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ANARCHIST PRISONER SOLIDARITY

This issue of Fire Ant is dedicated to our friend Nuh Washington.

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Prison seeks to isolate our friends behind walls both physical and psychological. Separated from loved ones, anarchist prisoners are removed from the daily dialogue and exchange of ideas that give birth to liberatory projects and experiments.

Imprisoned anarchists will find very little in prison libraries and network television to keep them informed on outside struggles, and, in absence of comrades on the outside mailing in magazines and books, they are left without access to subversive literature of any kind.

Since 2014, Bloomington Anarchist Black Cross has been sending monthly packages of literature to a handful of anarchist prisoners in the United States. These generally feature recently-published anarchist periodicals and zines, historical texts, and articles on current events. In addition, we send packages of books every other month. The project has fostered dialogue on current

struggles, enabled US anarchist prisoners to express solidarity to anarchist prisoners around the world, and led to sharing of anarchist literature throughout the prisons where our friends are held captive.

While we have been happy to quietly work on this initiative without publicizing our efforts, we would like to expand its capacity. While we are able to print zines, we lack the funds to regularly purchase quality anarchist books for our imprisoned friends.

If you are an anarchist publisher who feels affinity with this project and would like to send us books for distribution to anarchist prisoners, please email us at bloomingtonanarchistblackcross@riseup dot net. We are in this for the long-haul, and appreciate the help.

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Update from Sean Swain January 31st, 2022

Bria and Rob!

I got your card, great to hear from you! Quick update follows:

The fart goblins are at it again.

I got back here to Ohio October 5th. Since then, the fart goblin high command has planned to send me back out of state. Still haven't had a hearing, haven't gotten a reason. They even denied my appeal before I filed one.

The deal is, all of this is PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT retaliation. In 2013, former ODRC lawyer Trevor Clark grouped me. His boss said if I didn't drop my PREA claim, they would create disciplinary actions and send me out of state.

Then, from 2013 to 2018, Clark wrote every one of my write ups. And, I was sent out of state as a result of them.

Now, they intend to continue this illegal retaliation.

Anyone who wants them to stop, can email Ohio officials: (Director) annette.chambers-smith@odrc.state.oh.us (Interstate Compact) earlena.shepherd@odrc.state.oh.us (Classification Chief) jeffrey.mustard@odrc.state.oh.us

And tell Maryland they're part of PREA retaliation if they accept me:

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Council has filed for an injunction.

In the meantime, check out my comic book, "The Official ODRC Guide..." in the "zines" at detroitabc.org. Feel free to share everywhere.

Stay dangerous.

Freedom, Sean

In Celebration of Black History by Michael Kimble

I present you with Stagecoach Mary, who defied the conventions of her time. A rebel indeed. Mary Fields, later known as Stagecoach Mary, was born in Hickman County, TN, around 1832. Liberated from slavery at the end of the Civil War, she headed North. She worked on river boats until she found steady work at a convent. Her gruff style and constant cursing raised eyebrows in the convent. Though she served the nuns, news of her habitual drinking, smoking, shooting guns, and wearing men's clothing, caused upheaval. Things came to a head when Fields and the convent's male janitor drew guns on each other during a heated argument. That was the final straw, and she was fired.

Fields love of hard drinking and gun fights eventually paid off, when in 1895, she won a contract from the Postal Service to become a star route carrier, making her the first Black woman to do so.

Please imagine the times, and what it must have been like for a Black woman, ex-slave, and stagecoach postal carrier. It's obvious that she practiced self-determination.

On My Parole Hearing by Michael Kimble

On December 16th, 2021, I was considered for parole in an open hearing. I was denied and hit with another 5 years before being eligible again for parole. My attorney and supporters attended the hearing with certificates of achievement earned during my incarceration, and many letters of recommendation and support. My home plan and employment plan were in order, and I've served 36 years on a life sentence. The reasons for the denial were that I had disciplinary infractions for refusing to work back in 1987-1988 on the prison farm, and an assault on a corrections officer in June of 2021. This pig had been harassing me, and was fired later for smuggling contraband into the prison. No investigation into the circumstances of my record was done. The pigs are always in the right, and prisoners are non-human things to be exploited and tortured. My attorney and a supporter also sat in on all the hearings taking place that day. No one was granted parole. Some of these prisoners had disciplinary-free records, support systems in place, but still denied parole. I'm angry and bitter about the denial, but not really surprised about the decision.

The Alabama Parole Board has been in the news lately regarding the refusal to grant parole to prisoners who have been incarcerated for 30 years or more, and the racial disparity of who is granted parole and who is not. Last fiscal year, 23% of white prisoners considered for parole were released, but only 9% of Black prisoners. In fiscal year 2017, 54% of parole requests were granted. This was a high rate for the state. By the fiscal year that ended this past June, the approval rate was just 15%. So far in fiscal year 2022, the rate is 10%.

The current parole board is led by Leigh Gwathnegia, a former prosecutor. Other members include a former probation officer and a state trooper. Victims Of Crime And Leniency, an influential victims' group (known as VOCAL), sends volunteers to testify against nearly every prisoner up for parole. A representative from the state attorney general's office does the same. In late September, only 4 of the 31 prisoners up for parole were granted parole. It really does not matter what one has done while locked up to better themselves, they are still being denied parole.

During the December 16th, 2021 hearings there were a number of prisoners who had received no disciplinary infractions in 10 years, or ever, but still denied parole. That's a feat that is not common, believe me. You have pigs that will write disciplinaries arbitrarily. The reality is that the denial of parole is about revenge, racism, and the housing and control of bodies for state slavery.

To My Comrades

Fire Ant is a publication to build material support for anarchist prisoners. Many of us have no family and have been recipients of that material support. Fire Ant is our publication. It is our voice to the world. So, let's transform Fire Ant into a publication of love and rage by filling its pages with passion and dedication.

Love you all! Michael Kimble

Letter from Thomas Meyer-Falk 12/21/21

Dear Comrades,

Thank you so much for issues 9 and 10 of Fire Ant. It was so great to receive them and read all the interesting statements by inmates. Such an important publication. Thanks for your 9/23 letter also. I hope that you and all your friends get through this pandemic. Please find the rest of my articles enclosed, which were translated a few years ago. I also attached a little statement for the next issue of Fire Ant.

Comrades, I wish you all the best for 2022, and many thanks for your important work and support for people kept in the dungeons.

Love and Respect, Thomas

Dare and Risk Awakening!

Millions of people are kept in dungeons all over the world, often for years, and often for life. But, there is a movement to abolish prisons, fighting for a better world which does not incarcerate millions of people. Often it seems that a world without prisons is unthinkable. Those that do, get labeled utopian.

Something which is denounced as "utopian" isn't something that has no place in the universe. It is that which is hindered by the ruling class.

• Although it is important to struggle against the worst living conditions, we should not lose sight of a world without prisons.

This world is not so far away as the stars we see in the night sky. It is the mission of all of us to fight for a change.

⁷ No one is an island, we are all involved in mankind.

For a world without prisons!

In the trenches....

Your friend and comrade, Thomas Myer-Falk

Forbidden History by Michael Kimble

I titled this "Forbidden History" because the history books by Black historians/ academics have failed to document this history until recently, due to homophobia in Black academia. If Black historians/ academics want to write about, and document, the lives of Black slaves, but refuse to document the lives of queer slaves, I can only surmise this is out of shame and their own sense of warped morality and homophobia.

So, queer folks have to document and write about this history on their own.

William Dorsey Swann was born into slavery around 1858, and was living on a plantation in Hancock, Maryland. Swann was known to his friends as "The Queen". It is reported that Swann reigned over the secret world of drag balls in Washington, DC during the 1880's. He led a group of former slaves, and rebel drag queens, known as "The House of Swann". The Washington Post reported how Swann resisted police on April 12th, 1888. "Negro Dive Raided. 13 Black Men Dressed As Women Surprised At Supper And Arrested" they reported. In 1896, Swann requested a pardon from President Cleveland for holding a drag ball. His request was denied, but was the first recorded time someone

took legal action to defend the queer community.

I encourage everyone to check out the new biography "House of Swann: Where Slaves Became Queens- and Changed the Word" by Channing Gerald Joseph, for this exciting rebel history.

Letter from Comrade Z

THERE IS ALOT OF STATE CRAFT TACTICIANS, ATTEMPTING TO MIND-Fock whole Communities Right NOW, LIKE, GOVERNOR ABOTT AKA: "NEANDRATHAL GREG". THREATENING THE "WOKE" GENERATION. (BLACK COmmunity) SAYING HE WIll DESTROY THEM. WOKE PEOPLE KNOW they GRE POOR, WHY ARE WE NOT ASKING LEGISLATORS TO DESTROY POVERTY, INCREASE TAXES ON THE Rich, AND LESS ON THE POOR WORKING CLASS. WHY NOT DESTREY "CLASS," IN GENERAL? WHY NOT DESTROY COFFERS that HOLD SLAVES PROFIT'S AND USE THEM FOR REPARATIONS IN STEAD OF ELECTIONS OF WHITE-SUPREMACIST SLAWE HOLDERS? WHY NOT END PRISON'S that DO NOT HAVE TO ABIDE BY LAW'S OF THE LAND, -OR OSHA GUIDELINES, -? WHY NOT BOYCOTT "BARBCO" THEM RICHER .- WHO? THE BUSH FAMILY END THESE CONTRACTS WITH Billionnines AND give the Coloned Entempeneurs A Chance to Advance IN TEXASS THIS IS TEXAS, THE LAND OF RAPE AND HONEY. HOW INDOCTRINATED ARE YOU TO NOT SEE YOU ARE A SLAVE TO THE SYSTEM, WE NEED TO DURGE THE SYSTEM, AND BY ANY MEAN'S NECESSARY TAKE BACK Whoot'S BEEN STOLEN. REDEEM LIVE'S LOST AND TAKEN AT THE HAND'S OF COWARD ASS LAWMAKERS OF TAXES, ECHO IN THOSE Chambers. NOW, IS the time to DESTROY THE WHORE HOUSE OF TEXAS - AND Allow the FUTURE WITH IT'S INNOVATIONS TO EDUCATE THE PEOPLE OF WHAT KIND OF CORRUPTION GOES ON IN THE STATE CAPITOL. RECENTLY IN A RADIO INTERVIEW, "MARSHALL PROJECT" SOURNALIST KERI BLACKINGER, FINALLY SPOKE OUT ABOUT THE "H-PYLORI"OUTBREAK -/ ATTACK ON A UMUNIZED UNIT, - THE INCUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD- FROM CERATED WORKERS ORGANISING COMMITTEE - LUCAL 613 #1, have compaigned FOR All Immotes to GET TESTED FOR WATER-CONTAMINANTS AND HIGH WHETAC'S. " TESTED US HUNDRED'S TESTED POSITIVE FOR"H-PYLORI", AND TEXT FEELING All TESTING FOR HIGH-METER'S, AND STILL ARE. PRISONER'S ARE NOT FEELING this DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE", "MALICE" - "DISCRIMINATION RETALISATION"

THE STATE OF SLAVERY. THESE MEETING HOUGHT OF THE DAY. FOR ANYONE

WHO gives A FUCK, AND I INVITE YOU TO CONTACT ME, TO FIGHT WITH WIE,

TO help me in DESTROYING THESE OPPRESSIVE POLITICAL PARTY'S. ANARCHISM

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IS NOT THE PROBLEM, IT'S THE SOLUTION, THOSE OF YOU OUT THERE WHO ARE ORTHADOX ANARCHIST KNOW IT IS NOT CHOOS WE SEEK , ... IT'S EQUALITY, FRATERNITY, AND LIBERTY! DISMANTLE YOUR INDOCTRINATED MIND,
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WHO YOUR GOVERNMENT IS IN BED WITH. THIS ANARCHIST IS MADEIN THE MAGE OF REBELLION", AGAINST STATECRAFT, SLAVERY, MASS-ENCARCERATION, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE", TEXAS BOARD OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE",

THE "BELLY OF the BEAST" has DEEN RIPPED OPEN by the SPIRIT OF ANARCHISM, AND LIBERTY. WE THE PEOPLE KNOW, IT'S time to Take DOWN THE ROCIOT, VIOLENT White Suprements + 15 IN the STATE GOVERNMENT.

THE VIOLENCE WE USE IS the ONLY WAY these PARASITES UNCLERSTAND, ... 417 them IN MEIR POCKETS, DAY IN, DAY OUT, - REFUSE TO STUP/RESIST THEIR SPlit Tongue's that Spenk LIES OF UNDERSTANDING AND REFORM, - theIR REHAB

HASN'T BEEN TOURNED YET, STOP the Bullshit.

LET THIS BE A CALL TO "SOLIDARITY" to "Action", DIRECTOR INTEXAS, HELP ME"EMAN CIPATE", "ORGANIZE", "EDUCATE", give FREELY to OUR CAUSE, AS THEY CONTINUE TO SHOWER OUR OPPRESSORS WITH BLOOD MONEY. Industrial Workers OF the WORD, NON-MEMBER SupportERS WE HAVE SO MUCH LOVE FOR YOU, ... KEEP UP Sheet SPIRIT, TOR IT GIVES US the INSPIRATION AND MOTIVATION WE WEED TO CHARY ON.

VOICE BACK IN TEXAS. FUCK GREG ABOTT, FUCK TOO, LONG LIVE ANARCHY, LONG LIVE EQUALITY, FRATERNITY, LIBERTY.

THIS IS my Thought of flee Day. THANK YOU FOR listening.

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Left-wing and Anti-Fascist Politics Behind Bars By Thomas Meyer-Falk

The question we wish to discuss here is whether it is possible to become politicised and engage in antifascist activity within the prison system, particularly in Germany.

In many West German prisons from the late 60s and into the 80s as well as in East Germany around the time the wall fell (for example Brandenburg and Bautzen prisons), prisoners took action to highlight on the one hand the desolate conditions behind the bars and walls, but also to express a left-wing critique of society. They could also rely on solidarity from comrades outside the institutions, who were able to create some, limited, publicity for them.

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Although the number of inmates has grown over the 90s from around 52,000 (31/12/89) to more than 81,000, prison capacity has only increased from about 59,000 beds (31/12/89) to about 75,000 today. This constant overcrowding has not instigated the prisoners to reflect on their situation and place it in a wider social context, to then make the appropriate conclusions and take action.

This means that the actual situation is a fairly sad one. Being prepared to take action, to become aware of your own value as a subject, the willingness to break away from the objectified status of being a prisoner to be re-socialised, and to fight for your own autonomy (which are all goals and paths intrinsic to left-wing and antifascist politics), seems to be broken. This may also be due to those of behind the walls feeling that those on the outside are largely disinterested. See for example, the Rote Hilfe's ('Red Help) campaign 'Freedom now!' for the RAF prisoners. There are actually comrades who are surprised and astonished to hear that there are still RAF prisoners that are locked up. And without good public relations, any action is relatively ineffectual and unsuccessful.

However, prospects and possibilities do exist, if only they were effectively utilised. The times are gone in which the taz or RH newspapers [German left-wing media] would not get through prison walls or if, then only without certain critical articles (censored by the prison). I.e. there are certainly opportunities today to acquire critical literature and to educate yourself. It is also possible to pass on such materials to other interested inmates (as long as you are not in solitary at the time).

Admittedly, sanctions by the institution or ministry of justice may always be expected; especially since the informant system is so well developed. If there is a lack of close and well-functioning connections to comrades 'outside', dissident prisoners may easily be broken by the wheels of justice. The author can testify to how this justice 'works' through his own daily life in prison. One method is strict censorship of mail; in this case, the content of this article was reviewed by one of the prison's 'representative' judges before it left the facility. If she had strongly disapproved of something in it, the article would have been confiscated. Mail to or from comrades in Switzerland or France was at times only 'approved'" after the Higher Regional Court intervened. Through this censorship, the judicial system has a large degree of control over the inmates and can intervene (George Orwell sends his greetings).

And then there is the strategy of discrediting the inmates by accusing them of 'querulous paranoia'; in the author's case, they only stopped using this allegation after a renowned university psychiatrist confirmed that no such 'paranoia' was to be found. Then came the argument that "those who antagonise the state and its representatives in politics and the justice system in a critical and spiteful manner" may lose their right to appeal to the court and seek legal protection. With the help of a lawyer, we successfully appealed to the Constitutional Court against this strategy. These examples are meant to show how prisoners are lost without solidarity from the outside due to the totality of the institution that watches, takes note of and memorises every expression of life. To discuss one last aspect; the diverse ethnicities and cultures within the prison population offer a great opportunity to globalise antifascist activity behind bars. This calls for the willingness of all involved to place intercultural conflicts aside (it would be even better yet to solve them, which may not be possible though in a limited environment such as prison), to fight together and united for the goals we have in common. It is a question of the internal willingness to also accept potential personal disadvantages – but also of the practical solidarity form the 'outside'!





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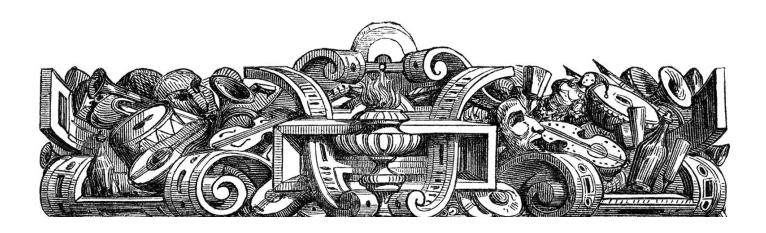
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