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Black August approaches, the living memory of an ongoing, unfinished struggle waged by Black revolutionaries inside, against, and beyond prisons and the world they exist to uphold. The horizon of liberation that all prisons exist to obscure and bury alive will always remain accessible to our dreams and desires—will always remain there to vividly revive—so long as we advance the fight and why we fight against everything that keeps us locked away from a life worth living. The brutal eruption of intensifying state repression cannot capture this desire for freedom. Certainly its raw force can isolate, exclude, capture, crush, but so, too, does everything else in the massive open-air prison we call this world. And yet, despite everything, there's still a crack in the barbed-wire-covered walls around the future... There's still the possibility, at any moment, to struggle...

We are well aware that fighting against repression is dangerous, but it's no more and no less dangerous than everything else the world has in store for us. After all, we weren't the ones who decided how this world would look. It's up to us to decide, just like in any struggle, what we want to do with it... Why would we refuse to face repression head on? As long as we consider repression in the wider context of the social war we're engaged in, it shouldn't be too difficult or contrived to respond to the blows of repression by connecting them to other forms of oppression and, above all, to other ongoing revolts. Solidarity isn't based on repression as such but on what we recognize in ourselves that might drive individuals, actions, and struggles forward... Solidarity is much more than providing material support for people facing repression. It's above all about advancing the fight and why we fight. — Repression & Its World: Reflections on How to Avoid Isolating Repression from the Struggle

With the still-living light of Black August in our minds, we return with another round-up of updates and calls to action about political prisoners, state repression of revolutionaries, and rebellions behind bars.

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resistance here in the south. During the 2015-2016 work strikes here in Alabama, the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) became involved in solidarity actions in support of striking prisoners in Alabama. From this, the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee was born.

The slaves of yesterday had the abolitionist movement to help them do battle. The slaves of today (incarcerated workers) and organized labor can bring this greedy beast to the ground with a general strike today. Workers of the world must unite. One weapon all workers have in common, whether they be incarcerated or not, against this beast is the withholding of our labor power and bring a halt to the exploitation going on in the name of society. Incarcerated workers and the organized labor movement needs to build a united front. No longer can organized labor continue to be silent in the face exploitation of the incarcerated workers. Abolition Now!

Another article Michael Kimble had posted for July 4th, "Lest We Forget":

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Amerikan Empire we must not forget that this is the anniversary of conquest, slaughter and murder of the Native people of this land, this is the anniversary of the enslaving of Afrikan people, the beginning of mass incarceration and carceral imperialism. This is the anniversary of Amerika's practice of using Black bodies without recompense.

Recently we put out the call for people to demand that incarcerated workers at the Fountain Annex in Atmore, Alabama be paid their salaries which they haven't received since March 2026. These workers only make \$2 a day and they use this to pay for hygiene products, water and to stay in communication with family and friends. It's shameful on the part of the ADOC, but this is the practice that this 250 year anniversary celebrates.

Free Michael Kimble!

Michael Kimble released several new articles including “Prisoners Are Workers too!” published in the Mobile Bay Labor Journal:

Incarcerated workers in the Alabama Prison Industrial Slave Complex (PISC) have for years went on strike in protest to the deplorable, unsanitary, and unsafe working conditions and for wages. The organization Inmates For Action (IFA) actually staged a strike in 1971 in protest of the conditions and absence of wages. The PISC from its inception was/is the continuation of the chattel slavery-convict leasing era, enabled by the 13th amendment of the u.s. constitution prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude “except as punishment for a crime”. More people in prison means more forced labor means more profits, which is what it is all about. In Alabama, most prisoners do not have jobs. But entire prisons are operated by prisoners, so as to avoid having to pay outside salaries and hire outside staff.

Prisoners do the cooking, cleaning, plumbing, electrical, etc. Those who are paid are paid pennies because they don't have to pay us minimum wages or abide by health and safety standards. Pay ranges from \$8-\$80 a month. At the prison I'm at now, prisoners are paid \$2.00 a day and haven't been paid in the last three months.

On the outside, one supposedly has the right to unionize and engage in collective bargaining. Inside the PISC we have none of these rights at all. This shows the true nature of the PISC. In 1883, approximately ten percent of Alabama's revenue came from convict leasing, and state-run mines exceeded \$3 million. This practice continues today with what's called carceral imperialism, where private business has found new markets for everything from candy, tennis shoes, toilet paper to even food within the prisons. They have extended their bloody and greedy tentacles into the prison economy. We must remember what W.E.B. Du Bois said: “slavery was ended by a general strike when Black workers walked off the plantations.”

Organized labor has historically neglected incarcerated workers. but in recent years the organized labor movement has played a major role in prisoner

International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners

We call you for actions during Week of Solidarity With Anarchist Prisoners!

Solidarity is key to be able to fight this repressive system!

Marius Mason, an environmental and animal rights activist, anarchist, writer, artist and trans advocate, was serving the longest sentence to date for acts of environmental sabotage. After 17 years of incarceration, we celebrate his release as he was moved to a half way house on May 14 this year.

Inside prison, he never gave up, but stood up for himself and others, advocated for trans prisoners and strongly resisted the prison system. All the years before for International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners and Trans Prisoner Day of Action, we called to write to him. Now, we are excited to remove him from our letter writing list and instead join forces again on the outside.

Still, there are many remaining in prison and on our letter writing list, and ever new ones are being added. Solidarity is key to be able to fight this repressive system. Solidarity can carry us through the darkest times – a postcard or a letter, a rally in front of the prison, a visit means the world and gives energy. A story of a comrade in prison shared on an event multiplies with those present. It is our responsibility to let their ideas and with them the persons themselves travel beyond the prison walls. By not forgetting those in prison, solidarity can grow.

That's why we call every year for the International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners.

Times are getting harder, fascism is rising, and states, fascists and conservatives make us again the targets of their opposition – as progressive forces, Queers, Antifas, and Anarchists. They try to crush us such as in the recent convictions at the Prairieland case where people are facing up to 100 years in prison. Or the attempt to suppress the anarchist movement in

Indonesia, where again after the May Day clashes ten anarchist are imprisoned and face serious charges.

In the face of that adversity, we need to stick together and act in solidarity. To strengthen our communities and support the most vulnerable. Let's not forget the prisoners and instead fight side by side. People are not just prisoners, they are our comrades. Marius showed a great example of how we can reach out to each other to fight a shared struggle.

Join the International Week of Solidarity for Anarchist Prisoners!

Organize a letter writing, solidarity event, film screening, direct action, rally, or whatever comes to your mind and send us pictures and a small report!

Black August

Black August originated in the California penal system in the 1970s. Many significant events in the New African Nation's struggle for justice and liberation have occurred in August. The commemoration of Black August particularly hails the advances and sacrifices of Black Freedom Fighters. Following are several pages of authentic information on Black August provided by Doc Holiday, an original comrade of George Jackson and a longtime figure in the Black Liberation and prison struggle.

The month of August gained special significance and importance in the Black Liberation Movement beginning with a courageous attempt by Jonathan Jackson to demand the freedom of political prisoners/prisoners of war, of which the Soledad Brothers' case brought to the center of attention.

On August 7, 1970 Jonathan Jackson, William Christmas, James McClain, and Ruchell Magee were gunned down at the Marin County Courthouse in that attempt for freedom. Ruchell Cinque Magee remains the sole survivor of that bid for liberation. He also remains a POW at Folsom prison, doing life. Though this rebellion was put down by gory pigs and their agents, it was internalized within the hearts and minds of the people on the outside in the larger prison as well as those in the concentration camps (prison), internalized in the same fashion as we honor other heroic African

Mole Variety Hour on KBOO Community Radio—an interview that followed a series of off record conversations. In the interview, we talk about what happened during that night of anti-ICE protests, the SWAT team that arrived at his house to violently arrest him, and the criminal investigation that followed. And he reflects on his difficult path from protestor to prisoner. One area of personal struggle centers on reconciling his philosophy as a Quaker, deeply rooted in the Friends' tradition of non-violence and pacifism, with his violent action on the night that he joined the ICE protests.

Free Oso Blanco!

Oso Blanco released a statement on July 4, "Independence—But for Who":

Good evening, beautiful people. This is Oso Blanco. Please let me tell you why I DESPISE the 4th of July. This is NO "Happy Birthday for America." For us, this 4th of July madness is the American celebration of their 1776 celebration ON OUR LAND for the American's freedom from the British Empire. Independence Day" for who, I ask? Not for Native people. This 4th of July marks the next 250 years of massive waves of genocide, land theft, extinction of many tribes, environmental destruction of the Earth—rivers, lakes, all waters air and soil. The 4th marks unrestrained colonialism, and the oppression of Native spiritual lifeways, healing practices, and Native peoples' freedom.

So, in short, the 4th is the end of Native Nations' freedom and safety from attack and destruction of our cultures and customs. There is NO WAY I can "celebrate" that stupid EVIL day in '76. The positives do not outweigh the negatives. The negatives far FAR outweigh the positives starting with the 4th of July 1776. I love you, people. PLEASE STOP these RIDICULOUS holidays and what they really, REALLY represent. I love you.

In entering a guilty plea, he took personal responsibility for his action on the night of June 14th and admitted that throwing rocks at ICE agents was morally wrong.

While genuinely felt, Jacob's statement of personal responsibility was part of legal rituals around plea bargaining. From the civil rights era through other movements using tactics of civil disobedience, activists often take a guilty plea to pay a fine, accept requirements for probation and to find a way hopefully to get back on the streets. Plea bargaining, however, is a notoriously corrupt and unjust part of the carceral system. Legal counsel includes assessing the risks of going to trial versus pleading guilty to reduced charges. In negotiating a plea in a racist and class-based system of criminal justice, people sometimes plead guilty to crimes they did not commit.

In issuing her sentence, Judge Adrienne Nelson acknowledged that those few minutes on a tense evening of June 14th had changed his life forever. He would spend a significant part of his young adulthood in prison and carry the consequences of being marked as a felon. In Oregon, voting rights are restored automatically on release from prison. This is not the case in many other states.

The judge offered that version of compassion so often issued by those in positions of power. She spoke of Jacob's many strengths, how he seemed to genuinely care about social justice, and how he had complied with every requirement of the court. And she spoke to his many strengths and his notable "resilience." "You will be okay," she consoled.

She was right, I thought. He is resilient and he will be okay. Yet this faux-parental pat on the back, disgusted me.

In this federal courtroom, facing a packed room of supporters and the defendant, the judge rationalized her very harsh sentence with trite uplifting words. In sharing her further thoughts, she added the empirically false but politically potent rationale of "deterrence." There were expectations from the public, she claimed, that activists who crossed the line from peaceful protest to violence would face serious consequences in federal court.

Before he left to begin his prison term, I interviewed Jacob for the Old

Freedom Fighters, who sacrificed their lives for the people and the liberation.

On August 21, 1971, almost exactly a year following the slave rebellion at Marin County Courthouse, George L. Jackson (older brother of Jonathan Jackson as well as one of the Soledad Brothers) whose freedom was the primary demand of the Marin rebellion, was assassinated at San Quentin prison in an alleged escape put forth by prison administration and the state to cover its conspiracy. Comrade George Jackson was a highly respected and purposely influential leader in the Revolutionary Prison Movement. Jackson was also very popular beyond prison, not only because he was a Soledad Brother, but also because of the book he authored appropriately entitled Soledad Brother. This book not only revealed to the public the inhumane and degrading conditions in prison, he more importantly, correctly pointed to the real cause of those effects in prison as well as in society: a decadent Capitalist system that breeds off of racism and oppression....

Most standard history books tend to either play down or ignore New African resistance as a factor in the destruction in the slave economy. On the other hand, when one understands that New Africans are still an oppressed nation, the reason for such deception becomes clear. Black August contends that not only was such resistance a factor in the destruction of the slave economy, but New African resistance to slavery continues to inspire New African resistance to national oppression. Herbert Aptheker (the author of "American Negro Slave Revolts") recounts the personal remark of one New African involved in the civil rights struggle:

"From personal experience I can testify that American Negro Slave Revolts made a tremendous impact on those of us in the civil rights and Black Liberation movement. It was the single most effective antidote to the poisonous ideals that blacks had not a history of struggle or that such struggle took the form of non-violent protest. Understanding people like Denmark Vessey, Nat Turner, William Lloyd Garrison etc. provided us with that link to our past that few ever thought existed."

Black August contends that from the very inception of slavery, New Africans huddled illegally to commemorate and draw strength from New

African slaves who met their death resisting. Black August asserts that it is only natural for each generation of New Africans faced with the task to liberate the nation, to draw strength and encouragement from each generation of New African warriors that preceded them. It is from such a rich heritage of resistance that Black August developed, committed to continuing the legacy of resistance, vowing to respond to the call for the destruction of colonial oppression with our George Jacksons, Malcolm Xs and Fred Hamptons etc.

New African resistance moved decisively into the 1920s and 1930s. Evidence of this was movements like The African Blood Brothers, The Share Croppers, The Black Bolsheviks, etc. Unduly there is an incorrect tendency to confine the discussion of African Nationalism to the well-known Garvey Movement as the sole manifestation of national consciousness. The Garvey Movement was the point of the emerging politics of New African resistance.

In labor, national consciousness, (i.e. literature, jazz, art, etc.) in the struggle for the land, in all areas of politics, like a great explosion of previously pent-up National Consciousness took place among New Africans. The sixties were a further example of New African resistance to national oppression. It should be emphasized here that that struggle of non-violence was at that time a strategy of illegality, of danger, of arousing New Africans to direct confrontation with the colonial oppressor. Whether it was a sit-in at a segregated lunch counter or bus station, the movement deliberately broke the colonial law.

Inevitably the anti-colonial struggle moved to a higher level, growing beyond the initial stage of non-violent civil rights protest. The non-violent civil rights strategy was tried and discarded by New Africans, who found that it was a failure, incapable of forcing an entrenched settler's colonial regime to change.

Black August purports that it is important to briefly mention such events to counter the colonial propaganda that the riots of the 1960s was due to anger brought on by overcrowding and summer heat. Black August asserts that in order for New Africans to arise to the historical task of defending the Nation, it is imperative that New Africans have a historical perspective of

local paper. In the photo above, Jacob is seen providing first aid to an injured protestor (an image not included in the prosecution's case). He was then identified by the DHS officer whom he hit. This image was then plugged into facial recognition software. The FBI used this surveillance technology to identify Jacob as a recent Reed College student. Within weeks, the FBI received the personal information they needed from the safety officer at the school to arrest Jacob—an action in violation of college policy and for which he was later fired.

Jacob had thrown a rock inside the ICE building that resulted in a gash above the agent's eye—an injury requiring medical treatment but resulting in no lasting damage. He pled guilty to aggravated assault on a federal officer—a charge that carries a maximum statutory penalty of up to 20 years in federal prison. The charge is elevated from simple assault if the crime involves a deadly or dangerous weapon or results in bodily injury. The deadly weapon in this case was a rock, and the bodily injury was a gash above the eye. Federal agents have special protections as victims that elevate the sentencing level if the assailant is believed to have known that the victim was a federal officer.

I have known Jacob for over a year, mainly through our work together as grievance officers in a local organization. He has the temperament as well as the principles that make him well suited for the adjudication of grievances. It requires a capacity to listen to emotionally distressed people who hold opposing perspectives on events and to see both sides of a conflict.

In making his plea before the court and before his Quaker conscience, Jacob brought this same capacity to hold conflicting positions in mind. In the courtroom where prosecution and defense made their final arguments before the judge, the prosecutor zoomed in on video of Jacob throwing a rock as well as him joining others in thrusting a stop sign into a gate. The prosecutor painted a picture of a person acting with violent intent, omitting from her prosecutorial picture the larger scene of what ICE agents were doing, omitting as well assaults on protestors that night.

Jacob recognized the skewed and narrow story presented by the prosecutor. At the same time, he felt that he had violated his own conscience.

Century Communism” names dozens of international solidarity groups, leftist orgs, liberal influencers, Democratic politicians, communists, and anti-fascists, vilifying a century-long history of militant international solidarity, while setting the stage for increased political persecutions and a pretext for a potential coup.

The National Lawyers Guild, accused at length in the State Dept report, reaffirmed their solidarity with Cuba:

As an organization that has stood in solidarity with the Cuban revolution from the outset and one that has been long targeted by the state for its principled positions, the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) is proud to be named and written about extensively in this report. We wear this political targeting like a badge of honor, a sign that our work opposing US military and economic domination of other sovereign states has been effective.

Free Jacob Hoopes

Jacob Hoopes, the second demonstrator sentenced to federal prison from the struggles against ICE in Portland, Oregon, turned himself in to FCI Sheridan beginning a 30 month sentence for throwing a rock at ICE after they teargassed crowds during protests last year.

A friend of Jacob’s shared emotional reflections as well as a longer interview on Portland local radio station KBOO

This is a sad week for many of us here in Portland, Oregon. On July 23rd, Jacob Hoopes, a 25-year-old activist, was driven by his parents to a federal facility to begin a 30-month prison sentence. He pled guilty to aggravated assault on an ICE officer during a pitched confrontation between the agents and protestors on June 14th 2025. Local news captured the ghastly scene that night of over a hundred people choking through clouds of flash grenades and tear gas, many pushing back against the force of ICE agents. The confrontation, declared a riot by police, followed a citywide “No Kings” protest that drew thousands earlier in the day.

Jacob was part of the protests documented by the Oregonian, the major

themselves resisting colonial oppression.

Black August avers that at a time when the Black Nation is experiencing the destruction of its community through planned gentrification, at a time when the quality of New African life is being blunted through unemployment, prison, drugs, high infant mortality and poverty, the call of New African organization should be one of resistance.

Black August is the antithesis to “celebration” and empty “homage.” Black August attempts to place struggle and sacrifice on center stage. In this respect, Black August summons all progressive people who identify with the legacy of resistance to colonial oppression to actively participate in Black August. Thus during the entire month of August in commemoration of those Africans who have made the supreme sacrifice for the cause of African Liberation and reflect upon the significance of those contributions as well as to draw closer to the continuing necessity for resistance, we embrace the following as tenets to be practiced during Black August.

— *A fast which historically has been used as an expression of personal commitment and resistance. Hence, from sunrise until evening meal we will abstain from eating. We abstain from consuming any type of intoxicants for the entire month of August. The necessity for this should be self-evident for all serious participants of Black August (BA).*

— *We limit our selection of television and radio to educational programs, i.e. news, documentaries and cultural programs, etc.*

— *During BA we emphasize political and cultural studies for individuals involved in BA. Participants in BA should pair off with someone else you know to study and share knowledge of African affairs.*

— *As an outward expression of BA we wear a black arm band on the left arm or wrist as a tribute to those Africans who have died as a result of their sacrifice for African Liberation. The arm band can be worn either on the inside or outside of your clothing.*

— *Black August is a revolutionary concept. Therefore, all revolutionaries, nationalists and others who are committed to ending oppression should actively participate in Black August. Such participation not only begins to*

build the bridges of international solidarity, but it is through such solidarity that we strengthen ourselves to struggle for victory.

Free the Prairieland Prisoners! Free Them All!

The non-cooperating Prairieland defendants sentenced collectively to over 500 years in federal prison for a noise demonstration in solidarity with immigrants held in a concentration camp have begun to release post-sentencing statements, reflections of grief, love, rage, and a desire for all of us—whichever side of the prison walls we may find ourselves—to continue the fight for freedom. Our fight is theirs. They will come home.

Champagne Song, the most severely sentenced defendant, released a statement we published in full in last month's column, asking us:

What will you do? In this time of great failures and great injustices, what will you do? How will you help each other? How will you help yourselves?

Savanna Batten

This conviction is the continuation of a campaign of terror and violence that has been allowed to imprison people speaking out against the immigration policies of this administration.

Experts warn that my conviction will have a “chilling effect” on previously constitutionally protected activities; this was made clear as the intent when Judge O'Connor said he wanted to make an example of us, with clear disregard for the facts of the case.

This is a government telling its citizens that to raise a voice of dissent carries a life sentence, maybe even death.

To my friends, to Renée Good, to Alex Pretti, and to the people being held in detention centers across the country, I have the very same urgent message that compelled me to Prairieland that night with a heavy heart: ‘We see you. We love you. You are not forgotten.’

the Prairieland sentence is something that the regime was able to push through in a favorable court, in a horrible situation that they're going to try to use to intimidate. But Minnesota is not Prairieland. These bastards kicked a hornet's nest, and they have no idea the lion that they've awakened.

With regards to NSPM-7, just know that these cases are going to continue. And while we may be anarchists, please don't think that it's going to stop there. You know that this is just a scapegoat to try and chip off one edge of the movement, much like that Niemöller poem. You know, first they came for X and then we came for Y. Know that that's going on today, that when they say we're coming for anti-fascists, what they're calling Antifa is a boogeyman that doesn't exist. What they're doing is they're going after anybody who says no to them. And you should not be surprised when that starts applying to you. It's interesting to me that they put opposition to the U.S. government in part of the conspiracy, because to them, I could see why that would be a major crime. Because they want obedience at all costs. They love it. They just love that shit. But we're free people. We're free people, and we do as we please. And we love as we please, and we live as we please. You know, to live and love we must fight. And that's the situation that we're put in now. We're standing up for any immigrant, any person of color or anyone who stands in their way, that's who they're coming after. And that's who we need to be protecting right now.

State Terror: Escalation of Federal Repression

The Trump Administration escalates its McCarthyite, Red & Black Scare NSPM-7 terror campaign targeting a wide range of leftists, anarchists, and antifascists as terrorists. In a hate-filled conspiratorial rant, Marco Rubio and Steven Miller speak to an international gathering for their “Ministerial on the Resurgence of Political Terrorism” in an attempts to “build a global coalition against far-left terror”. Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar also spoke at the conference accusing Sumud Flotilla movement as a terrorist organization.

A new 100-page State Department report “Cuba: the Capital of 21st

jail until the trial and the entire courtroom laughed at her, and she got extremely tilted. And the judge got very angry. But it just kind of goes to show you the level of absurdity of the charges that we're facing. And the biggest thing that I think people need to keep in mind right now is that the reason they're doing this is that they want you to be scared. Our tactics are working. They know it, and they're on their back foot and they're trying to make a big show of this. It's the same reason they took all that footage of me, right? They're trying to get me looking scared. And I'm not scared. I'm not scared of these charges. I'm not scared of these monsters. We can beat them. That's why they're acting this way. Let it be known that homosexuals are not cowards.

I think that more than anything, I want people right now to double down on their efforts. Double down on your mutual aid. Double down on your ICE watching. Double down on commuting. Double down on standing up for your neighbors. Keep those whistles on you. Keep calling people. Keep building friends. You know, the people that have been the most effective during this occupation are the people that have the most networks that they can tap into together.

You know, one of the most inspiring stories that I remember hearing is when ICE was trying to infiltrate the school pickup network so they could abduct children that are walking out of school. Is that the parents and teachers and the teachers union worked together to build the safety system for it, and some of the parents didn't like the high vis vests. And so a knitting club got together to knit hats for all the all the Safe Watchers. And then a hacker club got together to tell all of these teachers what it looks like when somebody is trying to infiltrate your group, how to spot something like that. So all of these groups and networks coming together to make one big picture is what makes us the most safe. And that's what I want to keep seeing from people. Always remember, you know, our revenge will be the laughter of our children. That means our immigrant children. That means our trans children. That means our refugee children. You know, those that don't recognize that children belong to all of this are the worst monsters in this world. I think that

Liz Soto

The government is using zines and a printing press to sentence me to 50 years, a life sentence in prison. My crimes have been made clear by the prosecution, they don't want people like me to have access to these constitutionally protected and invaluable resources. This is an attempt at silencing decent, at creating fear amongst its citizens to insure no one speaks against this current administration.

The fictitious narrative presented by the government doesn't exist in reality. It is their design created to criminalize people for protesting, for not conforming.

We are living through a moment in time that will affect everyone in the future. If this conviction is allowed to stand, it will affect countless others.

The precedent has been set, we are the examples created to silence those who speak out.

It is up to all of us to push back.

Remember that this happened.

Remember how it happened.

Know it doesn't end here.

Now it can happen to anyone.

To the world,

We cannot let this stand.

For the people who come after us, we must never give up.

We will go home.

Ines Soto

I want to begin by extending my love and appreciation to all those who have supported me, my codefendants, and loved ones through out this situation. The strength this support has given me is beyond what I can describe.

The weight of the sentences that have been handed down is crushing but

we should not be surprised. The government has shown it is willing to separate loved ones across borders, cage people in squalid detention centers, bring violence into loving neighborhoods, and gun people down in the streets. Their attempts to bury people in their prisons falls right in line with these horrible acts. Migrants, immigrants, and those acting in solidarity with them must be honest about the reality we face. It is only through our collective efforts that we will get through this. I trust that everyone will find ways to contribute to and expand these efforts how they can.

I humbly ask for people's continued support in our struggle for freedom.

Your friend,

Ines

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All honor and glory to Creator for another day of life, the lessons and blessing I've been given.

With the loudest of meows from a sad, fluffy kitty!! With a broken heart mended together with a sewing needle made from a battery and a string pulled from the elastic waistband from a jumper, reinforced with blank mail labels and a rubber band. With my head up high, teary eyes, and this broken heart full of love. I want to thank everyone for all of their support, love, and prayers as my family and I survive through this horrible injustice.

Today, July 6, marks a year since I was unjustly abducted and wrongfully imprisoned. I sit in a concrete cell with a heavy steel door as an innocent person for a crime I did not commit.

The reality is that I was arrested for being married to my wife, Mari, who has been unjustly convicted to 70 years for attending a public noise demonstration to support immigrants at the Prairieland detention center.

Despite proving that I did not have any knowledge, nor was I present, nor involved in any way in the event, I was demonized, convicted, and sentenced to 30 years in federal prison for reading and possessing my books, zines, love letters, poetry, cute keepsakes, sketchbooks, and art. These items

door where it comes from, and then I hear, this is the raid get on the floor. And I see several people with assault rifles, suppressors, helmets, body armor, full military gear, all pointing guns at my head. So I get on the ground, they cuff me and they tell me to walk over to them across the broken glass. I told them I can't walk across that broken glass, so they throw me a pair of slippers that aren't mine.

And at that moment, I see the Homeland Security media crew. So they had a media crew there filming me half naked, trying to make their little anti-antifa video. One disgusting little creep just zooming in on me, zooming in on the violence. They opened up every container in my house, threw some stuff on the floor. They messed with my partner's lingerie. You all know this is a house of trans refuge. And they targeted this house specifically because transgender people are a designated enemy of the state right now. And the way that they mess with my partner's lingerie was disgusting. The way that they held my young roommates at gunpoint is disgusting. The way that they dragged me out in the rain in my underwear was disgusting. They sent helicopters after me. I had only heard one, but I heard one of the agents say that there were two.

Eventually they threw me some clothes and told me that I was being charged with federal conspiracy to impede. They brought me to jail and again, film crew perp walking me the whole time. I noticed a bunch of other people in jail that I'm familiar with. And not going to lie. Spending some time in a cell with your good friends could be a worse day. You know, there was singing, there was jokes, there was laughing. Keeping your spirits up is really important in a time like this, you know, not just for the defendants, but for everyone around you. These charges are a joke. There's nothing that we've done that you know, thousands upon thousands of people haven't done as well. These are all lawfully protected activities. And the reason that they're throwing the book at us is because this is a political case to them. that we are enemies of state for our political beliefs, for activities as union organizers and for existing as queer people in this world.

So those of you may not be familiar. Prosecutor attempted to hold us in

that is lawful and is effective and is the reason they're cracking down on us in the first place. It's to stop you from doing that. So I want you to get out there, keep doing what you're doing. If we allow these charges to have their intended chilling effect, then ICE and Homeland Security will have won. And we can't allow that to happen. We need our supporters to stay out there and stay active and keep documenting what these fascist psychopaths are doing in our streets.

I just want to say we've been really humbled and honored by the outpouring of support from the community. Our our fridge is, like, chock full right now because our neighbors keep keep delivering groceries here. There are people here fixing our door right now. But all of it has just been a reminder that that the the spirit animating the Twin Cities resistance has never been about radicalism. It's always been about simple, everyday neighborliness. That's why people resisted back during Metro Surge. And that's why they've got our backs now. So to all of them, thank you.

Cal

Hi, I'm Cal. I'm 37. I'm a union low voltage electrician. I'm one of the organizers that was caught up in this unjust roundup of 15 people who are doing their best to protect their communities from the federal occupation and Operation Metro Surge. It's no secret that a lot of the people that were targeted are union organizers who are being charged for some of their alleged actions on the day of no work, no school, no shopping. I think it's really important to point out that the retaliation that we're seeing from the federal government isn't just related to our speech, it's related to the power that we have together.

It's one of those things that it's so inspiring to see, and it's something that we're continuing to see with people supporting us after the horrific raid. So, I was asleep at six in the morning. I heard a crash, and then I heard some yelling. I thought it was just a cat that had knocked over a glass or something and someone yelled, but the yelling kept happening. So I walk out to my front

that I owned are several years old, they're completely legal, and have nothing to do with the events that transpired at the detention center. These books and zines range in topics, like history, social movements, political philosophy, sexual trauma, antiracism, consent, overcoming addiction, ecology, and even children's literature. I've also been demonized for owning and creating art in the form of stickers, drawings, paintings, posters, clothing, and even custom tattoo designs—all images that can be considered cute, raw, critical, beautiful, empowering, satirical, and sometimes plain silly.

Even though these items were not evidence, nor relevant, nor used against anyone else, other than to sensationalize their existence to scare, influence, and persuade a jury for a verdict that benefited the prosecution, the prosecution openly lied and used misinformation to scare the jury. Nonetheless, it seems like we're entering a time when books and art are being considered a crime and a threat to democracy—enough of a threat to give an innocent person who did not commit any crime a 30-year sentence in federal prison.

There have been many examples in history when people in power unleashed vicious campaigns using lies, deception, hate, and fearmongering. Creating scapegoats who are blamed for society's ills, and labeling them criminals, traitors, degenerates, and terrorists. And enacting laws that allow them to criminalize, persecute, and brutalize entire communities based on their race, nationality, gender, status, disability, ideology, and religion. Any art or books that questioned or did not conform to their narrative were considered abhorrent, abominable, and dangerous. Therefore censored, hidden, burned, or destroyed, and its authors and creators were punished, imprisoned, or executed. In order to silence any dissenting opinions that threatened their narrative, power, and goals. This is why the right to free speech is not only important but fundamental and pivotal for any free society and democracy to exist and thrive.

As I watch the news, I notice a rampant amount of injustices and atrocities happening in this moment. War, displacement, blatant corruption, hate campaigns, persecution, deportations, fear, uncertainty, brutality, and a

general disregard for people's rights and ultimately their lives. Nevertheless, despite all of that, I've witnessed a display of beautiful acts of love, courage, kindness, solidarity, and resilience. Many people coming together to take care of each other, to work and build together. Acts of love that are admirable, inspiring, and necessary to overcome the tough challenges that we all currently face.

As a hardworking immigrant who came to this country at the age of 14, a lover of history, and not ignoring the fact that I'm currently incarcerated in what is an obvious injustice, I want to say that I'm grateful to this country and land for the opportunities and experiences it's granted me. With all of its historical failures and achievements, with all of its flaws and virtues, with all of its dreams and limitations, with all of its promises and possibilities. I'm grateful for the experience of being exposed to an array of different cultures, different ideas, and a diverse population, simultaneously trying to figure out how to overcome conflict and division and live together. All dreaming of prosperity, equality, liberty, and the right to the pursuit of happiness. Although an oversimplification, at the end of the day we all just want to be free and happy and live in peace with those we love.

I want to give thanks to my amazing family and friends who continue to support, uplift, and hold me with so much love and tenderness. Who have given me advice, a gentle slap on the back of the head, a hug, and a shoulder to cry on. Who continue to inspire me and show me how to be a better person. To all those who have taken the time and consideration to reach out and share stories, poetry, doodles, vegan recipes, interesting facts, and kind uplifting words: Thank you for all the love! I can truly feel it even behind these walls. I can feel the energy, effort, and prayers. Thank you so much for supporting us all!! And I hope we can all meet someday and share space together.

Despite the circumstances, I'm grateful for existence, and thankful for all the experiences and people that I've met.

Though a bit cheesy, I want to share this with you. When I close my eyes, I try to focus on this:

of people here in Twin Cities didn't do when these jackbooted thugs were kicking in our doors and kidnapping our immigrant neighbors, they took one of my coworkers from the gas station while she was pumping gas, a grandmother of three. And she's still in detention in El Paso, Texas right now.

So my arraignment is going to be July 1st. I understand I'm going to go in there. I'm going to plead not guilty as a condition of my release. The judge put a no contact order on us, so I'm not allowed to talk to any of my co-defendants with the exception of Cal, because we're housemates. So obviously I can't be as involved as I would like in, in coordinating my own defense, as we're only allowed to talk through our lawyers. Right now, we have a strong support committee. We have, you know, hundreds of people behind us who are supporting us and are doing work behind the scenes. My role right now is just to keep my head up, to stay in solidarity with my co-defendants. I plan to refuse any plea deals that aren't offered to everybody. This is not a normal criminal trial. This is a political case. This is political repression against organizers. And this is a case that's going to be won in the political realm.

So the context for what's happening to us here is that it's happening at the same time as a, a national wave of political repression. All of these NSPM-7, and so-called Antifa cases, are a naked attempt to silence dissent and attack the regime's political opponents. The FBI has been visiting people who are at Delaney Hall. We've got the Spokane Three case. Charges were recently dropped against the Broadview Six, but the ruling in the first NSPM-7 case, the Prairieland case in Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas. Judge Pittman there, I understand said out loud, 'I am I'm giving all of you the the longest possible sentence to send a message to anyone else who might share your political beliefs,' so they're not even trying to dress it up as anything else. This is like naked, blatant political repression. We are living in an authoritarian country now.

Look, if you want to support us, the best thing you can do for me and my co-defendants, more so than protesting for us, moreso than donating money to our fundraiser, moreso than any of that, is just to keep doing what you're doing. Stay out there, keep doing all the legal observing against ICE

A few of the Minnesota 15 have bravely come forward, sharing their reflections on the state's attack. In conversations with Unicorn Riot, Ike Sant and Cal Robinet spoke on the escalation of federal repression with NSPM-7, mass resistance, and ways forward for the struggle.

Ike

My name's Isaac. I'm a 36 year old healthcare worker and an activist living here in Saint Paul, Minnesota. I was one of 15 people indicted on conspiracy charges for activity related to protesting ICE. They broke down this door. They broke into our garage. They, they dragged Cal out of bed in their underwear, and they took three cell phones and a computer out of my room. And then an hour later, they came and got me at my girlfriend's house in Minneapolis. And when I was over there, I knew they were coming before they were there, not only because they had already taken my roommates, but because I heard the sound of whistles and her neighbors were outside already following them.

And I just want to say, that's exactly what these charges are about. It's not about conspiracy to impede. It's not about interstate stalking. It's not about any of that. It's about quelling dissent in Minneapolis. And it's about coming after the movement that rose up against ICE during Metro Surge in December and January. If the things that I'm accused of doing are part of a criminal conspiracy, then 350,000 people who participated in the resistance here would also have to be part of that conspiracy. This is a naked attempt to silence our voices, to squash dissent and to have a chilling effect on organizing here in the Twin Cities. And I'm here to tell you, it's not going to work. People in the community here are smart. They're resilient. They have an indomitable will. And I have every faith that they're going to keep fighting. This is an attempt by the government to drive a wedge in between good protesters and bad protesters, and try to shave off the radical flank of the movement and paint us like we're different from everybody else. But we're not. There's nothing that we're accused of doing that hundreds of thousands

I'm grateful for all of my loved ones. I'm grateful for black coffee, paper, pencil and a device to listen to the radio. I'm grateful for the green mountains, red sunsets, and smell after the rain. I'm grateful for soft snow, lake swimming, and shade under a tree. I'm grateful for hugs, tiny kisses, and cuddles. I'm grateful for a dark sense of humor, witty jokes, and tummy pain from laughter. I'm grateful for hiking trails, camping, and motorcycle rides. I'm grateful for kitties, tlacuaches, and raccoons. I'm grateful for my clients, and trusting me in the sacred process of tattooing you. I'm grateful for fundraisers and donations. I'm grateful for prisoners' support writing night. I'm grateful for those who rescue food and cook meals to share with others. I'm grateful for mutual aid and relief work during emergencies. I'm grateful for groups that offer support and services to immigrants and refugees in the inner city and out in the desert. I'm grateful for people who take care of animals, and help them when they're being harmed, injured, or in need of a home. I'm grateful for farmers, garden fairies, and tree huggers. I'm grateful for herbalists, their remedies, and the sacred relationships to plants. I'm grateful for our animal and plant friends, and their lessons if we just stop, look, and listen. I'm grateful for the children with their honesty, curiosity, and imagination who remind us of the importance of play. I'm grateful for the students' energy, passion, and zeal, and their vision for a better world. I'm grateful for the teachers who go above and beyond for their students. I'm grateful for the educators who took me under their wing and mentored me. I'm grateful for the nurses, street medics, public defenders, movement lawyers, and legal support teams. I'm grateful and want to give thanks to the women/queer homies who do all the heavy lifting at home and in our communities. I'm grateful for our parents, elders, and mentors who care about us, and continue to give us guidance and inspiration. I'm grateful for the abolitionists, academic professors, and honest journalists. I'm grateful for the vegan potlucks and all the deli vegan nomz. I'm grateful for the nerds, cosplayers, and dweebs. I'm grateful for shoulder rubs and hand massages. I'm grateful for the temazcal, el copal, and drum. I'm grateful for the genuine smile from a stranger. I'm grateful for the megaphone, powerful chants, and

street cheerleading. I'm grateful for big butts and thicc thighs haha. I'm grateful for glitter, rainbows, and bubbles. I'm grateful for large banners, light brigades, and puppets. I'm grateful for authors and poets who fill our hearts and minds with stories, knowledge, and nurturing words. I'm grateful for the artists, emcees, graff writers, b-boys, zinesters, and DIY screen printers. I'm grateful for the muddy greens climbing trees, brave train hoppers, and crusty punks who are some of my fav people. I'm grateful for the organizers, volunteers, and supporters. I'm grateful for all the homies who pick up, clean, and wash dishes after any gathering. I'm grateful for all the bookfairs, gatherings, bookstores, publishers, distros, printshops, and community spaces and community projects. I'm grateful for the sunflowers, who teach us to grow despite the adversity, stand upright, be strong, be bright, be vibrant, be beautiful, and be resilient.

I'm grateful for all my relations.

I'm grateful for you!

Support the defendants!!

Don't forget to love your neighbors, the animals and plant friends, the land, air, and water. And don't forget to love yourself!

May Creator bless you and yours!!

Autumn Hill

"I guess everybody's a domestic terrorist now."

I can't say how many times I've heard these words in the last few months. After the murder Alex Pretti, top officials were quick to defend the ICE officers who extra-judicially executed him by labeling him a domestic terrorist. They said the same about Renee Good. Over the last year, I have been forced to keep my silence as the government spun a conspiracy theory labeling my friends and I as domestic terrorists, as members of a shadowy terrorist conspiracy that does not exist. I have watched them lie about the compassion, loving kindness, and mercy of the dearest hearts I know, and call them murderous, riotous, violent. I have kept my silence. Now I will break it

Minnesota 15

In the wake of the federal raids and federal conspiracy indictments against 15 anarchists, labor organizers, and local Twin Cities community members at the forefront of the mass resistance to ICE during the so-called "Operation Metro Surge," an anti-repression committee has mobilized to support the Minnesota 15:

We Defend the Minnesota 15 Defendants

On Tuesday, June 16, the federal government arrested fifteen of the tens of thousands of people who took a stand against ICE terror in Minnesota.

We all stand with the Minnesota 15.

Charged with "conspiracy to impede federal officers," Minnesotans know the actions described in the indictment better as protecting our neighbors.

The people of Minnesota, of the United States of America, and the world support the "Minnesota 15".

"This is a naked attempt to silence our voices, to squash dissent and to have a chilling effect on organizing here in the Twin Cities. And I'm here to tell you, it's not going to work. People in the community here are smart. They're resilient. They have an indomitable will. And I have every faith that they're going to keep fighting."

— Isaac Sant, Minnesota 15 defendant

We demand:

ICE Out of Our Communities!

Return the Abducted & Deported – Reunite the Families!

Drop the Charges Against All Anti-ICE Protesters!

Justice for Renee, Victor, Alex, Keith, Lorenzo, Joan, and All Victims of ICE Violence.

anti-fascists. As a legal strategy, it had some merit to accept her back hoping that her not taking the stand could help the remaining defendants. We now know that it did not. Everyone who went to trial got the maximum sentence. Arguing for her continued support as a prisoner despite her collaboration can only logically serve to retroactively justify the decision to support her as a defendant, but laundering this tactical gamble causes us to lose a collective learning opportunity. The lesson here is what Eric King, Brian and Krystal DiPippa, and Richard Hunsinger have already said, there is never a justification for speaking to law enforcement. Meagan Morris has proved through her actions and her trial that there is no going back and undoing the damage of willing collaboration. She tried to undo it and she could not.

Manufactured Betrayal includes this paragraph "But at this moment, thousands of inexperienced new participants are flooding into the fight for liberation. We probably won't be able to educate all of them before they find themselves in confrontations with the state. Some of them will experience intense repression designed to scare them into cooperating before they fully understand the political implications, the options available to them, or their basic rights. When they find themselves staring down the barrel of a gun, some may well say something they shouldn't. If we immediately make permanent enemies of everyone who do so, this may further endanger others." This is a case for tolerance and forgiveness of people who betray others, whether out of fear or ignorance. Why not instead shout the lessons we have learned from these cases as loud as we can to reach as many as we can? Every new comrade must be taught there is no going back from snitching. That is why it is unforgivable. The existing incentive structure to discourage snitching to save one's own skin is called solidarity. Just because a defendant later chose not to benefit from the harm she caused her comrades does not mean she is deserving of the same solidarity offered to those she harmed and those who stayed true.

to speak the truth.

A wise woman I love called the tactics of this administration "state terror." It was terror when Lt. Gross aimed his handgun at the back of a fleeing protestor before he ever saw a gun. It was terror when a SWAT Team traumatized my wife and found family with a no knock raid, and pointed roughly a dozen guns at a newborn infant and her nursing mother. It was terror when Johnson County Jail tortured my friend Lynette Sharp, who I love, targeting an older woman for her perceived weakness, so she would cooperate to save her life. It was terror when Shawn Smith brought an indictment threatening us with decades of prison, and terror when he attempted to use that to coerce us to sign plea deals admitting to material support for terrorism and to cosign government-authored lies about the existence of an anarchist or autonomous Marxist terror plot, which the government's cooperating witnesses undermined in their testimony during trial at the risk of perjury, lies which may cost our codefendants 15 years of their lives, those who plead guilty. It was terror when Judge Mark Pittman threatened our lawyers with contempt jail time for representing us for seeking our best interests, terror when he browbeat the jury panel during selection, and terror when he paraded us in front of Lynette in a demonstration of his power to abjectify us in public to facilitate identification. The whole process of our prosecution and trial was one long gauntlet of terror after terror, designed to bully us into false confessions, and to drive the jury to abandon reason and condemn nine innocents.

It is said and corroborated that the sounds of violent argument and a bloodcurdling scream of terror were heard from the jury room during deliberations. Ultimately, our unprecedented sentences are government by terror. If you are an activist, says Judge Reed O'Connor, and you even THINK standing up for the incarcerated, or standing up to police is acceptable, be terrified. This is what we the government will do to you too. Terror has always been the tactic of fascists and white supremacists, of the haters in the streets, from the lynchings and coups of southern whites at the end of Reconstruction and through Jim Crow, down to the mass shootings, far right rallies in blue

cities, and other acts of stochastic terror through the modern day. When Mr. Fair of the SPLC testified before congress about the upcoming court case about their work, he described hate as having moved into the government. It is this administration which stands for hate, and this government which uses the tactics of terror. "Do not dare stand up to us," they say with their actions. "This will happen to you."

I do not believe in harbouring hate or terrorizing anyone. I believe in Love. Do not fear, Love, and trust in the Love of your fellow creatures. Fear Not is the encouragement of the angels. Be Strong and Courageous is the instruction of the Most High in scripture. Where there is Love, there is no Fear. Take care of each other. Shelter and feed each other, the widow, the orphan, the alien in the land. Prison is the great terror which has been wielded to silence us, but I have never feared power more than I love truth, and it is love that can overcome the regime of mass incarceration, and truth that will set America free. Arise, Love! Arise, Truth! Abolition Now!

No Collaboration: Responses to Fire Ant Movement Defense

The anti-repression group Fire Ant Movement Defense recently published a statement, "Manufactured Betrayal", on solidarity and betrayal in the Prairieland trials. Analyzing the severe intensification of state repression that has resulted in the harsh sentences of our comrades in Texas, Fire Ant's statement is part of a broader reflection on our collective failures as a movement to support those caught up in the state's repressive dragnet after the July 4, 2025 noise demo outside of the Prairieland detention center, a collective failure that we all must reckon with in the wake of the serious, life-altering betrayals of those who snitched, collaborated, and cooperated, giving an inch and taking decades away from our comrades.

Unfortunately, Fire Ant has seriously and dangerously erred in their reflections on this collaboration, implicitly and explicitly justifying snitching

movement" would likely wholeheartedly reject as well. While Fire Ant concedes that Morgan and Gibson's plea deals were not used against the other defendants at trial, the idea that they might be is hung out in comparison to Meagan's testimony, which absolutely was used in trial and in the preceding investigations and indictments. A hypothetical is being used as a comparison to the actual evidence presented at court.

The statement says that "Many people will demand that she (Morris) pay for her choice", and argues that she is already paying for it with her 50 years sentence. There is no disagreement here that she is paying for it. What does Fire Ant mean when they hypothesize that people will demand she pay? What have we, 'the movement', done to her? What capacity do we even have to punish her? The movement has raised over \$200,000 toward the collective defense of all the Prairieland Defendants. Since there is no public accounting of how that money was used in the defense (we are not arguing that there should be such an accounting, we think discretion is important), it is completely worth assuming that we 'the movement' have already significantly materially supported Morris through contributing to the shared defense fund, through printing and sharing support materials that bear her name as well, for holding letter writings across the country (and across borders), and for raising as much awareness as we can for the entire case and all of the defendants supported by the DFW Support Committee. We have not punished her. The state has. It certainly seems implied that the ask is that support for Meagan continue now that the sentencing is over, and now that it is abundantly clear that her decision to eventually stop collaborating did not lessen the harm to anyone. This is different from asking that she not be punished. It is asking that she be rewarded.

It is worth examining the difference between accepting Morris as a supported defendant when she initially chose to stop cooperating and reject a plea, and arguing now that she receive support as a prisoner. It made some sense at the time that one less cooperating witness at trial could be helpful (from a perspective strictly of legal strategy). We are unaware of a similar circumstance where a collaborator turned their coat twice in a case against

sides—it is not.

By taking this position, these formations are setting the precedent that people can cooperate with the state and continue to receive the support of collective movement resources. We can only assume that welcoming snitches back into the fold is a position that DFW, Fire Ant, and CrimethInc. will continue putting into practice.

Meanwhile, those of us serious about building a revolutionary movement must unite around a collective commitment to the principle of non-cooperation. As a political, strategic, and ethical practice that prioritizes the collective movement over the individual, it is our only hope of withstanding escalating repression. Compromising on this principle destroys our basic capacity for self-defense. There can be no revolution without solidarity, and solidarity has no meaning without a commitment to non-cooperation.

***“Learning From the Lines Drawn in the Sand:
A Response to Fire Ant Movement Defense”***

Manufactured Betrayal, in the piece’s efforts to downplay the actions of Morris, compares her voluntary testimony to the non cooperating plea deals taken by Rowan Gibson and Rebecca Morgan, arguing that taking a non cooperating plea deal is similar to voluntarily disclosing information about others to law enforcement. They do not argue that these non cooperating plea deals were damaging at trial. However, Morris’s statements to law enforcement in the first days of the investigation were read in court by the investigating officer, and directly contributed to the investigations and indictments against Benjamin Champagne Song, Rowan Gibson, and Morris’s ex partner Autumn Hill. It is dishonest at worst and naive at best to compare the actions of Gibson and Morgan to the actions of Morris. The implication is that anyone who might condemn Morris’s actions must also condemn Morgan and Gibson. They state that “some in the movement” have characterized Morgan and Gibson’s plea deals as potentially damaging, while presenting an argument in favor of forgiving Morris that “some in the

for the sake of a pragmatic relation to mass support against repression. They write that snitches can be welcomed back into communities of struggle and that a “dogmatic” approach to snitches will be alienating to many who might make mistakes under duress. This is deeply wrong. The principle of non-collaboration is at the beating heart of our struggle and compromising this means compromising the raw core of solidarity that unites us all as fighters for a future worth living. In this regard, we would like to share excerpts from some of the many critical responses that have emerged, including those from former political prisoners whose lives and the lives of their loved ones were impacted by similar kinds of betrayals.

Though we have limited space, we urge readers to continue to hone, sharpen, reflect on, and spread a combative anti-repression that does not bow to the state but reckons with the complexity of a wrong world and fights for a living one.

***Eric King, “No Way Home: An Anarchist Ex-Prisoner’s
Response to Fire Ant Movement Defense”***

As Fire Ant said, many new radicals will join the struggle after the horrendous state repression they are witnessing. And the conversations we are having now are ones that need to be had—but AHEAD of time. What risks are you willing to take? What are the worst possible consequences, even if you think you’re safe and no matter how legal those risks are at the time? What will you do if you get caught up? Who are the most vulnerable? Who are the most ready? These are conversations that should be had. But never should we plan to allow snitches back into the community, never should there be a path of understanding, never should there be the justification that they paid their price and their remorse is enough. Honestly, fuck that. As an abolitionist, I do not want snitches or anyone else to be in prison. I do not want them to be hurt or harassed, attacked online, none of that shit. I do not have time for it. But I also will never comprehend the idea that they should be allowed back into radical communities. Why on earth would we risk the safety of

ANYONE, just to appease someone else's betrayal and guilt? What is the point of that? That is the line I hold. If my best friend became friends with a snitch because the snitch apologized, I would never talk to that friend again.

Making space for their re-entry means spitting in the face of every single captive and all of their families as well. It means looking at people who dedicated their ENTIRE LIVES to the movement and saying, "I know that someone selfishly destroyed your life and betrayed everything they said they stood for, but they feel bad." Ask yourself, would Kuwasi Balagoon be OK with that mindset? Would Emma Goldman or anyone else? We are living at a moment in time where people who are established and in good graces with the movement are making space for betrayers. Those who snitch are cops. They are prison guards. They are judges and prosecutors. They took the lives of others in their hands and tore them to shreds. There is no space in any organization or movement I love for people who would do that. It is unfathomable. Would Fire Ant Movement Defense be able to look my family in the face and tell them that the person who assisted in getting me tortured, sexually assaulted, and hospitalized had actually suffered enough? That it wasn't fair to have them removed for the safety of others? That their feelings were more important than the brutality they would allow to happen to all of us?

Peppy & Krystal, "In Defense of Dignity"

This piece is being written because a new wager and political understanding is being developed that threatens the movement by and large. There are those within the orbit of liberation that are actively causing harm through their word and deed. Whose actions and that of their supporters are producing daily new consequences that deviate from long-held traditions and codes of non-cooperation. This threat seeks access to our resources of time, money, and attention. When someone abandons and sacrifices their comrades by offering information to the state, the movement has an obligation to no longer stand in solidarity with that person.

While any one of us may be captured, subject to the great strife of the gavel or noose – to abandon dignity is not just an act of suicide, it drags others down with you. Such consequences demand our attention.

When we think about the political maturation necessary to stay principled under the pressure of federal repression, we think about the hard won wisdom of all the freedom fighters who paved the way throughout history. The people who left lessons and legacies for us to learn from and lean on. Knowing who has traveled this terrain and what they have sacrificed, undoubtedly provides a lifeline when a raid, arrest, and conviction turn your world upside down.

For guidance, we can turn to the wisdom of movement elders and ancestors like Sekou Odinga, Kuwasi Balagoon, Judy Clarke, David Gilbert, and Silvia Baraldini who issued a statement in 1982 called Destroy All Traitors.

"To minimize the development of traitors we must build movements based on clear principles, deep politicization, a strong commitment to oppressed and exploited peoples... We must teach that the state is our implacable enemy and fight for total noncollaboration as a basic principle."

The codes revolutionaries live by exist to keep a movement alive long enough to find possibilities of emancipatory horizons. Thus, it is necessary at minimum, to hold the line of non-cooperation of any kind, and at best, raise the bar for what collective protection and defense can look like.

"Nothing for Snitches: For a Revolutionary Anti-Repression"

On July 7, 2026, Fire Ant published an essay called "Manufactured Betrayal" in CrimethInc. which serves as a justification for their practice. The piece proposes the possibility of an "off-ramp" for snitches, focusing in particular on Meagan Morris as an example of someone who "restore[d] their commitment to struggle" after informing on their comrades. By publishing this snitch apologia...CrimethInc. has presented the question of if snitches should be welcomed back into the movement as if it is a debate with two