Spirit of Freedom



The newsletter of the North American Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network

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WHY PRISONER SUPPORT ?

It's no exaggeration at this point to say that our planet is in the midst of a serious ecological crisis. All over the globe, every day, the omnicidal plague of industrial civilization continues to spread, driven by economic greed and an insatiable, constantly accelerating demand for energy and resources. And as this cancerous MegaMachine blindly pursues its "scorched Earth policy", entire species are going extinct and entire societies are disappearing ,and it's all happening so quickly that there hardly seems time to react.

Yet react we must, assertively and *immediately*, before the biosphere is poisoned and fouled beyond repair and while we still have something worth fighting for. It is in response to the severity of the global environmental crisis that more and more people are starting to step outside the system of Man-made laws and take "illegal" direct action in defense of the Earth. Of course, in this context, legal and illegal are meaningless terms; if we accept that certain strategies (like economic sabotage) are necessary to put the brakes on the industrial death machine, then we have to be prepared to support those individuals who are risking their lives and freedom to carry out these acts.

What we are starting to see is the emergence of a *truly radical*, decentralized ,international environmental movement and an integral part of building such a movement is going to be the creation of a solid, well-organized prisoner support network. Our movement *will not continue to grow* unless we are able to provide this level of support to our comrades who are unfortunate enough to become prisoners of the State. Regardless of what one may think of the I.R.A. and their nationalistic independence struggle, it's clear that they've done a phenomenally good job taking care of their P.O.W.'s and that's one of the main reasons their movement has been so hard to defeat.

It's also one of the main things that makes the Irish independence struggle *a real struggle*, and that separates it from other less-organized movements. We have to start viewing prisoner support work as *a revolutionary act* and as an indispensable part of any real revolutionary struggle or else

the State will crush us while our movement is still in it's embryonic stages and we will lose the momentum we now have. The purpose of this newsletter is to spread the word about certain individuals who have acted in defense of the Earth and our collective future and who have fallen victim to state repression. We will not allow these comrades to be forgotten about and we will do everything in our power to bring attention to their situation. But beyond publicizing their plight, we want to build up a reliable and consistent *support network* for them, both to honor their heroic acts and to send a clear message to the State that we are organized enough to take care of our own.

If there is one thing we ask of anyone who comes into contact with this newsletter ,it's that you take the time to write some of these prisoners, not just once but *regularly,* because in the final analysis this is the best support we can provide them with. We also need to actively counter the States propaganda and their attempts to portray these individuals as "terrorists". The terrorists are those who wage war in pursuit of political power and economic gain and who build prisons to house the ever growing number of people who choose to speak out against this insanity.

This newsletter is free to all prisoners and 3 stamps to everyone else. We can also send a flat, master copy so that you can make your own copies. Please contact us if you want multiple copies, a review copy or have any graphics to donate for future issues. The newsletter will come out every two months so the next issue will (roughly) be June/July 2001. As always, we are always looking for donations of stamps or cash, suggestions for sympathetic lawyers and feedback.

We will have a comprehensive list of prisoner support groups in the US as well as a listing of zines that are free to prisoners available shortly.

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Court and Legal Updates

Long Island ELF

In February, four young men from Long Island were charged with arsons and monkeywrenching committed by the Earth Liberation Front. From what we can tell, George Mashkow III, age 17, was picked up and questioned by the FBI because he was overheard bragging to friends at his school. Mashkow proceeded to snitch and implicate three others: Jared McIntyre, the 17 year old son of a NYC cop, Matthew Rammelkamp (age 16) and Connor Cash, (age 19).

Jared and Matthew were also brought before the grand jury but did not answer questions, nor implicate anyone else. However, both have plead guilty to the arson count and are facing restitution of $365,000.Conner is pleading not guilty and is out on bail. He will surely need loads of support as the state has made it clear that they are seeking to make an example of him. We are currently supporting Connor in his not guilty plea. For more information contact freeconnorcash@yahoo.com

Interesting to note is Mashkow's snitching which did nothing but hurt himself, his codefendants and the movement at large. We can say now what we said when Justin Samuel snitched on co-defendant Peter Young a few months back: If you are not ready to deal with the consequences of state repression and imprisonment than maybe you shouldn't commit acts of economic sabotage.

Jeremiah Rush Bowen

On June 21, 2000 Jeremiah and Jennifer Howard were arrested on suspicion of setting fire to a town house in Boulder, Colorado.
Jennifer was able to be bailed out soon after that but Jeremiah was stuck in various county jails for the last eight months awaiting trial. Faced with a 4-16 year sentence he pled to lesser charges and got a two year sentence. There is a possibility that he may be charged with federal charges and he has requested that people not speculate on his motivation behind the arson. As of right now, not many people know of his situation and he is in need of support. His address can be found in the Ecodefense prisoner listings.

Frank Ambrose

Environmental activist Frank Ambrose was arrested and charged with tree spiking in relation to an ELF action that took place in the Morgan Monroe State Forest in Indiana. His pre-trial is on April 6 and there will be protests at Federal buildings around the country that day in solidarity with him. We also recommend calling the court at 812-349-2534 and telling them to drop the charges against Frank.

Matt Whyte and Peter Schnell

Activists Matt Whyte and Peter Schnell were arrested in Santa Cruz January 23rd for the alleged possession of materials that could be made into "destructive devices. The materials the arresting officers concede the charges are based on are nothing more than a can of gas, some gallon jugs, and birthday candles. In addition to citing their alleged possession of a can of gas, water jugs, and birthday candles the police report actually includes photos of the other "evidence" found in the young men's car. Amongst the more interesting items seized and photographed are a wrapper from a Tropical Source chocolate bar, a flyer to an upcoming forum on the prison industrial complex, and a map of Santa Cruz. Originally, the bail was set for $250,000 but after a few weeks, both activists were able to be bailed out despite the prosecutor's objections. Federal charges have been filed against them and they are currently under house arrest and Peter has an electronic collar on him. For more information, contact sc2fund@hotmail.com

Josh Harper

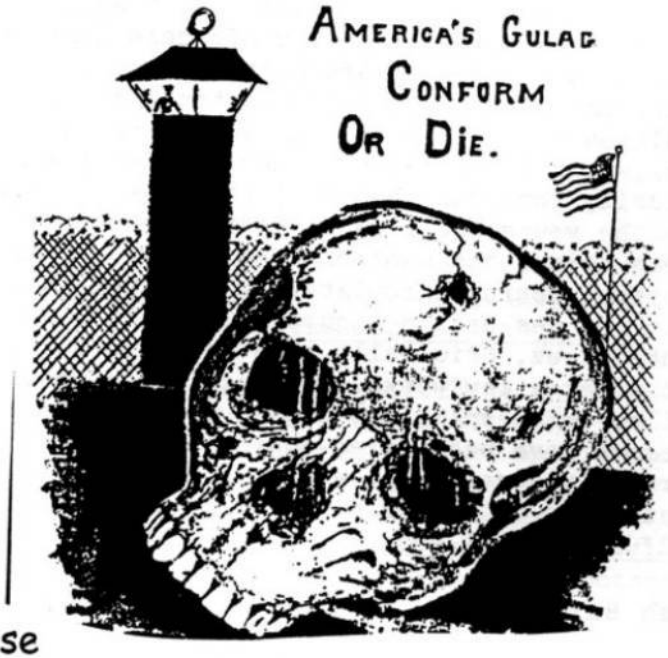
Josh Harpers criminal contempt charges were dropped because he agreed to appear before a federal grand Jury (under threat of imprisonment if he missed this court appearance) but once there Josh failed to answer any of their questions. However, despite Josh's failure to assist the grand jury it looks like he won't be jailed for contempt of court. Now that his criminal contempt charges have been dropped, fellow activists Craig Rosebraugh and Elaine Close will not be pressured by the State to testify against their friend in court. For more information on what sort of questions the Portland grand jury asked Josh, read our Grand Jury section later in the newsletter.

Andy Stepanian

Andy was released from prison last month!

Jeremy Parkin

Citing a lack of evidence, a 3rd District judge has dismissed charges against Jeremy who was accused of releasing mink two years ago from a Salt Lake County fur farm. He spent 14 days in the Salt Lake County Jail until his parents could raise the $100,000 bail to release him in December.



Ecodefense

Jeremiah Rush Bowen. #108016, DCC, 1140 East 10 Road, Delta, CO 81416. Serving two years for the arson of a townhouse in Boulder, Colorado in the summer of 2000

Jeffrey Luers #1306729, 101 W. 5th Street Eugene, Oregon 97401. aka Free. Awaiting trial May 30th on eleven charges relating to two arsons in Eugene, Oregon.

Craig Marshall, PO Box 50263, Eugene, OR 97405. aka Critter. Serving a five and a half year sentence for conspiracy to commit arson and possession of unlawful devices.

Ted Kaczynski (04475-046), US Pen - admin Max Facility, PO Box 8500, Florence Colorado 81226.

Helen Woodson, 03231-045 FMC Carswell, POB 27137 Admin Max Unit, Fort Worth, TX 76127. Serving 27 years for robbing a bank and then setting the money on fire while reading out a statement denouncing greed, capitalism and the destruction of the environment.

Lee Himlin EX7748 HMP Perry Road, Sherwood, Nottingham, N65 3AG UK On remand for criminal damage to quarrying equipment at the Nine Ladies quarry.

Nikos Maziotis, c/o Dafni Vaganou, Ozortz 3, 10689 Athenes, Greece. Serving 15 years for bombing the Greek Ministry of Industry in solidarity with the residents of Strymonikos Bay opposed to the attempts by TVX-Gold to build a factory there.

Silvano Pellissero, Com. Mastrolierto, Via Ferrerinoli no2, Sanponso, 10080 Torino, Italy. Serving 6 years 8 months for allegedly sabotaging a rail line construction site in the Northern Italian Alps.



Anti-capitalist

Robert Thaxton #12112716, 777 Stanton Street, Ontario, OR 97914. Rob threw a rock at a cop in self-defense at the 1999 Eugene J18 RTS and received a severe seven year sentence as part of a "mandatory minimum" sentence.

Michael Collins, FR6303, HMP Elmley, Church Road, Eastchurch, Sheerness,Kent, ME12 4AY, UK (2 years)

Jonathan Elliot, FT10TT,H.M.P Petonville, Caledonian Road London, N7 8TT,UK (six months, due out soon)

Garfield Marcus Gabbard, FT9062 HMP Pentonville Caledonian Road London. N7 UK. Garfield is expecting a seven year prison sentence for setting fire to a police van during the N30 demonstrations.

Animal Liberation

Charlotte Lewis, GN4092, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Rd, London, N7 ONU,England. Serving six months for sending hate mail to Huntington Life Science employees.

Mel Broughton DJ8216, HMP The Mount, Molyneaux Avenue, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0NZ, England. Serving 4 years for conspiracy to cause explosions.

Barry Horne VC2141, HMP Belmarsh, Western Way, Thamesmead, London SE28 0EB,England. Serving 18 years for various anti-vivisection arsons and attempted arsons.

Mark Kulsdom, Blegdamfejens Faengsel, Blegdamsvej 6, 2200 Copenhagen N, Denmark. Dutch ALF activist serving 10 months for releasing 8,000 mink from a fur farm in Denmark.

Robert Molenaar, Blegdamfejens Faengsel, Blegdamsvej 6, 2200 Copenhagen N,Denmark. Dutch ALF activist serving 10 months for releasing 8,000 mink from a fur farm in Denmark

Geert Waegemans, Begijnestraat 42 2000 Antwerp, Belgium. On remand Charged with various arsons against the meat industry and McDonalds restaurants.

Indigenous

Eric Wildcat Hall, #BL-5355, Unit I/A 10745 Route 18, Albion, PA 16475-0002 Serving 35-75 years for helping ship arms to Central American resisters

Leonard Peltier #89637-132, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048. An American Indian Movement (AIM) activist, serving two Life sentences, having been framed for the murder of two FBI agents.

Robert Wilson #640289, Pack Unit 1, 2400 Wallace Pack Rd, Navasota, TX 77869. In 1978 Robert (a.k.a. Standing Deer) exposed a government plot to assassinate Leonard Peltier. His reward was life in prison.

Lenny Chavez, PO Box 28703, Oakland CA 94694 . An AIM activist who defended himself & his family from an armed racist. Lenny disarmed his attacked by stabbing him with a penknife. Lenny was jailed for attempted murder.

Earth Warrior (1983)
by Eric Wildcat Hall



The warrior walks in the night
In Oneness with the land
with a destroyer does he fight
in a caretaker stand
With tears in his eyes
he looks at the ravaged land
knowing from where came the lies
in rightness he uses his hands
to attack the steel enemy
a machine of misguided man
and though his foes are many
these machines does he damn
Many times does he fight
ripping wires with his hands
knowing he is right
to protect the sacred land
for he is a child
of sacred Mother Earth
his spirit with the wild
since before his birth.

THE REAL CRIMINALS
ARE THE RICH WHO RUN
THE SYSTEM AT OUR EXPENSE

MOVE

Debbie Simms Africa (006307), Janet Holloway Africa (006308), Janine Philips Africa (006309 SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238

Michael Davis Africa (AM4973), Charles Simms Africa (AM4975),SCI Grateford, PO Box 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244,

Edward Goodman Africa (AM4974) SCI Camp Hill, PA 17011-0200

William Philips Africa (AM4984), Delbert Orr Africa (AM4985) SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612.

UNTIL ALL ARE FREE
WE ARE ALL IMPRISONED !

Josh Harper Grand Jury Questions

The following section is a list of questions Josh Harper was asked by the recent Portland Grand Jury investigating the ELF and ALF.

Aritola Mink Raid, Mount Angel,Oregon
1. Were you aware that this crime occurred?

2. Did you know in advance that there was going to be an action at the Aritola mink farm?
3. Were you ever present on the farm?
4. Did you participate in any crime on the farm?
5. Did you write the communiqué?
6. Do you know who did write the communiqué?
7. Do you consider this a case of direct action?
8. Did you participate in the media release of the communiqué?
9. Did you solicit video footage of this action?
10. Did you receive video footage of this action?
11. Did you receive any written notes or still pictures?
12. Did you communicate with anyone regarding this action via e-mail?
13. Did you send an e-mail to anyone describing the interior lay-out of the farm?

14. Is there anything that you would like to tell us about this action, or any testimony you would like to clarify? (This question was asked again, afterdiscussing each subsequent action.)

Cavel West Arson

1. Were you aware that this crime occurred?
2. Were you aware that it was going to happen before it occurred?
3. Did you ever discuss the identity of those involved with any person?
4. Did you have any prior information about Cavel west?
5. What do the initials EZLN stand for?
6. Do you know which members of the Equine and Zebra Liberation Network or ALF we're responsible for this action?
7. Did you write the communiqué for this action?
8. Do you know who did write the communiqué for this action?
9. Did you solicit video footage for this action?
10. Would you regard this as an instance of direct action?
11. Did you receive any written notes about this action?
12. Did you receive any audio tapes, or still photos of this action?

BLM Horse Corral arson and wild horse release.

1. How did you become aware that this crime occurred?
2. Did you participate in this crime?
3. Do you know who did this crime?
4. what details do you have about how this crime occurred?
5. Did you write the communiqué?
6. Do you know who did?
7. Would you consider this a direct action?
8. Did you have advance knowledge of this action?
9. Have you ever been to the Burns horse corral?
10. Were you aware of it's existence prior to the arson?
11. Did you solicit or receive any video tape?

12. Did you communicate with anyone about this action via e-mail?

U.S. Forest Industries Arson

1. How did you become aware of this crime?
2. What is the identity of those who were involved?
3. Had you had any discussion of this crime prior to it happening?
4. Did anyone tell you they wanted to burn a place in Medford in advance?
5. Do you consider this to be direct action?
6. Were you a smoker at the time of this fire?
7. Did you ever receive a written account of this fire?
8. Did you receive notes from anyone about this crime?
9. Did you solicit any video tape of this crime?

Childers Meat arson, Eugene, OR.
1. Were you aware of the existence of Childers meats before the arson?
2. Have you ever been to Childers meats?
3. Do you know what sort of business happens at Childers meats?
4. Did you receive any tapes or written account of this action?
5. Did you hear anyone say they wanted to burn down Childers meats?
6. Do you consider this a direct action?

Boise Cascade arson, Monmouth OR.
1. Did you have any prior knowledge of the Boise Cascade office?
2. Did you take part in writing the communiqué?
3. Who did write the communiqué?
4. Did you solicit video of this action?

Superior Lumber, Glendale, OR.
1. Have you ever been to Glendale Oregon?
2. Did you write the communiqué for this action?
3. Do you know who did write it?

Grand Jury Questions- What follows are most of the questions asked by the actual jurors. I have omitted those that were repetitious, or involved peoples names. I also have omitted the lectures and statements of any jurors and the prosecutor. (By the way, the prosecutor earlier in the day had yelled, "Stop playing games with me Mr. Harper! If you want to keep saying, 'I don't recall' I will just leave the room and try and get any sentence I can on the criminal contempt charge." I thought it was pretty funny.)
1. Are you a member of the ALF or ELF?
2. Can you please define direct action?
3. (Sarcastically,) Do you possibly recall if you were you present at the WTO demonstrations?



Frank Ambrose Statement

January 25, 2001,

Today I was arrested for allegedly spiking trees that were scheduled to be logged in our publicly-owned State Forests. First, I want to assure people of my innocence. I have not committed the act that the Indiana Conservation Officers and the FBI are accusing me of, nor do I know who did. I am only guilty of being outspoken about the issue of logging on our public lands. I am committed to the protection of these treasures. Although I have publicly supported groups that have at times engaged in clandestine campaigns, I do not myself participate in property destruction. I believe in and am committed to non-violent direct action and civil disobedience as has been practiced for years by the civil rights, peace, labor, and environmental movements.

This country's police agencies have made my arrest a media spectacle, as they have been trying to catch someone from the Earth Liberation Front. In their zeal to catch someone, anyone, they have conveniently forgotten about civil rights. They have used a number of underhanded tactics to destroy any support I may have as an activist and citizen in this community. The police had raided our house in July looking for implements of tree spiking, and came away with family photo albums, address books, and organizational files about the groups my wife and I have worked with in the past. Conservation officers have also called upon charity organizations that have helped me and my family out in times of need and told them I was a terrorist," even though I have not been convicted of any crime and deny this allegation.

I am sure they will continue to label me a "terrorist" in their media spectacle, even though there has been no trial and I have not been convicted of anything. I urge the media to consider what they are printing and how they label me and others. Remember, even though the FBI calls what the ELF does "terrorism," it does not mean that it is terrorism. The ELF has widely publicized guidelines that preclude any actions that endanger life, human or otherwise. Terrorism is random, bombs exploding in crowded shopping plazas and actions of that nature.

Terrorism seeks to frighten and demoralize by causing harm or even death. I do not engage in these kinds of actions and do not belong to any terrorist organizations. I have always been a peaceful activist and have attempted to change governmental policies through peaceful means…
For a full copy of Frank's statement, contact the Bloomington Defense Committee (address listed in our contact section).

Hate crime legislation : the State's latest attempt to silence dissent

In Oregon, senator Gary George is introducing a bill into the Oregon legislature that would expand the definition of "hate crimes" in a direction that would benefit the cause of state repression: he wants to include the actions of so-called "eco-terrorists" and critics of capitalism. The bill calls for an additional five years in prison for someone whose crime was motivated by " a hatred of people who subscribe to a set of political beliefs that support capitalism and the needs of people with respect to their balance with nature".

In his lame attempts to justify this Bill to the larger public, Gary George has stated, " The fact is, we punish people for what they are thinking. We do that already". This is quite a revealing Faux Pas and essentially confirms what many of us suspected about "Hate crimes" legislation from the beginning ; That it's real purpose is to target political dissidents. This latest Bill is just part of the States ongoing attempts to portray revolutionaries as "terrorists" and to increase their ability to put revolutionaries away for a *long time.*

It's abundantly clear what movements Senator Gary George would like to crush with this legislation and it's important that anyone even remotely connected with Earth liberation or Anti- capitalist struggles pay attention to this latest move on the part of the State to neutralize dissent. And if there are any doubts at all about how the State intends to utilize these laws, we need only look at the recent case of Native American activist James Cosner , who is being held on $ 50,000 bail in the Santa Clara County Jail for publicly smashing a statue of Christopher Columbus on Thursday, March 8th at the San Jose City Hall. He is being charged with destruction of a civic monument and making terrorist threats under federal hate crimes legislation, presumably for yelling out "Genocide" and "This man murdered us!" while he

smashed away at the statue of Columbus with a sledgehammer.

A Bill similar to the Oregon one is also being proposed in Washington state:

WA HOUSE BILL 1938
An act relating to sabotage resulting in damage to land, facilities, and property. Sponsored by Representatives Pearson, Sump, Doumit, Jackley, Pennington, Mulliken, Boldt, Schoesler and Buck House bill 1938 establishes new penalties for damages done by terrorist activities against certain industries including timber and mining companies, fur farms, recreational, residential, commercial, and industrial development, university research facilities, and animal and biotechnology research laboratories.

"We've seen an increase of attacks against facilities in Western states, including Washington, by groups that have an agenda and claim responsibility," said the bill's prime sponsor, Rep. Kirk Pearson, R-Monroe.

"They've not only created quite a bit of destruction, but they've also put a lot of people in danger. My greatest fear is if we don't do something to stop this, it will continue to get worse and lives may be lost." Under the bill, anyone who enters another's property and damages, destroys or causes injury to land or personal property would be liable.

Pearson cited a recent attack on Pacific Logging's Marblemount operations in which someone put sand in the engines and hydraulic tanks and rice in the radiators of equipment, causing more than $100,000 in damage. Leslie James Pickering, a spokesman for the Earth Liberation Front, said bills like this have been proposed in other states and don't deter economic saboteurs.

It's important for all of us involved in the radical ecological resistance movement to keep each other informed on recent developments in " Hate Crime" legislation.

We highly recommend

Species Traitor
PO Box 835
Greensburg, PA 15601
www.emote.org/CAC/speciestraitor.html
coalitionagainstcivilization@hotmail.com

Portland Terrorism Task Force Updates

Head Portland FBI agent David Szady (featured on the "60 minutes" ELF special) has been promoted to the federal government's first national counterintelligence executive. He will oversee activities among the FBI, CIA and other agencies under a directive issued on Dec. 28 by clinton. The national executive job filled by Szady is similar to that of the national drug control policy director, which coordinates anti-drug activities among various federal agencies.

Rumor has it that Special Agent Daniel Feucht had a brain aneurysm last month. Unfortunately, Feucht will have to take some time off from harassing the ELF Press Office for the next couple of months.



Grand Jury In Phoenix

A federal grand jury has formed in Phoenix, Arizona to investigate over ten arsons claimed by the "Coalition to Save the Preserves" in the last year. Journalist James Hibberd just won a court case that prevented the FBI and law enforcement agencies from seizing audiotapes made of a phone message left by a representative of the elusive "CSP". Hibberd interviewed the masked CSP member in a public park two months ago and it seems that everyone that was in the park at the time is being questioned (including the band that was playing!) At present time, it seems that the feds are stifled in their attempts to solve the arsons and intimidate people into speaking before a grand jury.

Prisoner Support Groups/Useful Contacts

North American Earth Liberation Front Press Office/Resistance Magazine Contact: Craig Rosebraugh, Leslie James POB 4783, Portland, OR 97208 503-478-0902 elfpress@tao.ca

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UK Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network c/o Cornerstone Resource Center, Leeds, LS7 3HB animalEarthliberation@bigfoot.com

Bloomington Defense Committee POB 3503, Bloomington, IN 47402 defensecommittee@yahoo.com 812-333-0173

Santa Cruz 2 Defense Fund, POB 917 Santa Cruz, CA 95060 railpirate@apexmail.com

Free and Critter Support Committee 454 Willamette Street, Suite 205, Eugene OR 97401 541-343-8548 http://www.efn.org/~eugpeace/freecritter

Rob Thaxton Support/Friends of Ted K. c/o POB 11331, Eugene, OR 97440

Josh Harper Support Fund POB 45275, Seattle, WA 98145, nevergivein@hotmail.com

Connor Cash Support c/o Long Island Animal Defense League (ADL) PO Box 1117, Huntington, NY 11743 (631)340-4708 freeconnorcash@yahoo.com longislandadl@excite.com

Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, POB 583, Lawrence KS 66044; 913-842-5774

Mutual Aid Legal Fund (MALF) POB 95616, Seattle, WA 98145-2616

Anarchist Prisoner Legal Aid Network (APLAN) 818 SW 3rd Avenue, PMB 354, Portland, OR 97204 aplan@tao.ca

Northwest Anarchist Prisoner Support Network/Break the Chains newsletter/Eugene Anarchist Action Collective

Distro, POB 11331, Eugene, OR 97440. Distributes Free and Critter's zine, Fuck the System, for $2 donation, Rob Thaxton's "Rob the Rich" and "Fuck you Bearden" ($2) and "He Tried to Save Us" about Ted Kacynski for a few dollars.

South Chicago ABC POB 721, Homewood, IL 60430 Publishes the zine, *Thought Bombs* and distributes a load of other zines.

Friends of MOVE, POB 19709, Philadelphia, PA 19143

No Compromise P.O. Box 1440, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 831-425-3007 NoComp@waste.org

North American Animal Liberation Front Support Group Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario, M2M 4K3, Canada nalfsg@envirolink.org www.animalliberation.net Publishes *The Underground*

Vegan Resource Pack- available from PCRM, 5100 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 404, Washington DC 20016 They can send a packet about vegan nutrition to wardens and prison dieticians.



BOOKS TO PRISONERS PROGRAMS

Below is a list of organizations that will send books to people who are in prison. When writing to these organizations, be sure to include any specific information about mailing restrictions at your institution, especially include any labels or forms needed by the prison. Expect a few months for delivery.

1. General Book Programs that are free or ask a small donation:

Epimethian Press
P.O. Box 2143
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Books to Prisoners
c/o Left Bank Books
92 Pike St., Box A
Seattle, WA 98101
Request by subject, no religious materials or legal materials. If prison requires books to be sent first-class, then prisoner needs to make donation of $2, otherwise donations suggested.

Books Through Bars
New Society Publishers
4722 Baltimore Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19143
Request books by topic, for example: novels, American History, no catalog. Donations including stamps greatly accepted.

Claustrophobia
P.O. Box 1721
Baltimore, MD 21203
Anarchist collective that distributes political literature on prison struggles, class struggles, and Black Liberation Movement. List is free, send three stamps to receive free materials.

Groundwork Books
0323 Student Center
La Jolla, CA 92037
Groundwork offers up to two books per person, Free of charge. Subjects: politics, culture, criticism, Feminism and select novels. We will sell all books after this at 40% off original price. Write to request a book list.

The Prison Library Project
915 West Foothill Blvd. Suite C128
Claremont, CA 91711
Free books on self-help, personal and spiritual growth, wellness, and metaphysical books. No law books, technical, or GED. No catalogue.

Prison Literature Project
c/o Bound Together Books
1369 Haight St.
San Francisco, CA 94117
Request books by title, no Christian/Islamic, horror, romance novels, stamps or donations greatly appreciated. Offers free services.

Raze the Walls!
2351 College Station Rd.
Box #523
Athens, GA 30605
Anarchist collective that distributes political literature on prison struggles, class struggles, and Black Liberation Movement. List is free, send three stamps to receive free materials.

Portland Books to Prisoners
PO Box 5998
Portland, OR 97228
1-877-378-9922 ext 054

Prison Book Project
P.O. Box 396
Amherst, MA 02004
MA and TX prisoners only.

Pen Writing Program
568 Broadway
New York, NY 10012
"Word over whales": starting a writing workshop in a prison.

Prison Book Program
Lucy Parson's Center & Bookstore
110 Arlington St.
Boston, MA 02116
*Request topics or titles: legal materials, educational, social, political, and books in Spanish. No catalogue. Does **not** send to CA, IN, OH, PA, or WA.*

Prison Reading Project
Pa2 Press
PO Box 3146
Fayetteville, AR 72702
Free books to women prisoners. **Serve the People**
c/o RAIL
P.O. Box 3576
Ann Arbor, MI 48106-3576
Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist League (RAIL).

Women's Prison Book Project
C/o Arise Bookstore
2441 Lyndale Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
*This program is for **women prisoners only**.*

Western Prison Project
P.O. Box 40085, Portland, OR, 97240
Phone: (503) 335-8449
Fax: (503) 287-5561
E-mail: wpp@teleport.com

AAC Book and Zine Distro

Many Anarchist and Anti-authoritarian Books and zines

Send a stamp for a full listing

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Organizations who you can order books from that you will have to pay for:

ACLU
132 W. 43rd St.
New York, NY 10036
ACLU Handbook - Prisoners Rights. $5.

AK Press
P 0 Box 40682
San Francisco, CA 94140-0682
40% discount on books to prisoners. Distributes thousands of books on subjects ranging from left politics, literature, music, and history. Write for a catalogue of books you can buy.

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1507 Dana Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45207
Write for a catalogue of books you can buy.

Books Beyond Bars
PO Box 4865
Hialeah, FL 33014
305 444-0120
Can order books that you have to pay for.

National Lawyers Guild Prison Law Project
558 Capp St.
San Francisco, CA 94110
$ 7.50 for prisoners

Oceana Publications
75 Main St.
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Prisoners self-help information manual $32.95

Prison Legal News
2400 80th St, NW #148
Seattle, WA 98117
Monthly legal publication. $18/year.

South End Press
7 Brookline St. #1
Cambridge MA 02139-4146
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. The following programs provided free books to prisoners at one point. We do not know if they are still in operation. Write at your own risk!

Arm the Spirit
PO Box 6326, Stn A
Toronto, ONT
M5W IP7 CANADA

Inside Out
P O Box 1019
Sacramento, CA 95812

Lewisburg Prison Project Publication
P 0 Box 128
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Rising Sun Books
P.O. Box 4362
Allentown, PA 18105

Tower Press
RD 2 Box 411
Duncansville, PA 16635

Women's Prison Book Project

c/o Arise Bookstore
2441 Lyndale Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
Voicemail: 612-837-1762

- *Left Bank Books Collective*
  92 Pike Street, Box A
  Seattle, WA 98101; (206) 622-0195
  A dedicated supporter of Books to Prisoners, providing us with free rent! They are also Seattle's best bookstore, a radical collective of great folks, AND offer some of the finest anarchist books in the world at the regular store and through a catalog from Left Bank Distribution, (206) 322-2868 or leftbank@leftbankbooks.com.
- *Prison Activist Resource Center*
  PO Box 339, Berkeley, CA 94701; phone: (510) 893-4648 / fax: (510) 893-4607
  parc@prisonactivist.org PARC also coordinates the Prison Issues Desk, source for progressive and radical information on prisons and the criminal prosecution system. The project includes resources for educators and activists, and up-to-date news and analysis on issues such as the prison crisis, women prisoners, and control units.
- ***Books Through Bars***
  C/O Bluestockings Bookstore, 172 Allen Street, New York, NY 10002
  Specializes in historical, educational & political material. They do not send out bestsellers such as Stephen King, James Clavell, etc... Stamps or donations are greatly appreciated.
- *American Civil Liberties Union*
  125 Broad Street, 18th Floor, New York, New York 10004-2400
  A possible resource for legal assistence. The ACLU has a position paper on Prisoners Rights that is free to prisoners.

- ***Prison News Service*** *(a quarterly publication with news, analysis and information from prisons across the United States and Canada.) Subscriptions are $10 for 6 issues, free to prisoners. Send $2.00 (American cash is okay) for a sample copy to:*
  PSC Publishers, P.O. Box 5052, Stn A, Toronto, Ont, Canada M5W 1W4

The Prisoner Support Directory

The Angolite
Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, LA 70712
A paper produced by prisoners of Angola prison in Louisiana. It is considered excellent prison journalism. Subs are $20 a year.

Coalition for Prisoners' Rights Newsletter
Prison Project of Santa Fe, Inc.
P.O. Box 1911 Santa Fe, NM 87504
Published monthly. Free to prisoners, family members, and ex-prisoners who request it themselves.

Disbarred
NLG Prison Law Project
558 Capp St. San Francisco, CA 94110
Membership to the National Lawyers Guild and the Prison Law Project for jailhouse lawyers, $8/year, which includes four issues of Disbarred.

Fortune News
Inmate Subscriptions
39 West 19th St. NY, NY 10011
A publication of Fortune Society who provides advocacy for prisoners on behalf of their families, HIV counseling, and support groups.

Inside Journal
C/o Prison Fellowship
P.O. Box 16429, Washington, D.C. 20041
Publication of Prison Fellowship.

National Prison Project Journal
ACLU National Prison Project
1875 Connecticut Avenue NW #410
Washington, D.C. 20009
$2/year for prisoners.

Social Support Agencies:
American Friends Service Committee
1501 Cherry St. Philadelphia, PA 19104
A Quaker organization that works for peace and equality. Can provide literature on a variety of prison issues.

Oceana Press
75 Main St. Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Prisoner's Self-Help Litigation Manual $29.95, Post-Conviction Remedies $17.50, Brief Writing and Oral Arguments $28, Introduction to the Legal System of the United States $23.50.

Outlook on Justice
2161 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02140
A newsletter of the American Friends Service Committee, $2/year for prisoners.

Prison News Service
P.O. Box 5052, Station A
Toronto, Ontario M5W 1W4 CANADA
An excellent source of information about the prison movement in North America. While not publishing from prison, PNS is mostly written by prisoners and published by prisoner rights activists. Subs are $10 or more.

Prison Resource Clearinghouse
2103 N. Decatur Road, Suite 113
Decatur, GA 30033
Publishes a newsletter with information about legal issues, religious issues, pen-pals, and much more.

Raze the Walls
2350 College Station Road
P.O. Box 523 Athens, GA 30605
Publishes a prisoner's resource guide for $3, for $5 you can have one sent to a prisoner as well. Make checks payable to Mike Mann, NOT Raze the Walls. They also publish a quarterly magazine.

PEN, Writing Program for Prisoners
568 Broadway NY, NY 10012
Offers FREE a great resource booklet for prison writers and a separate list of fifty nine correspondence courses leading to either high school, college, or paralegal diploma, and certificate or degree programs. Also sponsors an annual writing contest for prisoners.

Legal Resources:
Legal Aid Society Prisoners' Rights Project
15 Park Row 23rd Fl. NY, NY 10038

Lewisburg Prison Project
P.O. Box 128 Lewisburg, PA 17837
Publishes a number of low-cost materials for prisoners, including Legal Bulletins, Prisoner's Guide to Federal Parole, and Due Process Standards for Administrative Detention.

Prison Legal News
2400 NW 80th Street #148 Seattle, WA 98117
Monthly magazine edited by WA state prisoners. Review and analysis of prisoner rights court rulings and news about prison issues.

Native American Rights Fund (NARF)
1506 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80302
A non-profit legal organization devoted to defending and promoting the legal rights of Native American people. It focuses on guaranteeing that national and state governments live up to their legal obligations mainly through work in the courtroom.

Nolo Press
950 Parker St. Berkeley, CA 94710
Publishes a legal self-help newspaper Nolo News and other materials such as Legal research, 4th edition, which gibves step-by-step instructions in finding legal information. The legal self-helper can use this book to find and research a case; read statutes and administrative regulations; and make requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

Prisoners Self Help Legal Clinic
35 Hanley St. Newark, NY 07102
Publishes bulletin The Bridge and low-cost self-help litigation booklets. Some topics are specific to New Jersey state courts but most are useful to prisoners in other states as well. Some booklets are available in Spanish.

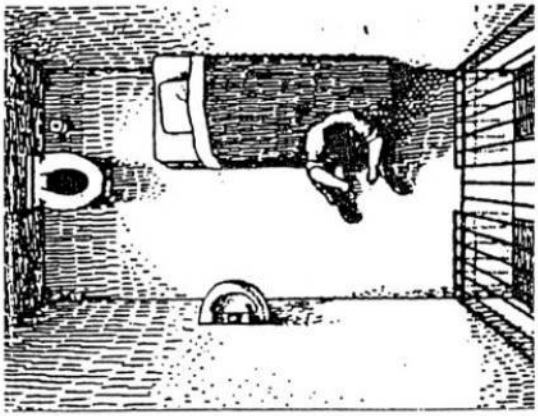


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Anarchist Prisoners' Legal Aid Network

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The Anarchist Prisoners' Legal Aid Network (APLAN) is a prisoner-guided initiative, formed to provide legal aid and outside support for imprisoned anarchists. We believe that anarchists need to support those who are arrested and already in jail. This isn't always easy, yet is a challenge our movement needs to take on.



There are dozens of anarchists in prison, many of whom face abuses by the prison authorities. Some are held in segregation units with violent white supremacists, who are a threat to their lives. We can fight repressive action taken against anarchist prisoners, but it will take effort from inside *and* outside the prisons to do this.

Anarchist prisoners can contribute to struggles on the outside, but need outside contact to do this. APLAN aims to facilitate these efforts and thus strengthen anarchist practice as a whole.

We hope to provide sound legal advice and aid for anarchist prisoners. This support for imprisoned comrades is not based upon respect for the judicial apparatus, but is provided in the spirit of mutual aid and solidarity in struggle. The sharing of research material and resources will be an immediate goal. We welcome contact with those who have specific knowledge of legal matters.

We hope for broad involvement, in multiform ways, from throughout the anarchist movement. Write for information about current activities and how to get involved.



The Defiant: Prisoners in the Global Resistance edited by Rob Los Ricos

An excellent, well produced zine featuring articles by political prisoners including Ali Khalid Abdullah, Robert Thaxton, Mark Barnsley, Harold Thompson and Nikos Maziotis. Available for $3-5 from the above address.

Tips for writing to prisoners

As resistance to capitalism and government escalates, the number of people involved in the struggle that will be abducted, kidnapped, beaten, framed, jailed and most likely murdered by the authorities will also rise. Because they are contained behind prison walls does not mean they should be forgotten or counted out-of-commission. It is imperative to support them in their isolation and their continued struggles on the inside.

Most simply stated, jail can be lonely and it helps to know others are thinking about you. It can also help their situation by authorities knowing that people are watching and aware.

It can be intimidating writing a prisoner for the first time. This pamphlet is just a guide to help those interested in supporting internees, but there is no formal set of rules. Prisons' regulations vary and prisoners' needs and desires are vast and differing.

- First, abandon and forget all the stereotypes and preconceived notions you may have of people in jail.
- You may want to use a PO Box. This creates a consistent mailing address (in case of traveling or moving) and prevents your home address from being hand delivered to the authorities.
- Some prisons will not accept mail without a return address or some sort of a last name so be sure to include them on the envelope.
- Date all correspondence. Mail tampering and delays do happen. Write your return address on the letter because sometimes envelopes are discarded before the mail is given to the inmate.
- List enclosures on envelope. You should assume all mail is monitored so listing enclosed items may help get them through quicker, help in their being returned to you if denied or assist the prisoner in litigation for mail censorship if they choose to pursue the issue.
- Use standard paper and envelopes. As your relationship develops you can experiment with envelope art or fancy paper if you wish, but for starters, don't give the authorities any reason to reject the mail.
- Again, assume all correspondence is monitored. Do not say anything compromising your safety or, more importantly, the safety of the inmate. Guards may take retribution for what you write out on the prisoner—mentally and/or physically.
- Do not draw symbols that may improperly be construed as "gang related." This is particularly true of anarchy symbols since more and more frequently anarchists and their sympathizers are being labeled as gang members and as a "security threat group" (STG), which can lead to greater isolation, brutality and placement in white supremacy units where their lives would be endangered.
- Ask if they can receive stamps or envelopes and what the restrictions are for mailing those supplies into the prison. Inmates may receive an abundance of mail and/or lack sufficient funds or stamps to reply to everyone. Be patient and if the prisoner can receive mail supplies, send them when able. Be sure to find out the proper procedure first as the rules can change drastically between prisons.

If writing a complete stranger is difficult at first, don't worry. It gets easier the more you do it and as a relationship develops.

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