

# Ted Kaczynski's funny burn of Student Insurgent newspaper

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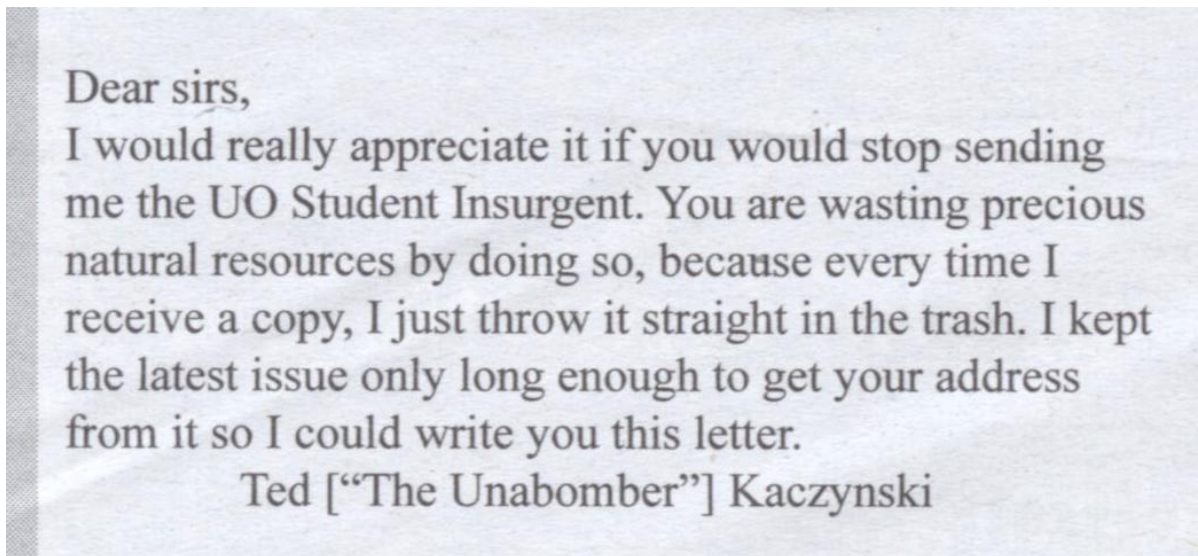
The Student Insurgent newspaper at the University of Oregon sent out free issues of its lefty student newspaper to any prisoners who wanted one, though it seems some also got sent to people who it turns out very much didn't, such was the case for Ted Kaczynski:

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They published the above note in their letters section of the next issue, along with this note in their editorial:

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## Images



# Editorial:

Hey beloved readers!

The war on fascism rolls on in the offices of the Student Insurgent. A ton of new members have joined the ranks recently and the number of contributors has grown five fold. To cope with the surge of interest a second meeting now takes place every Thursday at 5:00PM (in addition to our Monday meetings at 5:00PM). Contributions are always a delightful sight for our editors, who love nothing more than working tirelessly to get you another issue. Submissions can be sent to us in any way conceivable (emailing submissions to [sialtmedia@hotmail.com](mailto:sialtmedia@hotmail.com) is perfectly acceptable), and we will find a way to get most anything into print; about 500 words or more is preferable (for articles that is). On a more interesting note, one of our tireless main staff members is leaving and we will be opening up paid leadership positions for qualifying applicants at the end of the term. If your interested in taking on some responsibilities for the paper then that's all the more reason to stop by.

Over the summer a stack of letters arrived from our imprisoned brethren and many of them have found their way into this issue; be sure to check them out. A big thank you to Rashid Johnson, a prisoner in Virginia, for his awesome writing and artwork. Oh, and we also received a warm salutation from Theodore John Kaczynski, affectionately known as the Unabomber. Cheers man! We know how much you loved our kind in your more active days and, hey, maybe someone in our office could show you how to construct an actually functioning pipe bomb.

Other articles include a return of world news, two book reviews, an opinion piece on aggression, a quick (but detailed) analysis of Iranian history, a contribution on the decline in women's reproductive rights, and a humorous look at a fascinating new religion (no I don't mean that someone started worshipping idols of issue 17.4). Give a read to the articles on Blackwater and Iraq, they're eye openers. We also received a number of radical poems by Brenna Sahatjian of Riot Folk. On a special note, don't miss our statement of solidarity with the victims of Jena's unfair and racist justice system. Artwork in this issue was great as well; the centerfold and backcover hit very hard and we love the Halloween-themed cover!

Hope all you students are having a fantastic year so far at the grand old U of O, and if you're interested in joining our fight then stop by one of our meetings.

Much Love,

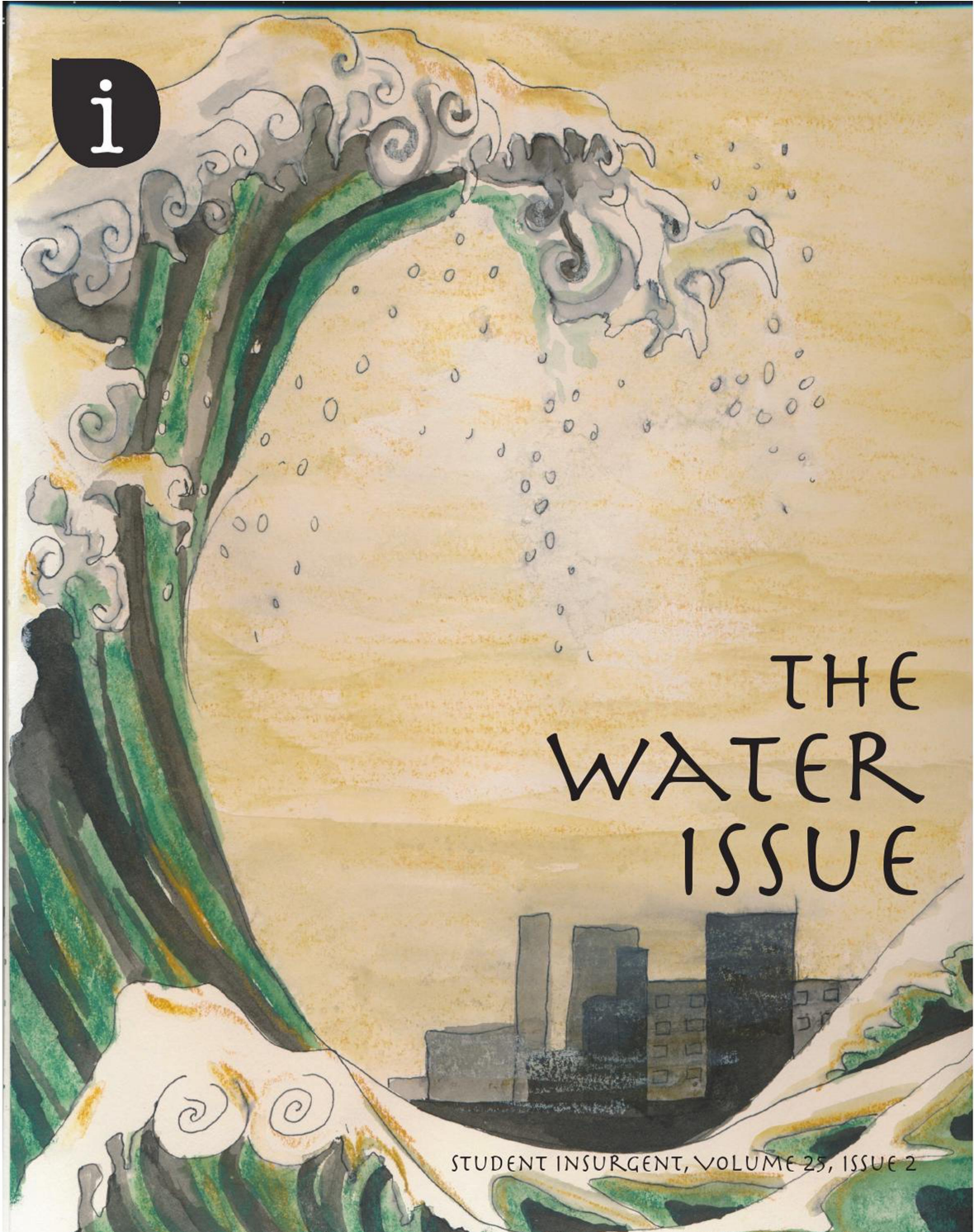
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## ON FRIENDS OF THE UNABOMBER

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*~ The Collective Editorial in the most recent Insurgent. We only get letters from Zach Vishanoff. Wonder what Teddy has to say*

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# THE WATER ISSUE

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# Cascadia Free State, Oppressed

## \* news.

Cimmeron Gillespie

This summer, Earth First!, Cascadia Summer and other affinity groups blockaded and occupied a logging road in Elliot State Forest. They were asking that the Oregon Department of Forestry “buyback all sales in Elliot state forest, namely because we need to save this carbon and biodiversity reserve”, says Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, a spokeswoman for Cascadia Summer. Cascadia Free State created a blockade of logs, an overturned van and roughly 45 persons. Also constructed were a tri-pod, a bi-pod and a sky-pod. As one Cascadian said, “The structures are complicated and the people are dedicated.” After two days, the group was issued an eviction notice from the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). All in all, the blockade held off loggers for four long days. One ODF agent is said to have remarked of the blockade, “This is impressive, what are we gonna do?” The answer to that question came the next day, when the state called in some 80-90 persons. There were 40 State Troopers, decked out in green camo and

11 insurgent weapons; 10



black-clad Sheriffs armed like a SWAT team; 10 Special Forces agents who hiked in the back way; ODF members; engineers, who cut the blockade; Sheriff’s marine patrol in a black SUV; high angle rescue ‘aerial patrol’; National Guard; state detectives; plain clothes forest service members; local sheriffs and deputies in brown; video crews; and other liaisons. Traveling on windy gravel logging roads, the entourage arrived at 9:40am, their attitude that day was summed up during a press conference when Sergeant Stone said, “I don’t care about the earth, I am just here to exploit it and enjoy it.”

On the morning when the

law enforcement group arrived, the Cascadians were in the midst of their morning routine- breakfast, dishes, creation of a monopod, and maintenance of the pods already in place. A massive and collaborative undertaking was taking place. All were carrying on with their duties when the shrill whistle of warning told Cascadians of the impending police confrontation.

As reports from Cascadians claim, “First the state troopers wandered around grabbing anyone who was not locked down, gradually dragging and pulling people out of the brush, or who had been away from camp when the warning came. Then they spent ten minutes

## U.S. news

# FBI Continues War on Environmentalists

by pjkl

The FBI's crackdown on alleged "ecoterrorists" continues with four new arrests. Most of the people arrested before last month's paper have been released on bail; however, Chelsea Gerlach, Darren Thurston, and Kevin Tubbs are still incarcerated in Oregon and Zachary Jenson and Eric McDavid are still incarcerated in California. People are also being subpoenaed to appear before grand juries.

Former prisoner Rod Coronado was arrested on February 22 in Arizona. He has been indicted by a San Diego grand jury for "distribution of information relating to destructive devices." He has been released on bail and had one court appearance, and is scheduled to appear in court again on March 23. If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison. He is also awaiting sentencing for charges he was convicted of a few months ago relating to a mountain lion defense campaign.

Coronado gave a talk in 2003 during which someone asked how he made the explosive device used in an action for which he had previously been incarcerated, and he showed the audience how to make an incendiary device out of an apple juice jug and non-lethal fluid. Coronado told the San Diego Union-

Tribune, "You're damn right when you say I've shown people how to make a firebomb. I've done my time for my crimes, and I should be able to talk about them." There is much doubt as to whether a law against speech that does not present an immediate danger is even remotely constitutional; however, in the words of one Indymedia community member, "it's no coincidence that an outspoken Native American who condemns capitalism, government and the ecoterrorism wrought by industry faces such extraordinary levels of persecution." For more information about the case and how you can support Rod Coronado and his family, see [www.supportrod.org](http://www.supportrod.org)

On February 23 in Olympia, WA, the FBI arrested Nathan Block and Joyanna Zachar. They have been indicted by the Eugene grand jury on 15 charges relating to the Jefferson Poplar Farm fire in 2001 which has been attributed to the Earth Liberation Front. Thirteen charges are for arson and one is for attempted arson, which carry a sentencing range of 5-20 years. The 15th charge is for "Use of a Destructive Device," which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 years that cannot be served concurrently with any other sentences. If found guilty, they face from 35 to 310 years in prison.

Former prisoner Matt Lamont was arrested on February 25. After asking repeatedly what he was charged with, a detective told him it was parole violation; while interrogating him, detectives suggested that he had been involved in a plot to target the Big Bear Dam and asked about the Southern California Anarchist Federation. Plain-clothes police also searched his car and apartment and seized his computer hard drive and various documents, including letters from prisoners. After a considerable amount of time during which his family was not told of his whereabouts, it has been revealed that he is being held at Chino State Prison, probably until May 5. He and his wife, Jenny, have both lost their jobs because of his arrest and are in serious need of financial help.

Kevin Tubbs, Chelsea Gerlach, and Darren Thurston have been denied release and may remain incarcerated until their trial on October 31. All three have been indicted on a charge of "conspiracy" relating to several actions attributed to the Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front that took place years ago. Chelsea's family is particularly in need of financial help to post a bail bond. Darren is a Canadian citizen and was arrested on a green card violation, and is worried about receiving fair treatment in the U.S. Some prisoner support organizations have withdrawn support from Kevin because police testified during Daniel McGowan's and Suzanne Savoie's bail hearings that he had testified against them; others question whether the police were telling the truth or not and are continuing to offer support. More information is available at [www.portland.indymedia.org](http://www.portland.indymedia.org), [www.freedarren.org](http://www.freedarren.org), [www.supportchelsea.org](http://www.supportchelsea.org), and [www.supportkevintubbs.org](http://www.supportkevintubbs.org).

One of the Auburn, California arrestees has been released on bail, while two remain in jail. Both have had trouble accessing adequate legal representation; on February 21, three weeks after his arrest, a judge approved Zachary's court-appointed attorney. The delay, which prevented the attorney from getting discovery, hiring an investigator, or getting paid, was caused by the U.S. Attorney's claim that Eric's court-appointed attorney had a conflict of interest as a former public defender (the public defenders office has decided not to represent the defendants because they believe it would represent a conflict of interest because of another client). The U.S. Attorney's claim may cause both Eric and Zachary to be denied legal representation.

Zachary does not have running water in his cell and is drinking from a bag. He is also in serious need of money for legal defense. As of this writing, Eric McDavid has gone on a hunger strike - please see the Emergency Action box to your left.

main source: [portland.indymedia.org](http://portland.indymedia.org)



## Prisoner Support what you can do to help

1. Write letters. This can really help people handle the stress of being incarcerated. Remember, DO NOT USE NICKNAMES AND DO NOT DISCUSS THEIR CASES! Things like glitter and glue are likely to be rejected. It's best to just use white paper and blue or black ball point ink. Include your full name in the return address on the envelope. Write your return address on the letter itself, as the prisoners will not be given the envelope. Do not include blank paper, stamps or envelopes. The prisoner will not receive them and your letter will be rejected. It is, however, nice to write a page-and-a-half letter so they can reuse the blank portion of the paper.

Chelsea Gerlach #1308678  
Lane County Jail  
101 W 5th Ave  
Eugene, OR 97401  
USA

Joyanna Zachar #1662550  
Lane County Jail  
101 W 5th Ave  
Eugene, OR 97401  
USA

Darren Thurston #701415  
Multnomah County Inverness Jail  
11450 NE Inverness Dr.  
Portland OR 97220

Kevin Tubbs #1213751  
c/o PO BOX 3025  
Eugene, OR 97403

Zachary Jenson X-4198632 8E213A  
Sacramento County Main Jail  
651 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Eric McDavid X-2972521 7E114A  
Sacramento County Main Jail  
651 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Nathan Fraser Block 36359-086  
FDC SeaTac  
Federal Detention Center  
P.O. Box 13900  
Seattle  
WA 98198  
USA

Matthew Lamont #T90251  
East Facility / Butte Low / 149 WP  
PO Box 500  
Chino CA 91708

## Emergency Action:

### Eric McDavid on Hunger Strike

Sacramento prisoner Eric McDavid has gone on a hunger strike after being consistently denied vegan food. The court is not taking his veganism seriously, despite his declaration reading in part: "... my vegan beliefs and morality are animated by the way of living which shows a respect for all life... recognizing the rights of living creatures... It is a truly ethical relationship between humans and other living creatures... It is healthier for me and the planet I live on." A jail nutritionist recommended that he receive two vegan shakes per day, but the jail doctor denied them after Eric went through the necessary paperwork to get them. He has stopped buying food from the commissary because he believes that the jail is responsible for feeding him, and was eating only bread and frozen fruit until March 8, when he informed his lawyer that he was going on a hunger strike. Please call the jail and the Sacramento sheriff and request politely that Eric McDavid, x-ref #2972521, be given vegan food; they may tell you that he is fine, but they have a history of lying to supporters. Without healthy vegan food, his health will deteriorate rapidly.

Sacramento County Main Jail  
651 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
916.874.6752

Sheriff Lou Blanas  
916.874.7146  
916.874.5332 fax  
[sheriff@sacssheriff.com](mailto:sheriff@sacssheriff.com)

Also, please write letters to Judge England and ask that he issue an order, to the Sacramento County Jail, that they provide Eric McDavid with vegan food daily, for the remainder of his time there.

Please DO NOT send your letter directly to Judge England. Instead, please send them directly to Eric's lawyer:  
Mark Reichel  
655 University Ave, Suite 215  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Please include the following at the top of your letter:  
Judge England  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California-Sacramento  
501 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Check [portland.indymedia.org](http://portland.indymedia.org) for updates.



# Camp Actions continued

## Climate Convergence, Continued

the LNG terminal could be a terrorist target. One man told me that he was worried that this risk would cause militarization of the river, including armed security personnel and extensive surveillance of the river. These concerns are not unfounded. The Sandia report details the risks of a terrorist attack on an LNG facility and suggests increased security and surveillance of the river.

The Coast Guard issued a Waterway Suitability Assessment for the Bradwood Landing LNG project. According to the report, "additional measures will be necessary to responsibly manage the navigation, safety and security risks." These included a 500-yard buffer zone around the LNG gas ships, a 200-yard buffer around docked tankers, monitoring of the tanker route and terminal via video surveillance, the accompaniment of escorts with the tankers, augmentation of shore side firefighting resources and training, and numerous security measures. The buffer zones will not extend beyond the shoreline. According to the report, if these measures fail to be implemented, "the Columbia River would be considered unsuitable for the LNG marine traffic associated with the Bradwood LNG terminal." Lt. Shadrack Scheirman, who works at Coast Guard Sector Portland, said that the narrowest part of the river is 600 feet wide. Vessels may be allowed to pass through the buffer zone after contact with security personnel.

Not all of the report was public due to national security reasons. The public report did not make it clear who would pay for the implementation of these measures. According to the NorthernStar Senior Vice President of Development Gary Coppedge, "some of those are paid directly by Northern Star, and some of those are funded through taxes that are paid. Some are funded through collaborations with different groups that are providing these services." It also did not clarify whether or not the tanker escorts would be armed.

## Portland Oregon, against PacifiCorps

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 three protesters blockaded the main entrance to PacifiCorp's headquarters on NE 7<sup>th</sup> and Multnomah. They locked themselves to four 600 pound concrete barrels, with the words 'Down the Dams' written on them. All three wore Earth First! shirts. No one was arrested.

Billionaire Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Corporation owns PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp owns four dams along the Klamath River. These dams are blamed for the loss of several species of Pacific salmon, as 70,000 adult salmon have died and juvenile disease rates have been escalating. A meager 8% of the river's historic salmon population remains today. The salmon populations are being lost through juvenile salmon disease, adult mortality and species extinction. The dams have also caused liver-toxic algae blooms exceeding the World Health Organization guidelines by 4,000 times. On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, the Karuk Tribe, Klamath Riverkeeper and Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations filed a lawsuit against the California Regional Water Quality Board, North Coast Region. They are holding the Board responsible for not regulating "toxic algae discharges from PacifiCorp's Klamath dams and reservoirs (<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2007/08/23/18442846.php>)"

In addition, dams release methane from rotting materials. This significantly contributes to global warming as methane is a greenhouse gas that is a more powerful heating agent than carbon dioxide. According to the International Rivers Network, dams contribute to global warming as much as 'dirty' energy such as coal-fired power plants. In addition to the dams, PacifiCorp has plans for 5 new coal plants in the west, one in Washington State. 88% percent of PacifiCorp's energy comes from coal and gas-fired power plants, which contribute to climate change.

Here is what two of the blockaders had to say:

"PacifiCorp is a climate criminal and salmon killer living in the heart of Portland. For human health, salmon survival and a livable climate, PacifiCorp must un-dam the rivers of the west and eliminate its use of fossil fuels."

"We're locked down to demonstrate our solidarity with affected communities and the salmon of the Klamath River who are fighting for their health and survival. We demand the immediate removal of PacifiCorp's Klamath dams."

## Asheville, against Bank of America

Two activists used bicycle locks to lock down in the main lobby of the downtown branch of Bank of America on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Others blocked the entrance to the branch. Many of the protesters wore canary and polar bear costumes' welding signs such as "Bank of America Stop Moutaintop Removal", "They lie, we die", etc. In addition, some protesters entered the bank to deliver coal to tellers and customers. Five protesters, including those locked down were violently arrested. Rising tide spent \$4,000 to bail the arrestees out. At least one protestor was subjected to pain compliance holds by police.



One of the four barrels that Portland blockaders locked down to.

Bank of America was chosen to protest its investments in coal companies planning to build coal power plants. The bank has lent hundreds of millions of dollars to coal companies such as Florida Power and Light, Massey Energy, and Arch Coal. In fact, Bank of America lent almost \$1 billion to Massey Energy and Arch Coal, who practice mountaintop removal coal mining. Mountaintop removal involves blowing up the top of a mountain in order to expose thin layers of coal underneath. This practice has destroyed over 500 square miles of mountains and buried over 1,200 miles of streams in West Virginia alone.

This action was done despite serious police harassment and involvement. On August 13<sup>th</sup>, uniformed and undercover police surrounded the convergence site and a police helicopter hovered above. There was much speculation that the action

would be held at Progress Energy's Skyland coal power plant. Progress Energy was the fifth largest purchaser Massey Energy's coal in 2005. It is also the largest source of pollution in Buncombe County.

The Southeast Convergence for Climate Action list of demands: Recognizing that climate change is already here, we hold corporations and governments accountable for the effects on communities, people, and the living earth. Therefore, we demand:

1. That Bank of America completely divest from the coal industry and other dirty, climate-changing energy companies.
2. A 90% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
3. An immediate halt to any plans for new nuclear and coal power plants and a complete redirection of research and development money toward conservation, efficiency and clean, renewable energy projects.
4. An immediate end to mountaintop removal coal mining and other forms of strip mining.
5. A just, rapid transition away from fossil fuels and nuclear power by 2020.
6. A shift to community controlled, small-scale systems of energy production, transportation, and food production and distribution.
7. An end to the privatization of the atmosphere through market-based mechanisms such as carbon trading.
8. Climate Justice Now!

## UK Heathrow Airport

In my exhaustion I cannot write any more! So borrowed this statement from Heathrow, UK climate camp. You can find it at <http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/success.php>



Portland protest against PacifiCorp

The 24 hours of direct action against climate change which began on Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> at noon has culminated in a flurry of direct actions throughout England. As previously stated, none of the actions were intended to disrupt passengers, but instead, targeted the corporations who profit from climate chaos. Meanwhile, the mass siege of BAA national headquarters has forced its closure for the day.

During the week there have been over 71 arrests and a dozen actions, covering a broad range of issues.

Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> August

Carbon offset companies were occupied by protesters dressed as red herrings. Fifteen have occupied the offices of Climate Care in Oxford. Ten have leafleted the offices of the Carbon Neutral Company in London. Carbon offsetting is a scheme allowing companies and consumers to pay in order to supposedly neutralize their carbon emissions. Carbon offsets are ineffective, based on dubious science and lead people to believe they are helping when they are not - the concept and the practice are a con," said Sophie Nathan, who is taking part in the Carbon Neutral Company action.

Five protesters are in a concrete lock-out outside Sizewell A and B nuclear power stations. Their banner declares, 'Nuclear power is not the answer to climate chaos.' Twelve protesters have superglued themselves to the entrance at BP headquarters. They are highlighting BPs essential role in the aviation industry. Protester Stanley Owen said 'We cannot sustain infinite growth on a planet with finite resources.'

Eighteen protesters occupied the office of the owners of Leeds airport, Bridgepoint Capital, on Warwick Street in London. In Harmondsworth village a group of 500, consisting of locals as well as climate camp participants, gathered to listen John McDonnell Labour MP for Hayes and Harlington. He told the government that the third runway will not be built: 'Even with the latest, more efficient aircraft, the climate change imperative demands that air travel growth be severely curtailed. The government can no longer have its cake and eat it. If it's genuinely serious about climate change it must show meaningful leadership to rein in aviation expansion.'

Protesters wore copies of the Tyndall Report on their hands during the mass action, carrying a banner reading, 'We are armed...only with peer-reviewed science'. Late on Sunday evening, BA World Cargo depot was blockaded for about four and a half hours by eight protesters locked to each-other.

Saturday 18 August

Children and their parents blockaded the World Freight Centre at Heathrow in protest at the damage to the climate caused by unnecessarily flying food around the world.

60 people occupy Carmel Agrexco's Heathrow warehouse in Hayes, where produce is air freighted in from territories occupied by Israel, highlighting the issues of food miles and the unjust and unlawful distribution of natural resources in the Middle East.

Friday 17 August

The doors of six London travel agencies are chained shut and plastered with signs saying 'Closed, gone to the Climate Camp.' Ten people occupy the office of private charter company XL, which has a contract with the Home Office to deport rejected asylum seekers, exposing the connection between climate change and forced migration.

Activists superglue themselves to the front doors of the Department for Transport's London headquarters. A tourist spontaneously joins the protest by chaining himself to the doors.

Thursday 16 August

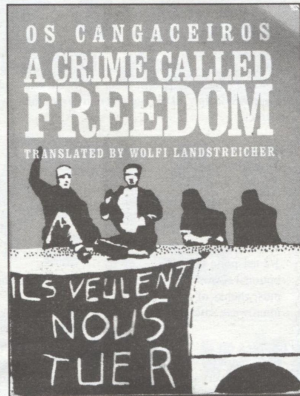
Farnborough and Biggin Hill airports, both exclusively used by private executive jets, are blockaded by two teams of climate activists in disgust at the obscurity of the super-rich using planes as a taxi service.

Wednesday 13 August

A group of activists set up a climate camp on the wing of an Airbus A380 on its way to be assembled in France, pledging to stay until government ministers come up with a 'safe' aviation policy.

**A Crime Called Freedom**

By Os Cangaceiros  
Translated by Wolfi Landstreicher  
Eberhard Press, 2006, \$7  
Review by Sam Whitehill



I read a lot of dry radical theory. This is not dry. *A Crime Called Freedom* is a small pocket-sized collection of the passionate anti-prison/anti-industrial writings of the French group Os Cangaceiros in the late 1980s. Os Cangaceiros was a loose-knit group of delinquents in revolt that grew out of the May 1968 unrest. They took the era's extreme sloganeering ("Be realistic, demand the impossible!" "Never work!" etc.) seriously by putting it to the test of action. After the 1985 prison revolts across France, they focused on combating prisons through destructive direct actions and by employing such scandals as the illegal distribution of prison blueprints to aid in escape plans. The essays here scream with the uncompromising defiance of the anti-civilization ultra-left milieu, refreshingly written a decade before such ideas were in vogue in radical circles.

Throughout their writings, Os Cangaceiros consistently highlights the links between prison and industrial capitalist society, confirming their absolute refusal of both. As frequent occupants of the prison system, they rightfully view the prison environment as an extension of industrial capitalist control and domination. They recognize that it "is impossible to separate the fate of prisoners inside the walls from the conditions reserved more generally for the mass of poor people in society" (53). Just as prison is an essential part of capitalist society, it is an apt metaphor for capitalism as a whole. "While society has confined every human prospect to the logic of money, with no conceivable elsewhere, the modern prison necessarily appears as a hermetic universe without any way out" (135). The extreme confinement of the prison cell is the logical conclusion of a regulated and commodified world.

Whereas most prison activists focused on prisoner's rights and reducing overcrowding, Os Cangaceiros set their sights on the complete abolition of the prison system:

Those who speak to us of overcrowding in the prisons are the very ones who have filled them until they burst! Obviously they are turning the question upside down. For us, it is not a question of building more prisons, but of emptying those that already exist. (76)

Their anti-prison stance was part of a radical opposition to class society, which relies on incarceration as a form of social war. A radical stance must involve the rejection of prison, which is a tool in the class war used to pacify and contain rebellious and disruptive elements of the exploited population.

Os Cangaceiros' radicalism runs deeper than their rejection of prisons and capitalism. In their essay "Industrial Domestication", they attempt to put prison in its historical context. In true anti-civilization fashion, they locate industrialism as the root of modern domination and characterize the development of modern industrial technology as "the progress of alienation" (104). They mention the dual, complementary rise of factories and modern prisons as proof that industrial capitalism and the prison system go hand in hand. To counter progressives and orthodox Marxists who view all industrial technology as neutral and potentially liberating, they assert that "the 'material instruments of production' are first of all instruments of domestication with a form that is not neutral because it guarantees hierarchy and dependence" (110). However, it seems odd that they characterize a phenomenon (the industrial revolution) caused by capitalism as the "origin of domination", instead of simply pointing to capitalism as the root of the problem (like most radicals) or even pointing further back in history (like most anti-civilizationists).

Os Cangaceiros does not claim to be a theoretically rigorous group, however, and whatever they lack in theoretical description they compensate with passion and sincerity. What I find most inspiring in their writings is their complete rejection to being organized under any political banner. They fiercely maintain their freedom from any and all political restraints, categorizing themselves only as individual "delinquents":

Let us point out immediately, once and for all, that we *cangaceiros* do not come out of the left, anarchist or otherwise; there isn't a single ex-militant among us. And none of us has ever had anything to do with any political racket whatsoever. We have only one form of relationship with political groups and organizations: war. (94)

For those of us serious about implementing a ruthless critique of everything, this is the mindset to have.

**The Portland Red Guide: Sites and Stories of Our Radical Past**

By Michael Munk  
Ooligan Press, 2007, \$16.95  
Review by Sam Whitehill

This book is meant to be a guide to Portland radical history. It is divided into six chapters, chronologically dealing with a different period of Portland's history, from "The Nineteenth Century (Utopians and Marxists)" to "1974-Present (Identities & Protests)". Each chapter is divided into short blurbs about radical people, events, groups, etc., and includes a general overview of the time, a map guide to the numbered blurbs, and pictures.

In the book's introduction, author Michael Munk offers a much-needed point of caution before giving his tour through time:

A listing in this book does not attest that a person has an unblemished political and personal history, nor that all the activities of every organization or every radical event were justified or successful. (31)

Munk recognizes he can't be a nitpicky judge of history and neglect those he disagrees with or looks down upon. However, the major flaw with this book is Munk's failure to clearly define the term "radical". At points he seems to imply that a radical is someone who simply works for change, no matter how incremental or reformist the desired change is. This leads to the problem opposite the one he imagines having—he welcomes too many under his radical umbrella. The result is the inclusion of many uninterestingly liberal and reformist groups/people/events in the book, such as maverick politicians and uneventful peace protests.

Additionally, he includes some completely irrelevant and bewildering blurbs that offer nothing discernibly related to political action, radical or otherwise. I'll quote my favorite example in its brief entirety:

Hipster protestors with a literary bent hung out at Reuben's Peace and Pizza Tavern at 1239 SW Jefferson in the early 1970s. Among the regulars were Mike McCusker, John Bertels, Art Honeyman, Wally Chambers, and Walt Curtis. (194-5)

Huh? What could one possibly learn from these two sentences that is of any interest? Who the hell are these hipsters and why were they important? What did they do? I actually laughed out loud when I read this.

Another puzzling aspect of the book is Munk's view of history as a progression away from radical refusal and toward increased social harmony:

The strategy that guided most radical groups through much of the twentieth century—the organization of a popular political movement or party devoted to replacing capitalism with Socialism—has, except for a modest r[e]vival of anarchism, given way to the goal of reform through interest group pressure on existing political and economic organizations and structures. (213)

This view too closely mirrors post-modernist defeatism for my liking, and it just isn't true. Also, if Munk really believes radicalism was dying in the late twentieth century, why does he spend an entire chapter on it? Is he inadvertently acknowledging that most of what he is dealing with isn't radical history at all? I happen to think so.

But regardless of this book's many downsides, I can still recommend it to all Portlanders out there who appreciate associating their everyday environment with the radical history behind it. For example, I was intrigued to learn that Paul Robeson stayed at the home of the Progressive Party's secretary at 5112 SW Maplewood Road, only a couple blocks from the house I've lived most of my life in. Even if I don't give a rat's ass about the Progressive Party, I can appreciate that piece of history and it's connection to me. When I visit home this Thanksgiving, I guarantee you I'll be taking a walk by that house with an interested eye.



## Appendix

Here's a funny advert in the Earth First! Journal in 1996, where it seems the Student Insurgent were promoting a primitivist-esque fundraising event. They asked students to donate appliances they wanted to excise from their life, plus the lives of their friends and enemies, so that they could be smashed up by the highest bidder. Then the money would go towards taking action to help defend the salmon runs:

### Second Annual Appliance Bash

The madness driven by the gleeful whirl, hum, and flash of many, many appliances as they suck down the power of rivers and dash what is left of the region's salmon runs is once again reaching critical mass. It is high time to start smashing.

Tentatively set for early March in Eugene, Oregon, will be the second annual Appliance Bash. Appliances or anything else that plugs in will be auctioned off, with the smashing going to the highest bidder. Implements of destruction will be provided and proceeds will 100 percent benefit direct action efforts in the defense of the wild salmon.

We need donations of all your appliances, your friend's appliances, and especially sought after are appliances belonging to Larry Craig, Mark Hatfield and Slade Gorton. They can be dropped off at the Student Insurgent office (ERB Memorial Union, University of Oregon) or call (541) 942-8589.

Salmon are the most beautiful, mysterious, and powerful critters to ever grace our planet.

For centuries they have been the life and blood of our region, shaping its culture, economy, and religion. We cannot stand idle as they die. Donate ! and stay tuned for further information.

Here is how the journal advertised itself in *Anarchy; A Journal of Desire Armed* in 1995:

The Student Insurgent Vol. 6, #7 (1228 U. of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1228) "The Newspaper of the Left on the University of Oregon campus," 12 pp. This Issue: Chiapas and NAFTA, marijuana activism, Indonesian army repression in East Timor, Black History Month, campaign to save the life of Mumia Abu-Jamal, plus several poems. Subscriptions are \$15/yr; free if you're a U. of Oregon student.

Finally, here are some passing reviews of the journal:  
Quoting *Igniting a Revolution* in 2006:

Five years had passed when George Bush Sr. started his pet war in Iraq. Protests sprang up across the state and I followed the corporate news stories about the anti-war anarchists being handily defeated by the long arm of the law. One day at school, a kid I knew handed me a newspaper called *The Student Insurgent*. I took it home and read an analysis of the war I had not previously been exposed to. My first encounter with alternative media brought tears to my eyes and anger to my heart. I would never trust my television again. One page had several pictures of victims of the US bombings alongside an announcement for a rally against the war that very night. Soon I found myself down at the Federal Building for my first protest, and my first confrontation with law enforcement.

Quoting John Zerzan in 2023:

I might have a little report on the Radical Anthropology Group in London. Jamie and I are frankly getting a little bit impatient with the how radical it is, or how radical it isn't, but a group of scholars and they do think of themselves as radical and one can be a little bit disappointed as to the pace of people turning into a deeper critique.

And I notice just walking through the EMU studio this evening to the station. The student *Insurgent*. This is the despair issue is just the concern. Just before the show. Yeah, despair issue. And there's a fair amount about anarcho nihilism. I thought that was only. Some kind of kooky anarchist you talking about nihilism a lot, but. Yeah, there's a piece called introduction to anarcho nihilism. I don't know where the anarcho comes from. There has never been any anarchy in in in the student *insurgent*. I forget to say, say the name of the magazine student *insurgent* been around forever, decades and decades. It's always been clunky. Socialism occasionally put a circle in there somewhere, but it's it's really far from anarchy, the spirit of anarchy, or the substance of anarchy. If you want my opinion. 'Who are you to say what's anarchist and what isn't?' Well, I've been reading it quite a while and that's the take I have. I don't know who would actually defended it as anarchists, and so this.

I mean, it's not without any interesting stuff. I mean there are some. Somewhat interesting articles about all sorts of things, but. There's one called anarchist leaks. The TSA no fly list. I guess this was a surprise to somebody who found, found himself or herself on the No fly list. Anyways, yeah, you know this. This and that in the magazine. I don't know, conceivably someday it'll be somewhere in the anarchy world. Who knows? It would be odd if nihilism is the door to anarchy for the Student *Insurgent*, but who knows? Who the heck knows?

Well, I want to let's get into some political news, some resistance news here...

## The Ted K Archive

Ted Kaczynski's funny burn of Student Insurgent newspaper  
October 2007

The Student Insurgent's October 2007 issue: <[archive.org/details/insurgent\\_19.2](http://archive.org/details/insurgent_19.2)>

Here are two links people can use to further research the Student Insurgent

newspaper: <[archive.org/...creator...The+Student+Insurgent](http://archive.org/...creator...The+Student+Insurgent)> &

<[web.archive.org/.../studentinsurgent.org/](http://web.archive.org/.../studentinsurgent.org/)>

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