

About

The Final Straw is a weekly anarchist and anti-authoritarian radio show bringing you voices and ideas from struggle around the world. Since 2010, we've been broadcasting from occupied Tsalagi land in Southern Appalachia (Asheville, NC). We also frequently feature commentary (serious and humorous) by anarchist prisoner, Sean Swain.

The Final Straw has been operating since mid-2010 out of AshevilleFM.org, a free-form internet radio station in Asheville, North Carolina now broadcasting at WSFM-LP, 103.3 FM! Currently, we're being aired on WCRS (Columbus, OH), KWTF (Bodega Bay, CA), KWRK-LP (Fairbanks, AK), KRJF-LP (Santa Rosa, CA), KFUG-LP (Crescent City, CA), KEPW-LP (Eugene, OR), KODX-LP (Seattle, WA), The Empower Radio 101.5 (San Antonio, TX), KPCA-LP (Petaluma, CA), KPFK (Los Angeles, CA), KZYX (Philo, CA), KPFA (Berkeley / Fresno, CA), WOZO (Knoxville, TN) and WFRN-LP (Pasqua / Nashville)!

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THE Final Straw

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CATALOG OF TRANSCRIBED RADIO EPISODES,
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2021

Organizing To End Prison Slavery with Bennu Hannibal Ra Sun

A conversation with Bennu Hannibal Ra Sun, co-founder of the Free Alabama Movement and the National Freedom Movement, which is helping coordinate prisoner-led organizing across the so-called US.

An Anarchist View from Havana: Isbel Diaz Torres

This week on the Final Straw, we're sharing another audio gift from comrades. Isbel Diaz Torres is a participant in the Taller Libertario Alfredo López / ABRA in Havana, Cuba, recorded in late 2018.

ShineWhite on Turning Razor Wire Plantations Into Schools of Liberation

The following is a conversation with ShineWhite. ShineWhite is the former spokesperson for the National White Panther Organization, a part of the United Panther Movement. There was quite recently a split in the UPM and ShineWhite is now affiliated with the Revolutionary Intercommunal Black Panther Party.

The Security State and the Far Right

Spencer Sunshine on the far right and the government's reaction following the riot on January 6th in DC.

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Media Post Jan 6th

Perspectives on political content removal and social media from anarchist media platforms ItsGoingDown and crimethInc.

Building Working Class History

The new book, “*Working Class History: Everyday Acts of Resistance*”, that WCH has published through PM Press, their archives, methodology, the project of popularizing working class, movement and human-sized history and a bunch more.

adrienne maree brown on Cancellation, Abolition and Healing

For the hour, Scott and adrienne speak about “We Will Not Cancel Us and Other Dreams of Transformative Justice”, her latest booklet available through AK Press, as well as sci-fi, abolition, harm, accountability and healing.

Chronicling Prisoner Uprisings During Pandemic

We spoke with a member of the Perilous Chronicle about the spike in measured prisoner resistance in the forms of work and hunger strikes, fights with guards, riots and escapes from facilities ranging from county jails, state prisons, ICE detention facilities and federal prisons across the so-called US/Canada.

In Defense of Looting with Vicky Osterweil

A conversation with writer, anarchist, and agitator Vicky Osterweil about her book *In Defense of Looting, a Riotous History of Uncivil Action*.

An Ethiopian Anarchist Perspective on the War in Tigray

A chat with a member of Horn Anarchists, an anarchist group based in east Africa, particularly in Ethiopia and the Ethiopian diaspora. Anner talks about the group, the history of post-Junta Ethiopia, the context of the armed conflict in Tigray, the fighting factions and the displacement and violence suffered by residents as well as the ethnic hatred against Tigrayans by the government of Abi Ahmed.

Steve Martinez Still Resists Grand Jury Related To Dakota Access Pipeline Struggle

We hear from Chava Shapiro with the Tucson Anti-Repression Committee and James Clark, a lawyer who works with the National Lawyers Guild, talk about Steve’s case, the dangers of Grand Jurie, and why it’s imperative for movements to support their incarcerated comrades. He has since been released.

Shut Em Down 2021: Jailhouse Lawyers Speak

An interview with Comrade Chux, a member of Jailhouse Lawyers Speak (an autonomous network of incarcerated activists from across the so-called US). They have been engaged in organizing and calling for the 2016, 2018 and 2022 Nationwide Prison Strike activities. Chux speaks about the call for folks on the outside to engage for Abolition, we talk about Abolition, Black August and other topics.

Kyle Missouri and JJ Ayers on Winnemucca Indian Colony

Kyle Missouri speaks about threats of evictions, banishment and house demolition by the Tribal Council. Jim Ayers, tribal council chairman until 2012, talks about how the current Tribal Council came to power at Winnemucca, the council’s wielding of private police and BIA officers to siege remaining holdouts to the eviction orders, Jimmy’s 6 generations of ancestors stretching back on the Winnemucca Indian lands and the ongoing legal proceedings heading through the ITCAN court as residents attempt to stop the council’s evictions, home wrecking and banishment actions.

Evictions and Domestic Terrorism Charges in Atlanta Forest Defense

An activist of the Atlanta Anti-Repression Committee speaks about the recent police raids and arrests in the Welaunee Forest, aka Atlanta Forest, which have brought charges of domestic terrorism on 6 people for allegedly building tree-houses and throwing stones at cops.

Alabama Prisoners Speak

Anarchist prisoner Michael Kimble and his friend Gerald Griffin talk about the current situation at William E Donaldson Correctional Facility in Bessemer, Alabama.

Albuquerque and Chicago Heater Blocs

Zachariah Jazz distributes alcohol jet heaters with ABQHeaterBloc in so-called Albuquerque, NM, and talks about their efforts to help keep folks living on the streets safer from the elements through mutual aid. Then Tom from Chicago Heater Bloc talks about constructing alcohol jet heaters.

Political Prisoner Updates

Josh Davidson talks about the 2023 Certain Days Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendars, updates on the case of Eric King and other topics.

Matthew Lyons on Christian Nationalism(s)

Matthew Lyonstalks about Christian Nationalist and theonomic tendencies and movements like New Apostolic Reformation, Dominionism, reactionary Catholicism and Christian Reconstructionism to learn more about how they interrelate or conflict with other far right tendencies in the so-called USA and the ongoing assault on bodily autonomy, abortion access and cis-hetero-patriarchy.

Grad Student Strikes In The University of California System

Rebecca Gross and Robin, Teaching Assistants at University of California Santa Cruz and members of UAW 2865 at the uni, talk about the ongoing strike in the UC system for, among other things, a cost of living increase [COLA] demand for grad student employees and TA's.

The Legacy of Ricardo Flores Magón

For the 100th anniversary of the murder by incarceration and hounding of Mexican Revolutionary anarchist communist Ricardo Flores Magón on 21st of November we spoke with Mitchell Cowen Verter, co-author of the 2005 AK Press book, *Dreams of Freedom: A Ricardo Flores Magon Reader*. We talk about RFM's life, ideas and legacy.

Recent B(A)D News Segments

Segments from recent months episodes of Bad News from the A-Radio Network: Frequenz-A with Lölja Nordic a leftist anarchist from the Feminist Anti-War Resistance from St. Petersburg, Russia; An interview by A-Radio Berlin from October with ABC Belarus on the infotour they were conducting at the time; Frequenz-A with someone about the squat opened this fall in Slovenia known as PLAC, the acronym meaning square and standing for Ljubljana Participatory Autonomous Zone.

Defend Kevin "Rashid" Johnson

Updates on the situation of Kevin "Rashid" Johnson of the Revolutionary Intercommunal Black Panther Party by Shupavu wa Kirima, General Secretary of that formation and partner of Rashid as he suffers medical neglect for his developing prostate cancer by Virginia Department of Corrections staff and administration.

Queer Activist Perspectives from Southern Appalachia

This week on the show, we bring you the audio of an activist panel from the recent Queer Conference held online by University of North Carolina, Asheville, in March.

Alive With Resistance: Diasporic Reflections on the Revolt in Myanmar

We discuss the current uprising, repression and revolutionary potentials in Myanmar, the evolution of tactics on the ground as revolutionaries adapt to the murders of protesters by the state, the ways in which this movement is different from similar current movements in Asia and some of the historical context of struggle.

Veronza Bowers, Jr: 47 Years of Justice Denied

Former Black Panther Party member Veronza describes his upbringing, his experiences of racism, his time in prison, his case, his views on the burgeoning War on Terror, and the situation of political prisoners in the US. He was convicted of the death of a US Park Ranger on the word of two prison informants who were paid and received reduced sentences. He continues to assert his innocence and has since been illegally held beyond his release date of June 21, 2005.

An Indian Anarchist on Anti Caste Organizing and More!

An interview with a student, a writer, an anti-caste activist, and an Indian anarchist living in the state of Kerala. Pranav explains how he got into anarchism, how anarchistic praxis unfolds in India, some about the origins of and worldwide implications of the caste system, anti-caste organizing and how anarchism feeds it, and how the BJP and Hindutva have influence on people's lives and destinies.

Max Fox on Chitty's "Sexual Hegemony"

This week, you'll hear Scott's chat with Max Fox, editor of the late Christopher Chitty's book, *Sexual Hegemony: Statecraft, Sodomy and Capital in the Rise of the World System*, published by Duke University Press in 2020. For the hour they spoke on the failures of Gay Liberation, connections between sexual identity, class and the state and how sexuality ties into current liberation movements.

Shane Burley on "Why We Fight"

This week, we present a conversation with Shane Burley, author of the new AK Press book, *Why We Fight: Essays on Fascism, Resistance, and Surviving the Apocalypse*. For the hour, we speak about the contents of the book, anti-fascism, toxic masculinity, pushing racists and fascists out of cultural space, antisemitism (including in the left), conspiricism, right wing publishing and other topics.

Palestine and Challenging Settler Colonial Imaginaries

A portion of our 2018 interview with filmmaker and activist Yousef Natsha about his film about his hometown, Hebron, and the Israeli occupation of Palestine. As well as a panel from the 2021 UNC Queer Studies Conference called "No Blank Slates: A Discussion of Utopia, Queer Identity, and Settler Colonialism."

Colectivo Subversión on Protest in Colombia and Global Battles for Dignity

An interview with a teacher and a popular journalist who works with the anarchist Colombian journalism and counter-information collective in Bogotá called Subversión. Topic range from a historical contextualization of the current moment of protests and riots in Colombia, who are on the front lines of the protests, Indigenous solidarity with anarchist accomplices via the Minga – which is a pre-colonial term for collaboration, meeting or communal action – and more.

IDOC Watch, Leon Benson and Abolitionist Organizing in Indiana

Koby Bluit talks about Leon Benson and his struggle for release after 23 years in prison for a murder charge that he has consistently asserts to have not committed. Then, you'll hear from Landis Reynolds, a founder of IDOC Watch currently held in Westville Correctional Institution and Ray, an outside organizer with IDOC Watch. They talk about their work to start study groups in prison, promote Prison Lives Matter, support jailhouse lawyers and recruit outside lawyers and more.

Making Links: June 11th, Long-term Prisoners, Anti-Repression Work

June 11th is the international day of solidarity with Marius Mason and all long-term anarchist prisoners. We want to explore the connections between long-term prisoner support and anti-repression efforts around recent uprisings, a sharp reminder to us that the difference between a status of imprisoned or not is often tenuous and temporary. With thousands of arrests for protesting, rioting, and property destruction from the George Floyd uprising, we must be preparing for the possibility that more of our friends and other rebels may end up in prison.

Eric Laursen on Anarchist Conceptions of The State

A conversation about the recent book *The Operating System: An Anarchist Theory of the Modern State*. We share Scott's conversation with Eric, theorizing the State as computer operating system, the necessity of social revolution prior to a political revolution, etc.

Cindy Milstein On Mending The World As Jewish Anarchists

Scott and anarchist, author and organizer Cindy Milstein speak. The conversation is framed around the recent book *"There Is Nothing So Whole As A Broken Heart: Mending The World As Jewish Anarchists"*. They speak about walking through the world as queer, non-binary Jewish anarchists, Palestine and Israel, finding increasing healing and ritual among diasporic Jewish anarchist and other communities, antisemitism from the right & the left, argumentation and more.

Free Xinachtli! and Updates from Greece

This week, we're featuring two main portions of the show. You'll hear updates from Greek comrades at free social radio in Thessaloniki and Radiozones Of Subversive Expression, pirate radio in Athens. Both of these were featured on the latest episode of Bad News: Angry Voices from Around The World. Prior to that, you'll hear anarchist prisoner Xinachtli talk about his life and his case.

Propaganda By The Seed (with Aaron Parker and Tim Holland)

A chat with Aaron Parker & Tim Holland (aka MC Sole), who form the *Propaganda By The Seed* podcast. We talk about their project of sharing conversations with various farmers, herbalists, propagators, scavengers, historians and cooks about plants, food autonomy, agriculture mutual aid and a host of other, related topics.

Anti-Coal Struggles in Lutzerath, Germany

An interview about the anti-coal occupation in the village of Lutzerath / Lutzerath (aka the ZAD of Rhineland) against the company RWE. We talk about RWE's push to break resistance at Lutzerath and the currently-calm Hambach Forest.

Islam and Anarchism with Mohamed Abdou

Scott and Mohamed speak about his experience of the Tahrir Square uprising of 2011 and the western media's coverage of it, current unrest in Iran, Orientalism, decolonial education, Islam, Settler Colonialism, anarchism & more.

Feminist Uprising in Iran

A recent interview with Aryanam, a member of the Federation of Anarchism Era, an anarchist grouping based in Iran, Afghanistan and the diaspora to speak about the morality police murder of Zhina or Mahsa Amini and the ongoing revolt against the imposition of the hijab and general cruelty of the Islamic Republic regime.

Too Black on the Case of the Pendleton 2!

For the hour, Too Black talks about the case of the Pendleton 2 (Christopher "Naeem" Trotter and John "Balagoon" Cole), two Black men incarcerated in Indiana who had decades added to their sentences for defending another prisoner from a white supremacist guard officer formation in the Pendleton Prison Uprising.

The First International and the Birth of the Anarchist Movement

Robert Grahams speaks about the split in the historic left that led to the birth of the anarchist movement.

Alabama Prisoner Struggle

A conversation about the strike across the Alabama Dept of Corrections where incarcerated workers refused their unpaid work over 3 weeks.

Alfredo Cospito & 41 Bis

Comrades from Rome, Italy will share the situation of Alfredo Cospito who is now on hunger strike against the conditions in the 41bis hard prison regime.

Stop Camp Grayling!

For the hour, 3 militants involved in an anarchist effort to oppose the doubling expansion of the largest military base on Turtle Island, based in so-called Michigan talk about the ecological, social, economic and other potential impacts of expanding the military industrial complex and this counterinsurgency training ground.

Ongoing Sabotage and Resistance to War in Russia and Ukraine

2 interviews to do with the Russian war in Ukraine: Cheh of Assembly.Org.UA, a journalistic project in Kharkiv, Ukraine near to the Russian border, talks about the war, the publishing project and disaster capitalism in the war zone; members of BOAK, or the Anarchist Communist Combat Organization, talks about their info channel, sabotage from within Russia to military recruitment and the war effort and the chances of social revolutions in eastern Europe.

Abolition in the Philippines with The Dinner Party and family

This week we're sharing an interview that we conducted with anarchists and abolitionists mostly in and around Manila, the capital of the Philippines. You'll hear from K, Honey, Adrienne, Castle, Magsalin and R. During the chat they share about their projects, discussions of abolitionism in the Philippines, decolonization discourse, informal organizing, accountability and challenging patriarchal dynamics in the traditional left and more.

Hil Malatino on Being Trans in this Moment

An interview with Hil Malatino, who is a current professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Philosophy at Penn State University, and the author of three books, *Trans Care*, *Queer Embodiment: Monstrosity, Medical Violence, and Intersex Experience*, and *Side Affects: On Being Trans and Feeling Bad*.

Fighting Back Against Displacement In Greece

An anarchist squatter in the neighborhood of Exarchia talks about repression, struggles against green-washing wind turbines amidst raging fires in rural Greece, resistance to rape culture, fighting against a metro station in Strefi Hill, police at Universities, anarcho-tourism and anarchist prisoner Giannis Michialidas.

Adventure Capitalism with Raymond Craib

Raymond Craib talks about his book, *Adventure Capitalism: A History of Libertarian Exit, from the Era of Decolonization to the Digital Age*, capitalist-fundamentalists working to create free market utopias, settler colonization, right wing "Libertarians", Ayn Rand, neoliberalism and the oxymoronic tendency known as "anarcho-capitalism" at the center of the recent HBO Max series called "The Anarchists".

The Post-Internet Far Right and Ecofascism with 12 Rules for WHAT

Two guests from the *12 Rules for What* podcast about their books *The Post Internet Far Right* and *The Rise of Ecofascism*. We talk about fascism, ecological trends on the far right, Patriotic Alternative, Patriot Front, grifters, the Tories and more.

Free Mutulu Shakur

Watani Tyehimba of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement (a supporter and comrade of New Afrikan political prisoner Dr Mutulu Shakur) speaks about Dr. Shakur's life, activism and the struggle for his release.

Joshua Clover on Riots and Strikes

Scott and Joshua talk about proletarian resistance to the capitalist economy through struggles against circulation of commodities and to fix their prices and struggles against exploitation and to set the price of wages in the workplace, how these methods are not as indistinguishable as we are told and the future of struggle against capitalism and extraction.

Federation of Anarchism Era on Iran and Afghanistan

A member of the Federation of Anarchism Era talks about the election of Ebrahim Raisi to the Iranian presidency, a man who helped to oversee the death committees that executed thousands of political prisoners, as well as about covid in Iran, the election of Biden in the US, the recent release of prisoners, outcomes of the 2019/2020 uprisings as well as viewpoints of members of the FAE in Afghanistan on the Taliban expansion as the US withdraws troops.

Aishah Shahidah Simmons on Love WITH Accountability

Aishah Shahidah Simmons has done just an immense amount of work over the years to disrupt and end the patterns of sexual abuse and assault within marginalized communities. In this interview we talk about her background, how better to think about concepts like accountability, what doing this work has been like for her as an out lesbian woman, and about her book *Love WITH Accountability*.

content notice: we will be talking about some difficult topics in this interview

Asheville's Policing Crisis with Ursula Wren of Asheville Free Press

We spoke with local journalist, activist, abolitionist and anarchist, Ursula Wren of the AvlFree.Press about Asheville's "crisis in policing", a brief blooper roll of Asheville police foibles over the last decade, homeless camp evictions, prior and current efforts to restructure public safety, the reactionary business effort to bolster the police with blue ribbons of support, housing issues and other fare.

Combating Movement Misogyny

William and Scott are presenting an interview with Alice and Doll Parts, two people working toward Disability Justice and Mad Activism (among other things), about the prevalence of movement misogyny in antifascist currents, world building as antifascist and as community defense, ways to rethink harmful patterns in movements, and some things we can do to make each other safer.

Unity And Struggle Through The Bars with Mwalimu Shakur

This week on the show, you'll hear our conversation with Mwalimu Shakur, a politicized, New Afrikan revolutionary prison organizer incarcerated at Corcoran prison in California. Mwalimu has been involved in organizing, including the cessations of hostilities among gangs and participation in hunger strikes against unending solitary confinement when he was at Pelican Bay Prison in 2013, helping to found the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC), Liberation Schools of self-education and continues mentoring younger prisoners.

Sonja on NSU-Watch and Autonomous Anti-Fascist Research

This week on the show, we share an interview with Sonja, an antifascist activist and researcher based in the state of Hessen, Germany, and involved in the network known as NSU-Watch. We talk about the NSU complex case, autonomous antifascist organizing and research, centering the needs of victims of fascist violence, international fascist ties, the Day X conspiracy and the case of Franco A.

“Representing Radicals” Lawyers’ Guide from Tilted Scales

This week, you’ll hear Jay from the Tilted Scales Collective talk about this book, about anti-repression work, and about this book’s attempt to shift the culture of legal representation by intervening with arguments by radical lawyers.

Interpreting Realities: Aligning Fragments Within the Prisoners Resistance Movement

A segment of a series of political discussions focused on building support for Jalihouse Lawyers Speak 2021 National call to action #ShutEmDown2021 along with support for the 2022 National Prisoner’ Strike & Boycott.

Stop The Legal Lynching of Ernest Johnson

The life, media and court situation of Ernest Johnson, his twice overturned death penalty, the links between the lynching of Black people in the US and the current death penalty, intersections of race and class in who are the victims of capital cases, the mishandling of Ernest’s intellectual disability in the case and other topics.

Firearm Safety and Education with Comrade Center

A chat with Comrade Center, a leftist project focused on accessible education around armed self-defense in so-called New Hampshire. We talk about mainstream, reactionary gun culture in the US, the impact of the NRA, the importance and empowerment of education around fire arms & their work to purchase and maintain a space for armed self-defense education.

Stop The Mountain Valley Pipeline

This week, we’ll speak with two longtime activists resisting the MVP’s construction about the pipeline, some of the resistance history, MVP’s attempt in federal court to intimidate and identify folks who run the campaign’s social media accounts’ called and how to get involved in the struggle to fight climate change.

Belarusian Uprising Revisited

This week we spoke with Vasili and Maria, two Belarusian anarchists living abroad about the aftermath of the 2020 Uprising in their country of birth, lessons learned, the current political prisoners and the Lukashenko regime’s attempts to attack dissidents abroad.

The Untold Story of Chumbawamba with Dunstan Bruce

We touch on the band’s history, their relations to social justice movements around the world and how they used their fame and money to give back, Dunstan’s recently finished documentary and his accompanying one man show “Am I Invisible Yet?”, aging and the battle for relevance, staying involved in politics and more.

The History of Black Bloc

A 2013 interview from A-Radio Berlin with a participant in the autonomous anti-capitalist movement in Germany in the latter half of the 20th century known as Autonomen. The guest speaks about the context of anonymous street actions during May Day of 1987 and about the tactic that became known as Black Bloc.

Anti-Repression, Supporting Uprising and Anarchist Prisoners

Chazz speaks about UprisingSupport.org which shares the names and cases of people criminalized in relation to the George Floyd Uprising of 2020 across the so-called USA, as well as the importance of growing a culture of anti-repression and resistance. Then, some June 11th statements by incarcerated anarchists.

Support Jessica Reznicek and Navigating Conflict in Movement

An interview about Jessica’s political activity, sabotage of the Dakota Access Pipeline and 8 year prison sentence with terrorism enhancement. Then an interview about navigating conflict in struggle.

Rojava Again Under Threat of Turkish Invasion

Members of the Emergency Committee for Rojava talk about the escalation of violence and threats of invasion by Turkey into northeast Syria, updates from the region and their thoughts on how people in the West can help folks living under the Autonomous Administration of North East Syria.

Stop Cop City

Tony Lane of Defend Atlanta Forest talks about the ongoing organizing to stop the destruction of dozens of acres in this forest, ongoing info-tours around the country and upcoming week of action from July 23-30th, 2022.

David Campbell on Antifascist Prisoners

Formerly incarcerated antifascist prisoner, David Campbell, about his experience of incarceration for participation a street melee against fascists in January 2018 in New York City and about the importance of prisoner support and the upcoming annual International Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners on July 25th.

Abortion, Family, Queerness and Private Property with Sophie Lewis

This week, Scott and William talk to Sophie Lewis, author of *Full Surrogacy Now: Feminism Against Family* and the soon-to-be-released *Abolish The Family A Manifest for Care and Liberation* about the current political moment that is characterized by attacks on trans people and peoples reproductive abilities.

2 Radical Ukrainian Voices

Maria of Anarchist Black Cross Kyiv speaks about efforts against the Russian invasion of Ukraine, followed by Mari, a punk rocker currently in Lviv who is supporting leftists in the territorial defense.

The Interregnum: Roundtable with Vicky Osterweil

An informal round table discussion talking about *The Interregnum: The George Floyd Uprising, the coronavirus pandemic, and the emerging social revolution*. This article points to the many ways the George Floyd uprising, the covid 19 pandemic, the rise of anti-work, and what the article calls the Great Refusal (a pivot from the 'Great Resignation' nomenclature) have all created the conditions for a possible broadscale social revolution.

Strategies For Ecological Revolution From Below with Peter Gelderloos

A conversation with Peter Gelderloos about his latest book, *The Solutions Are Already Here: Strategies For Ecological Revolution From Below*. We speak about critiques of science and Western Civilization that Peter levels, as well as the centrality of struggling on the ground we stand on, creating autonomous infrastructure, resisting colonial extractivism and the need for imagination and care as we tear down this ecocidal system.

Earthbound Farmers Almanac and Food Autonomy in Bulbancha

We're joined this week by some of the folks behind the Earthbound Farmer's Almanac, a self-published annual collection of art, comics, facts, articles and incitements to challenge us to thicken our relationship to the land and grow autonomy against state, colonialism and capitalism. We also talk about food forests and building neighborly resilience with Lobelia Commons.

Prisoner Solidarity, COVID, and Carcerality with IWOC

An interview with two members of IWOC (the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee), one from the New Mexico chapter active in the southwest of the so-called USA & another in the Sacramento chapter which works with folks around so-called California.

Liaizon Wakest on Autonomous Social Media and the Fediverse

This week, we spoke with Liaizon Wakest about the interoperable, open source ensemble of federated online publishing servers and platforms known as the Fediverse and its most popular component, Mastodon.

Mutual Aid Under Attack: a conversation with the AVL Park Defendants

Three defendants (out of a group of 15) facing felony littering charges in connection with a demonstration against a targeted camp sweep in a local park adjacent to the downtown district speak. We talk about police mistreatment of houseless people generally, camp sweeps, the nationwide crackdown on mutual aid.

"For Trans Liberation, Capitalism Must Be Abolished"

A chat that Scott Branson had about *Transgender Marxism* with Jules Gleeson and M.E. O'Brien about the collective, material process of transition, trans visibility, assimilation & liberation; the history of Gay Liberation and Trans movements; being Trans in the workplace; care work and family abolition; and more.

Fat Liberation for Revolutionary Leftists with Autumn

Autumn (she/her/hers) speaks on Fat Liberation in all its many nuances: the pervasive, classist, racist, and colonial nature of fatphobia both in mainstream society and left spaces/thought, and the roots of Fat Liberation as a structure which originates and lives with Black, Indigenous, and brown, trans and disabled people.

Support Ryan Roberts and #KillTheBill Bristol defendants!

Tom and Nicole of Bristol Anarchist Black Cross talk about the #KillTheBill, police violence in the UK, anti-repression work of Bristol ABC & Bristol Defendant Solidarity, the legacy of former Bristol resident Anna Campbell, the cases of the Colston 4 & Toby Shone, prison expansion in the UK and more.

Asheville Survival Program

Asheville Survival Program is an autonomous mutual aid network formed at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. They are building mutual aid with oppressed communities, promoting solidarity and sharing outside the bounds of State structure through their streetside camping gear, food and solidarity distro and their "Until We're All Free" Store, holding a distribution space open a few days and more.

The Russian Political Landscape and Anarchist Prisoners

Author and journalist Dmitry Okrest spoke about the state of anarchist and anti-fascist movements in Russia, the politics of Putin's United Russia party, nazis and the far right in Russia and successes of the Communist Party in electoral politics. Then, Moscow Anarchist Black Cross member-in-exile, Antii Rautiainen, adds some more detail on repression of anarchists and antifascists in Russian prisons.

Mèo Mun, Anarchist Views from Vietnam

Mèo Mun is an anarchist collective working to make anarchist materials and ideas more accessible to a Vietnamese audience, together with providing an analysis of social struggles from a Vietnamese anarchist lens.

Eric Stanley on Structuring Antagonism & the Trans/Queer Ungovernable

This week, Scott spoke with Eric A Stanley about their new book, *Atmospheres of Violence: Structuring Antagonism and the Trans/Queer Ungovernable*.

Grief, Storytelling & Ritual in Liberation Struggle w/ adrienne maree brown

A conversation with adrienne maree brown about their recent novella, *Grievors*, the first of a trilogy published by AK Press. We dig into the book which is set in Detroit where a new illness that seems to only effect Black people. We talk also

about the role of speculative fiction in liberation movements, spirituality, ritual and grief in our organizing and holding space for inter-generational struggle.

The Perils of Prison Mail Digitization

Leigh from prison books collective in Durham, North Carolina, tells us about recent privatization of prison mail in NC by TextBehind to scan all mail, track their contents, surveil the outside supporters, the work of sending literature, to incarcerated folks privatization and digitization of other services, and what literature gets rejected.

Ecological Uprising, Antifascism & Anarchist Organizing in Serbia

We speak with Marko about those Ecological Uprising protests of December 2021 in Serbia, the western NGO influences, labor and solidarity organizing with the Anarcho-Syndicalist Initiative of IWA-AIT, challenges faced by leftist anti-authoritarian organizers in former Yugoslavia. He also speaks about his experience of the covid pandemic, anti-vaxers and the far right in general around Serbia and more.

Housing Struggles in Asheville

A conversation with folks involved in the Aston Par453ghfk Build, a daily event to hold space in Asheville, and a wider part of organizing here to demand safer space & redistribution of wealth to care for houseless folks and relieve the incredible strains on housing affordability in Asheville. We talk about the park actions, the housing crisis and service industry wage woes, local government coddling of business owners and police repression of folks on the margins.

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William C. Anderson on The Nation on No Map

Scott with William C. Anderson about his new book *The Nation on No Map: Black Anarchism and Abolition*. In this interview they speak on the book and its many facets, and Black anarchism more broadly, some of the failures of euro-centric and white anarchism, and many, many more topics.

The Battle for Abortion and Reproductive Autonomy with Bay Ostrach

Bayla Ostrach speaks about the battle for abortion and reproductive autonomy in the so-called US, studies of the same in Catalunya, the challenges faced by independent clinics against the business model of clinic chains like Planned Parenthood, legal and material pressure and attacks by anti-abortion extremists and stigma-free abortion and reproductive care more broadly.

Exile, World-Systems Analysis and Anarchism with Andrej Grubačić

Andrej Grubačić talks about anarchism, the Yugoslav experiment, exile, World-Systems Analysis, Rojava, his friend David Graeber and other topics.

Anarchist Struggle in Rojava

Robin Goldman, member of anarchist combat medic collective Anarchist Struggle talks about their experiences of asymmetric warfare waged by Turkey and its proxies in the TFSA, the culture of TA right now, study and critique, the medical work they're doing, queerness in Rojava and other topics.

Anarchists in Ukraine Against War

Ilya, a Russian anarchist in Kyiv speaks about the relationship between Russia and Ukraine, the Maidan uprising and war in the Donbass, resistance to the current invasion & the Putin regime, conspiracy theories about Ukraine promoted by Russia/Russian-aligned media outlets, critiques of the Ukrainian state, and anarchists choosing their own path of self-defense and revolutionary mutual aid.

Tom Nomad on Conspiracism

Tom Nomad is an organizer based in the Rust Belt and author speak about conspiracy theories and real conspiracies, strategies of tension, the use of extremist actors to set conditions of concentrating power un-democratically and challenging conspiratorial thought patterns.

Monarchy in the UK

Jon Bigger talks about the status of the monarchy in the UK, the power it wields, the interventions it makes into parliamentary procedure and where we might see hopes of challenging it from an anarchist approach. Jon is an anarchist who is involved with the Anarchism Research Group, writes a column on UK politics at Freedom News and has been involved in the project Class War.

A Russian Anarchist on the Ukraine War

A Russian anarchist in Europe speaks about the invasion of Ukraine, a bit about the resistance inside of Russia to the war drums & the Putin regime, the dangers of a nuclear conflict, the impacts of increased sanctions & anarchists organizing across the borders of Russia, Ukraine and Belarus against the war and tyranny.

Updates from Afghanistan and Iran

We're joined again by Aryanum, a member of the Federation of Anarchism Era, mostly made up of anarchists from Iran and Afghanistan. We get updates about the situation of anarchists, atheists and feminists in Afghanistan under the Taliban or in an effort to escape as refugees, but we also get a few updates from Iran as well, including the regime's founding of a national anarchist group.

Merced Prisoner Hunger Strikes & Eric King Trial Ends

A chat with California-based activist Victoria from Merced Under Construction, who talks to us about the prisoner hunger strikes at Merced County Jail and John Latorraca Center. 40+ prisoners engaged in hunger strike for 17 days, fighting for issues like protesting mold, little food, lack of visitation and other issues. The hunger strike ended March 28th, despite the disrespect of the jail administration.