

Long Hot Summer: The Rise of Police Terrorism in Amerikkka

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The Black Riders Liberation Party's **Black Commune Program** Article J States: "We Ride For an immediate end to police brutality. We Ride because we believe we can end police brutality by organizing self-defense groups dedicated to defending our Black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The 2nd amendment to the U.S. constitution gives us a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all Black people should arm themselves for Self-Defense."

This summer 2014 the people have witnessed the upsurge of fascist pig police terrorism in the belly of the beast of the Amerikkkan Empire. We are in a state of social unrest and upheaval. The people are outraged about these recent back to back incidents of pig police brutality and terror. The rebellious spirits of our ancestors who resisted slavery, escaped and planned insurrections against our racist enemies, are flowing through us on this beautiful Black August.

The pigs are lashing out at the masses and hyper-militarizing their forces. While they fight many wars abroad, they have come to the realization that they must prepare for the war at home. In this communication-information age the people are discovering ways to use the state's weapon of technology against the state, using social media to expose the filth of this fascist empire all across the globe. The US Government fears the inevitable fall of this empire, and they can feel the tide of resistance coming upon the horizon. It's another long hot summer to add to the history books.



On July 17, 2014 in the streets of Staten Island, NY, Eric Garner was brutally choked to death by New York Pig police overseers named Justin Damico & Daniel Pantello. He was supposedly under arrest for being under suspicion of selling untaxed single cigarettes. (Side note: the corporations of the tobacco industry are prime beneficiaries of chattel slavery, that developed their wealth. So who owes who? Who determines how taxes are regulated? We ride for reparations. We're not asking for them, we are taking them!) This shows that the pigs value property more than lives. Any property or possessions does not justify the murder of this brother to leave behind six children without a father. It's unacceptable and the people's justice will be served swiftly. ["Two cops pulled off the streets, Staten Island DA looking into death of dad of six after NYPD cop put him in chokehold during sidewalk takedown," by Annie Karni, Rocco Parascandola, Larry Mcshane New York Daily News July 18, 2014]

In Oakland, CA on August 3, 2014 unarmed Jacorey Calhoun was murdered by an Alameda County Sheriff's deputy pig. He was shot in the head during a pursuit and search. The Oakland pigs said that they tried to stop a vehicle connected to a home invasion robbery but the vehicle left the pigs in the dust and got away. When they spotted the vehicle again Jacorey Calhoun got out of the car and ran into a neighbor's yard. As soon as the pig spotted him, the pig shot him. However, the pig police have not disclosed why the deputy opened fire. [ktvunews.com SF Bay Area. "Attorney: Man shot by sheriff's deputy was unarmed," August 4, 2014.]

On August 9, 2014 in Ferguson, MO (a suburb outside St. Louis) an unarmed 18-year-old Black college student by the name of Mike Brown was approached by the Ferguson Pigs with their guns drawn. Mike Brown raised his hands and was shot six times, murdered in cold blood and left dead in the middle of the street by a pig named Darren Wilson. The pigs later said he was a suspect in a theft committed minutes before the shooting, but the interaction between the pig Darren Wilson and Mike Brown was unrelated to the robbery. The pigs continue to switch up their stories as rebellion rises throughout the city. Hactivist organizations are leaking sensitive information on the pigs, forcing them to answer the questions of the people and get their story straight. They continue to bury themselves in a deceitful hole, telling one lie to cover the other lie. The National Guard has been called in to quell the uprising but they are failing, while the power of the people is prevailing. ["Ferguson

officer in fatal shooting identified, unarmed teen suspected of robbery," the Press-Democrat, Associated Press, August 17, 2014, David Lieb] ["Autopsy shows Michael Brown was struck at least 6 times," NY Times, August 17, 2014, by Frances Robles; Julie Bosman] ["Police Report in the Michael Brown case," LA Times, August 15, 2014.]

In Los Angeles, CA a black man named Ezell Ford shot in the back and killed by two LA pigs while lying flat on the ground complying with them, on August 11, 2014. When the mother came out of the house in concern, the pigs approached her with their Billy clubs out. The pigs were rewarded with a vacation, Paid Administrative leave. LAPD pig chief Charlie buster ass Beck had little to say with no true explanation. Seems like just another "Justifiable homicide" business as usual. [KTLA, August 12, 2014, LA Times]

Following these tragic, treacherous, tyrannical, terrorist attacks on our community by the fascist pigs there has been a lot of public outcry in opposition to the police state. The temperature is hot, tempers are flaring, and the tension is thick. There have been many protests, rallies, demonstration, spontaneous rebellions/riots and looting. These actions all have their place in revolution. But that alone is not revolution.

If the masses continue to be misled to believe that this is what revolution is all about, then it falls under the category of counter-revolution. If these mobilizations have no organization to back it up, then it's contra-positive mobilization, simply meaning it moves us backwards not forward. When these tragedies happen and it gets major press and media coverage, that's when all the political opportunists come in and pull out the picket signs and start marching. Then once the hype is over with, then the flame of resistance goes out, until the next tragedy happens.

The Black Riders Liberation Party, new generation Black Panthers for self-defense leader and chief theoretician General T.A.C.O (Taking All Capitalists Out) has this to say about the recent incidents of pig police terrorism:

"General T.A.C.O. calls on All Black People to patrol the police with the Watch-A-Pig program- The pigs have murdered Ezell Ford in L.A, Michael Brown in Ferguson, and Eric Garner in NY-BLACK RIDERS-NEW GENERATION BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF-DEFENSE! We need a nationwide defense force: From L.A. to St. Louis, to NY- RISE UP- WE MUST DEFEND OURSELVES...Out of frustration and hopelessness, the Black Riders was formed by young Black people who have reached the point of no return. We refuse to be manipulated by the racist U.S. government and its ruling elite any longer into set-tripping over blue and red or any "hood" or "turf" in ameriKKKa. We no longer endorse patience and turning the other cheek.

"We assert the right of self-defense by whatever means necessary, and reserve the right of maximum retaliation against our racist oppressors, no matter what the odds against us are. From here on in, if we must die anyway, we will die fighting back and we will not die alone! We intend to see that our racist oppressors also get a taste of death! We will protect the Black Community with our minds, bodies, and souls. BLACK POWER! All Power to the People! Black Riders Number One Rule, IT IS BETTER TO DIE ON YOUR FEET THAN TO LIVE ON YOUR KNEES! IF YOU DON'T STAND FOR SOMETHING YOU'LL FALL FOR ANYTHING!

"HERE'S WHAT WE DO TO UPLIFT THE BLACK COMMUNITY...We patrol the racist police with our Watch-A-Pig program, armed with video cameras and other legal weapons. We also develop survival programs because Black People are facing extermination and genocide. Some of these programs are the George Jackson Freedom School for Black Children, our Educate to Liberate Classes for Black Adults, Free Food programs for the homeless, and many, many more. Overall we push Revolution to get free from the oppressive conditions in the hood that comes from white supremacy and capitalism. Also we develop gang truces between many hoods like the Bloods and Crips in L.A to stop Black on Black violence. We push hard for Black unity! **BLACK POWER! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**"

This reign of pig police terror is strategic and systematic. So if we don't develop strategies to overthrow the system as a whole, and stop settling for concessions and reform, we are heading for self-destruction. We are calling out to the people. The Black Riders Liberation Party has practical alternatives to provide for the people. We must set up programs for survival pending revolution! We must patrol our communities! We must arm ourselves for self-defense and prepare for armed struggle! The people can, will and are fighting back. There are recent actions of insurrection taking place right here in Amerikkka amongst all of this turmoil that shows us that the people are fighting back and the enemy is not untouchable, immortal or indestructible.

In New Jersey on July 12, 2014, Lawrence Campbell walked into a local drug store armed with a knife. He disarmed the security guard and took his gun. He waited for the pigs to come. Upon their arrival he corrected

a rookie pig named Melvin Santiago by shooting him between the eyes before being shot by the pigs. He went out in a blaze of honorary glory. [foxnews.com "New Jersey police officer shot, killed on robbery call," via Associated Press June 13, 2014]

On August 12, 2014 in South New Jersey, an unidentified gunmen shot up the West Deptford Township pig station. He drove around the station one time for reconnaissance, the second time around he let off a round into the window of the deputy chief's office and pumped five rounds into the emergency exit door with a 40 caliber handgun. The gunmen got away smoothly. Unfortunately, no pigs were injured but it sent a strong message. The power and prestige of the pigs is slowly fading away. [nydailynews.com, "New Jersey police station target in a drive-by" by Nichole Hensley]

In 2012, the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement came up with some stats through research that every 28 hours a Black man, woman, or child is murdered by the police, security guards and white supremacist vigilantes. A total of 313 Black people were killed by extra-judicial forces in the year of 2012. [MXGM, "Operation Ghetto Storm"]

Reactionary Right-wing media sources have come up with stats from research for a counter propaganda attack to: 1) play victim and pump fear, to maintain federal and state funding and hyper-militarization of the pig police forces across Amerikkka; and 2) to justify their reign of terror against the people. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund reports that in 2013, 100 pigs were slain in the line of duty averaging to a pig slain every 58 hours.[Nationalreview.com "Every 58 hrs a cop



is killed" August 15, 2014, Michelle Malkin]

This propaganda attack fails because the numbers show the contradiction. Every 58 hours a pig gets killed but every 28 hours a black person is killed by a pig. If the police are really serving and protecting community, why are more people dying at the hands of officers than the other way around? How is it that the people that the police are supposed to protect and serve, life is on the line more than the officers who are supposed to do the protecting and serving?

This propaganda will backfire on them because it really just shows that resistance is possible, and that the pigs bleed too. It also proves that the pigs don't really serve and protect the interests of the people. O.G Black Panther Co-Founder Huey P. Newton teaches us that the true purpose of the police in this capitalist society is to protect property, and since black people rarely own property they couldn't possibly be patrolling our community to protect us. The Pigs are occupying forces in our community. They patrol our community in the same manner the Israeli commandos patrol and occupy Palestine.

We must come to an understanding that reactionary forces of fascism (the pigs) are only the most direct enemy. It is the U.S Government politicians that create these laws that criminalize us, dehumanize us, and militarize the pigs. It is the elite ruling class and big businessmen (known as the 1%) who control these politicians and finance their election, so the politicians dedicate their loyalty to them instead of to the masses of people who voted them into office. It is the Elite ruling class that invests in privatized prisons which causes the demand for prison slave labor that the pig's quota for mass incarcerations is based on.

The Black Riders Liberation Party Ride for total liberation! We Ride for self-determination! We Ride to wipe imperialism completely off the face of universe! We demand justice! Justice will not be served by incarceration of pigs that have stolen the lives of our people. Justice will not be served by a pig getting fired from the force only to get hired in another city, county or state. Justice will not be served by a change in the laws. Justice for a stolen life can only be served in bloodshed! Marcus Garvey teaches us that, "Power is the only argument that satisfies man." We must tap into the power we have to seize state power. Mao Tse-Tung says, "Political power comes out the barrel of a gun." We must exercise our God-given and 2nd amendment constitutional right to bear arms to enforce people's law for people's justice!

BLACK POWER! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

The Meaning Of Ferguson

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Before recent days, who among us had ever heard of Ferguson, Missouri?

Because of what happened there, the brief but intense experience of state repression, its name will be transmitted by millions of Black mouths to millions of Black ears, and it will become a watchword for resistance, like Watts, like Newark, Harlem and L.A.

But Ferguson wasn't 60 years ago - it's today.

And for young Blacks from Ferguson and beyond, it was a stark, vivid history lesson -- and also a reality lesson.

When they dared protest the state street murder of one of their own, the government responded with the tools and weapons of war. They assaulted them with gas. They attacked them as if Ferguson was Fallujah, in Iraq.

The police attacked them as if they were an occupying army from another country; for that, in fact, is what they were.

And these young folks learned viscerally, face to face, what the White Nation thought of them, their claimed constitutional rights, their so-called freedoms - and their lives. They learned the wages of Black protest. Repression, repression and more repression.

They also learned the limits of their so-called 'leaders', who called for 'peace' and 'calm', while armed troops trained submachine guns and sniper rifles on unarmed men, women and children.

Russian revolutionary leader, V.I. Lenin once said, "There are decades when nothing happens; there are weeks when decades happen."

For the youth, excluded from the American economy by inferior, substandard education; targeted by the malevolence of the fake drug war and mass incarceration; stopped and frisked for Walking While Black, were given front-row seats to the national security state at Ferguson after a friend was murdered by police in their streets.

Ferguson may prove a wake-up call. A call for youth to build social, radical, revolutionary movements for change.

The US: Architect of Disaster

by Mumia Abu-Jamal © 2014 by MAJ

It is fascinating to watch US presidents as they call names and promise destruction. Especially so soon after the flood of disasters that have been waged throughout the Middle East.

Iraq is a social, economic, environmental and spiritual basket case. Libya is little better. Both are horrific examples of US interventions, that have plunged both societies into deadly hell-scapes -- places of religious strife, kidnappings, broken institutions, and rape.

For the US, and its so-called allies, are good at destruction of governments. Reconstruction? Not so much.

Now, the American Way lumbers into Syria, ostensibly to weaken ISIS, lately called the Islamic State. As in Iraq and later, Libya, the US and its ignoble allies are in contempt of the people, who are invariably referred to coldly as "collateral damage." The Arab so-called allies cover for the imperialists, who are actually collaborators with Western foreigners.

All the rap about "training armies?" If the US couldn't do it in 12 years, a few months are simply laughable. This means that the US and Western military efforts will continue indefinitely for months, for years, perhaps.

And to what end? Democracy? An end to terrorism? Hardly. For one thing, imagine the various and sundry members of the so-called coalition. Should it surprise us that, with the exception of France, there's hardly a democracy among them?

This war, like the Iraq war before it, promised Heaven, but delivered Hell. It was, and is, a disaster, that promises more suffering for the Arabs, who have the immense misfortune of being born in lands where lakes of oil bubble beneath them.

From imprisoned nation, this is Mumia Abu-Jamal.

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Planning Meeting for May 13, 2015 MOVE Activities

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ONA MOVE, Everybody. The first planning meeting for the May 13, 2015 activities will be on Oct. 8, 6:30-8:30, at Abiding Truth Ministries Church, located at 57th and Washington Ave. (one block north of Baltimore Ave. in Philadelphia, PA. I sincerely hope that as many of you as possible can attend.

At the request of our dear brother, Prof. Tony Monteiro, and the cooperation of Rev. Greene at Abiding Truth Ministries Church, the meeting was postponed from Oct. 1. There is a very important event happening on Wednesday, Oct. 1st. concerning W.E.B. DuBois at Temple University, that Temple students have organized. These are students who support Dr. Monteiro in his bid for reinstatement. Some of you may know that Dr. Monteiro organized a DuBois conference for years while he taught at Temple and these students are carrying on the tradition.

The plan is for people to select a committee that they want to work with. The committees will decide when and where to meet or conference call to do their work. Then we will meet at Abiding Truth once a month until May 2015. That is when each committee can report back and we can see where we're at and what we need to focus on.

From November forward our meetings will be on the FIRST Wednesday of every month and I will send out reminder emails.

Thanks so much for your anticipated cooperation---
Ramona

30th Anniversary of Mass Murder in Philadelphia



Free Tayvon Grayson!

by the African Peoples Socialist Party (APSP)

ORLANDO, FL—On Tuesday, July 19, 2014, 23-year-old Tavon Grayson was gunned down in a downtown Orlando, Florida parking lot. Five Orlando cops have been implicated in the near-fatal shooting of Grayson who was hit a total of eight times, including once in the head.

So despite being the home of the make-believe, fantasy Disney World, the reality for African people in the city of Orlando, Florida is no different from that of Africans in Ferguson, Missouri where the white police murdered Mike Brown.

On that warm summer night, all Tavon set out to do was have a little fun with his friends at the downtown Beechum Night Club. Instead, when attempting to leave the club, police fired their weapons while he was inside his car and continued to fire at him once they dragged him from the vehicle.

The police are using the usual excuse: they were in fear of their life. They say Tavon was trying to run over them, even as the car was riddled with bullets from both sides and the rear.

Since that fateful July 19 night, Tavon spent four weeks in the Orange County Hospital, much of it spent in intensive care as surgeries were needed for the eight gunshot wounds.

After doing a patch-up medical job on Tavon, they transferred him to the infirmary at the local jail where medical treatment is near non-existent.

Although Tavon can't use the restroom by himself, they expect him to clean and care for his wounds with a bottle of medicated soap furnished by the jail.

Now, three months since the shooting, Tavon lies gravely ill in a jailhouse infirmary bed with no bail.

And they are using an obscure Florida law called the "Anti-Murder Act" to hold Tavon without bond. They also claim he violated his probation for being arrested.

The "Anti-Murder Act" is based on a theory that the State is preventing a murder by keeping a "suspect" locked up if they have been accused of violent offense.

In other words, the State cannot justify shooting Tavon without accusing him of a crime. Guilt or innocence has nothing to do with it. That is why there are more than a million young African men in U.S. prisons today.

Ordinarily, Tavon would have been just another African victim of police violence while they prepare a prison cell for him even though he has committed no crime.

But what is different now, is that magnificent display of courage and struggle by African people in Ferguson, Missouri.

A struggle and fight back against the same colonial army, called the police, that is responsible for the near murder, and now imprisonment of Tavon Grayson.

Ferguson's lesson is that if we struggle and win in Ferguson then we can win in Orlando.



Tavon Grayson, shot 8 times by cops, in custody

That is why Tavon's mother, Latanya Magwood has contacted the African People's Socialist Party and as a result has organized the Committee to Free and Defend Tavon Grayson.

At present, the Committee is focussed on Tavon's immediate unconditional release to address his dire medical condition.

On Monday, September 29, the Committee to Free and Defend Tavon Grayson called a demonstration in front of the Orange County Courthouse where Tavon will be attending a bail hearing at 8:00 am at 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, Florida.

The Committee has also developed goals and demands.

Free Tavon! Call Judge Robert Evans of Orange County Court at 407-836-2336 and demand Tavon's immediate release.

We demand the police report! We are asking our supports to call into the Orlando Police Department at 407-836-3400 and demand the report on the attempted murder of Tavon Grayson.

Jail the Shooter Cops! Call Orange County District Attorney at 407-836-2400 and demand that the 5 cops involved in the shooting of Tavon Grayson be immediately arrested and charged with attempted murder and official oppression.

For more information, contact the African People's Socialist Party 727-821-6620 or info@apsphuru.org.

What Is To Be Undone

by Michael Novick, *Anti-Racist Action-Los Angeles/People Against Racist Terror* (ARA-LA/PART)

Timed to occur just before the UN opened a Global Climate Summit, the Peoples' Climate March in New York drew about 400,000 people into the streets, and was paralleled with dozens of similar rallies around the world. Here in Los Angeles, the group *Converging Storms* called a "Building Blocks Against Climate Change" mobilization in which dozens of community groups took street corners or intersections along a miles-long stretch of Wilshire Blvd. west from Echo Park. A great diversity of groups, many committed to environmental justice and indigenous rights, participated locally, in NYC and around the world. The climate rallies were the largest simultaneous global protests since the demonstrations against the invasion of Iraq by George W. Bush.

Roughly simultaneously, the US launched attacks from the air on Iraq and Syria, targeting the so-called Islamic State and other jihadist groups (while simultaneously arming still other Syrian rebels). The coincidence, and the absence of a militant, demonstrative peace movement, were a pointed reminder that the intransigence of the Empire in the face of public opinion, coupled with the willful blindness and illusion of progressive elements in the US population (that cast Barack Obama as a 'peace' candidate and muted its opposition to war and surveillance after his election), had blunted and dissipated many other mass mobilizations. The world-wide demand to 'bring the troops home' after World War II, the ban-the-bomb, anti-nuclear movement at the height of the Cold War, the movements for civil rights, women's rights, and gay rights of the '60s and '70s, the earlier round of the environmental movement, all settled for at best partial 'victories' that were eroded and reversed by a reactionary backlash.



Despite the occasional bit of good news, like the reversal in ozone depletion recently recorded, the environment is in far worse shape than it was. Despite the passage of various civil rights laws and efforts at affirmative action, institutionalized and internalized racism grips the police, the schools, the lending policies of banks, the surveillance policies of retail outlets, the entertainment formulas of films, TV and the music industry, and the hiring policies of businesses. Despite decades of prisoner rights and even prison abolition organizing, the US still has the highest incarceration rates in the world, and the number of people locked up in prisons and jails started climbing again last year after a brief down-tick. Despite protest after protest at police killings, the epidemic of police terror against Black and Brown people has reached stunning proportions, and the militarization of police continues unabated.

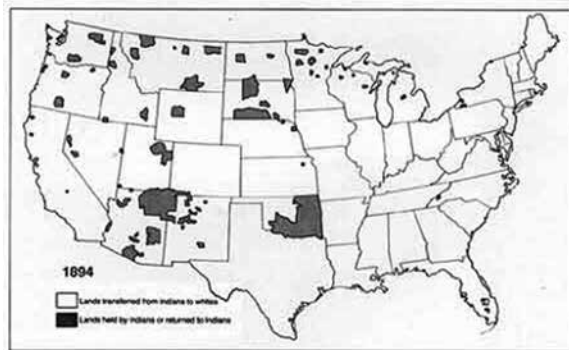
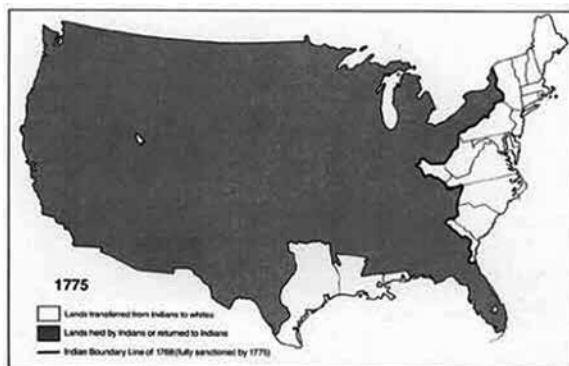
These losses are not recounted to discourage or dismay those who are protesting climate change in NY or LA,

Sydney or Nepal, nor those taking the streets against police murders in Ferguson or Los Angeles. But it is to ask ourselves, **what will it take to win?**

Something more than the failed strategies and theories and half-measures of the past. We must break the mental, emotional and material bonds that prevent us from undertaking the all-or-nothing struggle it's going to take. We must undo our identification with and participation in the system that is destroying the planet. The price of those failures, in continued environmental devastation, in the mass murders of imperialist war, in the lives stolen by prisons and police, are on our hands. The vacuum left by the absence of a fighting left has allowed the forces of the state and the right to ride roughshod over the people and the planet. Eighty some years ago, anarchists, socialists and communists were fighting fascism in Spain, and volunteers from around the world made their way to Spain under the slogan, *No Pasaran!* Today instead, we find foreign fighters traveling to Iraq and Syria to join the reactionary ranks of ISIS.

A wing of the climate change movement has raised the instructive slogan, "**System Change, Not Climate Change.**" This speaks to the fact that there is a system in operation now, a system that connects the fossil-fuel economy, the US military aggression in Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Afghanistan, the police murders in the ghettos and barrios, the mass incarceration of millions, the routine surveillance of all electronic communication, and the growing inequality of income and wealth. It's a system that explains how health care reform became a hand-out to the insurance companies, how education reform became a profit center for corporations, how immigration reform became a blueprint for militarization of the border and record deportations, how economic reform became a play-book for union-busting, de-industrialization, and the creation of a super-exploited 'global supply chain.'

That death-dealing system is capitalism/colonialism. Any reform we win within that system just becomes a **Stolen Land: Property is Theft**



mechanism for rationalizing and heightening the regime of exploitation on which it depends. Asking this system to regulate itself makes as much sense as asking the police to police themselves.

Some say this is carping in the face of an overwhelming threat to all of humanity and to the planetary eco-system posed by even a slight further increase in 'green-house gas' emissions and resultant temperature increases. But all the planning this system is engaged in, economically and militarily, is to "win" control over the transformed biosphere. They are making plans for naval operations

and resource extraction after the north polar ice cap is gone. They are crafting scenarios for resource wars over water and grain. They are designing and testing mechanisms for population control and surveillance, for example on the Palestinians, that would put Big Brother to shame.

What we need to understand is the fundamental contradiction that still drives this system, and drives it crazy. It is wedded to eternal growth. It requires the participation of billions, as both consumers and producers, upon whom it is therefore dependent. Yet its growth and profit rest on the exploitation of those billions, and its power depends on their oppression and subjugation. That means the system is riven with contradictions within and without. Every economic stratagem it devises only increases the crushing weight of debt, the expense of absorbing vast amounts of human productivity and creativity into machines and technology, and, as we see with global warming, its attempts to externalize costs to sustain profits are destroying the very seedbed of human existence.

Unfortunately, the oppressed and exploited are still not as clear as the rulers are about the irreconcilable nature of those contradictions. We cannot win the battle over climate change, over police killings, over Big Brother surveillance, over privatization of public education and destruction of public employee union, until we realize we have an implacable **enemy**, not just bad ideas, bad policies, bad individuals, but a class of exploiters and colonizers that run that system to their own advantage. To save the planet, to save the children, to save the cultures and peoples slated for genocide, we must dispossess that class of its stolen wealth and power, we must expropriate the expropriators.

What do we need to understand, and to act on, in order to win?

First of all, like it or not, we are in a war for our survival. Daniel Ellsberg had the insight, during the Indochina wars, that the US was not on the wrong side, it was the wrong side. Imperialism does not just wage war, or need war, it is war. The private profit system operates as a constant state of war against the peoples and lands it colonizes; it is at war with the very laws of nature and the ecological systems of mutual benefit and replenishment that sustain life as we know it. We must prepare ourselves to fight, or we have lost and are lost.

Second, it is us or them. The exploiters need the exploited; the oppressors need the oppressed; the bosses need the workers; the wardens and guards need the prisoners. But humanity and the natural world we are part of do not need exploiters or oppressors, prisons or police. The climate crisis among many others makes clear that our survival depends on their social, economic and political elimination, not as individuals, but as a class.

Third, we must be in conscious, self-critical solidarity, to overcome victimhood, privilege, oppression and exploitation. Our unity is our strength, because the tried and true strategy of the oppressors and exploiters, the colonizers and imperialists, is divide and conquer. We must overcome the divisions created by capitalism, racism, sexism, or nationalism, while respecting the self-determination and rights of all peoples. We must devise forms of organization and alliances based on such principles that can also operate with flexibility and intensity, whatever form of struggle is required of us.

In that way, we recognize the inter-connectedness of the struggles against climate change, against police murders, against mass incarceration and isolation-torture in the prisons, against deportation, against imperial war and the militarization of everyday life, against police spying and the surveillance/national-security state, against genetic engineering and terminator seeds, against foreclosures and evictions, against misogyny. So wherever we choose to stand our ground and fight our battles, we do so in conscious strategic unity with all the exploited and oppressed, and against all the exploiters and oppressors and the totality of their system, which must be uprooted once and for all in the name of humanity and survival of the biosphere.

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Join the #HandsUp Mass Mobilization in Ferguson October 10th-13th

We are in a movement moment.

What began as a local call for Justice for Mike Brown has grown into a nationwide shout for justice. Mike Brown falls in a long line of others killed as a result of systemic racial bias and violence against black and brown communities. John Crawford, III, Ezel Ford, Eric Garner, Oscar Grant, Amadou Diallo, Marilyn Banks and countless others named and unnamed have been killed through the excessive use of force by law enforcement.

As droves of people, many of them young and black, took to the streets of Ferguson in resistance and to demand justice for Mike Brown, thousands of others joined in solidarity around the country. The interconnectedness of our struggles became clear. Police brutality and excessive use of force against young people of color, militarized policing, poverty, economic inequality, and the absence of real participatory democracy deeply harm our communities from Dayton, OH to Los Angeles, CA.

The uprisings in Ferguson and mobilizations around the country represent a desire by community members to claim their right to self-determination, energy to strengthen a movement for racial justice, and end violence against black and brown communities.

We are calling for a convergence in Ferguson, MO from October 10th – 13th to continue the fight for justice for Mike Brown and to spark the broader movement for racial justice and sow transformative seeds for others to carry back home. There is an urgency in this moment to strengthen the mobilizing, organizing, and resistance happening across the country to build a movement.

If you want to join in this national fight, sign-up to organize locally and come to Ferguson October 10 – 13.

On-Line Resources for Turning the Tide

You can find archives of *Turning the Tide* at www.antiracist.org that go back more than seven years, plus back issues of the *Black Rider African Intercommunal News Service*. In addition, there are several Facebook pages, such as facebook.com/tideturning, and facebook.com/intercommunalsolidarity. You can follow @ara_losangeles on Twitter, and the De-Colonize LA! blog at ara-la.tumblr.com.



Our Values:

This mobilization is centered around the following key values:

There is a prevailing need to empower individuals and communities with the knowledge and resources they need to transform the world around them.

Constant struggle and vigilance is necessary to protect our rights and achieve the justice that we seek

Our shared oppressions cannot be reduced to the personal; our issues are systemic, so the solutions should be as well:

While racism can manifest itself personally all too often, racism is also institutionalized and structural. The sooner we can see racism as structural, the sooner we can try to break the cycle.

Our current economic system degrades people of color and low-income people — justice must address the economic inequality built into the capitalist system

We believe that movements are based in local struggles; sometimes, like here in Ferguson, our movements find a crack where we must all push together. We are fighting for Justice for Mike Brown, for many others murdered by the police and for people of color as a whole.

What to Expect:

Thousands of leaders from around the country will arrive in Ferguson on October 9th – 10th. Hands Up United will hold direct action trainings and identify leaders for demonstrations planned for October 11th and October 13th.

On Saturday, October 11, there will be a large mobilization march. We expect very large numbers for this march and your participation is key to making this happen.

On Oct .12, we will have faith meetings and final preparations for distributed actions which will take place on Monday, Oct. 13.

On Mon., Oct. 13 we will conduct civil disobedience and major demonstrations at significant targets.

If you can't come for the entire weekend, we hope that you come on Saturday for the largest Justice for Mike Brown march in Ferguson, MO.

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From Spain to the Ukraine

by the Spanish Committee to Support the Anti-fascist Ukraine

<http://comitedeapoyoalacranciaantifascista.wordpress.com/2014/08/20/comunicado-de-la-brigada-internacional-carlos-palomino/>

Communiqué of the International Brigade Carlos Palomino

To all the anti-fascist world. To the working class, the exploited and dispossessed everywhere. To all the proud warriors of the rebel dignity To all good-hearted people. To those who can't unafford to get discouraged.

Comrades ... The time has come. We spent months watching the suffering of the inhabitants of Donbass, in what was the eastern Ukraine. Neo-Nazis have taken power, fed, trained, organized and led by USA, by the governments of Europe and NATO in their dark interests.

While Obama smiles like a clown, and Europe sells us the neo-Nazis in Kiev as “honorable protestors,” torture, rape, killings and bombings, hover over all who are an obstacle to their plans. Anti-fascists, communists, anarchists and Russian speakers in Ukraine are being savagely murdered. Meanwhile, the official media of the world, partners in crime, hide, lie, distort and manipulate keep us ignorant of what the “democracies” of the West are doing.

They tell us they are separatist terrorists, but do not teach us the images of children dismembered by indiscriminate bombing of civilians at the hands of the “democrats” of Kiev advised by American military experts. Ukraine suffers from cancer of fascism extending itself across it with all that entails. People who still have a good heart, are up in arms, forming the People's Self Defense Militias, formed by workers, miners, and all kinds of laborers ... men and women who do not want to continue seeing their homes destroyed or their sons broken.

They have declared the Popular Workers Republics of Donetsk and Lugansk, the Novorossia federation, and its intent is clear, they will not give up against the fascists, and will only leave Donbass feet first. Well, we, the antifascists of the Spanish state, powerless as we've seen our comrades burned alive in Odessa, we have observed crying with rage as babies perished under the shrapnel of bombs, we've seen again waving flag swastika destroying everything in its path ... we decided that we will NOT go



Nazis openly on the march in Ukraine took part in the Western-backed coup that overthrew the elected president and is threatening to engulf the world in Cold War II or a hot war between NATO and Russia.

on just WATCHING. We are honored to announce that the International Brigades HAVE returned. Nearly 80 years ago, when the whole bourgeois world left us on our own, against Franco, Hitler and Mussolini, more than 50,000 workers from over 54 different nations left everything to come to fight and die in our land, for our freedom, for our future and ... now is time that history puts us at this height. Seven brigades were formed in Spain in 36 ... here are the first steps of the eighth brigade, in a new century with the same essence of social struggle.

We call on everyone of you who feel the blood boil with rage demanding justice in the depths of your hearts, for you to rise there where you are and choose us to fight alongside the indomitable Donbass. Come fight with us! Let's shout in the face of imperialism that our comrades ARE NOT ALONE! They need us, they need fighters, medical needs, drivers, money, supplies ...

Across Europe, a far-right resurgence is fueled as always by imperialism and soon will knock on the door of your house. We can not wait until the concentration camps are built. It's time to stand up against all exploiters worldwide. In Madrid, Donetsk, Berlin, Rome and Paris.

It is time for you to shout to the world that we are not tired, let alone exhausted, we will fight and we will not let them crush us... because we have a new world in our hearts, and that world is growing this minute. We may not get back to see our families, our friends ... but if we do not stop fascism, there will be no future for anyone.

Brother proletarians it is now or never! And to conclude this message, we want to send a message to all fascist, neo-Nazis and the imperialist world: Prepare. Your days are numbered. Anywhere you go to re-extend your empires of misery, terror and greed, wherever you try to keep crushing the peoples, anywhere you try to take charge, you are going to meet us face to face, armed and determined. Such villains who bombard children and old people ... do not deserve life!

Wherever the injustice, fear and pain that characterize you try to emerge from your sewers, they're going to come up against the iron wall of the antifascist struggle. We will Cross oceans, cross continents, we will sail the skies to go to the barricades gun in hand and take our post. Because you have the power, money, strength ... but that is worthless against the force of reason, against the love of our solidarity, against our revolutionary hatred. You will be swept away.

We have absolutely no fear. For you must understand that the fascists have only one end to their road ... total destruction. From now on you will find “Stalingrads” in every city. DONBASS will BE THE TOMB OF FASCISM! TODAY AS YESTERDAY ... **They shall not pass!!**

We will see you at the barricades!
INTERNATIONAL -BRIGADA CARLOS Palomino
You have complete freedom to translate this statement into the languages needed.

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US militarizes response to Ebola crisis while Cuba pledges medical aid

by Abayomi Azikiwe (2014-09-23)
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A team of eight experts and journalists visiting the southern region of the West African state of Guinea were found dead in the town of Nzerekore on Sept. 20. Reports indicate that they were there to educate people about the nature of the disease for the purpose of its prevention.

Reports from Guinea say that the delegation had met with elders in the community but were later attacked by youths. Investigations into the details of the killings are ongoing.

There is tremendous mistrust surrounding the spread of the Ebola disease in some West African states where the epidemic has had an impact. Doctors Without Borders reported in April that their teams were forced to withdraw from Macenta in Guinea after being stoned by youth who said they were there to spread the disease.

Newspaper articles and rumors have circulated that the outbreak is a direct result of biological warfare being waged by imperialist countries against the African continent.

Although no one knows what the motivations were of those who carried out the killings in Guinea, obviously there are many people who mistrust the motivations of foreign aid workers responding to the crisis. Guinea is the first country that was identified in the latest spread of the disease which has periodically struck in Central and West Africa over the last three decades.

BIOLOGICAL WARFARE AND ECONOMIC UNDERDEVELOPMENT

The most widely discussed and controversial article related to the spread of the Ebola was published by the leading newspaper in Liberia, *The Observer*. Dr. Cyril Broderick, a former professor of plant pathology at the university there, asserted that the spread of the disease is a direct result of U.S. Department of Defense bio-warfare against Africa.

Broderick's article was published on Sept. 9 and stated that "Africa must not relegate the Continent to become the locality for disposal and the deposition of hazardous chemicals, dangerous drugs, and chemical or biological agents of emerging diseases. There is urgent need for affirmative action in protecting the less affluent of poorer countries, especially African citizens, whose countries are not as scientifically and industrially endowed as the United States and most Western countries, sources of most viral or bacterial GMOs that are strategically designed as biological weapons. It is most disturbing that the U. S. Government has been operating a viral hemorrhagic fever bioterrorism research laboratory in Sierra Leone."

This same author goes on to ask "Are there others? Wherever they exist, it is time to terminate them. If any other sites exist, it is advisable to follow the delayed but essential step: Sierra Leone closed the US bioweapons lab and stopped Tulane University for further testing." (Sept. 9)

Broderick has been attacked for publishing the article and according to Health Impact News "The western pro-pharma media has chided Dr. Broderick, saying that such an inflammatory piece of writing is 'irresponsible' since so many Africans are already distrustful of western medicine. They see western medicine as the answer to Africa's deadly diseases such as Ebola, while Dr. Broderick sees it as the cause. Dr. Broderick states 'African people are not ignorant and gullible, as is being implicated.'" (healthimpactnews.com, Sept. 21)

Following the publication of this article, President Barack Obama announced on Sept. 16 that the U.S. would deploy 3,000 troops to the affected West African states as a means to combat the disease. Obama said in a press release that "The United States will leverage the unique capabilities of the U.S. military and broader uniformed services to help bring the epidemic under control. These efforts will entail command and control, logistics expertise, training, and engineering support." (White House press statement)

Washington is already heavily involved militarily in Africa. Several thousand Pentagon troops, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) operatives and State Department functionaries are on the continent as part of the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM). This intervention since 2008 has created more instability and underdevelopment in Africa as represented by the events in Egypt, Mali, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan and Nigeria where the ostensible partnerships aimed at curbing "terrorism" has prompted the intensification of conflict, dislocation and in the case of the Horn of Africa, famine.

Pentagon and CIA drone operations have carried out numerous targeted assassinations in Somalia. In Mali, a U.S.-trained military officer returned to this former French colony and staged a coup providing a rationale for internal destabilization as well as an ongoing occupation by Paris.

CUBA OFFERS MEDICAL SOLIDARITY

Meanwhile, the revolutionary nation of Cuba pledged to send medical personnel in the fight against the disease. Cuba has a profound history in providing unconditional solidarity with the African continent.

In an address on Sept. 18 before the United Nations Security Council emergency session on Ebola, Vice Minister of Foreign Relations Abelardo Moreno told the participants that "Cuba's response is part of our solidarity with Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean. Over the last 55 years we have collaborated in more than 158 countries, with the participation of 325,710 health workers. 76,744 collaborators have worked in 39 African countries. Today, in this sector, 4,048 Cubans are serving in 32 African nations; 2,269 of whom are doctors." (granma.cu, Sept. 19)

Moreno went on to report that "The medical brigades which will be sent to Africa to fight against Ebola form part of the "Henry Reeve International Contingent" - created in 2005 - composed of doctors specializing in combating disasters and large-scale epidemics. Cuba's response confirms the values of solidarity which have guided the Cuban Revolution: not to give what we can spare, but to share what we have."

This approach contrasts sharply with that of the White House and Pentagon. Cuba has built up considerable trust in Africa due to its consistent policy of international solidarity.

At least three countries which have reported Ebola cases are reporting improvements in fighting the disease and its proliferation. In Nigeria the Federal Government announced that schools would be re-opened on Sept. 22 despite opposition from the sections of the Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT).

In Sierra Leone there was a state of emergency declared restricting movements for three days. The government announced on Sept. 22 that the situation was now under control. Similar announcements have been made in reference to developments in Senegal where at least one case has been reported.

Nonetheless, there have been nearly 3,000 deaths reported from the disease. In addition there are still numerous questions related to the conditions under which the disease is spread and the most effective means to treat and eradicate the epidemic. (WHO Update, Sept. 22)

This outbreak does draw attention to the need for genuine independence and development on the African continent. The training of medical personnel and scientific researchers would contribute immensely to preventing future healthcare crises.

Cuban revolutionary foreign policy provides an example of how underdeveloped states which have a legacy of slavery, colonialism and neo-colonialism can transform through a process of class struggle and self-reliance. With over five decades of hostility from the U.S., Cuba has been able to make significant contributions to African liberation whether in the fight against settler-colonialism in Southern Africa in years past or through the contemporary challenges related to the Ebola outbreak, the training of African medical personnel and other healthcare issues.

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One Struggle, Many Fronts: Boycott HP!

by HP Boycott Campaign Coalition

Recently, daily demonstrations were taking place in LA against police murders and against the massacres in Gaza. Increasingly, people are linking the two causes, recognizing that we live in a seamless empire where the same tear gas projectiles are used in Ferguson by militarized local police and state troopers, in Gaza by the occupying Israeli military, and in Egypt by the US-backed military junta. People recognize, too, that children -- and our collective future -- are under attack, whether at the militarily-imposed US border against refugee indigenous children; or in the ghettos and barrios of US cities where police function as an occupying army and internal border guard enforcing white supremacy; or in Gaza, where 1 million of the 1.8 million inhabitants are under 18; or in Africa, where treatable ailments from AIDS to Ebola are allowed to fester, and US-provoked warlords kidnap children into their "militias."

One effort to organize and educate about these connections is a growing campaign to boycott Hewlett-Packard. You've probably heard of HP. You may have one of their printers, or resent how much you pay for their ink. You might remember when their former CEO Carly Fiorina ran a right-wing campaign for the US Senate, or told Forbes "There's no job that's America's god-given right anymore." But did you know that HP has profited from prison labor? That HP is one of the 25 largest military contractors in the US? That HP profits from providing

hardware and software to run the apartheid system of controlling the Palestinians, and technology to the Israeli military including the navy that has enforced the blockade of Gaza? HP exemplifies the integration of big capital and the state under imperialism in creating a militarized surveillance-security police state.

HP has a multi-million dollar contract with the California state prison and parole system, to create a digital database of all the information about prisoners and parolees, including who visits them. HP provides surveillance equipment to track dissidents in China and Iran, and has pleaded guilty to bribery of Polish, Russian and Mexican officials to get their business. HP has contracts with Immigration and Customs Enforcement to speed up deportation processing, and to train federal agents in a course on forensic computing.

HP tries to present itself as a "good corporate citizen," with a code of ethics. But the fact is, HP specializes in technologies to identify, monitor and control large populations. It sells them to prison authorities, immigration police, military forces and repressive regimes. These products are designed to limit human and civil rights, and threaten all of us.

If you're concerned about US support for Israeli massacres and illegal settlements in occupied Palestinian territories; about outsourcing; about surveillance; about mass incarceration and solitary confinement when HP's software identifies a prisoner as a "risk;" about record deportations that are tearing apart working families; it's

time to take action! Join our informational picket Oct. 25.

For HP, surveillance, repression, incarceration, deportation, and militarism are profit centers, along with their ink, computers and accessories. For us, their profit is our loss -- loss of freedom, loss of rights, loss of our moral bearings in the world, even loss of life for people in Palestine or prison SHUs. It's time to stand up, and use our power to hit them where it hurts, in their bottom line. It's time to wake people up to the threat posed by HP and the systems of surveillance, militarism, and population control they enable. It's time to take back our power to shape a future based on human needs and freedom, on the solidarity of workers and oppressed people everywhere, whether in the ports, the prisons or Palestine. For more information, email HPboycott@gmail.com



2014 TORCH ANTIFA CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

In September, South Side ARA hosted the first annual TORCH antifascist network conference in Chicago. This conference is the time and place in which the TORCH network strategizes for not only internal growth but for our resistance against fascism, white supremacy, and the right.

In attendance were delegates from Philly Antifa, Central Texas ARA, Milwaukee Antifa, HARM, ARA-LA/PART, and of course South Side ARA. This time is also utilized to build antifascist culture, which is why we hosted a public event with speakers, bands, and tons of antifascist literature and merchandise.

The public day was held at Chitown Futbol. At around 5:30 the speakers started. Both Matthew Lyons and Michael Staudenmaier gave great presentations followed by Q&A. There were tons of groups present such as the War Zone distro, Black Rose, and IWW, tabling with literature and merchandise. Groups



within the TORCH network were also tabling and had tons of anti-racist t-shirts, some of which were completely free. By about 7:30 Mandatory Abortions kicked off the show followed by La Armada, Krang, Wartorn, Wrathcobra, and ATU. By the end of the night hundreds of dollars were made to support antifascist political prisoners.

The night went on with no disruption from the fascists or the state and the 2014 TORCH conference was a huge success. Thank you too all the bands, speakers, organizations, and individuals who came out to support. A special thanks to the Chicago May 1st Anarchist Alliance and the Black Rose Anarchist Federation for sponsoring the event. South Side ARA has spent the past 5 years smashing fascism in our state and elsewhere and will continue to do so.

Fuck fascism! Fuck racism!

- South side ARA of the TORCH Network

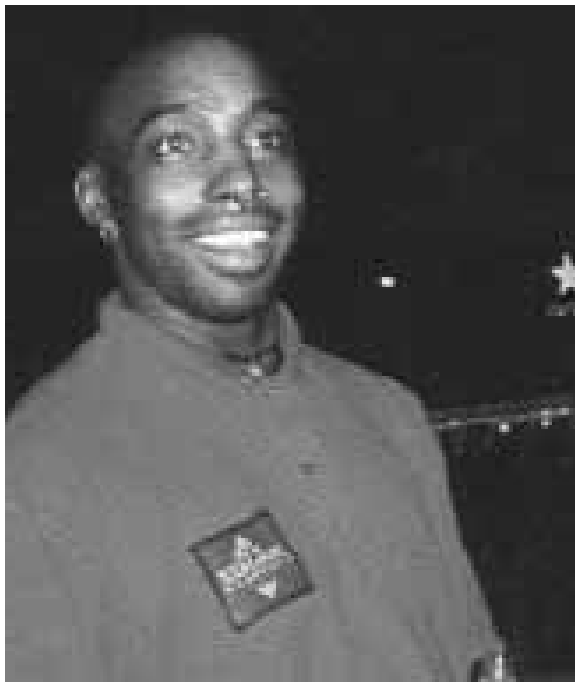
JUSTICE DELAYED, JUSTICE DENIED: Neo-Nazis Acquitted in Murders of Spit & Dan in Vegas

by Anti-Racist Action Los Angeles

The impunity with which police across the country have been carrying out racist murders has extended once again to white supremacist and neo-Nazi murders, as it did in the killings of civil rights activists in the South in the 60s and the Greensboro Massacre by the Klan and Nazis in 1979. Two nazis accused of the murders of Anti-Racist Action activists that took place in Las Vegas, Nevada more than 16 years ago have walked free, acquitted by a jury in a recent federal trial. The old civil rights slogan, "Justice Delayed is Justice Denied" has been proven true once again.

Ross Hack, 42, and Leland Jones, 33, were found "not guilty" of all charges in the murders of Lin "Spit" Newborn and Daniel Shersty, two anti-racist skinheads, following a two-week trial in Las Vegas. Hack and Jones, who once associated with racist bonehead groups, were accused of helping plan and carry out the 1998 shooting

deaths of the two men who supported racial unity. The Nazis had each faced two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of using a firearm during a crime of violence. Hack's sister had earlier pleaded guilty, turned state's evidence and testified for the prosecution, as did John "Polar Bear" Butler, a neo-Nazi who had been convicted in a state trial for the murders some years ago. There is no statute of limitations on murder, and the charges could be brought in federal court because the crime took place on federal land in northwest Las Vegas.



Lin "Spit" Newborn and Daniel Shersty

Martyrs of Anti-Racist Resistance, killed July 4, 1998 in Las Vegas, NV

Defense attorney Kennedy, a federal public defender appointed in the case, argued that there was no physical evidence linking the boneheads to the killings (unsurprising given the 16 year lapse between the killings and the trial). He acknowledged that Hack "made mistakes as a young man," when he was a self-proclaimed neo-Nazi skinhead. "But like many people, he went to college, earned a degree, learned about life," Kennedy told the Las Vegas papers. "And he hasn't been that man for many years." The lawyer neglected to mention that Hack was able to flee the country while initially under suspicion for the murder, going to Germany where he lived for many years with the support of his well-to-do family. Kennedy said Ross Hack attended an American university in Prague, graduated, married a Russian woman, had a daughter and wrote a book during his years in Europe. The lawyer said Hack and his wife have divorced.

Ross Hack was arrested in March 2008 on charges of passport fraud case after returning to the US. He eventually pleaded guilty to making a false statement on a passport application and was sentenced to three years in federal prison. Hack was about to be released from custody when he was indicted in the federal murder case in 2012. Federal authorities had taken over the long-dormant case, and a federal grand jury indicted Ross Hack, Melissa Hack and Leland Jones in February 2012, the same month Mandie Abels secretly pleaded guilty in federal court to conspiracy to commit murder. Abels was Ross Hack's girlfriend at the time of the killings.

Butler, who is serving a life sentence with no possibility of parole, and Abels, who is serving a 15-year prison term, testified for the government at the federal murder trial. They said they participated in the killings with Ross Hack, Melissa Hack, Jones and Daniel Hartung. All six had ties to neo-Nazi skinhead groups at the time. Hartung, who was Ross Hack's roommate when the killings occurred, is deceased. He died in a traffic accident shortly before the indictments were issued.

Abels and Melissa Hack, Ross's sister, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit murder. They testified that they lured Spit, a tattoo artist, and Dan, an active-duty

member of the Air Force, to a remote desert site near Powerline Road and Centennial Parkway, where the two men were ambushed and fatally shot in the early morning hours of July 4, 1998. The bootprints of multiple individuals were found at the scene surrounding the two bodies. Melissa Hack's lawyer, Brent Bryson, said his client "sticks by her testimony," despite the jury's verdicts.

The case has been mishandled from the start. The media and police treated like an episode of gang violence between skinhead factions, instead of the brutal assassination of two anti-racist, human rights activists by neo-Nazi thugs. The Air Force sent military police investigators to investigate Dan's death, and then withdrew them, asserting it was not a case of terrorism, and that Dan was not targeted as a service member. Although Anti-Racist Action mobilized nationally to Las Vegas after the killings to support the local chapter, holding protests and marches on the Strip, other organizations such as the Southern Poverty Law Center refused to recognize the case for what it is

or make it the kind of cause celebre that the Greensboro Massacre had been a generation earlier, when thousands mobilized to Greensboro, NC after the killings to denounce Nazi-Klan violence.

One or two people from ARA attended the trial, but the network, making the transition to TORCH Antifa Network, was not in a position to mobilize to the trial from around the country. Heidi Beirich, a representative of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project, which says that it monitors "hate groups and other extremists," attended much of the federal trial. She told the *Las Vegas Journal-News* she was surprised by the acquittals. "In this case, the government did what it could

with what it had," she said, essentially given an alibi to the Feds and law enforcement for the long-delayed and ultimately failed prosecution. Beirich said racist and anti-racist groups often do battle, but their conflicts rarely rise to murder, according to the paper. This is adding insult to injury, a propagation of the "plague on both their houses" stance the SPLC has always taken, along with the Anti-Defamation League and other similar groups. They equate ARA, other anti-fascists, and advocates of Black self-defense as "extremists," just as responsible for violence as their Nazi opposite numbers. This is completely incorrect. It is the system of white supremacy and its conscious advocates who propagate racial violence, to the point of arson, assassinations, and mass murder. Against this, self defense is a basic human right, and as this case clearly demonstrates, a necessity. The ain't no justice, just us.

Spit and Dan are each survived by their fathers, Lionel Newborn and Walter Shersty and by other relatives and comrades. They live on in our hearts and in the struggle.

MARCH AGAINST RACISTS & RAPISTS IN PHILLY

Sept. 6, Antifa Philadelphia held a small March Against Racists and Rapists in the Tacony section of North Philly. When we arrived, we were greeted by some opposition. "Wait," you ask, "How could anyone oppose 'The March Against Racists and Rapists?'" Enter Keystone United, also known as the Keystone State "Skinheads." KSS called everyone they could get to come back them up. About 10-20 boneheads proceeded to threaten protestors as they arrived. They were joined by one family, who has produced at least 2 Neo-Nazi spawn, and the head of the Tacony town watch, who was mad about being trolled online after calling on us to cancel our march in the name of "maintaining the peace."

KSS released their laughably inaccurate take. The Nazis claimed that the only people at the march were a handful of Antifa Philadelphia members while they received community support. In fact we know the faces of the handful of Nazis there. They came from Harrisburg. Scranton. Mechanicsburg. Altoona. New Jersey. Our crowd was almost entirely Philadelphia residents, the majority from Tacony, willing to stand out in the rain to confront the Nazis. Inevitably KSS claims this as a victory. We see it more as the beginning of the end for them in the last neighborhood in Philly they felt safe.

-- Antifa Philadelphia

To Prisoners Throughout the System:

Due largely to the articulated oppressions of striking prisoners, the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) is now making it a particular priority to become more prisoner-inclusive. Prisoners can now join the IWW union for free (Union dues waived). As a former prisoner (and resulting abolitionist) of 15 years, myself, I can say that the time for such an inside-outside solidarity is long over-due.

Below is a simple sample letter prisoners can write requesting Free membership into the union.

“Dear IWW:

Hello. My name is _____, and I’m a prisoner in _____ asking for free membership in Industrial Workers of the World. I affirm that I’m a worker and not an employer.” We’ll hold your Membership Card in our files (unless you request it shipped to an outside address). The same day we receive your letter requesting membership into the Union, I’ll forward you a letter of confirmation, and within the week we’ll forward you IWW-related literature for personal study.

Excerpts from: A discussion on the Three Pilot Programs

by J. Heshima Denham, Zaharibu Dorrough and Kambui Robinson of the NCTT Corcoran Security Housing Unit (SHU)

Greetings, brothers and sisters. A firm, warm and solid embrace of revolutionary love is extended to you all.

We are all representative of a single socio-political and historic motive force. comprehensive strategic approach, coordinated and conducted by us all. Simply put, we are a single movement, and for us to have the social impact necessary to compel progress we must proceed with this realization as out guiding ethos. We of the NCTT (New Afrikan Collective Think Tank) in the Corcoran SHU (Security Housing Unit) have a proposal on effective strategic organizing we’d like to share with you.

Three pilot programs

We propose organizing an entirely new front for the struggle. We want to urge all our brothers and sisters in lumpen organizations within these communities, no matter what set you claim, what nation you ride – Sureño or Norteño – no matter what hood you represent or crew you roll with, to support and defend these brothers and sisters from all aspects of the Occupy Movement as they enter your/our communities. Brothers and sisters doing vital work in Occupy the Hood chapters, we ask you to expand your relationship with the Occupy Wall Street Movement beyond the people of color working group. Enter a broader phase of community development and social organization, which will see a union of all of our social forces in the practical work of building a new basis for relating to the productive system. Occupy the Hood is the natural bridge between all aspects of the 99%. Only through a union such as this can our movement be transformed into a true social revolution. Those who’ve engaged in support for the five core demands in opposition to these sensory deprivation torture units, if you retain any influence in your hood, barrio, trailer park or community, we urge you to have those on the streets from your community, get involved.

The three pilot programs we propose are: 1) the closed circuit economic initiative; 2) the sustainable community agricultural commons; 3) the block vote democratic initiative. We will explain each here in basic terms and should you need detailed program formats or other help, you need only contact us directly.

The Closed Circuit Economic Initiative

The Closed Circuit Economic Initiative (CCE Initiative) is a cooperative economic venture designed to amplify local wealth by re-circulating it in the community, while providing collective ownership of the venture to the community and movement. It’s possible to increase the economic capacity of a community by circulating its wealth in that community for a longer period, especially if the community controls the economic circuit in which exchange flows.

Prepare fliers outlining this initiative in clear, easy-to-understand terms. Produce a survey that asks that community the three top goods or services they most frequently spend most of their money on. Then, we’ll have the basis for our first economic venture based on the No. 1 pick. For example, say food is the area where the most money is spent. The first venture in this community’s CCE Initiative would be a grocery. A community meeting can elect economic trustees for the CCE Fund: one from Occupy the Hood, one from Occupy Wall Street, and two from the community in which the venture is based. These four will collectively oversee the CCE Fund for that community, allowing funds raised to be accepted only by those four together – no single individual will have access – and only for the CCE Initiative venture agreed to via the democratic will of all involved.

Individuals in that community contribute \$1-\$2 bi-monthly, with their names, addresses and phone numbers to the CCE Initiative for a 6-month period. Funds will be deposited in the CCE Fund’s account. We will hire only people from that community who are unemployed. Occupy Wall Street activists with accounting, business, tax, zoning, law, real estate, grocery or other related

About the IWW: The Industrial Workers of the World is a worker’s union, founded 1905 with the goal of empowering the people by strengthening workers solidarity. While we fight to win struggles (i.e. wage-pay struggles, better working conditions, etc. through work stoppages and the like) at present, our overall goal is for working-class people ourselves to wrest the means and instruments of production (including our physical bodies) from the employing class (bosses and wardens of production) into the hands of the people who work them; to rid our lives from capitalism and to live in harmony with each other and with the earth. This cannot happen so long as we’re wage slaves to the privileged few. Many of us have long enough struggled trying to strive in the dog-eat-dog and cut-throat lifestyle capitalism has degenerated society to. The General Strike (where so many of us fold their arms and refuses to work that it brings the capitalist system to its knees) is a primary weapon the people the world over have in our immediate possession, knowing that we who stop the

expertise should provide that expertise to ensure the success of these ventures. Once established, we needn’t worry about patronage because those who own the venture – the community itself – will, of course, shop in their own grocery store and encourage others to. All the profits will go back to the CCE Fund with 60% being paid out monthly to all CCE Initiative registrants – those with a CCE certificate of contribution – in the form of a dividend check, the other 40% gaining interest in the CCE fund. In the next six months, we purchase a support venture, one that contributes directly to the initial venture; let’s say a bakery. The grocery store will purchase its baked goods exclusively from the bakery. The bakery hires only jobless people from that community or movement.

The CCE Fund can then establish a local credit commons, where the community can invest in its own people’s interests, to promote community prosperity and meet human needs. Here, people from the community and local movement can get micro-loans, home and auto financing, and standard banking services.

Sustainable Community Agricultural Commune

Chronic poverty and underemployment – the legacy of corporate greed and political corruption – can be linked to chronic disease, obesity and the health problems that accompany them. Of equal concern is the ecological impact of multinational corporate agribusiness. Yet it’s within our power to change this dynamic by embracing sustainable urban farming as a viable alternative. Throughout the underclass communities of Amerika, there are vacant lots that we can reclaim and transform into urban gardens. These will feed the communities healthy and nutritious food, and provide a significant source of revenue.

Less than 2% of the food consumed in metropolitan areas in the U.S. is grown there. Urban areas consume billions of dollars of food each year, including junk food, sodas, fast food and processed snacks that, unfortunately, are staples of many poor folks’ diets because the stuff is cheap and filling. But if our food was locally produced, it would be healthier and cheaper than if you bought it at your supermarket. It would be a source of revenue for the community by selling the surplus to local chefs, restaurants and our own farmers markets, while relying on organic and other agricultural advances to increase both quality and yields.

We call on activists to link with local underclass community organizers and pool their assets, expertise and labor to educate, organize and mobilize the community’s residents for the sustainable community agricultural commune (SCA commune). Our first step will be in canvassing the community, distributing fliers to everyone, about our intention of building the SCA commune. Then go through the process of cataloging each square yard of land – who owns it, and what it’ll take to get it secured for community use.

We encourage the movement to reach out to conscious businesses like Greenaid, a L.A.-based guerilla gardening company that makes clay, compost and seed balls that can be tossed in derelict urban areas to make them green spaces. Our urban farms will provide a safe place of peace and prosperity for our people, our children and our youth to fellowship as they build a brighter future for themselves, their communities and this world, all from the power of their hands, heads and hearts.

The Block-Vote Democratic Initiative

The ruling 1% has successfully hijacked the political process in Amerika. Few people vote in underclass communities because the disparities responsible for the misery in these communities are institutional and systemic to U.S. capitalist economics. No matter whom they vote into office, their plight does not change. Before the sleeping giant of underclass democratic power – the poor man and woman’s vote – can be strategically

harnessed, there must be some assurance that their interests will be realized. What we propose in the Block-Vote Democratic Initiative (BVD Initiative) is to do that by bypassing corrupt politicians altogether. Put the policies we, the 99%, support on the ballots of local, state and national elections via petition with a simultaneous voter registration “block” comprised of movement activists and entire underclass communities, so the sheer number of affirmative votes passes the policy measures outright.

Prisoners have never really had a lobby working for them; We hope you join us as a people sick of living as commodities, involuntary servants and wage (as well as Constitutional) slaves.

Feel free to write us and join the One big Union. An injury to one is an injury to all!

In Solidarity with the oppressed and exploited,
Hybachi LeMar
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August 18, 2014

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There are three possible measures reflective of our 10 core demands we are fairly certain would find overwhelming support in underclass communities across Amerika:

1) **Ban all corporate and financial influences**, including lobbyists and “strategic analysts,” from any aspect of the electoral process. Only individuals should be able to influence the polls with their votes and campaign contributions.

2) **Establish community based parole boards**, with a panel from the community where the offender lived and would return, determining when a term – such as 25 to life – has been sufficiently satisfied and he or she is ready to return home.

3) **Establish universal health care for the poor**. All individuals making under \$25,000 a year and families making under \$50,000 a year should be provided access to a comprehensive universal health care system

Such measures would pass overwhelmingly in the underclass communities of Amerika, empower those most disenfranchised segments of society, and improve the quality of life for over 100,000,000 people in the U.S.

It’s our hope you all see the merits of what we propose here and act in accordance with it. In any conflict resolution scenario, the first step that should be made is a strategic analysis of yourself and those forces aligned against you to ascertain your relative strengths and weaknesses. If this is done correctly, we can calculate the prospects of victory or defeat. Conflict resolution and warfare are based on identical principles. Sun-Tzu, in his sage masterwork, “The Art of War,” stated, “If you know your enemy and you know yourself, you need not fear the outcome of 100 battles.” It’s clear the 1% are pursuing a course of encirclement, isolation and marginalization against the national movement. It’s a strategic approach that has worked for them in the past. This is possible only if we allow it.

The most prudent way to counter such an attempt is to place the movement in a position of invincibility, while simultaneously redefining the nature of the conflict itself. The movement is strong – we’ve shown that on every front, be it on the streets or behind these walls – yet it’s largely unanchored to the material interests of those we represent. A seed in the ground is easily uprooted, a tree with deep roots, however, is a monumental task to remove.

You represent the ongoing struggle for democratic change in the U.S. A historical legacy reaching back hundreds of years is now in your hands. The means for victory are at our collective fingertips; you need only reach out and seize this opportunity. Will it be easy? Of course not. Nothing of value comes without cost or sacrifice. Power concedes nothing without demand. But what must be understood is that we, the people, the 99%, are the most powerful force in this world and our cause is just.

It’s our sincere hope you find value in our counsel and take up these ideas as your own. Our love, loyalty and solidarity to all those who love freedom, justice and equality and fear only failure. Until we win.

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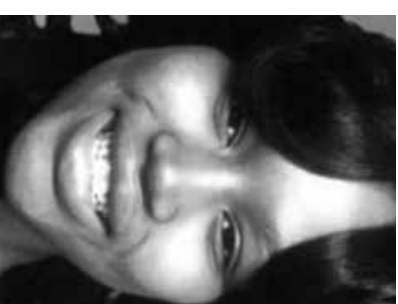
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