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ESTABLISHING A CULTURE OF RESISTANCE





IT IS OUR INTENT AS A "POLITICAL BAND" TO BE A VEHICLE FOR IDEAS, INFORMATION, COMMUNITY, FREE THOUGHT, AND EDUCATION. MANY ASK, "WHY WITH SUCH A CAUSE ARE YOU ONLY SPEAKING TO A SMALL AUDIENCE, SHOULDN'T YOU FOCUS ON THE IGNORANT GENERAL POPULATION RATHER THAN "PREACH TO THE CONVERTED?" WELL, IT IS PAINFULLY OBVIOUS TO US IN PORTLAND THAT THE PUNK SCENE IS ANYTHING BUT "CONVERTED" IN THE SENSE THAT PEOPLE ARE ALREADY VERY EDUCATED, AWARE, AND ACTIVE. AMONG ALL THE CRASS AND DK SHIRTS THERE ARE FEW WHO ACTUALLY ACT UPON THE VALUES AND BELIEFS THEY ARE SUPPOSEDLY IDENTIFYING WITH, THEY JUST DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYONE OR ANYTHING OTHER THAN THEMSELVES. HOW COULD SUCH A SO-CALLED "MOVEMENT" BE SO COMPLETELY MEANINGLESS AND IMMOBILE? COMMERCIALIZED, COMMODIFIED, A CLOSE MINDED SELF CENTERED SOCIAL CLUB, IDEAS DON'T MATTER IT'S WHO YOU KNOW.

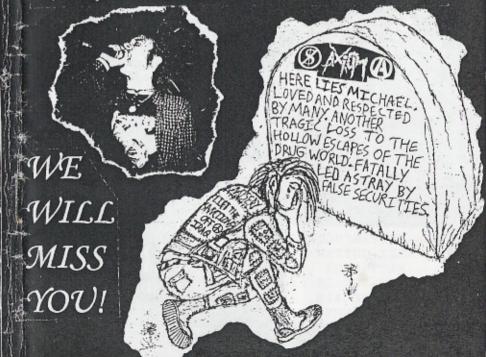
WE ANNOUNCE ALL POLITICAL EVENTS WE KNOW OF AT SHOWS, FROM PROTESTS TO GATHERINGS, TO MEETINGS, TO OUR READING GROUP. NO ONE CARES, NO ONE COMES. NO. WE'RE NOT PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED! UNTIL WE SEE AND FEEL A HUGE FUNCTIONING ORGANIZED COLLECTIVE WORLDWIDE PUNK MOVEMENT THAT ACTUALLY ACTS ON WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT WE WON'T FEEL WE'RE PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED. AND IF THIS DREAM EVER DOES MATERIALIZE OUR LYRICS AND MESSAGE WON'T BE OBSOLETE BY ANY MEANS. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE A RESOURCE OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH, IDE AS, ECT.

IMAGINE A REAL FUCKING MOVEMENT WHERE WE ALL COLLECTIVELY FIGIT FOR CAUSES INSTEAD OF FIGHT EACH OTHER AND COLLECTIVELY UNITE TO OBTAIN ALCOHOL. IMAGINE A REAL MOVEMENT; EVERYWHERE YOU GO YOU ARE WELCOMED WITH LOVE AND HOSPITALITY AND CAN GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL STRUGGLES FOR CHANGE. COMPLETELY ANTIAUTHORITARIAN EXISTENCE, UNITY, EQUALITY, RESPECT. ONCE WE ACHIEVE THAT, WE CAN ACTUALLY BEGIN TO TAKE OURSELVES SERIOUSLY AS FAR AS BEING A THREAT TO THE PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE DESTROYING THE MASS AND THE PLANET AND SHOW THE GENERAL POPULATION THAT AUTONOMY IS POSSIBLE, THAT WE CAN COEXIST WITHOUT FEAR OF EACH OTHER, WAR, FUCKING PEOPLE OVER, STEALING, KILLING, RAPING, ECT.

A FEW DEDICATED PUNKS TRYING TO REACH OUT WITH THEIR IDEALS OF AUTONOMY TO THE PUBLIC IS FUTILE, MOST OF THE TIME WE'RE BUSY TRYING TO SMASH THE STEREOTYPES THAT SO MANY MORONS HAVE HELPED MAINTAIN BY TREATING NORMAL PEOPLE LIKE SHIT, SCARING THEM, ROBBING THEM, INTIMIDATING THEM. WE HAVE TO ALL GO OUT OF OUR WAY TO PROVE TO THE PUBLIC THAT WE'RE NOT HOSTILE TOWARDS THEM, THAT IN FACT ITHEY ARE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND NO REALISTIC REVOLUTION CAN OCCUR WITHOUT THEM—THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION!

WE NEED A SOLID COMMUNITY OF PUNKS TO BE ACTIVE IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC, DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION, IDEAS, WARMTH, GOODWILL, LOVE. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ESTABLISH A CULTURE OF RESISTANCE WITHIN OUR OWN PUNK COMMUNITIES. THE REASON IS THAT THE PUNK "MOVEMENT" ALREADY HAS IT'S FOOT IN THE DOOR, IT IS BASED ON IDEAS OF ANTIAUTHORITARIANISM, FREEDOM, INDIVIDUALITY, NON-CONFORMITY, UNITY, EQUALITY, COMMUNITY, RESISTANCE. FINALLY IDEAS HAVE BEGAN TO CIRCULATE AND BE RECOGNIZED OUTSIDE OF THE VERY SPECIFIC UNDERGROUND SCENES WITH THE EXPLOSION OF BANDS WITH MEANINGFUL LYRICS AND MESSAGES THAT ACTUALLY, THROUGH HIGH FUNCTIONING D.LY. LABELS, ARE REACHING SUBURBAN KIDS. IN PORTLAND, SUBURBAN PUNKS TO A LARGE DEGREE ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO VERY INTELLIGENT DISILLUSIONING INFORMATION. BUT JUST KNOWING ABOUT THINGS ISN'T ENOUGH. WE GET DISCOURAGED THINKING THAT AFTER BEING HANDED OUR LYRIC SHEET AT A SHOW PEOPLE MIGHT READ SOME OF IT, MIGHT EVEN BE MOVED BUT WON'T ACT, MAYBE THEY'VE KNOWN ABOUT THE THINGS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME BUT HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING. IT'S EASY TO GET INVOLVED ANY WAY YOU CAN. START A READING GROUP, A CABLE ACCESS

Photo on back of booklet: Zapatistas, fighters for indigenou sovereignty in Mexico Many people do use drugs in a normal recreational ways, but for many, drugs become an addiction. When people mention drugs they usually think of something they put in their body (a chemical substance). But if you think about the roots of why people use drugs you see what a drug really is: an artificial substitute for stability. The lack of true stability (love, friendship, community, responsibility, cct.) in our atomized society causes people to look for it elsewhere. This is where you get a better definition of a drug. Whether it be religion; crack; making money; sex; tv; shopping; drinking; osychic friends network; dyanetics; gambling; escaping moral and social responsibility by wasting time with people that don't care about you or much of anything else besides themselves, drugs, how expensive their clothes are, and how tough and macho they are; dicting, cating, sleeping, romance novels, rationalizing the degradation of your beliefs and values by saying the world is too hard for you and you must therefore cave in; ect. These are false securities, no better or worse than each other. Their is not a good false security. If you have love in your life and are stable, drugs can be enjoyed in moderation, as recreation with minimal consequences depending on your level of responsibility...but beware, love must be 1st!





LIFE TO HARD TO BARE/SUPPORT JUST NOT THERE/NO REASON TO EVEN CARE. COMATOSE, JUST SIT AND STARE/WE LIVE IN A DRUGGED WORLD/PROZAC TO CABLE RELIGION TO SPEED/THE GOALS HE SAME TO SUBSTITUTE STABILITY

TEST OUR DRUGS ON ANIMALS ON PRISONERS, ON DRAFTED SOLDIERS/TO SUPPORT OUR **FUCKING HABIT** CONTROLLED BY DEFENDENCE





SELFISH, DESTRUCTIVE TENDENCIES, THE LIST LITERALLY JUST GOES ON FOREVER. THIS SMALL OVERVIEW IS JUST A FRACTION OF THE VERY REAL VERY FATAL ISSUES THAT CONFRONT US AND THAT WE MUST MOBILIZE AGAINST. ASIDE FROM THE MANY VERY PRODUCTIVE AND DEDICATED PUNKS, PUNK ORGANIZATIONS, AND SCENES WE SEE THAT THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED. AFTER TWENTY PLUS YEARS OF THIS THING WE CALL PUNK WE STILL HAVEN'T EVOLVED OUT OF THE OLD PATTERNS THAT ARE LEADING US TO OUR DOOM. WE SEE NO MASSIVE RESISTANCE, NO SOCIAL REVOLUTION. AFTER ALL THE BANDS WITH INTELLIGENT MEANINGFUL LYRICS THERE'S STILL DIVISIONS, APATHY, SEXISM, VIOLENCE, POLITICAL, OBLIVION, ECT. IT'S NOT HARD TO CARE, TO BE HONEST, TO TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT, TO GIVE A FUCK ABOUT BEINGS AND THINGS OTHER THAN YOURSELF, TO GET INVOLVED IN STRUGGLES AND MOVEMENTS. IT'S PAINFULLY DEPRESSING TO GO TO A PROTEST AND SEE YET AGAIN NO PUNKS! FIGHTING BACK IS MORE THAN A CATCH PHRASE. IF YOU DON'T CARE YOU MUST JUST NOT BE OPPRESSED!

SHOW, SET UP DEMONSTRATIONS, START A COLLECTIVE, A DISCUSSION GROUP, A ZINE, A

ORGANIZATION, CREATE ARTWORK, GIVE OUT RESEARCHED INFORMATION ON THE STREET. TALK TO PEOPLE, MAKE CONNECTIONS, COMMUNICATE, EDUCATE, LIBERATE, DO ANYTHING YOU POSSIBLY CAN. THINGS WON'T CHANGE ON THEIR OWN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE

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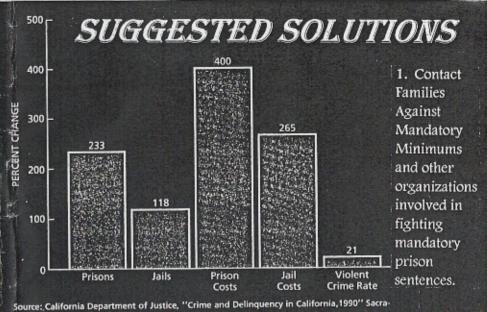
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NEWSLETTER, A PIRATE RADIO STATION, JOIN AND VOLUNTEER FOR A LOCAL

THIS ESSAY IS DEDICATED TO THE PUNKS IN PORTLAND AND TO EVERYONE WHO CALLS THEMSELF A PUNK BUT ISN'T ACTIVE IN OR IN ANY WAY TRYING ESTABLISH A CULTURE OF RESISTANCE. I AM KEPT MOTIVATED BY THE COUNTLESS PEOPLE AROUND THE GLOBE THAT ACTUALLY ARE TRYING TO MAKE PUNK MEANINGFUL, INTELLIGENT, AND PRODUCTIVE; THE PEOPLE WHO DO CARE AND DO WANT TO SEE CHANGE IN THEIR LIFETIME. IT GIVES ME GREAT HOPE TO THINK THAT IN SOME PARTS OF THE WORLD THE PROBLEMS WITH PUNK THAT I HAVE DESCRIBED NO LONGER EXIST. THAT THE PUNKS HAVE ACTUALLY DONE WHAT IT TAKES TO BUILD A MEANINGFUL PROGRESSIVE PUNK COMMUNITY. IF YOU ARE ONE OF THEM, GIVE THIS TO SOMEONE WHO REALLY NEEDS IT. FIGHTING BACK IS MORE THAN A CATCH PRASE-IF YOU DON'T CARE I GUESS YOU THINK YOU'RE NOT OPPRESSED!



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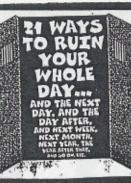


mento, CA: Office of Attorney General, 1991.

FIGURE 6-6 Percent Change in California's Imprisonment Experiment, 1981–1990



- 2. Write to state and federal officials and urge them to abolish mandatory sentencing.
- 3. Educate people on the effects of mandatory sentencing.
- 4. Vote against any measure that initiates or maintains mandatory sentencing.
  - 5. Collect signatures for initiatives that ban or repeal mandatory sentencing and longer sentences.



# Measure 11: A New Oregon Law One Strike You're Out!

NO PROBATION! NO PAROLE!

NO EARLY RELEASE!

JUST PRISON.



#### **▶ WHAT IS MEASURE 117**

Measure 11 is a new Oregon law that began on April 1, 1995. This law says:

- ...If you are 15 or older, and
- ...If you do any of 21 crimes in Oregon

You Must Go To Prison For A Long Time!



#### > WHY DOES OREGON HAVE THIS LAW?

Many people in Oregon voted to make Measure 11 a law because:

THEY ARE...

- ...Tired of crime
- ...Tired of ANYONE (including kids) getting away with crime

THEY WANT TO ...

- ....Feel safe
- ...Be safe from violent crimes
- ...Put in prison ANYONE (including kids)
  who commit certain crimes
- who commit certain crimes
- ➢ WON'T THE JUDGE GIVE ME A BREAK IF I'VE NEVER BEEN IN TROUBLE BEFORE?

NO! This law says the judge MUST send ANYONE, both boys and girls, to prison who is 15 or older and guilty of a Measure 11 Crime.

The Oregonian, March 30, 1996

"Prison population grows 10.5% in a year"

Most of the current increase results from Measure 11, which took effect in April 1995 and which gives mandatory minimum sentences for any of 16\* crimes. Measure 11 is expected to add nearly 919 prisoners by July 1997. Another new sentencing law, which takes effect in July 1997, imposes tougher sentences for repeat property-crime offenders. It is expected to add about 700 inmates to the prison system by 2005. The 1995 Legislature allocated \$5 million in planning money for additional prisons, including a proposed 1,500-bed, minimum security facility and a second women's prison. \*Or is it 21 crimes?

These are examples of Measure 11 Crimes:

DOING A CRIME MEANS BIG TIME!

LIKE IT OR NOT ... IT'S THE LAW!

ROBBERY II: You alone or with a friend want someone's baseball cap. You either pretend to have a weapon or threaten to beat the owner up. You and your friend go to prison for 5 years and 10 months.

ASSAULT If You and a friend get into a fight with another person. Your friend pokes the other person in the eye with the handle of a hairbrush, a stick, etc. The eye is injured. You and your friend go to prison for 5 years and 10 months.

SEXUAL ABUSE I: You and a date are at a movie., You touch your date's buttocks, crotch, or breast. Your date tells you to stop. You ignore this and touch your date there again. You go to prison for 6 years and 3 months.

KIDNAPPING II: You hear that someone is messing with your friend. You go to their house and force them outside to beat them up You go to prison for 5 years and 10 months.

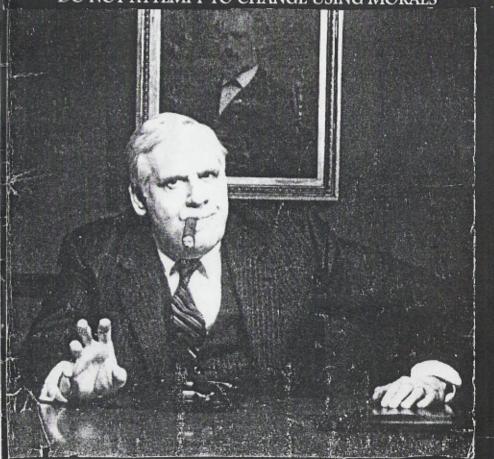
MANSLAUGHTER I: You are driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. You cause an accident and someone dies. You go to prison for 10 years.

# WANTED DEAD

FOR UNFORGIVABLE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, ANIMALS,
AND THE EARTH

NAME: RICH CAPITALIST

ALIASES: MULTINATIONAL CORP. CEO, FAT CAT
DISTINGUISHING MARKS; PAMPERED, LAZY, GREEDY
WANTED DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY FOR:
MURDER, EXPLOITATION, OPPRESSION, PREACHING LIES,
IMPERSONATION OF DIVINE LEADER, GOVERNING/POLICING
CONSIDER SUBJECT ARMED WITH RELIGION AND
GOVERNMENT AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS
DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CHANGE USING MORALS





#### THE STOLEN LANDS OF AMERICA, INC.

# EXCERPTS FROM DAVID C. KORTEN'S WHEN CORPORATIONS RULE THE WORLD

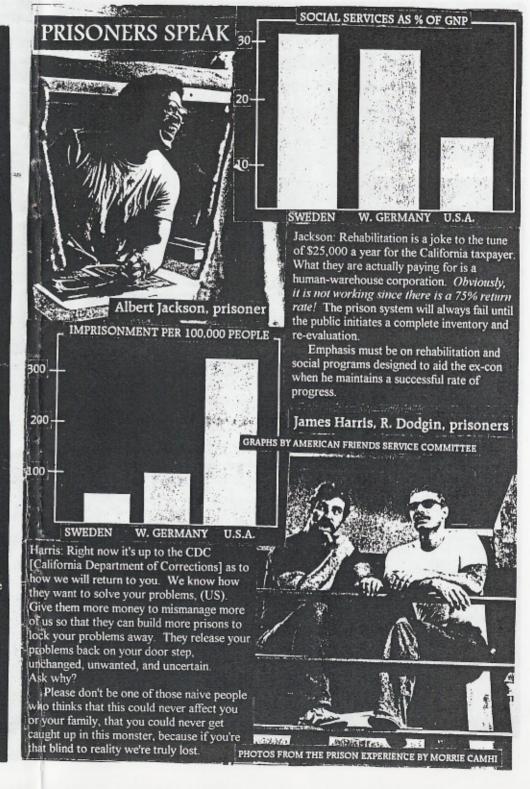


"Today's business corporation is an artificial creation, shielding owners and managers while preserving corporate privilege and existence. Artificial or not, corporations have won more rights under law than people have--rights which government has protected with armed force."

---Richard L. Grossman and Frank T. Adams

- 1. The 1992 average take of the CEOs of the 1,000 largest corporations surveyed by Business Week was \$3.8 million-up 42 percent from the previous year. Furthermore, the gap between the pay of top executives and the pay of those who work for them is growing rapidly. In 1960, the average CEO of a major company received forty times the compensation of the average worker. In 1992, he(there were only two women among Business Week's top 1,000 CEOs) received 157 times as much.
- 2. Nike, a major footwear company, refers to itself as a "network firm." This means that it employs 8,000 people in management, design, sales, and promotion and leaves production in the hands of some 75,000 workers hired by independent contractors. Most of the out-sourced production takes place in Indonesia, where a pair of Nikes that sells in the U.S. or Europe for \$73 to \$135 is produced for about \$5.60 by girls and young women paid as little as fifteen cents an hour. The workers are housed in company barracks, there are no unions, overtime is often mandatory, and if there is a strike, the military may be called to break it up. The \$20 million that basketball star Michael Jordan reportedly received in 1992 for promoting Nike shoes exceeded the entire annual payroll of the Indonesian factories that made them.
- ....Corporations paid 39 percent of all taxes collected in the United States in the 1950s, they
  paid only 17 percent in the 1980s. The share paid by individuals rose from 61 percent to 83
  percent.
- 4. The world's 500 largest industrial corporations, which employ only 0.05 of 1 percent of the world's population, control 25 percent of the world's economic output. The top 300 transnationals, excluding financial institutions, own some 25 percent of the world's productive assets. The combined assets of the world's fifty largest commercial banks and diversified financial companies amount to nearly 60 percent of The Economist's estimate of a \$20 trillion global stock of productive capital. The global trend is clearly toward greater concentration of the control of markets and productive assets in the hands of a few firms that make a minuscule contribution to total global employment.
- 5. When five firms control more than half of a global market, that market is considered to be highly monopolistic. The Economist recently reported five-firm concentration ratios for twelve global industries. The greatest concentration was found in consumer durables, where the top five firms control nearly 70 percent of the entire world market in their industry. In the automotive, airline, aerospace, electronic components, electrical and electronics, and steel industries, the top five firms control more than 50 percent of the global market, clearly placing them in the monopolistic category. In the oil, personal computer, and media industries, the top five firms control more than 40 percent of sales, which shows strong monopolistic tendencies.

The argument that globalization increases competition is simply false. To the contrary, it strengthens tendencies toward global-scale monopolization.



-I'M SCAREDI HAVE A SICK VISION OF PRISONS EVERYWHERE/ LEGISLATION,
VOTERS, THEIR LAWS DON'T AFFECT THEM/ ONE SMALL MISTAKE AND
YOUR LIFE IS OVER/ ZERO TOLERANCE, NO UNDERSTANDING, I'M
SCARED THEY'LL NEVER RUN OUT OF PRISONS/ THEY'LL JUST KEEP
BUILDING MORE/ TIL EVERY CITY BLOCKS A PRISON/ ANY OF US
COULD GO DOWN AND I'M SCARED/ THIS IS A POLICE STATE WHERE
ORDER IS CONTROL, JUSTICE SYSTEM A JOKE BUT ONLY THE RICH
ARE LAUGHING/ PRISONS ARE A BAND-AID EFFECT THEY CAN'T
MAINTAIN/ INSTEAD OF ATTACKING THE ROOTS THEY JAIL THE
RESULTS.

#### Henry Barker-Mandatory Violent Felony Law-15 Years to Life-Felony Murder

When two New York City Department of Corrections bounty hunters arrested Henry Barker in 1978, they believed they had captured a dangerous criminal. A convicted murderer, Barker had escaped to Miami where he had lived undetected for almost three years. By the time they returned to New York, the bounty hunters, Steven Levy and Martin Badler, had become Barkers supporters. "Under unbelievable circumstances Henry Barker has straightened himself out, rehabilitated himself, and has become a benefit to society", Badler told the New York times.

Raised in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, Barker graduated from Fort Hamilton High School and found a job as a runner on Wall Street. He drifted into handy-man work and in 1974 ended up painting tenements for a landlord, Samuel Richards. Richards later laid Barker off and Barker claimed, withheld two hundred dollars owed him in back wages.

Barker made plans to retrieve the money by theft. He stood watching the street while inside Richards apartment building a friend attempted to steal the seventy-six year old man's wallet. Richards was fatally stabbed in a scuffle. Barker tried to save him, placing a pillow under his head, putting an ice pack on his chest, and calling an ambulance. Cooperating with police, Barker was arrested a few days later and was subsequently indicted on charges of intentional murder and felony murder. Barker had only one previous conviction: carrying a concealed weapon (a knife), for which he had served three month's probation.

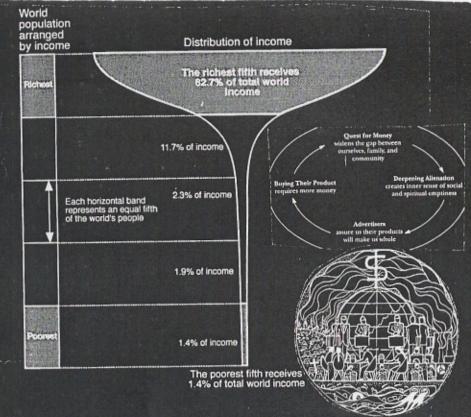
Barker claimed the violence was never intended, and that he did not know about his friend's knife. The presentence report stated that Barker was a ".....sincere, somewhat misguided youth who did not impress the writer as a dangerous individual." Nevertheless, his court-appointed lawyer persuaded Barker to plead guilty to felony murder and accept the mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years to life--a better fate, the lawyer argued, than going to trial and facing a possible maximum of 25 to life. Two months after being sentenced, Barker fled Riker's Island.

In Miami, he built a life for himself, often working three jobs at once. Using the name Tommy Prendergast, he won the affection of neighbors, merchants, and employers--many of whom called him "Our Tommy" in letters now in Barker's file. "In a very short time we and most others....were treating him as if he were our son", reported one woman for whom Barker had worked. A man for whom Barker had provided housing and found a job wrote, "There should be a world full of human beings like him." At the time of his capture, he was working full time as a motel maintenance man and supporting his female companion and her three teenage daughters.

Employed as a hospital dietitian at Green Haven Correctional Facility, Barker, now 35, is performing work that supervisors say is " over and above" the basic requirements. In August 1984 he graduated with a degree in psychology from Marist College with a B-plus average. Seven officers from the honor block at Great Meadow Correctional Facility, his first assignment, wrote letters for his unsuccessful commutation application. One called him a "respectable guy....a sincere person who cares about the people around him...."

The judge in Barker's case, Leonard Scholnick, has written: "After careful consideration, it is my opinion that neither he (Barker) nor society would benefit from any further incarceration." Under mandatory sentencing requirements, Barker must serve his full 15-year minimum before being considered for parole.

FROM AMERICA'S IMPRISONMENT BINGE By John Irwin/James Austin



Source: UNDP, Human Development Report 1992 (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992).

## SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

1. Boycott corporations that you know are involved in evil other than the inherent evil of simply existing. 2. Write to government officials and let them know that you won't tolerate whatever a corporation or group of corporations is doing and that you would like the government to take legislative action to stop them. 3. Get involved in the legal process of revoking corporate charters, it can be done. Corporations exist because we allow them to. If we can raise enough awareness about a corporation and enough people actually care to end it and the public pressure on congress outweighs the corporate lobbyist pressure than we can eliminate any corporation we want.

4. Educate people on what corporations are doing what, spread the word of a boycott. 5. Join/organize protests against corporations and corporate power. 6. Write to CEOs and tell them that you will not

tolerate what they are doing and that you won't be buying any of their

products.

### DEAR CAPITALIST GENERAL NOTES

1. and 2. Exploitation of third world workforce and natural resources; repressing the people of these lands with the local military and security forces that are supplied by the U.S. government to make sure that the population relinquishes their land, they don't organize for living wages, unions, and democracy; C.I.A rigging elections to ensure rulers friendly to the U.S.; death squads to terrorize dissidents.

3. Cigarettes, alcohol, pharmaceuticals, haircare products, make up, expensive clothes, ect.

4. Model and fashion industry; to fit in and conform by buying trendy clothes such as Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, Eddie Bauwer(prison labor abusers), ect.; the porn industry that markets sex-exploiting the insecurities and inadequacies of people who can't measure up to the capitalist definition of beauty and attractiveness; maintaining gender roles and male machismo by marketing media and products promoting violence, arrogance, domination, ect.

5. Stealing third world resources to sell in first world markets, stealing land to grow crops, coffee, raise cattle, only to be used by the first world thus stealing the livelihood of millions of indigenous peoples. As a country becomes more "developed" the people starve more--it means more industrialization is occurring and therefore less land is owned and utilized by native subsistence farmers.

6. Arms sales and arms production is what keeps the global economy going. War is not only big business in the context of using the military to secure corporate interests abroad(the gulf war is a prime example), blood for oil.

7. "Milk does a body good"; career conditioning in school, the complete lack of questioning the established order in the entertainment and news media.

8. See Crippled with Fear.

9. A handful of corporations own the majority of all forms of mass media giving them the power to control the content of news and entertainment. See the G.E. boycott information in Crippled with Fear.

10. See #4

11. Corporate owned media promoting stereotypical racist views of minorities as being criminals, thieves, liars, killers, drug dealers and addicts having the effect of pitting "white" Americans against Americans of different ethnicity. The right wing scapegoating of immigrants, the stereotypical welfare mother myth deeply ingrained ensuring the hatred and anger of the lower classes is directed at each other rather than at the real source of the problem.

12. Philippines, South Africa, Mexico, Argentina, Guatemala, Caribbean, El

Salvador, Chile, ect.





"The Deterrent Effects of Criminal Sanctions" One might argue that the best deterrent for crime would be to develop social systems that would strengthen internal sanctions rather than to depend solely upon stiffer penalties or more law enforcement officers. In short, it is man's view of himself as a lawful and responsible person that will deter crime, not just the legal sanctions applied by strangers in authority positions.--California Assembly Office of Research FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS QUICK FACTS AS OF NOVEMBER 29, 1997 STATISTICS ON U.S. FEDERAL PRISONS DRUG OFFENSES-ALL ELSE ARE OTHER

> U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS

THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 427 PRISON INMATES PER 100.000 U.S. RESIDENTS (

Which crimes receive the harshest punishment and the particular forms these punishments take are bound up with the technology of a particular society, the nature of its social conflicts, and the interests and ideology of the social class most closely controlling political decisions...Prisons in the United States are primarily used to punish those crimes, such as burglary, robbery, and assault, which are typically committed by the lower classes. The result it that prisons in this country are disproportionately filled with the poor and uneducated. ---Politics and Prisons by Richard A. McGee

# HOW POLITICS CONTRIBUTE TO THE CURRENT PRISON CRISIS

"Whenever an ex-convict commits a newsworthy crime, the monotonous chorus goes up again. 'You[the prison system] had him once, why didn't you keep him?' The cacophony is even louder if either the leader of the chorus or the object of it's wrath is running for office that year. If a parolee robs a bank in the capital city a week before the election, the governor who appointed the parole board will scramble for a more sensational issue to divert the public's attention. Few are listening when it is pointed out that the same parole board released five thousand others during the previous twelve months and only one robbed a bank.

This kind of demagoguery inevitably stimulates the governor's self appointed political protectors to urge the parole board to be more careful; therefore, fewer prisoners are released the next year; and average time served goes up. The results are increased costs and low prison morale, and the next appointee board is likely to be one of the system's more vocal critics. As secondary effects, some judges will become more punitive, and legislators will rush to introduce bills restricting the powers of both parole boards and judges. The classic remedy involves mandatory sentences for those convicted of violent crimes and for repeaters."

The perpetual cycle of long sentences and continual imprisonment of convicts is affected by a poor parole system which operates like everything else, on a tight budget. A budget not able to maintain adequate salaries of parole staff thus one staff has a large case load and time spent with each convict is minimal. Neither time nor money are available for decent parole review, counseling, job-training ect.

In California in the early 50s a parole agent would have about 150 parolees on their case load. It was calculated that in a 40 hour working week an agent would have only 16 minutes per week with each parolee and when travel time, report writing, vacation, and sick leave were factored in, the individual time per week for the parolee was five to ten minutes.

Pushes for research and development that would improve these conditions, offer more rehabilitation options, upgrades, and progress are met with much resistance. If a society's answer to crime is "zero tolerance" than governors and legislators are in no hurry to get themselves voted out by saying it's time to try to improve deterrents or spend more money on improving programs. They've promised their constituents to get "tough on crime".

Even with the fast growing interest by outside-of-the-system organizations in research pertaining to the effectiveness of the prison system, and the fast increasing amount of good usable data, the system has been slow in incorporating and applying viable researched options.

"...Politicians and decision makers continue to act as if nothing has been learned. The most stubborn problem in the field in the immediate future probably is not the development of new knowledge but the interpretation of existing information and it's dissemination to practitioners, policy makers, and the public. Published reports are usually read by other researchers, not by decision makers...Even if an individual is impressed by the research evidence on a subject, he does not operate in a vacuum. If the district attorney, sheriff, and principle newspaper in his district take differing positions, it will be difficult for him to vote on his convictions. If his party caucus does not agree with him he is in even more trouble. When it is clear that there is a consensus against his position, he may vote the other way, abstain, or simply arrange to be absent when the vote is taken. New knowledge that runs against conventional wisdom must be spread with skill and vigor or it will almost certainly be doomed to oblivion until its time arrives naturally or by accident."(Quotes from Politics & Prison)



Table 22.1 Earth's Three Socioecological Classes





Overconsumers	Sustainers
1.1 billion	3.3 billion
IS\$7,500 per capita	US\$700-7,500 per ca
or Mant Distanchies)	(Lining Lightly)

Travel by car and air Travel by bicycle and public surface transport that high-fat, high- Eat bealthy diets of

Drink bottled water and soft drinks

Use throwaway products and discard substantial wastes

Live in spacious, climate-controlled, single-family homes

Maintain imageconscious wardrobe Sustainers Excluded

3.3 billion 1.1 billion

00-7,500 per capita (US3700 per capita
Living Lightly) (Absolute Deprivation)

Travel by foot or donkey

Eat nutritionally inadequate diets

Drink contaminated water

Use local biomass and produce negligible wastes

Live in rudimentary shelters or in the open; usually lack secure

Wear secondhand clothing or scraps

Based on data in Alan Durning, "Asking How Much Is Enough," in Lester R. Brown et al., The State of the World 1991 (New York: W. W. Norton, 1991), pp. 153-69.

some tea and coffee

Use unpackaged goods and recycle wastes







AAI
AIL
Advanced Logistics Management
Advanced Technology
Acrojet-Gen.
Acrospace-Gen.
Acrospace Corp.
Air Products & Chemicals
Airsecarch
Alfised
Alfis-Chainers
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American Electronic Laba
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Avendale Shipyards
Barnes Engineering
Bath Iron
Bechtel

Boeing Bowen-McLaughlin-York British Aerospace

British Aerospace Charles Stark Draper Laboratorie Chromalloy American

City Investing
Cleveland Pneumatic
Collins Radio
Colt Industries

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Control Data Cubic

Curtis-Wright
Data-Design Laboratories
Digital Equipment

Du Pont Dynamics Research

E-Systems EG & G

Eaton
Electric Boat
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Emerson Electric
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Figgie International Firestone Tire & Rubber Flameco Engineering

Ford Motor
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General Dynamics General Electric General Motors

General Tire & Rubber Gibbs & Cox Goodyear Tire & Rubber

Gould Grumman Harris

Harseo Hayes International SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

Boycott products made by corporations involved in the production
of nuclear weapons 2. Educate people about what corporations are
involved. 3. Write to the CEOs of the corporations and tell them you
won't tolerate what they are doing and that you won't support them or
their products. 4. Direct action to stop the advancement of nuclear
weapons (sabotage, blocks roads, blocking entrances, ect.) 5. Write to
government officials and urge them to completely stop the production
of anything having to do with nuclear weapons. 6. Join/Organize
legislative pressure to stop government funding for nuclear weapons
research and development.

COMPANY LIST FROM
THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS
INDUSTRY BY KENNETH
BERTSCH & LINDA SHAW



Herodes
Hewlett-Packard
Holmes & Narver
Honeywell
Hughes Aircraft
BBM
ITT
Ingalls Shipbulding
International Laser Systems

Interstate Electronics
liek
K-Systems
KMS Industries
Kaiser Aerospace and Electronic

KATS Industries
Kaiser Acrospace and Electronics
Kern-McGee
LTV
Lear Siegler
Litton Industries

Lockhord
Logicon
Local
Lucus Aerospace
M-K International
Magnavox
Marconi Avionics
Martin Marietta
Mason & Hanger-Silas Mason
McDomell Douglas
Messanto

Moog
Meeton Thiokol
Meetorola
NL Industries
NLO
National Distillers and Chemical
National Steel and Shipbuilding
Newport News Shipbuilding

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Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Group
RCA
RMI

Raytheon
Reynolds Electric and Engineering
Rockwell International
Rohr Industries
Rolls Royce
Sanders Associates

Sargent Fletcher Sedeo Systems Signal Cos Sikorsky Aircraft

Singer Sperry Standard Manufacturing

Standard Products Stantord Telecommunication Sundstrand Syscom TITW

Teledyne Tenneco Texas Instruments Textron

Todd Shipyards Tracer UNC Resources Union Cartide

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United Industrial
United States Steel
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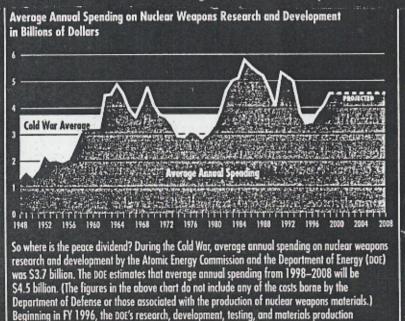
#### COMPILED INFORMATION ON THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS INDUSTRY

- 7. "The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is invoking national security to defend withholding information in the Clinton Administration's drive to make public a list of foreign buyers linked to nuclear weapons programs. The disclosure activity stemmed from the sale of supercomputers by Silicon Graphics Inc. to the Russian Scientific Research Institute for Technical Physics, which was later found out to do weapons work."

  ------Journal of Commerce, April 3, 1997
- 8. "Sandia National Laboratories, a subsidiary of Lockheed Martin which designs, tests, and maintains nuclear weapons, must manage a vast array of data crucial to national security..."
- 9. "Sandia would act less like a research institution and more like a corporation...Sandia has always been acquainted with the business world...Sandia has changed since AT&T dropped out in 1993, and Martin Marietta (now Lockheed Martin) stepped in. After all, AT&T for most of Sandia's lifetime, was recession-proof, a quasi-governmental monopoly with largesse and money to spare. The new folks in command, tough-minded defense contractors with deep business battle scars of their own, have put Sandians and New Mexico on notice: welcome to the real world."

  -----New Mexico Business Journal, March 1996 (Sandia making cut-backs and downsizing to enhance profits----business as usual.)
- 10. "We are funded by the U.S. Department of Energy to design all of the non-nuclear components of the nation's nuclear weapons...Sandia pursues 'science and engineering with the end in mind'..." ---C. Paul Robinson, Director and President, Sandia National Laboratories
- The 1996 Defense Authorization Bill allocated \$11.6 billion to atomic energy defense activities.

--- The International Institute for Strategic Studies: The Military Balance 1996/97

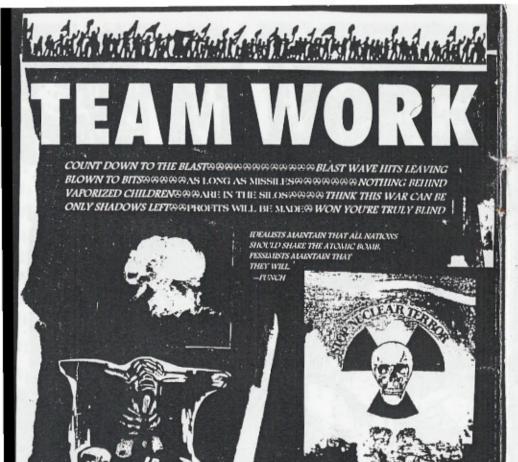


programs were reclassified as "stockpile stewardship" and weapons production was reclassified

Note: All figures through 1996 are expressed in constant 1996 dollars. All figures of eneachs are expressed as anticipated current year earth.

Source: Atomic Audit: The Costs and Consequences of U.S. Kusher Weapons Since 1940 (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, furthsoming).

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WE PLAY OUR PART IN DEFENDING THE

FREE WORLD. IN FRANCE, AEROSPATIALE HAS UNIQUE RESPONSIBILITY AS PRIME CONTRACTOR FOR BOTH STRATEGIC NUCLEAR IRBM AND SLEM MISSILE SYSTEMS, THE HEART OF THE FRENCH DETERRENT FORCE, AEROSPATIALE ALSO BUILDS SUCH MISSILES AS EXOCET, ERYX AND ASTER AND PARTICIPATES IN COMMON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR MAJOR SYSTEMS, THUS SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FREE WORLD'S DEFENSE. THIS ESSENTIAL COOPERATIVE EFFORT REQUIRES A PARTNERSHIP OF CONFIDENCE. MEET THE TEAM





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1. Pantex Plant is America's only nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facility. The Pantex Plant industrial operations are conducted for the DOE [Department of Energy] by a management operation contractor(Mason & Hanger), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers(COE), and Sandia National Laboratory.

2. "When I got a call from NBC's Today show in June 1990, telling me they were interested in airing a story on consumer boycotts, naturally, as the editor of National Boycott News, I was enthusiastic. But I suspected there might be a problem when Amy Rosenberg from Today asked me for "the biggest boycott going on right now." I already had a good idea, but I wanted to do a little more research before I gave her my answer. When I looked at major boycotts in terms of visibility, effectiveness, scope and public support, one stood out: the boycott of GE products led by the group INFACT, prompted by GE's leading role in the production and promotion of nuclear weapons. The only trouble was, GE has owned NBC since 1986, when the company bought RCA. Would NBC News be willing to discuss a boycott against its own corporate parent? When I talked to Rosenberg, I broke the news to her: The biggest boycott in the country is against General Electric.' 'We can't do that one,' she responded immediately. "Well, we could do that one, but we won't.""

3. "How much money? This year more than 1.5 billion is openly budgeted for nuclear weapons R&D. The nation's nuclear labs are united in pressing hard for up to \$300 million more, Kent Johnson says. 'That is the number we should have to be doing our job properly.' With no evil empire to fight, what 'job' is left that costs so much? It has been given a name to reflect changing times: stockpile stewardship. As stewards of the nuclear stockpile, the national labs are officially said to be ensuring the 'safety and reliability' of those warheads we haven't yet dismantled—and who could argue with that goal? Best to clarify, however, what the words 'safety and reliability' mean in [nuclear design] tribespeak. A safe and reliable bomb, to a nuclear tactician, is one that can be counted on to explode upon impact, with just the right amount of death-dealing effect."————Mother Jones, March-April 1995

4. ...The three labs [Sandia, Los Alamos, and Lawrence Livermore] spend more than \$3 billion annually, employ more than 9,000 scientists and engineers...The Labs are responsible for maintaining the U.S. capability to develop new bombs...

5. "Some aspect of the lab's internal culture may be difficult to change.

Traditionally, cost considerations have been a low priority for weapons researchers, since large expenditures were justified by the importance of supplying bombs to the Pentagon. 'The labs are not in the business of coming up with a profit,' says Robert H. Kupperman, a senior ad Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank. 'They've had a captive audience, mainly the Department of Defense, for many years.' "-------Insight on the News, July 11, 1994 (In response to Kupperman's statement regarding the nuclear weapons labs not being "in the business of coming up with profits", I ask, what business could you name that has been more profitable than militarism, nuclear terror, and war?)

 "GE finally brings good things to life: INFACT declares victory in GE boycott...INFACT ended their seven-year boycott of GE after the company divested itself of its nuclear weapons manufacturing division." ------Utne Reader, July-August 1993

(This is one great victory before the countless to follow. The missiles are still in the silos...just because the devil washed a little dirt of his hands it doesn't make him clean...we will never forgive or forget.)