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thinking of what legacy we will leave for those who come after us.

While our tactics and strategies change and evolve over time, we must always meet the moment with an impulse to push ahead and not remain waiting. We may take moments of evasion and defensive posture, only to come back stronger and more intransigent. The context we find ourselves is always changing, but our purpose remains the same. Solidarity without end means always acting towards the goal of destroying the prevailing order.

The stakes remain the same even as the terrain shifts. The threats remain the same even if they are becoming more common. Previously short sentences have become longer with terrorist designations and enhancements. Camps develop beside prisons. Policing becomes a more obvious occupation. Murders become genocides. This isn't new, but really a return to a previously escalated state that built the settler-colonial empires. The far right reactionaries of the world have been regaining influence and power for quite some time, building off of the fear of concurrent crises, while the moderates try to cling to a modern status quo by treading water in a rising, turbulent tide. The crises are real — so are the economic downturns and increasing shortages, and so will be the violence handed down from on high as authorities try to maintain and further centralize their power...

Our practice of solidarity is not just one of obligation, but of recognition that an ever-expanding and never-ending solidarity as part of the path to all of our freedom. Because we know ourselves to be more connected, stronger, and ultimately more capable when it is always a part of what guides us. We know there is no fixed limit or end, and the need for solidarity will always be there. We know that we find richness in the ways that it deepens our movements and selves.

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2026 CALL: SOLIDARITY

WITHOUT END

***JUNE 11: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY
WITH MARIUS MASON AND ALL LONG-TERM
ANARCHIST PRISONERS***

This year as we are marking the International Day of Solidarity with Marius Mason and All Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners we are thinking about the nature of solidarity as ever-changing and never-ending. Our solidarity is not just for those who are imprisoned, but for all those who are harassed, intimidated, deported, hunted, on the run, tortured, and even killed — not just for individuals but for the struggles they are a part of. Just as repression ebbs and flows and state tactics adapt, transform, and innovate, so must our practice of active solidarity. We must adapt to the changing terrain and needs of our movements.

Solidarity does not end when trial ends and a verdict is reached, when a hunger strike has gotten its demands met, or even when somebody is released from custody back into the arms of their family and friends. The consequences of state repression last long beyond big moments and media attention. Whenever one cycle of struggle winds down as the target of the state, another will take its place. Whenever one comrade is released from prison, another will be taken in. Our support must continue to ripple out beyond our friends and immediate networks. It must extend beyond the borders of states into all lands and territories where people are fighting. It must expand beyond the present moment, honoring comrades of the past and

June 11

***“Our hopes are for total freedom. May our
actions reflect that” — An Interview
with In Contempt***

In Contempt: The June 11th International Day of Solidarity with All Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners originally began as a call for a weekend of solidarity with Pacific Northwest eco-anarchist Jeff “Free” Luers who was sentenced to 22 years in prison (of which he was imprisoned for 10) for accusations of arson in the struggle for environmental liberation. Looking back at old issues of the Break the Chains newsletter, a Eugene-based prisoner support project, the first June 11 explicitly involved cross-generational solidarity through struggles, with participation at the Eugene solidarity event for Free from former anti-imperialist political prisoner and archivist Claude Marks and former MOVE political prisoner and Black revolutionary Ramona Africa (as well as a performance from Klee Benally’s punk band Blackfire!). How did June 11 grow from a single solidarity initiative to embrace other long-term anarchist prisoners in the US like Eric McDavid, Eric King, Michael Kimble, Marius Mason, and others, while also spreading internationally to embrace anarchist prisoners in Italy, Greece, Chile, Indonesia, Russia, and elsewhere?

June 11: It has transformed gradually over the years, both as the participants and as the contexts have changed. I believe there was a gap for a few years between the Free Luers era and when it came back for Marius and Eric McDavid. That came out of supporters of both of them getting together and discussing the need to plan for the long haul of 20 year sentences. And seeing that as better to do cooperatively than for each individual comrade, case, crew. As Eric got released, it expanded to highlight other people. Part of this happened as supporters of others, such as Michael Kimble, joined in the collaboration. During these years, discussions also included making an effort not to be too US-centered. We saw amazing acts of solidarity coming from all over the world, even back with Jeff Free Luers. Not to mention for our most famous martyrs, Sacco and Vanzetti, with whom there was incredible international solidarity a century ago. Solidarity should be flowing the other way as well. We should see the names of Greek, Chilean, Indonesia, etc comrades up here in the US, just as we see the names of American prisoners there. This is part of an internationalist practice of solidarity and an intentional de-centering of the US in a US-centric world. And the things anarchists are imprisoned for fighting rarely stop at any border.

A great (tho not unique) thing about J11 is that people can participant in whatever way they want. Some can focus on eco-prisoners, some on international prisoners, people with a local connection, etc. The day is co-created not only by those of us who answer emails, but every prisoner or former prisoner who writes a statement and adds to our considerations, and

thoughtful and determined.

Every event that gathers to speak the names of our imprisoned fighters is powerful, as is bringing their names to the sites of struggle in which they might be forgotten. They are not celebrities of course, but contributors and facilitators of debate and discussion as much as any of us. Solidarity means carrying on our collective fights and including them even when they're not physically present. It means working toward the goal of eradicating every prison, destroying the threats that attempt to contain us. It's about principled fighting that in the short term sets the ground work for how we collaborate later whether we fail or succeed, and not contributing to reforms and preventing recuperation that ends up targeting us.

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the imprisonment of Liam “Conejo” Ramos. Not only were people in this horrible camp willing to take the risk of collective action, but it was also clearly a gesture empowered by the revolt by the people in Minneapolis. An example of how resisting, in whatever method is available, inspires others to do the same.

In Contempt: In the June 11 2026: Solidarity Without End call to action, the J11 collective writes, “The consequences for acting against the dominant order seem to be escalating, so we are pushed to acknowledge what we’ve always known to be true: half measures are a trap. [...] We find productive accomplices when we act on anarchist principles, building empowerment of everyone against any new authority. The power over our lives must remain in our own hands — unmediated...” What do you hope and dream this unmediated, principled, action can become as individuals, collectives, and accomplices all over the world are starting to get to work for this year’s International Day of Solidarity with All Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners?

June 11: It’s about fighting the totality of hierarchy and oppression while fighting where we stand. No single action makes a revolution, and the means by which we struggle contribute to our ends. Getting beyond the cliches of it, we want to see an array of actions that target creative, interesting points. Sometimes that means something unique to your region, ideally a bottleneck of some sort. We know we will see reports from around the world acting in kind, and the geographically diverse contributions can be as important as the number of actions taken. It doesn’t matter if you’re alone or in a group. Be

June 12th Report

“To gain that which is worth having, it may be necessary to lose everything else.”
—Bernoldo Davini Molinsky

This June marked the fourth year that our friend and comrade Jeff “Free” Luers has been imprisoned and held captive by the state. In 2022, he spent 8 months for burning three Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) at a Eugene car dealership to protest ecological destruction, and numerous trumped up charges. Jeff has remained active in prison and continues to fight back with his words and inspiration. This June 12, Break the Chains and Free’s Defense Network, and many other groups throughout the world, organized a day of solidarity with Jeff to protest his ongoing prison sentence and to make a show of force for him before his appellate hearings.

This was the first annual international day of solidarity with Jeff, and it was a great success. Events and protests were organized by environmentalists, anarchists, human rights and prisoner support activists in countries as diverse as Australia, England, Finland, Norway, Poland, Russia, Scotland, and North America. The main event was held in the city where Free was originally arrested – Eugene, Oregon. It was organized by Break the Chains, with the help of the Cascadia Media Collective, Eugene Peace Works, and others.

Due to the threat of police violence, including FBI harassment, we decided not to do a public protest but instead to organize an indoor event focused on community education about Free’s case, to mobilize people to take action in support of Free – and other political prisoners – and against Oregon’s “Measure 11” mandatory-minimum sentencing guidelines and other forms of state repression.

The event, which was held at the WOW Hall, was attended by approximately 200 people. The main attractions at the event were presentations by former political prisoners Ramona Africa of MOVE and Claude Marks of the Freedom Archives, and a musical performance by the American Indian (Dine) “Alter-Native” funk musicians Blackfire. The event also included a showing of an edited version of the Australian documentary film “Green with a Vengeance” about radical environmentalism in the Northwest, combined with unseen footage of an interview with Free; plus presentations by members of Break the Chains, as well as Kevin Price of Friends of Move, and Free’s father, John Luers.

At the opening of the event, a member of Break the Chains greeted the audience and explained his reasons for supporting Free, noting that Free is a principled, compassionate person who belongs on the streets working for change, not held in torturous conditions of confinement. He also emphasized the ridiculousness of Free serving 22 years for actions that harmed nobody, when local cops are getting five years sentences for using their positions of power to sexually coerce women. Before handing over the mic to Claude Marks, he urged people to take action for Free now because if

they get away with keeping him down for 22 years, then all activists and dissidents will be more vulnerable to the wrath of the ruling class.

Claude Marks, the director and founder of San Francisco’s Freedom Archives Project, discussed the importance of prisoner support and the importance of being an ally, allowing those you are allies with to determine their own support well ahead. He said that, despite what you may think of their tactics, political prisoners as diverse as Jali Munragan, David Gilbert, Marilyn Buck, and now Jeff Luers, are all fighting for a more just world free from racism, war, and ecological annihilation. They are targeted most severely by the state because they are dissidents who see through the big lie of American “democracy.”

Following Claude, Blackfire members Jenada and Clayton performed traditional Dine singing and drumming while band member Klee performed his award-winning, award-winning hoop dance. The intricacy and sophistication of the dance is breathtaking. Klee spoke about the meaning of the dance for his people and his reasons for performing it at the event.

After the dance, another member of Break the Chains got on stage and read a statement by Free. The statement was written just for the event and was supposed to be read by Free over the phone and recorded to be played at the event. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties the statement was not recorded to instead a collective member read it to the audience. The statement is very powerful. This is the closing paragraph:

“Look around you. The people you see are your hope. They are your community. They are your allies and they are your source of strength. One person in this room has the power to make a difference. Imagine the difference you can make by working together. You want to be free from the control of multinational corporations that only care about profit? You want to be free from a police force that protects the corrupt? Do you want an alternative to a society and civilization that is destroying its own world? Then take the initiative and create it, build it, and fight for it. Lead by example. If you want change, then take it. Street by street, community by community until power has been reclaimed.”

The edited version of the film “Green with a Vengeance”, provided by the Cascadia Media Collective, refreshed everyone’s memory about the spirit that law enforcement and corporate media put on Jeff’s case, and the actual footage of Free – in the forest and then behind bars – gave the event a sense of urgency.

“Green with a Vengeance” was originally shown on mainstream television in Australia – something that would never happen here in the US. The filmmaker, Olivia Rousseau, had the courage to interview Free, allowing him to explain his real motivations and debunk the lie that he is an “eco-terrorist” when in reality he is an eco-defender who acted out of frustration with continual attempts at making change only to be ignored by the status quo.

Adding to the immediacy of the event was the presence of Free’s parents, John & Judy Luers. John Luers had a

short but impassioned statement prepared for the audience. Here it is in its entirety: “Good evening... Thank you all for coming... Today is intended to be a day for public education and awareness about Jeff and his case... The FBI, in its bulletin to law enforcement agencies, has chosen to make it loudly known an ELF (Earth Liberation Front) call to action. That’s wrong, full it got Jeff and his case some good publicity in pieces such as *Morgenthaun, West Virginia and Palm Beach, Florida that may not have developed otherwise... Jeff with Judy, and I want to thank all of the organizers and attendees at this event and similar events around the world designed to bring attention to the injustice done to our son, Jeff “Free” Luers.”*

Kevin Price, a longtime MOVE supporter, traveled from Philadelphia and spoke with fire about the lies surrounding Mumia Abu-Jamal’s case. He also made analogies between the misinformation around Free’s case and the severity of Free’s sentence with Mumia’s case, where he clearly wasn’t the person who killed the cop (another person has even confessed to the shooting). Mumia is on death row for his political beliefs, for his refusal to also reporting the truth. Kevin started doing work for Mumia and MOVE political beliefs at the age of 14. He’s now working with International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal and is publisher of the Friends of MOVE newsletter. His passion was well-received by the audience.

The last speaker was Ramona Africa, the Minister of Communication for the MOVE Organization, a former political prisoner and one of two survivors of a Philadelphia police assault in 1985 which killed 17 people and burned 200 neighbors out of their homes. Ramona spoke eloquently about the absurdity of the same government that refused to punish police for murdering MOVE members and their children in a bomb attack has the nerve to call Free a “terrorist.” She reminded us of the oppression and brutality suffered by people all over the world at the hands of the thugs who run the insane system. She pointed out that to go to the oppressor to ask them to stop oppressing you will never work. She gave many analogies for this, encouraging people to understand that the system itself will never change willingly and that power concedes nothing without a struggle. Ramona finished off her talk showing this message over a loud applause:

“Long live John! About Long live the Earth Liberation Front! Long live the Animal Liberation Front! Long live the Puerto Rican Independent Long live the Zapatistas! Long live Mumia Abu-Jamal! Long live Free! Long live all political prisoners! And death to this rotten ass system!”

Blackfire got us dancing for the rest of the night with their “inspirational” political music, pointing out that

whether we are fighting against injustice caused by homophobia, sexism, racism, or classism, it is all the same fight, we are all fighting against the same oppressive system and we need to work together to become a force to be reckoned with. They brought the message from the Hugu and Dine people on Black Mesa, that their mountains is being mined by Peabody Coal, and that the same company that owns half of Peabody Coal is also linked to privatized prisons.

Another thing that Blackfire pointed out was that walls continuously are built to create a sense of separation between people and the earth, and between each other. In Palestine, in Iraq, at protests, in prison, on the reservation, these walls are meant to keep people feeling isolated, separated from community and the natural world. We need to work hard to get past the physical and psychological barriers that separate us so that our struggles can become more powerful and the alliances we make can grow into movements as we face oppression on all fronts.



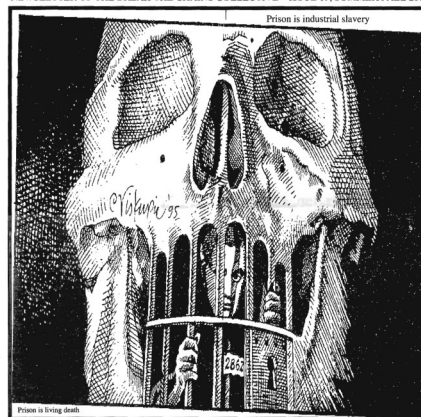
Blackfire’s awesome music continues traditional American Indian with punk rock for a truly unique sound (hence the term “Alter-Native”). They played to a very appreciative crowd when demanded a title encore: “Fighting the night with AIM song, followed by a cover of The Ramones tune, “I believe in miracles.”

Despite a lower attendance than expected (which we attribute to college graduation parties, conflicting events and FBI loose tactics), the event was a great success. Over 200 people came together – despite the corporate media and FBI attempts to discredit our efforts with hysterical fabrications about our “terrorist” plans – to show their support for Free and other political prisoners and their opposition to state repression and unjust sentencing. Although we realize that it will take a lot more than this to get Free out of prison and back where he belongs (in his community), we feel this was a real step in the right direction.

Free’s supporters are gaining ground. The amount of international support for Free is indicative of this fact. We are doing what we can to get Free’s sentence chopped back because we know his sentence is our sentence, and that today’s dissidents are tomorrow’s political prisoners. We know we can’t afford to let them get away with looking away from their comrades for the most important years of their life. So we won’t. And once we get him out, we won’t stop there, because the isn’t about one person, this is about every life stolen by the prison industrial complex. This is about struggling for a world where all lives are valued and equal, a world free of prisons, torture, genocide, and ecocide. And to quote Buenaventura Durán, “that world is growing this minute...in our hearts.”

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“There is no question that support for political prisoners and prisoners of war should and must be an integral part of any movement for liberation. There is a question, that is, for people who have dedicated their lives to the struggle for freedom in this country and realize that it is not possible to talk about a movement for liberation if you fail to liberate people who are incarcerated as a result of that struggle for liberation.” – Safiya Bukhat

every participant who chooses a framing for their event or a target for their action.

In Contempt: Now that Marius was released to the halfway house and a new generation of anarchists have been struck with or are facing lengthy prison sentences like Casey Goonan, the non-cooperating Prairieland defendants, and others, what lessons from the history of June 11 solidarity initiatives can those involved in struggles for liberation learn about fighting repression, not as external, passive, outside support alone, but carrying on and continuing the struggles despite and in spite of state repression with a real desire to break down the walls that divide us?

June 11: A big lesson about fighting repression is, as you say, breaking down walls that divide us. As mentioned above, creating shared initiatives and sending messages of solidarity across national borders. Also, the thing about long-term prisoners, like 10-20+ years is usually what we're talking about, there is no choice but to transcend the movements they came out of. Specific iterations of struggle, at least here in the US, don't seem to last that long. So for our prisoners to be remembered and continue to be involved in new iterations, we must go and facilitate their participation as well. We must introduce new people to them and articulate their relevance and their activity for current struggle. For example, I was too young to be around before Marius was in prison. I've never met him, never heard directly from him (I've written him, of course, but he could not respond to me directly). Yet I feel we are connected by our principles and our passions, such as anarchy

June 11: One thing that always fills my heart is seeing people live their principles and their anarchy in court. First, let me say that shrewdness and knowing when to stay silent is valuable and its not all moments are the right moment to be intractable. But seeing people claim their beliefs in the face of repression, even in the halls of power with the weight of state repression hanging over them is a really beautiful thing. See the Detritus book "Defiance" of sentencing statements for how this has been a beautiful tradition for many decades. Eric King, Alfredo Cospito, Francisco Solar, the anarchists on trial last month in Greece. To see our comrades acting bravely while they are already in prison, I think can help those of us who are fearful of being in that position.

I also think of, wasn't there a police car burned in Atlanta on the night Jack Mazurek was arrested and charged with burning a police car? That was pretty cool.

For a recent example, the way support (financial, social, political) was built for the Prairieland defendants has seemed positive. At first, it seemed like a lot of people were afraid to associate with it. I think the use of a firearm, an officer getting shot at, the "terrorism" of it all scared people. But the supporters down there were really able to turn that around to the point of a decent amount of mainstream coverage . It shows that not shying away makes us more powerful. And what I've seen in letters from Champagne Song has sort of surprised me in how positive she seems.

One more thing – the demonstration that happened among detainees at the Dilley ICE facility in Texas because of

support” is not just for specialists. We, who do dedicate ourselves to this, must not dedicate ourselves to only this — and those that are not involved in prisoner support can be bringing our imprisoned comrades with them into whatever area they participate in.

It might seem counter-intuitive for a day focused on anarchists specifically, but the isolation we are fighting is also about using this as an opportunity to highlight and expand anarchists’ participation in many different things: land defense, animal liberation, police abolition, anti-ICE, Palestinian liberation, etc. And our participation can help demonstrate the foundational, liberatory, anti-hierarchical principles that underlie all of them.

In Contempt: Often, we see that when repression hits, movements tend to retreat from the larger struggles they were fiercely engaged with to focus on tending to wounds and engaging in the smaller, but still crucial tasks of legal or jail support, prisoner support, anti-repression work, while horizons of revolutionary possibility recede behind a defensive posture. Over the years, do you have any vibrant, heart-fulfilling examples, memories, or stories of solidarity in the face of repression that expanded a sense of collective possibility, adapted to threats, and enlarged the struggle, while not leaving anyone behind, or even involving an inside/outside dynamic against the barbed-wire walls of this world?

and wildness. And it has been an honor to tell younger comrades about people like Marius and Michael. In this way, building for long-term solidarity is necessarily cross-generational and bridging of different struggles. This is also important for people who do not come out of a specific iteration of struggle or political milieu, such as those who find or sharpen or articulate their anarchy during their time inside. We must be a point of connection for them, too. It is through their resistance inside and our commitment to facilitating their participation that they do not get left behind or pigeon-holed as relics of another time. The world changes a lot in 20 years! The things that motivate our resistance persist. As examples, I think of Marius’s participation in organizing for queer and trans prisoners, Jeremy Hammond’s video from federal prison in solidarity with the George Floyd rebellion, Michael Kimble’s bridging anarchist activity and Alabama prisoners’ collective strikes, and Malik Muhammed’s writings on Palestinian liberation shared with the solidarity movement on the outside.

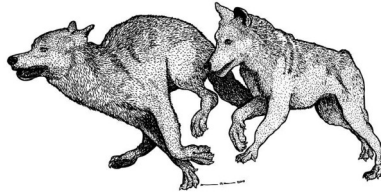
At this point, speaking of fighting repression is, hopefully, commonly understood as fighting both inactivity (being too scared to act) and isolation. One half of addressing the inactivity is putting in the extra effort to allow imprisoned comrades to stay involved. The other half is not segregating fighters from supporters and not being scared into just a support role. We sometimes see how prisoner solidarity itself is criminalized: Samidoun network and Moscow ABC being designated “terrorist” organizations and raids against Italian anarchists acting in solidarity with Alfredo Cospito. “Prisoner



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my body is
trapped in here,
but my heart
is with you
still fighting
out there...

-Marius
Mason

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And suddenly there came a
violent earthquake so that the
prison shook. The dungeon
doors sprang open and the
chains were loosed from every
ankle, every wrist.



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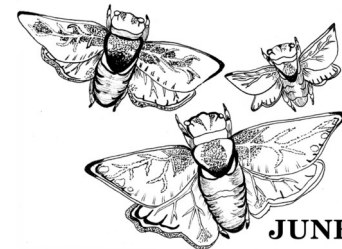
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"Como la Cigarra"

"Nonetheless I'm still here
coming back to life..."

...Singing to the sun
like the cicada does
after a year underground"



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