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Hello !! At the end of our financial and computer setbacks we finally managed to achieve this second news bulletin. Instead of a monthly publication, this bulletin is probably becoming a bimonthly one as we've been lately amputated our time by the capitalist production mode. Furthermore, we're attached to mention that supporting certain prisoners doesn't necessarily mean that we support the organization/group/ movement they are involved in. The struggle for the abolition of the prison system has to unite all the powers available. Arguing for ideological conceptions is thus not our matter. Many prisoners, communist, anarchist or social politicized are fighting from their cell to stand faced with the destructive and dividing effects of incarceration. They deserve our support if we wish one day to become a strong anti-prison and pro-inmate movement. Have a good reading and never forget to look through the walls !!!

Boris Dumont : an insurrectional anarchist in prison

Boris Dumont is a belgian anarchist arrested in September 1985 in possession of subversive literature. He was researched for the robbery of a security guard who was transporting a big amount of cash money. Active member of an insurrectional organization, he had attacked this guard in order to raise funds for further political activities which were definitely pro-direct action. Indeed, this organization had started with attacking police stations, luxury stores or fascist groups' locals without claiming any of these actions. Later on, these actions became more concrete and targeted as the group wanted to get more seriously involved into class war, and it started to claim its existence and the reason for its attacks. However, and contrary to many marxist-leninist armed organizations existing at that time, the members of this small-scale organization have never considered themselves as vanguardists but rather as some people "a bit more determined and who probably have less to loose than others". Boris declares about that : "If somebody is going to fight, it's because this person has her own personal reasons and not because she has been pushed in the back by some sorts of leader hiding behind the front line. To become a revolutionary is a personal choice but one must never stop fighting so that to show to the mass that there are plenty of good reasons to do it and that people are already active". And it's precisely because Boris had never stopped involving into class war and that he was plainly determined to persue by harder means that the prosecutor required a life sentence against him. Still, his early age at that time (21) brought him the "mildness" of the judge who finally choose for a 18 years prison sentence like a tracker dog who wanna pay lip service with making his job on a "more humane way".

Once in jail, Boris didn't resign at all and after being, as usually, strategically moved several times from one prison to another, he hardly attempted to get on contact with outside in order to "come back into the struggle". Unfortunately, and like it is the case for numerous prisoners who find themselves totally alone, all his work failed and as a substitution to his disappointment, he studied so as to get his graduation in social science and psychology. Later on thanx to an inmate comrade recieving regular libertarian publications, he could make a lot of new contacts and started to write articles for anarchist papers to denounce oppression within belgian jails. On September 1992, he started to dig a wall in his cell with another convict in order to plan an escape but 5 months later, while they had finished this heavy work and were about escaping, they were caught by warders...Indeed, the prisoner sharing Boris' cell had finally betrayed them. He was too scared of what could happen to him because of their escape... Boris and his comrade Serge are still detained at the same penitentiary. You can write to them at : **Boris Dumont and Serge Mandelier, Prison de Verviers, 81 Chausee d'Heusy, 4800 Verviers, Belgium.**



"The only purpose of writing these articles is to show that even behind walls, they will never stop the action and the voice of a revolutionary. Walls are high but our ideas are stronger and higher and besides that, they can never kill an idea." Boris Dumont

Boris also wrote a pamphlet -in english- called "Fighting to win - the story of an anarchist amongst thousands others". You can order it for f2 + f1,80 for postage by contacting the ABC-Utrecht.

Fortress Europe : always more deportations, always more incarcerations

Last December 19th about 6am. a thousand cops of the "anti-terrorist" brigade shot up at the Mehringhof. Legalized activity squatt situated in a popular neighbourhood of Berlin. During this intense operation that lasted 12 hours, 30 refugees who were living there got arrested and jailed in retention center while one member of the collective FFM (Forschungsgesellschaft Flucht und Migration) - known for its critics on the xenophobic laws of the European Union- got arrested and jailed. Three other inhabitants of the Mehringhof have been arrested a bit later in Frankfurt and charged of affiliation to the Revolutionar Zellen (revolutionary armed organization that existed from the late 60's to 1995 where it attacked -among others- the building site of a weapon factory in Bremen). Besides that, the police destroyed almost everything in the squatt without any worthful reason but putting an end to the activity of the FFM and to the life of this alternative place, one of the last one still existing in Berlin : doors, walls, ceilings, offices, computers...in short : the entire equipment of the center, 100 000DM of damages in the building.

According to authorities, this operation was the result of confessions made by some prisoners of the RZ who would have revealed them that some explosive materials were hidden in Mehringhof. However, the presence of an active support collective to refugees in the activity center and the involvings



Obviously, the State doesn't look for several ways to interfere in the work of organizations that disturb its purposes and perspective, i.e. the maintaining of inequalities between Northern and Southern countries, and in this case the settling of fortress Europe. Indeed, while the police commando was upsetting the all structures of Mehringhof and especially the offices of FFM, another commando went arresting the funder of the collective, Harald, in his own flat. Harald had performed a great role in the creation and the propaganda work of the FFM criticizing the effects of the European racist policy on the situation of refugees. He had managed as well to make publicly known the criminalization of taxi drivers in boarder zones. But through the imprisonment and the criminalization of Harald -that was pretty easy to achieve by accusing him of affiliation to the RZ-, it is not only one more big hole in the situation of the FFM. It is the all network that supports refugees and immigrants in which Harald was particularly active that gets affected. 'Cause criminalizing "illegal people" -the controversy they create in domination rapports between the North and the South by trying to get a status in Europe- also has to go through the criminalization of their supporters. Such is the role of authorities in the privatized Europe where the State's functions are sold to protect a pre-tendly "social peace" which at the end only corresponds to maintain the balance of the cast system, on the national level of course, but first of all on the world level. In the cast system of the world economy, the parias from the South who "escape" to avoid the misery of their exploitation by the North have to suffer the intense energy invested by the police to organize charters, or to find a place for them in a good labour-prison. This achievement has to go through their isolation from those who reject this reality and try to fight the supremacy of neo-liberal States. For this affair in particular, four people more in jail...

This repressive operation of the German police is meaningful regarding the criminalization of social movements by European social-democrate governments. While in Germany the CDU (formerly ruling party) spreads petitions against double nationality to concurrence the clearly xenophobic remarks of the chancellor Gerhard Schroder and

while the European institutions express their "worries" about the neo-fascist government in Austria, the application of the "zero tolerance" in every state of the Union is reminding us of the fascism multinational corportations work on every day...in collaboration with left-wing as right-wing governments.



A gathering at the German embassy took place in Paris last January 21st to require the immediate release of the 4 prisoners and protest against this purely arbitrary operation. The various organizations that coordinate their support call for donations to finance the trial of the 4 people charged. You can donate on the following account : Martin Poell, Postbank Berlin BZL 100 100 10 -Kto.-Nr. 2705-104. You can get further infos on the following Web-site : <http://gib.squat.net/infopool/>

HOLLAND : A kurdish girl -apparently not affiliated to the PKK or any kurdish struggle association-was deported on Monday 13th, March at 8.00am. Her tourist visa was over and in order to keep a chance to stay in Europe, she found somebody who accepted to pretend of having an "official" relationship with her. This person went to the police station, showing a fake declaration of cohabitation and assuming he had an ideal situation to take her under his responsibility. However the police discovered that was not true and while paranoid, she went herself to the police station to apply for a new tourist visa, she got arrested. Moreover having really a relationship with somebody else, she was rejected by her family at her arrival in Kurdistan. For now, we don't know anything more about what happened to the person who attempted to support her and about her proper situation in Kurdistan. -Another (one more) refugee from Algeria was rejected by the immigration center. While applying for asylum for the second time last January, he got arrested and jailed in the retention center of the Groningen region where he has now spent 2 months already. Thanx to his partner, he managed to have a lawyer and go on trial. The court, that was

of the RZ against rac policy and laws betw 1986-87, constituted a good pretext, with these supposedly confession as support, to interfere in the very efficie work of the FFM.

held in Amsterdam, sentenced him to 9 months imprisonment (in the special conditions specifically established for the detention of "illegal people" in retention centers). After serving his sentence -and being used as the cheapest labour for Hemma's or Gamma's industries-, he's required to leave the country. But like many others who cannot be immediately deported because of their confused situation towards the embassy, he's gonna be put back on the street...and fear a new incarceration in labour- prison.

Your protest letters to the minister of justice : Schedeldoekshaven 100, 2511 EX Den Haag, Holland.

**Mumia Abu-Jamal in the last phase of the legal procedure :
Our support more than ever required !!!**

Mumia Abu-Jamal is currently on a very critical point regarding his situation in the legal procedure to obtain a new trial for justice. Indeed, two upcoming judicial decisions might have a particularly sharp influence on his situation.

On the one hand, the judge William Yohn from the US federal court is about dealing with the Habeas Corpus request formulated by Mumia's lawyers last November and that constitutes the ultimate legal procedure for which Mumia can apply in order to obtain a new trial. It is expected that this judge works on the features drafted by Mumia's lawyers and containing new elements of prove in the course of April 2000. He will decide then if Mumia's lawyers will be allowed for a new hearing that would be the starting point of a new trial. If they are not, it will be extremely more complicated for them to appeal this decision as they have already used all the legal powers to go on in the procedure. That might mean as well that a new execution date could be fixed before the end of the year 2000, otherwise a new court date.

On the other end, the US supreme court is threatening with approving the law for an "Effective Death Penalty Act" signed by William Clinton last year after being voted by both US Chambers. This law was elaborated in order to increase the power of judicial decisions by depriving prisoner from the right to bring new proves in their appeal on the federal level. In short, it aims at turning appeals into senseless trials as the prosecution and the defence would be then based exactly on the same elements. As well, it plainly illustrates the US State's will to convince the american population by any means that "you cannot fight the State" and thus discourage any attempt to prevent it from executing the parias and State enemies who crowd death row. The longer they wait there and try to go on in the procedure, the bigger is the chance for the State not to eliminate its enemies or to be exposed to media attention...In Mumia's case, if this law becomes constitutional before judge Yohn starts working on the new features prepared by his lawyers, it might prevent him from starting with this ultimate procedure as it would cancel their ability to appeal. That would mean as well the confirmation of the previous verdict : the execution of Mumia.

Well, nothing is really clear and Mumia's lawyer, Mr Weinglass, has come over Europe to call for mobilization. He was supposed to come in Amsterdam last March 12th for a conference but was stopped in Paris. He came finally on Sunday 9th, April. A demo should take place as well to require this last trial but the date hasn't been fixed yet. You can contact the ABC-Utrecht to get more infos or put directly your contact on the alarm list of Mumia's support committee in Amsterdam through the following answering machine : 020-4272054.



You can also protest at the White House : Pdt William Clinton, the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Av. NW, Washington, DC 20 500, USA. Email : President@whitehouse.gov

Mumia's declaration from last January 2nd about death penalty

"View from death row.

Well, let's analyse the situation : of all crimes that can be committed, what is more terrible than murders commissioned by the rules of money ? Only in Philadelphia, tens of people have been murdered in the streets because of wars between local mafias for about ten years. That brings us to another question : how many members of the Mafia are currently in Pennsylvania's death row ? the answer...? Zero, not even one. So one can wonder "but how is that possible ?". Once more, the answer is simple. Real mafiosos have enough money to be defended by the best lawyers basically motivated by profits whereas the poor are disadvantaged 'cause they are defended by lawyers chosen and paid by the State and who are not often the best ones in justice. So guess who goes directly in death row ? Death is the privilege of the poor. That was exposed in a report from 1992 published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* that was about death penalty cases, the poor "represented by district leaders, district support committees, failed politicians, party's leaders and judges' sons, people attending judges' electoral campaigns (see : *Big-time trials; small-time defenses*, PI Sept. 14th 1992). What comes out of it is that the policy of death doesn't afford any way-out and that poverty is synonym of worsening circumstances". I previously talked about the case of Fred Thomas: of the diabetic grand-pa whose testimony for his defence caused him to be attacked on justice by some cops who were later involved in the corruption affair of the 39th district; of Jimmy Dennis whose alibi was ignored by the Court; of innocent men whose only crime was not to benefit of a good defence - and I can testify that they are not the only ones...

Death Row is not only characterized by the omnipresence of of poor but also by the one of Blacks. coming from Philadelphia for a wide majority of them. Here, we see again the policy of Death: prosecutors and judges who look for political promotion thanx to their fierce faith in death penalty (...).

Thanx ! We have Move !

Mumia Abu-Jamal, #AM 8335, 175 Progress Drive, Waynesburg PA 15 370, USA

Pascale Vandegerde released ! Freedom for the CCC 2 still imprisoned !!!

Last February 4th, Pascale Vandegerde, militant of the Cellules Communistes Combattantes (Fighting Communist Cells) was released from the Namur prison after 14 years of detention spent in the most restrictive conditions. Achieving a sery of about 30 attacks against the belgian economic structures, the weapon industry and some of the NATO structures, the three members of this revolutionary armed organization had been submitted to three years of isolation to which two long collective hungerstrikes finally put an end.

Since 1995, Pascale as well as her two comrades Pierre and Bertrand could have been granted parole release according to the law. But as revolutionaries, the law doesn't represent much for a state that has only in mind to eliminate them and after 4 years of total reject, finally her request for parole release was transmitted to the Commission. Before she becomes free again and untill the last day of her detention, Pascale was continuously submitted to restriction of mail and visits and never had any penitentiary breaks. Oldest belgian female prisoner, she never denied her political convictions and the engagement she took within the CCC. This persistence in the struggle for freedom, inside and outside the walls, proved that it was possible to make an exception state give up the persecutions. The intense work of the Association of Communist Prisoners' Parents and Friends and the several actions and protests that took place lately in Belgium, France or Ukraine to require the release of the CCC actively contributed to this achievement.

However, these persecutions have not stopped hitting Pierre Carette and Bertrand Sassoye still imprisoned. They become now the two oldest inmates of the country though they are as well releasable since 1995. Pierre and Bertrand have funded the Fighting Communist Cells and for that reason that doesn't secure belgian authorities and capital for wich they work, the State intends to keep them jailed for a couple of years more. So there is no time to satisfy with one's release 'cause it is impossible to satisfy with one's release if one considers the misery prisoners are submitted to and the very long way we have to go through to abolish it. Either Pascale release nor Mumia Abu-Jamal's one could let us afford thinking that "a part of the work has been done" but only that a very little step ahead has been managed. Without persistence, any little progression would not survive. Pascale's release has to give us energy, not vacations !!!



You can write to Pierre and Bertrand in english, french or dutch at :

-Pierre Carette : Geldenaakse Vest 68, 3000 Leuven, Belgium

-Bertrand Sassoye : Prison de Lamtin, 2 rue des aubepines, 4450 Lantin, Belgium.

Unlimited hungerstrike of the Turkish prisoners ends in success after 63 days

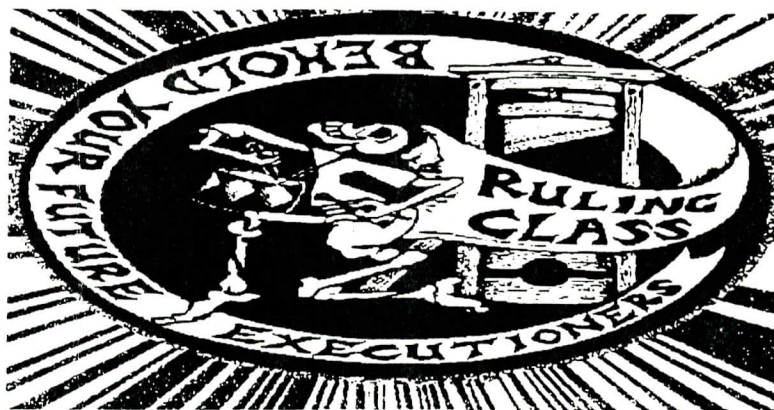
We recieved via email a declaration of the DHKP-C european organization about the hungerstrike started last November 30th by Ilhan Yelkovan at the Hamburg prison. The communique lets us know that from last friday 31st of March Ilhan refused to take fluids together with two other prisoners to accelerate the process of the hungerstrike and put an end to the exceptional detention conditions he's been submitted to. Indeed, Ilhan is an active member of the DHKP-C (Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front, forbidden in Germany) and was put in isolation for more than a year. Together with 8 other turkish prisoners detained in Germany, 3 in Belgium and 9 in France, he undertook this hungerstrike because he viewed his restrictive prison conditions as an attack on his political identity and an attempt to smear him as "a danger for security and order". Such is the little undeveloped argument of the german federal state to criminalize and imprison members of the DHKP-C while it tries to confuse this political conflict with immigration issues so as to keep a kind of coherence with Schroder's pretentions.

But what Germany means by "security and order" corresponds to the preservation of its economic and political interests in the fascist Regime in Turkey. To keep selling its Leopard tanks and other weapons that will be turned against turkish and kurdish opponents, the german state chose for collaborating with the fascists on power in Turkey who require from it to persecute their opponents on the german territory where many of them have taken refuge. In short, Germany is just acting like the long arm of the turkish regime.

Of course, this repression goes through the ban of political parties opposing the Regime in Turkey and through the imprisonment of their militants. Ilhan's hunger and thirst strike was then an attempt to call for his political freedom to struggle against the arbitrary turkish regime and denounce the repression turkish revolutionaries suffer in Germany. 1000 prisoners of the DHKP-C had run a 3-days hungerstrike last January 11th to devote solidarity with the hungerstrikers in Europe and to warn the german government of the resistance it would have to face if it intends to persue this repression.

Ilhan's thirststrike. after 63 days of hungerstrike. probably reminded the Hamburg prison -that had already got some prisoners of the Red Army Fraction in its cells- some bad memories and immediately after this new strike starts. the authorities of the prison proposed him a transfer to "normal conditions of detention". Once recovered from the 63 days of hungerstrike, Ilhan should be transferred to Vierlande prison where he'll be detained together in one cell with other turkish-speaking inmates. He should be allowed as well to exercise two hours per evening door open for the collective of DHKP-C prisoners and access as well to collective activities. After spending 4 or 6 weeks in this prison, he'll be put back in the general carceral population "under fully normal detention conditions", unless german authorities betray their deal. But we do not have to forget that tens of other members of the DHKP-C are still detained or on trial

for being part of this political party and escaping turkish prison by taking refuge in Germany. Besides repressive liberal right as left-wing european parties. we see once more through this repression that the "freedom of political party" frequently ends up in jail...



You can protest by Fax to the turkish ministry of justice against the persecutions inflicted to the DHKP-C opponents (10 of them were massacred last September in Ankara prison): 90-312-417-39-34

South Lebanon : Israel pursues the humiliation and the use of violence

Since May 1994, Israel detains one more lebanese religious chief, the Shiite imam Moustapha Dirani. Like most of lebanese and palestinian inmates detained by the Israeli forces, Moustapha was given the status of "administrative prisoner". This status provides Israel the power to maintain detainees in prison without any judgement or trial for 6 month periods that it can (and mostly does) indefinitely renew. This means at the end that inmates have totally no idea of the moment when they will be released and if they will be released.

Moustapha was kidnapped in Lebanon by an Israeli commando in order to obtain informations about the lebanese resistance and to hold a certain pressure on the Shiite lebanese community as he's a religious chief. Since his arrest, he has been systematically submitted to various kinds of torture : beatings, electrification, deprivation of sleep, maintaining in crouching position for hours and insults constitute his daily life. Lately, he's been held totally naked by the Israeli intelligence services (Shin Beth) for one month and has been sodomized several times by an israeli soldier (sodomy is part of the tortures allowed by israeli services). His israeli lawyer lodged a complaint to the Court in Tel-Aviv, declaring that "nothing nor nobody could ever compensate his client for the misery he was submitted to".

It is clear that Israel expects by detaining and torturing a religious chief from the lebanese Shiite community (covering the majority of lebanese muslims) to incite the Hezbollah to pursue its armed policy. It is anyway what it brings about by running such an arbitrary policy against prisoners of the arab resistance and those who refused to be enrolled in the pro-israeli militias. On this way, it affords denouncing the presence of "terrorist organizations" who would be supposedly guilty for blocking the diplomatic negotiations while Israel is itself responsible for the emergence of armed resistance. It



thus justifies the establishment of the "security zone" in South Lebanon which at the end corresponds to the zone it controls and terrorizes by military means. Tens of other inmates suffer in real death camps the force relations created by israeli military forces.

"The Conscience - Addamir", zine of former lebanese prisoners' testimonies, is available on our mailorder list for f2. A pamphlet about the prisoners of the lebanese resistance will be available as well very soon. Contact the ABC-Utrecht to receive any of these materials.

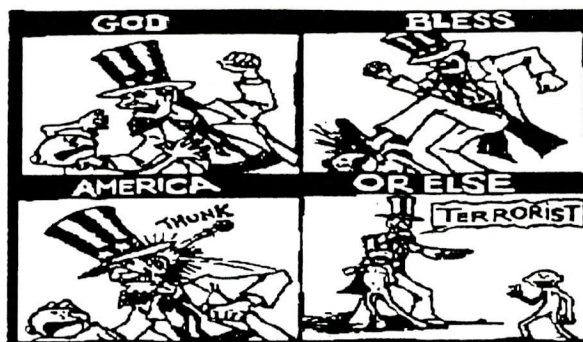
Liberation : Ismael Al Zein and Kassen Kamas, two lebanese prisoners detained Ashkelon prison, were released last January 13th. They had been arrested during an armed confrontation with israeli forces last May 13th, 1987 but thanx to various protests outside and inside the prison, Israel had to yield to these pressures and grant freedom to Ismael and Kassen. After 13 years of torture in the israeli prison, their first project is to get on contact and work together with european collectives to hurry the release of all lebanese prisoners...

Short News

Tunisia : 19 secondary school pupils were sent for trial and received prison sentences of 5 to 6months last March 8th for participation to riots that took place in south of the country on the beginning of February. According to scholar and other humanitarian collectives, about 107 people are on charge for this same reason. However, prison sentences pronounced against Secondary school pupils has as a consequence their exclusion from the school system which is in Tunisia liable to sentences for "wandering".

France : Last February 25th, William Ferrari from the antifascist group "Francs Tireurs Partisans" was released for a 50000FF bail (=£4500). The Francs Tireurs Partisans had carried out several direct action campaigns against the french fascist party National Front which had led to the attack and the destruction of several of its offices and had heavily interfere in the plans of the 4 National Front townhalls existing in the region "Provence-Alpes-Cote-d'Azur". It's after 8 years of existence and subversive activity that the two members of the FTP got arrested. Besides the release of William Ferrari, we don't have to forget that the other person on charge, Yves Peirat, is still in jail. The investigation and the hearing of his case was closed last March 13th. His trial might take

place before the end of the year. You can write to him at : Yves Peirat, #116055x. bat. A 3*Sud. cellule 3056, 213 Chemin de Morgiou, 13 404 Marseille cedex 20.



Spain : A 4 day hungerstrike was undertaken by prisoners detained in isolation departments in many spanish jails in order to launch a solidarity movement for the abolition of the FIES (spanish isolation departments)and transfers and for the release of the sick. Many of them have refused to have their daily walk while other categories of prisoners detained in "softer" conditions joined this movement. This strike that took place from the 16th to the 19th of March was a second attempt to raise solidarity outside as the inmates who took the initiative or participated in this struggle found themselves definitely isolated. They contacted the most possible of prisoners in the country and abroad to call for solidarity. They also emphasize on the repression that is inflicted against this prisoner movement and that constitutes a big obstacle for them to keep united. They declare "We have to think and do with the idea that we're alone" but it is clear that with-out any support almost from outside, their movement has no other future than suffering the frustration of spanish authorities. For further infos, contact the ABC-Madrid : Paeso de Alberto Palacios, #2, 28021 Madrid, Spain.

Austria : The first setbacks of the new right-wing government are emerging : 4 people from Innsbruck have to face a trial for their participation in actions and demos opposing the newly elected fascist majority in the parliament and government. 5 others have to pay quite high fines for the same "crime" of expressing their antifascist believes. Furthermore, 3 people have been arrested after a demo of 20 000 by cops poiting their gun on them to make them get out of the taxi where they were sitting. 2 of them are still in detention and look to be charged for "resistance to the State power". As well, the police investigated the offices of the green-left party and arrested 8 immigrants among them 6 are gonna be extradited from Austria. Several writers and well-known opponents of Haider were threatened. It looks that the new government is determined to apply a tight zero tolerance policy to hold its own power. We definitely wonder how it intends to face so much discontent else than developping the lucrative market of imprisonment. For further infos about these cases, contact the ABC-Innsbruck at : LOM, Postlagernd 6024, Innsbruck, Austria.

France : The squatt standing on 3 rue Saumaise in Dijon was evicted last Monday 3rd of April by about 100 cops for 5 inhabitants after months of persecutions and criminalization. Indeed, just a couple of days before, the police tried to evict illegally the squatt by pretending there was fire inside. Quickly, a couple of police vehicles as well as firemen arrive while numerous people and sympathizers gather in the street. One of the squatter then went out in order to recover the calm of the neighbourhood and avoid the police cons- piracy and even proposed to let a fireman in so as to certify there was no fire inside. Realizing their plan is failing, 4 cops jumped on him and beat him up for several minutes in front of numerous witnesses. Immediately, the squatter is transfered to the hospital where about 20 aggressive officers maintained his sympathizers outside and prevented them to have any clue about him. Quietly, our comrade is transfered to the police station by a backside door where he will spend 36 hours in custody, will not have the right to contact a lawyer, will suffer psychological pressures, will be questionned and will make his deposition in the presence of his agressors. Eventually, the officers make him sign fake depositions of accusation so as to turn over the scenario and pretend they were the victims. Obviously, the squatter was very "advised" not to attempt anything against them by legal means.



Our comrade went almost immediately on trial on April 4th where the court sentenced him to 10 months prison on probation and f1000 of fine for "agression on police officers under alcohol". Another inhabitant of the squatt was sentenced to 1 month on probation.

These events are not a good sign for the future of the squatt movement in Dijon and include themselves in the all persecutions inflicted on the radical milieu there. The 4 squatts existing have permanently suffered pressures from authorities and the development of militant activities by these same squatts and inhabitants only contributes to make the police frustrated. The injuries suffered by our comrade are just a long dream of cop...conditioned by a conservative city council.

Greece : on middle of March, a 18 year-old teenager was head-shot by the police who had just handcuffed him. The murderer-officer was sentenced to a fine of /1000 !!! Like Silvano Pelissero lately declared it after being sentenced to 7 years prison, "you don't need to go until Austria where the government is manipulated by the fascist Haider to face fascist power"...you just have to live in a Western social democracy.

Esteban Murillo still threatened with deportation

Last 21st of March, Esteban Murillo Zubiri, Basque political prisoner detained by the dutch state, failed in his appeal to the Supreme court of Den Haag. Indeed, he was found guilty for the charge of affiliation to the ETA and sentenced to deportation by the request of the spanish state. An international arrest warrant has chased him for over 15 years now and the dutch state is about putting an end to his legitimate attempt to escape the treatment spanish authorities dedicate to him : torture.

To protest against this decision, Esteban went on hungerstrike and was relieved by 30 Basque people from his original village after 19 days during which he lost 12 kg. Indeed, Esteban was already tortured three times in Spain during his successive detentions and he suffered very fast of sight weakness and back pains. Therefore, he couldn't persue the hungerstrike to support his claims. The basque traditional strategy of taking turns in the strike was then the only way to bring them outside the walls. That was the reason for the symbolical one-week strike run by his closed friends and parents. Numerous noise demos took place as well at the jail where he's still currently detained. All these protests also accelerated the various processes for Esteban's extradition as the dutch state remains very embarassed with this situation. That's why it would be very important to raise attention on dutch authorities abroad so as to point at the role they perform in Esteban's destiny. In short, make them clearly know that we didn't forget them in the scenario.



Last April 4th was Esteban's asylum case and the last chance for him to avoid officially his extradition. The verdict has not been pronounced yet but the ultimate decision about Esteban's destiny is upon the dutch minister of justice. Therefore we invite you to protest against the court's decision to extradite him and to pressure the minister so as to approve Esteban's request for asylum even in the case where it would be rejected by the commission. It is important to focus now our attention on the decision the minister has to take and make him feel the weight of his responsibility. You'll find below a model of letter to send him and show him that we are conscious of the atrocity of his job. Any picket-line, demo or gathering in front of spanish but especially dutch official representations might be decisive !!! You can contact us for more complete infos about Esteban's case.

To the minister of Justice of the Netherlands,

Now that Esteban Murillo Zubiri has been sentenced to extradition, his destiny is depending on your decision to grant him or not asylum in the Netherlands. But you know that if you don't do so, you'll be responsible for the treatment Esteban suffers while being delivered to the spanish authorities. This treatment that awaits for him is torture and the fact that Esteban as well as his co-suspects were tortured several times during their detention can only bring us to believe so. However, you have the power to avoid that, you have the power to intervene in the persecutions inflicted to Esteban by granting him legitimate political asylum here in the Netherlands. If you don't do so, it means that you support the corruption of the spanish state and that you corrupt yourself like all other government that collaborates with its repressive forces well-known and denounced by the european committee for the prevention of torture. We know some big stacks are weighting on you because of this decision you're gonna have to take. But these stacks are not ours. These stacks are transnational capital's ones and the achievement of the european economic order. We oppose the fact that these stacks let you afford going over the law 'cause you do not have the right to deport Esteban while you KNOW what's gonna be his treatment. We do not want of a Europe that accepts and collaborates for the torture of its opponents. We do not want of the ultra-repressive europe you're currently building. The raise of violence is sign of the dictatorship established by economic markets. Your decision will reveal if your job just consists in collaborating with this dictatorship or if it consists in doing what it claims : supposedly making justice. For us, the only way to convince us that you're not only an executive object of multinational corporations would be **TO GRANT ASYLUM TO ESTEBAN MURILLO POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE NETHERLANDS**. But if you don't do so, you will just confirm us that we live in a world of force relations and that you, official representative of the so-called western democracies, you don't deserve anything more than being denounced and condemned on equal footing with the crime you committed, that is to deliver Esteban for torture.

With sincere salutations,

Minister of Justice Mr Korthals : Schedeldoekshaven 100, 2511 EX Den Haag, The Netherlands.

Writing to prisoners
TRACT OF THE ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS



Prisoners are cut off from the outside world and through, we are a link between both of them. These contacts have the power to break their isolation and show prisoners they're not forgotten. A simple letter or postcard is enough to constitute a moral support.

Writing to prisoners can seem insuperable for some of us, especially when one writes to somebody he/she doesn't know and has never written to. What might we tell and write about? Some people also think that what they would write about is not interesting for the convict they want to write to. That's a problem that some of us overcame, so here are suggestions to help you. That doesn't wanna be strict guidelines -we all write differently- but these informations might be useful:

- # introduce yourself and eventually tell about your political activities.
- # Precise how you heard about the prisoner and his/her situation.
- # Keep your first letter quite short, some prisons don't accept long letters (2 pages A4 max.).
- # If you believe that the prisoner is innocent, mention it, it gives convicts confidence to know that they're believed.

If you bring other support than letters, be very clear about what you can do. For prisoners convicted for a long time, you might be a great hope for them and it is very important not to exaggerate. If the prisoner thinks you can do more for him than what you really do, he/she could be depressed.

For convicts sentenced following their involvings in struggle movements -for political reasons-it is fundamental to tell them about the resistance occurring outside, to send them zines and infos.

Don't expect systemically an answer to your mail. Prisoners are limited regarding the number of letter they can send but if a correspondance begins, you'll know the prisoner better. Most of them remain quite poor and it can be a financial matter to reply you. Send eventually stamps.

Most penitentiary centers reject letters that haven't been mentioned the name and the address of the expeditor. It is possible to use a false registration but keep in mind that the prisoner can reply. Moreover, take care with Post Box address 'cause some prisons don't accept it.

Keep always in mind that your mail is read and can be confiscated or lost even before the prisoner gets it. Think that what you write might cause troubles to the prisoner or to you or other people with the police.

Put a date on all your letters and insert a list of all the things you send so that the prisoner is sure of getting everything. Keep a copy of this list in the case where the administration would confiscate something and write a letter to it to ask the reasons of this confiscation (if you discovered with the prisoner that something is missing).

If you can, send a little money to help the daily life of the prisoner.

The worst side of conviction is boredom, isolation and routine, that is torture. JUST a letter can constitute the best moment of the day for people convicted for a long time.



The ABC is a federation of autonomous groups whose work aims eventually to abolish definitely the penitentiary system. The penitentiary system has turned into an industry and rather than considering it as a single-issue politics apart from the harms of this society, we consider it as the most extreme point of domination and control over the class society. It takes absolutely part of the war between classes and as anarchists, we view it as an instrument of political balance for the system. Therefore, the ABC Federation basically supports prisoners who've been incarcerated because of their involvings into struggles opposing various forms of oppression such as liberalism, fascism, the weapon industry or the destruction of environment (...) As well, the ABC -tries- to offer support to those being imprisoned as victims of these various forms of oppression such as "illegal" people, women who killed a rapist or a violent partner, as well as people being victim of judicial or police frame-up...It also gets involved in local or international campaigns and offers financial help to prisoners for their defence or political activities in jail. The ABC-Utrecht spreads infos weekly in the *Springstof*, casually in the *Paria Collective* newsletter and monthly through a bulletin. Send a stamp to receive these publications. We encourage readers to write to prisoners and propose a flyer "Writing to prisoners" if you write for the first time as well as a list of prisoners' addresses.

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