

Anarchy in the streets?

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Toronto Police are bracing for a "radical gathering" of several hundred anarchists who'll converge on the city Monday.

"We'll be prepared," said Const. Daniel Quigley. "The organizers are being very close-mouthed about it."

Austin Durrail, of the Toronto-based Active Resistance, one of the organizers of the event, said up to 700 anarchists and peace activists from across North America, Europe and Australia are expected to attend the Aug. 17-23 event.

However, police said they only expect about 300 to attend the week-long conference, which will take place in several downtown venues. Quigley said police aren't sure what to expect.

"Some of these groups are confrontational," he said. "I guess we can expect a mixed bag of people."

Brochures circulated by Active Resistance states the event is a revolutionary left anti-capitalist gathering that strives to link revolutionary movements. During a similar four-day meeting here in July 1988, some 36 people were arrested, three cops injured and public property defaced when anarchists ran amok through the city during a demonstration.

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RADICALISM

ANTI-RACIST ACTION (ARA)

Anti-Racist Action (Toronto) came together in September 1992, at a time when white supremacist groups were making a bid for mainstream credibility and campaigning to recruit white youth as shock troops for their genocidal plans. Since then we have been working in schools, in our neighborhoods, and on the streets to show the strength of our opposition to white supremacy and fascism, as well as our commitment to a multi-racial, multi-cultural, sexually diverse, liberated and fun society. Our basis of unity is "to expose, oppose, and confront racist organizing and the far-right agenda, through education, mass action, and support of broader anti-racist struggles."

We organize demonstrations, distribute anti-fascist and anti-racist information, and work to educate ourselves and others about far-right groups and the racist and homophobic society which spawns them. ARA meets regularly to plan actions, shows and campaigns. We welcome all sincere anti-racists.

ARA also works with other anti-racist groups to develop common strategies to fight white supremacy. We organize benefit shows and participate in campaigns against police brutality and in support of sovereign First Nations facing racist backlash. While we support those who pressure the government and the courts to move against fascist hate-mongering and violence, our focus is on direct action and grassroots responses to white supremacy. We think you should have the opportunity to act on your outrage at nazi organizing in your community. Stopping them in their goosestepping tracks is self-defense!

So far, ARA's militant counter-presence has helped to severely hinder open fascist organizing in larger metropolitan areas. However, experience is showing that the fash will just reorganizing to communities that have no organized anti-racist presence. So, we need to stay active and spread our anti-fascist organizing to meet them wherever they are.

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THE REVOLUTIONARY ANARCHIST WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE (RAWC)

The Revolutionary Anarchist Women's Collective has formed as the newest anarcho-feminist group in town. Anti-state, anti-capitalist, feminists in defiance of authoritarian belief systems! Running out of "Who's Emma" anarchist book/record store, RAWC provides a means to unite women involved in both the "Who's Emma" collective and the activist anarchist community. From 4pm until 7pm every Monday evening "Who's Emma" is transformed from a generally male dominated space to a women's only space. RAWC discusses feminist theory and practice, and explores ways in which we can work to have a larger impact on the anarchist community. The collective provides a forum for women to educate one another; express and explore their oppression; gather the strength and anger to act; and invest in women's culture in a safe space. All women are welcome to come out to RAWC and check out the space during women's only hours... or maybe just unite with other women to cause shit in Toronto.

For more info call 416-598-3354.



LOCAL

TAO COMMUNICATIONS

Tao Communications is a regional federation comprised of local autonomous collectives and individuals. We organize networks in order to defend and expand public space and the right to self-determination. We create knowledge through independent public interest research, and distribute it freely through participatory education.

We actively promote the establishment of worker-owned and operated autonomous zones. Under the belief that information should be free, we operate against capital or market-regulated forms of political, economic and cultural organization, and towards socially just, ecologically sound, international liberation. We advocate democratic exercise of the means of production to help achieve these beliefs. We also create tactical arts intended for such practical and inspirational application, as to encourage other autonomous groups and individuals to join us in our struggle for democracy.

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ONTARIO PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (OPIRG) TORONTO

According to the manual we are

"...a student funded group with a mandate for education, action, and research on social justice and environmental issues. We are part of an international network of Public Interest Research Groups, including ten others in Ontario.

We are a volunteer-driven organization that: empowers students and the broader community; provides a forum for learning and sharing skills; and gives people both the tools and the opportunity to work cooperatively for social change.

While OPIRG is best known for its environmental work and related research, the majority of our projects actually focus on a wide variety of social justice, economic, human rights and anti-racist issues."

This manifests itself through volunteer action groups around general issues or specific projects. In the past year our work has included: The Bush Off Campaign, Fair Trade Coffee, Anti-Sweatshop/Nike, MAI Awareness, Corporate-Free Campus Project, Solidarity with Stoney Point First Nations, International Solidarity, and much, much more.

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WHAT YOU'RE HOLDING IN YOUR HANDS IS *ANARCHY IN THE STREETS*, THE ACTIVE RESISTANCE 1998 ZINE. BASICALLY, IT'S FULL OF INFO WE HOPE YOU'LL FIND USEFUL DURING AR98 AND LATER.

AFTER A LOT OF DEBATE ABOUT WHAT TO NAME THIS THING, IT SORT OF GOT NAMED FOR US. A LOCAL TABLOID, FEARFUL AS EVER OF ANARCHISTS RUNNING AMOK, RAN AN ARTICLE A FEW DAYS AGO ENTITLED "ANARCHY IN THE STREETS." WELL, WE SORT OF LIKE THE PHRASE, EVEN THOUGH THE TABLOID AND WRITER ARE DELUDED ABOUT ANARCHY AND WHAT AR98 IS ALL ABOUT. ACTUALLY, WHAT AR98 WILL BE ABOUT IS WHAT YOU AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS MAKE IT THIS WEEK.

IN *ANARCHY IN THE STREETS*, WE'VE INCLUDED DESCRIPTIONS OF MOST AR HAPPENINGS: CORE GROUPS, FREE SKOOL, EVENING FORUMS, ACTIONS, PERFORMANCE NIGHTS AND OTHER STUFF. WE GOT A LOT OF IMPORTANT LOGISTICAL STUFF IN HERE AS WELL: HOUSING, FOOD, CHILDCARE, GETTING AROUND, ETCETERA. THERE ARE THREE IMPORTANT SECTIONS ON LEGAL STUFF, PROCESS AND SAFETY AND SECURITY WHICH YOU SHOULD TAKE THE TIME TO READ AT SOME POINT. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE'VE ALSO INCLUDED A LISTING OF CHEAP PLACES TO STAY, CHEAP PLACES TO EAT AND RELATIVELY HASSLE-FREE PLACES TO HANG-OUT. A LARGE MAP OF ALL AR SITES IS SEPARATE FROM THIS ZINE.

FOR HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, WE'VE GOT SECTIONS DESCRIBING THE ACTIVE RESISTANCE COUNTER-CONVENTION IN CHICAGO IN 1996, AND THE SURVIVAL GATHERING ANARCHIST UNCONVENTION IN TORONTO IN 1988. BOTH THESE EVENTS WERE REFERENCE POINTS IN PLANNING FOR AR98.

WE HOPE THAT THIS IS NOT OUR FIRST AND LAST ZINE. THERE'S ALREADY SOME TALK OF A POST-AR98 PUBLICATION, WITH REPORTS AND PHOTOS FROM WHATEVER HAPPENS THIS WEEK. IF YOU WANT TO HELP WITH PUTTING THIS TOGETHER, GET IN TOUCH WITH THE AGITPROP CREW AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE IN SYMPTOM HALL.

SO, HANG ON TO *ANARCHY IN THE STREETS* DURING THE WEEK. IT'LL BE HANDY IN CASE YOU GOT QUESTIONS, OR TO JUST FIGURE OUT WAYS TO PLUG-IN TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AT AR98. SEE YOU IN THE STREETS!

-- THE AGITPROP CREW OF AR98

Active Resistance: A Radical Gathering Toronto 1998

*A revolutionary left, anti-capitalist gathering & convention
uniting theory with practice.*

**AR will provide a forum for community and workplace
organizers to discuss strategy and for the exchange of ideas &
knowledge.**

**AR will provide space & time for workshops, general assembly,
and strategy sessions to build revolutionary movements.**

AR is working for the creation of autonomous spaces.

**AR is an anarchist event using anti-authoritarian and
democratic process.**

**AR will work to transform society and ourselves by confronting
capitalism, imperialism, colonization, patriarchy, racism,
heterosexism, state-violence, and all forms of domination and
exploitation by being critical of systems, institutions, and
technologies; based on tactics of resistance and direct action.**

**AR is working towards an anarchist society which is
anti-authoritarian and self-governed, in which people organize
themselves from the bottom up on an egalitarian basis; decisions
made by those effected by them; direct democratic control of
workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, towns, and bio-regions,
with coordination between differing groups as needed; a world
where people have power over their own lives, bodies, and
sexuality, where we cherish and live in balance with the earth;
where we work and live together cooperatively to nourish
community, autonomy, and mutual aid.**

RADICALISM

FOOD NOT BOMBS TORONTO

Food Not Bombs, if you didn't already know, is a network of anti-poverty activists who primarily find food that's going to be trashed, cook it up, and serve it for free on the street to the homeless, unemployed and other activists. The name/slogan came out of the peace movement in the states and today there is a Food Not Bombs in most major north american cities. The sentiment is simple: compassion instead of hatred, understanding instead of ignorance, direct action instead of charity. When we moved to Toronto a couple years ago we got the chance to start a FNB group. We put up flyers, met other activists and since then we've been serving almost every week on trendy yuppie-heaven streets, in parks, at protests, actions, picket lines, vigils, punks show, activist meetings and union locals. It's relatively easy to do in Toronto; enough food gets thrown away during the week and we have a couple people who can work magic with almost anything. We use bicycle trailers for transportation and have benefit shows and albums to buy whatever supplies we need.

We're a street level activist group where people can go and eat a good hot meal, make friends and contacts, learn to survive with little resources, and hopefully get a REAL political education. A long cold protest in the financial district or outside the US consulate is made stronger when there's a nice hot meal and coffee for everyone, in which case it's a matter of solidarity and dignity, and is vitally important for any anarchist or radical social change movement.

Our next steps will be to broaden our capacity by agitating for more anti-charity street servings, producing propaganda relevant to poor people, and generally being more of a threat to poor-bashing 'property owners' and their interests. We've been working more closely with groups like OCAP, and there's the potential for such coalitions to create effective possibilities and strengthen the anti-poverty movement.

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COALITION AGAINST TECHNOLOGICAL UNEMPLOYMENT

Purpose:

The Coalition Against Technological Unemployment is an organization which promotes public awareness of the effects of automation on low wages and unemployment; and, due to the magnitude of this unemployment and reduction in wages, works to build support for the need to limit technology which displaces people from the economy.

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ONTARIO COALITION AGAINST POVERTY (OCAP)

OCAP is Toronto's most radical direct action anti-poverty group. It is organized and run by poor people to fight the systems that oppress, harm and turn a blind eye to us. The group's roots are in the 1989 'March on Poverty', organized by many smaller anti-poverty groups in response to a Liberal government report suggesting that welfare rates be raised. Marches began in London, Sudbury and Ottawa converging on Queen's Park (Ontario's Provincial Legislature) that spring. It was a pivotal development for Ontario's anti-poverty movement when 4,500 people joined on the lawn in protest of the province's growing poverty. This resulted in a massive discussion of anti-poverty issues, and planning to form a long term coalition to fight the problems on a province wide level. On board at the time was the provincial New Democratic Party Caucus (Canada's fake left-labour party). In 1990, OCAP was officially founded, building a massive network across Ontario. After the NDP was elected in the summer of 1990 their support and funding for the coalition mysteriously disappeared. The ambition of growing to province-wide activity declined. And by the time Mike Harris and the Tory government came to power in 1995 we were mainly Toronto-based, with smaller active chapters across Ontario.

OCAP's work over the past few years has included housing take-overs, fighting welfare cuts, trying to get boundary conditions dropped for sex-trade workers, fighting against public housing security guard goons, fighting against other bad cops in the community, trying to keep shelters open and fighting against crappy yuppie residents associations. We also do direct-action case-work, fighting individual cases of systematic abuse (ie. a person being denied welfare). This works as follows: When someone brings us their case, a letter is sent alerting the appropriate bureaucrat that OCAP is now watching. When this is not enough, a ragged band they call the OCAP'ers go to show the people's will. The crew go to the office and demand the situation be remedied immediately. The course of action has a 99% success rate for us and office supervisors generally hyperventilate and call head office, security or the police upon learning OCAP is in their building.

Examples of more recent actions include: taking over Toronto's underground path through the financial district at noon-hour in protest of welfare cuts, squatting houses and trying to open them up for the homeless, holding neighborhood parties on the streets of asshole gentrifying poor-bashers, organizing mass panhandles and squeegees when there have been crack-downs, shutting down meetings and businesses discussing or taking on workfare placements, and staging pickets on the homes of horrible welfare managers, the less than intelligent Mike Harris, etc.

Our TEAM IMMIGRATION also does direct action case-work on refugee claims. Along with the International Federation of Iranian Refugees, the New Socialist Group & OPIRG University of Toronto, TEAM IMMIGRATION pulled off a huge demonstration targeting the minister of immigration, and her proposed changes to immigration law. They also organized a massive day of action, fighting those same changes by occupying liberal party head-quarters for and afternoon.

OCAP has a great reputation in Toronto for getting shit done, whatever it may take. The cops are particularly vicious to its members, with 60-70 charges laid against us since Harris came to power. Not one has actually stood in court. We are well represented in the coordinating collective, and in the conference in general.

If you want to know more, ask around with Toronto folks, or to get more involved call 416-925-6939.

Transparent Structure and Process

(This section is just a brief overview of the process and structure of AR98. There is more detailed information elsewhere in this zine, specifically the sections on Process & Ombuddies and Safety & Security.)

The Active Resistance Toronto Organizing Collective (made up of approximately 20 organizers) has met weekly under a consensus process with an 80% majority backup vote upon unresolvable blocks. During the conference, the Organizing Collective will be meeting each morning. The Organizing Collective is composed of 5 separate organizing committees working on different aspects of the conference, in addition to core groups and other parts of AR98. The five committees are:

ACTIVITIES: program, speakers, Free Skool, core groups, events, forums, etc.

LOGISTICS: billeting, food, spaces, housing, parking, child care, etc.

S.A.I.L.O.R.S. (Security and Information League of Revolutionaries): safety, medical, security, legal first aid

AGITPROP: propaganda, printed materials, documentation, communications, poster, zine, translation, registration, orientation, map and schedule

FUNDRAISING: \$\$\$ (we need it!)

The Organizing Collective will try to make the process and structure of AR98 as transparent and participatory as possible. Most meeting and workgroup facilitators have been trained before the conference in organized and focused consensus decision making and discussion techniques with gender parity. There will be another consensus and facilitation workshop for facilitators who arrive on Monday. A safety and security team will always be ready to help with any problems as they arise. Plenaries are scheduled each morning of AR98 for orientation, progress reports, adjustments and general evaluation.

During the conference, we expect most participants will form themselves into many different affinity and work groups of their own choosing both inside and outside of the cores. We have organized the conference as a forum for free exchange of ideas and experiences and not as a formal "congress" making long range decisions. However, longer term campaign planning will take place as part of at least one of the cores. We expect many projects will be started out of Active Resistance and we will help facilitate space for specific projects that people want to engage in.

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SYMPTOM HALL

160 Claremont Street (south of Dundas, 5 blocks west of Bathurst)

Symptom Hall is AR98's central site. It will be where registration is taking place on Monday, August 17th from 10am to 8pm and the rest of the week as latecomers arrive. It is also the site of the Telegraph Office (Communications Center), which is where the Agitprop Committee has set-up desks, stationery, computers, printers, a silkscreen press and maybe a photocopier and other materials. Symptom Hall will be the site of the Propaganda Carnival which is happening all week.

The main floor of this site will house the Telegraph Office and the Propaganda Carnival. Dinner will be served at Symptom Hall each night of AR at 6pm (except Sunday).

Basically, if you want to find out what's happening at AR, go to the Telegraph Office at Symptom Hall at any time.

[Accessibility: This site is only partially wheelchair accessible. There is a ramp that permits entrance to the first floor. The doors to the washroom are somewhat narrow. The other floors are only accessible by stairs.]

SCADDING COURT COMMUNITY CENTER

707 Dundas Street West (just before Bathurst)

This community center is where childcare will be taking place between Monday to Friday of AR. There is an indoor childcare area as well as a large playground outdoors. Some Free Skool workshops can be held here in two medium-sized spaces at the Alexandra Pool and Park beside Scadding Court. The pool is a place where AR participants can go to get a shower, just be discreet (that is, don't go in really large groups, and pretend that you're going swimming). The pool is free and open from 10am to 6pm and 7pm to 8:50pm weather permitting. There are also 25 cent lockers in the change areas where AR people can store towels and other stuff during the week.

[Accessibility: This site is wheelchair accessible, including the pool area.]

PRE-REVOLUTIONARY TOWN HALL (aka, Innis Town Hall)

2 Sussex (at St. George Street)

This site will be used just for the opening plenary of AR98 which will be taking place at 8pm on Monday, August 17th. It takes about 20 minutes to walk to this site from Symptom Hall.

[Accessibility: This site is accessible.]

THE BAKUNIN BOP (aka, the Big Bop)

175 Bathurst Street (at down with the Queen St.)

The Bakunin Bop is available for AR between Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 6pm. It is where breakfast and lunch will be served on these days. It will also be the site of the Building Revolutionary Movements and Community Organizing core groups and Free Skool workshops.

[Accessibility: Aside from a difficult entry onto the first floor, the rest of this venue is not accessible.]

Also, on Thursday, police arrested five activists from the Festival of Light, a group including some old Yuppies, who staged an encampment at Grant Park and led protests around drug legalization and other issues. They were charged with felony mob action and felony history for alleged actions during the Not on the Guest List march. The police claimed a lone bottle was thrown at them. Chicago activists report a grand jury is being convened to investigate these ridiculous charges.

The following day, AR and Consumermedia held a demonstration and press conference at the 14th district police headquarters to publicize the raid and arrests, and pressure the police to release those still in jail. Speakers from AR, Consumermedia, The National Lawyers Guild, Festival of Light, and the property manager from whom we had rented the Ballroom and Spice Factory took turns in front of a podium made of a giant puppet of liberation head condemning the police. At the end of the conference/demo, the

last two people, Kristian and Guin, were released.

The final three days of AR, Friday to Sunday, were severely disrupted by the raid, the arrests, evacuating the Spice Factory and Ballroom and relocating people to a backup space. Although a general weariness prevailed, there was a wrap-up session on Saturday, and the next day, one hundred people met for a final evaluative/next steps session.

Since August, people in several cities have held follow-up meetings and regional gatherings are being discussed. A booklet of discussions, reports and reflections about AR is being put together and will be sent out to participants. As of this writing (October 13), charges were dropped on all of those arrested at the Festival of the Oppressed.

Contrasted with past continental anarchist gatherings—Toronto in 1988 and San Francisco, the following year—our movement has become much more serious, experienced, relevant, clearheaded and widespread. AR planted the seeds and showed us our potential, but only energetic, effective organizing and careful community building where we live will nurture these seeds into thriving communities and a blossoming mass movement. Contact the Autonomous Zone for legal updates or to send money to help with travel/legal expenses. 312 252-0775 (ext. 2 for legal info), 1573 N. Milwaukee #420, Chicago, IL 60622.



The Corporate Power tower is dragged by its victims. Later, following a rebellion, it is transformed into utopian scenes of anarchy. — photo/Susan Simerany Smith

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Active Resistance at the Democratic Convention: Planting Seeds for an Anarchist Movement

tion to "protest Clinton and the Democrats' politics of repression and brutality." The march was called to "stand up against the racism and classism of the criminal justice system, free all political prisoners, stop police brutality and abolish the death penalty." We made up a quarter of the 1500 person march organized by the Not On the Guest List coalition.

Leaving from Wicker Park, the march went through the neighborhood and towards the convention site two miles away. The anarchist street theater procession featured the Corporate Power tower—a combination high rise office building and headless businessman holding giant, ten-foot-high Clinton and Dole puppets on strings. The tower was dragged along by costumed "winners," "taxpayers," "workers," and "consumers," his unseen casualties followed behind, including a stump of deforestation, single rooms, endangered species, and body bags of health care and education.

Puppet police in giant pig heads with their cardboard barricades ordered people to move and mingled with the real cops. Puppet media (See-B5 TV) interviewed spectators with a cardboard camera and while as a TV puppet showed a moving scroll of collaged images. At the height of the procession, people chanting, "Rise up," rebelled against corporate power and the four walls of the top half of the Corporate Power tower collapsed, unveiling a giant red fist and murals on the backside of each wall illustrating positive future visions. Two giant colorful warrior/goddess liberation puppets flew out and circled the crowd.

We staged the uprising against Corporate Power tower as the march came in sight of the United Center. March organizers planned a civil disobedience action blocking delegate traffic into the convention, but police had rerouted traffic. Only Countermedia reporter Jeff Pearlstein was arrested while he was interviewing two kids from the Horner projects.

During the Convention the anti-abortion fanatics from Operation Rescue staged actions against women's clinics. People from AR provided the primary clinic defense at which a Countermedia videographer was arrested.

Revolution as Festival of Oppressed

On the last day of the convention, AR organizers scheduled a celebratory street theater procession, the Festival of the Oppressed, through the Wicker Park West Side neighborhood. This was the only anarchist-organized demonstration during the convention, so we decided not to march to the United Center public relations facade, but creatively appeal to the community we were in.

As we assembled our puppets in the park, our police liaison, Gais, told a police supervisor we had our own traffic safety marshals and the route would be disclosed as we went. The cop said he couldn't assure our safety if we didn't tell him the entire route, but we didn't expect any hassles. The city had gone in great lengths in their publicity campaign about how well behaved their cops would be,

and they had been pretty low key at all the demos that week.

We chose a route through the Wicker Park neighborhood's most visible streets using all the puppets, props and masks we made during the previous week, and a bunch more than Wise Ford Puppet Intervention brought. The procession was led by a ten-foot-high banner with Tony's incredible AR mural of colorful, enlarged images of anarchy, community and culture, including a classic graphic of the Haymarket Martyrs.

The anti-nuclear Shandahai Network brought up the rear, hauling a giant mock nuclear waste cask, and a high energy drum corps accompanied us. It was definitely a puppet theater procession, not a traditional demonstration with almost no signs or banners in sight. Community response was positive with people coming out of stores and houses to watch.

The police began forcing us off the sidewalk on Milwaukee Avenue, and a line of mounted police pushed us into one lane. Halfway up Ashland Avenue, the cops roughly grabbed a man from Countermedia for no apparent reason. When our police liaison, Gais, went to find out why, the cops tried to push him back. He roared his ground, but was thrown down and dragged away. After a tense standoff, the police line backed up a bit and we pushed forward.

Then, a mounted cop charged into the crowd, and his horse crushed the foot of Kristian, one of the marchers. He was carried to the sidewalk where people led his foot and put him in the Shandahai vehicle. Police stopped the van on North Avenue and arrested Kristian and four

others inside. When told that Kristian needed medical attention, a cop dragged him out of the van by his hair, kicking his injured foot as he was thrown into the police wagon.

Although Kristian was beginning to black out, they were driven around for an hour. At the police station, Kristian, still hacking out and denied medical attention, was interrogated by nine cops. The van and cask were impounded and trashed, film destroyed, and papers and an address book stolen.

Meanwhile, we formed a protective line to prevent the cops from grabbing any one else. When we turned onto North Avenue, the cops rushed a bicyclist, knocking over other people on the sidewalk. A woman who intervened to protect the man in cus-

tom was arrested as were several Countermedia reporters. One videographer had his camera smashed, others had film taken. Even Chicago Tribune reporters complained of police "forming a line to keep reporters and photographers away from the arrests, pushing journalists and threatening to arrest them." We took over and held Wicker Park's central six-way intersection (North, Milwaukee and Dames Aves.) and staged our symbolic uprising against corporate power.

We felt the day was a victory since we were able to take the street and carry out our entire march and performance in the intersection despite police arrests and provocation. The procession ended back in the park where we began. After putting down our puppets and props, we formed a circle, planned our responses to the police arrests, and closed with a dance performance. Then, people left for a vigil at the police station for those arrested.

Police Raid at the Ballroom

That evening, approximately 100 Chicago police gathered in a dark parking lot near the two sites used for AR conference housing. Word went around to expect a raid. The Spice Factory, the larger of the two sites, was being evacuated and only about twenty people remained at the Ballroom, which had been cleaned out for an unrelated event the following evening.

A woman sitting in the back of the Ballroom saw eight cops coming up the railroad tracks and yelled, "The cops are coming!" One then kicked her in the leg while she was trying to sit. When she asked, "What are you doing?" the cop responded by

pepper spraying her at point blank range.

People repeatedly requested a search warrant, and asked for the badge numbers of the police who had removed them from their shirts and hats, but to no avail.

Once inside, police searched the building and went through personal belongings. They took a walkie talkie and file from an organizer's bag including phone lists. As they left, they repeatedly pepper gassed a man at close range, who had followed the latter hospitalized from the gas. When a reporter asked police about the incident, they denied the raid ever happened and suggested it was invented by AR. After the Spice Factory was evacuated, it was searched and ransacked, presumably by police.



THE 360 "drunk revolutionaries" (326 hang the Queen Street West, between Spadina and Peter Kropotkin)

This bar by night is available to AR between 1-6pm between Tuesday to Friday. It will be the site of the Alternative Economics core group, and early evening Free Skool workshops. [Accessibility: The doorway is somewhat narrow, but otherwise, this site is accessible.]

INTERSECTION (761 the Queen is a twist Street West, west of Bathurst)

This site is available for Free Skool workshops and caucuses on the second floor between 10am to 12pm and 4-6pm Tuesday to Friday. [Accessibility: This site is wheelchair accessible, with an elevator to the second floor.]

ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR SUBVERSIVE EDUCATION (OISE) (252 Bloor Street West, at St. George Street)

OISE will be the site of some Free Skool workshops between 10am to 12pm and 4-6pm, Tuesday to Friday. It takes 20 to 30 minutes to walk to this site from Symptom Hall or Bakunin Bop. [Accessibility: This building is wheelchair accessible.]

COMMUNITY CAFE (207 Ossington Street, south of Dundas)

This is where most meals for AR will be prepared during the week and then transported to either the Bakunin Bop or Symptom Hall. It's also a good place to go to get some really cheap vegan and vegetarian food (\$3 a plate). It's open between 11am to 7pm, Tuesday to Sunday during AR. [Accessibility: The front entrance is very difficult to manoeuvre a wheelchair through. The washrooms are not accessible.]

HART HOUSE ANARCHIST DEBATES ROOM (7 Hart House Circle, off of hill the King's College Circle, on the University of Toronto campus)

The Tuesday and Thursday evening forums will take place in the Debates Room of this pretentious university building. The room is on the second floor. [Accessibility: The second floor is not accessible.]

KOFFLER is a capitalist pig INSTITUTE (569 Spadina Avenue, north of College St.)

The Wednesday evening forum will take place at this building named after a local pharmacy-owning exploiter. The forum is in the auditorium. [Accessibility: This site is accessible.]

K.Y.T.E.S. (Art and Revolution HQ) 457 Richmond (west of Spadina)

This youth drop-in center will be used as the main site for the Art and Revolution core group during AR. It's about a 15 minute walk from Symptom Hall. (Accessibility: This site is not accessible.)

why women's only space?

so read this even if you think women's only space is alright because these points are pretty damn fine. this was made up by the Revolutionary Anarchist Women's Collective. we formed in January 1998 in response to the continual onslaught of male dominance in punk and anarchist spaces. as a group of ancho-feminists that want to change that, we began by pointing out its existence, and taking up space (lots and lots).

why do ar grrls demand women's only space? because we are reactionary, irrational, hysterical, rude, over bearing..... and because:

- we live in a male-dominated culture. women are constantly forced into situations where men are exercising their power and exhibiting sexist behavior. we create three hours a week when women can escape from the constant onslaught.
- pro-feminist men can be very helpful in working for women's liberation. in some groups their presence is welcome, however, in others it is more useful and beneficial for women to exclude men. men often cannot help being oppressive or dominating, and we want to create space where women do not have to battle with this behavior.
- many women feel more comfortable speaking in women's only space, and can more easily talk about issues that effect them.
- we want women to be the focal point of the group, the presence of men would likely divert attention to educating them about their sexism. we want men as allies but they must put effort into educating themselves. feminists are not around simply to spend time teaching men about how they oppress. we want to educate each other on how to survive and how to fight back.
- we want to develop and foster women's culture, not simply be the 'token girls' in male culture.
- we want to feel safe and comfortable in a space, for once, instead of feeling intimidated/threatened.
- we want to provide an environment where women can explore and express their oppression, something not easily achievable among the presence of men.
- we want women in the community to forge bonds with one another and take time out of the week to spend time together.
- women and men must deal with their shit both together and separated. this is one of those separate times.
- active resistance is our space too, and so we take it.



WOMEN'S
ONLY
SPACE



President Clinton delivered his nomination acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention (DNC) talking about "a bridge to the 21st century," a half a mile away Chicago police were raiding a building housing anarchists from the Active Resistance Counter-Convention (AR).

"I don't need a search warrant. You're a subversive and you're conspiring to overthrow the U.S. Government!" said one of the cops who searched our belongings, while others pepper-sprayed, kicked and threatened us.

For three sweaty weeks this summer I worked with AR counter-convention, a ten-day anarchist conference, coinciding with the August 26-29 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

AR marked a big step forward in anarchist/traidical organizing and community building in North America. After fifteen years of working on direct action and anarchist campaigns and projects, AR made me hopeful about the potential for a powerful mass movement based on anti-authoritarian principles.

Idea for Active Resistance

The idea for AR came two years prior at a Midwest anarchist gathering, when the location for the Democratic convention was announced. Local activists recognized it would draw folks to Chicago, providing an opportunity to organize a constructive gathering that would go beyond simply protesting the Democrats. People from across the country, especially the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic, were involved in the planning, with the bulk of the logistics taken on by Chicago Autonomous Zone organizers.

AR scheduled most of the Counter-Convention between August 21-25, leaving the August 26-29 DNC period un-scheduled so participants could plan and participate in the Festival of the Oppressed, demonstrations or attend the free skool.

Evening activities included presentations about current organizing and activism, time for caucuses and networks to meet, puppet building, and a daily radical dance class.

Afternoons were spent in "core" discussion groups divided into three topics: 1) collectives, cooperatives and alternative economics; 2) community organizing; and 3) building revolutionary movements. This was the most ambitious part of AR, allowing for in-depth discussion, planning, and networking to build our oppositional movements and alternative institutions.

Each core section presentation was put together by a group of activists involved in the topic. Core groups met three hours daily and at the end of five days, met to "mill the pieces together."

While the discussions did not completely fulfill the ambitious goal of "creating an infrastructure for resistance communities," they did move in that direction by setting a time and making space for serious discussions about our theory and practice. Some projects and networks came out of the core sections as well as lots of informal contacts, friendships and general community building.

"A pamphlet based on discussions which developed models of what community organizing around anarchist principles would look like is being put together by the Chicago A-Zone. In Oakland, Calif. activists inspired by AR discussions are meeting to plan an anarchist-based organizing project where they live, and a class on this is being offered at the local free skool (contact the Long Haul in Berkeley).

Evenings were time for free skool, skill

sharing workshops, and presentations and discussions of approximately a hundred different topics as varied as direct action planning, freight hopping, non-monogamous relationships, Zapatista updates, and farming.

Anarchy In Chicago

by David Soinit

Moments of Unabashed Pleasure

AR was jam-packed with events and activities: radical history bus tours took participants to important sites, such as the Haymarket Memorial and Emma Goldman's grave at Waldheim Cemetery, 1880s working class districts, and the area where 1950's urban rebellions occurred; an evening of revolutionary culture and talks; an Unconventional Film and Video Festival; a tribute to murdered Chicago

Black Panther Fred Hampton; a basketball tournament (A.B.A.—Anarchist Basketball Association); and the Propaganda Gallery, an installation of art and images of resistance.

There also moments of unabashed pleasure provided by bands, skinny-dipping at a full moon lake-side party, wild dancing, and great food provided daily by Seeds of Peace who even brought lunch to the cemetery following the radical bus tour.

750 people from the U.S., Canada, and a few from Mexico and Europe, registered for the event during its ten days. Being around so many people who applied their beliefs day-to-day to their households, farms, collectives, communities, cultural activity and resistance organizing, inspired

and activated both fresh and seasoned activists.

The Whole World is Watching... Lots

The Democratic convention was a major publicity event designed to create a mask of electoral democracy concealing the corporate elites that control both parties and most of the wealth, government and media in this country. Chicago spent millions of dollars hosting the Democrats, and creating a tidy facade by planting flowers and trees, painting bridges, and clearing vacant lots. Police forced homeless people off high visibility streets, such as Michigan Avenue.

The convention took place at the United Center on Chicago's West Side, surrounded by the desperately poor, Horner housing project and a desolate industrial area. Three of the Horner high-rise towers were torn down in anticipation of the convention and their residents kicked out with only temporary housing vouchers. Some local corner stores—the only food suppliers around—were also shut down.

Chicago's Mayor Richard Daley orchestrated a major effort to blow away the ghosts of the 1968 Democratic convention. Daley's dad, the mayor at that time, had ordered the brutal attack and tear gassing of thousands of anti-war activists in the streets outside the convention by cops and National Guard troops.

Unlike the 1968 convention, this time thousands of national and international reporters made sure "the whole world was watching" and reading what the Democrats and the current Daley wanted them to.

Initially, city officials refused to grant permits for any march during the convention, except ones which would walk on the sidewalks and cross with the lights. To further contain demonstrations which the city was afraid could "get out of hand," a giant, chain-link, fenced parking lot, out of view of the United Center, was set up on the official protest area. However, after a legal battle, the "No On the Guest List" coalition won a court ruling allowing street demonstrations.



Real Puppets vs. Corporate Puppets

Puppet/street theater/mural folks from San Francisco and a maskmaker from Chicago set up an ongoing, week-long mask, puppet and prop building workshop. Over one hundred people participated in making giant puppets, constructing papier mache and cardboard masks and props, and building and decorating a 10-foot-high Corporate Power tower. When completed, we took our creations and theater into the streets.

On Sunday, August 25, a large anarchist contingent, carrying an elaborate representation of the U.S./Mexico border, joined Mexican, Puerto Rican and other activists in an immigrant rights march. The U.S./Mexico border puppet, with flames along the bottom and heads and hands peering through coconera wire on top, was made by Mexican and southern California activists with *Ni Estados, Ni Fronteras* (No State, No Borders) scrawled across it.

We also carried a giant red banner reading, "Anarchist Solidarity, Viva Zapata, No One is Illegal, No Borders," and a giant rage puppet carried a "No One is Illegal" sign. When the march, joined by one from another neighborhood, entered the DNC protest area, our contingent, unwilling to walk into the official cage, slowly dispersed.

On Tuesday, August 27, the puppet procession, followed by a large, lively anarchist contingent (many organized into affinity groups), participated in the "No Justice No Peace" march on the conven-

Not on the Guest List or the Newscasts

By SUZY SIBWAYS

CHICAGO

1968, thousands of radical students came to Chicago to confront the Democratic Party in the imperialist war in Vietnam and were beaten by the police. In a year when radical movements were much weaker, Mayor Daley (son of the

notorious mayor of Chicago in 1968) welcomed Tom Hayden and other former Students for a Democratic Society organizers to a rally titled "Return to Chicago '68/76," complete with a 38-member cast of musical "Hair."

Joe Jackson, speaking inside the convention, criticized the prison economy, saying that prisons represent the number one industry in America, and expressed disappointment in Clinton for signing the Hare bill. But instead of actually doing anything to fight for prisoners and parolee—which one would have to leave the Democratic Party to do—Jackson emphasized unity against the Republicans. "The only time we gathered in Chicago high schools doped apart our big tent—we lost it not by the margins of our despair," said Jackson. Unfortunately, despair is real, and pin one's hopes on the Democrats is to ignore the reality that their interests are not those of oppressed people.

The community organizing core was productive and exciting. It was very structured, with a focus on training organizers. The group discussing building revolutionary organizations, in the building revolutionary movements core, talked about the need for a higher level of organization in the anarchist movement. We also discussed strongly for building a working-class anarchist movement.

Most meetings and discussions at Active Resistance were very male-dominated. Also, there were no specifically feminist workshops, except for a few in the free school, and the women's caucus. The few times women got together, it was more often a social gathering or planning for the Sister Subversor gathering in Wisconsin, than to talk about fighting for women's liberation. A small group got together to discuss the exclusion of transgendered women and boys at women's festivals like Sister Subversor, and how we can end this exclusion. But since few, some of whom didn't share the same basic understandings of the world as the women in the room, the group ironically ended up having to spend most of

thirty-foot "tower of corporate greed" pulling the strings of puppets Clinton and Dale. As the marches passed a cluster of housing projects, people from the projects enthusiastically joined, identifying with the group's issues. When the march got close to the convention center, it was blocked from going further by police. People stayed in the street and ended up delaying delegate buses for an hour with no arrests. Native American musicians played and anarchists lit a bonfire, and people enjoyed the festival atmosphere.

Ralph Reed of the Christian Coalition renned the Field Museum to court anti-choice Democrats. About 50 reproductive freedom activists came to give the anti-choice hard time, carrying thought bubbles that

its time discussing the need for all-women's space at such festivals in the first place.

Many people at Active Resistance talked about being frustrated by the number of crazy parks who didn't seem to be going to many of the workshops, but still somehow define our movement in outsiders. The best thing about the Counter-Convention was how often people talked about wanting more organization in the anarchist movement, so that we can reach beyond punk culture and work more effectively with other movements for human liberation, especially movements of people of color.



Anarchists crash the Democracy party at the Not On the Guest List demonstration. Photo by John Pealy

THE ANARCHIST ALTERNATIVE

We anarchist activists of Active Resistance met together in the tradition of the radicals of '68, hoping to build a movement that can rip apart the big tent in the '90s. The Counter-Convention started one week before the convention, and continued to be an organizing base for anarchist participation during the convention. Over 700 people attended. The group was mostly young people, and it was predominantly white.

The organizers' goals were for activists to network and share skills learned from our non-isolated projects, and to facilitate the effort to build a better-organized anarchist movement.

The Autonomous Zone infoshop in Chicago put a lot of good work and thought into the Counter-Convention. Every day and time for networking meetings, "free school" workshops on specific issues and kills, and core groups. Three hours each day for five days were set aside for core group meetings, where the same people discussed the same topic each day. There were three main topics—alternative economics, community organizing, and building revolutionary movements—with subgroups within them.

Core groups experienced mixed success. A lot of people jumped from group to group, so a meeting would have different people in it from one day to the next. Many facilitators didn't seem prepared to talk about specific subjects, and many partici-

IN THE STREETS

Affinity groups from Active Resistance played an important role in many protests at the Democratic convention. At a march against anti-immigration laws, anarchists made up about half the protest, along with Puerto Rican protesters, a Chicana group, and smaller groups from the Puerto Rican Cultural Center and some white leftist organizations. Largely because anarchists took the initiative, the march took over the street and kept it. But when the Chicana organizers objected to the mostly white anarchists taking the lead and at the same time pushing the cops' limits by taking the opposite traffic lane, the anarchists pulled back out of respect for the self-determination of

the organizers and the safety of the many children present. The march finally sallied again at the end, when the anarchists refused to go into the cage.

Not On the Guest List, a coalition of groups including the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, the Autonomous Zone, the Puerto Rican Cultural Center, Women's Action Coalition, and the National Lawyers

Gallé held a march of over 1,000 people demanding freedom for political prisoners and an end to police brutality, and to expose and oppose the racism of the criminal justice system. One of the goals of the march was to block buses of delegates on their way to the convention, and to get arrested doing it. About 30 anarchists in affinity groups were willing to take more risks while attempting to avoid arrest.

said things like, "I really just want to save the world for white men" shove the heads of anits. One man was wearing a T-shirt that said it will "4,000 Kodak customers lost to abortions each year." The pro-choice-mostly young people including groups from Refuse and Resist and Anti-Racist Action ended up venting their anger by charring anits around the museum.

Clinic defense in Chicago was better organized than in San Diego. With good surveillance information, ten to fifteen activists were able to reach the clinic that the anits had chosen to attack before the anits got there. When the anits got there, they ran across the parking lot, but pro-choice activists were able to keep the clinic open. Then the cops showed up, removed the anits to move in and block the clinic for hours. The police lied and said that the clinic owner hadn't asked them to remove the anits.

The owner then made a statement that there would be no abortions performed that day. The anits declared victory and left. The experience was discouraging for reproductive freedom activists. Several women showed up for appointments while the clinic was blocked. One was so frustrated that she cried and then left. Another stayed and was continually taunted by anits. Despite newspaper reports that the

Chicago police were on their best behavior towards demonstrators, cops were unable to put their violent past behind them at this convention. The police raid of Active Resistance here (during this post) is an ominous example of the repression that is increasing these days, with the Anti-Terrorist Act and the erosion of due process for people accused of breaking the law. When anarchists organize ourselves effectively, we are a threat to the government and will be treated as such. It is hard to be prepared for this kind of attack, even with good security like at Active Resistance. In oppressive times like these, we need to keep working hard to build a strong movement that can withstand attacks and effectively go on the offensive. *

USEFUL STUFF

SYMPTOM HALL

Symptom Hall is the hub of AR98. That's where people can go and register during the week, and where people can go and find out what's going on (we'll try to answer most of your questions but probably not all!). There will also be bulletin boards outside of Symptom Hall with updated info as well as event listings, Free Skool schedule, ride board and other stuff. If at anytime during AR you don't know what's happening, head to Symptom Hall at 160 Claremont and talk to someone at the Telegraph Office or the SAILORS headquarters.

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203-2188

FOOD

The food crew of AR98 will be providing basic breakfast, lunch and dinner between Tuesday to Saturday of Active Resistance. There will also be a dinner on Monday and a breakfast on Sunday before the picnic. The meals will be all vegetarian and vegan. During the weekdays of AR all breakfasts and lunches will be served at the Bakunin Bop while all dinners will be at Symptom Hall. All other meals are at Symptom Hall.

We do not have lots of plates or cutlery, so as much as possible, please supply your own. Most meals will be prepared at the Community Café and then transported to either the Bakunin Bop or Symptom Hall. There will be more info on food at the registration table during AR98.

HOUSING

The organizers of AR98 have found various crash spaces all over Toronto for people who have registered beforehand. You'll find out where you're staying at registration. Safe spaces have been arranged as well.

At the time of the production of this zine, we are still working hard at finding as many alternative crash spaces as possible for everyone who has registered and, hopefully, for many people who just show up. However, as we stated in our pre-publicity, we cannot GUARANTEE space for everyone. If you pre-registered, you will get priority for housing. This zine includes some hints for cheap housing and other alternatives during your stay in Toronto for AR.

CHILDCARE

AR98 will be offering childcare between Monday to Friday. A childcare area during the day will be at the Scadding Court Community Center. We are also hoping to have a kid's programme during the week. AR98 is a child-friendly event. You can choose to use the childcare available, but don't hesitate to have your child accompany you at any event at AR where you feel comfortable.

TRANSLATION

AR98 will be offering translation in French and Spanish. Unfortunately, we were unable to organize translation in other languages where there might have been some demand. French translation will be done by a group of bilingual people registered for AR from Montreal. We will connect French speakers with translators during AR for workshops, cores and other events. There will be a "traduction" board at Symptom Hall to help coordinate translation.

At present, three registrants to AR will be helping with Spanish translation. There will be a "traduccion" board at Symptom Hall for this as well.

The translation team is asking that other AR participants be sensitive to the language needs of others. That means, ask before any event if anyone needs French or Spanish translation. Also, speak clearly to help the translators do their job. Also, don't be surprised if translators ask for clarification for certain technical or esoteric terms (like "esoteric").

PARKING

At the time of writing of this zine, we have secured some parking spaces for out-of-towners. Parking in Toronto is generally hellish (which is probably a good thing), so ask at registration for a spot. The area behind Symptom Hall will be reserved for vans and vehicles for use during AR to transport food and to shuttle people between sites, as well as people who need vehicles for accessibility.

GETTING AROUND

Most of the main sites of AR98 are within walking distance of each other, specifically Symptom Hall, the Bakunin Bop, Scadding Court Community Center, the 360, Intersection and KYTES. Give yourself at least 15 minutes to walk between these sites, a little more to get to the Community Café for food prep.

The evening forums are at buildings at the University of Toronto (the Koffler is a capitalist pig Institute and the Hart House Anarchist Debates Room) which are at least 20 minutes from Symptom Hall. The one site that is somewhat out-of-the-way is the Ontario Institute for Subversive Education (OISE), which is at least 25 to 30 minutes walking distance from Symptom Hall or the Bakunin Bop.

A Look at the Active Resistance Counter-Convention

TROUBLING TENDENCIES

As I said, the problems at Active Resistance had nothing to do with the organization of the conference. They are problems inside the anarchist movement, and as such, they highlight some of the more troubling tendencies of contemporary North American anarchism. The level of discussion clearly shows how vague and unsophisticated our attempts to develop them. Moreover, the transient nature of the people in the movement gets us bogged down in many of the same old debates over and over again. And not least, we spend far too much energy on internal arguments and navel-gazing, and not enough time doing tangible work, and not enough time start implementing our ideas, and learn as we go about doing that.

The more outwardly perceived and/or realistic if we have some people will be attracted to us. And they will stay in the movement because the movement is accomplishing things, not just holding an endless procession of meetings and tiny demos. This is one of the reasons why anarchists have become so popular—their involvement is accomplishing something tangible.

In addition to doing more external activism, everyone should be bringing up an activist, everyone should be forming up on theory and strategy. We can form discussionist groups on broad or narrow topics, and push groups of which we are members, and push groups of which we are members to raise the level of discussion beyond short-term strategy. No matter what kind of group it is, it can benefit from addressing questions about longer-term goals, how revolution happens, how movements form, etc.

READERS GALORE

One way to advance this is to put together readers for new activists which will introduce them to basic texts and familiarize them with ongoing or past debates. It does not matter who produces them—the idea would be for a given person to collect several readers on various subjects of anarchism. Love & Rage could reprint the Building Revolutionary Organizations reader that one member put together for Active Resistance; someone could do a Social Ecology and Anarchism reader; ARA could do a Fighting Fascism reader, and so on. The readers should be widely distributed, available from the organizations and individuals that created them, and sold at all the infoshops. Such readers would help foster a sense of ideological continuity for the anarchist movement. In fact, a number of these readers already exist—all we need to do is mass-produce and distribute them (anyone want to take on this project?). The Studies is also taking a gigantic step in this direction by providing funds for anarchist writers to create the new body of theoretical literature that we are so sorely lacking.

No matter how much fun a gigantic conference like Active Resistance is, structurally and otherwise it's probably not the kind of conference which will produce immediate or earth-shattering results. The AR organizers took on the incredibly difficult task of trying to simultaneously organize an open-ended anarchist gathering that would appeal to the broadest number of anarchists, as well as a focused core component that would appeal to and help the work of anarchist organizers. The "gathering" side of things sometimes overflowed into the organizing part, but the AR organizers succeeded in developing some innovative new forms and new ideas that will be useful in creating conferences.

Despite all the drawbacks and problems with "anarchist gatherings," they are effective (and fun!) every so often and a good way to gauge the general state of the movement. In the meantime, smaller and more focused conferences and activist projects will accomplish more to build the movement concretely on a theoretical and practical level.

Chicago Cops Freak as Clinton Speaks—Raids and Felonies

ACTIVE RESISTANCE

On August 19 at 8 p.m., as Clinton was speaking before the Democrats (and the world), one of the buildings used by Active Resistance was raided by police. Five to eight uniformed officers—wearing badges—forced their way through the back door, searched and confiscated radio equipment and papers. When they came in, the cops ordered everyone to sit down. They pushed down a woman and pepper-sprayed several people, two of whom had to be hospitalized. Conference participants report that when they asked for a search warrant, officers said, "No arrests here, we want to see if you were then proceeded to another Active Resistance meeting site. By the time officers arrived at the second site, conference participants had already removed their belongings and evacuated the building.

The police raids came at the end of a day of 14 hours of activists and independent media makers, eight conference participants were arrested at the Festival of the Oppressed procession, including the parade's traffic safety coordinator. Six videographers working with Counter Media, a coalition of alternative media makers, were arrested while covering the procession. Their cameras were confiscated and some of their film was destroyed by arresting officers.

All around the same time Chicago police raided the Active Resistance conference spaces, they raided up five Festival of Life organizers and pinned the blame on them for alleged incidents at the March on the Queen List demonstration, a couple of days before. Chicago cops accused the Festival of Life folks of locking the city and of causing the cops bodily harm with the help of a beer bottle and a flat. They named Rev. Ron Schopp and Mike Durwood as guilty of being three felony charges each. Aggravated battery, 180-1.2, 180-1.2, 180-1.2. The Festival of Life five were arraigned on October 11. Their next court date is on October 15. Radical Chicago lawyer Jeff Haas of the Peoples' Law Office is representing them. In doing so Haas will represent an earlier celebrated case when he successfully paid the Chicago police for \$1.4 over the murder of Fred Hampton on behalf of his family members.

THE FESTIVAL OF LIFE

Five organizers of the Festival of Life, a series of events scheduled at Grant Park during the Democratic National Convention (DNC), are currently facing multiple felony charges after their arrest by Chicago police late in their week of protests. The organizers, mostly people of color, are currently in custody. The Festival of Life Legal Defense Fund needs contributions. Checks should be made out to The Eighth Day Center for Justice (EJC). Please send your tax deductible donation to: The Eighth Day Center for Justice, c/o Alice Dorsey Pappas, 235 W. Monroe, Chicago, IL 60606.



More anarchists at the Not On The Coast List demonstration

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Anarchy in the Windy City

By RAYUEL RONALDO

Through the rest of the left barely noticed, the Chicago police were well aware that over 700 anarchists had descended upon the city during the 1996 Democratic National Convention. The Active Resistance gathering was the largest and most ambitious anarchist conference since the San Francisco Wobblie Workers conference in 1989, and the police raids at the end confirmed it. [See page 14 for details.] Police harassment aside, as a kind of seven-year milestone, the conference deserves a close look—what does it say about the state of the movement?

Along with everyone I met there, I was impressed by the organization of the gathering, which was a massive undertaking, having received only the vaguest information about it, I arrived expecting chaos and typical anarchist haphazardness. Instead, the Autonomous Zone had done a terrific job lining up spaces, putting out guides and literature, providing food and security, getting entertainment together, and distributing info about what else was going on in Chicago around the Convention.

CORE CONCERNS

There were many reasons to get excited about the conference. The turnout was amazing, with new, young faces, as well as the familiar comrades, from all over North America. The variety of workshops was overwhelming. There were unexpectedly interesting speakers at various events. And unlike some, I think the idea of the core workshops was a good one. Core workshops focused on broad themes, and then split into sub-groups which met on five consecutive days, culminating in a plenary session at which participants related the themes of their discussions and the conclusions, if there were any.

Unsurprisingly, the cores didn't quite work as planned. It was impossible to anticipate the political interests of conference-goers; many sub-group topics ended up being combined and discussions in most groups did not always follow the intended agenda. For a variety of reasons but mainly because so many people came late or left the conference early, the sub-groups didn't have the same people in them every day, making it hard to build on discussions day by day, as the format intended. Nevertheless, the cores succeeded in getting people together on an ongoing basis to talk about some of the key issues facing the anarchist movement—community organizing, building revolutionary movements, and alternative economic models—and despite some of the frustration it created, I think that their flexibility on themes and agenda was positive.

Some came away from Active Resistance unimpressed. It wasn't just that little concrete came out of it—it's much more complicated than that. And in fact, it had almost nothing to do with the conference itself or the way it was organized. In most ways, the Autonomous Zone could not have done a better job. The problems I observed at AR reflect larger problems in the anarchist movement that surface at such large and fairly representative gatherings.

THE COOL CRUSTY THING

The problems basically fall into two categories: the people who attended the conference and the nature of the discussions that took place. There were only two issues for which the organizers bear some responsibility. First, I would like to have seen more plenaries, where the group as a whole came together. Without this, the conference felt somewhat disconnected and discontinuous as it was always being broken up into small groups. The other issue is a bit nitpicky. The contingents to demonstrations during the convention were not well-organized or well-publicized. I think that's fairly minor since the anarchist turnout for those events was fine anyway.

The first aspect of Active Resistance that struck me (and many others, I'm sure) was the sheer number of crusty parks. Maybe I noticed them more because I spent my first two nights at the Spier Factory (one of the two main conference sites), where most of them were crashing too. While many people

who look "punk" or "crusty" participated meaningfully in the conference, and have an unquestioned commitment to the anarchist movement, a lot of crusties there were doing the cool crusty thing, which consists of traveling around all summer from gathering to gathering. That's perfectly fine, except that having too many travelers with little to contribute beyond anti-intellectualism really detracts from serious work at a conference, and moreover, ensures that we appear to be a movement rooted in one particular youth culture. I want to stress that I'm not directing this criticism at all of

the punk or crusty scene, which I think has produced more revolutionary anarchists than any other youth culture in recent memory, but at those individuals who come mainly to get fucked up, show up only for meals, and disparage everyone else. In general, one of the strongest aspects of the conference was that groups on both sides of the "lifestylism" argument, who haven't particularly trusted each other, were able to transcend these divisions and communicate. It was thrilling to see so many new folks at AR, people who have only recently become active. On the other hand, it's hard

to have a workshop, especially a core workshop, that mixes people who are very inexperienced at anarchist activism with those who've been involved for a long time. It's keep coming in and bringing up questions that were discussed half an hour ago. Since no one is really at fault here, and it wouldn't be fair to exclude people from workshops, I don't foresee any solutions to this perennial problem except for more heterogeneous conferences.

This same phenomenon partially

explains why the discussions in most of the workshops remained frustratingly basic. Several people I talked to commented that they felt like they were reinventing the wheel in their workshops. My own experience in the Building Revolutionary Organizations core sub-group was that although the discussion was more advanced than in most groups, we did not really break any new ground. For example, on one of the days it turned into a heated debate about the utility of local versus national organizations, which unfortunately, was more vague than it should have

been, with people refraining from naming names. Nevertheless, it was the felicitous debate that far, so I was getting into it. Yet I had a nagging feeling that I'd been through this before. And indeed I had, for as every Love and Rager certainly knows, this same debate has been going on in the anarchist movement for years (check the letters sections of Anarchy and Fifth Estate), and has mainly been solved by those who are ideologically opposed to large-scale organizations resulting in smaller, local groups.

I also witnessed all the usual self-flagellation over the issues of white skin and class privileges. These are real things, and it's crucial that we recognize them, but it's also time to move beyond endless posturing. Now that we've acknowledged it, we should be coming up with some concrete solutions. Our organizations and our work can (and does, in some cases) focus on issues like prison abolition, immigration, and neo-liberal economics that directly affect poor people and people of color.

The Network of Anarchist Collectives will draw as a concrete result of Active

Resistance and I would be delighted to see it flourish. But even many of the NAC discussions (formal & informal) at this conference felt like another instance of spending a great deal of time rehashing basic stuff on which we already agreed.



ACCESSIBILITY

The organizers of AR98 would like to apologize for not being able to offer an event that is more accessible. The accessibility of each space at AR is described in the Spaces section of this zine.



Dogs are welcome at AR, however, some sites will be more dog-friendly than others on a case-by-case basis. Please pick up after your dog, and respect others who might be fearful of animals.

PIGS

See the sections on legal stuff and safety and security.

MEDIA

The Agitprop Committee has set up a system to identify people who will be covering AR as media. People who are registered and part of AR, and other sympathetic media, will be getting a BLACK badge. Most of these people will be covering AR for radical publications, or for the documentation crew of Agitprop. Corporate media and others will be getting GREEN badges. They will be excluded from all living spaces of AR as well as the large plenaries. For other events, workshops or cores, individuals or groups can decide if they wish to allow GREEN media (or BLACK for that matter).

All media will be asked to respect the right of people to be not interviewed, photographed or filmed. AR98. If you feel a media person is getting out of line, tell one of the SAILORS.

free skool

from tuesday august 18 until friday august 21 (between 10am to 12pm and 4-6pm) freeskoool will be happening at AR98. this will be a time for workshops, discussions, presentations and caucuses outside of the core groups. some of the more popular free skool workshops will be repeated on saturday morning so that you can catch some workshops that you might have missed.

the free skool spaces at AR98 are the bakunin bop, intersection, 360, the ontario institute for subversive education (oise) and other sites.

if you signed up for a workshop make sure you confirm it when you get to AR at the registration table (even if you're not registering). if you don't, you will lose out on the good spaces. if you want to do a free skool workshop and didn't send out a form beforehand, then fill one out and hand it in or you don't get AR space/equipment priority. also if you're doing a freeskoool, you can for sure find out where it's happening the night before at the big bulletin board at symptom hall. this will be updated every day so be sure to check before you go to a space!

the following topics are just suggestions for workshops that AR98 has received so far. not everything on this list will happen, and there are workshops not on this list that will happen. an up-to-date schedule, with locations, will be distributed on monday at registration. also, keep an eye out for notices about ad hoc workshops during the week.

workshops

- activist photography
- anarchist theory
- anti-fascist organizing
- anti-racist organizing
- bike maintenance
- campus organizing
- chicago anti-airport fight
- community responses to police harassment and brutality
- deskooling & dropping out
- direct action training
- developing an activist scene in the boonies
- fighting corporatization on campus
- free micropower radio
- grassroots dual power strategy
- guerrilla gardening
- hiv/women in prison
- how to fire your boss
- human rights observing in mexico
- intentional communities
- intro to radical economics
- legal first aid
- liberating youth (2 parts)
- luddism (2 parts)
- how to get better media coverage

- models of post-revolutionary society
- neo-conservatism and right-wing appeal
- non-violence and resistance
- parenting & activism
- sex trade workers movement
- permaculture
- political prisoner support
- women's health
- politics of parenting
- radical theatre production
- raising kids in an anarchist context
- safe sex
- setting up and maintaining an infoshop
- silkscreening
- spirituality & resistance
- stop the war on refugees and immigrants
- beginning of 2nd wave feminist activism
- theatre & improv for protest
- video activism
- video chronicles of learning disabled peoples
- lay midwifery and other women's health matters
- zapatista struggle - lessons in resistance
- how to write for the press

- squatting in toronto (the rooster squat)
- may day 1999
- cultural genocide for first nations: consideration for all movements
- russian revolution and art
- children & gardens
- quebec anarchists on the national question
- art of the russian revolution
- anarchism v. marxism
- basic html and web design for activists
- speed and capitalism
- how to dig dirt using the freedom of information act

caucuses

- zapatista solidarity network
- animal liberation front supporters group
- food not bombs
- sister subverter
- earth liberation movement
- kanadian political prisoner and prisoner support work caucus

Police arrest 28 'anarchist' protesters

BY ANN RAUHALA, PAUL TAYLOR and GREGORY IP July 5/88

Metro Toronto Police clashed with anarchist protesters in downtown Toronto yesterday afternoon, arresting 28 people demonstrating against the shooting down of a civilian aircraft by a U.S. ship.

From soon until about 3:30 p.m., 200 to 300 people, mostly anarchists visiting Toronto for an international conference, frustrated police efforts to contain them by snaking through crowded streets and gathering for sudden, spontaneous actions.

At least twice, these actions — mostly chanting and taunting — ended with mounted police charging into the disorganized knots of protesters, sometimes beating them with riding crops.

Three police officers were sent to hospital. One policeman's ear was bitten, another was hit over the head with a stick and another chipped a tooth.

Many of those arrested were scraped, shoved and jostled by police. An anarchist organizer said police broke a protester's leg, but this could not be confirmed. A protester said her wrist was injured, and another that his shoulder had been dislocated. Both were arrested, but later taken to hospital.

Earlier in the day, 11 people, who said they were from the Alliance for Non-Violent Action, were arrested after throwing red paint on the U.S. Consulate on University Avenue and blocking traffic. About 50 people were involved in that protest.

The police, who often outnumbered the protesters, seemed to expect more violence than materialized. "Anarchists are anarchists," Staff Sergeant Bill White said.

to cap a weekend conference in Toronto, apparently gathered stream from Sunday's shooting down of the Iranian airplane.

They were monitored by about four dozen uniformed police, two dozen RCMP officers, at least a dozen mounted Metro police and countless plainclothes officers.

Later, when the crowd had thinned to about 100 people, the police were reinforced with a complement of Ontario Provincial Police. Immigration officers in plain clothes also surveyed the crowd, looking for what they said were foreign elements.

Many protesters said the police had provoked the crowd and arrests had been unnecessarily violent.

"They were thrashing out with clubs, throwing guys through newspaper bikes. It was horrific," said one who would give her name only as Debra. "I was charged by horses. I was just standing waiting for the people I was with."

One demonstrator said: "Some people spat in the faces of the police, but I don't consider that violence."

Tussles also broke out between demonstrators and members of the media. At times, the anarchists would stick their hands in front of cameras or grab recording equipment. Sometimes, other demonstrators would come to the rescue of the reporters.

"Don't touch the media," one bearded demonstrator said. "It will just give the police an excuse to do us in."

For 3½ hours, the anarchists, many of them Americans, wound their way through the city, congregating in a shopping district in the early afternoon and occasionally blocking traffic.

Just before noon, they marched from Queen's Park to the U.S. Consulate. They then circled back up University, stopping to burn a banner at a war memorial. Moments later, mounted police charged across University, cutting them off, and the protesters then poured down Dundas Street, through Chinatown, and into Nathan Phillips Square.

Behind City Hall, mounted police rode into the crowd again. One young woman was trampled by a horse.

Once the protesters had crossed the square, they stopped to deface a war memorial and then made their way to the southern entrance of the Union Centre, where several scuffled with police. Queen Street was clogged with police cars and closed to traffic.

Heading up James Street, they wound over to Bay Street and walked along Elm Street, where another scuffle broke out as police tried to arrest protesters.

The crowd, now much smaller, made its way up to Queen's Park and on to Bloor Street. It finally dispersed at Spadina Avenue and Bloor Street, as small groups slipped away into subways and side streets.

Yesterday's violence seemed to have stemmed from confusion and panic sparked by the anarchists'

erratic protest style and emotional reactions on both sides.

Police appeared flummoxed by young protesters who knocked off their hats and taunted their horses.

"Where the hell are they going now?" one baffled officer was overheard saying. A young woman protester shot back in jest: "Excuse me, do you know where City Hall is?"

When police tried to haul protesters to the ground, other protesters would pounce on them and try to "un-arrest" them, and more police would join the fray.

One man, in obvious pain, said he had not been told why he was being arrested. Another said he was arrested for taking a photograph.

Amid the fracas, some of the anarchists bared their chests in defiance of public decency laws, but failed to elicit much reaction.

About eight young women removed their shirts and marched through the streets, but only two were arrested.

Those arrested throughout the day were charged with such offences as mischief, obstructing police, assaulting police, assault with a weapon, possession of marijuana and "assisting in resisting arrest."

Most protesters from Toronto were released without posting cash deposit; most of the Americans had to post \$200 bond, though \$500 was demanded of one person and \$1,000 of another. Fourteen were held last night on charges of entering the country illegally, police said.

The anarchists' planned demonstration outside the U.S. Consulate.



DAY OF

ANARCHY

Day of violence

Six police officers were injured during battles with protesters. The first demonstration outside the U.S. consulate was largely peaceful, but a second one turned violent when the protesters spilled into groups and went on a rampage.

Cops, rioters slug it out

Avowed anarchists, inflamed at Sunday's closing of a Toronto jailhouse by U.S. marines, fought running battles with police on downtown streets yesterday.

What started out as a peaceful demonstration in front of the U.S. Consulate on University Ave. ended with 61 people arrested and six police officers being treated for injuries received in violent encounters with rampaging protesters.

The anarchists were at the end of a four-day conference in Toronto attended by about 1,000 radicals from Canada and the U.S.

There were clashes on University Ave., at City Hall and at the Eaton Centre.

Some of the confrontations between police and anarchists were extremely violent. Individuals in the howling crowds attacked officers, hitting one on the head with a piece of wood. Another policeman, apparently dazed from a blow, wandered onto the road and was struck by a passing car. His injuries were not serious.

"We can't see them in," a harried sergeant said of the skirmish at Bay and Dundas. "This is like Europe."

"Usually they go limp, we pick them up and take them away. This is definitely new — running in the streets."

Police were expecting the usual "static" type of Toronto demonstrations yesterday morning when they arrested 61 people who had laid themselves across University Ave., bringing rush-hour traffic to a standstill.

By 11:30 a.m., a crowd gathered at Nathan Phillips Square. After a brief demonstration, the crowd broke up into smaller groups.

One group marched back to the U.S. Consulate where they unleashed a chorus of anti-U.S. chants.

"We war, No KKK, No fascist U.S.A. — they covered. "Smash the empire, Smash the state, This time we retaliate!"

Police, including mounted units, moved in and subdued the demonstrators past the consulate.

The crowd responded by climbing stairs. One masked protester set ablaze the black flag of anarchy. "We don't need symbols," he screamed waving the burning flag.

Men and women stamped on the flowers planted on the boulevard and set their black flags alight, while chanting anti-American slogans.

The crowd ran back to Nathan Phillips Square and engaged in a series of confrontations with police.

At the City Hall courtyard, a line of protesters pulled down the Canadian and U.S. flags, then ran off with the crowd, pounding mail boxes and other public property with big sticks.

In front of the Eaton Centre, an officer was jumped as he tried to arrest a demonstrator holding mustard around himself. He was one of the six policemen injured.

Later, the thumping ranks of protesters paraded up Queen's Park. Circle past the Royal Ontario Museum as several females berated their lovers.

"This is like the '60s. Someone should tell them the revolution is over," laughed a woman seated on the RCMP steps with two children.

Toronto politicians reacted bitterly.

"I say on load the whole lot of them into a truck, take them to the border and kick their asses across," said Ald. Tony O'Donoghue.

"These bastards — this kind of stuff cannot be tolerated," said Ald. Chris Kerwin-Kuczyński. "We should have a heavy hand dealing with them and they should be taught a lesson."

Kerwin-Kuczyński called for "a big fine or 30 days in jail. Slipping them on the wrist and letting them go doesn't do anything."

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SMASH THE STATE! @

But what would you replace it with?

Would you REPLACE a tumour?



building revolutionary
movements community
organizing alternative
economics art
and revolution ...

CORES

Cores are the main focus of this conference in many ways.

They represent areas of interest or approach that bring "like minded" folks together in a more or less structured way every day for the whole conference. There are four cores, described below:

- Alternative Economics
- Art and Revolution
- Building Revolutionary Movements
- Community Organizing

- Why are cores cool?

Cores allow folks to really build strategy and get to understand each other in ways you can't necessarily do in a two hour workshop.

- Do I have to choose just one core? Or - Can I be non-monogamous?

It's strongly encouraged that you focus on just one core, if you want to get the benefits. Many of the cores are structured in ways that make more sense if you've stayed around a while. You can be a bit of a tourist, but please be polite and don't expect everyone to restate everything each day.

- How do I find out which core I would be into?

On Monday evening, each core will give a brief presentation during the Introduction Night thing. If you miss that, look at the free skool schedule. Many of the cores are offering Intro sessions during the morning free skool to get folks up to speed. Others have handouts that you can check out. Ask at Registration.

- When do cores meet?

Tuesday until Friday from 1 - 4 pm, with Friday offering an opportunity to hear what the other cores have been up to.

"The Building Revolutionary Movements core will explore the social context in which we organize, create and agitate as activists. Participants will work together to clarify the meanings, forms and directions of our movements. From vision to strategy to tactics we will look for answers to questions of action based on our shared experiences and ideas. What kind should be taken, when and how? We aren't building a movement in this core, but looking for a clear, collective understanding of the kinds of movement(s) we are developing."

Okay. To participate in the BRM core, go to the Bakunin Bop (aka the Big Bop, 175 Bathurst st., at Queen) on Tuesday afternoon at 1pm (sharp). After some introductions, a few people who have been thinking about revolutionary movements a lot are gonna share some thoughts and get some discussion happening. Then some other folks (no one special, just the RIF-RAF*) are gonna present some ideas for what the various work-groups might discuss when the bigger group breaks down. Each workgroup will have five periods in which to discuss a range of topics (some are on the opposite page, some groups might want to come up with their own). In order to group people by affinity, participants can gravitate to the rif-raf who has picked the topics that most interest them. The BRM core will meet Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1-4pm. Monday from 1-2:30pm is set aside for introductions and Friday from 2:30-4pm is for wrap up. The rest of the time will be spent with the workgroups of 10-15 people. 'kay? 'kay.

*radical individuals for resources and facilitation



NO BOMBS, ONLY BOMBAST

Iran Jet
aftermath:
Anarchy
and anti-U.S.
anger

Shaping anarchy's modern-day mode

The hundreds of free-spirited anarchists who converged on Toronto last weekend for the Survival Gathering "unconvention" spent three days analyzing the political order and developing subversion strategies

Get out of Canada -- now 14 arrested protesters told

Toronto conference well-orchestrated

Influx of youth enlivens modern anarchism

BY LORNE SLOTHACK

The Globe and Mail

Although younger and politicized, it's the kind of political platform that has the potential to attract vast numbers of Canadians fed up with other people running their lives.

But anarchists, the philosophy that opposes all forms of authority, has not exactly caught fire in North America.

Perhaps it's that subversive image of black hair, black beards and round black berets with very short brims that has kept anarchism off the political map for decades.

However, if yesterday's large turnout at the Anarchist Survival Gathering in Toronto was any indication, anarchism may be undergoing something of a renaissance.

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Outrage as anarchists walk free

DEMOS ROCK METRO

A Survival Gathering

AN ANARCHIST UNCONVENTION

Toronto, July 1-4 1988

Anarchists' convention keeps chaos under control

By Walter Stefank Toronto Star July 2/88

The convention Toronto's city fathers dreaded is under way and it looks like a Canadian Opera Company casting call for *La Bohème*.

More than 600 anarchists, about half of them from the United States, crowded into the city's 519 Church St. Community Centre and Jarvis Collegiate yesterday for the start of a four-day Survival Gathering that's supposed to end Monday with a Day of Action.

The look is impoverished, with a dash of black, and, also, youthful.

Biggest hand went to an American woman with a Nancy Reagan twang when she identified herself at the opening rap session as a "middle-aged anarchist" looking for "generational connections." . . . Like, we're all in this together.

The day began in earnest talk and high support until a bearded young man identified himself as a Trotskyite and complained to the general session that anarchists wouldn't let his group sell its pamphlets on the literature table inside the centre.

A heated debate ensued.

SCHEDULE	
Thursday	registration & welcoming at 519 Church
Friday	9 - 6 workshops at 519 Church 7 banquet at Christian Resource Centre
Saturday	9 - 6 workshops at 519 Church 9 party with MDC and Layabouts
Sunday	all in the park 9 - 3 Day Of Networking 3 till whenever: DOA discussion 4 - 9 Music (thanks to all the bands who offered.) and other entertainment
Monday	DOA, t.b.a.

'No apparatchiks'

"I don't want to talk to apparatchiks of a totalitarian state," one speaker vowed. A consensus was reached that the Trotskyites could sell the stuff outside the centre and attend the workshops as long as they identified themselves and their ideology.

"If you create an uproar, you should leave," a woman with blonde-streaked black hair told him.

Outside, a spokesman for the Trotskyites, who looked like Chevy Chase without a grin, growled: "It's their contradiction. They claim to be for free speech and right to assembly and they exclude us."

Toronto politicians interviewed earlier said they were outraged at the use of the city-owned community centre for the anarchists' gathering, fearing the conventioners' main object was to trash the town.

Chaos and confusion are among the distinctions of the movement. Metro police permitted to maintain a presence, but discreetly out of sight unless lawlessness broke out.

Non-sense, convention or organizer said.

"The least of our intentions is to be disruptive," said Toronto anarchist Rudy, 28. "We're here to learn and have a good time and to meet each other and work together across the continent."

They even changed the venue of their Sunday picnic to Alexandra Park on Bathurst St. when city officials and citizens became upset about plans to use popular High Park.

Two U.S. citizens attending the conference were arrested by Metro Police and Immigration officials for violations of the Immigration Act.

Speakers at the opening session warned conventioners to take the workshops seriously.

Radical ecology

"Don't talk about Molester cocktails in the lime-brave beer workshop," one said.

First-day workshops ranged from anarchism and military strategy, anarchism in the Bible, religion and AIDS, street theatre, resistance to psychiatry and radical ecology, which drew a crowd overflowing into a Jarvis Collegiate hallway.

Anarchists say the purpose of the convention — they call it unconvention — is deadly serious.

"Survival has been chosen as the theme for the gathering because the planet is on the verge of suicide," their press release (yes, modern anarchists issue press releases) said.

Their object is not only to check the abuses of the industrial system, but turn the clock back to when mankind was "in harmony with natural systems and rhythms."

Anarchists also say they're not to "create a self-managed society of freely federated communities, organized equally without leaders or bosses."

It would be operated by consensus, not governments.

In other words, they believe man or woman can only be free when authority is off their backs.

Outside the entrance, the sidewalk was littered with cigarette butts as conventioners obeyed the city's no-smoking bylaw.

"Courtesy," explained smoker Thom of Ottawa, who wore a button reading "Question Authority."

Advised bystander Stark, wearing a U.S. Army surplus shirt, "It's a question of respect."

The city health department's so-called anti-smoking police would have been pleased.

What is a Revolutionary Movement? How to spot a revolutionary movement. What are their limits and limitations?

Vision: What are we trying to build, broadly? What is our vision of a revolutionized society? What changes do our movements intend to make vis-à-vis government, economics, culture, kinship, ecology, and international relations?

Strategy: How do we get from here to there? Moving from resistance to revolution. (dual power, syndicalism, vanguardism)

Organizational Structure: Discussing affinity groups, collectives, networks, federations, coalitions, committees, workgroups, etc, etc.

Popular Education: Outreach and propoganda, consciousness-raising and empowerment, the difference between participatory and mass education.

Leadership: What is the role of leaders in a revolutionary movement? Should there be leaders? If so, what is their role? If not, how can we develop full leadership characteristics among all?

Sustainability: Keeping activists, organizations and movements alive and vibrant over extended periods of time. What are the keys to maintaining strong resistance?

Living Revolution: Lifestyle politics and how they affect mass movements. How much is too much/ too little?

Internal Oppression: Confronting ageism, sexism, racism, homophobia, classism, within our movements. How do we deal with oppressive activists within radical circles?

Solidarity: Other revolutionary and national liberation movements. How do they fit in? How do we fit in?

topics

The BRM kidz are: Amber, PJ, Brian, Adrienne, Jaggi and Aiyanas.

For those involved or interested in organizing in diverse communities in a respectful manner, from an anti-authoritarian perspective.

Community Organizing

- is directed by the community priorities
- is led by and responsive to community knowledge and needs
- links responding to community needs to analysis and knowledge of larger struggles

The Goals of the Community Organizing Core at Active Resistance

To build skills for working effectively as a community organizer.

To develop a useful critique of current community organizing activities

To identify the pitfalls that plague community organizing work in various environments and build strategies to respond to them.

To develop ways of integrating anarchist theory and practice through community organizing work

To learn from success stories and not-so-successful stories

To develop and distribute an inventory of resources available for anarchist community organizers

To examine the role of an anarchist community organizer within a non-anarchist social change environment

To build skills and methods of advocacy.

Skills and Strategy - anti-racism training - anti-oppression training - role playing - popular education techniques - political analysis - casework strategies - conflict resolution.

Projects - crisis response - organizing with the homeless - community gardens - organizing your neighbourhood - community centres - literacy training - urban transportation organizing - workplace organizing - immigrant community support - labour organizing - prisoner organizing - student organizing - organizing around food, childcare, education etc.

A LOOK BACK - Toronto '88 and Chicago '96

This cut-and paste section contains info about the Survival Gathering Unconvention (Toronto 1988) and Active Resistance: A Counter-Convention (Chicago 1996). Both these events were reference points in the planning for Active Resistance: A Radical Gathering (Toronto 1998).

The section on the Survival Gathering mainly contains articles and headlines from the corporate media, so it's not entirely accurate. Actually, the *Toronto Sun* (our local right-wing tabloid) headlines are kind of similar to the recent article they've written about AR98 (which we stuck on the cover, we liked it so much).

The section on Chicago 1996 contains three main articles. The first two are from *Love and Rage*: one by Rachel Rinaldo, and an excerpt from an article by Suzy Subways (the first part of the piece, which was omitted, was about various protests in San Diego against the Republican Convention the same summer). The third article, by David Solnit (also a Art and Revolution facilitator at AR98), appeared in *Fifth Estate*. This section also includes a blurb about the cop response at AR96.

It seems that the cops sort of have a tendency of overreacting in some brutal ways at anarchist conferences.

Process and Ombuddies

PROCESS

[Note: The following is only an excerpt from the entire process and ombuddies section. A "process manual" will be distributed at AR98 during registration. This manual will be quite important to read as it outlines the decision-making process at AR, as well as conflict resolution processes.]

One dictionary calls an ombudsperson "one who investigates complaints, reports findings, and helps to achieve equitable settlements." Essentially, we have used the idea of a role distinct from the organizing committee which investigates complaints. At Active Resistance, the conflict resolution has time constraints and political impact; therefore, in addition to the ombudspersons, we will also have a conflict committee with decision making power, composed of different people than the ombudspersons.

The Active Resistance ombuddies have been chosen for their capabilities to deal with interpersonal and political conflict in a sensitive and forthright manner. They are community members helping to keep Active Resistance running smoothly, and to help us all maintain this as a relatively safe for everyone. Here's how the process works:

Initial conflict / problem / complaint / issue arises...

If it is **TECHNICAL**: (ie. Food, spaces, medic... in some way pertaining to an aspect of AR which can be directly adjusted) then the matter goes to the committee responsible, if necessary, through the Organizing Committee. Change is made where possible, explanations offered to the complainant, etc.

If it is **A MATTER OF IMMEDIATE PHYSICAL DANGER**: SAILORS on duty de-escalate the situation, stop the altercation, separate folks, if necessary, remove assaulting person from AR space.

ANOTHER COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE:

-any person involved in a conflict can select an ombudsperson to discuss the matter and attempt to resolve the conflict on the spot, as appropriate. If you do not know who the ombudspersons are, a SAILOR or a member of the organizing collective can give you a list of the ombudspersons

-if the issue involves **CHANGING AN ASPECT OF AR**, the change should be referred to whichever committee of AR is responsible for that area, in co-operation with the facilitators and ombuds committee

FOR MATTERS OF CONFLICT AND SAFETY:

-the ombudsperson(s) who have been asked to help should talk to the folks who are involved, and attempt further mediation... if no clear resolution is in sight, the ombudsperson(s) should take the matter to the conflict committee, which is a committee of 5 members of the organizing collective

-the conflict committee should confer amongst themselves to decide what action should be taken

-the conflict committee has decision making power if the decision is for an action which is less severe than removing someone from AR as a whole or removing someone from a position of responsibility. The decision should be communicated to the ombudspersons, the SAILORS and the organizing collective, and should be reported at the next organizing collective meeting

-if the decision made by the conflict committee involves removing someone from any content area of the conference (workshops, cores, plenaries, forums, etc.), there can be an appeal to the organizing collective

-if the conflict committee recommends either removal from AR as a whole or removal from a position of responsibility, then this is taken as a recommendation to the organizing collective; the conflict committee cannot make this decision itself

-in either the case of a recommendation from the conflict committee for removal of a person from AR or from a position of responsibility, or in the case of an appeal of a decision made by the conflict committee, the matter will be considered by the organizing collective at their next meeting

-in this situation, which we hope we will not have to reach, there will be a time limit set of 90 minutes. The matter will be presented to the organizing committee for discussion, and speakers will present the various perspectives. The organizing committee will then come to a decision using our consensus process with a vote if consensus cannot be reached. Our process requires an 80% majority in a vote to make a decision. If 80% agreement cannot be reached after 90 minutes, then the decision of the conflict committee will stand.

Any decisions will be reported to the next plenary, with names removed if necessary for privacy.

Tuesday

Building a model of community organizing

Wednesday

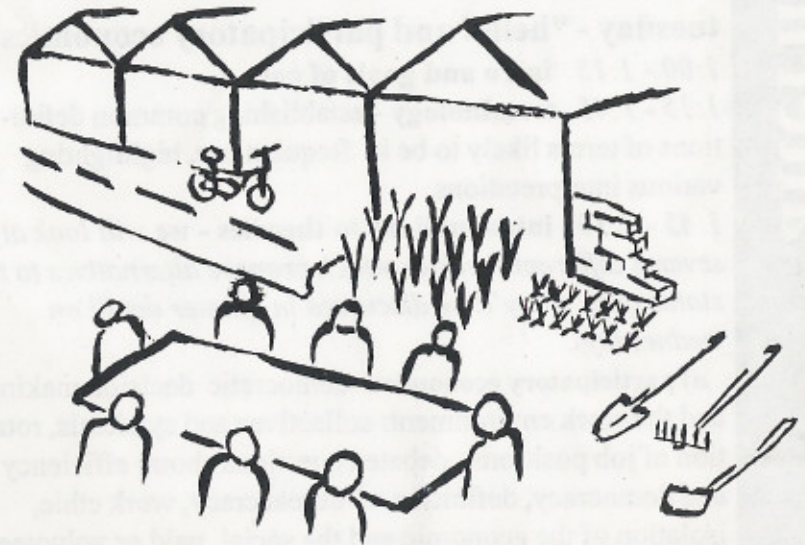
Skill Building - Responding to the challenges of working in communities and organizations

Thursday

Looking at Tactics - roleplay and analysis

Friday

Bringing it all back home - networking, support and real life.



so this is the alternative economics core. we've tried to anticipate what you all would want from it, and hopefully did ok at that. there's room for some changes and probably enough choices along the way for you sidestep what doesn't interest you. our broad, unifying goals are to democratize/humanize the economy, confront capitalism and the industrial economy, and to promote alternatives in theory and practice. we will discuss what we are doing well and where we are weak so that we can assess and improve our current work, and provide a long term aim to inform our short term goals. we need strategies for popularizing anarchist approaches to organizing, working, and bringing home the bacon. we need to create options for ourselves and our communities. this core is a forum for us to get together and examine our theories, strategies and projects, and emerge with renewed energy, a sharpened focus and concrete plans. so here's our core outline...

tuesday - "hello! and participatory economics"

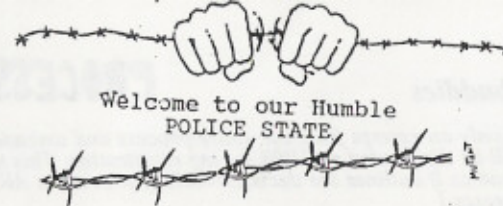
1:00 - 1:15 **intro and goals of core**

1:15 - 1:45 **terminology** - establishing common definitions of terms likely to be in frequent use, highlighting various interpretations.

1:45 - 2:30 **introductions to theories** - we will look at of several different theories which propose alternatives to the status quo, (they'll be discussed in greater detail on wednesday).

a) **participatory economics**: democratic decision making and the work environment: collectives and syndicals, rotation of job positions. debates/questions about: efficiency and democracy, definition of bureaucracy, work ethic, isolation of the economic and the social, paid or volunteer work, centralization vs. decentralization.

b) **anti-capitalism and mutual aid (from competition to cooperation)**: ending exploitation and private ownership of capital, alternatives to the market, non-market forms of trade.



Intimidation CC s.423 Summary - Anyone who without lawful authority, tries to compell someone to abstain from doing anything that she or he has a lawful right to do, or compelling someone to do something that he or she has the lawful right to abstain from doing. This includes blocking or obstructs a highway.

Penalty: Summary charge - 6 months maximum

WHAT THIS MEANS: Very minor charge- most likely a fine on first conviction, possibly community hours or suspended sentence.

Causing Disturbance CC s.175 (1) Summary - Anyone who causes a disturbance in or near a public place.

Penalty: Summary charge - 6 months maximum.

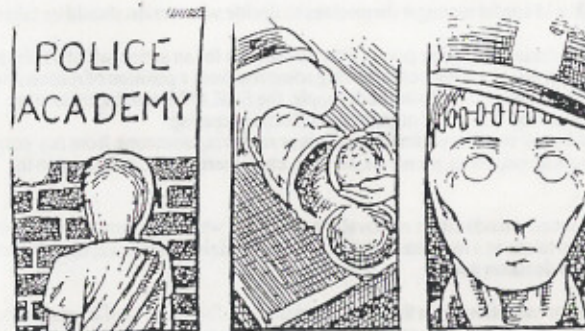
WHAT THIS MEANS: Very minor charge similar to Intimidation.

Wearing Disguise with Intent CC s.351 (1) - Anyone who, with intent to commit an indictable offence masks themselves or otherwise conceals her or his identity.

Penalty: Indictable offence - maximum 10 years.

WHAT THIS MEANS: Very serious charge; probably time. But an indictable offence has be proved as intent. Hard to prove as a result.

Weapons charges are very serious charges, usually indictable: usually jail time even on first charge. Especially concealed weapons charges. Consult a lawyer!



CHARGES PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE TO DEAL WITH

Definitions:

Indictable: *a more serious version of a charge*

Summary: *a less serious version of a charge.*

Hybrid or Elective: *a charge which can be dealt with as either summary or indictable.*

Mischief Criminal Code s.430 (1) Hybrid - Defined as anyone who wilfully (knowing that the act will cause a given event) destroys or damages property; obstructs, interrupts or interferes with the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property (i.e. blockading a street, or sidewalk is what this often used for).

Penalty: Mischief to property the value of which exceeds \$5,000 is guilty of an indictable offence with a max penalty of 10 years, or a summary conviction (max. 6 months). Otherwise, the indictable charge has a max. of 2 years, or can be charged with a summary offence (6 months max.).

WHAT THIS MEANS: Usually folx charged with mischief for the first time will see a small fine, and/or community hours, and/or a suspended sentence (where one is put on a probation for a period, and faces a sentence if the probation is broken). Second or more charges face a higher fine, or possibly even short jail time.

Assault Criminal Code s.264-s.268 Hybrid - A person commits assault who without consent of another person, directly or indirectly intentionally applies force to that person.

Penalty: Can be charged with an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or can be charged with a summary offence (max. 6 months).

WHAT THIS MEANS: Usually more serious than Mischief. Still unlikely to face jail time on a first offence. Probably one would face a suspended sentence, or community service, possibly a serious fine.

Assault Peace Officer CC s.270 (1) Hybrid - Anyone who assaults a public officer, a peace officer or a person acting in aid of a cop engaged in the execution of their duty is guilty of this offence.

Penalty: Indictable Offence: five years max, Summary: 6 months.

WHAT THIS MEANS: More serious even than assault. But still not likely to include jail time on a first charge. However, depending on the nature of the assault it is more likely to bring on time on a first or subsequent time.

c) **feminism:** integrating domestic work with other economic activity. avoiding gender division of labour. will the end of capitalism mean the end of sexism?

d) **environmentalism:** economic processes which do not destroy the earth. resource use, relation between the environment and production/work, resource scarcity as a contrast to the dominant assumption of abundance. can a local economy eliminate waste of economy of scale and industrialism, and end the ideology of growth?

e) **critique of technology:** resources are used to produce technology - leads to technology causing scarcity. recent changes in technology: pervasive and increasingly autonomous robots and computers; biotech and food. can tech be controlled?

f) **syndicalism:** one big union as the model of society where the union is the coordinating body of production.

2:30 - 2:45 **break**

2:45 - 4:00 **participatory economics** - presentation and discussion led by jim and folks from mondragon (cafe/infoshop in winnipeg run on michael freakin albert's participatory economic model).

wednesday - "theories in depth plus how the fuck will we organize ourselves to prove 'em!"

1:00-2:00 **theories** - small groups focus on one theory (see tuesday's list) for half the session, and discuss its relationship to the other theories for the second half.

2:00-2:15 **break**

2:15-3:30 **forms of organization** - each group will explore specific debates around this topic, like:

- * work inside existing left institutions (unions, co-ops, community groups) vs. creating our own explicitly radical/anarchist ones.
- * differences between a co-op and a collective
- * discussing salaried vs. volunteer radical worksites/organizations, their practicality, effectiveness, social implications etc....
- * how can various organizations support one another economically? materially? how can we work to set up these networks?
- * transience within the anarchist movement: can organizations be maintained with such high turnover? how?
- * small autonomous organizing vs. large scale models
- * do we mistakenly use our short term solutions as long term models?

3:30-4:00 **small groups do reports back to core**

thursday - "real life, real drama, real people...real interesting!"
today will be spent entirely in small groups except for the "report backs" at the end and possibly a short presentation at the beginning of "strategies for economic survival". these groupings aren't random - you can pick the one that most interests you. the focus is not a how-to (as in "how-to-squat") but more of an evaluation (of squatting, for example...) these questions could to be applied to the projects discussed today.

- 1) what is the purpose or point?
- 2) is it useful/effective?
- 3) how can it be improved/done differently or combined with other tactics?

1:00-1:10 ontario coalition against poverty presentation

1:10-2:00 strategies for economic survival dependent on the present system: squatting * food * housing * welfare * scams * squeegeeing * strike support

2:00-2:15 break

2:15-3:30 short and long term projects/tactics

each tactical area could be considered in terms of the present as well as how we would do it in the future (ie. "post-revolution"). your group may wish to divide the time to spend 30-40 minutes on each short and long term. in addition to the 3 questions above, which apply to considering both our present and future projects, you may want to add this next one to the "present projects/tactics" part: how do we give them longevity, stability and improve/change them according to changing needs and our changing capabilities to meet those needs?

so here's a list of "short and long term projects/tactics" folks may wish to form groups to discuss...

- radical unions
- communications
- daycare
- production, maintenance, recycling of goods
- deschooling, deinstitutionalizing, living simply
- infoshops, community centres, economics of political work
- farming (growing, distribution)
- feel free to come up with more of course...

3:30-4:00 small groups do reports back to cores.

AT THE COP SHOP: You may be in your own cell, in an interview room, or in a large cell with many others (the tank) or go from one to the other. If you are charged with an indictable or hybrid charge; you will be photographed and fingerprinted. The cells and tank are barren; no blankets, etc. so be prepared to be uncomfortable etc. The tension can get a bit high, so try not to antagonise anyone. You will be cuffed to be taken to court. The tank at old city hall sucks, it is overcrowded, uncomfortable etc.

NASTY LITTLE THINGS TO EXPECT FROM OUR COPS

Horses: sometimes a line of people linking arms can hold back horses; but this can be dangerous.

Pain Compliance Holds: Used to remove individuals: in a mass demo they are less likely to use these, but during an individual arrest they are quite common. A common example is the one where they twist your thumb back against your arm whilst also twisting your arm up behind your back. To avoid them: keep your fingers in fist, hold your hands together tightly.

Pepper Spray: bandannas and glasses can be useful to avoid some of the effects. A wet face is rumoured to help as well. After spraying, flush your face with a saline solution.

Clubs (Batons): a knapsack or books can form a useful shield. Also bike helmets and other helmets can be useful. Lots of clothing can pad the blows. Clubs can be used a number of ways: a straight out extended blow, a digging blow with the end used to hit, or a push with the entire baton straight out from the body.

Arrest: Be aware of having your clothes hiked up (esp. women): wear something underneath that you don't mind the media seeing.

Handcuffs: Flex your wrists during cuffing to avoid tight cuffs. WATCH FOR TRICKS!

LEGAL 

LEGALSTUFF:

prepared by the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty

YOUR RIGHTS UPON ARREST

You have the right to be informed without unreasonable delay of the specific offence.

The right to be tried within a reasonable time. However, this can be interpreted to be up to 12 - 14 months.

The right to remain silent though the cops don't have to inform you of this right, and they do have the right to know your name and address for identification purposes, as well as your birth date to find out if you are a minor.

You have the right to be informed of the reason for the arrest. You have the right to get a lawyer without delay, and you must be informed of this right, in any situation of detention. This includes the right to be informed about access to legal aid. You also have the right to talk to your lawyer without police listening in.

NOTE: These are your legal rights, and they may not worth the cost of this piece of paper upon detention. Especially cops will attempt to get more info or a statement out of you upon arrest. DONT TALK!!! The stuff you let slip can be used against you in court later, or someone else.

BEING HELD: If you are not released immediately, you must be brought before a Justice of Peace within 24 hours or asap. Call your lawyer.

USE OF FORCE: They can use as much force as is reasonably necessary "to prevent commission of an offence," or "in the administration or enforcement of the law." Technically they can only use deadly force or force meant to cause grievous bodily harm in very limited circumstances. In day to day terms however, these circumstances seem to be more based on class, gender, sexuality and race than anything else. **IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A COMPLAINT ABOUT POLICE FORCE:** Goodluck. The Tories bill 105 means that the head cop is the one who decides on the complaint. However, civil suits are also a possibility. In any case, it is a good idea to see a doctor and have all injuries documented asap after the beating, and also to write down all details (with a lawyer if possible) asap.

SEARCHES: Basically police have the full right to do a full search upon arrest (including strip search). However, females can insist on having a female cop present. There are limitations on searches; they are not supposed to be abusive, etc. But this really doesn't mean a whole hell of a lot.

friday - "moving forward"

having been at this for nine hours you probably have some good idea how you'd like this last day to go. how we all choose to break-up into smaller groups for today could be determined in the first half hour of chit-chat.

1:00-1:30 large group discussion of various conclusions reached throughout last three days (recognize differences and move into groups with similar proposals for moving forward)

1:30-2:30 moving toward a new economy

- * new things we should be doing.
- * getting from here to the new, much nicer economy
- * are we doomed to be a minority? how do we make significant political gains?
- * what are our major obstacles to bringing about a new economic system? are they theoretical, practical, due to present system?

2:30-2:45 break

2:45-3:30 organizing and politics, networking

3:30-4:00 reports, wrap up, kisses, fist-fights, etc....

alternative economics was planned by paul, michael, serena, alan, craig, john and ben.



There are two main goals of the Art and Revolution core at Active Resistance: The first is to share skills and work in groups to create a cohesive theater demonstration in alliance with the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty. The second is to create an organizational framework of ideas and action that people in ongoing campaigns all over the continent can take back to their groups and utilize.

The week long project will demand consistent participation and will provide a means of working on a project start to finish. Organizational skills as well as art skills emerge from working on a particular struggle in a finite amount of time. People will learn how to translate specific campaigns or projects into political street theater with a large group of various people. The hands-on approach is an effective means of integrating theories of resistance and creative direct action strategies.

Past actions (just ideas to get the juices flowing): The San Francisco collective has created many actions over the past two years. Two of the most inspiring were a Chiapas rally and an action protesting political prisoners in the US, focusing on Mumia Abu Jamal, a death row inmate. The Chiapas rally involved huge, black cardboard helicopters that represented the Mexican/US sponsored military in Chiapas. A repeat image were huge ears of corn dancing through the crowd. Puppets of Zapatistas and peasants were chased by the helicopters but resisted and defeated them. The Mumia march was even more elaborate with a giant 17ft tall prison walls, grafittied by local artists. Dancers performed in front of the walls and as the music reached a crescendo, the walls of the prison fell down releasing white birds of liberation and a 15ft puppet of Mumia wielding a pencil with the word Truth across the side. Other actions include working with the United Farm Workers in a huge march for the strawberry workers. In Olympia, the collective worked against a local initiative that will end affirmative action, helped create a silent march against the bombing and sanctions in Iraq with black coffins tallying the death counts since 1991 and a large grieving puppet, and has worked on Copwatch issues in the area.

space guidelines

Symptom Hall:

no corporate media. -- this is to help ensure a safe and comfortable space where people can relax without having cameras shoved in their faces.

no smoking. -- there's too many people who hate the smell of second hand smoke. if you wanna smoke, go outside.

no drinking. -- once again, take it outside. there is a lovely park right nearby that's just great for drinking in. also, *please don't come in the space raging drunk.* people need to sleep, and it just makes it an unsafe space.

Bakunin Bop and the 360:

no smoking (unless in small cores or workshops where everyone agrees)

drinking an occasional beer is o.k., if the bar is open. don't get trashed during workshops and cores though. studies show it doesn't help out the learning situation at all.

media allowed by group decision. if you all want it there, fine. if some people don't, especially the facilitators, it's not cool.

ALL Spaces

no illegal drug consumption (yes, pot and hash are illegal in canada) -- it just makes the heat from the cops too intense. if they suspect there are drugs in our spaces, they will use it as an excuse to do a raid. the SAILORS are trying to set up a needle exchange, and if we can't, we will provide a list of good ones nearby. please take it elsewhere.

no perfume or cologne in spaces -- weird, eh? too many people are allergic to it, so join everyone else in stinking for the week.

have a general respect for space -- don't burn things. don't throw heavy objects at breakable things (or people), don't trash or bomb our spaces. do it elsewhere. (heh. heh. heh!)

no harrasment of anyone will be tolerated -- AR's mandate is to create an oppression-free gathering. read our vision statement. if you have a dire need to harass people, or create an uncomfortable space for people, please leave the gathering. we don't have the time, space or patience for that shit here.

no cops in any of the spaces without a warrant -- in case of warrant, it will be read carefully by a sailor, and lawyers will be contacted immediately before cops can enter. we'll try to give folks as big of a warning as possible.

SAFETY/SECURITY

(Safety and Information League of Revolutionaries -- SAILORS)

-throughout the gathering, you will probably notice some folks wandering around wearing *black and red scarves*. these are your friendly, @narchist, sailor co-ordinators. the sailors will play several roles at AR; mainly doing security work, acting as information resource people, and doing clean-up. *there will be at least six sailors 'on duty' at all times*, equipped with cell-phones (see 'useful stuff' section), as well as information about lawyers, health clinics, site phone numbers, etc. all of us have been trained in conflict resolution, as well as first aid. if you are having a problem, feeling sick, are lost, etc., they are the people to talk to. they are prepared to deal with cops, locate media spokespeople, and generally help out if anyone needs it. the S.A.I.L.O.R. office is located at Symptom Hall, (just left after the main doors).

-sailors need help doing workshifts, (i.e. biking around, helping out with cleanups etc.) if you want to help out doing some grunt work during AR, you can sign up at registration, or talk to any sailor. the sailor co-ordination team will meet daily, as well as type up log reports of shifts, and post them so people can find out what's going on around the gathering. many of the sailors have also been active members of the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty action marshalling team, and will be working with them at the actions happening during the week. the sailor coordinators are: Genny, Brian, Paul, P.J., Josh, Mac and Kellee.

-sailors need to be directly accountable to the general participants of AR. if you have a problem with any of the sailors, or think they're being out of line, you can: approach the general plenary, fill out a report, or in extreme circumstances, approach an omsbuddie (see page ??). we're not here to act as cops or parents, but to help out, provide information, and make sure people are safe (and to ensure we don't live in filth!). we hope to be able to create a safe, anti-authoritarian space for people; please let us know if we can improve this.



The creative initiative of Art and Revolution Collectives transforms demonstrations into festival-like actions which reclaim public space and attract a attention to the issues of social justice. The work, developing theater, building the props, etc., is an effective means of organizing people and creating coalitions. The ongoing wars like globalization, IMF and World Bank imperialism, and corporate rule are not easily deciphered and rarely break into the public's consciousness as clear battles to fight. Art and Revolution tactics can create a vocabulary of resistance that connects the everyday struggle of people to the growing global crisis. The power of art and creative energy is a weapon we can wield to explode apathy and despair and renew hope and the struggle to survive. (A bit much? Check the core out and decide for yourself.) The more people we can mobilize with these strategies and skills in hand, the more beautiful and effective our work will be.

Note: The Art & Revolution core will be meeting at K.Y.T.E.S., 457 Richmond St., west of Spadina. There will also be an intro to A&R at 3pm Monday at Symptom Hall. For info on A&R, talk to David S., Stephanie, Megan or David F.

EVENTS

<i>forum:</i>	<i>Indian Struggle and Spirituality!</i>
<i>date/time:</i>	Tuesday August 18 th at 8:00 pm
<i>place:</i>	Hart House Anarchist Debates Room (At Queen's Park Circle & Wellesley)
<i>price:</i>	\$5 employed / \$3 unemployed, under-employed, etc. (As well conference attendees can get tickets to all three forums for \$7)
<i>speakers:</i>	<p>THIS FORUM WILL focus on Indian struggle against the KKKanadian State and colonialism. Joanne Bender from Anti-Racist Action will MC.</p> <p>Woody Becker (Traditionalist from Temagami - to be confirmed) will speak about the attacks on the Indian nations of the Temagami area.</p> <p>Shawn Brant (Mohawk from the Bay of Quinte) will speak on the attacks against the Mohawks and other Indian Nations by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.</p> <p>Pierre George (Stoney Point Nation, brother of slain Indian activist Dudley George) will talk about the cover up of his brother's murder, and the struggle for recognition of Stoney Point Nation:</p> <p>Danny Beaton (Toronto-area Indian artist and activist).</p>
<i>forum:</i>	<i>Indigenous Struggle in Chiapas!</i>
<i>date/time:</i>	Wednesday August 19 th 8:00 pm
<i>place:</i>	Koffler Institute 569 Spadina (North of College) Auditorium
<i>price:</i>	\$5 employed/ \$3 unemployed, under-employed, etc. (As well conference attendees can get tickets to all three forums for \$7)
<i>featuring:</i>	<p>THIS NIGHT FOCUSSES on the struggle of indigenous people in Chiapas against neoliberalism and colonialism.</p> <p>M.C. Miguel Sanchez - Food for Chiapas, Anti Racist Action.</p> <p>Zapatreatro - Popular Theatre on Chiapan struggle.</p> <p>Fernando Henrandez (Maya Tzotzil Nation) - from Food For Chiapas.</p> <p>New York Zapatistas - will speak about the struggle and relevance of Zapatistas to indigenous resistance (to be confirmed).</p> <p>Sheila Wilmot - Peace Action for Chiapas.</p>

Other places to go...

For Showers

Alexandra Pool & Park beside Scadding Court Community Center, Dundas at Bathurst.

The pool is a place where AR participants can go to take a shower, but please be discreet (that is, don't go in really large groups, and pretend you are going swimming) The pool is open from 10am to 6pm and 7pm to 8:50pm weather permitting.

For E-mail

Go to **Robarts Library**, on the corner of Harbord & St. George St. (below Bloor, on the west side of St. George on the university campus). Go into the street level doors and line up for a computer terminal. Officially only students are allowed to use these computers, but you can get away with it most of the time. Open web access, good for hotmail accounts. You can't get into the library stacks without a student card.

Anarchist Hangout/Cheap Vegan Coffee, books/records

Who's Emma in Kensington Market. 69 1/2 Nassau, just off of Augusta. Good hangout spot.

Libraries

The Toronto public libraries are mostly quiet, if you need cool-off time. There's one at Scadding Court Community Center, and another one on College St, at Huron, beside the credit union on the south side of the street.

Bars

The Pepper, right beside Who's Emma on Nassau St. in Kensington Market. Cheap pitchers.

The Bistro, at the corner of Bathurst & College, north side of the street, down the steps (one of those basement bars)

Sneaky Dee's, corner of Bathurst & College. Good Veggie Nachos, "popular" bar.

For Queer folks, Buddies in Bad Times, @ 12 Alexander below Church St & Wellesley in the east end, east of Yonge St.

Movies

Bloor Cinema, 506 Bloor St. W., north side Bloor, east of Bathurst. Small alternative theater, something good is always playing. Call before you trek all the way up there: 532-6677

For general listings, look for the local free "entertainment weekly" called **NOW** on street corners in green boxes, or in lobbies, etc.

Cheap Places to Eat!

This is not comprehensive, just close, cheap vegetarian food.

The Community Cafe (tues-sun, opens 11am, closes 7pm)
207 Ossington (just below Dundas, east side of street)
full meal (rice & chili, pasta, etc.) w/ salad: \$3!

Patti King (in Kensington Market) (opens ?, closes 5pm)
187 Baldwin St. (between Augusta & Kensington, south side of street)
vegetarian patti & coco-bread w/pop: \$2!

Roti Factory (in Kensington Market) (opens ?, closes 6pm)
177 Baldwin St. (between Kensington St. & Spadina, south side of street)
potato roti w/ salad: \$4!

Alvand (in Kensington Market) (closes 6 or 7pm)
214 Augusta Ave. (around the corner from Who's Emma)
falafel sandwich: \$2

Buddha's Vegetarian Foods (opens 11am, closes 8pm)
666 Dundas St. (north side of Dundas, east of Bathurst)
huge menu! Large dishes, feeds 2-4 people: \$6-\$8!

"Saigon Sub" (opens 9am, closes 9pm)
334 Spadina Ave. (above Dundas on the west side of Spadina)
tofu vegetarian sub: \$1.50!

Gizale (closes extremely late)
(this one's way up on Bloor, if you happen to be in the area.)
504 Bloor St W. (beside the Bloor Cinema, north side of street, west of Bathurst)
falafel sandwich: \$2! Vegetarian Plate (grilled veggies, curries, salad): \$5!

<i>forum:</i>	Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War!
<i>date/time:</i> <i>place:</i> <i>price:</i>	Thursday August 20 th 7:00 pm Hart House Anarchist Debates Room (At Queens Park Circle & Wellesley) \$5 employed / \$3 unemployed, under-employed, etc (As well conference attendees can get tickets to all three forums for \$7)
<i>featuring:</i>	A FORUM FOCUSING on the struggles of those imprisoned by the State, and those attacked by the State for their resistance. M.C. Norman Otis Richmond from African Liberation Month Collective Safiya Bukhari from Jericho 98 (the movement to free all political prisoners in the United States) and the Free Mumia Now! office in New York. Pedro Sanchez speaking about the MOVE Organization (Radical Afrocentric revolutionary organization which has been bombed, imprisoned and attacked by the United States) Don Weitz (People Against Coercive Treatment, Ontario Coalition Against Poverty) speaking on prisoners of the "mental health system" as political prisoners.
<i>event:</i>	Active Resistance Performance Night
<i>date/time:</i> <i>place:</i> <i>price:</i>	Saturday August 22 nd 9:00pm Place: The 360 (326 Queen Street West) Price: \$5 at the door, sliding scale.
	Active Resistance 98 wrap up party featuring high drama performance art, local punk & ska bands and funky girl core/hip hop, etc. Tunes spun by DJ Charles & DJ Super Snatch.
<i>event:</i>	Active Resistance Film Night
<i>date/time:</i> <i>place:</i> <i>price:</i>	Thursday August 20 th 9:00pm 66 Portland Street, unit 202 Free
	Videos will include: Beyond McWorld (on the MAI), Free Ride (trainhopping), Footage from the Toronto Video Activist Collective, Undercurrents (UK), News Unlimited (Australia), and more.
<i>event:</i>	Propaganda Carnival
<i>date/time:</i> <i>place:</i> <i>price:</i>	24 hours a day throughout AR98 Main floor, Symptom Hall Free (except items for sale)
	Zines, posters, pamphlets, records, tracts, literature, books, patches, buttons, art and more.

ACTIONS

Camp Kyle Rae OCAP street camp-out to reopen shelter

Friday August 21st

ON JUNE FIRST of this year, the Salvation Army's overnight shelter at Dundas and Victoria was forced to close its doors. Fifty beds were shut, with no alternatives offered, and only three days notice. On the same day throughout Toronto, an additional one-hundred and fifty scheduled bed closures went through, contributing to the already desperate lack of shelter for the city's homeless.

Previous to the surprise closure of the Salvation Army, a meeting took place between city councillor Kyle Rae, and the Yonge Street Business Association. At this meeting, a yuppie business group appealed to Rae that the shelter, which is in the center of the downtown core, be shut down due to the upcoming tourist season. Homelessness and poverty, they claim, is bad for tourism and bad for profit. They insisted that the shelter and its patrons would frighten away their customers, and lower their profits. Kyle Rae promptly came to the conclusion that the shelter must go.

Toronto is also presently trying to achieve the 'Times Square' effect at Yonge and Dundas, (1/2 block from the shelter), proposing a massive theater complex, a park, more upscale stores, etc. The main mouthpiece behind the 'Yonge/Dundas Redevelopment Project' is our very own Kyle Rae. The project is forcing many of the smaller businesses out of the area, and the bigger corporations are moving in. Obviously it is grossly inappropriate for the unsightly street people to be asking for spare change in an area such as this!

Toronto already experiences a massive homeless crisis with a homeless population estimated at well over 50,000 without shelter. It is a common sight in the city for all of the shelters to have 'full' signs on their doors in the evening. Police have been making nightly park raids, harassing sleepers, and handing out tickets, making it impossible for the city's poor to get a decent night's sleep. The decision to shut down an additional fifty beds in the interest of capital was not a surprise.

Within days OCAP was starting or organize a fightback. The chair of the yuppie business association is the owner of the Senator restaurant, right beside the Salvation Army. We started daily pickets of the restaurant demanding that he write a letter, reversing his position on the shelter's closing, and make the city restore funding. After six weeks of frequent information pickets, entrance blockings and rallies attracting upwards of forty cops, the Senator caved, and wrote the letter. After this victory, many other local businesses agreed to do the same, and started expressing their support for the shelter re-opening. However the shelter remains closed. The city maintains it's position that the poor are far too unsightly for the wealthy tourists to be forced to look at. OCAP is continuing with this campaign to make sure the interests of poor people come before the interests of trendy business owners and their professional politicians.

THE ACTION:

The city and businesses have shut down the shelter with the fantasy that the poor will simply disappear to some place that yuppie scum will not have to be faced with the product of their greed. On August 21st at 7:00 p.m., OCAP has invited participants in the Active Resistance gathering to join in an active defense of our right to adequate shelter. We will be meeting at the south-east corner of Dundas and Victoria (1/2 block east of Yonge),

Marigold International Hostel

2011 Dundas St. West

Toronto, Ontario

M6R 1W7

588-2678

US \$15

No curfew, coin lockers, coin laundry, safe quiet clean atmosphere. NO check out time. Dundas and College street cars go by front door. Handy for conference.

Neill-Wycik College Hotel

96 Gerrard St. East

Toronto, Ontario

M5B 1G7

977-2809

wycik@inforamp.net

\$15

Laundry, no curfew, 24 hour front desk.

Linens provided, in room telephones.

Siesta Nouveaux

15 Lower Sherbourne St.

Toronto, Ontario

M5A 2P4

861-0947

\$25

Tartu College

925-4747

at 310 Bloor St. West, near Spadina

rents rooms by the week. A single is around

\$200 for the week.

Karabanow Guesthouse

923-4004

9 Spadina Ave, just north of Bloor St. and

near the conference. Tariff

includes parking, daily cleaning etc. Singles

are \$40 and up and doubles

\$50 and up - less with a Youth hostel card.

Beverly House

977-0077

235 Beverley St, a small north south street running between Queen and

College St.'s between University and

Spadina Ave. Full breakfast included in the room

prices. \$50.

Burkin Guesthouse 920-7842

Older house, continental breakfast included no smoking. \$55 singles, 65 doubles.

Candy Haven Tourist Home 532-0651

On King Streetcar line. \$45.

Selby

921-3142

592 Sherbourne St. north of Wellesley St.

Rooms cost from \$60 - \$80, sharing a room making it a better deal.

Further south the St. Leonard, 924-4902

at 418 Sherbourne St. \$50/60

The Whitehouse Hotel 362-7491

76 Church St. \$75/80

Gladstone

1214 Queen St. West

\$30

Beach Motel

2183 Lake Shore Blvd. West 259-3296

\$60

Silver Moon

252-5051

2157 Lake Shore Blvd.

\$50

Hillcrest

2143 Lake Shore Blvd.

255-7711

Check prices and make reservations if cautious.

Cheap Housing

The following are some suggestions for some cheap housing while you are in Toronto.

Camping

There are several camping/trailer grounds within 40 km of the city. We have the closest listed, but the tourist office has a complete list.

Clairville Conservation Area (416)678-1233, north up Indian Line Rd in Downsview, beside the airport. This is probably the best one for tents.

The second is Glen Rouge Park (947-8092) on Kingston Rd. (Highway 2) at Altona Rd., near Sheppard Ave. East. It's at the border of Scarborough - part of Metropolitan Toronto - and the town of Pickering at the eastern edge of the city and is on the lakefront. There are about 120 sites.

You can also sleep rough in the Don Valley, or in the series of parks, especially High Park (close to downtown). They are occasionally patrolled, so don't be foolish and build a fire or set up any sort of shelter.

Hostels

Toronto has a year round Canadian Hostelling Association Hostel right downtown. 368-0207. It opened in a three storey renovated brick building at 223 Church, just south of Dundas St. East. Rooms are \$18.95.

There are also a bunch of cheap alternatives:

Christansen's Guesthouse
183 College Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5P 1P7
416-979-2489
price - \$20

922-5220
Price - \$20

Global Village Backpackers Hostel
460 King St. West
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 1L7
416-703-8540
price - \$22
(close to conference)

Leslieville Home Hostel
185 Leslie St.
Toronto, Ontario
M4M 3C6
461-7258
fax 469-9938
Leslieville@sympatico.ca
\$15

Located in a safe and quiet downtown residential neighbourhood. Near 24 hours transport on the east side of downtown.

Havinn
118 Spadina Rd.
Toronto, Ontario
M5R 2T8

to set up 'Camp Kyle Rae'. We will rally and camp on the side walk to show that poverty will not simply go away, and must be addressed. People's need for shelter must be acknowledged and dealt with, and 'Camp Kyle Rae' will be a regular encampment outside the shelter, until it is reopened. AR participants will be welcomed at the demonstration, and are encouraged to come out and help defend right to dignity and collective self-defense at the street level!

OCAP / ARA / AR98 Squeegee Community Action

Saturday August 22nd 3pm

In mid July, 'squeegee kids' were systematically targeted, with the mayor, the premier, and the police uniting to openly 'declare war' on Toronto's street community. Over thirty arrests have been made, around twenty charged. Countless tickets have been handed out and one dog shot. The "war" was launched when yuppie businesses expressed 'fear of the street thugs'. The media did a fantastic job of painting squeegee & street folks as dangerous, violent, junkies and just lazy punks, following the standard poorbasher's line. Mayor Mel Lastman has been pressured by police to come up with an enforceable law banning squeegeeing. The Mayor committed himself to get rid of the 'squeegee kids within a month'. Insidious focus has been placed on French-speaking squeegeers, with reports of police comments like 'go back to Montreal', and stopping those in custody from speaking French. Three kids were forced to sign a 'peace bond', forcing them back to Quebec. They had to do this after their third day in custody, or continue being held. A mass squeegee was held in support of people who squeegee in the beginning of July. Well over a hundred people came out to show solidarity, and help raise money for a squeegee bail fund.

At the same time, cops have been cracking down in parks where squeegeers and other homeless sleep. It has become a systematic harassment campaign carried out by the police, and encouraged by businesses and politicians. The Ontario Coalition Against Poverty (OCAP) is attempting to set up a network of 'safe parks' in the city that will be monitored nightly for police harassment, in hopes that people can finally get an undisturbed night's rest.

THE ACTION:

A group of squeegeers, activists, and supporters have been meeting for a month to plan actions and strategies to fight back. An action has been called for Saturday Aug. 22nd, at 3 p.m. We hope draw many Active Resistance participants. We will be meeting at Alexandra Park (on Bathurst, between Queen and Dundas) with speakers planned from those who have been directly targeted by this harassment. OCAP, ARA, AR'98, union representatives and other social justice advocates will also be speaking. There will be a march past many parts of the city where police harassment takes place. The day is planned in the hopes of hundreds of people joining together to tell the cops and politicians to back off, to let them know that the public will not tolerate the harassment of street people any longer!

Anarchist Picnic in Trinity Bellwoods Park

Sunday August 23rd

On the last day of the gathering we'd like to have a picnic in the park! Lunch will be served and any acoustic-y musical folks are welcome to perform. We hope that this will be a good way to end off the gathering, and it will provide a space for people to tie up loose ends, socialize, further organize etc., before we all say good-bye.

EN FRANÇAIS



EN ESPAÑOL

Desafortunadamente, los organizadore/as de Active Resistance no han podido organizar un servicio completo para traducciones en español. Pero, hay participantes en AR que pueden ayudar con traducciones en grupos, workshops y eventos particulares. Habrá un cartel para firmar en Syntom Hall donde puedas indicar a cuales eventos quisieras ir. Con suerte, podremos reunirte con traductores para la mayoría de los eventos y grupos de trabajo.

Translation • La traduction • La traducción

*l'imagination
au pouvoir*

*all power
to the
imagination*

*podera la
imaginación*

Nous vous souhaitons la bienvenue dans cette partie française du fanzine "Anarchy in the Streets". Comme vous pouvez le constater, nous n'avons pu traduire tout son contenu. Cependant, vous trouverez plus bas certaines informations qui vous seront utiles pendant toute la durée de la conférence.

A propos de la traduction

Le comité organisateur d'"Active Resistance" veut s'assurer que la conférence puisse être accessible aux francophones qui ont du mal à parler ou à comprendre l'anglais. Vous trouverez sur place entre 6 et 10 traducteurs et traductrices de Montréal qui pourront vous accompagner aux ateliers, groupes de travail et événements spéciaux auxquels vous assisterez. N'hésitez pas à utiliser leurs services et à poser les questions qui vous passent par la tête. Comme tout le monde, vous avez le droit de comprendre ce qui se dit!

Puisque ces personnes-ressources sont comme vous des participant-e-s à la conférence, il est préférable de s'entendre avec elles au préalable. Vous pourrez ainsi vous assurer de trouver un traducteur ou une traductrice qui aura choisi de participer au même atelier que vous.

Pendant toute la durée d'"Active Resistance", il y aura un tableau à l'extérieur du Sympton Hall où les traducteurs et ceux qui auront besoin de leurs services pourront se laisser des messages et ainsi coordonner leurs horaires respectifs. Les traducteurs sont identifiables par un brassard de couleur.

Par ailleurs, certains ateliers prévu au programme seront animés en français, tout comme le forum (bilingue) portant sur la question nationale au Québec. Certain(es) participant(es) pensent également organiser un caucus francophone.

Les coordonateurs de la traduction pendant la conférence sont Jaggi et Benoit. N'hésitez pas à leur poser vos questions à ce sujet.

[traduction de Mathieu Houle-Courcelles]

action directe * autonomie * solidarité * amour * droits des autochtones * non-violence * droits des détenu-e-s

* logement * anti-autoritaire * médias alternatifs * syndicalisme

* libération * résistance * mouvement étudiant

Déclaration de principes

(traduit de l'anglais)

"Active Resistance" est une rencontre continentale, anti-capitaliste et révolutionnaire cherchant à unir la théorie à la pratique.

"Active Resistance" offrira une tribune aux militant-e-s voulant partager leurs idées et leurs expériences pour permettre l'élaboration de stratégies communes.

"Active Resistance" fournira le temps et l'espace nécessaires pour la tenue d'ateliers et d'une assemblée générale pour favoriser l'émergence de mouvements révolutionnaires.

"Active Resistance" cherche à construire des zones autonomes libérées.

"Active Resistance" est un rassemblement anarchiste fonctionnant de façon démocratique et anti-autoritaire.

"Active Resistance" a pour objectif la transformation de la société et des individus en confrontant le capitalisme, l'impérialisme, la colonisation, le patriarcat, le racisme, l'hétérosexisme, la violence étatique et toutes autres formes de domination et d'exploitation. Nous y arrivons en développant notre esprit critique face aux systèmes, aux institutions et aux technologies. Nous nous appuyons sur des tactiques de résistance et d'action directe.

"Active Resistance" souhaite jeter les bases d'une société anarchiste, anti-autoritaire et autogérée qui permettra l'organisation collective des individus de façon égalitaire et démocratique. Que ce soit dans nos lieux de travail, nos écoles, nos quartiers, nos communautés ou bio-régions, nous voulons un monde où chacun-e pourra exercer le plein contrôle sur sa vie, son corps et sa sexualité, un monde où nous pourrions travailler et vivre les uns avec les autres dans le respect, l'aide mutuelle, l'autonomie et la solidarité.

* anti-racisme * droits des gais et lesbiennes

* plaisir * pensée critique * veto * prisonniers politiques

* autogestion * lutte des classes * pacifisme radical * bouffe * féminisme * subversion * écologie * squat

Active Resistance '98 Schedule

Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22	Sunday 23
<p>9am Anti-Press Conference @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>10am - all day long Registration! @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>3pm Food Coordination Meeting @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>3pm Art & Revolution Introduction Meeting @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>4pm Agit-prop orientation (print/radio/photo/video/postering/stenciling/daily reports) @ Telegraph Office in Symptom Hall</p> <p>6pm DINNER @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>8pm AR'98 OPENING PLENARY! @ Innis pre-Revolutionary Town Hall</p>	<p>9am - BREAKFAST & PLENARY @ The Bakunin Bop</p> <p>10am - 12pm freeskool (workshops, caucusing, forums)</p> <p>12pm - 1pm LUNCH @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>1pm - 4pm CORES</p> <p>Building Revolutionary Movements: @The Bakunin Bop Community Organizing: @ The Bakunin Bop Alternative Economics: @ The 360 Art & Revolution: @ K.Y.T.E.S.</p> <p>4pm - 6pm freeskool (workshops, caucusing, forums)</p> <p>6pm DINNER @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>8pm Forum Indian Struggle & Spirituality! @ Hart House Anarchist Debates Room</p> <p>10pm AGIT-PROP Nightly Meeting @ Telegraph Office in Symptom Hall</p>	<p>9am - BREAKFAST & PLENARY @ The Bakunin Bop</p> <p>10am - 12pm freeskool (workshops, caucusing, forums)</p> <p>12pm - 1pm LUNCH @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>1pm - 4pm CORES</p> <p>Building Revolutionary Movements: @The Bakunin Bop Community Organizing: @ The Bakunin Bop Alternative Economics: @ The 360 Art & Revolution: @ K.Y.T.E.S.</p> <p>4pm - 6pm freeskool (workshops, caucusing, forums)</p> <p>6pm DINNER @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>8pm Forum Indigenous Struggle In Chiapas! @ Koffler is a capitalist pig Institute</p> <p>10pm AGIT-PROP Nightly Meeting @ Telegraph Office in Symptom Hall</p>	<p>9am - BREAKFAST & PLENARY @ The Bakunin Bop</p> <p>10am - 12pm freeskool (workshops, caucusing, forums)</p> <p>12pm - 1pm LUNCH @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>1pm - 4pm CORES</p> <p>Building Revolutionary Movements: @The Bakunin Bop Community Organizing: @ The Bakunin Bop Alternative Economics: @ The 360 Art & Revolution: @ K.Y.T.E.S.</p> <p>4pm - 6pm freeskool (workshops, caucusing, forums)</p> <p>6pm DINNER @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>8pm Forum Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War! @ Hart House Anarchist Debates Room</p> <p>9pm AR98 Film Night @ 66 Portland Street, unit 202 (south of King, east of Bathurst St)</p> <p>10pm AGIT-PROP Nightly Meeting @ Telegraph Office in Symptom Hall</p>	<p>9am - BREAKFAST & PLENARY @ The Bakunin Bop</p> <p>10am - 12pm freeskool (workshops, caucusing, forums)</p> <p>12pm - 1pm LUNCH @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>1pm - 4pm CORES</p> <p>Building Revolutionary Movements: @The Bakunin Bop Community Organizing: @ The Bakunin Bop Alternative Economics: @ The 360 Art & Revolution: @ K.Y.T.E.S.</p> <p>4pm - 6pm freeskool (workshops, caucusing, forums)</p> <p>6pm DINNER @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>7pm Art & Revolution rehearsal for Saturday's demonstration location tba.</p> <p>7pm The Ontario Coalition Against Poverty - Camp-Out (see zine 'Events' section for details)</p>	<p>10am BREAKFAST & PLENARY @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>11am - 1pm freeskool (workshops, caucusing, forums)</p> <p>2pm STREETTHEATRE/ DEMO PREP Meet @ Alexandra Park (below Scadding Court Community Center)</p> <p>3pm ACTION/DEMO! ARA, OCAP, AR98 Anti-cop brutality demonstration. (see zine 'Events' section for details) Meet @ Alexandra Park (below Scadding Court Community Center)</p> <p>6pm DINNER @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>9pm Performance Night Party @ The 360</p>	<p>10am BREAKFAST & CLOSING PLENARY @ Symptom Hall</p> <p>2pm picnic/wrap-up gathering @ Trinity-Bellwoods Park Dundas between Bathurst & Ossington</p> <p>SAY GOODBYE, HEAD HOMETO AGITATE & ORGANIZE!</p>

Schedule is subject to change during the week.
Updates & freeskools will be posted @ Symptom Hall.