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heal the suffering of the people and we will heal the suffering of Mother Earth.

Forced by the enviable battle with the parasites that feed upon the body of the people and Mother Earth, we shall pull their bloody fangs out of our backs and cast them into the fires of damnation. For we stand here together united in the spirit of total resistance.

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profits. We are everywhere, the Overlords have nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.

We can withdraw our dependence upon the services of the Overlord's system and provide for our own well being through mutual aid. We are within all the bureaucracies of the Overlord's system and we can withhold all the services they depend upon. We are everywhere, the Overlords have nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.

We are the people of the world who can fill the streets of the world and shut down all of the Overlord's operations. We are everywhere, the Overlords have nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.

We are the people who make up the Overlord's armies and we can turn our weapons away from our sisters and brothers and place our sights upon those that give the orders to kill those who are not our real enemies. We are every, the Overlords have nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.

We are the people who can take direct action to end the damaging exploitation of Mother Earth and begin the process of healing the devastation.

There is little the Overlords will not do to defend their power and wealth. In the streets they order their trained dogs to attack the people in whatever form they see as necessary. They may even see their society burn in flames of destruction as a last act of battle. The social chaos that may come about will only be the death cries of the Overlord's institutions as they crumble into the dust.

Yes, we seek the complete and final destruction of every aspect of the Overlord's system of exploitation and oppression! But as we dismantle that which has harmed us, we are also builders of a new world free of exploitation, free of oppression, and free of any new Overlords. A new world based on the well being of all.

Yes, we are out to harm the interests of those whose interests harm us! But at the same time we are also healers. We will

Since the purpose of revolutionary direct action is to liberate the people and Mother Earth from exploitation and repression, we must at all times analyse the effects our actions have on both that which we are trying to effect and upon the people and Mother Earth. Although it is true that with real struggle comes real hardships, we should work to limit the harmful effects that our actions may have upon the people and make sure that it is in reality the Overlords and its system that we are really targeting and effecting. If our actions are only, in reality, harming those that we are struggling for then we must change our actions.

Revolutionary direct action seeks to build the resistance through day-to-day actions and organisations to the point of the upraising of the people and the social/economic disengagement of the people from the Overlord's domination and system.

From Social Chaos Shall Spring Forth the Foundation of a New World

The overlords have great power; their money, their governments, their laws, their prisons, their police and their armies. We the people are not without our power also.

We, as workers, produce all that is produced and we provide all the needed services and we can withhold the production that profits and empowers the Overlords. We provide the overlords with the food that they eat and can withhold that food and make them eat their money. We work in their homes, in their hospitals, in their restaurants. We are everywhere, the Overlords have nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.

We are the consumers who buy that which the Overlords profit from. We can withhold our consummation and provide for our own needs, thus cutting off the profiteers from their

The New World Order

Through the generations of the past, the people have suffered the atrocities of a great multitude of tyrants. From military conquest to economic/political conquest, the greedy few have sought to impose their will on the many. Today, as in the past, the greedy few have but one goal; they want it all, no matter what the cost in human suffering and the inevitable damage done to Mother Earth. They want the right to exploit all that is exploitable; the people as slaves producing profit for the few; the people as consumers buying back that which they produce at a profit for the few; Mother Earth as an exploitable resource for the profit of the few.

No matter what form the greedy few's political/legal/economic system takes; there are no avenues of real reform. The system that they have created is designed for the sole purpose of protecting and advancing the exploitation by the few and to suppress all that seek to resist their domination. Though we must fight the day-today struggles against the effects of the exploitation, we must also build and unite for the coming social revolution.

Social revolution is a necessity, for nothing short of a complete social transformation will end the human suffering from the exploitation and protect Mother Earth from complete devastation. The greedy few are completely incapable of changing the course they have created even if they wanted to.

With the fall of what was called the Eastern Block of Statist Communist countries, the Western corporate Overlords found little resistance to the globalisation of their exploitation of the people and the earth. The Overlords thus declared a New World Order over the domain of the world community. The universal freedom of exploitation of the many by the few and the right of repression of any who sought to resist the Overlords.

All the key elements of the New World Order are the same as the Old World Order, the people are still being exploited for

the profit of a few, the people are still oppressed by the armed thugs of the tyrants. Only the spectacle, created to intoxicate the people, has uplifted the image of the Old World Order into the smiling faces of the New World Order.

The New World Order was conceived in the boardrooms of the Overlords, designed by the public relations firms of the rich; with a little bit of Hollywood fantasy-making thrown into the mix; glossed over in the depths of confusion created in the halls of the U.S. Congress; and acted out by the White House. Always remember, the spectacle is played out with you as the spectator.

Ah, the game players, how they play their tricks upon the people. Humanity is being herded down the road of corporate fascism, while believing this to be the dawn of freedom and liberty for all; as the Overlords of the New World Order sing the praises of their freedom - equal exploitation of all by the few. And the human flock marches forward, heads pointed straight ahead, see no evil, hear no evil of the order, the New World Order. Spellbound by the myth that their well-being will be found in the conformity to the Overlord's iron will.

Beneath the masquerade of the spectacle of the New World Order lies its reality: the proliferation of sweatshops, child labour, moving jobs to cheaper labour, theft of indigenous people's land, corporatisation of the food supply and the ravaging of Mother Earth for profit. Those that do not fit into the Overlord's plans are discarded as non-profitable elements in society. Those that resist the New World Order are met with a spectacle of repression justified by the Overlord's controlled media. The idea of freedom of the people has become, in reality, only the freedom of conformity to the dictates of the New World Order.

The New World Order is nothing more than global corporate fascism. This new fascism is not of political parties as fascism was in the past, but rather the global organisation of economic control. This economic corporate fascism seeks the control over labour, natural resources, production, the food sup-

mobile action unit that is capable of acting independently of the larger mass of people when needed. Often reformists or wannabe political leaders will dominate the organisation of larger demonstrations and actions and Anarchists will use Black Blocs in order to advance both the tactics used and the ideological purposes of the action.

Anarchist Tactics

Anarchists believe in the people directly acting themselves to solve their own problems and to resist exploitation and repression - this Anarchists call Direct Action. The act of delegating to others the responsibility for the concerns and needs of the people is inevitably an act to create further dependence upon rulers or would-be rulers that would take the place of the old rulers. It has been found throughout history that changing the faces of the rulers changes nothing in the long run.

The social organisation of direct action includes the self-organisation of all the needs, concerns and resistance of people into groups and organisations made up of those that are directly connected to the purpose of each grouping, and the using of whatever tactics are necessary to directly effect the desired outcome.

Revolutionary direct action moves beyond self-imaging and engages into actions that directly build the revolutionary resistance. This means doing what needs to be done at any given time, rather than just doing what ever feels good or advances self-constructed fantasies. The system - through its media, entertainment industry and institutions of indoctrination - creates spectacles of illusions of reality that distract people from real reality, it is important that the resistance does not create its own illusions, and that it sees the world as it really is and how each act really effects the reality of resistance.

7. ANARCHIST SOLIDARITY ORGANISATIONS. At the same time that Anarchists organise resistance to the Overlords and the effects of their system, Anarchists also organise active solidarity for each other and other resisters. Some times this entails building solidarity for on going struggles and some times in involves organising solidarity for the victims of repression. This not only aids the resistance, but also universal solidarity over individual competition is one of the fundamental building blocks of an anarchist society. It is essential to always remember that solidarity is a two-way street, giving solidarity is just as important as receiving solidarity.

a. ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS AND PRISONER SUPPORT GROUPS. While it is important to continue the onward push of revolutionary organisation and actions, at the same time it is vital to provide active support for those that become victims of repression. If the organisations of the resistance redirected themselves to defend their own people then that gives the repression a victory. For that reason independent groups and organisations are created in order to put up a defence to repression. This is why Anarchist organise defence committees and prisoner support groups. Anarchists also realise the necessity of having ongoing defence organisations and that is where the Anarchist Black Crosses come in.

b. RESISTANCE SUPPORT GROUPS. The actions and organisations of the resistance needs ongoing solidarity support. For this reason Anarchists are actively engaged in building resistance support groups. In some cases these support groups are the direct link between struggles for self-determination of groupings of people and those not of those groupings. For an example nonNative people acting directly to support Native struggles.

8. BLACK BLOCS. Within larger demonstrations and actions Anarchists will sometimes organise themselves together into action blocs which are at times called Black Blocs. Among the purposes for this is to create an effective self-co-ordinated

ply, services and trade. National resources are used to build the inner-structure and open up new areas of corporate development at the expense of the needs of the people within the nations.

The organisation of corporate fascism is found in the accumulation of economic activity within multinational corporations, so-called trade agreements that open up new exploitation for the corporations, regional trading blocks, corporate controlled economic instructions such as the World Bank and global organisations of the Overlords such as the World Trade Organisation. Political organisations act as pawns to the economic interests of the Overlords.

The people are herded together with their functions being whatever advances the needs of the Overlords. To question this new arrangement is the sin of blasphemy. Not all within the human flock are blind to the reality around them. Some see wrongs and seek to create reform of the system, though the conditioning of single issueism controls much of that process. The education system and the media isolates the reality of things into limited spheres of interest, giving the mistaken idea that individual concerns can be addressed without questioning the common cause that, in reality, connects all to each other. Thus reformism itself has become an instrument of social control, for as long as those that have concerns confine them in isolation to all other concerns then the ability to create real social change is impossible.

Immerging from the voices of dissent is a radically different voice being heard. A voice that is grounded with roots in the resistance of the past. A voice that understands that the system of corporate fascism cannot be reformed, but rather must be dismantled and the power of the few over the many must be eradicated from the face of the earth. This is the voice of the Anarchists!

The People Rebel

The resistance is not a one shot action or single event in history. The struggle of the resistance has been a continuous progression from the first resisters who challenged their masters all the way to this day that you read these words, and that resistance shall continue as long as it takes until a social revolution changes the social/economic arrangement of our society. Still there have been points in the progression of the resistance that have been instrumental in giving the resistance new inspiration and direction. The WTO protests and direct action in the streets of Seattle was one such moment in time.

Though the Battle in Seattle did not begin the movement against global capitalist abuse and expansionism, it did create a new direction and example of resistance, which has been carried on throughout the world in every place that the Overlords have sought to meet and scheme. This is not the social revolution itself, but rather it is a major step in that direction for the following reasons:

A strong message is being sent to the Overlords that the resistance will be there where ever they may go. This is making life hard on the Overlords and placing some limitations on what they are able to do and where they are able to meet.

The resistance is creating a situation where the lackeys of the Overlords are being exposed. For example, the democratic mayor of Seattle clearly showed that he was a pawn of the Overlords and that unmasked his false image of caring about the people of Seattle.

The new wave of resistance since Seattle has created a starting point for many young activists. Everyone who becomes an activist in the resistance must have a starting point. Even the greatest and well-known activists throughout history, each had a starting point. The more starting points that the resistance creates, the more resisters there will be.

issue has the potential of bringing together all exploited people for they are all affected by the globalisation. Anarchists are involved in this organising both within anarchist groups and in larger coalitions. Both are important because the anarchist groups set an example and the larger coalitions bring together new people into the resistance.

f. ANTI-RACISM. Racism has been one of the building blocks in the construction of the Overlord's political/economic system. Racism has allowed the Overlords to be able to misdirect the attention of many people away from those truly responsible for their hardships by having the people struggle against each other. It also has allowed the Overlords to maintain a class of super exploited people, which is a necessity to their economic system. The struggle against racism is a vital struggle for the well being of all people. For these reasons and others, Anarchists have organised against racism, both in their own organisations and within larger coalition organisations.

The struggle against racism includes directly confronting racist organisations, instructions and confronting racism within progressive organisations. Often it is seen that white-dominated progressive organisations, though often not attending to, will be influenced by the social conditioning of society and advance white supremacy and eurocentricism. Examples of this include the domination of white issues, concerns and ways of doing things, and trying to force white values upon non-white people. The struggle thus becomes one about the inclusion of all people without the dominance of any single race.

6. CO-OPS AND THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE. One of the goals of anarchism is to cut the people's dependency upon the Overlord's political and economic system. This Anarchists do by creating alternative ways for people to organise their own needs. Everything from food co-ops to childcare co-ops, there are no needs of the people that cannot be organised by the direct actions of the people themselves.

needs of working people on their jobs while at the same time organising the power of production in order to expropriate the means of production from the economic bosses and to create an economic system void of the Overlords and the state.

b. GREEN ANARCHISM. Environmentalism is an important struggle for our very survival upon Mother Earth. For this reason, Anarchists organise by themselves and within a larger movement to act directly to end the devastation of Mother Earth and to begin the healing process.

c. ANARCHO-FEMINISM. One of the major aspects of the oppressive society is the domination of men over women. Thus, as all oppression needs to be challenged, Anarchist women have organised women's groups in order to build their resistance and to fulfil their own needs.

d. ANARCHIST ORGANISATION OF COMMONALITY. In the competitive society the differences between people are used as a means to advance some people at the expense of others. Within Anarchism, diversity is not a weakness but rather its strength. Like all things in the natural world, all things are not the same, but all things have common connections. There are different heritages, different cultures, and always the emergence of new and different lifestyles. Anarchism encourages the organisation of self-interests of the diversity of humanity while at the same time advancing the respect and self-determination of that diversity. There is nothing stronger than the diversity of humanity standing in solidarity together in common resistance and for the well being of all. There is no tragedy greater than the diversity of humanity competing for the crumbs the greed few cast to them upon the ground. For these reasons and more, Anarchists actively support the self-organisation of diverse groupings of humanity.

e. ANTI-GLOBALISATION. The new inspired organising around the issues of the growing globalisation of corporate fascism and exploitation has greatly advanced the resistance. This

Because of all the effects that the new World Order has upon the people and the Earth, this new resistance has been able to make connections between many different movements and issues. This is a very important step because the New World Order is not a singular issue, and the resistance must be able to connect with all elements that are affected by it in order to dismantle the New World Order.

By directly resisting the New World Order people are learning that the New World Order cannot be reformed. As people learn this they will look for those ideas that seek to take the resistance to a higher level of revolutionary action and organisation. The clearest examples of advanced resistance out there to be seen practiced by the anarchists.

The Battle of Seattle was not the work of any single organisation or coalition of organisations; rather it was a coming together of many organisations and groups with a common target, the WTO. On November 30th, 1999, groups and organisations converged on downtown Seattle from different directions and at different times. Even within these groups there were groups of people who broke off, some planned and some spontaneously, into different directions. This is what caught the armed thugs of the Overlords off guard.

The Anarchist Spirit

Throughout the ages people have seen the suffering of the people and the earth and have sought to resist those responsible. Some sought to reform the systems in the hope that social progress could be made. Some sought to replace the rulers in the hope that new rulers would make a difference. Within the herded masses have been those that saw things as they really are; these people are the Anarchists.

The systems of exploitation are like a cancer growth upon our world. That cancer growth can only do one thing; continue

to feed upon the body until it is dead. Only by removing the cancer growth from the body will the body ever heal. This the Anarchists know and this the Anarchists struggle to accomplish.

Anarchists are driven with a spirit of total resistance to every aspect of control and exploitation by the Overlords. Such complete resistance has its hardships because the Overlords will not give up without a desperate fight. This is why we call this a struggle, because it isn't easy and it isn't without pain. Regardless of personal cost, Anarchists have persisted in their struggle and they will do so to the end.

Anarchist Methods of Organisation

Anarchism is not a single organisation or organisational concept. Anarchism is a great diversity of ideas and organisations. This is not a weakness but rather it is our strength because it reflects the ideas of a greater number of people and there is not any single controlling organisation or leadership that the Overlords can target for repression. The following are some examples of anarchist organisation:

1. THE ANARCHIST GROUP. The foundation of most all forms of anarchism starts off with local anarchist groups. Anarchist groups can be well defined in purpose or they can be far more generalised as a grouping of anarchists in a single location.

2. THE ANARCHIST AFFINITY GROUP. The anarchist affinity group is a closer bonded form of the anarchist group. The anarchist form of affinity groups come from the example set in the Federacion Anarquista Iberica in Spain. The anarchist affinity group is an extended family, which is kept small in order to create intimacy. The affinity group cares for and deals with the needs of each of its members; is an action group with its own projects and helps build mass movements and or-

ganisations. Its effectiveness lies in the fact that it is not controlled by any controlling organisation and if need be can operate completely autonomously. The bonding of its members and the knowledge of each member's commitment and background hold its security together. Sometimes when there is a need affinity groups will organise together into clusters of affinity groups.

3. THE ANARCHIST COLLECTIVES. Anarchist collectives are formed around common anarchist projects. The idea of the collectives is to create new forms of social organisation while at the same time actively working to bring down the old social order. Anarchists know that you cannot just create a revolution that destroys the old social order without at the same time building the foundation for what will replace it.

4. THE ANARCHIST FEDERATIONS. Anarchists use federations as a means to build larger anarchist organisations to advance the resistance and co-ordinate revolutionary activity and solidarity. Federations can be local organisations of anarchist groups, affinity groups and collectives, which associate with regional federations, national and international federations. Some federations can be open to individual members also.

5. ANARCHIST ORGANISATIONS AROUND NEEDS AND ISSUES. Since anarchists do not believe in single controlling organisations and believe in the people themselves directly organising their needs and concerns, anarchists are involved in building organisations around needs and issues. Sometimes these organisations are outright anarchist organisations and sometimes they are not. The concept of this organising is to create organisations where the people themselves have direct control over their needs and concerns and are no longer depended upon the State, the Overlords, or would be new rulers.

a. ANARCHO-SYDNICALISM. Anarcho-syndicalism is the idea of working people organising themselves into revolutionary unions in order to struggle with the day-to-day