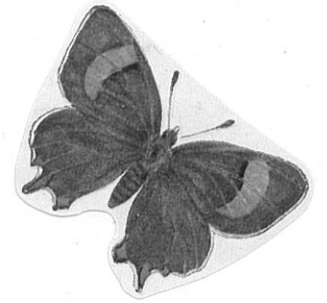


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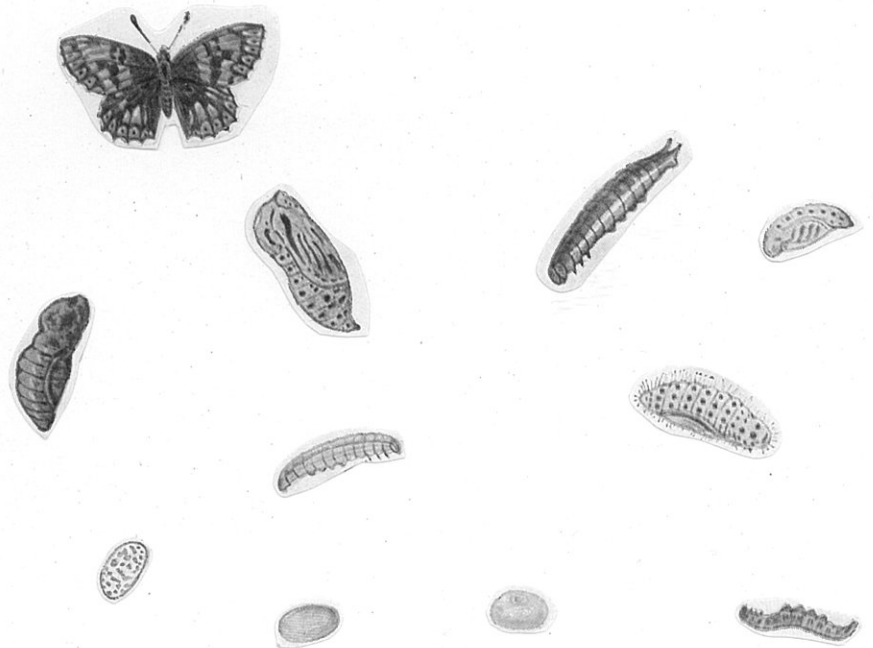
Victories

“That’s right. That’s right, Harry, come on think of something happy”

“Something happy?”

“We’re all still here. We’re still fighting. Come on, now.”

— Luna Lovegood



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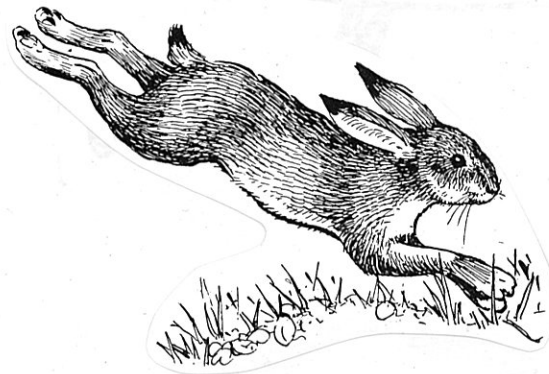
“The thing is, it helps when people stand up to them, it gives everyone hope.”

— Neville Longbottom

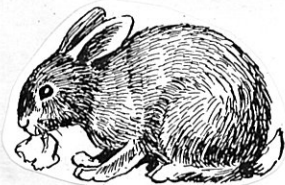
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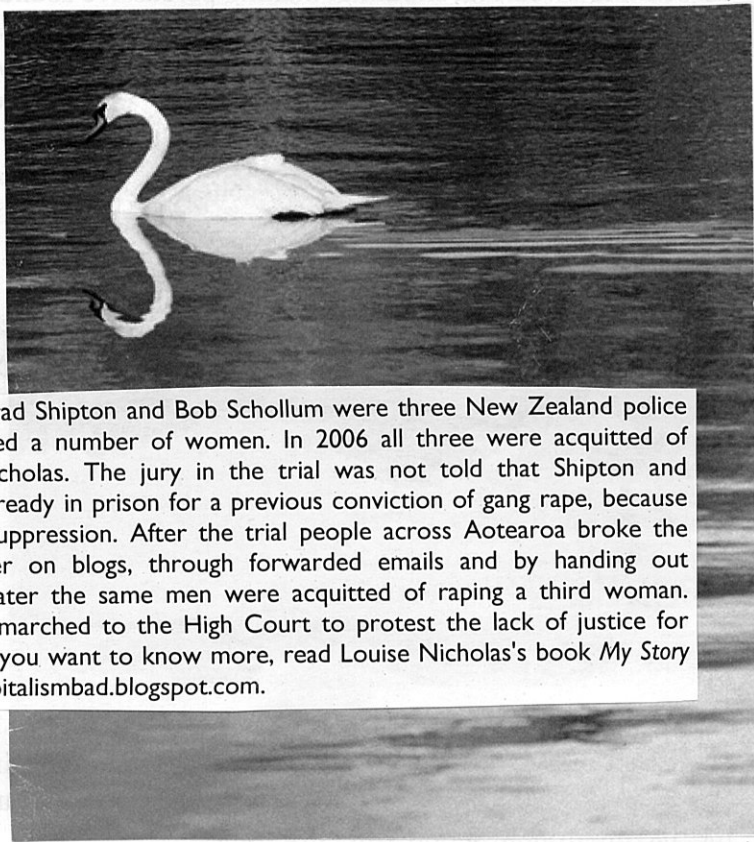
On October 15 2007 the New Zealand police raided and arrested 16 people accused of planning a terrorist conspiracy, as part of ‘Operation Eight’ AKA the ‘State Terror Raids’. The arrestees spent three weeks remanded without bail, before the solicitor general announced that there wasn’t enough evidence to charge them under the Terrorism Suppression Act. Eighteen people (Tuhoe, Tino Rangatiranga activists and anarchists) are still facing various charges including illegal possession of weapons and membership of a criminal organisation. There’s more information about it on www.october15thsolidarity.info. Unfortunately the court suppression on details of the case prevents me writing about just how ludicrous and crypto-fascist these charges are!



There’s a wall that runs through the West Bank. It gets called the ‘security barrier’, the ‘separation fence’, the ‘annexation wall’ and the ‘apartheid wall’. The Israeli government says that the wall is a security measure to stop Palestinian terrorists coming into Israel from the West Bank. But the wall doesn’t run along the green line — the border between the part of Palestine that became Israel in 1948, and the West Bank, the part that has been occupied since 1967 — the wall runs through the West Bank, separates Palestinian communities from each other, and annexes land from villages. To learn more about the Palestinian struggle against the wall look at www.stopthewall.org. Anarchists against the wall is a group of anarchists, who are Jewish citizens of Israel, that work together with Palestinian communities who’ve been affected by the wall. Their website www.awalls.org has regular updates on protest activities.

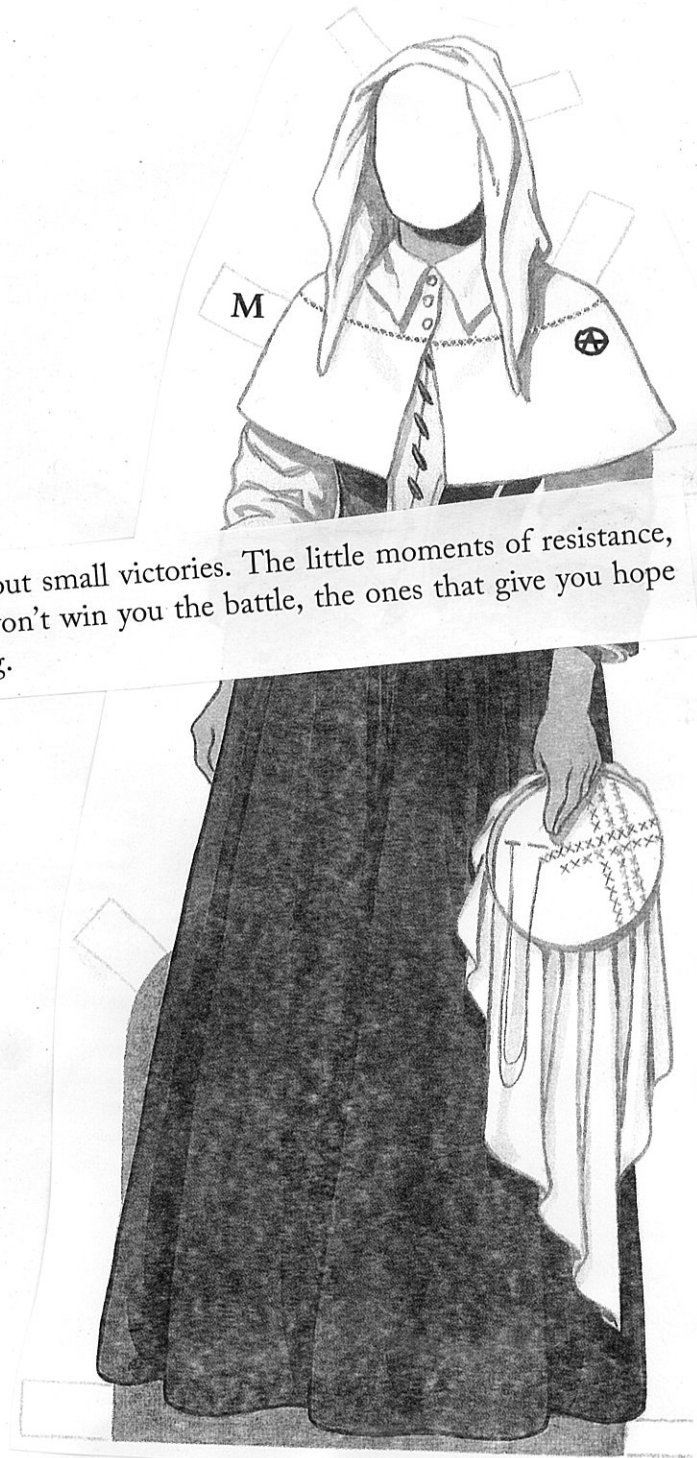
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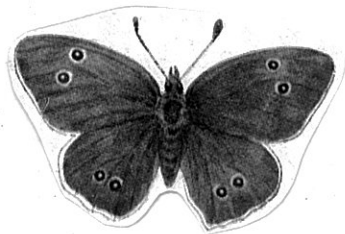
Contrary to popular opinion, New Zealand's military involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the earth is not benign 'peacekeeping' and 'reconstruction'. Fluffy euphemisms don't change the fact that the New Zealand state is supporting an imperialist war and military occupation and Afghani people are suffering. There's more info on NZ military involvement at www.peacewellington.org/nztroops



Clint Rickards, Brad Shipton and Bob Schollum were three New Zealand police officers who raped a number of women. In 2006 all three were acquitted of raping Louise Nicholas. The jury in the trial was not told that Shipton and Schollum were already in prison for a previous conviction of gang rape, because they had name suppression. After the trial people across Aotearoa broke the suppression order on blogs, through forwarded emails and by handing out leaflets. A year later the same men were acquitted of raping a third woman. That's when we marched to the High Court to protest the lack of justice for rape survivors. If you want to know more, read Louise Nicholas's book *My Story* or Maia's blog capitalismbad.blogspot.com.

This zine is about small victories. The little moments of resistance, the ones that won't win you the battle, the ones that give you hope to keep fighting.





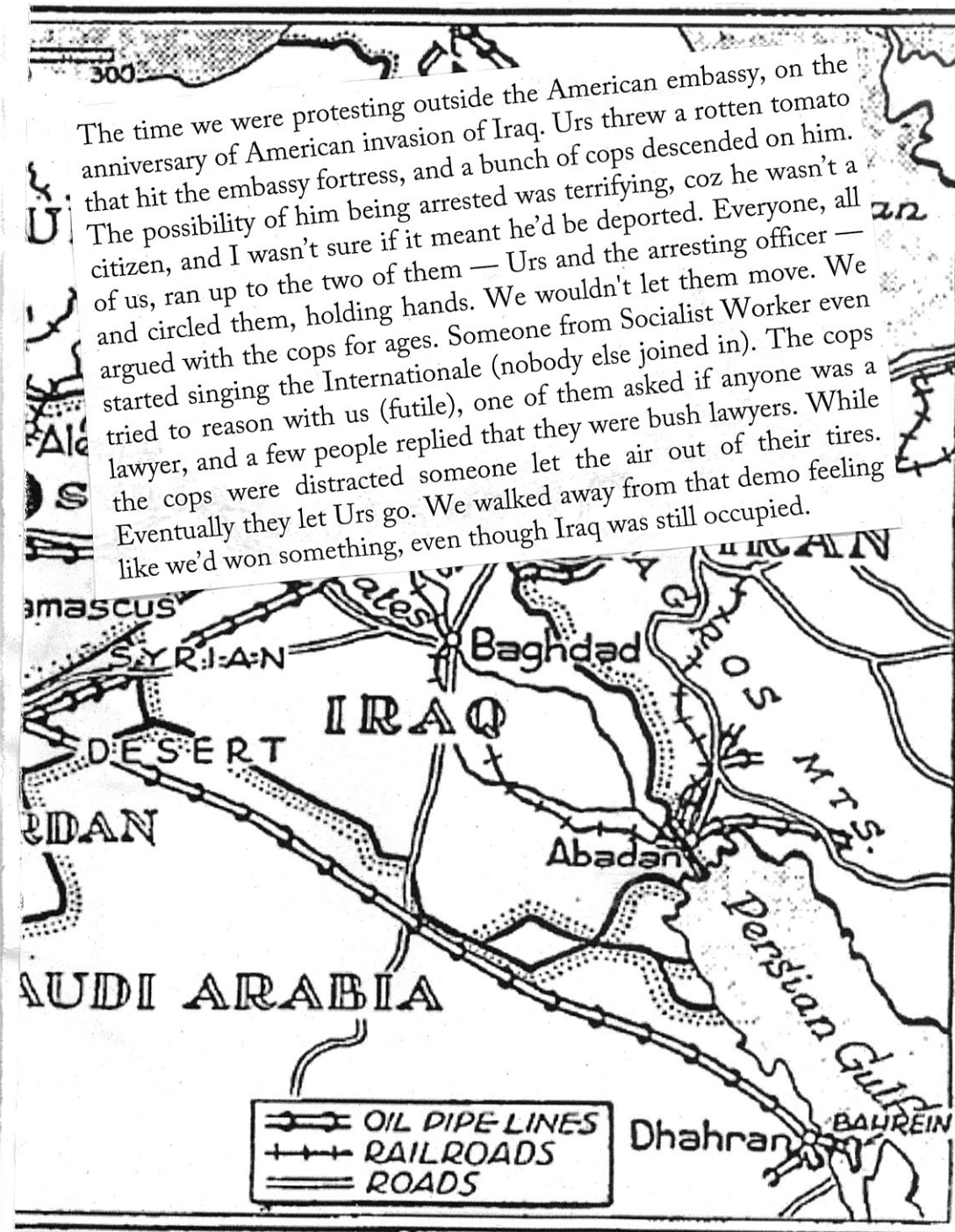
Dispatch from Anarchists Against the Wall:

Commemorating the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Demonstrators Tumbled Down Section of Wall in Ni'ilin

06/11/2009

This Friday, mass demonstrations held in Bil'in, Ma'asara, and Ni'ilin, marked the 20th anniversary to the fall of the Berlin wall.

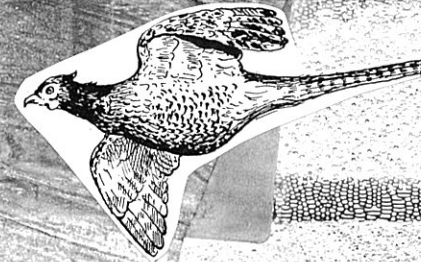
In Ni'ilin, demonstrators brought down a section of the eight meters tall concrete wall that cuts through the village's land. The soldiers, positioned at the other side of the wall, fired scores of live rounds at the demonstrators as well as tear gas, and sprayed them with the "skunk-bomb" (a foul-smelling liquid). This is the first time since Israel began the construction of the wall in 2002 that demonstrators succeeded in toppling down a part of the wall. One of the demonstrators, Moheeb Khawaja, said during the protest: "Twenty years ago no one had thought the monster that divided Berlin into two could be brought down, but in only two days in November, it did. Today we have proven that this can also be done here and now. It is our land beyond this wall, and we will not give up on it. We will win for a simple reason — justice is on our side."



The time after Clint Rickards was acquitted of rape (again). We marched to the police station first, and the police had got all the



women officers to stand out front and guard the door. Maybe coz they knew our fury at male cops would not be contained just then. Maybe just to try and prove that the police is not an inherently misogynist institution. Vanessa stood up at the entrance to the police station, and read a statement about the rape she experienced in her life. Then she tried to walk inside, to file a complaint against the men who raped her. But the cops grabbed her and wouldn't let in. I've never seen so much rage. I think even we were shocked, that the police would stop a woman trying to report a crime committed against her.



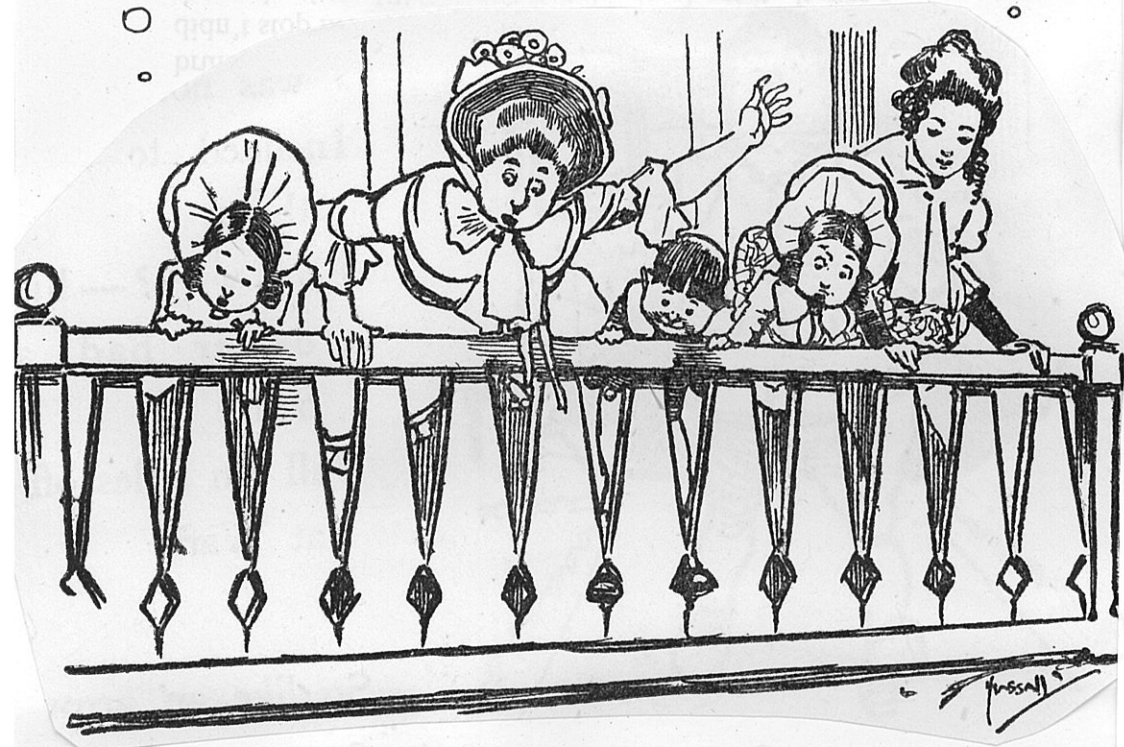
Q's lawyer tried to argue that his client wasn't a threat to anyone's safety, and quoted the police's own intercepted evidence to make his point. The judge was not convinced. He quoted Q back at the lawyer, "I'm a revolutionary?" as if that one short statement clearly indicted Q as a menace to children, puppies, Christmas and all the known universes.

One after the other, like a wave, everyone in the public gallery responded, "So am I", "So am I", "So am I".



It was moving.

If he's a terrorist,
then so am I



I'm off to castrate
Clint Rickards





From there we marched to the High Court. There were no visible cops there. A couple of masked women pulled out cans of black paint and left some slogans sprayed across the front door, *justice for rape survivors*. Then someone lit an effigy of a cop and left it burning on the tiles in front of the entrance. I remember it burned so hot and bright. Cathartic and beautiful.

At Q's bail hearing.

He'd been arrested on October 15, along with sixteen others, and accused of belonging to a terrorist organization.

Although he'd only been charged with minor offences, the prosecutor was opposing bail on the grounds that he was a dangerous terrorist, and read out some quotes from the intercepted evidence to make his point.

"...I think it has to be a gradual process of democratisation and decentralisation... sometimes I just wanna say fuck this liberal bullshit! I'm a revolutionary".

All of us in the public gallery clapped.

The judge told us off and threatened to close the courtroom to the public.