaggerations or questionable speculations. I want to hear *facts*, not word-play smoke screens! It may be espoused that the absence of documented incidents is in fact because such literature is banned. I see something inherently faulty in such logic. I could respond with a comparable quantum leap of logic which makes as much sense to me. E.g., I could say I've invented a mustard plaster I wear on my chest, repugnant to Tibetan yaks, and the fact I haven't been charged and trampled by a yak is my proof the mustard plaster works! My example takes the same license with the truth that state officials do on anarchistic literature posing a threat. Hopefully readers won't believe my mustard plaster story or their faulty logic either! Show facts, not conjecture.

Let me give you some facts. The political theory of anarchism articulates a more or less coherent framework for understanding why resistance is to be expected. Reacting with irritation or even outrage to the exercise of obvious arbitrary authority is what I consider natural and human. Anarchism entails a relentless critique of power, whether power derives from a legitimate or an illegitimate source. I think we all realize power frowns on criticism. Resistance to the arbitrary capricious nature of authority and power is older than the theory of anarchism. Those who directly suffer oppressive conditions are those who understandably resist. They do not need a poem, magazine, book, newspaper or letter to provide inspiration for resistance. Nothing anyone writes can compel prisoners to want their captors to



behave humanely; compel them to accept their suffering at the hands of those with power and desire to control their every activity. No printed word can incite people with common sense and intelligence to do anything they don't want to do in the first place. The sole reason for people becoming "incited" is the reality of their individual belief system being affronted, the strength of their convictions put to the test on a specific issue, and their sincere dedication to the beliefs they dearly hold when confronted by adversity. Strongly-held, sincere belief and conviction are the sole factors that prompt people to whatever action-or inaction-they decide to display in specific circumstances and situations. I have been inspired to action by only two specific texts: the Bible and the Constitution of the United States. That inspiration led me to file my lawsuit (Thompson v. Campbell).

Tennessee Department of Corrections has banned, by policy, receipt of anarchism literature by prisoners. Their decision to ban this literature in their prisons is ironic because such literature is not banned in some other state and federal prisons nor from general public consumption. Nor is this ban uniformly or consistently enforced in Tennessee prisons. This inconsistency lends credibility to my argument the definition of "anarchy" as set forth in the Tennessee Dept. of Corrections' mail policy is overly broad and vague, to the extent that reasonable people can, and do, differ on its meaning. I know this is true, as animal rights and environmental movement publications have also been rejected due to "anarchy" content even though the policy does not state anything about this particular type of printed matter. I know of a specific case where a prison mailroom employee looked at arriving printed matter on animal rights, instinctively knew or suspected it was anarchist material, and declared it contraband. Further, anarchism publications denied to me were received by another Tennessee prisoner, who attested to this fact in a sworn statement. It is ironic that anarchism literature isn't deemed a threat to public security in the free community beyond prison confines. Why is it only in a system of incarceration, with people under close scrutiny, supervision and surveillance, that such a threat is perceived? In my opinion, Tennessee Department of Correction's administrators blame anarchism literature for the failure of their own policies. That is ridiculous.

Power is based on perception, self-image, obfuscation and mystification. On a day-to-day basis most of us are not controlled by laws. We know laws exist, but they don't control our every action. We are instead controlled by intelligence, common sense, habit and a concept of right vs. wrong. It could be observed that we live in a symbolic fog, unconsciously and uncritically obeying laws and rules we had no part in making, that don't always serve what we believe are our best or community interests. Power is self-hypnosis; it is our selves used against us, and sometimes governments abuse that power-history is resplendent with examples. I am writing here about what I consider, think and believe to be an arbitrary abuse of power. I believe I have a legitimate interest in receiving political literature of my choice, embracing a politic of my choice, and communicating freely with those with similar beliefs as long as I am not breaking the law in any way. I believe I should be allowed to communicate with an anarchist group that provides legal information through raising funds for law books or searching out requested legal decisions on the Internet at resource sites for use by anarchist prisoners. It is the Anarchist Prisoners Legal Aid Network. I fail to see any other legal aid organizations symbolically knocking on the prison gates, offering help through the mail.

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State government has care, custody and control of my body 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. My movement is monitored. I am told when to eat, sleep, shower; all aspects of my life are controlled to some varying extent. All but my mind is monitored, but even there it appears an apparent desire exists to control my thoughts, to deny me access to ideas, to not only stifle free speech but stomp on it.

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Why? Because of fear of an idea, a political ideology abrasive and repugnant to prison officials. There appears to exist fear of inmate possession of a political idea and evidently a fear of people communicating about it! One defendant stated under oath that approximately 10 Tennessee Department of Correction prisoners, out of some 22-25,000 total, receive animal rights and environmental movement literature. This is a percentage of those receiving such materials of 1/2200th or 1/2500th of the entire state's prison population. Hardly a significant threat! With that small percentage, it sounds like much ado about nothing! The tiny number receiving these kinds of printed matter really doesn't matter. It is the idea which is feared. But in trying to crush it by denying printed material, prison officials ignore one of life's truths: the fastest way to make a malicious rumor-or an idea-spread like wildfire is to attempt to suppress it!

The political ideology aspect of the trial which could emerge from Thompson vs. Campbell boils down to state officials' fear of thought. Thought! As 1984-Orwellian and absurd as that sounds in these enlightened millennium times! Unlike Mr. Scopes' teaching evolutionist theory, I don't teach anarchism nor discuss it with others unless asked a specific question. I was taught as a child that a person's religion and politics are private matters. I simply want to be permitted to sit quietly and read about anarchism, animal rights issues and environmental matters, to enjoy freedom of thought. I simply want to be able to communicate with like-minded people. If I engage in criminal activity via the mail, I see nothing wrong with law enforcement authorities prosecuting me. However, I don't wish to be persecuted nor punished due to my politics by having my incoming mail withheld due to a ridiculous fear of political ideology.

Obscene Publication Issue

Should Thompson v. Campbell come to trial, things may be said about publications containing nudity referred to as "obscene." I believe the proper testing guidelines set by the US Supreme Court to determine if a publication lacks as a whole serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value are not followed before the arbitrary rejection of entire publications. In all likelihood, you will hear mention of inferred child pornography, e.g. a nudist publication from Canada. This magazine, which includes a semi-monthly column I write sometimes, contains photographs which may feature a child with its parents at a nudist camp. These photos are not meant to appeal to any type of sexual deviant. I am not convicted of a sex offense nor am I a child molester. We all know not every depiction of nudity is obscene. Not every photo with a nude child is child pornography. If that were the case, my late parents would have to be considered child pornographers, as our family album contained a picture of me at age three in a derby hat and little else, which was later used as a weapon to embarrass me in front of my freckle-faced dates as a teenager. If the standard is that any photo with child nudity in it is pornographic, then many

popular women's monthly magazines with body or skin lotion ads would have to be deemed child pornography. Some of the publications denied me were male-oriented material. One of several magazines rejected from an English distributor was a "Hustler" magazine. Ironically, "Hustler" was specifically mentioned in the US Supreme Court decision that determined the obscenity issue test and how it is to be handled by prison administrators. Evidently the Tennessee Department of Corrections has either never read the high court's decision or refuses to comply with it. It doesn't matter *why* it is not followed, but only that it is not followed to the letter to the law.

"Publishers-Only" Rule

Tennessee Department of Correction's mail policy contains a "publishers only" restriction on receipt of publications which stipulates that no individual or family member may send any kind of publication to an inmate. All publications must be sent directly from the publisher or in the policy's words, "a recognized distributor." No provision is made for receipt of used books or for items sent by small not-for-profit distributors, self-publishers, or prisoner book services. A Tennessee prisoner theoretically would not be allowed to receive the family Bible if sent by a family member. I don't believe there is a legitimate penological or neutral government objective associated with the publishers-only rule. Logically, it would take a competent Tennessee Department of Corrections mail room employee the same amount of time to inspect a new book for contraband as it would the same book in used form. At trial, the State might raise inspection-time-burden arguments regarding mail room personnel if publications were permitted freely from any source. Or the extra burden of expense to hire additional mail room staff just to handle the massive increase in mail volume if used printed material were allowed. Both arguments would be smoke screens. To make such determinations, the usual process is to draw facts from an existing situation, not manufacturing "facts" to fit or avoid a potential situation. I would imagine the same quantity of books and magazines would arrive, and it would certainly be cheaper for the senders, as they would not be forced to order new books nor pay inflated bookstore prices to have books mailed from these businesses to prisoners. I would hazard a guess that Tennessee Department of Correction's denying books and publications from non-profit distributors, but allowing receipt of books and publications from for-profit publishers and bookstores, infringes on my First Amendment rights and guarantees.

In our daily lives, what do we do when we encounter fundamentally unfair or unjust situations perpetrated against citizens by government at any level? We sometimes speak out against them. Sometimes the little self-serving message of government to us goes through our minds, reminding us that we cannot fight city hall and win. More often than not, we sadly shake our heads in disgust and symbolic defeat, catalog the situation as another government abuse we can do nothing about, and go on with the affairs of our lives. In this situation, though, one must realize that often usurping constitutional rights of citizens at large begins with acts against the defenseless, minorities, homeless, prisoners, disenfranchised. If government seizures of constitutional

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rights are not noticed and not strongly contested, then the citizens at large have legitimized the government's acts, which often creates a progression of lost rights and constitutional guarantees. If society stands for the chipping away of rights of those at its fringes without an outcry, then it is only a matter of time until the rights of those at the heart of society are adversely impacted. Government concedes nothing once taken, gives nothing back, and restores nothing seized to its original state of being.

I ask you to ask yourselves if you wish government to decide what you can read? To determine what political ideology you can embrace? To decide what you can watch? What is obscene and what is not? Take the first step to protect your own constitutional rights by declaring that Tennessee Department of Corrections's mail policy is violative of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, one of the most admired documents in the world. Protect your right to embrace a political theory, a political ideology, of your choice by protecting my rights, under the Constitution, to the same thing. There is a barrier between society and me as a convicted felon, a razorwire topped barrier. I ask here today that you not aid the government in creating a barrier between me, a prisoner, and the Constitution of the United States by condoning the arbitrary restrictions placed on my First Amendment rights. I ask you to protect your own First Amendment rights by protecting the rights of the least among you. I want to grow intellectually and as a human being, to expand my horizon beyond prison walls, to be permitted to freely exchange ideas with others of like political inclination and belief as long as I violate no law.

If we are a nation of laws, then hold me to that standard, the same standard you live by, and nothing less. I ask only that the same standard be applied to me which applies to you and which governs how you conduct your life. I ask that you do not permit the taking of my rights here today by government until I have violated that standard, until I have broken the law. In this nation it was once decreed that due to the hue of a person's skin, that person had no rights, protections or guarantees under the Constitution. This was said to the people by the government. This nation evolved past such barbaric practices as slavery except in its prisons, with involuntary servitude. In a prison environment, prisoners are told when to eat, shower, sleep, get up, work, and go outside to recreation-if they are even permitted outside recreation. You may talk but you'd better watch what you say and not talk too loud, or you can be charged with creating a disturbance. Everything in a penal setting is regulated, which is understandable to retain control and maintain order. Everything but thought is controlled, and this mail policy of the Tennessee Department of Corrections is clearly, blatantly designed to achieve the goal of Orwellian "1984" thought control, to turn prisons into political reeducation camps following the defunct Soviet and Chinese examples. Sound absurd? No! The mail policy contested attempts to regulate thought, restrict and chill access to ideas, and set a standard that the First Amendment of the Constitution does not apply to prisoners when it comes to restricting politics abrasive to prison officials and opinions critical of government.

I am sincerely sorry prison officials have such delicate feelings and personas that they can be grievously injured by criticism contained in any printed word. Nevertheless, I ask you to protect your rights and mine by sending government in general and Tennessee Department of Corrections in particular the message that you believe the Constitution of the United States was meant to establish, protect and guarantee the rights of all-prisoner and free citizen alike-and especially from government's unnecessary seizure of those rights. Vote your conscience. Thank you.

The "War on Terrorism" and After Affects of 9/11

The oppression of doctrine laws put forward by governments world wide, especially in the United States (and I am now made aware that Australia is following the USA

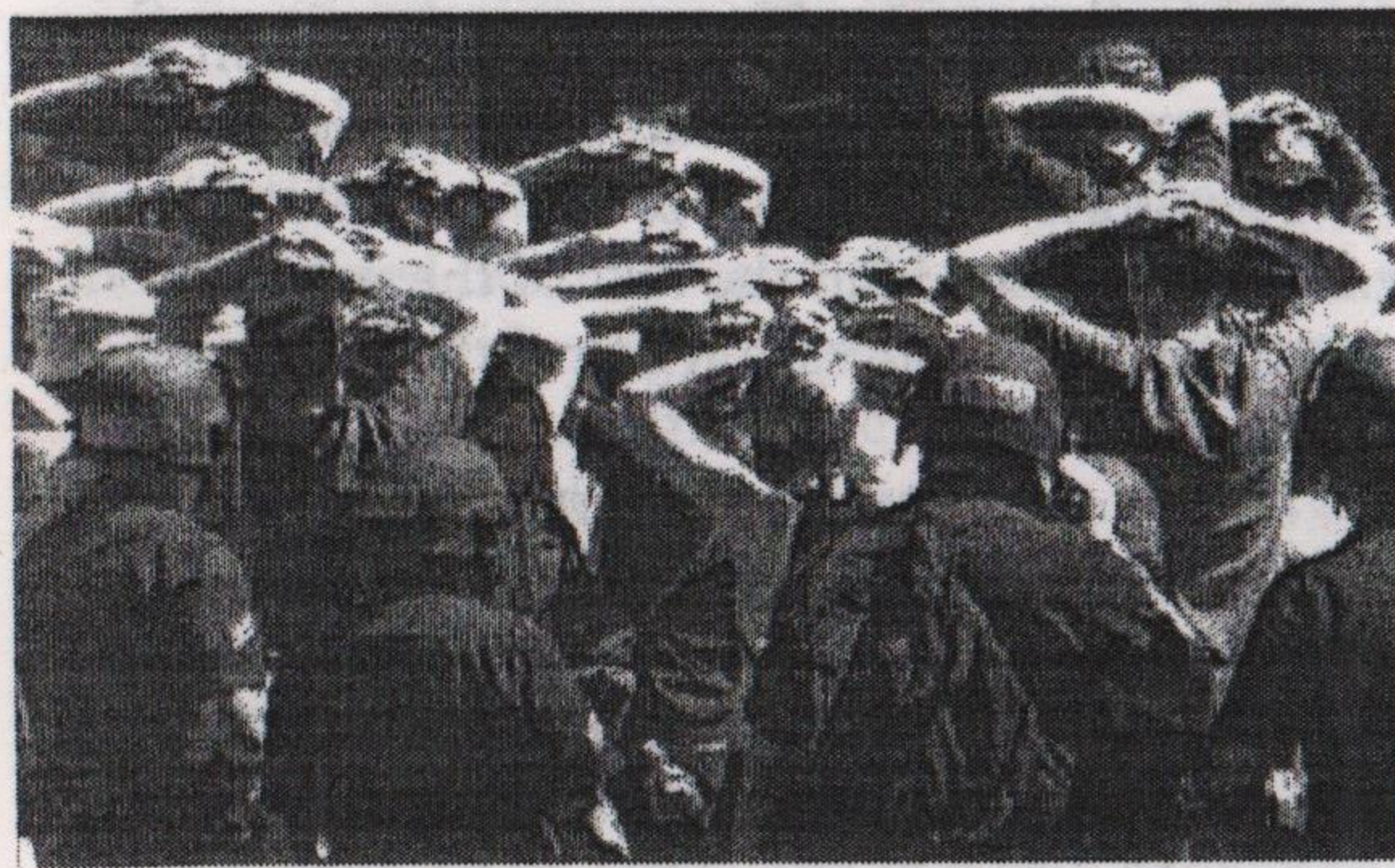
example: jumping on the bandwagon) post the terrorist events of 9/11 in this country, are nothing more than opportunistic governments using the catch-phrase "War on Terrorism" to frighten their citizens into accepting without opposition or questioning the usurping of citizens' rights, when the true agenda of the government is to crush all dissenting factions within their individual society — even legitimate dissent and those who criticize their government justifiably. The United States is a prime example of the taking of citizens' rights and constitutional guarantees which the rest of the world appears to be following, jumping on the bandwagon of oppression using the "National security" justification.

The attacks on the twin towers in New York City and the airplane high jacking which hit the Pentagon by Al-Qaeda terrorists were the wet dream of the fascist elements in all government, from the very top level of government to the bottom, as it provided the long sought and never delivered excuse to curtail citizens' rights and guarantees in democracies worldwide under the guise of national security concerns. Nowhere in the world is it more now apparent the real intention of the new laws is meant to strip citizens' constitutional rights. The US Patriot Act allows for detainees to be held without benefit of bail, seeing legal council or even being charged after discretion of their captors, claiming "national security concerns". Under the same "national security" cloak law enforcement is not required to have judge-authorized search warrants, or to even explain probable cause for the lesser reasonable suspicion: justification for a warrant to a judicial figure performing a warrant-less search of a citizen's residence without informing the citizen that a search has even taken place when the search is completed. Documents can be searched, computer records invaded, items taken, and all without a warrant. There are no rights of privacy from government intrusion in the United States, post the Patriot Act being enacted into law. Swiftly following the passage of the US Patriot Act, a much less publicized act was signed into law giving law enforcement unprecedented police state powers titled the Domestic Security Enhancement Act, which took up where the Patriot Act left off in the area of taking for granted legal and constitutional rights.

The attacks on the USA by Osama bin-Laden's terrorist network, including the attack on the USS Cole, was a fascist dream come true, as a gullible frightened public will willingly allow their rights to be traded for security to be safe in their daily lives with the great lie spoon-fed to them, since they are being kept safe from terrorism. The only prevention to terrorist acts is for a watchful willing public to work with a government they trust to neutralize terrorist acts before they happen instead of frightening citizens not only living in fear of terrorism but in fear of their government's representatives. The



United States is no longer a nation where free speech is a constitutionally protected right as those who are critical of the government, those who refuse to be led to slaughter like sheep following a Judas goat, effectively have their voices silenced or neutralized by their government as they can only protest, demonstrate and amass in areas far removed from the person or event they are opposing. They are cordoned off in areas away from the media while those favoring the administration in power in the US are permitted to pan to the media camera while waving flags and waving approvingly even



along travel routes of the top administration offices — Bush Cheney and company — at political events. The latest figure of the number of arrests I heard from the media are likely grossly wrong, with more arrests than reported by media, was 16 to 17 hundred protestors in NYC at the Republican National Convention, on all manner of charges or for no reason at all, other than that Officer Friendly and the swine with him did not like a person's appearance, de-

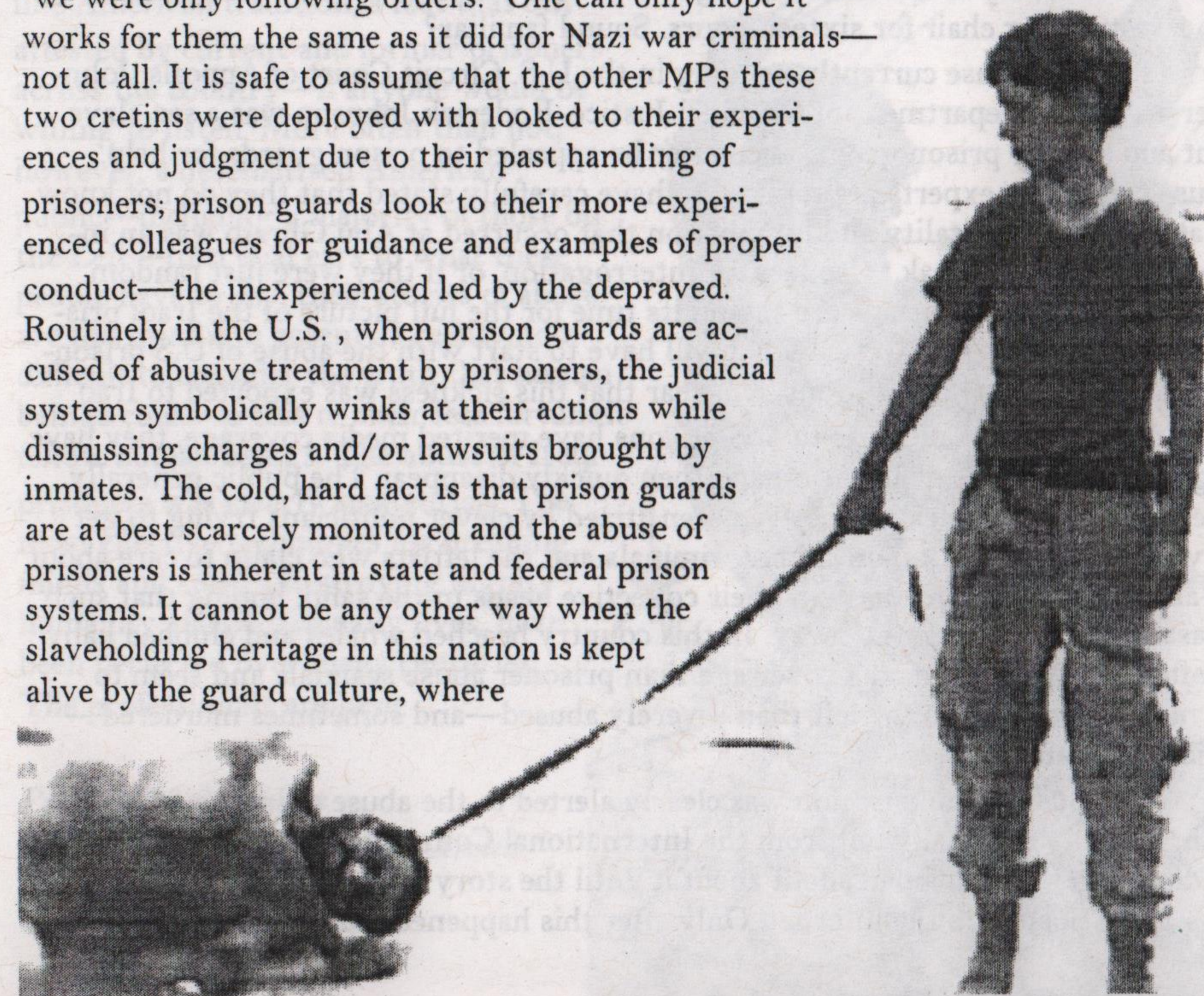
meanor or whatever. Freedom in America? A thing of the past, taken while the masses slept in the guise of being taken for national security concerns. Freedom of speech in America? There is no such right. Unless the words coming from your mouth or that you are writing are pro-government as anything else, you will have the feds knocking at your door in the night to interrogate, harass, and attempt to intimidate you into silence. You are subject to be followed under a camera 24/7; have your telephone calls listened to by big brother's minions; have your emails read before or at the same time they are read on your computer; every aspect of your life inspected particularly your associates and friends looked closely at and questioned about you and their political beliefs; every part of your life turned upside-down — if you disagree with your government. George Orwell's "Big Brother" is alive and well in the States and soon will be visiting all "democratic" nations of the world as more government gangs follow the USA example of the 21 century version of fascism.

The time to act is now, the time to rebel is now, before you lose what few remaining rights you have, human rights and rights under your government. The time to choose a way to send your message to the very top of the governments of the world is now, that you will stand for no more and the people are taking back their birthrights from the monsters of the earth! Any government is allowed to stand only because its citizens agree to be governed. The contract is broken, the agreement is gone when one side acts in bad faith. All you have to do is get off your knees and say "No more" in unison and then do what you have to do to make those words true. Take back your rights by any means necessary. There will be sacrifice, there will be hard times, but the will of the people collectively will win in the end as it always does when the sleeping giants of the people's will in any country is awakened. I am a prisoner today and have been for decades and I can see the prison with invisible walls being constructed around you by the taking of your rights as a human being, as a citizen, and if you stand or fall then it is your choice. You will have to live with the consequences. From my heart I love anybody who stands and fights, claims or even tries to claim what is theirs and have only pity for those who are willing to die on their knees to please the will of the heartless masters. They will never get us all!

Abu Ghraib and the Treatment of Prisoners in the U.S. Penal System

Like the vast majority of people, I experience revulsion, utter disgust and a degree of sadness every time I hear of the abuse of the Iraqi prisoners which occurred in the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad on the radio, watch it on television or read accounts in newspapers or magazines. The report of prisoners beaten to death during interrogation is particularly disturbing. It is abundantly clear to most people that the seven military personnel with the 372nd Military Police company are only the tip of the iceberg of the scandal as more of the facts of what happened at Abu Ghraib come to light. I find it ironic that the first military court martial to take place was for the person who photographed the abuse. The Arab world is outraged, in fact the whole world is outraged, at the images of depravity captured on film in Saddam Hussein's former prison of horrors, now used for the same purpose by the U.S. occupation forces, the "liberators" of the Iraqi people. Now only the most naïve can harbor the expectation that the prisoners of the coalition forces will be, and are being, treated accordance with the Geneva Conventions.

It may be surprising to some, but not to me, that two of the accused MPs involved are U.S. prison guards: Specialist Charles Graner, from a top security death row prison in Pennsylvania, and Staff Sergeant Ivan "Chip" Frederick, from a Virginia prison. While Graner worked as a guard at Greene County Correctional Institution, that prison was at the center of an abuse scandal in which guards allegedly routinely beat and humiliated prisoners. These are two shining examples of the sickness in U.S. prisons being exported to Iraq in the form of MPs with corrections backgrounds, who are attempting to use the infamous Nuremberg Defense of "we were only following orders." One can only hope it works for them the same as it did for Nazi war criminals—not at all. It is safe to assume that the other MPs these two cretins were deployed with looked to their experiences and judgment due to their past handling of prisoners; prison guards look to their more experienced colleagues for guidance and examples of proper conduct—the inexperienced led by the depraved. Routinely in the U.S., when prison guards are accused of abusive treatment by prisoners, the judicial system symbolically winks at their actions while dismissing charges and/or lawsuits brought by inmates. The cold, hard fact is that prison guards are at best scarcely monitored and the abuse of prisoners is inherent in state and federal prison systems. It cannot be any other way when the slaveholding heritage in this nation is kept alive by the guard culture, where



prisoners are thought of and treated as subhuman creatures, things, and animals (to list only a few of the labels I have personally heard used by guards).

Similar abuses routinely occur in prisons across the U.S. without any national attention, international outrage or media coverage; sexual assaults, beatings and humiliation of prisoners (both male and female), covered up and kept out of sight while those who earn a living directly from the misery of their captives chuckle as they continue to strip them of all human dignity. Prisoners have to endure their abuse for years until it becomes the "norm," the treatment they receive going beyond the depravity of their punishment. If you have the slightest doubt about what I am saying, then check out the archives of the events at Brazoria County Jail in Texas, September 1996. A drug raid on inmates there was videotaped, and the images are comparable to abuse of the Iraqi prisoners; inmates were forced to strip, crawl along the floor while being prodded with stun guns, and dogs were let loose on several of them. Injured prisoners were dragged face down back to their cells, much as one would drag a heavy garbage bag across the floor. Where was the national outrage then? The hand wringing of the lefties in the U.S. ?

Inmates are routinely stripped in front of other prisoners and in full view of opposite gender staff. Inmates are routinely humiliated, cursed, or beaten (some of them to death) in U.S. prisons. Where is the indignant posturing and bubbling outrage of the sensitive citizens of this country? Inmates are humiliated in ways finely honed and perfected, and done with skill and expertise, while those performing the abuse at Abu Ghraib were clearly amateurs by comparison. Their conduct was predictable; sadistic guidance and approval evidently trickled down the chain of command, encouraging their sadistic conduct. There can be no doubt about this. After all, the man assigned the task of re-opening Abu Ghraib under U.S supervision, Lane McCotter, was forced to resign under pressure as director of the Utah Department of Corrections in 1997 after a mentally ill inmate suffering from schizophrenia died while shackled naked to a restraining chair for sixteen hours. Sound familiar?

There is a case currently pending in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; Johnson versus Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Roderick Johnson was a sex slave, bought and sold by prison gangs, even after he appealed to prison guards for help. Various corrections experts are reputed to have carefully stated that they do not know to what extent the brutality and humiliation that occurred at Abu Ghraib was an intentional strategy to break prisoners for interrogation, or if they were just random acts. What a crock! Politicians are saying its time for the full picture of the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal to be exposed That will have to start with the abuse of U.S prisoners in state and federal institutions; it's clear that this sickness was exported to Iraq.

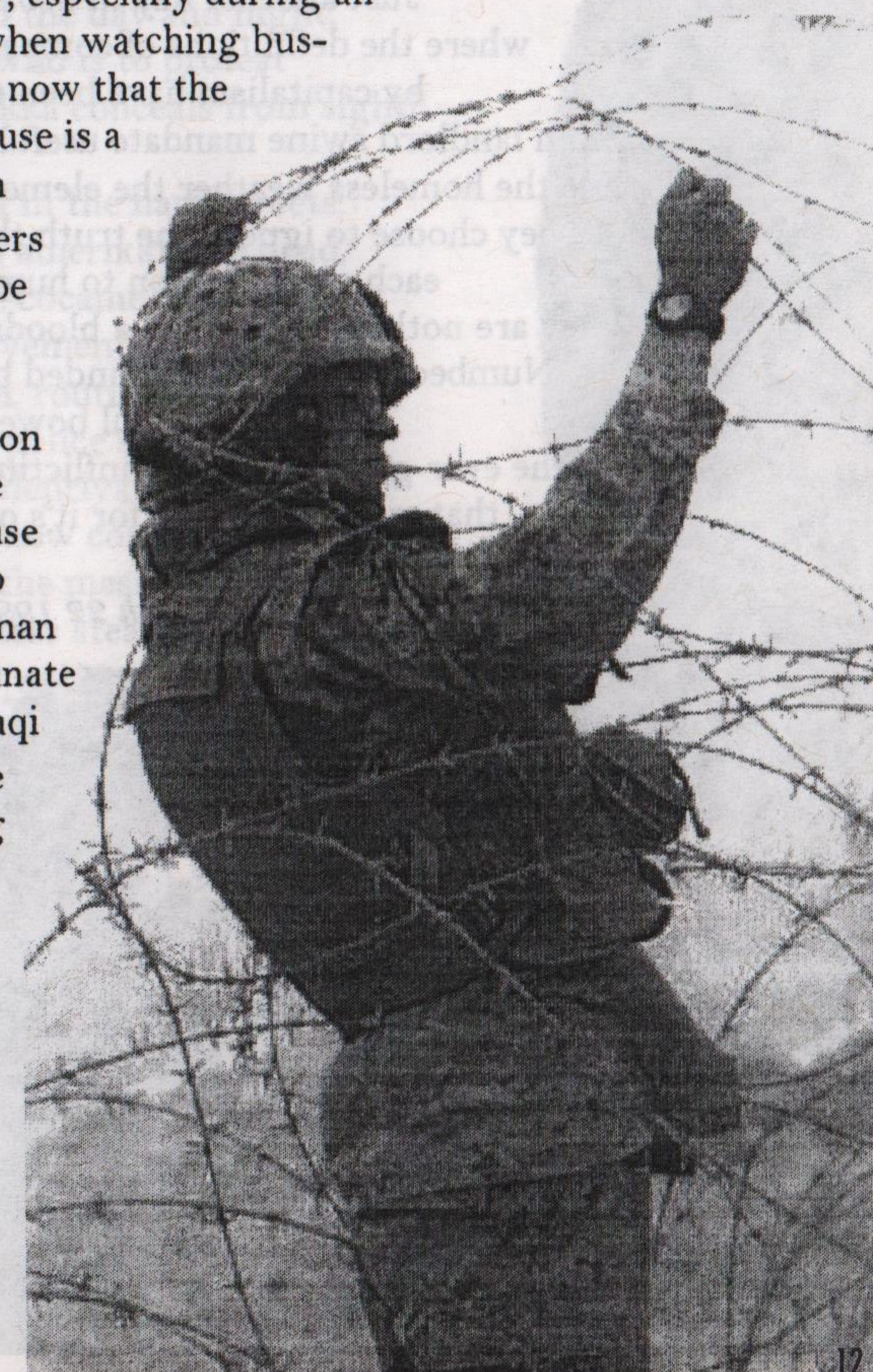
When reports of abuse in U.S prisons have merited media coverage, they have been given quick burps of attention and then quickly disappear The public generally ignores these reports because they're desensitized by clever politicians trying to get more votes for being tough on crime/criminals and the leftists who claim to care about those abused by government, bury their collective heads in the sand, hoping that such unpleasant things will just go away. In this country beached whales and clubbed baby seals often receive more media cover age than prisoner abuse scandals and seem to merit more concern from the left than severely abused—and sometimes murdered—American prisoners.

The Bush administration was clearly alerted to the abuse going on at Abu Ghraib, not only internally but from the International Committee of the Red Cross. The administration remained silent about it until the story broke due to the photographs being posted on the internet. Only after this happened did the military publicly

admit to investigating 25 in-custody deaths (possibly accidental, possibly not) of prisoners in Afghanistan and Iraq . We know when a story goes public on an international scale that it's time for the professional liars to try to salvage political and military careers—a mad scramble to pick fall guys to take the rap. Not only was the sickness of U.S. prisons exported to Iraq, but the reaction to public exposure from prison and military officials is comparable if not identical and equally predictable. Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Rice, and the rest of the administration are expressing their 'shock, outrage and disgust' at the so-called Un-American behavior. But some of us know that it is all too American: a continuation of the dehumanization and genocide of Native American peoples, the enslavement and later Jim Crow segregation imposed on African-American people, the "resettlement" of Japanese-Americans during WWII, and the modern-day treatment of all prisoners.

The typical attitude that many Americans have, and what I have heard voiced in a prison setting by a captive who suffers borderline institutionalization or Stockholm syndrome, is the same as that recently expressed by Senator James Inhofe (R. Oklahoma) to the Senate Armed Forces Committee. He said that he and some other senators are "more outraged by the outrage than we are by the treatment" of Iraqi prisoners. "The idea that these prisoners, you know they're not there for traffic violations if they are in Cell Block 1A or 1 B, these prisoners, they are murderers. They're terrorists. They're insurgents. Many of them *probably* (emphasis added) have American blood on their hands, and here we are so concerned about the treatment of those individuals." You can close your eyes and imagine this enlightened politician describing the prisons in Oklahoma the same way, especially during an election year — imagine his outrage when watching busloads of Iraqi prisoners being released now that the scandal has been exposed. Prisoner abuse is a fine American tradition, a fact that can be attested by current and former prisoners across the country—if anyone would be willing to listen. More often than not, however, a desensitized American public—including a majority of those on the Left—turn deaf ears to what these people have to say; their stories of abuse are too painful to accept as reality, too difficult to consider the truth that human beings could do this to their less fortunate fellow human beings. The abuse of Iraqi prisoners was clearly amateurish. The most effective techniques for breaking minds and spirits, destroying dignity humanity and occasionally lives, have been perfected over many centuries. The professionals are here.

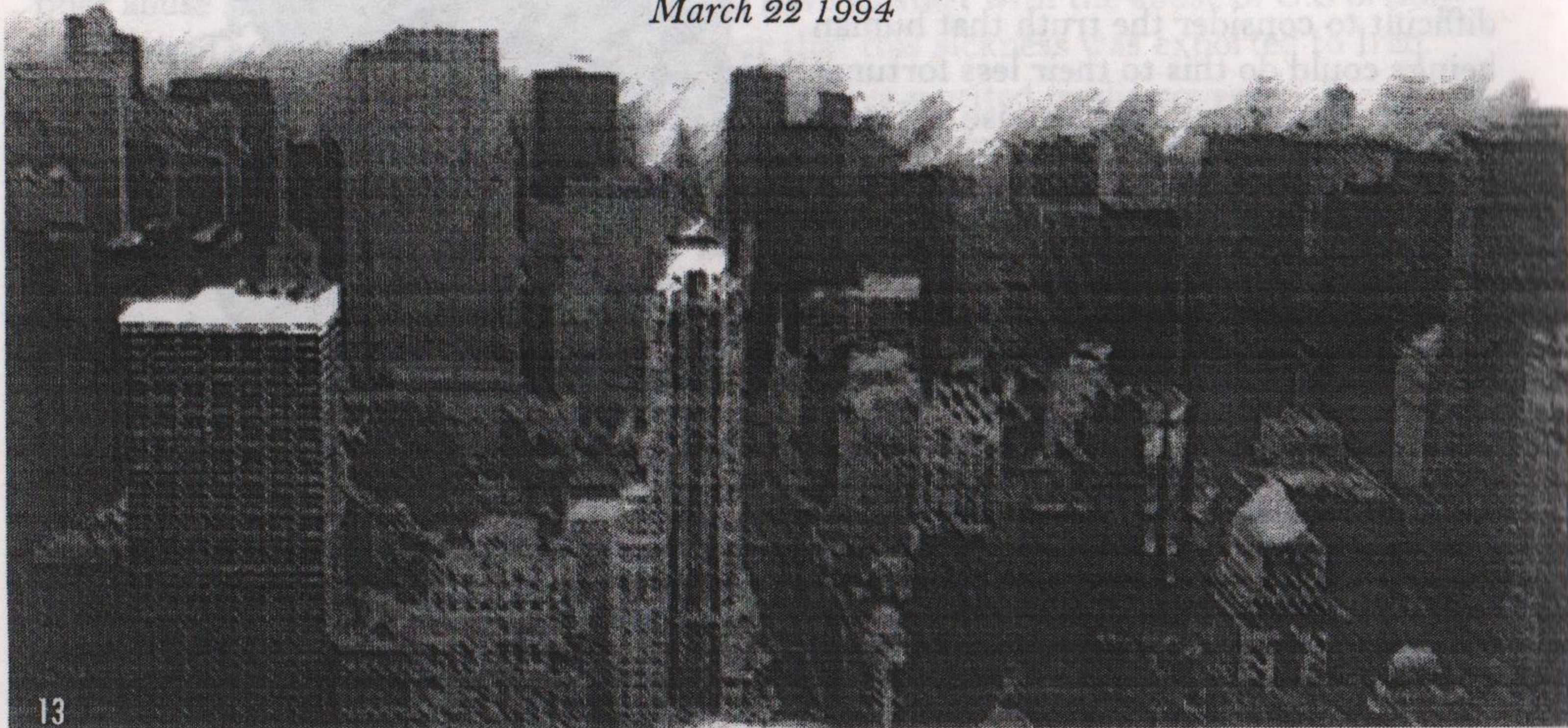
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Just Another Day in Urban Amerikkka

While under protective cloaking, shield of night
they eagerly go about their foul, dirty, cowardly deeds.
Another job performed with cold, thinly veiled pleasure
by obedient, badge wearing robopigs,
to install terror they exhibit an addicts needs.
Front door splintered with battering rams,
wielded by paramilitary uniformed demons,
flak jacketed with surrealistic visor-helmeted heads.
Automatic weapons at the ready, to administer death,
another squatted home is invaded.
Another poor family roused roughly from their beds.
Their meagre personal property minutely searched,
allegedly conducted looking for drugs.
Officially sanctioned harassment on "an informants tip".
Nothing is discovered,
but another band of squatters are to be evicted,
momentarily to escape from the oppressors grip.
They are driven from claimed shelter,
kicked out onto the street.
With nil care given to the potential dangers
lurking everywhere in the night.
Just another day in urban amerikkka,
where the definitions of compassion, fair and right
by capitalism have been thrown away.
Slum landlord swine mandate useful shelters to stand empty,
while the homeless weather the elements residing on the streets.
They choose to ignore the truth that we are all one tribe,
each an obligation to humanity to meet.
They are nothing more than a bloodsucking puppet of capital.
Numbed, deafened and blinded by the curse of greed.
They are the foul bowel droppings
of the ever-growing, terror inflicting, government monster
that gives not a care for it's own people's need!

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Business As Usual

"The cold war is won. Don't fear, it's the best of times!"
Declare lying, crooked professional politicians,
"Don't worry everything is fine!"
But as I observe the state of this nation and the 'New World Order,'
all I can really see is business as usual,
state of the art weaponry, high-tech war, smart bombs,
barbaric acts, death, pain and blatant hypocrisy!

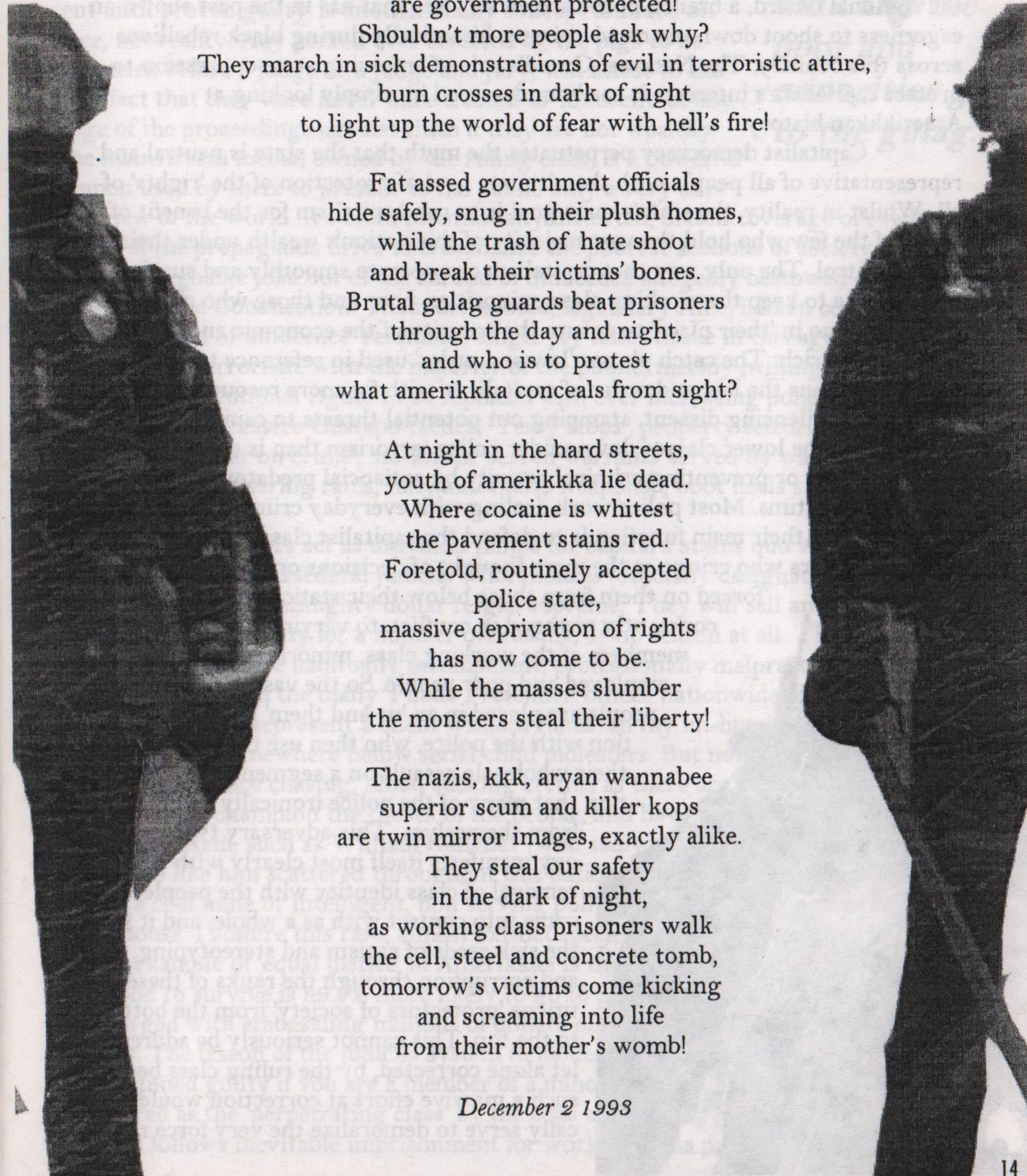
At the hands of neo-nazi, racist scum good people die.
These vermin who relish, thrive on their bigoted hatred
are government protected!
Shouldn't more people ask why?
They march in sick demonstrations of evil in terroristic attire,
burn crosses in dark of night
to light up the world of fear with hell's fire!

Fat assed government officials
hide safely, snug in their plush homes,
while the trash of hate shoot
and break their victims' bones.
Brutal gulag guards beat prisoners
through the day and night,
and who is to protest
what amerikkka conceals from sight?

At night in the hard streets,
youth of amerikkka lie dead.
Where cocaine is whitest
the pavement stains red.
Foretold, routinely accepted
police state,
massive deprivation of rights
has now come to be.
While the masses slumber
the monsters steal their liberty!

The nazis, kkk, aryan wannabee
superior scum and killer kops
are twin mirror images, exactly alike.
They steal our safety
in the dark of night,
as working class prisoners walk
the cell, steel and concrete tomb,
tomorrow's victims come kicking
and screaming into life
from their mother's womb!

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The Role of Prisons in the Scheme of Capitalism

and its first line of defense to protect the few 'haves' from the many 'have nots'. The key role of oppression by the police is complemented by the judiciary, prisons, top elected officials who are placing into law ever more Draconian 'crime bills,' and finally capital's last line of defense against dissent, the military, inclusive of the National Guard, a branch of the armed services that has in the past shown an eagerness to shoot down unarmed citizens, historically during black rebellions across this country. The National Guard's role of enforcing state oppression to protect capitalism's interests is easily understood by simply looking at Amerikkkan history.

Capitalist democracy perpetuates the myth that the state is neutral and representative of all people with the ultimate goal of protection of the 'rights' of all. Whilst in reality, the state's main goal is to run capitalism for the benefit of profit of the few who hold the vast majority of this nation's wealth under their direct control. The only way that capitalism can operate smoothly and survive is for the state to keep the working class, minorities, poor and those who challenge the status-quo in 'their place' to ensure the security of the economic and political power of the rich. The catch phrase 'law and order' used in reference to police functions means the law and order of capitalism, with far more resources and effort put into silencing dissent, stamping out potential threats to capitalist 'order' and keeping the lower classes down under police terrorism than is ever paid to solving crimes or preventing criminal activity by antisocial predators against lower class victims. Most police work dealing with everyday crime is merely a smoke-screen; their main function is to defend the capitalist class and their middle class supporters who cringe at the mere thought of decisions or policy being

forced on them from those below their station. The police are constantly engaged in conflict, to varying degrees, with members of the working class, minorities, homeless, unemployed and poor people. So the vast majority of the people are placed in an 'us and them' adversary situation with the police, who then use this to justify their wholesale assault on a segment of the population that many of the police ironically originate from themselves. This adversary type psychology manifests itself most clearly with their removal of class identity with the people they come into contact with as a whole, and it sows the sick seeds of racism and stereotyping, lies and corruption through the ranks of these fictitious 'protectors of society' from the bottom to the top. This cannot seriously be addressed, let alone corrected, by the ruling class because such a massive effort at correction would logically serve to demoralize the very force relied

The role of the gulag system and of the police within the grand scheme of capitalism should be discussed, not as separate issues, but as related means of repression used by the state against the working-class, minorities and the poor. The police are the knuckles on the iron fist of the state

upon to protect its wealth and power. This is why so few police are prosecuted for their crimes against the working class and in the rare instances when they are convicted it's always of lesser offences no matter what they actually do, even when cops murder citizens which is increasingly becoming more frequent. The police are often brutal, corrupt, prejudiced to the core and elected politicians will never seriously confront this horrific problem as they themselves either benefit from the actions of the police or are bought and paid for lackeys of the ruling class. The judicial branch of capitalist law enforcement is perhaps an even worse farce than the myth about the pigs 'serving the people to protect them'. There is no such thing as 'equal justice under the law'. In the court system money talks, the rich walk and the poor and minorities go to the gulag. Innocent until proven guilty' is another shaky concept founded on farce, not reality. Any person ever arrested by the pigs to be later tried before a judge or a judge and jury, will attest to the clear fact that they were never once treated as 'innocent' at any stage of the proceedings against them if they are not wealthy. The mainstream media, owned by the ruling class, is a powerful weapon used by them to present to the public only a very narrow view of the world. It's often intentionally distorted, biased coverage of events is part of the propaganda drive to criminalize the poorest sections of society which makes a laughable joke out of the shroud of innocence allegedly bestowed on all citizens by the Constitution. The much touted, legendary Amerikkkan courtroom's 'shroud of innocence' resembles single ply toilet tissue in this age of media backed, state terrorism, with the majority of the public, meekly, willing to surrender their constitutional rights to be replaced with ever increasing police-state oppression and repressive Gestapo tactics, 'Terry stops', property seizures, the 'war on drugs' and 'war on crime', 'no-knock' search warrants served by wannabee robokops with battering rams, fully automatic weapons, , boot heels shattering doors...

Most lawyers act as unethical pimps for capital's status quo within the city, county, state and federal judicial whorehouses (officially designated as 'courts of law ') wherein the almighty dollar reigns supreme. They will sell an indigent defendant into captivity for a number of reasons, or no reason at all. This especially applies to those habitually incompetent, professionally malpracticing lawyers associated with the many 'Public Pretender' offices nationwide, if they have been appointed to represent a client without funds. In my un-humble opinion most attorneys rank somewhere below serial child molesters. But not all attorneys are low-life, ambulance chasing, blood sucking cretins as there are a few exceptional lawyers which champion the causes of the people, and have not bought into the capitalist system, such as William Kunstler (who sadly died in 1995) with a very few others like him scattered throughout this nation, as rare as diamonds discovered in a coal mine or intelligent, non serving politicians in either congress or the white house. I admire this rare, almost extinct species of attorney very much. A perfect example of 'equal justice' in Amerikkka is that a homeless person, forced to steal food to survive is 99.9% more likely to go to prison than a white collar criminal charged with embezzling millions of dollars of unrecovered funds from senior citizens. The lesson of the judicial system in modern day Amerikkka is that you are presumed guilty if you are a member of a minority, poor, or working class, all considered as the 'perpetrating class' by the cops and courts. From the judicial cesspool follows inevitable imprisonment for working class people after their farci-

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cal day in court. In other words, the hallowed halls of capitalism suck, but so do most of the court personnel that are employed there, particularly the black robed cross dressers sitting in judgment of us lesser beings.

Politicians have a self-serving field day whipping up public hysteria in the mainstream media about the 'crime crisis' in Amerikkka, perpetrating the great lie in order to enhance their images to concerned voters of being tough on crime. "The prisons are full of dangerous criminals, keep them there! Three strikes and your out! We have to build more prisons to hold them all! We need the prisons to control these animals!.." they rant and rage while lying through their pearl white teeth. The truth is easily discovered by anyone willing to do some preliminary research on the crime and prisons. Their great lie is merely just another vote grabbing fabrication which social vermin like politicians are known for coming up with in desperation to seize public office to fleece the flock! The national population has increased since the fifties and sixties where most comparison statistics are drawn from to match with the 90's crime rates. Crime has risen comparatively with the population increase, almost at the same rate of growth during the fifties and sixties. Some categories of violent crime have increased a bit but only because of the increased availability of automatic weapons during the 90's era.

The simple concrete fact remains: the vast majority of people imprisoned today in the united states of Amerikkka's state and federal gulags are incarcerated for economic crimes relating to survival. The largest percentage of these people are

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poor, unemployed, working class and/or members of ethnic minorities. Prisons are racist, sexist environments, designed to dehumanize those within them, strip people of their identities to be replaced with numbers like warehoused spare parts. Prisons provide no treatment to solve any problems which led a person to prison. The only treatment provided is to control conduct/behavior of a person while in prison, if any treatment is offered at all. It is meant to isolate the prisoner from family and friends, break down their personalities to force them, through varying degrees of brain washing techniques, into becoming another obedient robot for capitalism. Prisons are being utilized increasingly to simply warehouse people, society's throwaway segments; the homeless, unemployed, those seeking to bring political change through methods unacceptable to the elite few, the 'unwashed' or perpetrating class, defined as us. Prisons are violent institutions by design and teach lessons of violence through abuse to those confined within them. This taught violence is often later misdirected and unleashed upon

society in general after the person is released. Bitterness, pent-up rage, anger has to go somewhere so it explodes, most often at unexpected times and often in self destructive ways to the individual, sending them back for a second drink at the well of the gulags. The victims of the prison's institutionalized brutality create new victims of the system, thus ensuring the vicious cycle continues after their release to gentler society to send them back for a rerun of the original dehumanizing penal experience. Prison neither deters crime nor protects anybody from crime. Prison perpetuates crime. Prisons provide no realistic rehabilitation and the person is often a worse threat to society when they leave prison than when they entered it in the first place. So why are people continued to be dehumanized in these steel and concrete gulags? Why are people still locked away for years in these tombs of the undead.

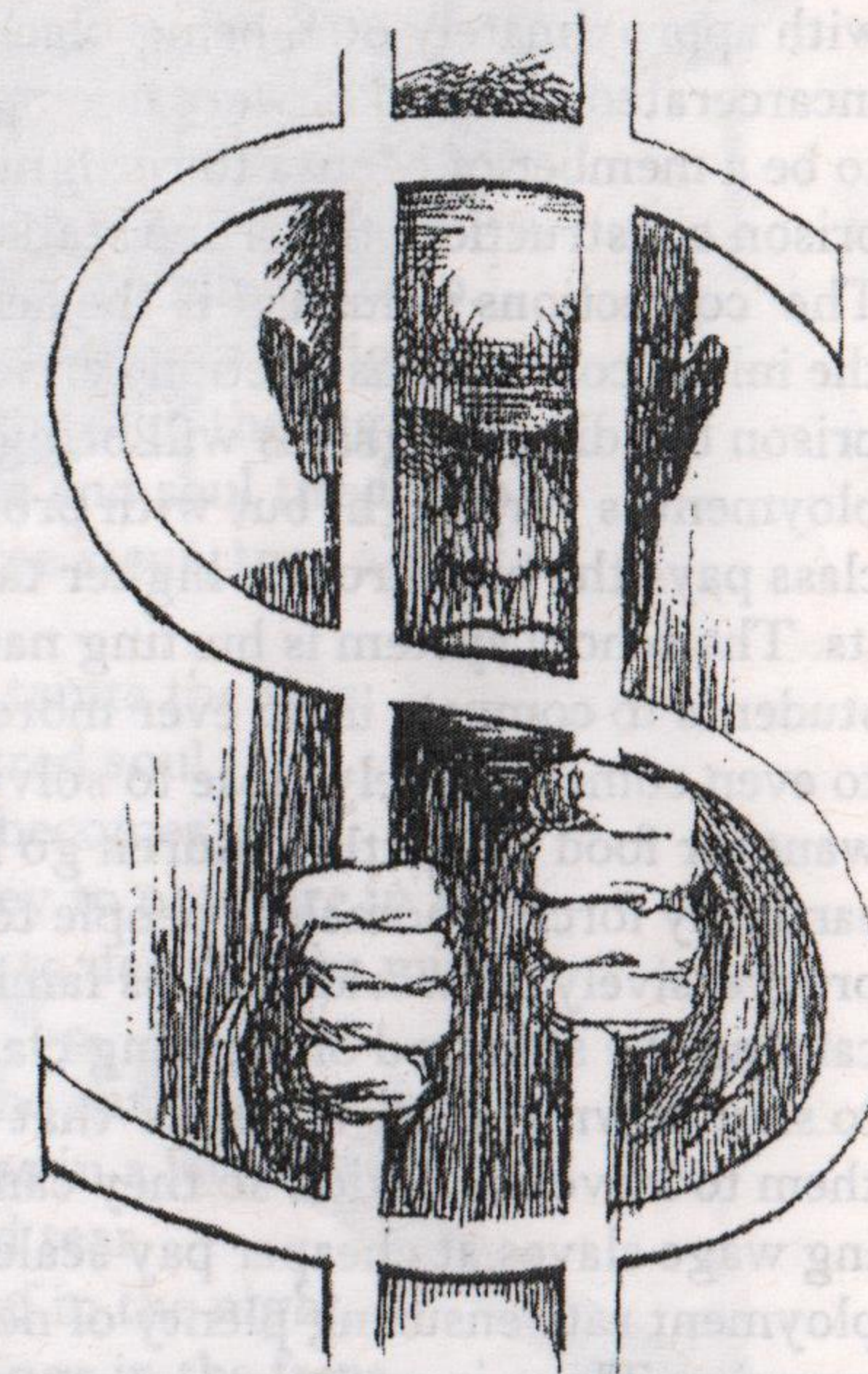
Why? Because prisons are a booming growth industry and as with other large

capitalist ventures are propped up with dollars taken from the working class in the form of taxes.

Certainly it remains clear, the professional politicians are interested only in ways to line their pockets and not to lighten the load of those who elected them into office! A proper clean sweep of this nation's prisons from the face of the earth should naturally include the two political party parasites. Private industry has entered the 'corrections' business in several ways within recent years. Privately owned corporations bid for contracts with state departments of correction in many states. Privatized medical services companies have been formed to provide for prisoners' medical needs and at least one state, Tennessee, has even entered contractual agreement with a private company to provide meals for prisoners. Privately owned and operated prison management companies have been known to attempt to reach into the international slave market for contracts to operate gulags at a profit in other countries. A perfect example of such

blatant profiteering is *Corrections Corporation of America* of Nashville, Tennessee, which has entered negotiations with the United Kingdom in the hope of being able to manage and operate privatized English prisons. The economic benefits to the state and the private sector operating hand in glove is immeasurable. When most other areas of the free market are in decline there is a burst of growth in the 'corrections industry'. The harder the times for the working class, the better the times are for this growing industry which deals in systematic dehumanization, torture and slow death for many residing in cages, with many more unfortunates to arrive in the near future due to the passage of Draconian 'crime bills' at state and federal levels. Over \$80 billion is spent on existing prisons annually. That lofty figure is set to rise like a space rocket from Cape Canaveral in the coming years with the proliferation of prisons. Prisons do not work, they solve no problems for society at large and none for the people confined within them. They thrive on institutional racism and sexism. They are brutal and excessively violent. In every way the very concept of caging human beings has failed miserably, though prisons will remain as monuments to ignorance and stupidity as long as there is a dollar to be made from their existence — or until the working class say "NO MORE" and tear them down brick by brick. Until such a time the working class will continue to pay the ever increasing costs for the prison farce. If things continue as they are we will ultimately end up with one half of the population supporting and the other half in cages.

The USA has the dubious distinction of incarcerating a larger percentage of its population than any other country in the world. Presently the number of imprisoned or otherwise in the system on probation or parole in the USA is over 6 million, with over 2 million of those men, women and children held behind razor wire fences, concrete walls, living in primitive steel and concrete cages or high security, state of the art tombs. The overall incarceration rate in this nation is climbing at an alarming rate and at present it even surpasses South Africa which has the 2nd highest rate globally of 333 persons per 100,000 population. Black people in the U.S. are incarcerated at seven times the rate of white people on a national average. The number of women in prison is steadily increasing; many of these women are single mothers



with approximately 60% being black or Latino. Statistics show that nearly half of those incarcerated in the U.S. were unemployed at the time of their arrest, so you don't have to be a member of Mensa to recognize the direct relationship between the boom in prison construction, the crime statistics, and the ever rising unemployment statistics. The "corrections industry" is the fastest growing area of business in the nation with the initial cost of construction carried by working class taxpayers (often hoping that prison building programs will bring new jobs for the inhabitants of areas where unemployment is very high) but with profits being reaped by private capital. The working class pays the bill through higher taxes and the company bosses walk off with the profits. The school system is hurting nationally for operating funds to be able to prepare students to compete in an ever more selective job market. There is not enough housing to even come remotely close to solving the homeless problem in this country. People want for food and little children go hungry in the richest nation on the face of the earth. By forcing homeless people to live on the streets without shelter; raising taxes progressively on working class families while decreasing taxes on the affluent thereby causing the standard of working class living to decline; manipulation of the economy to shut down smaller business' that can't compete with the big corporations or allow them to leave the nation so they can set up shop in the so called 'third world'; exploiting wage slaves at cheaper pay scales: all this and more enhances the national unemployment rate ensuring plenty of new blood for a prison system already packed beyond capacity. There is a whole new generation of victims being prepared for the inside of these cages right now in capitalist Amerikkka. The prisons today are comparable to the slave trade of yesterday, where warm flesh held in captivity means profits for the realm!

If government is representative and concerned with the needs of the population as a whole as it claims to be, shouldn't it be housing the homeless, feeding the hungry, educating the starving young minds now being thrown away and use the billions of dollars thrown away on prison construction (and other useless projects like the NASA space program etc.) to solve today's social problems that are dragging us all down? It would be naive of us to believe this is likely to happen. The prisons will continue to be full, with more being built at our expense until we the people, through taking matters into our own hands, tear them down, brick by brick and erase them from the face of the earth by sheer force! Capital will not willingly give up anything through a mere outcry or be voted away. All governments protect the interest of capital only, not the will of the working class, the 'unwashed rabble', us! Quite simply it will continue to build prisons and fill them with us as long as we continue to let it happen. The Red Army Faction in Germany struck a blow against capital's construction of a state of the art prison a few years ago when they blew it up! They hit hard because those in power who use force to oppress fear most the use of force against their control. If such examples of direct action by the brave few were to inspire the many and seen as being an effective way of striking blows against the horror of capitalism, then maybe the people would bring down this decaying monster.

The words of George Jackson, slain revolutionary of the sixties, come to mind as he spoke of the powerful force unleashed with the wrath of the people. George said *"I'm part of a righteous people who anger slowly but rage undammned. We'll gather at his door in such a number that the rumbling of our feet will make the earth tremble"*.

Hit out with direct action against the system which is destroying us, me in here, you out there!

Let the earth shake with the rumble of our feet!

One small snowflake too many on a hillside, can start an unstoppable avalanche!

Caged

In cold steel and concrete cage the prisoner walks to and fro,
seeking only sheer exhaustion, there is no where to go.
The prisoner treasures dreams of rebellion and flight,
the sheer joy of freedom, running through the night.
To only be free from this gulag of hate and soul tired men,
but there is no where to go, walk three steps, turn again.

Deprived of sun, a white pallor taints the skin,
a shell that cloaks a tortured soul.

As outside contact dies, hope becomes thin.

Walking becomes an exhaustive journey to nowhere in time,
as the gulag keeps conjure up ways to destroy the mind.

The cage is society's coffin for him he has come to fear,
where the only warmth comes in a letter,
or falls in a bitter, shed tear.

Time passes silently, like a thief in the night,
creeps on by and leaves its etchings in the faces
that long to stroll under the sky.

Somewhere each second, a prisoner is walking the floor
of a make-shift coffin, grave-like cell.
Serving time in this corrupt system,
is comparable to a prolonged vacation in hell.

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Sounds

In this steel and concrete tomb,
pondering on things missed.

Foremost is a loving touch,
the feelings after being kissed.

Sounds of night in woodland,
the sun's warmth on a free day.

The cry of a flying bird, gleeful laughter of children at play.

But what is real in these hellish places

are the many sounds of anguish,

from emotionally drained pain numbed faces.

Sounds of the frustrated, missing those loved.

A fact stands out it seems.

Freedom is a mysterious lady,

We only make love to in our dreams.

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Why Are Prisoners Largely Ignored by Anti-Fascists?

logical concepts of racism, sexism, fascism, authoritarianism, just about every imaginable form of bigotry and all manner of hate meant to divide people, create warring factions, which can be controlled and manipulated by the few for the benefit of the few, throughout the gulag system. Gulag officials look on the right wing propaganda and recruiting campaigns with favor, in much the same way that neo-nazis are protected by the police from deserved attack on the outside. The right-wing hate groups recognize the gulag system as a fertile ground for recruitment of prisoners, hoping that when they are strong enough and have enough supporters it will be feasible to put their sick divisive ideology into wider practice. The monsters of the earth have realized for decades a potential army in waiting, comprised of prisoners, those with absolutely nothing to lose and everything to gain by the destruction of capitalism. Accordingly, right wing hate groups in most places shower the gulags with their poisonous literature, seek out and make prisoner contacts and actively support prisoners deemed of value to them or suitable for the proliferation of their politics of division. Through propagandizing and supporting these chosen prisoners the hate groups create strong, loyal power bases in the prisons. This also aids their numbers to grow on the outside as the prisoners are released or these groups are given free world friend and family contacts by the prisoners. With the seeds of fascism planted in fertile ground these fascist supporters in the gulags then attempt to recruit fellow prisoners, yet this seems to be largely ignored by the left in the US, including most anarchists.

“...when apathy reigns and compassion is absent, the monsters of the earth spread wide their tentacles and their organizations increasingly grow stronger.”

One is prompted to ask the logical question, what is the vast majority of the left doing to combat the extreme right wing's successful efforts at recruitment within and from the gulags? What are most anarchists and their organizations doing to neutralize the potential acceptance of fascist propaganda by prisoners hungry for political knowledge and education, prisoners eager to understand the reasons why they ended up in prison, the politics of their incarceration? In short, prisoners looking for answers. What are anarchists doing to provide a counter-balance? Are they providing anarchist literature to allow prisoners a choice between opposite polarity concepts? Are they attempting to promote class consciousness in prisons, demonstrating that a better future is possible for all working class people whatever their culture or color through direct-democracy and class struggle, not authoritarian control politics? How much importance do they place on prisoner support and prison struggles? Not much nor nearly enough is being done to curtail the spread of the poison of hate. This is extremely sad because as we rest, as we falter, as we procrastinate, when hesitation is practiced instead of productive activity, when apathy reigns and compassion is absent, the monsters of the earth spread wide their tentacles and their organizations increasingly grow stronger. Through inaction it would

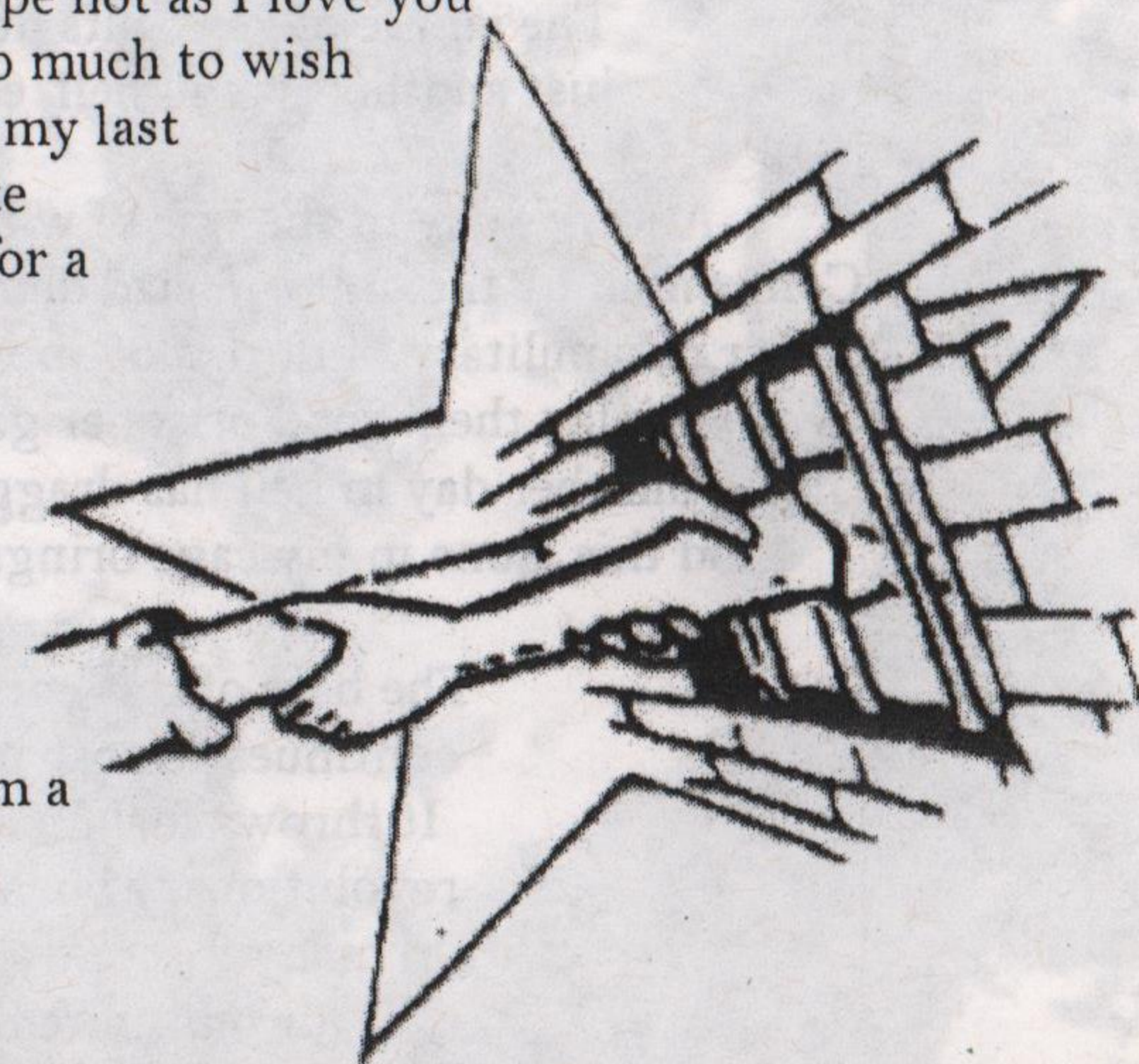
While living in this gulag cage I watch national and international events, government agendas of oppression of the working class world wide. In my daily existence (as dismal as it is 'inside') I witness increased efforts of right wing political hate groups to spread their sickening ide-

seem that many anarchists have passively bought the states propaganda that prisoners are nothing more than liabilities to society, not worth the air they breath! The fact is that the vast majority of prisoners are working class, our class! They are working class, our brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends.

Albeit there are monsters in the gulags, social predators, but the vast majority of prisoners are locked away from society for economic based crimes; often their only crime was to break the law in order for their families to survive under the crushing weight of poverty. The only difference between these prisoners and any person within the free community is they were put through capitalism's judicial wringer and shook out like fresh washed laundry within the gulags, where they confront the even more brutal face of capitalism without the smiling mask it usually hides behind when dealing with those in the free world. During 16 long years inside I've all too often watched a sad scenario play itself out where prisoners write to leftist, radical and revolutionary political groups seeking literature about their politics. Prisoners wanting to educate themselves and interested in helping to create a better world, prisoners open to learning. I've witnessed those same prisoners become bitterly disappointed when their open-hand of friendship, their efforts to learn were ignored.

It has often puzzled me how those within a political movement can struggle against a system yet seem willing to accept that same system's propaganda against prisoners as 'gospel'. Ignored, these previously hopeful prisoners turned in other directions to where they would be accepted as useful people and now instead of fighting alongside us to bring the system itself to its knees in defeat, these misguided, embittered souls buy into the ignorant ideology of hatred, forever keeping us divided, apart, misunderstanding and fighting each other, which is a much favored manipulation of those who profit from our division as a people. It seems ironic that the left will quite possibly have to fight one day against these very people that it capitulated, threw them away without any effort expended, while the hate mongers gained in strength by providing literature, comradeship and support. These prisoners were lost by default with the right winning easy uncontested victories for their hearts, minds and future potential. I am a captive today. However there is a very good chance in this era of oppression/repression you will become tomorrow's prisoner for any number of reasons or just for being who you are, especially if you're an anarchist. I hope not as I love you my anarchist brothers and sisters, far too much to wish you to endure what I have endured over my last 16 years in capitalism's steel and concrete cages. Stay strong and keep struggling for a better world, a borderless, nationless, egalitarian world, an anarchist world. Protect yourselves and others from the monsters of the earth and reach out with mutual aid to each other. Never throwaway through apathy a potential you might someday miss when it is needed to save us all and make anarchism a worldwide reality.

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The Cause

The cell house steel door noisily slams shut after being open wide.
It's another morning in man-made hell, going by the gulags clock
I stand at my steel cage door watching my tormentors come inside.
Another day of contending with the uniformed bastards,
whose hearts are evil and black.

They are the modern day nazis,
a new era of devil packs.
I stare at them through a cell door of steel.
My rage boiling within me almost chokes me,
it is that real.
I stand alone, trapped within this cage,
forever tormented by a burning rage.

With no escape, no release,
I search in vain for elusive inner peace.
In a monument to turmoil everyday,
I struggle against this sick reality.
Turning away in disgust, I close my eyes,
drift back into the refuge of memory, paradise.

Any precious escape I am thankful for
There's not much relief when you're at war.
Maybe, perhaps, it's all a terrible dream,
will I awaken to forget the horror I have seen?

Welcome sleep brings my lover's arms
to hold me tight.
Her head rests upon my chest so very light.
In my dreams I lovingly stroke her pubic hair...
With a curse I awaken, to find myself not there!
Then I hear that familiar dreaded, hated sound.
It echoes loudly off the walls all around.
The jangle of keys cuts deep into my brain,
just another day in hell, each day the same.

Another day in the war of wills has arrived, is here.
Confronted by the uniform clad demons, mental torturing gear.
Their paramilitary uniforms of oppression I have come to hate.
I will never play their good prisoner game and thereby I seal my fate.
Finally another day in hell has dragged and passed slowly on by,
and this alone in my cage brings a joyful, relieved high.

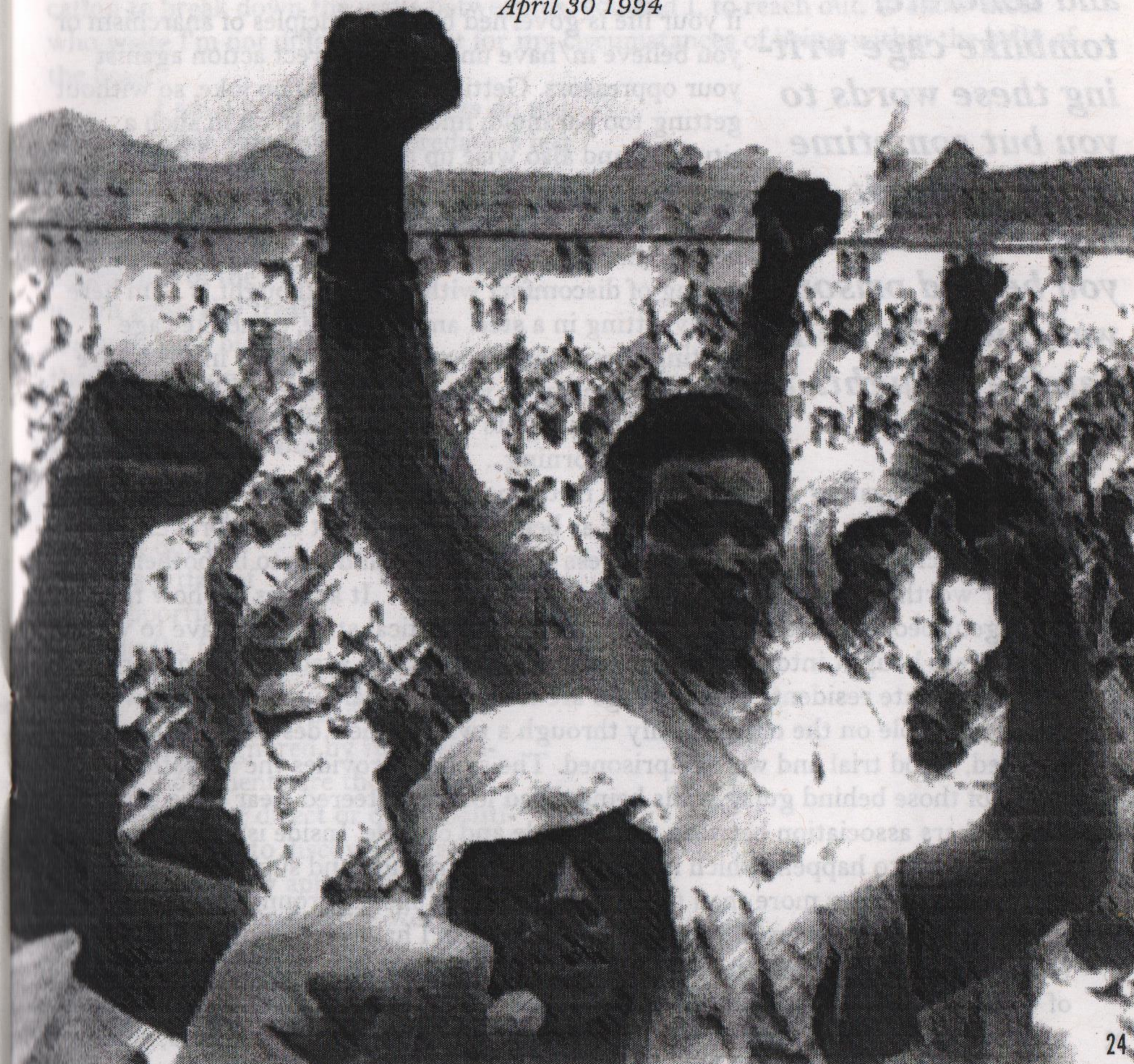
The hate of this corrupt system
continues to soar in my veins.
It throws fuel on my heart's,
revolutionary burning flames.
On many fronts we rebels fight
for our united cause,
I continue the struggle in here,
you out there.

Together we confront head-on
their self-serving capitalistic laws,
drawing comfort from the fact they are
trapped with us in their own nightmare.

I have perfected hate for them,
they have perfected tortures and despair.
Who shall finally win?
Why us of course!

Our rebel hearts as one
present a mighty, unstoppable force!
And you capitalist swine,
someday you will all see
the people's righteous anger,
our wrath, as we grasp our liberty!
That glorious day,
when our chains will be broken
and forever, we'll all be free!

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The Importance of Supporting Prisoners

against the masters of capital, who believe their station in life gives them the legitimate power to enslave us in whatsoever form they choose, to use us up, throw us away and profit by the blood and sweat we shed in their wage slave shops, factories and mills of capitalism. Once we step out in any form of protest then the power of the state may fall upon us with unrelenting force. We are subject to arrest and imprisonment at any time, most of us, simply because we choose to be who we are because we want to live the lives we choose in spite of the plans others make for us, because we dare to be different or because our eyes are open to the realities of our likely future, wearing the yoke of capitalism around our necks like beasts of burden, not equal human beings, unless we throw off the weight on our

“...I am here today sitting in a steel and concrete, tomblike cage writing these words to you but sometime in the future it might actually be you behind prison walls, writing comparable thoughts to the outside.”

The 'system' and mainstream media portrays those of us within the ever increasing number of jails and prisons as being the equivalent of the proverbial biblical 'unclean people', to be feared, less than humans, and not to be bothered with or worth any degree of outside concern or support. It amazes me how many intelligent people, including anarchists, active in political struggles, have to varying degrees bought into the disinformation put out by the system. The majority of the unfortunate residents of the gulags are for the most part just like other working class people on the outside, only through a twist of their destiny they were arrested, stood trial and were imprisoned. The system provides the sensationalist image of those behind gulag walls being a bad lot, best steered clear of because the system fears association between those inside and outside. Inside is a potential army waiting to happen, which needs education, direction and support. The system desires nothing more than to maintain a wall of silence around the gulags isolating prisoners to break their minds and spirits. I have seen bodies broken and minds fragmented forever by the brutal hands of the keepers and their clever use of weak, inmate lackeys. I have seen many men reach out to the struggles outside with heartfelt letters, eager for information about the various movements, educa-

First, it is important to stress that none of us is immune from arrest and prosecution for any number of alleged crimes. Especially once we have placed ourselves into the eye of the storm of struggle

back to stand in the sun in our rightful place. Look at the person beside you, across the way from you and then fully realize that individual may one day be arrested and so may you because you dare to be different, threatening to those who seek to control us, especially if your life is governed by the principles of anarchism or you believe in/have undertaken direct action against your oppressors. Getting arrested is no joke, so without getting too paranoid, find out what to do in such a situation and also wise up about the police. I am often blunt to the point of pain so I do apologize if my words have made anybody uncomfortable, but I think one sobering thought really needs to bring a wake-up call, feeling of discomfort with it. That thought is I am here today sitting in a steel and concrete, tomblike cage writing these words to you but sometime in the future it might actually be you behind prison walls, writing comparable thoughts to the outside. If they come for you in the morning...

tion about them. Prisoners seeking compassion and comradeship. I have seen only a few of those who make contact, who are encouraged to learn, to grow, to realize who they are, their potential value to themselves and to the communities outside gulag walls.

I have seen far many more give up and sometimes even gravitate towards the hate groups which are now in abundance within the gulags as they are out there. These eventual recruits to the ranks of the extreme right could have been soldiers within our ranks but those who claim to be revolutionaries outside chose to ignore their very existence.

I myself tried in vain for over a decade 'inside' to make contact with like-minded people embracing anarchist politics. I was determined to reach out and refused to give up, unlike a lot of other prisoners around me. I reached out at every opportunity and continued to reach out when there was no response, through many letters requesting political literature and anarchist books but above all, comradeship with other anarchists. My unanswered letters began in the late seventies, continued throughout the eighties and into the early nineties. Finally a first anarchist solidarity letter was handed to me by a faceless clone of a guard at a Tennessee gulag in 1992! That letter and letters since has been like a welcome breeze of fresh air blowing through a place where the air and life stands dormant. The mere fact a fellow anarchist bothered to write brought tears to my eyes, eyes I was long convinced would never feel tearful moisture again. I've worked hard since that first communication to break down the walls between us, you and I, to reach out, to show those who write I'm not different except for my circumstances of being within the belly of the beast.

I am not saying the gulags do not hold their fair share of social predators but many prisoners do become politicized within gulag walls often due to their own learning efforts. Through direct experience of the system itself, which generally treats prisoners with such blatant injustice that many soon *feel* only resentment, contempt and anger towards it. Repression breeds resistance. I am merely trying to point out *the* obvious pitfall of not supporting those seeking the tools to become politicized.

Sadder still than these social prisoners ignored by the revolutionary movements are those souls captured during direct or other political actions only to discover once in captivity that they appear to have somehow not been deemed worthy of support and are hence soon forgotten by their so called 'comrades'. One conceptual truth screams out in my heart

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to be voiced so I will state it now. Any political movement or peoples struggle, which fails to provide support to fallen comrades is doomed to failure as certain as day follows night. Prisoner support should be considered as a top priority within all political movements and with all activists, as we, you or I never know when gulag gates will slam shut behind us or when those gates to the outside will open again to allow our passage back out once the system has us in its grasp.

I have endured many hard years, *over* two decades and a half, within the gulags of this state. As I've already said I spent the first decade banging my head and heart against a wall of silence, attempting to reach out to ears that appeared to be deaf and eyes which appeared to be blind to my existence in hell. I never gave up and have earned the right to point these issues out now. I have earned the right to speak out with the shedding of my blood, the pain of this, in past beaten, tired body and my spirit of anarchism has never been broken by my keepers and never will be! *It* has only been in recent years that I have been acknowledged by my anarchist brothers and sisters out there. From my heart I state to you that I love you *all!* I will close now with these *final* words. Take care of each other, keep each other safe in the struggles which you face and never forget those in captivity because tomorrow's captive of the monsters of this earth may well be you. Our common enemies are the same from country to country being *only* different in name and face. They represent the same ideology, which sees this planet and its populace as throwaway commodities. They threw away their humanity in exchange for Power and profits. Stay strong and know in your hearts I am with you in revolutionary spirit in every act you undertake against those who Oppress us. We *only* want the earth, they will never get us all!

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Anti-authoritarian Authoritarianism?

Recently I received a copy of a 'proposal' placed on the table for anarchist public consumption by the New Jersey Anarchist Black Cross (NJ ABC), which as an avowed anarchist some portions of outraged me far beyond any mere feeling of anger. It was a proposal for an anarchist (?) "federation" to be formed, geographically located in New Jersey, and suggested formation of a "Committee of Five Prisoners," a blatantly elitist ruling committee, who will then provide, among other things, "direction and leadership" to affiliated anarchist groups. This proposal made the suggestion that various anarchist groups accept a clearly authoritarian type command structure formed within the anarchist movement meant to strengthen the "federation." It was put forth within this proposal the establishment of an elitist group, "committee" composed of five prisoners who would then determine "exclusively" which Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War (PPs/POWs) merit the support of anarchist groups. I could not help but notice the obvious question concerning anarchist prisoners and become overtly suspicious when one considers the identity of the cast of characters involved with their past affiliation to "Freedom Now!"'s secret criteria, star chamber decisions and exclusion of anarchists from their list of "politicals" submitted to the United Nations.

The proposal put forth the concept of a collective "War Chest Program" and was completed with a suggestion of a hypothetical amount of weekly contribution preferable per person which somewhat resembles mandatory weekly "dues" for the privilege of being a part of the "federation." It contained a suggested "command structure" which reeks to high heaven of a Marxist party line organizational command structure. This alleged proposal, in my opinion, ended with an insult to all anarchist with a caution that anarchist groups should consider changing well-recognized, though colorful, group names to provide "the uniformity and professionalism" to the Federation by stating, "The use of names that could cause the prisoners, political formations and the masses in general to take us less seriously should certainly be avoided." I wish to tender my comments upon this "proposal" in the order I have presented the issues I firmly object to at this time.

Committee of Five Prisoners

The proposal's "Committee of Five Prisoners" I strenuously have objection to as this reeks of creating an "elitist" top heavy situation and especially since this prisoners' committee sounds like Marxist vanguardism, or more specifically, the Revolutionary Communist Party's species of vanguardism. I further have objection to this committee's professed intention to provide "direction and leadership" to any "anarchist" group truly practicing the tenets of anarchism, be it one of the groups I am affiliated with or another anarchist collective. Didn't a lot of us adopt anarchism as our chosen politics to get away from these elitist types with their concepts of "direction and leadership" they felt compelled we should follow because they knew what was best for us?



I will clarify something right now. I firmly believe PPs/POWs should be supported. I believe they should receive whatever aid they might need or require. I try to give all PPs/POWs the amount of respect they have coming and rightly deserve. I would take absolutely nothing from

them. I also will not allow anything to be taken from any anarchist, any anarchist prisoner or myself by anybody. Let that be clearly understood in light of what I am about to state.

There is a time worn joke containing more than a little bit of truth concerning elitist "vanguardists" leading the revolution from the rear. It appears now that person suspiciously sounding like authoritarian vanguardists, even if calling themselves anarchists, have come up with a unique method of "leading." From within the gulags? Sounds sort of like to me, with my folksy Irish humor, to be the proverbial tail wagging the dog. Now, I can only speak for myself as an anarchist and as an individual, but I do not want, nor need, their "leadership," nor do I want their "direction." That is how it is with me, but when somebody, anybody, tries to give me their version of "direction" or impose their "leadership" upon me, then I will hasten to suggest to them a "direction" they might consider going, and if there is more than one they might consider practicing their "leadership" talents getting there!

Yes, this proposed committee of five prisoners might well be PPs/POWs within the "Freedom Now" and any other possible definition of such, but is this "committee of prisoners" anarchist either in membership composition of political motivation, I ask myself? Or are some of them merely conveniently labeling themselves "anarchists" since the forlorn chance of Marxist ideology prevailing over capitalism became greatly diminished when the former Soviet Union broke apart, spent itself into bankruptcy in a spending military race to disaster? I see an obvious disparity of like feelings (i.e. principled respect of other political beliefs) which has blatantly exhibited in the past towards anarchists by the various leftist political movements, organizations and groups which some of these people, now claiming anarchism, have been affiliated with, supported and received support from in the past.

I object to the establishment of any elite committee of five prisoners, or anybody else for that matter, sitting in judgment of anarchist prisoners' loyalty. I firmly object to any such committee, or anybody else, advocating that their role/position in our movement allows them to sit in judgment of other anarchist prisoners' principles. I intensely resent that this "NJ ABC Federation" proposal appears to be requesting anarchists "exclusively" support prisoners of their (the five prisoners constituting the committee) choice of who merits support with no mention of anarchists. Do anarchists really need dictatorial guidance?

This same scenario with only minor changes played out to its sorry end before with the Left in Amerikkka. A refresher is perhaps in order? Once upon a time (less than a decade ago), a group of elitists calling themselves "Freedom Now" (FN) started an endless debate, and B.S. controversy, among prisoners and non-prisoners alike, which was nonproductive to the extreme but probably intensely amused the commonly shared enemies of the Left. The endless debates caused senseless rifts within the various movements as people wondered "why" one prisoner was chosen/another prisoner was rejected, then vocally questioned the validity of some of FN's list of evidently "chosen" few about "who was/was not a PP/POW." That debate finally died down and went the way of most fertilizer with the passage of time. One thing was evident with FN, and that was: no anarchists need apply. FN's secret criteria was the topic of much counterproductive controversy within the counterculture media as evidence by an overabundance of prisoners' ink wasted with all manner of pro and con viewpoints concerning the FN choices and decisions. Thanks for trying to breathe life back into that same tired old controversy, NJ ABC.

Maybe I am somewhat old fashioned in my thinking, but I feel, for example, that Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) prisoners should be supported by the RCP membership. As an anarchist, I cannot be critical about their support by their

own party in such a fashion. I feel that other Marxist organizations should support their prisoners. Again, as an anarchist, I should have nothing to say about it. I feel the supremacist-separatist bigoted pond scum should support their prisoners. Once again, such internal matters are absolutely none of my damned business as an anarchist. I also firmly believe decisions to support anarchist prisoners should be left to the individual anarchist groups who have chosen to institute support campaigns (such as my own with Brooklyn ABC). Support should be done by choice of the anarchist group, not proclamation to mandate from on high, and anarchist organization should be practiced in all aspects of our anarchist dealings.

Never should a true anarchist conform to, or comply with, any such of a dictatorial proclamation by an elite group, such as this proposed committee of five prisoners deciding which prisoners of their individual choice are to receive support while perhaps receiving material support from various segments of the anarchist movement themselves.

I personally adopted anarchism many years ago to remove elitist proclamations from my life, whether such originate from those calling themselves Left or Right. When a proclamation is thrust my direction, as an avowed anarchist who lives anarchism every day of my life when out there, and have for the past 16 years in this gulag system, taking continual slams and repression from anal retentive prisoncrats due to my politics and jailhouse lawyer activities in behalf of other prisoners, many of which are of African heritage, then let it be clearly understood to one and all the fighting side of this man's personality comes out loud and proud! If I don't appreciate a game coming my direction being inflicted upon my anarchist brothers and sisters, then I speak out in less than humble fashion about it to have my voice heard! NJ ABC, I do not trust, like or appreciate your proposal, which does not seem to have anything to do with any form of anarchist as I have known it to have been practiced. This proposal does not sound like you are flying the flag of anarchy, but are flying a red flag which wearing the black mask of a predatory hijacker with thinly disguised aspirations of exercising some sort of a hidden agenda in mind.

Perhaps attempting to seize control of our growing anarchist movement, control my anarchist brothers and sisters? Rob me with a damned gun, but do not ask me to surrender who I am with a proposal! Have some semblance of self-respect, for christsake, NJ ABC lads!

War Chest Program Concept

The "War Chest Program" set forth within the NJ ABC proposal is a sound idea in some respects, and does not meet muster in other respects. It is a sound idea only if it is set up, maintained, and any accumulated funds utilized by the individual anarchist groups who maintains it for whatever the group – the group, not one member of any "committee of five" – decides to use it for to prevent the possibility of any unprincipled abuse by any one person or elite group. Each individual anarchist group should retain freedom of choice to support whomever they choose without a proclamation being issued from "on high" telling them what to do with their money. To practice anarchism is to practice FREEDOM! Nobody can be considered free with another ordering them around, mandating either

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a certain amount of funds be paid in each month (anarchist dues?) to a centralized "War Chest Program" to be spent the way somebody else chooses, or paying in a certain amount each week to be spent the way another chooses.

A "War Chest Program" is a good idea but only, at this time, if it is instituted and maintained locally within each anarchist group or collective. I liken the NJ ABC's war chest program to be comparable to paying union dues to the United Mine Workers' Union for membership. Anarchists can be damned well do without somebody's hand in our pocket, and also can be damned sure do without somebody telling us how to spend the money in our pockets! These types of decisions belong solely to the various individual anarchist groups and not to any of prisoner recipients of the kindness of a stipend or other forms of material support.

'Principles' Mentioned, then Pornography?

First I read in the proposal a suggestion that the "Committee of Five Prisoners" was going to make decisions based upon "principles" only to later read on to discover a whining statement (justification for pornographic addiction and hairy palms condition?) to the general effect that when a prisoner requests pornography he is snubbed by the anarchist movement.

NJ ABC, if a prisoner's request for pornography seems to inspire a distancing from the requesting prisoners by the majority of anarchists, that might well be because the majority of anarchists appear to believe they are struggling to create a new society where there is true equality between the sexes, where every voice is heard (all voices, yes, even female voices), a world without male sexist gender exploitation. Most anarchists desire to someday live in a truly free society without your version of "principled" macho chauvinistic sexist pig mentality. I hope the wishes of any "principled" prisoners requesting pornography from anarchists is granted, with pictures of Barbara Bush, Newt the Grinch's mother, and Janet Reno... Furthermore, please keep your idea of "principles" to yourself.

"Conformity and Professionalism"

Now please check out page 8 of the "ABC Network Update" for a real classic insult to all anarchists from NJ ABC under the heading "Proposed By-Laws." Rush Limbaugh been ridiculing you or something about the colorful anarchist group names and fractured infantile egos? As far as anarchist groups changing their group's names to prevent embarrassment to the "federation," to exhibit "conformity and professionalism," I sincerely hope that most anarchist groups will summarily reject this "suggestion" (or insult?) the same as rejection of the rest of this proposal's idiocy.

I do have several comments about such a comedic suggestion to make to sum up my rant. First, a lot of the unique anarchist names are easily recognized and should not be changed because these groups have been around for quite a while. These wonderful names are both creative and colorful for a purpose. The anarchist group names instill group pride and establish a local group identity. They can be easily remembered by others and serve to capture the imagination of others, plus are inspired creativity at its best. Keep the established anarchist group names! Dump the "proposal!"

My last comment from in the form of a question: I know NJ ABC, and choice prisoners, might well believe this "federation" to be a marriage of sorts for anarchists, but do we really have to change our names if we are stupid enough to enter into unholy wedlock with NJ ABC?

Anarchists, beware of questionable "anti-authoritarian" authoritarian proposals! I love you all, my anarchist brothers and sisters! They cannot get us all!

Anarchist Survival Guide for Understanding Gestapo Swine Interrogation Mind Games

The primary thought you must have firmly in your mind, keep in your minds forefront, when questioned by police is if they, your police interrogators, possessed a solid, airtight, open and shut case against you, they would not be bothering to question you at all. When you are approached, refuse to be questioned and immediately demand an attorney be present to advise you of your constitutional rights before any questioning takes place. In an ideal world, and by well established law, at this point all questioning is supposed to stop, but that does not always happen, as "clever" ploys are used by police to get you to volunteer for questioning or be forthcoming with information that rarely benefits you, a suspect, but furthers the goal of their investigation. Never answer any questions, no matter how innocent they sound, after you have invoked your right to an attorney. Do not respond to any question no matter how fucking tempted or how harmless you think it to be! When read the Miranda rights, you were told anything you say *can* and *will* be used against you in a court of law and that is precisely what it means. Anything you might say of even a microscopic incriminating nature will be interpreted as a major admission by creative minds which *can* and *will* be used against you. You can take that fact to the bank.

Police interrogators aren't your friends! Don't provide them with anything to use against you, only provide your basic statistical personal information such as name, age, address, birthday and social security! (Different states have different laws about what information one is required to give, check out your local laws.) They're your enemy if questioning you! Volunteer nothing! Either you are a suspect, friends or comrades are suspects, or they are attempting to gather information to be used against you or your associates in the future. Your best interests, for you as a person, is the last thing on their minds. They're merely performing their government job. Don't allow yourself to become frightened, or worse still, to be lulled into a false sense of security. If they assault you, you can practice the popular American martial art of "I Sue!" Politely listen to their games. Remain silent no matter how long questioning lasts and don't allow yourself to be wore down with time, a favorite tactic employed by skilled questioners. Recognize their games and realize their societal job function is to lock you up, to clear a case file that may result in the destruction of your life, making you, your family and loved ones suffer, sometimes for months and in the worse scenario for years! Remain silent. Sooner or later they will give up questioning you altogether. They will move on to a weak willed person to manipulate into prolonged imprisonment.

There are two logical outcomes to interrogations. When questioning is done you are free to leave to join family, friends or comrades within the movement, a wiser, stronger willed soldier tested by fire, or you are locked up. If locked up, and you kept your mouth shut, as soon as possible as the opportunity presents itself, after you request your one allowed phone call, call a bail bonding company or your lawyer. Your attorney will be pleased he/she has a client who remained silent and did not give a statement! Because of your wise silence your attorney may be able to perform the magic taught in law universities and colleges of law. Your attorney may be able to have the case dismissed in court later due to the lack of evidence at preliminary hearing if you are charged with a crime! If you have felt the need of confession other than to a priest, forget about lack of evidence dismissals. You volunteered, so endeavor to enjoy your unique incarceration experience, dummy! Should

there be other evidence against you ("Oops! Forgot my gloves! Fingerprints are Hollywood bull shit, right?") by choosing to remain silent you have expanded your lawyer's defense strategy choices which may win your case in court in front of a jury made up of people of average ignorance. Those of you who immediately thought of the O.J. jury, shame on you!

Give up nothing! Give up nobody! Don't let your mouth put your ass in jail! Retain your rights! Remember you have the right not to incriminate yourself! Say nothing you or your friends will regret later in court while facing a stern faced judge and anal retentive, irate government prosecutor!

If you stayed with me to this point, the following will be some shallow, laughable mind games they may try to play on you with all the intensity of a child examining the first insect they encounter! Remember the cops talking to you, cajoling you to bear your soul, clear your conscience, "make yourself feel better" by telling them what happened because they "understand," after you talk will laugh in your face. Later in their locker room they will howl with laughter with each other about how utterly naive and gullible you are; call you an ignoramus and various other things; pat each other and themselves on the back; and then pleased with their day's work go home to screw their wife, boyfriend or girlfriend and kick their dog, or vice versa.

After the interrogation is over, as a just reward for your cooperation with these hardworking public servants who serve and protect the public, you will be led away to a filthy barren cell reeking with combined odors of sweat, body waste in liquid and solid form, stale tobacco smoke and hopelessness, with dubious characters as your cell mates. You may have to fight to keep a food tray, a place to sit or sleep if you aren't immediately bailed out, you may discover yourself in a struggle to retain your shoes, shirt or jacket from predatory social prisoners. Remember how you felt your privacy was violated when a bathroom door was accidentally opened by another person on you at home, office, workplace, or elsewhere? Well, prepare yourself to forfeit all privacy expectation when Nature calls and you must answer the call in the sight, presence or within arm's reach of other hapless people! You may be forced to learn what it means to literally and figuratively stand your ground for the first time in your life in a jail or in prison. You may be forced to defend your sexuality, defend yourself against sexual predators, or like some people, forced to temporarily switch sexual preferences and becoming bisexual by circumstance to survive incarceration intact. Yell for help? None is forthcoming except in cases of extreme brutality or mutually combative situations as those who swore to serve and protect usually turn a blind eye to prisoners. If you confessed to police interrogators, aided with the crime investigation efforts, in an ill-fated effort to prove yourself intellectually superior to those questioning you stuck your foot in your mouth, you have condemned yourself with your own words, then you will in all likelihood not pay the slightest attention to the following word of caution. Once booked, fingerprinted and



slammed in a cell you should not talk about your case with those around you who may express interest in why you are locked up! Each prisoner willing to listen to your tale of woe is a potential threat of showing up in court to testify against you as a jailhouse informant or a cop put in the cell with you whose sole purpose was to gain confidence and solicit a confession! You may be a target so realize this fact and shut the fuck up! A classic example of this is years ago in the early 1980's, a State prisoner in Tennessee named Gary Hartman confided to a cell partner, Raymond Frazier, about a murder in which he was involved. Frazier got with another prisoner, Kenneth King, and they, with the aid of prison officials, contacted the attorney general's office and law enforcement, collected a \$1,000 reward and Hartman was convicted and sentenced to death. After a decade plus on death row Hartman's death sentence was overturned on appeal and he was sentenced to life in prison. Just like during W.W. I and W.W. II, loose lips sink ships!

If you made a statement you may as well be pleased with your lousy career, life and health choices since you have volunteered for a stint, however prolonged or brief, in your chosen hell by "cooperating" with police. Not exactly a Norman Rockwell picture, is it? I refuse to "sugarcoat" this description of a potential first confinement experience horror to save your sensitivity or cater to your squeamishness. I would rather shock you to serious thought by speaking truth motivated by love for my sincere activist brothers and sisters engaged in struggle against the monsters of the earth guided by their hearts and knowledge of what is right, rather than let you find out the painful hard way and begin a nightmare that will rob you of your life, of your productive years, and the progress you could have made during those forever lost years to the struggle.

GESTAPO STYLE INTERROGATION. 101

Subject Credit: Remaining Free

Following are some of the mind games the police play on the unwary to extract "voluntary" confessions. Know your enemy well, recognize their games and the many variations of them, as many and as varied as personalities of the accused and their interrogators. Your ability to remain free may someday well depend on your strength of character and knowledge of the tactics used, techniques employed and psychological pressures. Each one is designed to elicit a response from the person on whom they are employed.

1. The interrogator displays confidence in the guilt of the suspect with an air of "Convince me otherwise?"
2. The questioner points out some, but by no means all, of the circumstantial evidence indicative of a subject's guilt. This is a variation of "I know more than I am saying and you are fucked if your story does not match what I know." More often than not they know zip, nothing, and so capitalize on any information you may provide, turn it around, and throw it back at you to extract additional information.
3. The interrogator often calls attention to a subject's physical or psychological manifestations that may predict guilt: pulsation of the carotid artery; excessive activity of the Adam's Apple; avoidance of eye contact; foot wiggling; wringing of hands; finger tapping; picking at fingernails; or any other individualized nervous mannerisms or gestures evidencing themselves when a person is under stress/pressure. These are common "tells" high roller gamblers are aware of when exhibited by players. If a suspect is emotional then the questioner calls attention to the "peculiar feeling inside," playing on the concept of moral guilt attempting to extract a confession.

4. Interrogators often sympathize with subjects being questioned by commenting to the person something to the general effect of "...I might have done the same thing myself," or "...Anybody else under similar conditions (circumstances) might have done the same thing." This is to portray themselves as an "ally" or "friendly" in a hostile environment who can be trusted to help the subject ... but only if the targeted subject accepts the offered "common ground of friendship and understanding" deception bonding and confesses, opens up, to incriminate themselves or others.
5. An interrogator often will attempt to extract a confession during a questioning session by using phrases to reduce a subject's guilt feelings by minimizing the seriousness of the offense/crime, especially with charges of murder or violence. Examples: "Lots of other people would have done the same thing under the circumstances of your situation." "If somebody done me the way he/she/they done you, I would have done the same thing myself!"
6. A skillful questioner may suggest a less revolting, more morally acceptable motivation or reason for the offense you are charged with than that which is presumed.
7. In order to break an accused will to extract a confession, a skilled interrogator will often sympathize with the suspect by (a) Condemning the victim; (b) Condemning any possible, or charged, accomplice suspects; or (c) Condemning anybody that any degree of moral responsibility might conceivably be bestowed on for commission of the offense in question or already charged.
8. Interrogators fake understanding and sympathy to urge a subject to confess while making some physical contact, a pat on a hand or shoulder or grip of a hand, often followed by proclamations by the interrogator that if his mother, father, brother, sister, wife, child, girlfriend, gay lover, etc., was charged with the subject's crime he would "...advise them to confess..." "...speak (tell) the truth..." Interrogators will often invoke moral concepts with phrases like "Confessing is the only decent and honorable thing to do," or "You should relieve your conscience and get it over with so you feel better..." in low, sympathetic tones to attempt to establish an emotional link with a subject, particularly with a person who has been subjected to several lengthy periods of intensive questioning and underwent an emotional battering from continuous questioning, most often with interrogators performing in "shifts." The infamous "Good Cop-Bad Cop" or friendly/unfriendly routine is most often used after other tried techniques and ploys utilizing mock sympathy and understanding have proven ineffective to the dismay of Chief Inspector Impotent, Officer Orifice or Detective Dinky Winky. Whoever hasn't seen this Mutt & Jeff routine used to death on television and in movies, please raise your hand? However, believe it or not, as sad as it is, these theatrics often work after a dullard is subjected to a prolonged period of psychological battering. Falling for this merits a groaned "Duh!"
9. A skilled interrogator often uses a ploy of pointing out the possibility of exaggeration on the part of the accuser or victim or exaggerates the nature or seriousness of the offense charged in order to frighten a subject into making a "justification statement" wherein they attempt to explain away "what really happened" and thereby hopelessly incriminate themselves! This merits a double "Duh!"
10. An interrogator will attempt to have a questioned person hypothetically place themselves at the scene of the crime, in some sort of contact with the victim, or the occurrence giving rise to the crime or crimes they are subjected to questioning about, in order to gather information or attempt to have the person inadvertently make an admission of guilt through a slip of the tongue.
11. If a person is naive enough to admit to being at the scene of a crime, the interroga-

- tor will watch for inconsistencies in the subject's version of what happened by requesting repetitious telling of the subject's story, and then point out discovered inconsistencies to seek admissions of lying about some incidental aspect of the occurrence or crime. Each such admission elicited from a subject makes the subject more psychologically susceptible to coughing up the "whole story."
12. An interrogator will often appeal to the subject's ego and pride through well selected flattery or a direct challenge to honor thereby using against a subject, and capitalizing on, the basic human trait to seek and enjoy the approval of others, as if predator and prey are in a normal societal environment or setting.
13. The futility of resistance to telling the truth or confessing will be repeatedly pointed out during questioning.
14. A skillful interrogator will repeatedly point out to the subject the grave consequences of a continuation of his/her "criminal behavior." This is an argument which falls flat on its face and is a guaranteed failure with politically motivated suspects, who are motivated out of a sense of righteousness. This ploy quite often works with social crime suspects because during the course of their ill-chosen criminal careers many repeat offenders experience a fleeting desire, or possess intentions, to rehabilitate or reform themselves.
15. Sometimes interrogators, rather than seek a general admission of guilt, will first ask the suspect a question about some aspect or detail of the crime or make inquiries as to the "reason" for its commission, as if puzzled as to why it happened. This is nothing more than a play on the impulse to confess which becomes more intensified the longer most people are grilled and especially with the young and inexperienced.
16. When suspects are questioned after the previously listed grilling techniques have met with failure or it is surmised they will fail if employed, interrogators will often take pleasure in pitting suspects against another. They are separated during questioning and each told the other, or others, gave statements placing primary blame on the subject each interrogator is questioning. The person is asked to "Set the record straight before he/she/they make you the fall guy!" or "You are stupid for not making a statement! Your buddy gave you up so you may as well tell us what happened!" Revelations such as these are accompanied by angry gestures and bullying. If a suspect shows weakness, he or she is then displayed mock sympathy. Know the people you are with when you do a direct action! Have your stories straight before you go on any action! Keep your mouth shut! Depend on them as they are depending on you. Don't fall for transparent games. This most successful of questioning techniques requires no further explanation as it has been portrayed ad nauseam in cheap B-Grade gangster movies for decades. This is a tried and true timeworn method of obtaining confessions which few accused should logically fall for, but many do in the criminal world due to distrust of their associates. With politically motivated suspects divide and conquer ploys have much smaller success rates but still sometimes succeed.
17. Interrogators will seek admissions of knowledge of a crime being investigated by asking if a suspect knows "why" they are being questioned. A grievous error is committed when a suspect volunteers information or any knowledge of a crime providing details which he/she could only possess if that person committed the crime or was present when it was committed. Admission of such knowledge aids investigation efforts as the interrogator is aware the subject of questioning is either the perpetrator of the crime, was complicit in the commission of the crime, or is a witness. The best advice is volunteer nothing and remain mute except for required personal identity information. Protestations of innocence only serve to

open a dialogue with questioners, often proving counterproductive to the interest of the accused.

18. The interrogator begins a questioning session by asking a subject to relate all he/she knows about the victim and other possible suspects leading up to questions about the actual incident/offense/crime. It often proves difficult for most subjects of questioning to stop talking once they have started than to never start talking in the first place. People enjoy talking and trying to impress others with what they know on any subject.
19. Skilled interrogators will attempt to obtain detailed information from the subject about their activities before, at the time of, and after the crime. Some subjects will attempt to place themselves at the scene either before or after a crime has been committed or in close proximity to where the crime occurred, thereby driving nails into their own coffin at future prosecution.
20. When facts of a crime are already known by police interrogators, they will often ask about these known facts in a casual manner as though the facts was not already known by the authorities to rattle a suspect's nerves and make them more vulnerable to aggressive interrogation techniques. This is done in order to create suspicion in a suspect that others involved have already made a confession. The volatile emotional mixture of fear, distrust and suspicion has turned friends, lovers, partners and family members against each other. If interrogators can pit one against another to achieve a confession they will do it with immense pleasure, wrecking friendships, causing betrayed trust and destroying families! Your family, friends and you are about as important to them as discarded toilet tissue! If you realize this you are light-years ahead of falling for pressure tactic mind games! At demonstrations where there is even the slightest chance of a cop riot try to always stay close to trusted friends in case you get swooped up by the cops! Trust them if you are arrested or if you all are nicked! If you are arrested in the chaos and confusion of a cop riot, they will know what happened and can get you a bail bondsman or attorney while you are trucked off to jail. If you are all busted then there is morale strength in numbers, you can pool resources and all get out of the can. The old concept of all for one and one for all! Go to demonstrations and other direct action activities with your trusted friends. Take only those tried and true friends you trust on all direct action operations! When your ass is on the line then it is the wrong time to test their loyalty. Realize the strength of your comrades during questioning, shut the fuck up, stifle any urge to talk, and definitely don't confess to anything to effectively volunteer to become a jail or prison population statistic.
21. An interrogator during a questioning session will sometimes at intervals ask a suspect questions about other people in a manner implying correct answers are already known. One such question would be asking how long you have known John Smith rather than if you knew John Smith. Another ploy consists of prefacing a question that does not bear directly on guilt or innocence with an admonishment to think carefully before you answer the next question. It is most commonly used while the interrogator shuffles through papers or while holding papers, a question is posed and followed by an expression of doubt after you give an answer to whatever question was asked. This type of questioning is a probe for a justification response from you. Offer nothing whether you think it is already known or not and ignore this category of question entirely.
22. An interrogator might refer to some nonexistent piece of incriminating "evidence" to see if the suspect will attempt to explain it away. If a suspect does, it suggests guilt as the guilty are concerned about covering their tracks and worry about the police discovering incriminating evidence inadvertently overlooked at the crime

scene. An innocent suspect has no tracks to cover so obviously does not have to speculate about the discovery of incriminating evidence.

23. A skilled questioner may ask if a person being questioned has ever "thought" about committing the offense being investigated or one similar to it. If you are clueless enough to answer such an inquiry, your questioner is likely to show up in court to testify about how you bragged or boasted about thinking of committing the crime! A resounding reply of "No!" is a characteristic response of innocent people. If you allowed yourself to slip and answer in the affirmative, the next logical question will be something like "Thinking like that finally got to the point where during one of your weakest moments, when you were under the extreme pressure, you gave in? I can understand that so tell me about it?" Duh!
24. With vandalism, property destruction or theft cases the interrogator will attempt to coerce a suspect into an offer of restitution which is a dear indicator of guilt. The normal response of an innocent suspect when restitution is mentioned is a loud and clear statement from them they are not going to pay for something they did not do or steal. The response being fished for from a guilty person is agreement the aggrieved individual, party or business should be reimbursed for their loss followed by a proclamation the suspect did not have anything to do with whatever it was defaced, destroyed or stolen. The suspect has placed himself in the position of appearing to be a guilty dunce!
25. A suspect is often asked if they are willing to take a polygraph test. Innocent people almost always agree to take practically any test immediately to prove their innocence. A guilty person is prone to refuse a lie detector test immediately or find excuses to back out of taking it after agreeing. The truth is few communities have this service available as an investigative tool and are using the only resource available, a skilled, common sense interrogation without aid of electronic instrument assistance in their quest to pin the tail on the donkey. Should you agree to take a polygraph examination, 99.9% of the time the offer to provide the test proves nothing but a smoke screen, a bluff or ploy to determine your willingness to prove your innocence. A savvy person will press the issue and demand such a test in these circumstances. The back pedaling of the authority figure might even prove amusing to watch for comic relief in a stressful situation.
26. Police investigators know, beyond any doubt, the suspect who states something like "All right, I will tell you what you want but I didn't do it!" is, in all probability, guilty.

There are as many variations of interrogation techniques as there are cops! Those previously listed are merely a few of the most popular, the most often ones.

The best advice I can give regarding police interrogation, if the enemy persist in questioning you in spite of your request for an attorney, is to remain silent during all questioning and answer nothing asked!

Do not offer information no matter how unimportant or trivial you deem it to be, because you may unbeknownst be offering up the tidbit of information which is the piece that completes the puzzle for them to prosecute you or others!

Never try to fish for information as police will always obtain more information than they give! Always! Never forget it!

Plain and simple stay quiet, mute, and free and give yourself the best chance to win your case if brought to trial by using your right to remain silent!

I apologize to all pigs everywhere for defaming your species but I am a product of the Sixties when jack-booted Gestapo snouts with badges were called 'pigs'!

I wish all my brothers and sisters in struggle the best of luck! I hope I never see you in here with me! Confusion to our enemies! Stay silent, stay free! They will never get us all!

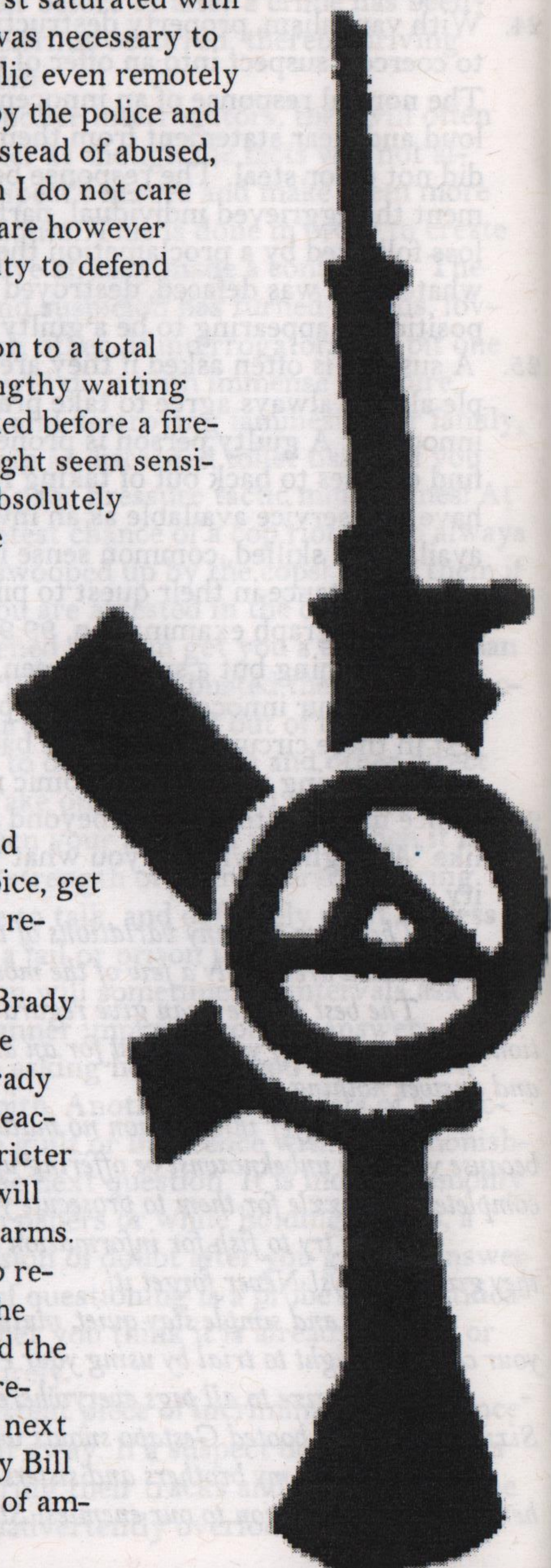
Anarchists and Gun Control in Amerikkka

will adversely affect everybody with the exception of the killer kops, government protected hate groups of the extreme right and the predators amongst us. A person that gives up a weapon that could conceivably in future save their life when confronted by an armed attacker really needs to have "I am a victim by choice" tattooed on their forehead! Every nation that has been disarmed in the first stages of becoming a police state was first saturated with propaganda that the disarmament measure was necessary to stop violent crime. If any member of the public even remotely feels they are indeed adequately 'protected' by the police and will continue to be protected in the future instead of abused, once they become voluntarily disarmed, then I do not care whether they possess weapons or not. I do care however about my anarchist brothers and sisters ability to defend themselves.

This bill begins a logical progression to a total weapons ban. The introduction of a more lengthy waiting period, so that criminal records can be checked before a firearm is released to a member of the public might seem sensible, but it is practically useless and will do absolutely nothing to combat the rising tide of violence and firearm deaths. The most recent mass murders were not perpetrated by the so-called 'superiorly armed criminal element'. The guns were purchased legally by citizens free of criminal records and besides, most 'professional criminals' steal their weapons, purchase second hand or simply have a friend with no police record buy the weapon of choice, get paid for their trouble and then have the gun reported to the authorities as stolen.

The most dangerous aspect of the Brady Bill is that certain types of weapons are to be removed from the market place. Now the Brady Bill has been passed, it can be expected for reactionary elected officials to introduce even stricter gun control bills into state legislature that will further restrict various classifications of firearms. This will be the second step in their drive to remove any potential armed resistance from the oppressed sectors of Amerikkkan society and the right to defend oneself with equal quality fire-power as is used against you. The third and next step after state legislatures hop on the Brady Bill bandwagon, is the removal of various types of am-

The Brady Gun Control Bill is merely the beginning of the fascist nightmare yet to come, as the Amerikkkan government continues its campaign to disarm the population. It



munition currently available to the public. For example, if it finally comes to pass that 9mm caliber weapons are proclaimed as illegal to own and possess, then 9mm

"When their guns are gone the working class will be even more at the mercy of those with guns."

ammo will become impossible to purchase. Immediately following the passage of this bill, the government influenced or owned mainstream media began a publicity saturation campaign against 'Black Talon' type ammunition. The Black Talon projectile produces sharp edges when the bullet makes impact with the target to effect maximum damage. The pigs routinely use this type of high-tech killing ammo in their firearms to commit murder in the streets, but they are very vocal in opposition to anybody else having access to such deadly ammo for means of protection. After the restriction or complete banning of various types of ammo becomes reality, then will come eventual massive searches of working class areas for 'illegal weapons', justified to the more gullible sectors of society by media propaganda campaigns proclaiming that poor, working class areas are breeding grounds for highly dangerous criminals.

When their guns are gone the working class will be even more at the mercy of those with guns. First they come for the weapons, then without warning or risk of serious opposition they come for the 'enemies of the state', the radicals, anarchists, troublesome leaders in the minority communities etc...

Since the 1960's the extreme right wing, fascist, racist groups such as the kkk, Nazi scum, Aryan garbage, Nationalist trash have been waiting like vultures for stricter gun control and quite probably praying for the day a total ban of firearms is enacted, making all possession illegal, because an unarmed enemy is of little importance in an armed combat situation. The vast majority of anti-racist, anti-imperialist, anti-government organizations are light-years behind the extreme right in terms of fire-power, even though our future survival realistically depends on our ability to defend ourselves!

The climate on the streets is that everybody either has stockpiled weapons or are engaged in doing it right now. The situation is entirely comparable in the free community as it is within the gulags. Within the gulag the possession of a knife or gun is illegal but not having one when needed for self-defense is often fatal. Burying our heads in the sand, hoping trouble will merely 'go away' only says two things: 1. Your arse is exposed while your head is buried in the sand, and 2. you cannot see the danger coming! The organized stripping of your means and ability for self-defense is clearly happening right now, so if we, as individuals and anarchists allow this to happen without taking adequate measures to negate the intended effects of legislature like the Brady Bill and the more restrictive laws logically coming right behind it in the future, then we are deserving of elimination. A revolution is ultimately won or lost through fire-power and the ability of revolutionaries to survive as a force of change, aboveground and underground beyond the eyes and ears of the government if necessary. Any movement that cannot or will not defend itself with any force necessary is doomed to failure from the start and will be crushed by reactionary forces like the fascists, the pigs, the state etc...

The best advice I can give my anarchist comrades on this most important subject is to arm yourselves today to meet tomorrow's need of arms to survive! This is a wake-up call before the ability to effectively arm is forever lost to us! We are responsible for our own protection.

Who Protects Us From the Protectors?

The time worn lying game is over.
Capital's masters appear to have openly agreed,
that our deaths do not matter,
because we spring from working class seed.

Fascistic armies of gulag guards and killer kops
maim, beat, kill us, put us through hell.
Millions of us are forced to live out life
within a cold, damp, filthy gulag cell.
But our collective spirit can never be crushed
like mere flesh and bone.
Allies together we are joined in class struggle,
so neither of us stands alone.

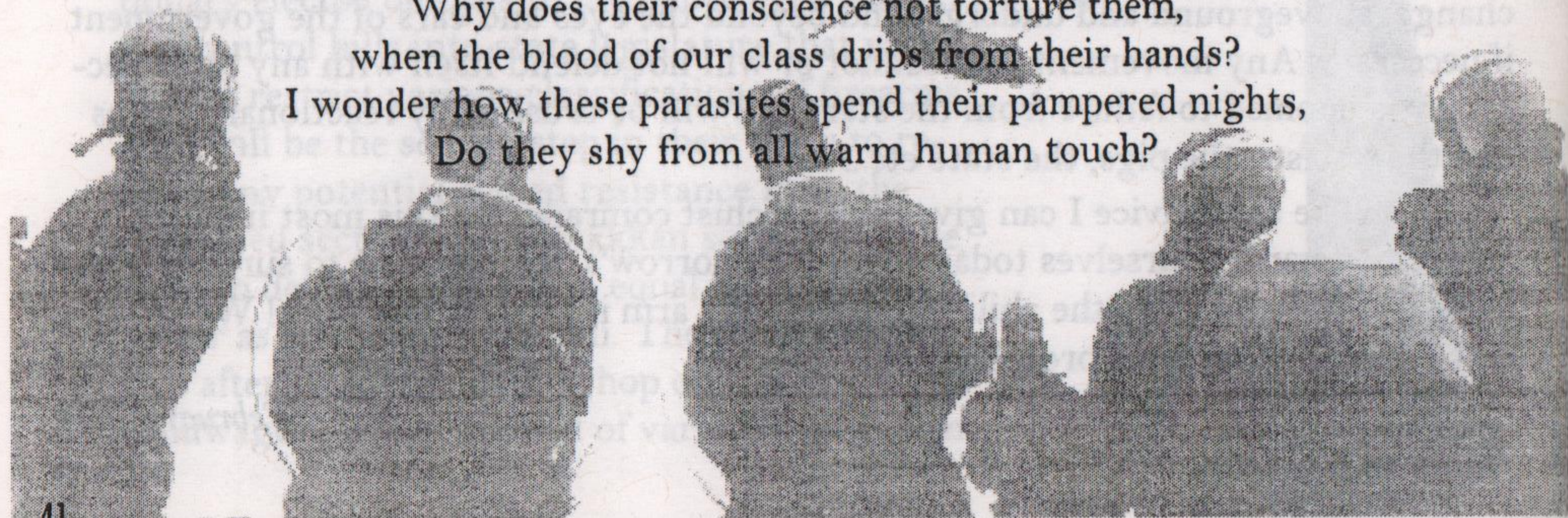
Who protects us from the protectors? An often heard cry.
Who protects us from the protectors? I hear no reply.
I'll fight the monsters of the world until my dying breath.
I see one solution for our survival, put them to death!

Extract due payment for all crimes against our class.
We need people's justice to bring them to book.
Take back from them every bit of dignity,
from us they sadistically took!
An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth
is the people's fair retribution.

Forced payment for what, everyday they inflict on us
Their attempt to perform our soul's murder, it's execution.
They ridicule us, profit from our blood and sweat, cage us,
shoot us, kill us, laugh at the misery of working class pain.
By giving back better than we get we have nothing to lose,
and a world to gain!

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I see one solution for our survival, put them to death!

I would rather die than their greedy, sick logic understand.
Why does their conscience not torture them,
when the blood of our class drips from their hands?
I wonder how these parasites spend their pampered nights,
Do they shy from all warm human touch?



Privilege of capital has forged them so hardened.
Our suffering does not appear to affect their lives much.
Then to insult their victims further as a common rule,
for their cruel misdeeds they shift to the suffering all blame,
Equal justice for all?
What a lie, deception, farce, there exists no such thing!
Two sets of playing rules, but only one demented game!

Who protects us from the protectors? An often heard cry.
Who protects us from the protectors? I hear no reply.
I'll fight the monsters of the world until my dying breath.
I see one solution for our survival, put them to death!

Yes as they try to kill me, I will fight them until my last dying breath!

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Where There is a Will, There is a Way

Years ago in the now closed Tennessee State Prison, Nashville, an individual, or group assigned to the prison's sheet metal slave labor shop managed to get hold of one .38 caliber pistol cartridge, and this single shell sparked at least one creative imagination. Covertly making use of the prison's machine shop equipment and while under direct observation of eagle-eyed shop guards, a .38 caliber, single shot pistol with a silencing device was made by one or more prisoners. It was discovered before it could be put to use, but its existence did prove one thing: that you are only limited by your imaginations and creativity. Another example, during WW2 the allies produced and dropped from planes what was known as "Woolworth .45" pistols over various portions of Nazi occupied Europe where partisan forces were very short of arms. The Woolworth .45 was 'a weapon to get a weapon' as it was meant for close range use only being single shot, not much more than a barrel, simple firing mechanism and three shells within a grip compartment. Ideally, the user had to get close enough to a Nazi soldier to shoot him and steal his weapons. Then they would pass on their Woolworth .45, their "gun to get a gun," to another partisan. These examples and countless others should serve as sparks of inspiration as they illustrate what can be accomplished with a bit of creativity and resourcefulness when resources are scarce.



May Day Solidarity Statement

To all here today celebrating the May Day working class holiday and to all who hear my words passed to you through my revolutionary comrade Perry Sanders, I send solidarity greetings from deep within the belly

of the beast of capitalism, the ever-growing American gulag archipelago!

In these turbulent times of war raging around the world, the U.S. war on the Afghani Taliban and Al Qaeda terrorists, and with this nation tottering on the brink of a second United States invasion of Iraq, it is important for us, the working class, to take this May Day holiday to celebrate life in the company of family, friends, loved ones and kindred spirits. Each year May Day is celebrated worldwide in spite of the sadness going on in the world. Particularly this year it should be celebrated in honor of those innocent working class lives taken in the catastrophic events of September 11th, 2001. Throughout history the working class have borne the brunt of all wars, declared or otherwise. Members of our class have spilled blood on the world's battlefields in every war, sacrificing life and limbs in behalf of governments who routinely exploit and abuse at home and abroad. It is a fact when heads of state clash, innocent civilians of the working class, internationally and domestically, become targets of missile technology, human bombs, high-tech state of the art "smart bombs," and other sophisticated weapons smarter than those who rend orders to fire them. Sadder still, we, the working class, become targets of terrorism attacks such as the September 11th tragedies. As you go about wishing only to experience old age and prosper, you are subject to become a war victim. The sickening fact is wars are no longer fought exclusively between military forces, and fear of terrorism is as much a weapon as the aftershock of an act of terrorism in degree of psychological torture. In these times, civilian populations are routinely, often with specificity, targeted in conjunction with battlefield campaigns of opposing forces. Members of the working class are targets in workplaces, homes, churches, or at the market place, with their lives in danger anywhere, and everywhere. At any time innocent people are subject to be struck down in retaliation for matters beyond their control in an act of terrorism, or in a paramilitary or military operation. Civilians deemed as "collateral damage," their lives forfeited in retaliation for foreign policy decisions made by governments.

However, the catastrophic events of this era are part of the same old story repeated throughout the history of the working class. Sometime in the not distant future, the international working class must take up the challenge to rein in runaway governments who in fact represent in name only the people. Governments have to be held responsible for atrocities they commit motivated by profit and greed, and held responsible for silently condoning allied nations' commission of atrocities. Each country's working class will have to ascertain their government is making policy decisions for the good of mankind, is making and instituting intelligent foreign policy and acting in interest of the masses instead of the will of the few greedy, affluent, and powerful, in behalf of those profiting from human misery with hidden agendas.

The working class of this, or any, nation, is a slumbering giant awaiting to be awakened with the collective muscle, power and means to bring any runaway government to a standstill, to bring it to a screeching halt. We, who the elitists consider the unwashed masses, operate and control the commercial trucks, trains, planes, busses, and taxis, that moves this nation as it goes about daily business as usual in furtherance of capital. We manufacture, make, produce, and grow every product capitalism sells in domestic and international market places. We can control our own fates, our own destinies, if we will but flex our muscles to show those who believe they have power over us the reality of their power positions' frailty. They are powerful because we *let* them

wield power. They make laws taxing, restricting, regulating, oppressing and controlling us because we *allow* them to do it. By our silence we have symbolically *agreed* to let them think for us by following their laws and acquiescing to their right to make them. Those in power know the working class is the backbone of the nation and they fear its collective power. Because of that fear they scheme ways to separate our working class into factions at odds with each other to prevent the logical threat a united work force would present to their position. They do this to allow themselves to enjoy the privilege of casting themselves in the role of the elite with the working class, the unwashed masses, as beasts of burden, the brawn. They view us as sheep possessing an inbred, instinctive desire to follow Judas goats to slaughter. They are wrong.

All the sleeping giant of the working class has to do to bring a government back to reality of what it is supposed to be and who it represents is to collectively flex our muscles to bring their runaway train to a stop. In these turbulent times we live in we must stand together and support each other. We are all we have at the place where the rubber hits the road. We need to put aside issues which separate us, divide our class, and please those who oppose us. We need to reach out to each other in genuine brotherhood! We need to reach across racial, economic, religious or ethnic lines, set aside political differences, and see each other as people. We must unite into one mighty force, a force which will be a maker or breaker of nations to survive in the coming hard days ahead. We must realize we are not that much different where it counts, in our hearts. We must celebrate our diversity as a people through tolerance and compassion to ensure our survival. If we don't, then who will?

The chasm between the working class and those who want us to think of them as our "betters" grows wider every year. Soon there will be only two distinctive classes, "us" and "them." There will be no middle class. It will be gone the way of the dinosaurs. We stood by while the PATCO air controllers union was broken by President Reagan's order with the government effectively snapping the back of the U.S. union movement at that time. You have watched NAFTA send good paying jobs south of the border and overseas which takes bread from your table, food from your families' mouths. Soon there will be only those earning a pittance pay for their sweat and those enjoying a life of leisure, work ants and want-to-be kings, those who produce and those who waste to excess. The want-to-be kings are parasitic fungus living off the lifeblood, sweat and tears of the host body of the working class. They play. We pay. When will we collectively act in ways demonstrative of our resolve and determination to show we have had enough? When will the working class rise from their knees and proclaim "No more!" When will the earth tremble with the stamp of working class feet as we march to fight a war of our own of our choice, between the working class and those who use and abuse those whose labor supports their lifestyle? I have faith it will happen in the near future. The day will come when we set things right, take back our birthright and sweep the monsters of the earth into the dustbin of history! Our day will come when we take back power over our lives stolen while we slept by those who are for greed and profit destroying our planet, fouling the air we breath, the water our families drink and waging wars on our class! What do we want? It can be summed up in five words... We only want the earth!

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Promise

We stand as the world's class of the wretched.
Oppressed, hungry we are the downtrodden working class.
It's true that we make the bulk of the imprisoned
but this horrendous situation will not last!
Our class will one day tire of being capital's throwaway prey
and with determination, rise in anger from our knees to fight.
Our sheer force of numbers will rule such a glorious day,
as we seize back what has always been ours by right!
For lust of profit the monsters of capital pollute land and sea.
They profit from our sweat, laugh at us, rob us of our day.
And the ultimate insult they dirty the very air which we breathe!
But to me one fact is crystal clear,
when our revolution starts, they'll all be anarchist prey!

June 27 1996

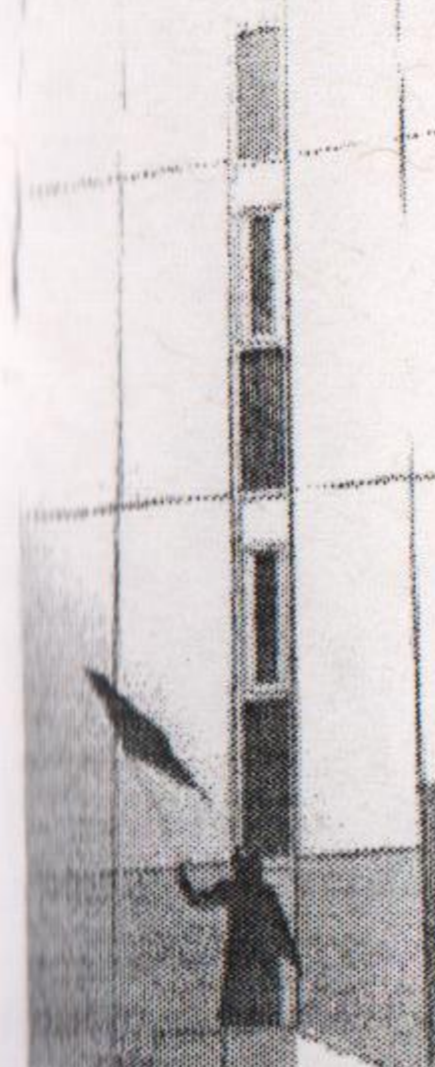


Our Day Will Come! Tioacfaidh Ar La!

All across this planet people are rising from the knee.
For in their hearts burns a flame, the aspiration to be free!
They struggle on with this thought that is right,
And refuse to be crushed by oppression's organized might.
Zapata, Durutti, George Jackson and Bobby Sands to name a few,
Revolutionary heroes to the downtrodden of this world.
Each was eternal shining lights of hope for suffering peoples of all lands.
Though different in method each worked for a common goal,
Their actions in struggle live on to inspire each freedom yearning soul.
From their lives and dreams they put to words, actions and taught,
So even the most timid came to realise
The human right to freedom belongs to all,
A heady, wonderful thought!
Some choose to march peacefully in demonstration,
While others take to the justice of the gun.
But once that first step is taken they are all true freedom fighters,
Demanding their rightful place in the sun.
So with prideful step march ever onward,
As others in struggle meet fire with fire, force with force.
Conquering each obstacle erected to stifle determination,
Or barrier from the true course.
And for each comrade who stumbles, falters,
Or is crushed beneath a heavy load,
Take heart with pride in a part you play
Be it small, large or behind the scenes but still on liberty's road.
From Soweto to Belfast to Amerikkka's streets,
Cities, villages, coalfields, factories and jails
The common link in struggle is plain to see.
In each place there are people just like you and me,
Who fight the oppressor's might, for their rightful taste of liberty.
Yes all across this planet, people are rising from the knee,
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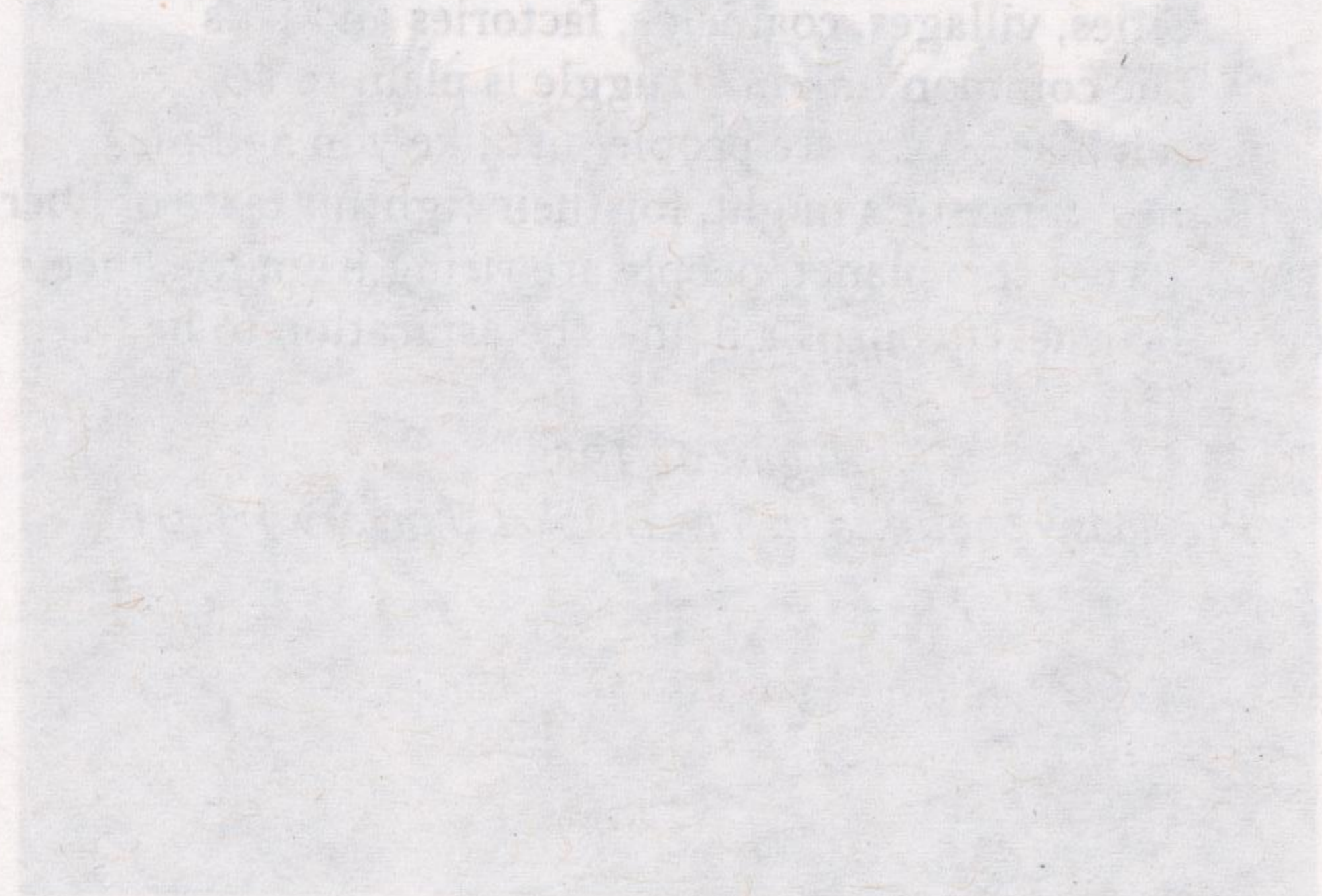
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