

FIRE ANT

In my opinion, I am often rich—not in money,
but rich—because I have found in my work
something which I can devote myself
to heart and soul, and which inspires me
and gives a meaning to life.

Vincent van Gogh



ANARCHIST PRISONER SOLIDARITY

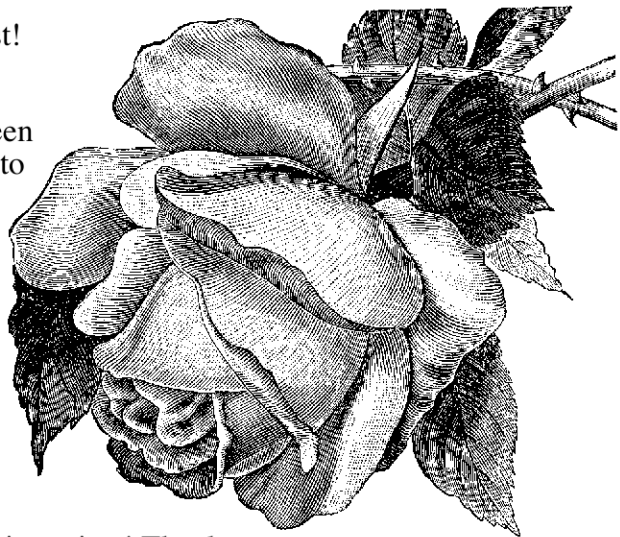
This issue of Fire Ant is dedicated to Robert Hoyt. Earth First!
Rest now, our brother.

This is #16, Summer, 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.

To support the anarchist prisoner war fund, please email bloomingtonanarchistblackcross@riseup.net. All money will go directly to prisoners. The fund currently supports Michael Kimble, Jennifer Rose, Eric King, Sean Swain, and Marius Mason.

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-Fire Ant

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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](mailto:bloomingtonanarchistblackcross@riseup.net).

We are in this for the long-haul, and appreciate the help.

with toner in our DNA,

Bloomington Anarchist Black Cross

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For F.A.:" Comrades hello! Now that I'm allowed mail Rob sent me a bunch of 'Fire Ants' I missed. It was really great getting to read your words, hear your experiences, & connect w/ you...w/ me, they've submitted me for half-way house, which means I should have a date here soon...I'll be finding ways to help & support my @ family, using my limited free voice to amplify yours...These last 5 years of SHU, ADX, communication restrictions & torture have gotten real old. Resistance, love, & solidarity have kept me strong & sane...the only @ folk I've met inside, @ have-oddly-been in these pages. I've got mad love & respect for every one of you, for every one who refuses to bend to the state, no matter how hard it gets...I believe in joyful resistance, I believe we will beat these fucking pukes, I also believe our ~~best~~ personal victories are how we've chosen to face our oppression & the oppression of others...so hopefully these will be my last contributions from inside, but I won't be a stranger...all love comrades, talk soon - EK. Michael

p.s. congrats Michael on the marriage! Love cuts thru bars...Jennifer, Sean, Z, Noah, Thomas, & everyone else, I carry you w/ me. #fight2win."

Dandelion Dreams

By ANARCHIST PRISONER Sean Scanlon

A dandelion came to me in a dream
Gold and blazing
Wrapped in fire
A new friend feeling familiar
Singing of juneberries
candy, and piñatas.
I awoke with dandelion song
in my ears,
Closed my eyes
Faced the fence line
And blew softly into the air
A whisper of breeze
A song of wind
to reach an open field beyond the fence
and lift white fuzzy dander
of a distant dandelion
to scatter and take root and thrive
as a thousand seeds of hope.



Snippets by Michael Kimball



Attorneys have completed their research and now will be filing all the necessary paperwork, and taking all the steps required, to get me a sentence reduction hearing. But, I will need to hire a mitigation expert before any hearing. Recently, the ADOC started a vegetarian diet plan for all prisoners who want one. I signed up for it. In order to receive it, one must show a card. I have repeatedly been denied that card. Please call Warden Phyllis Morgan and Commissioner Hamm and demand I be served a vegetarian diet: 334-353-3883

For the last year or so, I've been taking part in the Solitary Gardens project. I'm happy to say my plots are doing well. The cabbages have already been harvested and distributed. I'm also working on a two part zine, called "the little book of practical knowledge and techniques".

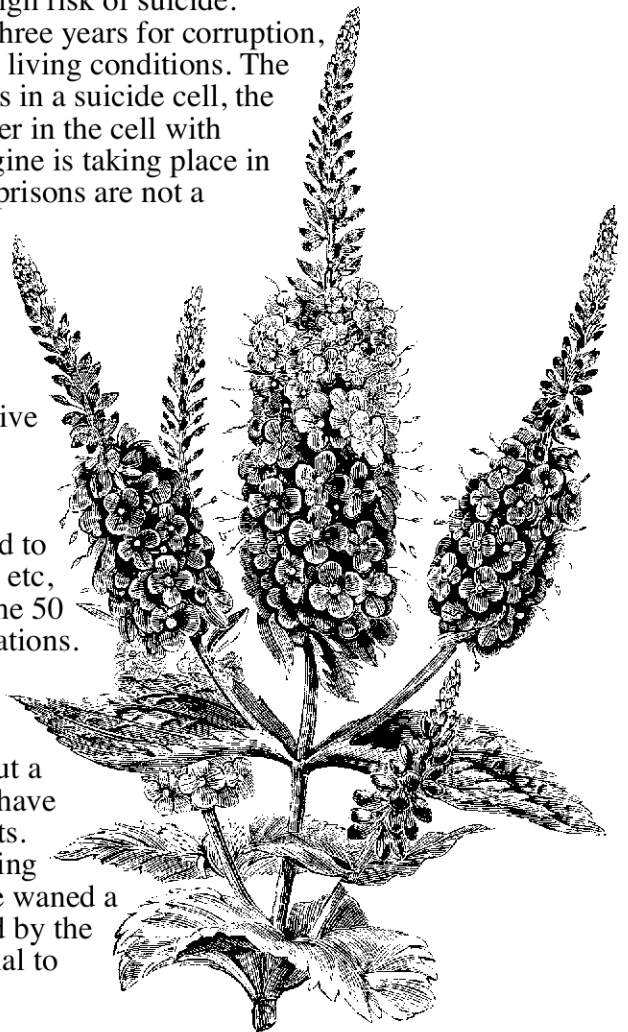
December 5th, 2023, AK Press will be releasing a new book, an anthology of over 30 prisoners, called "Rattling the Cages, A Legacy of Political Prisoners". I'm included in it, and there might be a discount, so be on the look out for that book.

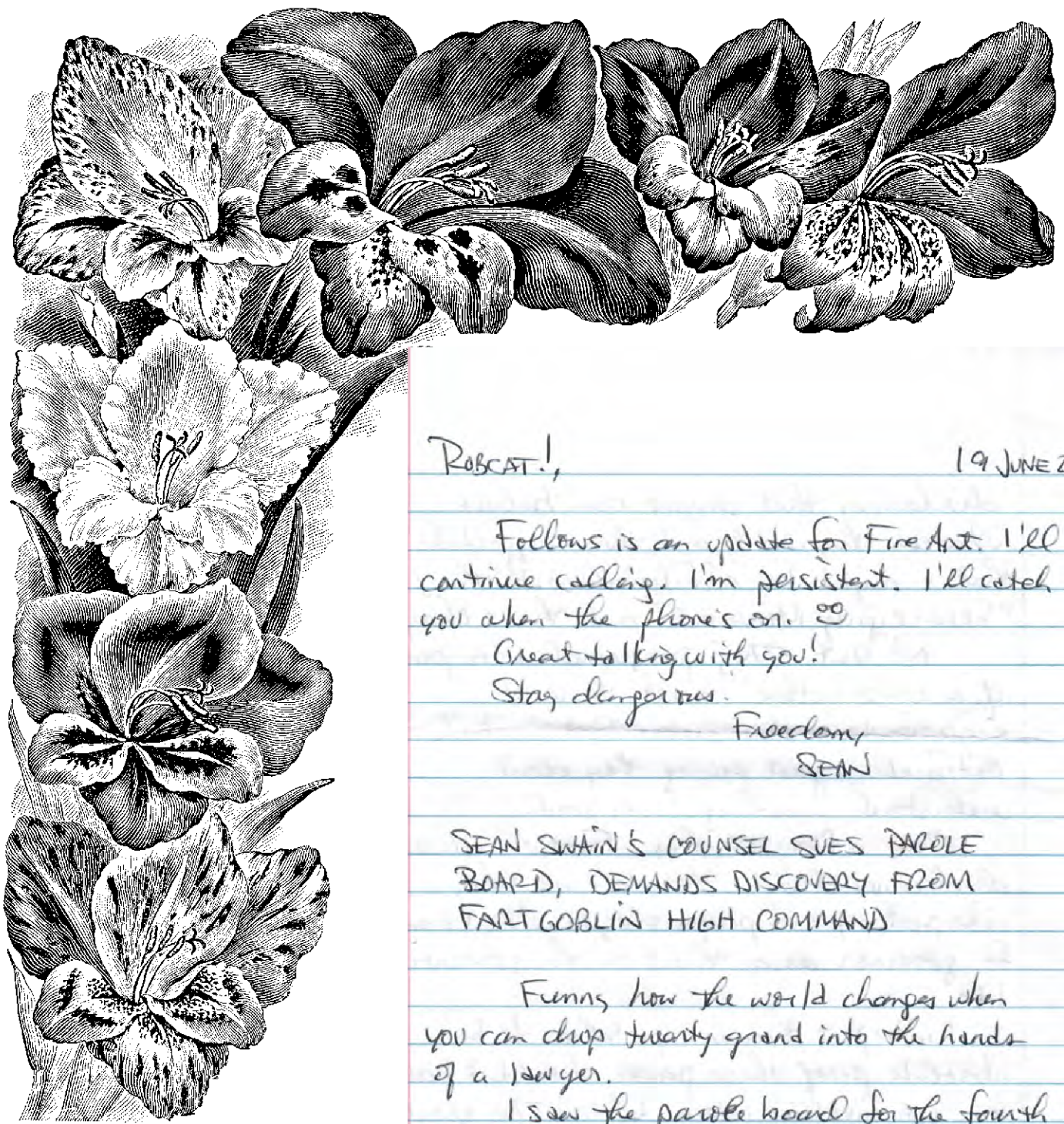
Thanks to all those who have shown concern, and wished me a speedy recovery after my hernia surgery. Thanks to those who have asked after the well being of Jamie. We know we are loved. Revolution is inspired by love.

On January 4th, 2021, London magistrate judge Vanessa Baraitser ruled that Julian Assange cannot be extradited from the UK to the United States. The ruling was made on the grounds that to extradite him to the US could adversely impact his mental health and place him at high risk of suicide.

Alabama's prisons have been in the news repeatedly in the last three years for corruption, murders, suicides, drug overdoses, police brutality, and horrible living conditions. The mental health services are a joke. When a mentally ill prisoner is in a suicide cell, the prisoner is not allowed any objects, but can have another prisoner in the cell with them. How crazy is that? Every horrible thing that you can imagine is taking place in the prisons. Prisons should be abolished. It's quite obvious that prisons are not a deterrent to crime, or there would not be over 2 million humans caged and hidden away. Healthy relationships, equal distribution of wealth, free association, cooperation, and no borders would eliminate what is termed "crime". The ruling of magistrate Baraitser is right on, and validates those who have been screaming the same thing for years. Not that we need her validation, but the recognition of one of the elite on the destructive nature of US prisons on human lives is telling. All prisons are detrimental to human life.

After the 2020 George Floyd uprisings, US corporations pledged to give 50 billion to the Black communication. Google, Microsoft, etc, are just some of the companies that pledged. The recipients of the 50 billion are none other than the usual sell out civil rights organizations. These civil rights organizations are always used by government and big business to quell the discontented. The Black community will not see any of that money, but Al Sharpton and those of his ilk will. It's pay off money for those they feel can put a damper on the Black Lives Matter movement. And, it seems to have worked. Police are still killing people, and no one is in the streets. At least that's the view from prison. I don't know what's happening out there, I'm in here, but from the snippets I do get, things have waned a whole lot. The Black Lives Matter movement has been co-opted by the influence of big money. This movement had the greatest potential to bring about real change.





ROBCAT!,

19 JUNE 23

Follows is an update for Fire Ant. I'll continue calling. I'm persistent. I'll catch you when the phone's on. ☺

Great talking with you!

Stay dangerous.

Freedom,

SEAN

SEAN SWAIN'S COUNSEL SUES PAROLE BOARD, DEMANDS DISCOVERY FROM FARTGOBLIN HIGH COMMAND

Funny how the world changes when you can drop twenty grand into the hands of a lawyer.

I saw the parole board for the fourth time in August 2021. They've made it clear they no longer give a shit about the self defense killing that landed me in prison in 1991. It's clear that these right-wing whack-a-doodles, fascist extremists, are focused on my ideology and my expression. In fact, they said so.

At the start of the hearing, they made a point to rattle off some half-stammering

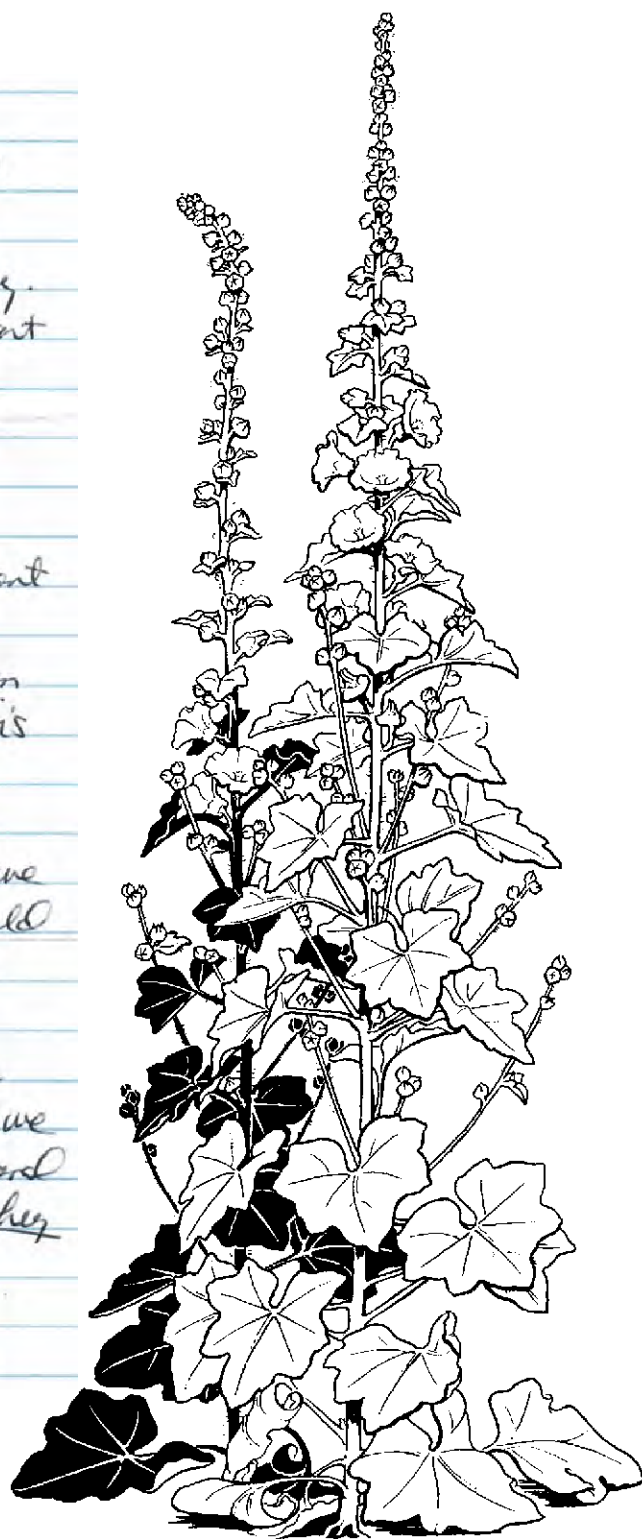
disclaimers that anyone can believe whatever they want and then suggested that I might be affiliated with the "Sovereignty Movement" and that's okay.

No shit. They presumed I'm part of a conservative, racist, xenophobic organization that makes Q-Anon look rational... just proving they don't understand anything I ever said.

Then, after all this First Amendment disclaimers drivel, they told me they interpret my campaign slogan when I ran for governor as a threat on the governor's life.

I interpret their interpretation to be absolute proof these people shouldn't have any job involving interpretation. They should be working the third-shift drive-thru window at Wendy's.

They said my rendition to Virginia indicates how dangerous I am. Of course, we now know that rendition was illegal and even have their internal emails where they say it's illegal. Tracy Reveal, former parole board member, even used the words, "Illegal Rendition."





Hard to rationally argue that I'm dangerous because they broke the law.

But they also said I had to lower my security to get a parole... even though I was at a low-medium prison. I can't get lower than that. Turns out, the parole board didn't understand the member system of the Virginia Security levels. They thought medium was maximum.

So, I got five years because they can't read a brochure on Virginia prisons.

Funny, but once they learned I was at a medium prison, they didn't reconsider my parole decision; instead, they yanked me back to Ohio to stick me at maximum security and justify their own stupidity.

Lucky for us, Virginia now hates Ohio. They had a bad break-up. So, Virginia turned over the video of my parole hearing — which is something Ohio never gives up. Never.

They didn't think about it, that my hearing by Skype or Zoom or whatever would go through Virginia tech systems.

Oops.

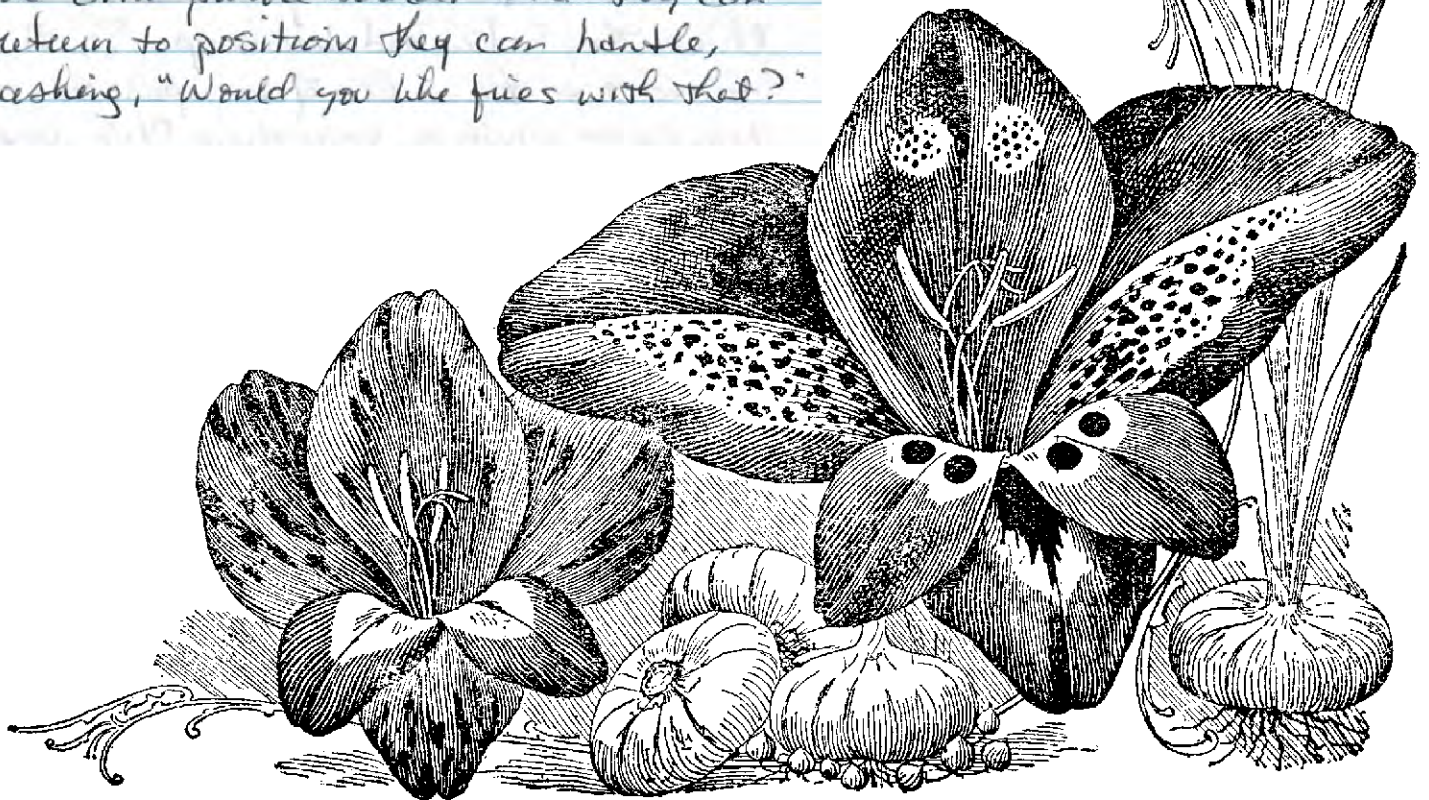
So, now we have that. And, with any luck, the entirety of the hearing will soon be posted online!

Fascists are stupid.

In the meantime, my lawyer is demanding discovery in the lawsuit he filed against the parole board and he's hoping they're dumb enough to say they don't have the digital video that he knows they have.

I bet they say they don't have it.
Fascists are stupid.

It will be awesome to get copies of the video transmitted to all of Ohio's lawmakers so they can see how the parole board behaves. Perhaps this will be the beginning of the end of the Ohio parole board. And they can return to positions they can handle, asking, "Would you like fries with that?"





Salutation Komrades,

I was just giving ya'll's info by another Komrade who is very active in the Movement. He goes by the Name Shincwhite. I happen to run across him back here in these dungeons the D.O.C in North Carolina called Super-max, which is located in Butner, NC. But im reaching out to ya'll because I have recently open my eyes and mentality to a whole nother level. I have always been subconsciously a Revolutionary. I have always considered myself an Anarchist and have physically punished the miscreants who dare wear the badge around me and abuse their "power". Which is why I have been held hostage for 3 years on Super-max. But since I have been in these dungeons, I have ~~been~~ started to self educate myself academically which has been Freaking Frustrating due to my lack of education, growing up in a lumpen-proletariat community. But I have been deep in the books back here and have started to see the Chess side of being a Revolutionary... I NO LONGER wanna play into the hands of my adversary. So that is why I have been reaching out to Komrades like ya'll. Komrades who is being



proactive & productive for us behind these walls even when being ostracized by "civilization". But not reaching out to just anybody. I'm seeing a lot of bogus Movements and "Companies" out there... But I'm seeing and hearing ~~that~~ that y'all have strong ties in not only in the movement in the communities but also strong ties in advocating for "us" behind these gates. So as a warrior fighting for the People behind these gates, I'm humbly asking for any guidance, advice, or teachings that could help me continue to self-educate academically behind these walls. I have 12 more years left to do on this 23 year sentence. I have been down since the age of 18 and will get out at the age of 42. I not only wanna be able to enlighten these lost prisoners but be able to get out after these lost 12 years and do the imperative advocating for my fellow comrades. With all that being said, I hope to hear back from y'all soon, Until Next Time,

Solidarity, Adam
Shelby
Fleming
#1366295

Update: Current Situation of Thomas Meyer-Falk (Germany)

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I have been an anarchist for decades and I was arrested in October 1996 after a bank robbery, no one was killed or heavily injured. But since that time the state has kept me in prison. On 8th July 2013 I was deported to the 'Preventative Detention' (PD) Unit in the south west of Germany. The PD is something like the IPP in the UK, but PD became law in 1933 by the Nazis and allows the state to keep someone in prison after finishing their sentence, as long as the inmate is supposed to be a threat to public safety. I was judged as a threat to public safety because at the end of the 90's and beginning of the 2000's I was agitating strongly against judges and politicians. So I was convicted to more than 5 years punishment. For the bank robbery the court sentenced me to prison for 11 ½ years. The regular sentence ended on 7th July 2013.

Back to the present time: In 2022 a psychiatrist expert from Munich. In her 130 page report the expert came to the conclusion that I would be no threat. In November 2022 a psychologist from the prison and the public prosecutor sent their statements to the court and criticised the expert's report really hard. But the psychiatrist replied on 17 pages and refuted their arguments.

But the local court in Freiburg, under the presidency of the honourable judge Kronthaler, dissented from the expert's view. After a two hour hearing on the 15th February 2023 the court informed the parties and gave an order for another expert.

The expert from Munich has been testifying for courts for more than 40 years! But she's more open minded than her conservative colleagues. For her it wasn't relevant that I never distanced myself from my past nor my biography and political attitudes.

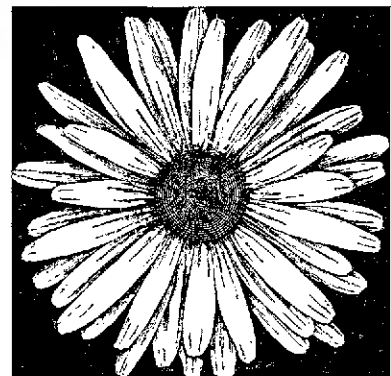
Friends offered me a place where I could live in town and a local radio station (<https://rdl.de/>) admitted me into the editorial office. They also offered practical training after my release. Until this takes place I get the possibility to be part of their program by phone, because here at the PD unit we have a phone in the cells. So every month I am on the air. A program called AUSBRUCH (escape/breakout) in which we talk about prisoner's situations and developments.

The fact that there aren't any troubles since more than two decades seems not enough for the court, the prison's administration and the prosecutor. Especially the prison's psychologist criticized that I had never withdrawn my attitudes. So she and her colleagues were afraid that I would maybe take revenge on judges or politicians. It leaves me in a catch-22.

Anyway, I think an upright attitude is more important than falling on your knees!

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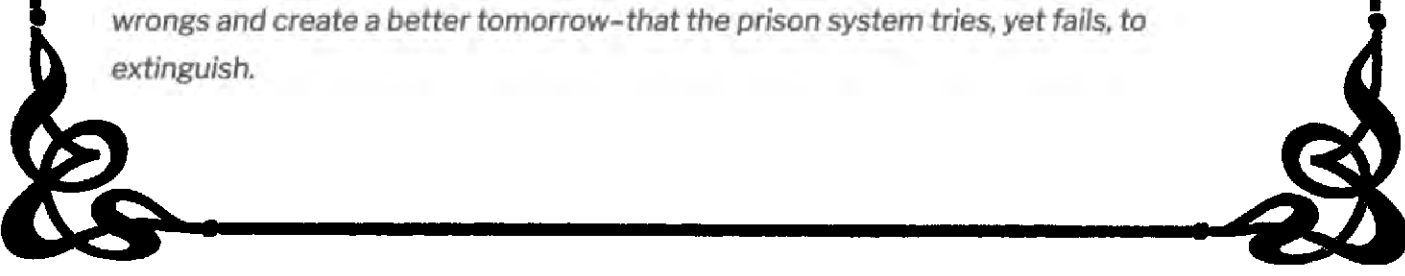
The book Eric co-edited has a release date!

In December, a book Eric co-edited will be published by AK Press. Historian Dan Berger calls it "Rattling the Cages: Oral Histories of North American Political Prisoners", an intimate intergenerational dialogue with movement activists representing sixty years of struggle and too many years of incarceration."

Check it out here:

<https://bookshop.org/p/books/rattling-the-cages-a-collection-of-oral-histories-of-north-american-political-prisoners/19648041?ean=9781849355216>

Dispatches from behind bars. Political prisoners speak out. The official story is that the United States has no political prisoners. The reality is that there are hundreds of people rounded up, placed behind bars, and kept there for inordinately long sentences because of their political beliefs and activities. A project of popular educator Josh Davidson and political prisoner Eric King, this book is filled with the experience and wisdom of over thirty current and former North American political prisoners. It provides first-hand details of prison life and the political commitments that continue to lead prisoners into direct confrontation with state authorities and institutions. The people Josh Davidson has interviewed include former radicals and Black liberation militants from the sixties and seventies, current antifascists, nonviolent Catholic peace activists, Animal and Earth Liberation Front activists, and more. Their stories are moving, often tragic, yet deeply inspiring. Collectively, these people have spent hundreds of years behind bars, and their experiences speak directly to the cruelty and immorality of our prison and so-called criminal justice systems. Although their sentences and the conditions they have endured vary dramatically, this wide range of voices come together to embody what bell hooks called "a legacy of defiance." It is this legacy—of tirelessly struggling to right today's wrongs and create a better tomorrow—that the prison system tries, yet fails, to extinguish.



ROBCAT!,

11 JULY 23

Been trying to get thru on the phone. I'm pretty persistent. An update for next issue follows:

Since February 2021, the fartgoblins have left me alone. No illegal transfers, no suspension of communication, no weaponization of the disciplinary process, no dismemberment. I don't even know what to do with myself. I fear if the Fartgoblin High Command doesn't kick me in the head soon for no reason, I'm going to lose all my insurrectionary street cred. Everyone will just ignore me.

"Swain's not saying anything worth while. Prison officials leave him alone and his FBI file hasn't grown in years. He's old and irrelevant."

I almost feel insulted. I almost want to write the FBI's Freedom of Information Act office and ask them, "Is something wrong? Did you lose my file? Why did you guys stop fucking with me? Something I said?"

It's weird. It's like they got... bored.

I have a single cell. I've got a phone

tablet with 4 hours of calls per day. I have instant messaging thru "GTL Getting Out" for anyone who wants to say hi.

I spend my day laying around in sweatpants, reading, writing, painting, drinking coffee and watching the occasional movie on the in-house movie channel. At the end of the month, we get subs from Jersey Mikes, somewhat overpriced.

I can't even remember the last time I got tear gassed.

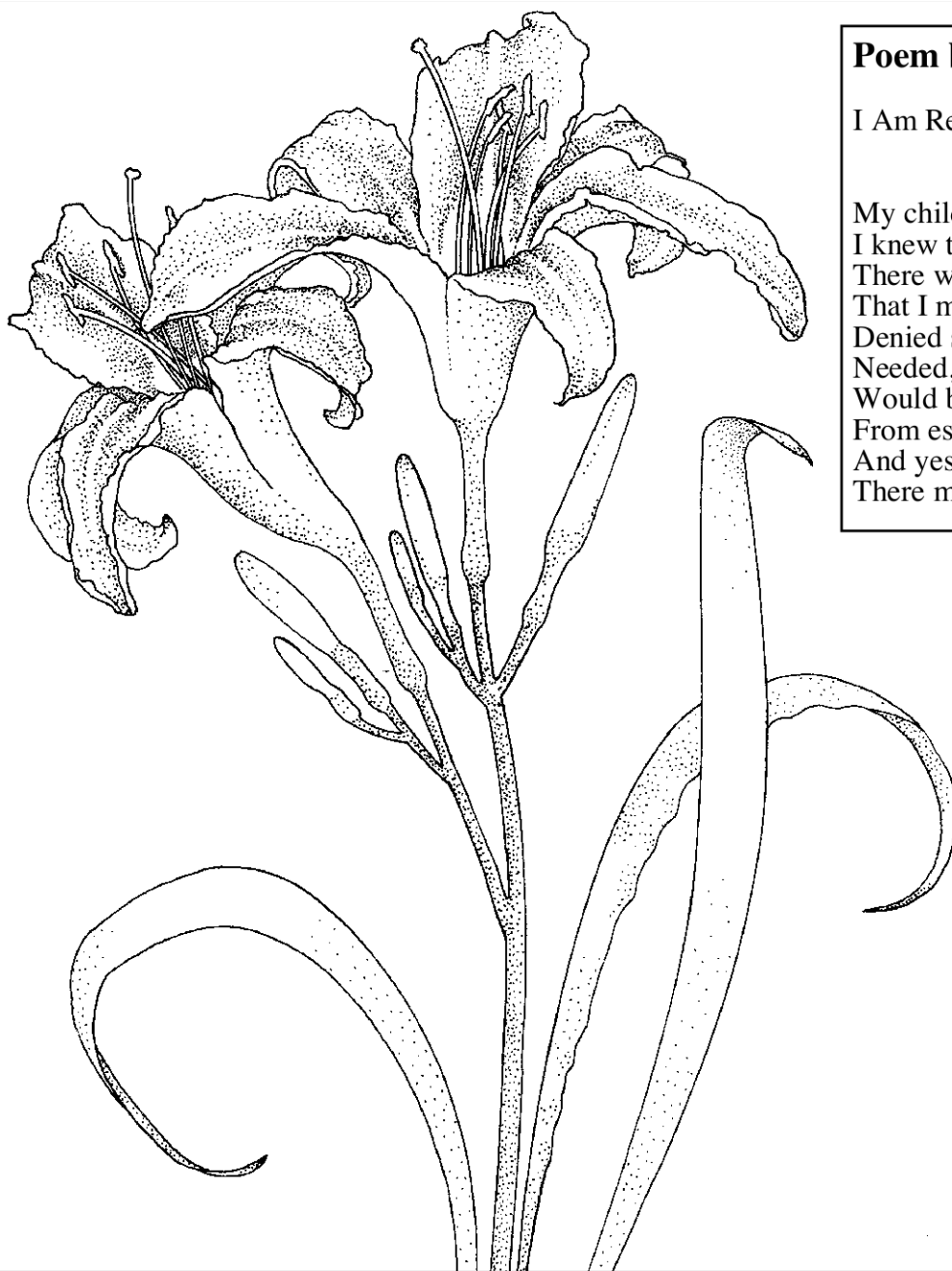
My attorney has assurances from the Ohio Attorney General that the state terror regimen is over.

I guess I'll have to get used to this. Weird.

I'm also enclosing a poem.
Take care. Answer your phone.

Freedom,

SAAN



Poem by Marius Mason

I Am Resolving Myself

My childhood prepared me for prison
I knew that in every day
There was a possibility
That I might be ashamed,
Denied something I
Needed,
Would be contained and prevented
From escaping
And yes, there would be pain,
There might be violence

Mongoose Distro is a project focused on publishing and distributing literature to and from prisoners, and also to info-shops and bookstores, with a focus on anti-authoritarian and anti-state politics. If you would like to receive some of our pamphlets, free of charge, please let us know. (donations in the form of stamps are always helpful)

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