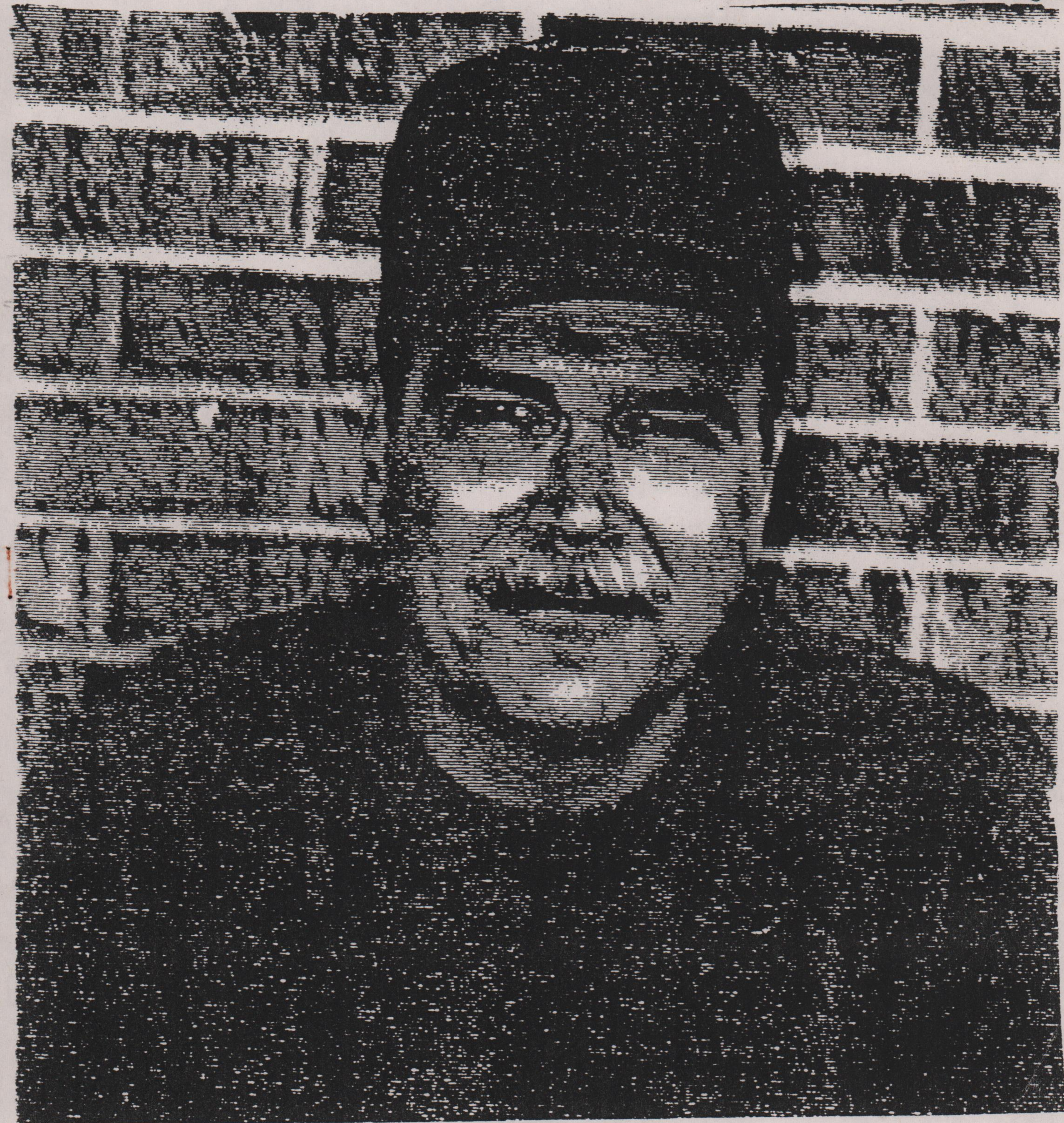


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ANARCHIST PRISONER OF WAR



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REMEMBER-WE'RE STILL HERE

HAROLD H. THOMPSON

Harold Thompson is an anti-authoritarian, anti-racist, anti-sexist, Anarchist Prisoner serving life plus sentences in Tennessee.

He was arrested in Chattanooga, TN in 1979 for allegedly shooting to death a police informant/killer convicted of murdering the mother of Harold's son who then threatened his son while out on appeal bond. Harold was also charged with expropriating money for political activities from a jewelry store. For these incidents he was life plus fifty years.

Later Harold was given an additional 21-75 years for a second shooting incident which occurred in Cleveland, Ohio.

In November of 1986, Harold started a 5 year and four month stint in maximum security/solitary confinement after a failed armed escape attempt while in an east Tennessee prison. He was taken before a jury and charged with 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 32 additional years. As he writes, "The bastards might have my body but they will never break my spirit!" In July of 1993 after being released from the 5 years and 4 months of maximum security/solitary confinement for approximately fifteen months without a single disciplinary infraction report while aiding other prisoners, mostly of African descent, with their legal work, as Harold's a jailhouse lawyer, he was framed up for allegedly "In all likelihood having possible escape plans" based on "outside confidential information" and reclassified to maximum security/solitary confinement where he remained until March 1995 at West Tennessee High Security Facility located in rural west Tennessee. Harold has been again reclassified to lower security but is being still held within the close security unit at WTHSF pending transfer at this time. Harold has been reclassified to the lower security since June 1995 and feels the lengthy delay in transferring him is



more of the "special treatment" the prisoncrats often give Harold, playing psychological torture mind game because of Harold's jailhouse lawyer activities and open Anarchist politics which is openly abrasive to prisoncrats. Harold has endured numerous incidents of anarchist literature being confiscated within the gulag's mail room, including recent censorship incidents during 1995 where literature was withheld because it contained "narratives of anarchy".

HAROLD'S HISTORY

Harold was born in West Virginia and is widely traveled. His parents (both now deceased) were Irish citizens, one from Northern Ireland and the other from the Republic of Ireland. They came to the U.S. fleeing "the troubles" there, so Harold as a first generation Irish-American holds dual citizenship since by Irish law the first generation retain Irish citizenship.

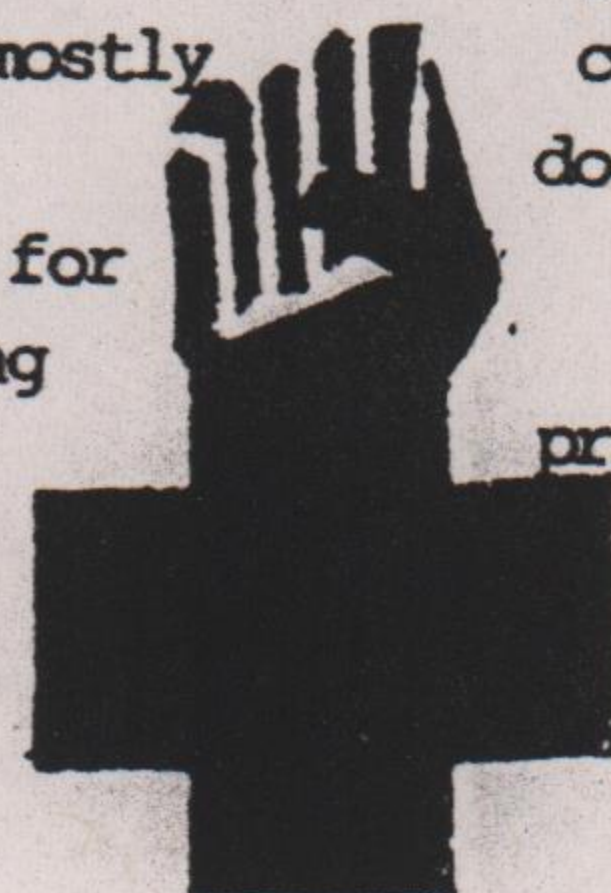
Harold first became politically active during the Vietnam War and has publicly stood in solidarity

with U.S. government persecuted revolutionaries and most particularly has deep feelings for all those who struggle to bring about a united Ireland. In 1989 while incarcerated within Tennessee gulags Harold was subpoenaed to trial of the Ohio 7 revolutionaries in Springfield, MA, at the request of Raymond Luc Levasseur, one of 7 individuals charged with armed actions of the United Freedom Front & the Melville-Jackson Unit. Harold stands in solidarity with all Anarchist prisoners held worldwide.

HAROLD'S CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Behind the walls, Harold is well known for his "jailhouse lawyer" activities, and says he copes with prison by fighting for his fellow prisoners in the courts for some semblance of real justice.

"The legal work I do is mostly composed of other prisoners' appellate documents (drafting their legal briefs for submission to the courts), filing civil rights complaints on behalf of prisoners



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which have been abused and who had their rights violated. I help them file proper grievances in the prison system and courts..." Such activities have earned him intense provocation and harassment from prison guards, such as unlawful confiscation of legal materials and law books, in past frequent cell searches, and being a victim of a frame-up to enhance Harold's security level for the sole purpose of unconstitutionally placing him in maximum security during 1993.

On the revolutionary movement Harold writes, "...We desperately need people in all areas of society, in all manner of professions and functions so that we can take care of our own, take care of each other. 'Mutual aid' is the key to defeating this monster with its oppressive tactics used to neutralize and destroy us. Relying on each other, and not the system, takes the power of control away from the system, undermines its control and will eventually affect its total collapse..."

On revolutionary prisoners, Harold writes, "The Left overlooking prisoners...as 'unimportant' or unpersons plays right into the right wing's game wholeheartedly. It allows the oppressors to isolate prisoners, demoralize them through use of psychological torture techniques until they robotic shells, institutionalized prisoners, and the Left shoots itself in the proverbial foot by throwing human resources away or ignoring them until they break contact or go away on their own."

"Most of the Left are unfortunately mere arm-chair revolutionary spirits which flame bright for a while then melt back into the present fucked up system when it is convenient to do so. They're brainwashed to believe prisoners are 'bad people' which is another myth perpetrated by the government to neutralize prisoners. Prisoners see the un-

masked face of the government, know the hypocrisy of the present system, witness the brutality and ruthlessness of an unmasked, unchecked force of destruction, and for those reasons alone have the potential of being the army of the Left but they are ignored. Any movement which does not support it's fallen soldiers or prisoners is destined to failure and receipt of only a fraction of the support it calls for from it's members."



"I work to awaken people in here politically, but have seen too many disheartenedly give up trying to make contact with movement folks out there, or give up even attempting to learn about the various movements, because of the inability to get literature from the various groups due to nothing more than apathy within these movements."

Finally, he states, "I am an anti-authoritarian, anti-racist, anti-sexist, Anarchist revolutionary of proud Irish heritage. 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 many brothers and sisters in the Anarchist Movement."

SUPPORTING CLASS WAR PRISONERS

The Brooklyn chapter of the Anarchist Black Cross has an on-going assistance campaign for Harold in the forms of a cash stipend, stamps, movement literature and other requested items. They ask people to add Harold to their group or publication's mailing list so he can be kept updated on developments within the Anarchist Movement. Please send donations marked for his material aid campaign to:

Brooklyn ABC

P.O. Box 365, Canal Street Station

New York, New York 10013-0365, U.S.A.

Harold's friends have formed a legal defense fund to raise cash to hire a professional attorney to attempt to free Harold and give him back his life. The address for donations to it is:

Harold Thompson Legal Defense Fund

P.O. Box 2213

Cleveland, Tennessee, 37320-2213, U.S.A.

Harold states that all personal letters will be appreciated "and perhaps will keep loneliness from suffocating me as I carry on the good fight."

Contact him at: **Harold H. Thompson, #93992**

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THE NEED FOR PRISONER SUPPORT

I recently had a trusted comrade and friend request that I send him my thoughts on the importance of prisoner support work by the various movements, in particular the anarchist movement both nationally and internationally. I thought I would share just a few of my thoughts on this topic of import with you now through my brother.

First, it is important to point out none of us is immune from arrest and prosecution for any number of alleged crimes once we have placed ourselves into the eye of the storm of struggle against the monsters of the earth who believe their station in life gives them the legitimate power to enslave us in however form they so choose, to use us up, throw us away and profit by the blood we shed and the sweat of our bodies 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 falls 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, live the lives we choose in spite of the plans others make for us, and dare to be different because our eyes are open to the realities of our future wearing the yoke of capitalism around our necks like beasts of burden, not equal human beings, unless we throw the weight on our back off 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 is in danger of arrest and so are you because you dare to be different than those who seek to control us desire you to be especially if your life is governed by the tenets of anarchism or you believe, and have undertaken, direct action against your oppressors.

The 'system' portrays those of us on the inside of gulag walls, within the ever increasing number of jails and prisons being constructed, 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 support. It amazes me how many intelligent people within the many struggles

have bought into the disinformation put out by the system to varying degrees. The majority of the unfortunate residents of the gulags are for the most part just like other people who are free only through a twist of their destiny they was arrested, stood at trial, and imprisoned. The system provides the sensationalistic image of those inside gulag walls being a bad lot best steered clear of because the system fears association of those inside and outside. It fears the might of numbers which reside inside who have nothing to lose and everything to gain by the destruction of the system. Inside is an 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 and isolate prisoners to break their minds and spirits. I have seen bodies broken and minds fragmented forever by the brutal hands of the keepers or the clever use of their weaksuck inmate lackies. I have seen many men reach out to the outside struggles with heartfelt letters begging for information about the various movements, education about them, seeking compassion and comradeship.

I have seen only a few, a handful of those who make contact, who are allowed to learn, to grow, to realize who they are and their potential value to themselves and to those outside gulag walls. I have seen far many, many more give up and eventually gravitate toward the hate groups which are in abundance within the gulags as they are out there. These eventual recruits to the ranks of the hate groups could have been soldiers within our ranks but those who claim to be revolutionaries outside chose to ignore their very existence. They gravitated where they would be accepted as people, as individuals and now instead of fighting alongside of us to bring the system itself to its knees in defeat, to restore a power which should have never been allowed to be taken from the people back to them, 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. I am not stating the gulags do not hold a fair share of social predators and I am speaking of social prisoners who have become politicized within gulag walls either through their own learning efforts or the system itself has reacted against their alleged crime(s) in such a way as to politicize them, the forgotten incarcerated members of the various outside struggles, and those persecuted by the system because they embrace politics which is abrasive to the system by its very nature, such as the politics of anarchism I embrace.

I am merely pointing out the obvious pitfall of not supporting those seeking the tools to become politicized. I am often blunt, or frank, to the point of pain so I do apologize if my words have made anybody uncomfortable but one sobering thought really needs to bring a wake-up call type of feeling of discomfort with it. That thought is I am here today sitting in a steel and concrete tomb-like cage writing these words to you...but you might actually be behind gulag walls within the near, or even far, future writing comparable thoughts to the outside if they come for you in the morning...

Sadder still than those social prisoners seeking, starving for, education and direction ignored by the various groups, collectives and revolutionary movements are those souls captured during direct, or even indirect, actions only to discover once in captivity they appear to have somehow been deemed not worthy of the support of their comrades and hence soon forgotten...

One conceptual truth screams out in my heart to be voiced so I will state it now. Any political movement, or people's struggle, which fails to provide support to fallen comrades is doomed to certain failure as certain as we all are that daylight chases dark of night away!

Prisoner support should be considered of very top priority importance within all political movements, and with all activists, as we, you or I, never know when gulag gates will slam behind us or when those gates to the outside will open again

to allow our passage through them once the system has us in its' iron grasp...

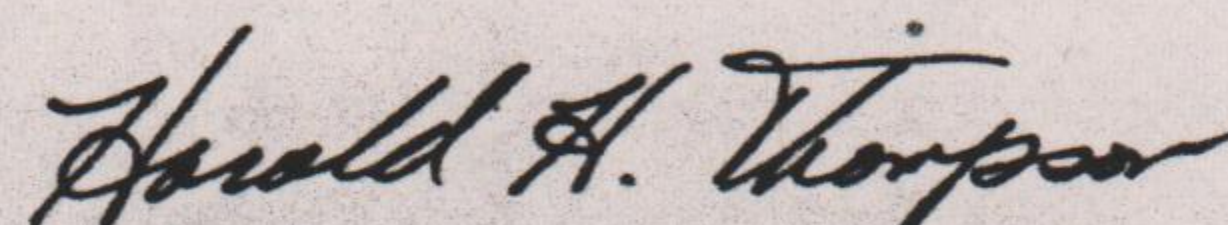
I have endured many hard years, over a decade and a half, within the gulags of this state, existing within the festered, swollen belly of the beast of capitalism. I spent the first decade banging my head and heart against a wall of silence, attempting to reach out to ears that appeared to be deaf and 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 truth with the shedding of my blood, the pain of this, in past beaten, tired body and my spirit of anarchism which has never been broken by my keepers and never will be!

It has only been in recent years when 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 eye of the storms which you face, and never forget those in captivity because tomorrow's captive of the monsters of the earth might well be you. Our common enemies are the same from country to country with only faces and names being different as they represent the same ideology of rape of the earth and oppression of the populous for profit as throw-away humanity.

Stay strong and know in your hearts I am with you in revolutionary spirit in every direct action you engage in against those who oppress us! We only want the earth! They will never get us all!

18 April 1995.



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LIFE TERM ANARCHIST PRISONER NEEDS
YOUR HELP!!!

Marilyn Pippin, my significant other half and trustworthy friend, recently decided to attempt to hire an attorney to litigate my wrongful convictions. I've suggested to her I might request my fellow anarchists to issue data updates concerning me, these cases, my life plus sentences, maybe distribute flyers/leaflets, requesting donations toward the necessary amount of funds required to hire a competent lawyer to fight to free me. I am requesting such help now. It is a clear fact, there is only so much a prisoner can do within prison confines with legal work product it takes days, weeks, or months to accomplish a professional attorney can achieve within a mere matter of minutes or hours due to his/her accessibility to the judicial system, legal research materials readily at hand, plus a legal staff to run errands for them. I have been imprisoned since 1979, 16 years in prison in ill health due to a past medical historical of a brain aneurysm operation, 52 years old, which is a load heavy enough to break the back of most persons. I do know it is impacting on me adversely now, particularly as pertains to my general health situation as an epileptic and my ever worsening nerves from the chaos of prison life.

Please consider extending to me your helping hand of solidarity with a request for donations where you reside? If you do not have the time for such a project I understand. Maybe you could get out the word to various anarchist/revolutionary organizations, collectives, etc., in my behalf? Rather than having support letters or donations sent to Brooklyn ABC care of Dan Sabatar, it would save time and an unnecessary duplication of mailing to have support letters sent to me directly at my prison address below with any donations of funds for my legal defense sent directly to the following address: Harold H. Thompson Legal Defense Fund, P.O. Box 2213, Cleveland, Tennessee 37320-2213, U.S.A. Support letters mailed to me: Harold H. Thompson, #93992, W.T.H.S.F., Unit 5 Route 2, Box 1050, Henning, Tennessee 38041-1050, U.S.A. Ms. Pippin has decided to list my name on her

postal box for receipt of defense funds.

She has further indicated her willingness to maintain proper care of my legal defense funds and to perform all necessary tasks associated with locating/hiring a competently performing attorney to work to free me from chains, free me from these unjust convictions that rightfully should never have taken place in the first place as they are based on sensationalist publicity seeking by prosecutors for political reasons, not justice. 16 years inside prison is more than mere punishment.

Even though I actively aid other prisoners with their legal problems, my own cases are far different as the vindictive prosecution team was careful to follow procedures to try to ensure that I would die of old age in prison, condemned to prison designed to destroy me mentally or wreck my health completely, or with hope during my prison terms I would be murdered because of my open anarchist politics, my chosen politics clearly abrasive to prisoncratic authority over working class prisoners.

In 1979 I was arrested in Marietta, Georgia, on a Chattanooga, Tennessee, charge of First Degree Murder in the shooting death of a convicted murderer, a man convicted of beating to death a defenseless woman while she begged him to spare her life. This animal's murder victim was the mother of my oldest son and her convicted killer had been freed pending appeal of a life term sentence of imprisonment. I was later charged with the armed robbery of a gem store in the Chattanooga area. I was convicted of all these charges even though the prosecution's main witness at the murder trial, the only witness to identify me as the man who shot the convicted murderer, admitted he was guilty of committing perjury at a previous hearing and at the robbery trial one of the actual confessed robbers came into court to testify that I was not with him when he committed the gem store robbery. I did not recognize the court as a legitimate tribunal so I refused to testify at both trials. I was sentenced to terms amounting to life plus fifty years on these convictions. Later in 1986 I tried an armed escape from a rural Tennessee prison, and received thirty two additional years in a 1989 trial.

Harold H. Thompson