

worthy of those who have lost nothing in this, heartless fools who can only gain from the assassinations carried out by those in uniform.

This situation that we find ourselves in is not an isolated one. We all share a common position in this world as we are those under the rule of profit, under the rule of bastards who have taken our power from us. They have taken our power to organize ourselves, our communities, and our power to have true agency over our own lives. This is a fight for every one! The downtrodden, the poor, the criminalized, the pacified. We want our power back! We not only want to see freedom as an idea to be spoken of, a dream to be abruptly woken from, but as a reality in our lives. A reality worth screaming for. A reality worth fighting for. A reality worth living for!

"The police stay out of certain areas, unless there's a major emergency, and the anarchists don't trash things badly unless there's a good reason," Mr. Kiesling says. But "once someone gets killed, the doctrine is massive retaliation." -Brady Kiesling, a former US diplomat, who is writing a book about the Greek militant group that goes by the name '17th of November'.

We can regain our power through the living-action of the commune, the collective, where community control is in the hands of those who actually inhabit the community. Where the commod-

ties, the products, the goods and materials are no longer the basic tenants of our lives. Where our interactions and relationships are based on emotion and sharing the things we have in common – affinities. We can begin by watching each others backs when confronted by authority on the streets and in our homes, whether it is the police, the code enforcer, or the landlord. We can begin creating horizontal communities where authority is of the past and local issues are dealt with on a local level; as a collective working out of our problems. A sense of solidarity must be shared, expressed and acted upon. We must work together. Our shared disdain for politicians, for work, for this coercive economic system that breaks our backs and puts our hearts in cages, this all must be done away with. It is only when we refuse to allow our lives to be held in the hands of others that we will see what freedom really looks like.

"The bullets of the murderers in uniform, the arrests and beatings of demonstrators, the chemical gas war launched by the police forces, not only cannot manage to impose fear and silence, but they become for the people the reason to raise against state terrorism the cries of the struggle for freedom, to abandon fear and to meet –more and more every day- in the streets of revolt. To let the rage overflow and drown them!" from the communique by The Occupation of the Polytechnic University in Athens

Other local and international resources

seattle.indymedia.org/en/2008/12/270309.shtml
<http://www.copwatch.zinelibrary.info/?q=node/4>
indymedia.org/en/index.shtml
infoshopnews.org
anarchistnews.org
occupiedlondon.org (news from those on the streets)

Solidarity with Greek Anarchists



Alexandros Gligoropoulos
Greek Anarchist Murdered by Police

Alexandros Gligoropoulos, age 15, was shot dead after receiving a bullet in the chest by a police officer on Saturday night in the downtown Athens district of Exarchia. Rage over the boy's killing has turned to resentment over economic hardships as thousands of protesters rampaged through the heart of Athens, burning and looting shops, bringing business in the city center of Athens to a grinding halt. High school and university students joined anarchists in attacking police stations, corporate property and government buildings, as many government buildings have been left unguarded in Athens and other cities. Schools and universities have been occupied as the smoldering anger among Greek youths continue. Protests were reported in more than ten

cities across the nation of 11 million people, including the northern city of Thessaloniki, and on the tourist islands of Crete and Corfu as authorities expressed fear that more street clashes would ensue, due to a teachers' walk-out that occurred on Tuesday, that was followed by a full-fledged general strike on Wednesday. As night fell on the Greek capital, thousands marched arm-in-arm through its main streets. Anarchists smashed car windows and chanted "cops, pigs, murderers". Some comrades were armed with crossbows, knives and swords.

Several government offices had to be evacuated after fire-bomb attacks. Several police officers have been injured. Occupations of government buildings, and Greek consulates have happened internationally. In the city of Patras police were pushed back to their headquarters being forced to create a perimeter around the building. Fascists and Nazis came to aid the police in Patras, as well as other cities, using police weapons as well as knives and tear gas to attack demonstrators while chanting Fascist slogans. Police and Fascists have been openly coordinating against Anarchists and others demonstrating.

"The feeling is anger," says John Gells, a 28-year psychologist, shortly before joining the march. "A kid was killed just like that. It's a sign of arrogance by the police. It's an act

against democracy." Mr. Gellis joined in the riots on Saturday night, saying the targets of the unrest included banks and multinational companies, not small businesses. "No one has anything against the little owners."

The burning of government property and corporate stores is not just arbitrary rioting. It is social rage. It is the negation of the social conditions and roles that push feelings of powerlessness onto us. This fighting is an extension of Alexandros life, a life stolen by the police. It is emotion and rage, love and compassion, put into action by his friends, his family, his comrades and all others sharing these conditions. Rage is spreading, not just existing in mere moments of discontent, but manifesting into widespread social revolt. Property destruction is not the same as taking a life. The shooting of a youth, full of life and resistance, full of passion, That is a true atrocity! That is the disgusting face of the police! That was an end to a life. Not the first. Surely not the last.

"Rage is what I feel for what has happened, rage, and that this cop who did it must see what it is to kill a kid and to destroy a life" a student in Athens told reporters Monday.

Just last month at around five forty-five in the morning, twenty-four year old Jose Ramirez-Jimenez had his life taken from him by three Olympia police officers in Washington State. Ramirez-Jimenez was shot once in the neck and once in the back. The police attempted to stop him

because the black Honda Del Sol he was driving matched the description of a vehicle whose driver was suspected to have shot a man almost 5 hours earlier. Although several others who drove black Honda Del Sols were also pulled over that morning, Ramirez-Jimenez was the only one who had his life stolen from him. Still the police have not been clear as to why it is they took this mans life away from him. After a woman was "removed" the police claim they gave orders to Jose to surrender. After this order three Olympia police officers opened fire murdering Jose Ramirez-Jimenez. As Ramirez-Jimenez lay there dead, the police searched the car. Police say that they found a gun in the back seat of the car, though there has been no word from the police whether they are claiming his gun was the one used in the shooting earlier that morning. The police never stated that a weapon of any kind was produced.

This is all too often the case when a life is taken by the police. There is some vague claim that a gun is found, usually followed by a massive character assassination campaign by the local media. The claim is made that the victim who had lost their life was a horrible criminal, therefore the fact that they had their life taken from them should be less of an alarm. This is an outrageous stance to take, one only