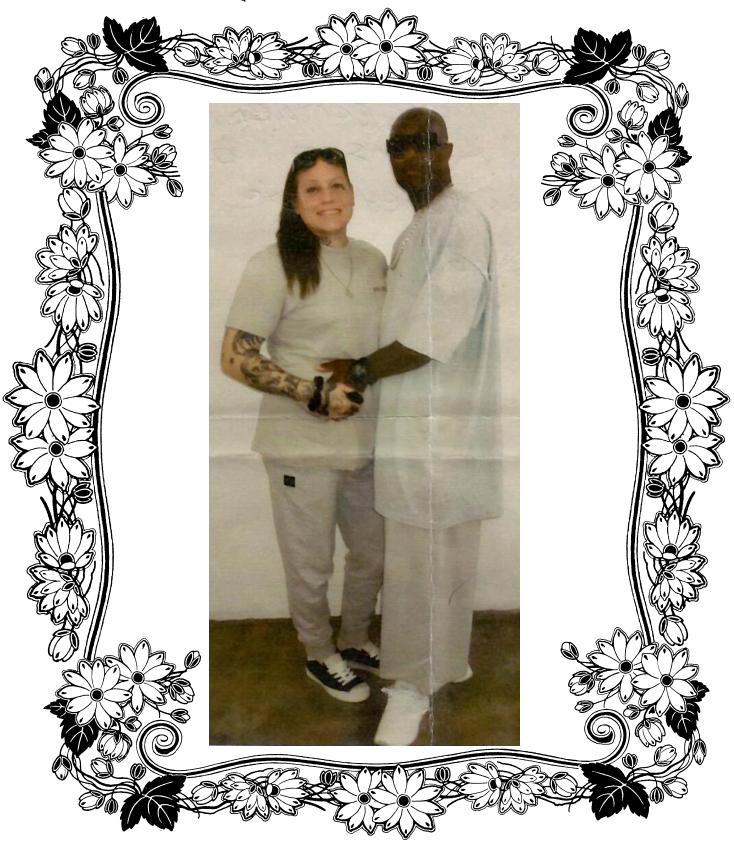
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ANARCHIST PRISONER SOLIDARITY

This issue of Fire Ant is dedicated to Dawn Iron Road-Hanson, Olive, and the Sioux Nation.

This is #15, Winter, 2023. Fire Ant is a collaboration between anarchist prisoners and free roaming anarchists. Fire Ant seeks to raise material aid for anarchist prisoners while fostering communication between anarchists on both

sides of the walls.

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Support the Clarion Book Project!

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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Letter from Thomas Meyer-Falk 10/24/22

Dear comrades,

Thanks a lot for all the issues of Fire Ant. They are always inspiring.

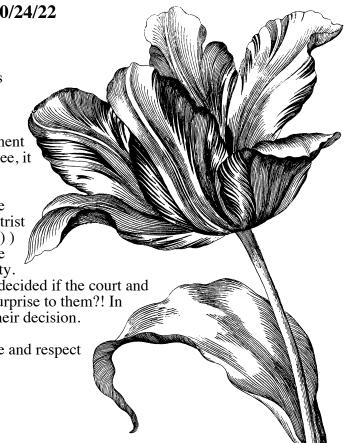
Please find enclosed photo from Eastern Germany (on the back side of the photo I translated the text), and one statement I did in August, maybe it is suitable for Fire Ant. As you see, it was translated much more professionally.

Well, I don't know if I get released in July 2023, but I have done the first step. The local court gave a forensic psychiatrist from Munich (capitol city of beer and weiswurst Bavaria:)) the task to examine me and to evaluate if there is any piece of circumstantial evidence that I am a threat to public safety.

The psychiatrist didn't find that I was a threat. It is still undecided if the court and public prosecutor will follow this result. Maybe it was a surprise to them?! In May 2023, the court will hold a hearing. I will report on their decision.

I wish all of you involved in Fire Ant POWER! Much love and respect to all of you.

In the trenches, Thomas Meyer-Falk

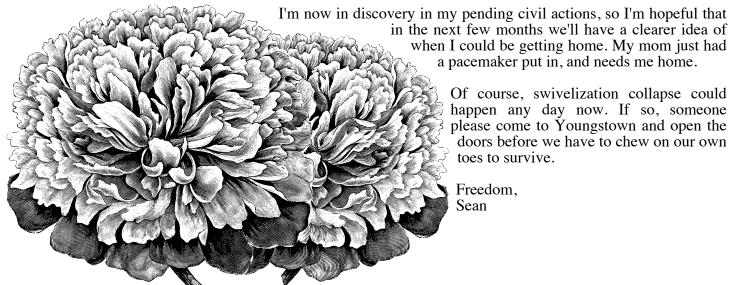


Anarchist Prisoner Sean Swain Now on You Tube, Soon on Tik Tok 1/7/23

I just started a new project "anarcology", a liberatory approach to confronting trauma, stress, and burn out in the swivelized world, now on You Tube. "Red Zone", the group assisting me, also plans to sell Swainiac merchandise. Fun times.

Shortly, friends intend to expand my presence to Tik Tok, where my presidential campaign will launch. I promise, if elected, to abolish the United States. I'm hoping my Russian friends, Boris and Natashia, will get me 100% of the vote in 2024.

As I just went through a really acrimonious break up with my partner, I'm without an Instagram manager. So if anyone was following me on Instragram, that's the reason for the lack of updates. We are getting an annulment in February.



in the next few months we'll have a clearer idea of when I could be getting home. My mom just had a pacemaker put in, and needs me home.

Of course, swivelization collapse could happen any day now. If so, someone please come to Youngstown and open the doors before we have to chew on our own toes to survive.

Freedom, Sean

Poem by Eric King

I wish I hadn't stopped when you were collapsed in your own rage Fueled blood, should never have stopped You summoned me to a back closet You sent away the other staff You spit & shoved, enraged at my mockery You punched me in the face twice! Yet here I am in seg,, for making you stop for resisting your brutality Everyday I am stuck in this hole, robbed of my love ony life, no visits or calls Is another blow I dream of giving you 135 stakes to your bald, red, mellon I wish I hadn't stopped seeing your crumbled body Seeing the Jackson pollock you were designing all over the floor The look of suprise cause you thought I'd be a victim the weird groan noise when you fell over on top of the mop bucket All still brings smiles to my face even now I wish I hadn't stopped could have turned your head into a Wevernber Jack o lasten, lumpy, wasted, done Sure pressed that panic button quick for such a badass You are shit, you aint shit No punishment will ever burt, as bad, as seeing You hurt felt good. You great a good person, you creat brave a tough fake power blinded you, i may be noxt time by you put your hands on the skinniest dude on the yard You'll remember that time you portroyed a falling potate sack i know that we never forget Lt. Wilcox is trash, Lt. Wilcox is worthless and I wish I hadn't stopped.

On Aug 17, after reviewing an email I had sent, it which called meto his office. On my arrival her some new s.1.5. creep took meto a back map closet. Wilcok is about Ainches taller, 30-40 hbs heaver. He is known for screaming a tough guying, making sure no one 4get how badass he is.

Upon entering the mop closed he immediately begin bating me to fight him, telling me if I hate cops so bad I should prove it by getting him. It should be noted of this point I was one week away from transfering back to a Low-searty spot.

I laughed in his face, not taking some builtshil bar the then ordered the giggling S.I.S. areap out of the more so we could have some privacy". He then faced up to me to began yelling about terrorist, how bad he hates them.

Well to wind him up I tell him "good, cause I love them!"

This is when would wilcox lose his shit is screams, in my face "You killed my daughters!" I ask him "anarchist" killed your kilds?" He then made a gurgling noise, spit on me, shaved men thind aquick punches, to my jaw right eye

In no targh guy, but I did box for 1Syegis or so, a we just sow what those pigs did to therman, a So I fought back...

Ci Willook got drug walked, one to the drin, then nose, then temple on his way down. No punch or knock down has EVER felt better in my life ... then the goods came in a proceeded to cheke, starn, knick, a knoe me in the head, ribs, back, ass...

This led to a very shifty 5 days in USP-florence, stack in a room what talet filled which the mine that wouldn't flush, lights on strobe, denied all rights like mails receptione. On the 5th day I was transferred to the 5HU in USP-Izwaneth biating. Never Knowing, Well the FBI released the case, I was given a shot, a arm wating to see what homble spot they ship me to. The shot is for assouth, says I punched him during an interview in his office. "I I hate this piece of shit

Thank you to everyone for all the mail, books, funds ... this has been + will be a tough road, all that love has been really amazing. Until All Arefree. E.C.I.M.E. -- CKAD

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Update by Michael Kimble

Revolutionary greetings with love and solidarity.

This past year has been a real doozy for me. I don't know where to begin so I'll just update you on all the latest as I remember it. I'm sure I'll leave some things out, as my memory is not as good as it used to be. First, I was denied parole in early 2022, and hit with another 5 years before being considered again.

I got married to a beautiful, loving, courageous, and intelligent trans woman, whom I love immensely; and who has been separated from me and placed in another part of the prison. It's difficult for me to get to that part of the prison. I need to see, talk, touch, and hold her. I haven't seen her in over a month. She had recently been beaten by a number of prisoners for supposedly being disrespectful to "men" by not sitting on the toilet to piss. She has life with out possibility of parole, but I refuse to leave her in this hellhole to die. No fucking way! For a minute, I had really stopped feeling, and she was able to make me feel again. I'm very grateful to her for that.

I fired one attorney and hired a new one. This new attorney is definitely what I was looking for. One who would explain all the options from a legal point, and do what I hired him to do. I'm going for a sentence reduction. Other prisoners who have served 25 years or more have been successful in this. Thanks immensely to all who have made donations to my legal fund. I would also like to express my love, solidarity, and appreciation to my support crew for holding me down in some very scary and dangerous situations. For the last three years, starting at Holman prison, I've been buying up debts, just as collection agencies do. I do not threaten or coerce anyone to reimburse me. This is about saving people from pain and suffering. This is about saving lives! I get a lot of flack from some quarters because most of the debts I buy are debts owed by gay prisoners. I make no apologies for this, and I'm happy to say I've been able to raise about \$1,800 to date for this project since its inception. I've also been able to purchase six pairs of tennis shoes or boots for prisoners in the last 14 months. Sadly, I'm not able to continue these projects for a number of reasons. One is that it's taking a toll on

my personal needs, and it's unsustainable. I will continue to

help out where I can, but I don't think I can put as much time and resources into this project as I have in the past. I've recently come to blows over this. I was hit in the eye.

I'm sure that many of you, if not all, are aware of the fight against prison slavery, the just awful and life threatening living conditions, lengthy and arbitrary sentences, and chronic denial of parole in Alabama. The data shows that the parole board denied 46% of applications in 2017. In 2021, 84% of applications were denied. A recent report by the ACLU states that the rate of parole denial is even more severe for Black people in Alabama. The current parole board has granted relief to white candidates at more than double the rate of Black candidates. In 2022, 93% of Black candidates have been denied, while 84% of white candidates have been denied. Black prisoners saw a grant rate of 7%, compared to white prisoners at 16%. The parole board has not provided any explanation for this disparity.

On September 26th, 2022, Alabama prisoners launched a state-wide work strike, to protest a range of complaints. We are tired of being oppressed, repressed, and depressed. All one has to do is just go online and see photos and videos of the horrendous conditions we are living in. We are existing, not living. I've done 38 years in Alabama prisons and things have only gotten worse. It will continue to do so. During the strike, prison officials resorted to their playbook of retaliation. They used verbal threats, physical assaults, transfers, and near starvation to put an end to the strike. The strike lasted until October 14th. They shipped in prisoner scabs from work release facilities to work in the kitchen. It's not like the food portions were adequate enough to fill up a

full grown human or palatable before the strike. Although the strike is no longer in effect, the struggle to end prison slavery will continue.

On November 24th 2022, a prisoner was killed by another prisoner while the department of justice was here doing an investigation into Donaldson correctional facilities living conditions. This incident only highlights the lack of safety for vulnerable prisoners. There has been over 30 prisoner deaths here in the last 14 months. Donaldson, and all prisons, need to be shut down and demolished. If prison officials can't protect prisoners, prisoners need to be released! If prison officials can't adequately feed prisoners, prisoners should be released and the prison shut down. A lot of noise has been made about the prisoner on prisoner deaths and violence at Donaldson during the recent strike, but the blame is on the state, and it's flunkies, who are creating the conditions for violence to thrive. The riot team was also here while the department of justice were doing their investigations. Prisoners, who are human beings, still lose their lives due to conditions prison officials create.

The mission statement of the Alabama department of corrections states that its mission is to: 1. Confine, manage, and provide rehabilitative programs. 2. Provide a safe, secure, and humane environment. 3. Utilize professionals who are committed to public safety. 4. Positive reentry of offenders into society. The ADOC definitely confines, but all the rest is bullshit! I don't know any other way to put it. Reform happens in incremental stages and there's no doubt that some things will improve, but prisons will continue to exist. The unnecessary horrors will continue. During chattel slavery, folks considered plantations in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana to be much worse than those in Virginia, but it was still chattel slavery, outright oppressive, brutal, and inhuman. So fuck reform. The abolition of prisons is the only solution.

A lot of work is going on in the prisons towards changing mentalities, but I must be honest, we are too corrupt. We engender all the negatives that hinder growth and liberation. Prisoners are so hostile towards each other, because of so called differences: different city, gang, religion, and so on. As I always say, we have to build new relationships based on solidarity, cooperation, and mutual aid. It's the only way we can truly be free. It starts with the individual. Right now, we have a prison population that caters to the pigs. Prisoners here at Donaldson are working against each other, and for the pigs. It's sad that the captives are killing and brutalizing each other for the pigs. Donaldson is a Neo-Kolonial prison. It's disgusting and scary!

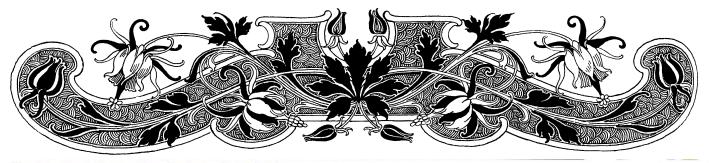
Shout outs to Jeremy Hammond, Jennifer Rose, Sean Swain, Eric King, Noah, and also my beautiful wife. I love you all.

-Michael

Thanks Peter!

We would like to thank our friend and comrade, Peter Werbe, for the donation of a new laser printer! Peter is an editor of the long running anarchist paper, Fifth Estate. For subscription information, visit fifthestate.org. Peter's book, "Summer on Fire' is also available with a subscription or renewal to the Fifth Estate paper, or available from AK Press. Thanks to the many folks who have helped with the printing and distro of Fire Ant over the years. We love you all. Solidarity!! -FA





To give space to the nameless, faceless and voiceless!

Horror, sadness, rage, anger and a feeling of helplessness, of powerlessness. Short-term flaring up of affects and stirring emotions here, long-lasting, persistent feelings there, and all this before what we call mood, it colors our experience background, it is, so to speak, the primordial layer, the ground of feeling.

It is the global warming, what is called "climate crisis", as if it would be a temporally manageable crisis and not a generation-spreading world change, before whose foil all further conflicts must be read, because a world-spreading cooperation, a togetherness is demanded.

Instead, horrible wars are raging, the one that touches us in Central Europe for very different reasons in the area of Ukraine, but also in Kurdistan, in Syria, in Yemen, in many regions of Africa. Conflicts in South America, in Asia – basically there is no region of the world where military conflicts are not being waged, which in turn lead to even more horror, grief, anger and rage.

Not to forget the economic antagonisms. Just as trivial as existential: Rich against poor! More and more super-rich against more and more super-poor. More and more exploiters against exploited.

The prisons are full also because of this. People are imprisoned if they don't want to belong to the super poor anymore. Or if people go beyond the very narrow corridor that government systems keep open for protests to articulate their fear, but also their anger about the existing conditions, they are also locked up. When people express dissenting opinions, as is currently the case in Russia, for example, they can end up in camps. People who can no longer endure the brutal present without being stunned, who take various substances to escape into a colorful world of illusion, are also imprisoned. Depending on the country, even the death penalty is imposed. And people who flee from starvation or an otherwise hopeless living situation, they are also locked up in jails, if not killed, or inhumane border regimes are set up, resulting in the death of countless people.

Solidarity Weeks like this one in August 2022 are an encouragement for those held in prisons as well as for those who are threatened with imprisonment. Because it is a work against forgetting. As a rule, interest in people wanes when their criminal trial is over. But Soli Weeks bring the names, the faces and the voices of those concerned back into the focus of attention.

This is a Sisyphean task, because the number of prisoners is increasing rather than decreasing, and all this happens against the background of existential conflicts and disputes, which in turn attract all attention.

All the more beautiful that there are people outside the walls who fill this week of solidarity in August with life and keep it alive.

With heartfelt greetings

Thomas Meyer-Falk



Interview with Thomas Meyer-Falk 1/2/23

Dear friends and comrades,

Thanks a lot for your seasons greetings card, and all the best to all of you. I hope all of you came through the snow storm without being hurt too much! The newspapers in Germany published a lot of articles about the snow storm in the United States, all the people who died, power outages and so on.

Yes, I got issue 14 of Fire Ant. Thank you very much!

Please find enclosed answers to your interview. All the best to all of you in the struggle.

-Thomas

FA: When did you first become interested in anarchism?

I was under 14 years old when I became interested in law. After a few years, I realized that law isn't a solution, because law cements the dichotomy of poor and rich, of exploiters and those that get exploited. Communism wasn't a helpful alternative to me, because it was too rigid, and I couldn't believe in a dictatorship of the left wing party. So, for decades, my heart beats for anarchism.

How did you end up in prison? Please explain the preventative detention law that is still on the books from the Nazi regime.

In 1997, I was convicted of bank robbery. The court added the preventative detention, which means that after finishing the sentence, the state is allowed to keep the inmate in prison as long as experts believe someone could still pose a threat to public safety. The Nazis passed the preventive detention law in 1933, to "eradicate criminals and other worthless members of society".

FA: What is the prison abolition movement like in Germany?

During the last 10-15 years, in small steps, the idea of abolition and transformative justice became more popular. A couple of years ago, a former warden published some books against prison, and many other books about abolitionism were published. It seems there is an international movement. If some of you have access to a library, check out "The Routledge International Handbook of Penal Abolition" edited by Michael J Coyle and David Scott. Coyle is a professor at California State University, and in 2021 published this handbook in collaboration with dozens of activists from all over the world. Also, people in Germany come to the prisons, especially on New Years Eve, and demonstrate in support of inmates and against the walls of incarceration.

FA: What kind of support do you receive?

I am a lucky person, because for 26 years I've gotten a lot of outside support by friends and comrades: letters, cards, visits, phone calls, and from time to time, demonstrations. A local radio station invited me to become a member of an editorial department, and now I can call once a month to the live program of "Escape", a left wing program against repression and prisons. The life of every inmate becomes easier when someone gets support. So I want to make a plea to support inmates, especially ones who don't get a lot of support.

Thanks for sharing time and listening to my words from Germany. All the best to all of you, keep strong, don't abandon hope.

In the trenches, Thomas Meyer-Falk

From supportmariusmason.org Posted on: January 19, 2023

Greetings Friends and Family,

Thank you for commemorating the J22 International Day of solidarity with Trans Prisoners. I was so glad to hear that some of you were able to do a support event this year. Incarcerated people everywhere in the US continue to suffer the consequences of the Covid pandemic. Though it has ebbed and flowed in cycles, like the tides — most of us inside are still dealing with some level of restriction in visitation, programming, work, medical care access or visitation due to the measures being enforced to attempt to contain the spread of the virus. Going in and out of lock-down, as Units either test positive or negative for Covid, has caused a lot of stress, hardship and increased isolation for so many this past year.

It is against this chaotic backdrop that trans prisoners have struggled to have their particular situation addressed. If anything, the hysterical and hyperbolic propaganda of discrimination has created an even more toxic environment. A recent Wall Street Journal interview with Viktor Bout, the Russian arms dealer who was recently returned to his family in exchange for Brittney Griner's release is an example of heightened trans

hate-speech. Bout's poisonous words indicting trans and queer people's responsibility for the "decline of the West" are the excuse being given for Russia to attack first Ukraine and then to sweep through Europe as the army of G..d. This calls to mind other fascist wars also described as "holy' and claiming some cultural superiority.

More than ever, trans people (and queer people) in prison need to know that you have their back. We need to hear from you that we are part of your community, your movement – and that we are family. With your help, we can begin to open the gates that have shut us out, shut us down and blocked our access to medical care that helps us live with dignity.

We are closer to that goal than ever before, as trans prisoners. This year, the Transgender executive Council began meeting again to make decisions about transitioning in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Several prisoners, both trans men and trans women, were told that they had met the requirements for medical transition and were approved for gender affirming surgeries. I was one of these fortunate few. This felt like a huge step forward, but so far the only actual procedures that have been done were done within the state prison systems. It was reported by the Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project that a client of theirs, Mx. Doe, has been the first to receive gender-affirming surgery. This is great news, but there are so many others who are not even getting the most basic medical care or psychological supportive care.

So many are still being discriminated against and being placed in isolation or put in physical jeopardy because of identifying as trans. Dominic Barber, a trans man at SCI- Muncy, gives powerful testimony for this in his article in Let's Get Free/Winter Issue. And there are so many others whose voices are never heard.

There was a great civil rights activist in Detroit, John Conyers – who once answered, when asked by an inexperienced volunteer what issue the movement should focus on in order to succeed. He said that "Everything is everything!" It's ALL crucial; it's all equally important, it's all one more step forward. Climate change, crimes against Native sovereignty, animal and environmental oppression, impending and continuing wars, theo-fascism, homo-and trans- phobic, racist, misogynist hate crimes all demand our energy to confront and end these existential threats to our world. Solidarity with trans and queer prisoners is just one way among many, many ways that we re-shape and rebuild this broken life we share.

So what do we do?

Whatever we choose or have the capacity to do can and will move us forward. Something as small as reaching out with a letter of connection and care could save a life. Too many transfolks I have met in prison have lost their family and community connections because of being who they are – so showing them there is a place for them in the world we are creating is powerful and healing. Please become an advocate, a pen pal, an educator or counselor to trans prisoners. Just being known by someone in the free world can make them safer and more likely to be treated more humanely and more fairly in the system. We are stronger together.

Love and solidarity, Marius

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