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Poison is not sutible for small children

Pirate Press will only do two more issues for the Oly area. We are moving off to darker pastures to cause trouble there. That means we are dying here. Unless anyone who has come in contact with our ideas, and/or thinks a free press in the Oly area is a good idea and would like to take it over, then maybe it could last, or could become something different entirely. The torch is passed to whoever wants it. We will even tell you our skills for free copies and will also throw in a free PO Box in sunny downtown Oly. We will even teach you all the skills we have to do layout on a computer, and you don't need to own a computer to participate.

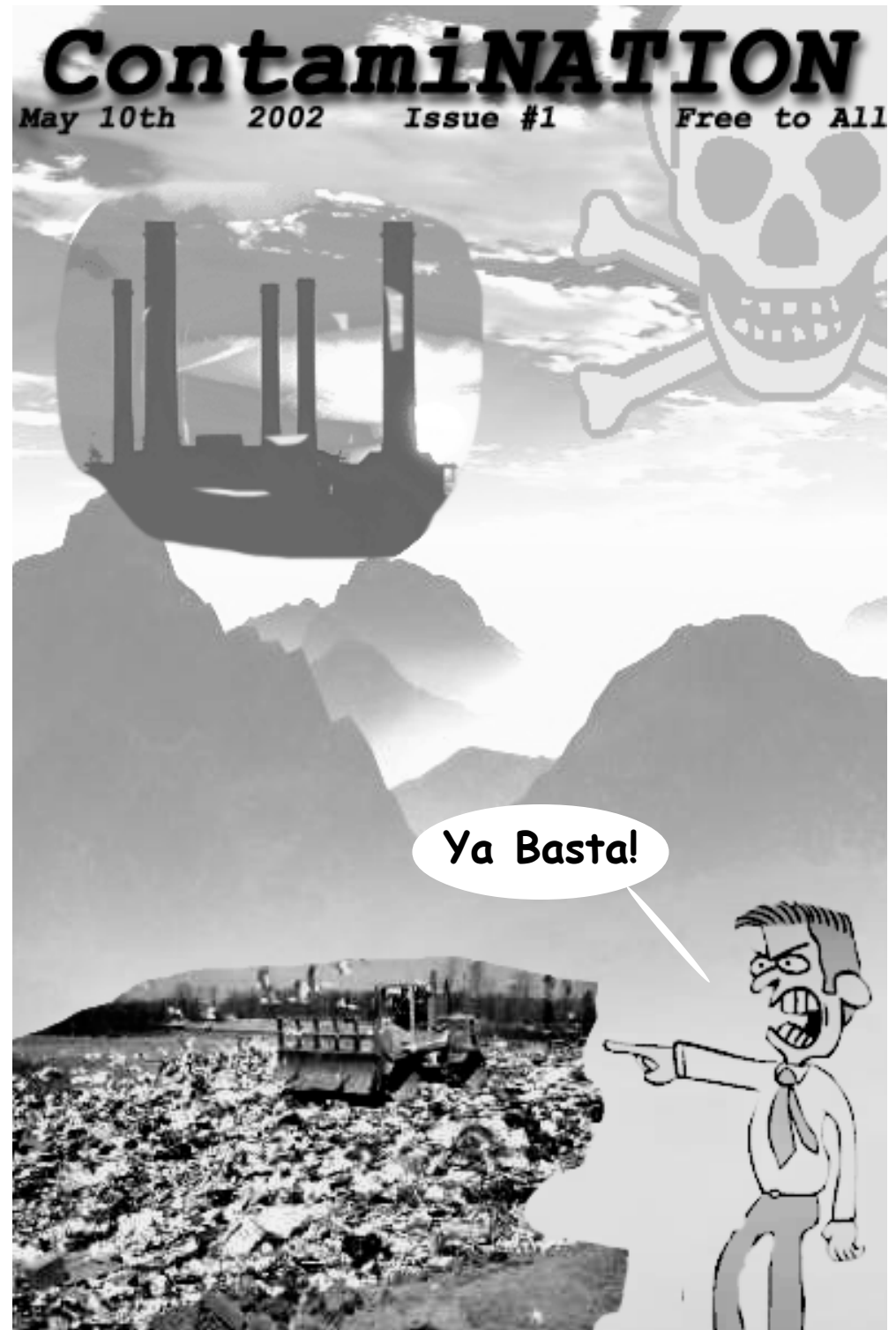
We are in the process of developing a web page designed for exchanging zines and for wider free printing possibilities. If that works out, and we actually start working on it, then hopefully we can be another resource for the free press movement.

We thank everyone who participated in any way to any part of any process. You people made it all worthwhile. To all our contributors we want you to know you made it interesting. We printed everything we got, it's too bad more people didn't take advantage of that. To all our readers thanks for reading and talking about us. It's nice to know someone read some of the shit that we published. We hope we agitated you a little. Although we never got any hate mail, we hope Oly is a little less comfortable than before our short existence. To all those people who made more copies of our things or just took the stuff they liked, you people rock. And last but not least, to the guy who folded and distributed all our shit, but wouldn't write one damn word, we couldn't have done anything without you.

We will make more copies of our pamphlets soon. Look for them on the porch of Media Island and other random places.

Creating a Culture of Resistance in Olympia

Expropriation by Kropotkin, The Tragidy of Spain by Rudolf Rocker, Anarchism vs. Socialism by Wm. C. Owen, Anarchism and American Traditions by Voltairine de Cleyre, Mutual Aid by Malatesta, The Seattle General Strike of 1919, and many more to come...



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Why play by the rules?

Presents:

ContaminNation

We all know our lives are filled with filth. Poison in the water, poison in the air, poison in our food, poison in our homes, poison in our schools, poison at our workplaces, poison in our playgrounds, poison on the stereo, poison on our minds! Who makes this shit, we do! We make poison to live! Why else would anyone make poison?

When breaking them is so much fun!



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Oh Paris 68, how I orgasm for your rebellion.

Situationists, I long for your ideology.

And to you closet Stalinists, Maoists, Leninists, and dying Marxists who make me spit and laugh. Your authority is your poverty.

Trotskyites, Cuba is the new bourgeoisie class housing US concentration camps.
Your heroes died.

Anarchists you bore me with mindless repetition. Anarchy lives without you.

Puppet-making liberals, break the mold freaks!!! Chicken wire fences keep you from burning your creations.

Run to the mountains intentional communists, the battle is in the street.

Oh and to you capitalist, landowning, politician-loving cops out there, the button is pressed in your name.

And to you spectators: keep watching, things are starting to get interesting.

Living for the now

I live 'cause my body tells me so

My body aches for others to share the experience.

My body aches for a massage from my shoulder blades to my toes

My body aches...if only you could feel

If only you could feel what I feel

Symbiotic relationships are so nice

Fighting is symbiotic until someone wins

My antagonist fights so well

I've lost the friendship of our liberal/fascist fantasy

I think I'm going to resist now

I think I'm going to fuck shit up

Until people realize

Mamma nature lets us live

Not another Tree falls!

an eddie bower shirt or something else? Don't forget the abicromie cap. Is your hair short enough that it looks like you support war? Clean cut, make up wearing, watch wearing, normal person. Who would have thought embracing the system would give you the freedom to destroy it.

The 1970's underground militants looked so normal they could walk into police stations and plant bombs, or walk into jails and courtrooms and free prisoners. They knew that being radical was not about what you said or how you looked, but what you did. Even George Washington Hayduke had to settle for a normal job at the Glen Canyon Dam. Whatever your goal(s) happens to be, patience and planning is the way to get there. The more you rush it, the more sloppy your actions become. Know your target inside and out. Like how all the authorities now want to know about the ELF, we must know our targets better. We have to know the pig's patterns and find their weaknesses. Where do you see cops, and where do you not see cops, and at what times? On what days?

The system, by it's very bureaucratic nature, goes by schedules. People do not have to follow schedules. Because most people grew up with schedules and routines, identifying patterns is easy. The place closes at six, the cleaning people leave by 8:15, the security patrol guy makes a swing by at around 9:20, and if he's been chatting with Doris at the gas station over a cup of coffee, then he'll come by around 9:45 at the latest. Every other day between 11:30 and midnight a patrol car also comes by. How do we know all this? Cause we've been sitting in the bushes for the last two weeks. What happens to the schedule when there's a minor incident close by, but not too close? How long does it take the cops to respond to the alarm down the street?

Preparations are key to any action. The more serious action you take the more you want to prepare. Bad luck is a bullshit excuse for bad planning. The whole point is getting away safely. We don't need any more shooting stars. We need strong, continuous actions that build on each other. This can't be a passing phase at this point of world destruction.

To minimize your chances of getting tracked down later, there are plenty of pamphlets out there that go into detail about how not to leave any tracks behind. "Without a Trace" is the best one we've come by. Fingerprints are not the only things people leave behind. Study those pamphlets and cop shows – particularly the science cop shows about updated technologies. Stay one step ahead and both feet out of jail.

Yucca Mountain Update. May, 8th



Politicians overwhelmingly approve sending nuclear waste from 39 states to Yucca Mountain in Southwestern Nevada. They plan to send this waste on trains and trucks through cities and rural communities. Our Interstates, highways, and railroad tracks are now pipelines for nuclear waste. Has anyone ever seen a truck flipped over on the Highway? Has anyone ever heard of a train wreck? If feeling "safe" is so important, does this make you feel safe?

So far there has been scattered symbolic protests throughout the country. Right now members of the Western Shoshone Tribe are running over 200 miles to Yucca Mountain. Others have staged rallies at the Capitol in DC and in their communities.

In Europe, and especially in Germany, anti-nuclear protesters have taken over highways and locked their necks to the tracks to stop the transportation of nuclear waste. We could easily do that here.

People in every town along the way could stop the trucks and trains.

Enough is enough.

Camp X-Ray

Maybe people thought we were joking about fascism in our own backyards. We don't think fascism is very funny. Maybe people thought we were exaggerating about concentration camps and "shadow" governments. Maybe people thought we were crazy for pointing out such things. Well take a look for yourself. If these pictures come out well enough, you can see these people are hogtied, blindfolded, have earphones on and something else covering their faces. These are the only two pictures of Camp X-Ray.



Everyone has so much to say about the anarchist smackdown. What a novel idea, get anarchists of different flavors together and have them duke it out. Anyone who was there learned something. For that, the organizers deserve credit.

But the down fall was that it was only talk. With over one hundred anarchists in a room, we could have planned to burn down all the banks in town and did it. Beyond all the undercovers and the sketchiness of all the people who might not look like hardcore anarchists, people could have done something. People could have at least set the college cop cars on fire or flew the black flag over Evergreen. No one made any plans, and no action was taken.

Anarchist talk defies anarchy. People at the smackdown wanted a definition of anarchy, and the celebrity speakers offered, “no rule”, “no authority”, “freedom” and “no dominance” as definitions. All the anarchist speakers forgot one simple word that takes anarchy beyond any ideology, and that word is “action”. The ringer insurrectionist (codenamed “the man in black”) even forgot this word. A-C-T-I-O-N. Talk, talk, talk, no action. The “man” won’t hurt us any more if we only talk about it.

Anarchy doesn’t have to be limited to burning banks and cop cars, it could also be finding safe houses and food for those who do. To put all the glamour and fashion accessories aside, people die during the struggle. And worse, people get jailed for long periods of time. Like Free and Critter, they are in jail cause they did what most of us are too chicken shit to do (but fucked up and got caught), and that’s stand up for what we believe in. If 100 hundred of us took action in the next month, under the cover of night or in the noon day sun, this world would be a different place. People could embrace anarchy in action, rather than sift through old tired theories.

Action is risky, adventuresome, and certainly illegal. It’s a big serious game we play with the pigs. They can beat us, jail us and kill us if they like, and until we defend ourselves this game will be played out with numerous casualties. This isn’t about love, it’s about survival.

If you ever want to give meaning to the phrase “I’m an anarchist”, you will have to create anarchy. And if you create anarchy and you tell people you are an anarchist, you are plain stupid. **(See the Road to the underground)**

**Don't just stand
there screaming,
DO SOMETHING!!!**



THE ROAD TO THE UNDERGROUND

(this is intended as an eye-opener for those opposed to domination)

Are you one of those activist types who are fed up with all the bullshit? If you are, you might be wondering what you can do about it. Is dressing like your favorite protester enough? Is giving your money and time to meetings worthwhile? Is change happening, and if it is, is it happening fast enough? The longer the struggle is drawn out, the more painful it will become. More people will die, and the pain and suffering will continue. People don’t call it a struggle for nothing.

People are rising up all around the world. People are using any tactic available to them to fight the system. In the US we limit our tactics and water-down our politics. We have blinders on that only allow us to see that symbolic resistance is our only tool. We kiss the man’s ass with our symbolism, because symbolism doesn’t do anything! We feel good for holding our signs and yelling at riot cops, but are we changing anything? Sure, we have a lot of theory, but how many people are interested in any theory they can’t see and feel? People are only interested in the ideologies of capitalism and government because those ideologies dominate everyone’s lives. If only people could see and touch any alternative.

A lot of people say “are you willing to die for change, like the students in Tianaimin square who got run over by tanks?” A lot of people say “I would die for amerika”, but does the left ever say they will die for anything. Has the US left put itself in a life and death situation in 30 years? There’s lots of self made martyrs who go offer themselves up for jail time. We are not talking about those captured in the fight for a better world, but the people who offer themselves to be arrested and mistreated by authority. People must be the only species who would consider voluntarily caging themselves (or others for that matter). Trying to, or planning to get arrested is the most stupid thing an activist could do. How can you resist when you are in a cage and the man is telling you when to take a shit?

We realize that we all live in a cage of wage slavery, cops, politicians, and landlords ruled by abstract pieces of paper we don’t have enough of. We realize jail can sometimes be better than starving and sleeping in a doorway. Jail fucking sucks. The whole system fucking sucks. We need to make a serious break with all of it.

The most radical thing someone can do is to embrace the system, grab it by the nuts and fucking smash it. That means going underground. That means your preaching days are over, and now you are the most normal person there ever was. You find a normal job, with normal friends, with a normal dog, with a normal place to live. You don’t go to protests or rallies because you now don’t have an opinion about anything. You do everything in moderation, and certainly nothing the cops would ever care about. Who wants to talk about politics when you could talk about watching sports on tv. Or you could talk about your shitty job that you kinda like. Get the picture? And people wonder how serial killers can do it for decades and not get caught.

Because the identification system is getting even more centralized, getting new identification is preferable, but simply dropping off the map is also possible. People wonder how immigrants the government considers illegal can get jobs, travel, and find places to live. They just simply don’t show up in the system. Nothing is recorded, and if it is, there are so many people out there they can’t catch them all. But if you are joining the underground, you have to become invisible. No more ATM machine, no more signing for hotel rooms or campgrounds, no more of anything leaving a paper trail. Your name, if at all, only exists in your normal life back home. Ted K. was so clean it had to take a family member on a hunch to rat him out.

What is the most popular color of the most popular car? Are people wearing nikes, with gap jeans and

We've just started to get moving and people are already tired. Young activists already drink their yuppie coffee and drive their SUV's preparing themselves each day for life beyond activism. And people wondered what happened to the 60's radical movements? And kids wonder why all the old sixties radicals were either shot, framed, snitch-jacketed, killed themselves, or turned into stockbrokers and suburban house wives? Now with our bike-to-the-Co-op liberalism, we call them sellouts. Some of those 60's radicals are still in jail and are almost written out of history while we are becoming or already are the sellouts of another generation.

It's almost past time to act. Things are getting serious. Look at any movements outside the US and the tactics they use. A bunch of Evergreen students were expelled from Mexico on May Day for joining people protesting with machetes (maybe there is a connection between learning and resistance). We bring puppets while people fighting for land bring at least a machete. Protesters in Vancouver trashed a shopping mall. Protesters in Berlin fought the cops for over 2 days and looted food and beer. Over 1 million people took to the streets in France to stand up to fascism. There were actions all over the world and of all different kinds. But what happened anywhere in the US was completely censored to the world that anyone in the US celebrated May Day. Apparently walking around on May Day isn't news outside of the NW.

If we want to break out of symbolism and do something, we will have to stop talking about talking and start making plans. Think about it, do the cops sit around and share their feelings of May Day, or do they spend their time planning how they are going to deal with May Day? We have to prepare to deal with cop violence once we take any action. When Steve Hughes was de-arrested by an angry crowd that surrounded the cop, had to have been the highlight of the night. But only in Oly would gathering around a cop and only screaming at him have any results. A bunch of people could have just grabbed Steve Hughes and the situation would be over. If we stand up for ourselves and others around us no one has to be arrested or harmed by the cops on May Day or at any other demonstration.

Cops are not extremely dumb. They learn from their mistakes as well. And they are probably kicking themselves that they didn't turn arresting Steve Hughes into an annual tradition. We have to make sure that the cops don't turn arresting anyone on May Day into a tradition. May Day could be a day where everyone gets away with anything.

Mailbox Pipe Bomber's Note Cont.

As long as you are uninformed about death you will continue to say "how high", when the government tells you to "jump". As long as the government is uninformed about death they will continue tell you to "jump" Is the government uninformed about death, or are they pretending?

You have been missing how things are, for very long. I'm obtaining your attention in the only way I can. More info is on its way. More "attention getters" are on the way. If I could, I would change only one person, unfortunately the resources are not accessible. It seems killing a single famous person would get the same media attention as killing numerous un-famous humans. There is less risk of being detained, associated with dismissing certain people.

Sincerely,

Someone Who Cares

PS. More info. will be delivered to various locations around the country.

May Day Around the World



In San Juan



In London



In Ecuador



In Argentina



In Costa Rica



In Chile



In Berlin



In Uruguay



In Turkey



In San Salvador



In Nicaragua



In Glasgow



In Switzerland



In France



In Panama



In Venezuela



In Cuba



In China



In Spain



In North Korea



In Italy



In Philippines



In India



In Indonesia



In Ukraine



In Belgrade



In South Korea



In Iraq



In Russia



In Bangladesh



In Australia



In Taiwan



and many more...

community to fight it. The ODA punked all of us. They were feeding the hungry while we were disrupting car traffic. Think about it, the PR people for the ODA should get paid a hell of a lot more than they do. That's fucking genius, and all of us were caught with our guard down. Our pants were down and we weren't mud wrestling.

Tent city is doomed to failure unless people get together and fight the system that would make living in a tent radical. Air, water, food, shelter, bed, pillow, and whatever else people might want. Activist priorities are so skewed that many forget what is really important right under their noses. And people wonder about and criticize the Greener image of May Day.

Many Mac events were teachins and educational forums. Like people want to learn about their own oppression. Mutual aid, I can't stress that enough. You help me out and I'll help you out. Where are the activists 364 days of the year? Where do they hide? Why aren't they doing (at least) a tent city every night! Why aren't they confronting sexual violence in proactive ways? Why aren't they actively ruining plans to put a pipeline through our back yards? Why aren't they stopping the construction of the new super prison? Why aren't they burning the banks and fighting the cops? Why aren't they smashing the systems of oppression that keep us all down? Cowardliness, privilege and guilt, name your excuse. Label it and identify it. Don't forget to tell your grandkids about it.

We are stagnant. We can move freely through the streets on May Day, but that's all we permit ourselves to do. Anything else would be really radical. Not asking the cops for permission to hold a demonstration or party is not radical, but is an essential to any self-respecting individuals who might organize or participate in such an event.

Now the cop PR campaign is to blame the street party organizers for wasting all that money on riot cops and overtime. Like the Oly cops don't know good and well how cowardly the Oly activists are. It's all a PR move that MAC never dealt with or took seriously. The Daily Zero sells papers in the middle of all this.

In my opinion, knowing your enemies is key to any campaign. With May Day there's a lot of enemies. Both Capitalists (yeah even the romanticized small business owners) and the State want to smash May Day. And Landowners hate it when guerilla gardeners turn their weed lots into gardens. And that's the problem; we didn't even garden this year. We put almost the whole struggle into symbolic action. The Tent City is in many ways not symbolic, but everything else was. The CPJ of all publications summed it up best in their headline "May Day Marchers Own Downtown, For Awhile".

May Day could be a day where anyone can take direct action against anything. Symbolism will get real boring real quick. May Day is a day of people getting together and doing whatever they want. If people want to smash the system and take over their living spaces, including their workspaces as well, do it. Don't talk about it. May Day could be a flash point where anything could become reality if people take it there. I still can't believe City Hall or McDonalds wasn't harmed in any way. People get more rowdy at rock shows than they do at May Day.

Don't underestimate the power of people together. Don't overestimate liberals to abandon homeless peoples' actions. Things could change. We have to make things change because shit doesn't happen by itself.

If any of this makes sense, it hopefully will become apparent that our work has just begun. Don't fall into that frame of mind that says "I've done all I can and things haven't changed".

Mailbox Bombs Note

The May Day campaign itself was weak. Maybe 15 people made it through the long haul. A lot of people came and went. Some people just wanted to stop the street party in its tracks; others gave their help for short periods of time. Possibly the May Day organizers could sit down and talk about this with others and find ways for people to get involved and inspire them to more action.

The split in Mac needs mentioning. Those against the street party, but for celebrating and publicizing May Day, and the slightly radical liberals for the street party all participated. I imagine people agreed to do their own thing and that's how they got along. The various bureaucratic sub-groups eventually gained autonomy towards the end. Liberals do your thing, and the radical leaning liberals do yours.

At First MAC set itself up as an organization with set principles. They even printed them on their party flyers. In effect, MAC created a central body and essentially contradicted its mission statement. A decentralized network where people could coordinate their activities would have been better. People could have done many things in the months leading up to May Day. Instead, MAC mostly just talked and debated. MAC even passed one resolution in its short bureaucratic existence.

An interesting event was presented to MAC. An act of sexual assault happened in the Oly activist community and MAC took it upon itself to take a stand on the issue. Actually, it was more MAC bringing this issue to the attention of activists who often tend to ignore sexual violence. Sexual assault happens in any community right now and MAC wanted to take a stand. But how they chose to deal with the problem, in my opinion, missed what they were trying to do. MAC banished this person from participating in May Day meetings after a few attempts to have this person make the wrong right. This person could have made an example to the community if they stood up and became the most outspoken person on the subject. This person could easily still do that. MAC gave up on this person when this person needed the most support. Something is seriously wrong when people take out their alienated impulses on each other. The perpetrators need as much love and support as the survivors of these acts. If we want to do anything about this, it's going to take a whole hell of a lot more effort on everyone's part to get from here to there.

An interesting participant threw himself in the May Day mix. He's a liberal guy without a home. He was in the army and possibly killed people for this fucked up country. He didn't want the whole May Day parade converging on some abandoned building or house converted into a place with beds and pillows and a solid roof. He knows as well as anyone without a home about the war on the poor and how the cops come down on any homeless action. He decided to erect a Tent city instead. With this idea, and the liberal idea of a "bethel street fair", the two ideas came together and saved the street party's ass.

As I write this (Saturday), the Tent City is still up, and liberal support is dwindling. "Don't let me die out there," he said to me two nights before. Right now I don't have any heat, but I have a roof over my head and can take my shoes off, and I'm not out at Tent City. It's fucking cold, but there's no wind with the windows shut.

I read in the Daily Zero that the Olympia Downtown Association (ODA) bought off most homeless people for May Day. It only cost the ODA 250\$ to bus them out to Priest Point Park and stuff them full of hamburgers and hot dogs for the day. Without going into liberal ideas of vegetarianism and veganism, this reveals how disconnected the Oly activist community is to the Oly homeless community that they didn't know about it or organize the

UPDATE: the Mailbox pipe bomber was an idiot who thought he could change things by hurting random people. He also thought he could send letters to his school newspaper and his dad with the same messages as the notes he was leaving and not get caught. He also checked into hotel rooms using his name, used his credit cards, and called friends on his cell phone. We chose to reprint his note because he actually did something, no matter how idiotic and pointless his acts were. (For the record, Pirate press believes that you don't have to be a terrorist to fight State terrorism, but you have to take action of some kind. Besides, the system cares more about their property than any human life. So hit them where it hurts!)

Text of note left in mailboxes in the Midwest where pipe bombs were found Friday:

Mailboxes are exploding! Why, you ask?

Attention people.

You do things because you can and want (desire) to

If the government controls what you want to do, they control what you can do.

If you are under the impression that death exists, and you fear it, you do anything to avoid it. (This is the same way pain operates. Naturally we strive to avoid negative emotion/pain.)

You allow yourself to fear death!

World authorities allowed, and still allow you to fear death!

In avoiding death you are forced to conform, if you fail to conform, you suffer mentally and physically. (Are world powers utilizing the natural survival instinct in a way that allows them to capitalize on the people?)

To "live" (avoid death) in this society you are forced to conform/slave away.

I'm here to help you realize/ understand that you will live no matter what! It is up to you people to open your hearts and minds. There is no such thing as death. The people I've dismissed from this reality are not at all dead.

Conforming to the boundaries, and restrictions imposed by the government only reduces the substance in your lives. When 1% of the nation controls 99% of the nations total wealth, is it a wonder why there are control problems?

The United States strives to provide freedom for their people. Do we really have personal freedom? I've lived here for many years, and I see much limitation. Does the definition of freedom include limitation? I've learned about the history of various civilizations in history, and I see more and more limitation. Do you people enjoy this trend of limitation? If not, change it!

A Critique of Olympia's May Day, the Olympia Activist Scene, And Movements for Change in General.

May Day was an extraordinary day. Well over a thousand people took to the streets in Oly, WA in spite of what any media said! Just for that alone, all the May Day organizers and participants should pat themselves on the backs. Don't get too comfortable cause now I'm going to rip everyone apart. I feel the only way to move forward is to learn from our mistakes and make damn sure we don't repeat them in the future. Anyone who was at May Day in Oly could see that everyone was making mistakes, and "how it would be so much better if _____ happened". Here are my opinions and observations, take what you want and discard the rest. I'm going to be blunt, and may hurt some feelings, but I'm not intending to do so. I may also be scattered due the enormous meaning behind May Day and our future.

This year, unlike the last few years, there were campaigns to stop the street party. An Evergreen student who is also a Green Party guy started one campaign. Another person and his brother, who "represent the Oly punk rock community", also developed a campaign charging the Reclaim the Streets organizers as vanguards, and wanted the street party location to be aired out "to the community", which means city hall politicians and the police.

The first, and most noticeable, campaign against the street party was driven with persistence all the way to May 1st. This counter campaign generated so much publicity for the street party that I seriously doubt that many people would have showed up if it weren't for the extra little bit of naughtiness associated with the day. Sean Rogers, who likes to refer to himself in the third person, worked the hardest to make the street party a success. Hats off to you Mr. Rogers.

The second campaign came late in the planning process. Two brothers issued a communiqué claiming the RTS group was elitist and vangaurdist. They felt the street party would be more accessible if the final destination was revealed to all beforehand. I agree that the street party would be more accessible, but then no one would have showed up. There are protests at least once a week in Oly who tell everyone their plans and not many people come to them. The only difference between those protests and the May Day street party is that no one knows what will happen or where we will all end up. Street parties also sound like more fun than a protest.

It is true that some people knew where everything was going to end up, so the elitist argument holds weight. Who elected these people? No one did— they did it themselves (which is what anarchy is all about!). Can I join in on the planning next year? Sure, why not? Every Mayday Action Committee (MAC) meeting revealed when the RTS meetings were held and that anyone could join in the process.

The conflict was that some people wanted to have a street party, and others didn't. Those who wanted to have a street party showed up to those meetings and drank beers and made plans. Those who didn't want a street party showed up to the general MAC meetings and protested. Did one of the anti-street party people ever go to an RTS meeting? One of the brothers showed up to one RTS meeting only to find out the location and not to help. So much for mutual aid. But I hear the joke was on him because the location was never pinned down until nights before. From my sources, the group that actually planned the location didn't even really know everyone involved and just trusted each other based on their willingness to help. (A note to all the pigs—if you want to infiltrate activist plans, you have to do some fucking work. A note to all the activists—don't be so fucking open with your plans!)

Being a "vanguard" or elitist can be said about anyone who does anything. What I think the brothers wanted to point out was that a street party involves and affects a lot of people. They didn't feel it was right that a small amount of people could plan something so big. They might have saw that as being similar to how the capitalist pigs decide everything for everybody. They might have not seen that all those organizers did was choose meeting points, parade routs, and a final destination— that is, if people showed up and wanted to go where these people had planned for them to go. No one was holding any guns to anyone's head and telling them to march.

But what the brothers might have not seen was how serious it is to resist this system. Resistance is not a fucking joke and should not be treated lightly. May Day began with some loudmouth anarchists giving speeches from a stage, and they got executed for it. Whoever has participated in organizing resistance to the system, whether that be organizing a street party, or out spray painting the town, or whatever, was taking a risk of physical and emotional harm to themselves and their loved ones to make this place a little better. My feelings are that I wish there was more of them. If people took whatever kind of action they felt like doing on May 1st, it is up to them and not any May Day organizers. The point of May Day in Olympia, in my mind, is not to follow anyone's orders.

An interesting part of the actual street party was that people wanted to go take over I-5. Some people were not satisfied with stopping so close to the freeway and not taking it. They tried to organize, and people didn't want to go. Others were let down by the lack of steady entertainment at the street party and organized everyone to go to the capitol. People chose to go to the capital or they left the group. Again, people were never told what to do— they were only given options. Some people complained that the loudest voice wins, but what can you do about that other than go along with it, leave, or organize something else?

As a campaign, May Day was weak on many fronts. Campaigns are mostly single-issue events or series of events. May Day is a single day that encompasses a whole world of ideas. That right there makes May Day unique. May Day is supposed to be one of two things, depending who you ask. It is either International Workers' Day, or the Beltane. Those two celebrations should stay separate in the ruling class's mind. Earth lovers and workers uniting, sounds like revolution to them. See, workers are supposed to make poison and clear cut forests to live, while earth lovers are supposed to frolic in the woods and occasionally protest workers doing these things. We've learned from past May Days and the temporary unity between Oly Earth First!ers and the locked out Keiser Aluminum workers, that this doesn't have to be the case, and that everyone is better off uniting and directly working out their differences together.

May Day in Oly goes beyond that duality. It can be whatever anyone makes it. Because of the street parties, May Day is now penned in the calendar each year. Street parties are celebrations of resistance, but it doesn't have to be limited to that. Personally, I would rather go have sex in the woods on May Day than walk around city streets, but with our fascist government and capitalism destroying our lives and everything else, I can't afford not to openly show my defiance.

When anyone brings up quotes from people who have no idea why they are there, it shows that May Day isn't just preaching to the choir. From an analysis of campaigns that is a weak point, but in terms of resistance it shows we are getting our message out of the activist "ghetto" (a commonly used term that white activists use to describe not getting your message out).