

THE
**Final
Straw**

A WEEKLY ANARCHIST SHOW



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CATALOG OF TRANSCRIBED RADIO EPISODES,
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Sophie Lewis on Abolishing the Family

Scott spoke to Sophie Lewis, author of *Abolish The Family: A Manifesto of Care and Liberation*, about her new pamphlet, *Child / Youth Liberation*, feminism, care under capitalism and alternative care structures outside of the capitalist family model.

Asheville Water Crisis and New Years Eve Bail Out

This week on the show, we're sharing two local conversations with community organizers providing mutual aid in Asheville, NC. First Beck of Pansy Collective, talks about the 2022 New Years Eve noise demonstration and bailout. Then M of Asheville For Justice, Moira and Elliot of Asheville Survival Program talk about the recent water crisis around New Years 2022, water distribution and repression of mutual aid.

Rhiannon Firth on Disaster, Mutual Aid and Anarchism

We're happy to share Scott's interview with Rhiannon Firth about her recent book, *Disaster Anarchy: Mutual Aid and Radical Action*, anarchism, mutual aid after Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy and during the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, charity and what comes next.

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Remembering Tortuguita + Resistance in Lützerath and Against Tren Maya

This week on The Final Straw, we feature 3 segments: words from a friend of Manuel “Tortuguita” Teran, the forest defender killed by law enforcement outside of Atlanta, Georgia; A-Radio Berlin’s conversation with an activist at Lutzerath in western Germany attempting to block a lignite coal extraction operation by RWE; a discussion of the Tren Maya megaproject by the AMLO administration in Mexico.

Libertarian Syndicalism with Tom Wetzel

Tom Wetzel shares his book *Overcoming Capitalism: Strategy for the Working Class in the 21st Century*. For the hour we talk about the book, questions of economics and self-management, the ecological feasibility of Tom’s Libertarian Socialist model, recent labor struggles and other subjects. We hope you enjoy and suggest giving the book a read if this conversation tickles your fancy.

Maia Ramnath on Resisting Hindutva

Maia Ramnath speaks about her essay entitled *The Other Aryan Supremacy: Fighting Hindu Fascism in the South Asia Diaspora*, the organizations supporting Hindutva and resisting it in India and the Desi diaspora.

A True(r) Measure of Renewable Energy with Dr. Alexander Dunlap

We spoke with Dr. Alexander Dunlap about a range of topics, such as Degrowth, green anarchism, the violence of extractivism and enforcement, academia, questions of the conception of renewable energy and resistance to ecocide.

Open Source, DIY Medicine with Four Thieves Vinegar

An interview with Mixael Laufer of the 4 Thieves Vinegar Collective about the the group, building scientific competency, biohacking, authority, intellectual property, abortion, insulin, hormone replacement therapy, finding other applications for existing drugs, long covid and more.

Felony Littering Trials Under Way in Asheville

A chat with Pip, a defendant in, and Grace, a supporter of, the Aston Park Defendants /Sanctuary Camping case which led to the arrest of 16 people, including 2 journalists for the Asheville Blade, many facing various charges of felony littering and conspiracy to felony litter. Trials begin April 10, 2023.

Feminist Anti-War Resistance to the Russian Invasion

An interview with an anarchist and eco-feminist from Russia who has temporary relocated to Europe after facing political repressions. Leo is a co-organizer with the Feminist Anti-War Resistance movement, a network of activists in and outside of Russia involved in struggling against the war in Ukraine and the Putin regime.

Views On Recent French Protests

We talk about the recent protests and riots in France concerning reforms to the pension system that would push back the age of retirement, the legal manipula-

tion to get it passed, the composition of the demos, the recent ecological demonstrations repressed in Sainte-Soline, police violence more widely, Darmanin's upcoming immigration and asylum law, antifascists in Lyon, work & austerity.

Anarchist Filmmaking with The Elements of Mutual Aid

A chat with directors of the upcoming docu-series *The Elements of Mutual Aid*. For the hour, we talk about the series, their concepts of mutual aid, the process of radically respectful and consensual film making and some of their inspirations.

South Florida Anti-Repression Committee

A chat with the South Florida Anti-Repression Committee doing solidarity for 4 queer activists facing up to 12 years in prison on charges related to graffiti at a Pregnancy Crisis Center. They talk about the arrests, the defendants and the rising tide of gender fascism & war on bodily autonomy in Florida and the country.

"It Did Happen Here" with Mic Crenshaw and Moe Bowstern

An interview with 2 contributors to *It Did Happen Here*, an amazing history of anti-racist organizing in the late 1980's through the mid 1990's in Portland, Oregon, and with ripples across the so-called USA & beyond.

Trans Resilience in Texas

We speak about the increasing legal and social oppression of trans and gender non-conforming folks in TX as well as across the so-called USA, some of its impacts on trans children and children of trans parents, organizing, allyship & community defense. This episode will be available to the wider public in coming weeks.

Femboys Against Fascism on Liverpool Anti-Immigrant Riots

Femboys Against Fascism is a group based in Liverpool countering anti-migrant protests. The far right have been trying to displace refugees being housed in hotels in and around Liverpool. The Femboys have been at the forefront of making it known that migrants are welcome. We talk about confrontations, the response of locals & the police, & the role trans people have played in facing off with the fash.

Mutual Aid At The Border in Tijuana with El Comedor

A chat with an anarchist involved in Contra Viento y Marea Comedor about the migrant caravan in 2018 that gave rise to the self-organized work around the project & resisting the dehumanization of the border through solidarity and community.

June 11th and Long Term Prisoner Support

Aa chat with Chazz, an anarchist participating in continued support of prisoners from the George Floyd Uprising. You can find more on some of these prisoners at UprisingSupport.Org & info for other political prisoners at PrisonerSolidarity.Com.

Comics, Collage and Anti-Copaganda with Johnny Damm

Ian talks to cartoonist and educator Johnny Damm about his two recent releases.

They discuss the collage technique he uses, how his work dovetails with the larger work of abolition, & the role of propaganda in movement-making.

Mediterranean Passages with Maldusa

An interview with Jasmine, an anthropologist and activist involved in the migrant solidarity and freedom of movement cultural organization called Maldusa which is based in some of the southern most reaches of Italy in Palermo, Sicily, and the island of Lampedusa and in the Mediterranean Sea.

A History of Anti-Racist Action with Shannon Clay

Here's our interview with Shannon Clay, co-author of *We Go Where They Go: The Story of Anti-Racist Action* as we walk through the book, covering some of the history of the network, how it evolved, challenges it faced, and invitations to discuss current day anti-fascist and anti-racist organizing on Turtle Island.

Mid MO Trans Folks on Living Under Emergency

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Updates On The Struggle To Stop Cop City + The Balkan Anarchist Bookfair

Recent developments with the struggle against Cop City, the building of a giant police training facility for urban counter insurgency training in Atlanta, Georgia. We talk about development of the project and organizing against it, the situation for 41 people facing domestic terrorism charges, the raid & charges against the Atlanta Solidarity bail fund & the vote by city council to move forward with funding.

Continuing Struggle Against The Mountain Valley Pipeline

A conversation with two comrades involved in the struggle against the Mountain Valley Pipeline, a 304 mile, 41 inch in diameter liquified so-called natural gas pipeline with a possible 75 mile extension crossing many delicate waterways, slopes and communities across Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina.

On The Work of Sex Work with Matilda Bickers

We're happy to share our recent chat with Matilda Bickers, co-editor and contributor to the recent collection *Working It: Sex Workers on the Work of Sex*. We talk about labor organizing in the erotic industries, Matilda's past experiences in publishing, hangups around sex work in radical communities and related topics.

Zapatistas Facing Increasing Attacks

A short interview by Crna Luknja with a member of a media collective on the current situation of the Zapatistas, including a recent paramilitary attack and increase of violence in Chiapas and recent silence of the EZLN.

Co-Envisioning Worlds in Penumbra City

Ian's interview with members of Strangers In a Tangled Wilderness, a collectively run publisher of radical podcasts, fiction, zines, games, and much more. We discuss the fundraiser the group launched to fund their tabletop RPG, Penumbra City, their history with games and each other, world building, the value of goal-free play, and how it might be applied to projects and organizing.

Revolutionary Arts with Signal Journal

The co-editors of Signal speak about the recently published eighth volume of the *Journal of International Political Graphics and Culture*. They discuss their motivations and experiences producing Signal for over a decade, designing print media in the digital age, and their work as part of Justseeds Artists' Cooperative, long-running, geographically dispersed artist collective dedicated to the production of radical art for grassroots movements.

Abolition with Mwalimu Shakur

Most of a conversation with imprisoned New Afrikan revolutionary socialist, Mwalimu Shakur currently incarcerated in Corcoran Prison in CA, about abolition, political education and the hunger strikes of 2013 in which he participated.

2023 International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners

Fern from the International Anarchist Defense Fund (AFund.Info) talks about the International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners from August 23-30th, taking place wherever you make it happen. You can find the call-out, materials, supported prisoners, some anti-repression groups involved and info on past actions and events at <https://Solidarity.International>.

The Political Legacy of Lyndon LaRouche (w/ Matthew N Lyons)

Matthew talks about the network of organizations and publications of the LaRouche (cultic leftist turned fascist US political figure) movement, some of their approaches toward peeling adherents from the left and controlling followers, antisemitic conspiracy theories he innovated and ripples of LaRouche around today.

Constitutional Sheriffs (with Jessica Pishko)

Jessica Pishkos speaks about the upcoming, September 9th Constitutional Sheriff & Peace Officers Association gathering in Cherokee, North Carolina. Jessica talks about the office of Sheriff in the US, the CSPOA and Constitutional Sheriff movement, their ties to militia or other far-right wing and white nationalist formations.

Reflections on 2023 Turkish Elections, Post-Earthquake Bakur & the Kurdish Movement

For 2 hours the guests speak about the political violence from Erdogan's ruling AKP, suppression of the Kurdish movement, electoral strategies, democratic confederalism, political prisoners and the F-Type prisons in Turkey, the earthquakes from earlier in the year, widespread corruption and other topics.

Diane Stevens of Jane Collective (ACABookfair 2023)

A presentation by Diane Stevens, a member of the Jane Collective in Chicago in the 1960's. This presentation was recorded at the 2023 Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair in so-called Asheville, NC.

Oral Histories of Political Prisoners

Josh Davidson from the *Certain Days: Freedom For Political Prisoners Calendar* talks about the upcoming book that he co-edited with political prisoner Eric King entitled *RATTLING THE CAGES: Oral Histories of North American Political Prisoners*.

Stop Cop City Movement RICO Indictments (with Matt Scott of ACPC)

An interview with Matt Scott of the Atlanta Community Press Collective update us on the movement to Stop Cop City in light of the recent indictment of 61 people on Racketeering charges by the state of Georgia at the end of August and the legal shenanigans of the city to block a public referendum on the police training center that would destroy the south Atlanta forest and river.

Anarchists at War: Critical analysis of solidarity in context of war in Ukraine

A presentation by anarchists from Ukraine and Belarus, alongside a question and answer portion with the audience. This panel features presentations by Masha (Belarus), an anarchist in Warsaw, Nastya is a member of Solidarity Zone (not speaking on behalf of that group), Mira from Anarchist Black Cross Kyiv and Solidarity Collectives and Boris of Belarus Anarchist Black Cross.

#ComicsBrokeMe and The Labor of Comics (with Shea Hennem)

Shea speaks about their article on #comicsbroke, in which workers in the comics industry shared their stories of tight deadlines, unreasonable workloads, and low pay following the death of cartoonist Ian McGinty. They discuss efforts to organize within the industry as well as ways for comic book readers to offer support.

December 8th Affair Trial in France is Under Way

This release features the words of anarchists involved in or doing support for the December 8th Affair in France, in which 9 people were arrested at the end of 2020. The French state is asserting, based on some pretty flimsy arguments, that 7 radical and anarchist folks were a part of a conspiracy to engage in terrorism based on their common connection to an activist recently returned from the supporting the YPG's fight against Daesh or ISIS in Rojava.

The Role of Anarchist Radio

Members of the A-Radio Network recorded a panel discussion on Saturday, July 22nd 2023 at the International Anarchist Gathering at St-Imier, Jura, Switzerland spoke on the history and role of radio in anarchist and anti-authoritarian resistance, mostly in Europe but also currently in South America and in support of the Mapuche struggle in Wallmapu within the territories of so-called Chile.

Against Genocide: A Palestinian Solidarity Panel

We're excited to share a panel discussion recorded at Firestorm Books entitled *Against Genocide: A Palestinian Solidarity Panel*, recorded on Sunday, October 22nd 2023. From the event description: "*With the "iron-clad" support of the United States and other Western powers, Israel has made explicit its plan for the systematic destruction of Gaza and the Palestinian people. At this event, participants—including Palestinian and Jewish activists—will discuss the history of the occupation and the present campaign of dehumanization that's paving the way to genocide. We'll also explore the radical solidarities that are necessary to stop the assault on Gaza and secure a just peace.*"

Armenian Anarcha-feminist on Genocide in Nagorno-Karabakh

An interview with Sona, an anarcha-feminist from Yerevan, Armenia, about her experience of anarchism and some of the solidarity efforts related to supporting Armenians expelled from Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian enclave within the borders of the neighboring country of Azerbaijan.

Updates on Rojava Revolution (with ECR)

An interview with 3 activists involved in the Emergency Committee for Rojava about recent developments, escalation of violence from the Turkish state and the Kurdish Regional Government in Iraq, their recent visits to the region, updates on the US relationship to regimes in the region and other topics. As well as discussion on the economic, ecological and gender parity elements of the Rojava revolution.

Imagination and Solar Punk (with Elia Ayoub)

This week we're sharing a recent interview with Elia Ayoub, host of The Fire These Times podcast to talk a bit about #solarpunk. Elia was on the show with Leila Al-Shami some years ago to speak about revolution and civil war in Syria, uprisings in Lebanon and Iraq.

Mr. Block's Past and Legacy (with Sean Carleton and Iain McIntyre)

Sean Carleton of Graphic History Collective and Labor historian and activist Iain McIntyre talk about the recent release of *Mr. Block: The Subversive Comics and Writings of Ernest Riebe* by PM Press. After some background on their respective projects, they talk about the legacy of the IWW cartoonist, the origins and process of putting the book together, and what aspects of his work are still relevant today. Here's a hint: just about all of them are.

Thomas Meyer-Falk is Free!

Thomas Meyer-Falk is an anarchist who just finished a 27 year prison stint in Germany. We spoke about his life, his incarceration and his hopes now that he's out. Thomas was involved in a bank robbery in 1996 as a young RASH anarchist skinhead who hoped to fund above ground and underground leftist organizing, became a jailhouse lawyer of sorts and built connections with publishing projects, support groups and a radio station on the outside.

Direct Democracy Throughout Human History

A presentation by Dr. Modibo Kadalie recorded at the 2023 Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair in so-called Asheville. Modibo is joined by his friend Andrew Zonneveld of On Our Own Authority Books and they share a new bookstore and community space in Stone Mountain, Georgia, known as Community Books

Reflections of a Jewish Anti-Zionist from Palestine

The voice of a Jewish anti-Zionist anarchist living in lands occupied by the Israeli state. We speak about some of his experiences of trying to resist the ongoing war against Palestinians, collaboration with Palestinian comrades against the occupation, the silencing of dissent during the escalation by the Israeli state and more.

Ongoing Resistance to the Mountain Valley Pipeline

We checked in with the struggle to block the Mountain Valley Pipeline, a 303 mile so-called natural gas pipeline proposed to bring fracked gas from the Marcellus and Utica shale formations across parts of West Virginia and Virginia, with an extension into North Carolina.

Stop Cop City RICO Updates 01

A discussion on the pre-trial hearings and jury selection for Stop Cop City movement's first so far to be granted a speedy trial. We're joined by an on-the-ground correspondent among many in Atlanta focused on supporting the collective defense against the State of Georgia's RICO indictment.

Cypher Human Rights Comics with Adam Shapiro

Ian spoke with Co-editor of *We Are Many*, a comics anthology. The book pairs artists and activists to create narratives around the defense of women and sex workers around the globe. The conversation touches on the process of matching local artists with the activists, notions of human rights defense as it relates to autonomous, self-directed struggle. They speak about the strengths and limitations of NGO-led initiatives, and the effects of emergent disasters on organizing initiatives.

Eric King and Josh Davidson

This week on the show, you'll hear part of our conversation with Eric King and Josh Davidson. Josh has been on a few times to talk about collaborative inside-outside projects he works on such as the Certain Days calendar, the greeting cards he helped make of Indigenous political prisoner Oso Blanco's artwork to benefit Zapatista schools, and the *Rattling The Cages* book co-edited with Eric King.

Sara and Josh On Certain Days Calendar

Longtime anarchist anti-prison activists Sara Falconer and Josh Davidson, organizers from the Certain Days Collective, talk on this year's calendar, the creative and administrative processes involved in producing one of the most consistent projects in the abolition space, some updates on the incarcerated comrades they support and other topics.

2024***Elia Ayoub on the War in Palestine***

Elia Ayoub of The Fire These Times podcast speaks about the Israeli war on Palestinians, US policies in the SWANA region and the possibilities of war expanding to neighboring states, conspiracy thinking in the early days of these massacres, European state approaches to massacres in the Occupied Territories and more.

Kazi Toure of Boston Jericho on Prisoner Support

Kazi Toure is a former political prisoner from the Ohio 7 case and founding member of the Boston chapter of The National Jericho Movement. For the hour, Kazi and I talk about the history of Jericho Movement, supporting political prisoners and support for post-release and aging prisoners.

Anti-Militarist and Feminist Resistance in Azerbaijan

Lala, an anarchafeminist in the Azerbaijani group Feminist Peace Collective, explains about the recent war against ethnic Armenians from Nagorno-Karabakh, about the Aliyev regime and patriotic elements in Azerbaijan's reaction against anti-militarist voices, conspiracy theories and real critiques of non-profit NGO's versus grassroots lgbtq+ and feminist organizing, and other topics.

Sean Swain's 10 Year Radio Anniversary

Sean Swain comes on to speak about the last 10 years of his life, his struggle against the impunity of petty tyrants in the Ohio Department of Retribution and Corruption and what he's working on next, including a run at US President and a series of suits from which he hopes to win his release.

Military Refuser in Israel

Then, Yuval Dag, an Israeli anarchist member of Mesarvot recently imprisoned for publicly refusing conscription, talks about draft refusal, opposing the war on Palestinians and the occupation and undoing Zionist ideology.

Hunger Strike at Red Onion

An interview with General Secretary of the Revolutionary Intercommunal Black Panther Party, comes on to talk to us about the ongoing hunger strike among prisoners at Red Onion State Prison in Virginia protesting the abuse of solitary confinement and the medical status of hunger striker Kevin "Rashid" Johnson.

Mohammad Hureini of Youth of Sumud

Mohammad is a member of a non-violent group called Youth of Sumud that struggles to hold on to the sites and lives of Palestinian villages despite displacement by the Israeli military occupation as well as the illegal Zionist settlements (like the neighboring Havat Ma'on) and their routine violence and impunity.

Russian Anti-War Saboteur Ruslan Siddiqui

Solidarity Zone that legal, media and other support to people facing charges for anti-war direct actions inside of Russia. They speak about their work and the case of Ruslan Siddiqui, an anarchist who does not deny railway sabotage against the Russian war efforts in Ukraine currently facing prison time for his activities.

US Antifascist Prisoner Free Alex Stokes

An interview with supporters of Jewish independent journalist, artist and anti-fascist leftist, Alex Stokes Contompasis, currently serving a 20 year sentence for defending himself and 3 other community members attacked by Proud Boys and Oath Keepers at the New York state capital on January 6th, 2021.

Extremism, Fascist Voids and Antifascist Hope with Joan Braune

An interview with the author of *Understanding and Countering Fascist Movements: From Void to Hope*. We talk about understanding fascism and fascists, motivations and deterrents, the framework of “deradicalization”, the role of former fascists in education around fascism and the importance of fostering antifascist movements.

Andrew Lee on Defying Displacement

The author of *Defying Displacement: Urban Recomposition and Social War*, speaks about gentrification, speculation/financialization of houses, the destruction of communities by racial capitalism and the state, and methods used to fight back.

Harm Reduction in West Virginia

Project Mayday discusses harm reduction strategies, the political framework of their approach to mutual aid, co-existing in the public health and non-profit space and the effects of drug policy & pharmaceutical marketing.

Updates on Resistance to the Mountain Valley Pipeline

We spoke to an activist recently arrested for locking down to a drill threatening to move the Mountain Valley Pipeline through Peters Mountain at Jefferson National Forest. We talked about the recent days of solidarity, direct actions against the MVP, repression of activists and related topics.

Imprisoned Anarchist Toby Shone

We’re sharing text from anarchist prisoner in the UK, Toby Shone. Toby was arrested in November of 2020 after a car chase and during 5 simultaneous raids on residences in the Forest of Dean outside of Bristol.

Updates from Argentinian Antifascist

An interview with Nicholas of Buenos Aires to catch up on what’s been happening since the presidential election of libertarian capitalist Javier Milei. Milei’s presidential campaign was highlighted by his claims to subvert the status quo of Peronism – a socially liberal form of democracy with decades of complicated contexts in the 20th century. He’s claimed to be an “anarcho-capitalist,” although his poli-

cies since election have been nothing short of classic neoliberalism: cuts to social welfare, hamstringing of labor union's rights to strike and picket, and doing away with common regulations of capital.

Countering Surveillance with NoTrace.How

Aster, a European anarchist involved in the counter-surveillance and anti-repression project known as the No Trace Project which works to share information about known methods and cases of state surveillance. The project does this in order to improve and expand our collective knowledge, tools and abilities at evading state crackdowns as we organize and act. This interview was conducted via encrypted messages and Aster's portion is being read by an unrelated volunteer.

Tyumen Case in Russia

A segment updating listeners on the conspiracy case against six anarchists and antifascists in Russia known as the Tyumen case (for where it initiated). The six anarchists, some of whom barely knew each other, were tortured into confessions of conspiracy to further anarchist ideology and damage the Russian war machine

A conversation with Hani Almadhoun

Hani Almadhoun speaks about conditions generally and for his family specifically in Gaza as well as the soup kitchen that his brother founded in north Gaza.

Xinachtli Speaks From A Texas Dungeon

An interview with Xinachtli (state name of Alvaro Luna Hernandez), an anarcho-communist Chicano political prisoner held in the McConnell Unit of the Texas prison system. He spoke to us about his views on the white supremacist, colonial system of the so-called USA, the legacy of genocide of indigenous peoples in the southwest of Turtle Island, his jailhouse lawyering and his upcoming parole bid.

James "Jay" Ward On Incarceration And His Struggle To Be Free

You'll hear from James "Jay" Ward, a long-time abolitionist who has been incarcerated in Ohio for over half his life, since he was 15. He participated in the national prison strike of 2018, various hunger strikes, and other movements against the abuse and mistreatment of incarcerated people.

Heart of the Valley Anti-Capitalist Bookfair

A chat with organizers of the 2024 Heart of the Valley Anticapitalist Bookfair which ran its first iteration in Corvallis, Oregon from January 19-21st.

Jeremy White on the "San Diego Antifa" Case

Jeremy White, film-maker, activist, and street medic facing prison time in what has been dubbed the "San Diego Antifa" case talks about what happened in 2021 at the Stop The Steal rally, how the police interacted with members of American Guard and Proud Boys as they assaulted passers by, the conspiracy-theory driven DA and where the case was before it resumed after we recorded this chat.

Feather River Action! on Forest Fires and Clearcuts

Josh Hart of Feather River Action! in Plumas county joined us to speak about US Forest Service plans for an emergency thinning of forests in this north east part of so-called California, motivations and alternative proposals of activists, scientists and community members and the upcoming Lost Sierra Forest-Climate Action Camp.

Bulldoze SCI Rockview: Abolition, Prisoner Support, and Resistance to Genocide in PA-DOC

SCI Rockview is a prison in central Pennsylvania where incarcerated comrades have been facing repression for demanding justice in the face of impunity by racist COs and following a year of prisoner deaths due to institutional toxicity and guard violence. We speak to an outside supporter about the situation at Rockview, the reactions of administration, inside/outside relationships and solidarity.

Crime, Corruption, and Community Based Liberation in the U.S./Mexico Neoliberal Military Political Economy

Simón Sedillo talks a little about his early days in media near the start of the Indy-media world, his documentary that became the news website *El Enemigo Común* which covered grassroots, indigenous led movements in southern so-called Mexico, and about his book with a focus on intervention and integration from capitalist and military powers in the US, multinational banking and big pharma and the violence against and resilience of indigenous communities under that nation-state.

Mac Marquis on “Books Through Bars: Stories from the Prison Books Movement”

This week, you'll hear our chat with David “Mac” Marquis, one of the editors and contributors to the recently published new book *Books Through Bars: Stories From The Prison Books Movement* out from University of Georgia Press. We talk about prison books projects, what they say about conditions inside, some of the value of this inside-outside organizing and what you can expect to find in the book.

Bernard Jemison on Conditions and Resistance in AL Prisons

Bernard Jemison, an incarcerated activist held in Holman prison in Alabama talks about conditions inside the ADOC recent calls for prisoner strikes in the state by the Free Alabama Movement and their outside supporters, as well as his views on the demands being made.

Don Bosco Park Defense in Bologna

An interview submitted by comrades in Italy about the struggle against the cementization of the city of Bologna and the defense of Don Bosco park from the expansion of a university, highways... the whole urban landscape without the input of the residents so the city can move a school rather than renovate it.

“Clean For Who? Safe For Who?”: Asheville Business Improvement District

Three local activists to talk about the proposed Asheville Business Improvement District, a model of service provision using public funding to increase policing in downtown by an un-elected and unaccountable body of largely business and property owners.

Asheville’s Southside Community Farm

Southside Community Farm, in the historically Black neighborhood of Southside, shares how the farm has been serving the neighborhood and the region with free and inexpensive, fresh produce for a decade, providing educational opportunities, grocery deliveries, an herb garden and a BIPOC farmers market. Asheville’s public Housing Authority is considering forcing SSCF off the land they’ve stewarded for a decade.

“I Don’t Think You Could Have A Resistance Movement Without Poetry”

A Palestinian poet, author and activist living in the diaspora about two recent collections, about the importance of poetry and world building, the importance of community care and mutual aid, as well as supporting queer and trans Palestinians escaping genocide at the hands of the Israeli military.

Addameer on Palestinian Prisoners

Tala Nasser of the Palestinian prisoner human rights group, Al-Addameer, speaks about the report they released on Palestinian Prisoners day, April 17th, on the conditions of Palestinian prisoners, particularly since October 7th, 2023 including in Gaza since the invasion.

Memory, Movement and June 11th 2024

In celebration of the June 11th International Day of Solidarity with Marius Mason and other long term anarchist prisoners, you’ll hear Julie Herrada, a long time anarchist activist, comrade of Marius Mason and archivist joined by Matthew Hart, another longtime anarchist involved in labor organizing, historical research talk about history, memory, prisoner support and continuing the struggle.

Anarchist Perspectives on Nationalism (with Rey Katula)

Rey Katula, an editor of the *Antipolitika: Anarchist Journal* from the Balkans and a co-host of the awesome antifascist podcast *The Empire Never Ended*, talks about the journal, about fascism, nations from an anarchist perspective and, surprising to some, nationalism as a project of socialist Yugoslavia..

Shut ‘Em Down 2024 + Monsour Owolabi

Monsour Owolabi, incarcerated New African political prisoner in the shares some perspectives on inside-outside collaboration, the role of isolation in prisons and the importance of transitional housing projects. Then, an interview with Courtney of the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee & Millions For Prisoners New Mexico and Roc, communications bridge for Jailhouse Lawyers Speak and resi-

dential manager at the JLS housing center to speak about the JLS call for Shut 'Em Down strikes inside and outside of prisons in December of 2024.

Views from the “Rogue Gold” Tree Sit (with Cricket and D)

This week you'll hear an interview we conducted with Cricket, a tree sitter in a tree called Goldie in southern so-called Oregon as well as D of Siskiyou Rising Tide. The two talk about the experience and efficacy of tree sits, about the land threatened by the Bureau of Land Managements plan to have Boise Cascade and other timber companies log this area they're calling Rogue Gold, recent success of a tree sit at Poor Windy, revelations of police surveillance and some of the history of forest defense in this region.

Three Way Fight: Revolutionary Politics and Antifascism

We're sharing a conversation I had with Matthew Lyons and Xtn Alexander, editors and contributors to the book *Three Way Fight: Revolutionary Politics and Antifascism*, out this year from Kersplebedeb Books and PM Press. We talked about the development of the political tendency which troubles the read of both liberal capitalism and the autonomous far right from a revolutionary left libertarian perspective, some of it's progenitors and a bit about the state of the far right today.

MACC 2024 Film Fest

An interview that Ian did with Marisa Holmes and Molly of the Metropolitan Anarchist Coordinating Committee about their 2024 anarchist film festival that took place in May in New York City., some of the films they showed and the role of film in community organizing and political expression.

July 25th International Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners

An interview with Walter of the Antifa International social media project. For the hour we talk about the day of solidarity, the associated Antifascist Defense fund, international lines of solidarity around antifascism, recent cases of repression and continuing to support cultures of resistance while comrades are behind bars.

Direct action abortion services in Latin America

This week, we're sharing audio from the presentation “Direct action abortion services in Latin America” 2023 Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair.

Grupa Granica Activists Speak About Perils on the Belarus / Poland Border

Dominika Ożyńska and Aleksandra Chrzanowska, two human rights activists in eastern Poland near the Belarus border who speak about the situation with the migrant route through the Białowieża forest in the midst of increased militarization on both sides of the border through this ancient forest and through the region. Both are active in the umbrella Grupa Granica, or border group, movement supporting people on the move.

Cyprus Hartford Resists Federal Grand Jury

A conversation I had with Asphalt, a supporter of a recent federal grand jury resister in Charleston, South Carolina. After that Cyprus Hartford, the grand jury resister, speaks for herself and reads her statement of resistance.

The No-State Solution (with Mohammed Bamyeh, ACAB2024)

Dr. Mohammed Bamyeh's presentation entitled "The No-State Solution" as recorded at the 2024 Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair in so-called Asheville, NC. Dr. Bamyeh is a Palestinian sociologist and professor at Pitt and the author of multiple books.

Reflections on Medical Conditions in Gaza by a Recently Returned Nurse

Our chat with Louis, an anarchist emergency room nurse who has just returned from a second tour doing healthcare work in Gaza and is about to leave again. During this difficult conversation, we talk about medical conditions that he encountered in Gaza, what aid is getting in and how it's being distributed, health infrastructure and how this relates to his prior mutual aid and anti-border work in the so-called USA.

No More Deaths / No Más Muertes on the Mexico / US Frontier

Our conversation with two members of No More Deaths, a 20 year old humanitarian organization operating in the borderlands between Mexico and the USA about the organization, the work it does, how the border has changed, the political legacy of the Republicans and Democrats in the current situation for immigrants, deaths at the border and ways to get involved in supporting people on the move.

"Solidarity, Spirituality and Liberatory Promise on a Turtle's Back" with Ashanti Omowali Alston

The keynote speech by anarchist, author, organizer and former participant in the Black Panther and Black Liberation Army, Ashanti Omowali Alston, to the 2024 Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair in so-called Asheville.

Border Repression + Resisting Growing Nationalism in Poland

Two conversations relating to the so-called Green Border in Podlaskie region of eastern Poland, on the Belarus border concerning topics of migration, repression, militarization, nationalism and solidarity among residents and people on the move into Fortress Europe.

Revolution in 35MM with Samm Deighan

This week, we're sharing Ian's talk with Samm Deighan, co-editor of *Revolution in 35 MM: Political Violence and Resistance in Cinema from the Arthouse to Grindhouse, 1960-1990*.

Mutt on the (Incomplete) Black Autonomy Reader

A conversation with the editor of a new and incomplete *Black Autonomy Reader*.

We speak about Black Anarchism, intellectual property, community self-defense in response to the racist riots that spread around the UK in August of 2024 as well as other topics.

Mutual Aid and Disaster Relief in Southern Appalachia

Over the first weekend of October, 2024, there was a deluge from two storms (including level 4 Hurricane Helene) descended on southern Appalachia. At the point of this recording there are over 200 known dead and hundreds missing, portions of the region continue to be without electricity or cellular service, and where the toxic mud and water linger and separate people from medical and community care. We're speaking with two people who've lived in the region and have been helping other residents distribute storm relief.

ISM in the West Bank and the Assassination of Ayşenur Eygi

A conversation the International Solidarity Movement, a Palestinian-led network of activists standing in solidarity with Palestinians on the ground in the occupied territories. We talk about the organization, its history, what got these folks involved, the recent and tragic murder of Ayşenur Eygi in Beita in the West Bank and how conditions have changed as the war by the Israeli settler state has expanded.

Rural Relief After Helene

Janet of Rural Organizing and Resilience in Madison County, speaks about post-Hurricane Helene organizing and disaster preparedness in the mountains of Western North Carolina. More and links to be added soon.

Homeless Organizing in Oakland

Freeway, a houseless activist in Oakland, CA, talks about the recent series of sweeps of homeless being promoted by Governor Gavin Newsom. Freeway has been a member of Wood Street Commons and is now a member of Oakland Homeless Union.

Jail and Housing Conditions, Recovery in Post-Helene Asheville

Tenant organizing and housing rights as Buncombe County eviction courts resume, Asheville Community Bail Fund on conditions in the county jail during and since Hurricane Helene, and Yousef of Sumud Collective speaks about disaster and recovery.

Prisons and Prisoner Solidarity with Eric King, Jake Conroy and Josh Davidson

A discussion featuring former political prisoners Eric King, who went in for actions in solidarity with the Ferguson Uprising in 2014, and Jake Conroy, who was convicted for coordinating successful anti-vivisection divestment campaigns against Huntington Life Sciences as one of the SHAC7. They are joined by Eric's co-author of Rattling The Cages, Josh Davidson.

Art As A Vehicle For Anarchist Ideas (ACAB 2024)

This week, we're sharing another presentation from the 2024 ACABookfair in so-called Asheville. The zine contains both images from the presentation and the text.

Out-Organizing Antisemitism with Ben Lorber and Shane Burley

Ben Lorber and Shane Burley, co-authors of the recently published book, *Safety Through Solidarity: A Radical Guide to Fighting Antisemitism* discuss the roots of antisemitism in the West, pushing back on Zionism in the midst of the genocidal war on Palestinians, a rebirth of Bundism and addressing antisemitism in left spaces.

Resisting Fascists in Pittsburgh

A member of Pittsburgh Fash Watch, an antifascist group, talks about their mobilization and unmasking of white supremacists in their area, such as WLM and Goyim Defense League (GDL) chud Brandon Cahall who they recently informed the public about.

Resisting Immigration Prison in Tacoma

Maru Mora-Villalpando talking about the immigration prison known as the North-west Detention Center in Tacoma, WA and the organizing that her organization La Resistencia does to shut down this private prison run by Geo Group.

Abortion Beyond The State (with Jex Blackmore, ACAB24)

This week, we're sharing a presentation entitled "Abortion Beyond The State" by Jex Blackmore and Hydra Mutual Aid Fund, recorded at the 2024 Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair in so-called Asheville, NC on June 28th, 2024

NC Womens Prisons + Overcrowding Post-Helene in NCDAP

An interview with Elizabeth Simpson of Emancipate NC about their public demand of NCDAP to release hundreds of prisoners to alleviate overcrowding from Hurricane Helene evacuations. Then Mona Evans of Benevolence Farm talks about experiences in womens prisons in NC, post-release conditions and the work of BF.

Red Onion Prison Updates + Antifa-OST Case in Germany

irst up, Phil Wilayto of the Virginia Defenders talks about conditions at Red Onion State Prison in western Virginia where a number of prisoners have been self-immolating in order to escape longterm isolation and racist guard violence. Then an anarchist from Germany speaks about the recent building of conspiracy cases against antifascists known as Antifa-Ost, or Antifa East. You can find our prior interview about NSU Watch and Day X [here](#).

An Anarchist View From Rojava On Recent Events in Syria: A conversation with a combatant of Tekoşîna Anarşist

A conversation with Errico, a combatant member of Tekoşîna Anarşist, an internationalist anarchist formation in critical solidarity with the Rojava Revolution. For this episode, Errico answers some questions we had about what's been happening in Syria and concerns from within the Democratic Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria.

Peter Gelderloos on Memory, Community, Organization and Struggle

This week, we're airing an interview with anarchist author, Peter Gelderloos about two of his recent books *They Will Beat the Memory Out of Us: Forcing Nonviolence on Forgetful Movements* (Pluto Books, 2024) as well as *Organization, Community, Continuity* (Detritus, 2024). For this episode, we speak on movement memory, community, care work, organization and struggle.

We Will Need Time: two libertarian communist perspectives on events and possibility in Syria

In this episode, you'll hear Cedric and Khuzama, two libertarian communists with connections to Syria and editor contributors to the blog interstices-fajawat.org, speaking about their observations of what's been going on leading up to and through the ouster of Bashar Al-Assad, as well as complications among various factions on the ground and the view from the Syrian diaspora. The situation on the ground is changing fast.

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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