

THE *Final* Straw

A WEEKLY ANARCHIST SHOW



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All Will Be Equalized with Andrew Zonneveld and Modibo Kadalie

This week, we're sharing a recording of Andrew Zonneveld from the 2024 Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair talking about his book *All Will Be Equalized!*: Georgia's Freedom Seekers of the Swamps, Backwoods, and Sea Islands 1526-1890 alongside his friend Modibo Kadalie. To see a video with the slides from the presentation, check out our youtube page.

We (MUST) Keep Us Safe: An interview with a Long-Term, Anonymous Anarchist Comrade on Repression, Trauma, Security Culture, and Revolutionary Solidarity

This week, we're featuring an anonymized chat with a longtime anarchist on lessons learned trying to stay sane while facing state repression. We talk about experiencing trauma, the need for strong relationships and movements offering shelter and strong alternatives to the alienated society of state and capital, while also speaking on the challenges of mental health and inviting in new participants in anarchist movement.

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Forced Labor, Living Conditions, Opacity and Impunity in Texas Prisons (with Michelle Pitcher)

We're sharing a recent interview with Michelle Pitcher of the Texas Observer about living conditions and forced labor in the TDCJ, the Texas prison system. You can reach Michelle at pitcher@texasobserver.org or follow her at [@michellepitcher](https://twitter.com/michellepitcher). *bsky.social*. *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.

The Ampelokipoi Case, Repression and Anti-Repression in Greece

An interview with a member of the Solidarity Fund for Imprisoned and Persecuted Revolutionaries, or *Tameio*. We talk about the case of the explosion in an apartment in the Athens district of Ampelokipi from October of 2024 which left comrade Kyriakos Xymitiris dead and left Marianna badly injured, after which there have been arrests of four other comrades (so far), including Nikos Romanos. Some supporters of those arrested believes the case is the New Democracy government distracting from their economic collapse by increasing repression and the spectre of terrorism

"From Hash Rebels to Urban Guerrillas" with Gabriel Kuhn

An interview with Gabriel Kuhn speaking about the West German urban guerrilla group the 2nd of June Movement, the book he co-edited on this subject, the milieu from which it arose, how it compared to other groups at the time like the Red Army Faction, and some of the legacy of their critiques and interventions on radical politics in the autonomen movement and beyond.

CIMA on Community Defense Against ICE

A member of *Companeros Inmigrantes en las Montanas en Accion*, or CIMA, a local organizing and advocacy group by and for immigrants in western NC about her experience working for dignity and solidarity in light of the current and past administrations. More on CIMA can be found at CIMAWNC.Org

Kristian Williams on the Comics of Alan Moore

Ian speaks with Kristian Williams about his recent book, *The Illuminist: Philosophical Explanations* in the work of Alan Moore. The chat touches upon Moore's work and its anarchist underpinnings, his legacy in and out of comics, the necessity of imagination, and the possibilities that arise from death and disaster.

Surveillance Self Defense, Encrypted Chat Apps and Securing Devices with Thorin Klosowski

Thorin Klosowski of the Electronic Frontier Foundation shares some basic tools and ideas for keeping our information a little safer online: device encryption, tor-browser, vpns, encrypted messaging apps like WhatsApp, Signal and Telegram as well as password vaults.

Bodily Autonomy and Health Education In An Easy To Swallow Package (Abortion Pill Zine)

An interview with cartoonists Isabella Rotman, Sage Coffey, and Marnie Galloway on the subject of the Abortion Pill Zine: A Community Guide to Misoprostol and Mifepristone out now from Silver Sprocket (and freely readable on their website).

5 Months After Hurricane Helene in Barnardsville, NC

A chat with Jazz and Badger, two residents of Barnardsville, a small village just outside of Asheville, NC. We spoke about the community, the impact of Hurricane Helene, some lessons learned from coordinating among the neighbors and how people are faring now, nearly 5 months out from the storm.

Military Decruitment, Trump 2.0 and Resisting New Empire

An interview with Fig, an anarchist and member of the anti-Imperialist US veterans organization About Face to talk about decruitment, the work of About Face and an assessment of shifts in military priority under the lead of Hegseth towards the southern US border and the Trump administration 2.0's multi-polar spin.

Prefiguring Autonomy: Student-led Social Movement in Serbia

We speak with two students from Serbia, and another anarchist comrade who participated in student and other movements, about the anti-corruption protest that have rocked the Serbian Progressive Party (SNS) government of president Vučić since the deadly collapse of a recently opened concrete train platform canopy in Novi Sad on November 1st 2024, so far killing 16 people.

The Last Standing House In The Neighborhood

We're sharing audio from audio recorded by Franklin Lopez of Amplifier Films with Palestinian journalist Hamza M Salha who lives in North Gaza describing the conditions with the resumption of the escalated genocide being conducted by the Israeli settler-colonial military.

Stop Cop City: Imaginary Crimes Tour

This week, we're sharing an interview with Selena who speaks about the "Stop Cop City: Imaginary Crimes Tour" and Jordan, a RICO defendant from the Stop Cop City 61 case. The two speak about anti-repression, about where the case is at right now and a wider view of resistance and support. The tour will be hitting over 60 cities (not all in the USA)

Jay Ward Hunger Strike

When this was recorded, Jay was 11 days into a hunger strike demanding a return of his personal items and a transfer to a space where he won't be targeted for violence by gangs, alongside a couple of other requests listed in his letter at the end of this post. You can hear how tired he is from subsisting only on water for the last week and a half, struggling to keep focus and concentrate on the conversation throughout our chat. You can find his gofundme for updates and ways to donate.

Pushing Back On Flock Cameras with Kate Bertash

A member of the Digital Defense Fund talks about Flock cameras, automatic license plate readers, the ubiquity of ai-driven surveillance, databasing and storage of real-time info of people and vehicle movements in public and privacy fears being raised. Katie also speaks about organizing to counter or limit them and artful approaches towards resistance with her Adversarial Apparel project.

no Bonzo on Art and Anarchism

An interview with no Bonzo, anarchist historian, graffiti artist and vandal, print-maker and artist, about how they developed their art, the historical work they do, popular artistic mediums and accessibility, and some upcoming projects.

Antifascist Voices in Europe & A Left Trans Voice from Turkey

An interview conducted by crna luknja in Ljubljana, Slovenia with antifascists countering neonazi demonstrations in Hungary, and Bulgaria. Then a comrade from Frequentz-A speaking with an activist and a trans woman from Istanbul about current protest, queer and feminist perspective, anarchist participation & needs of solidarity.

Countering Dispossession in Casiavera, Indonesia (with David E Gilbert)

A chat with the political ecologist David E Gilbert (not to be confused with the former Weather Underground prisoner). David and I speak about his book, the community in south Sumatra, Indonesia known as Casiavera, the legacy of colonial land grabs, and the agro-ecology of the rainforest at the base of the Arin volcano.

A Red Road To The West Bank

This week, an interview with Clifton Ariwakhete Nicholas and Franklin Lopez about about the film currently in production via Amplifier Films, *A Red Road To The West Bank: An Indigenous journey of resistance and solidarity*. The conversation covers some about relationships between the people of occupied Palestine and Kaneh-satà:ke in so-called Canada, histories of settler colonialism and resistance of it. Clifton and Franklin are attempting to raise \$10000 CAD for the film.

The Lives and Legacy of Martin Sostre (with Garrett Felber)

Garret Felber on the life of the famed jailhouse lawyer who successfully won cases related to the constitutional rights of prisoners, was politicized in prison by the Nation of Islam in the 1950's, ran radical Afro-centric bookstores in Buffalo NY to radicalize the youth, embracing anarchism during his time imprisoned on a frame up during which he was a celebrated political prisoner, went on to organize for tenants rights and rehabilitating disused buildings for community centers.

"Anarchy In The Big Easy" with Max Cafard and Vulpes

This week, we spoke about Anarchy in *The Big Easy: A History of Revolt, Rebellion, and Resurgence*. Among other topics, they discuss Cafard's *Surregionalism Manifesto*, the origins and production of the book, and what the media gets right and wrong about New Orleans

Mo on Knowing Your Rights and Risks With Police

Moira Meltzer-Cohen, an anarchist and lawyer with the National Lawyers Guild in New York City talks about knowing ones rights and risks during interactions with law enforcement in the US during Trump 2.0, why even scofflaws should know some basic Bill of Rights trivia, info on warrants and house visits, airports and borders, and the importance of face-to-face practice with local lawyers who know the legal precedents on the ground in your jurisdiction.

Anarchism and Disability (with Richard Amm of DARK)

Richard Amm, a member of the Disability Action Research Kollektive, or DARK, which they describe as a disabled-led group working to make disability perspectives, history, and research more accessible to a general audience. Amar and Richard speak about disability, eugenics, radical history the Corona virus and other topics.

Christian Nationalism, Apocalyptic Visions + Child Welfare (w/ Talia Lavin)

This week, we're sharing an interview with Talia Lavin, author of Culture Warlords: My Journey into the Dark Web of White Supremacy. In this chat, we speak about her more recent book, Wild Faith: How the Christian Right is Taking Over America. There's a lot in the book, most of it pretty disturbing (especially, I'm sure, for anyone who is ex-vangelical) and there is discussion of hateful ideology and child abuse and corporal punishment, though not in lurid detail, so listener discretion is advised. We hope to cover related topics in the future.

Learning Together From Uprisings (InterRebellion with sub.Media)

Heatscore and Nuke of sub.Media about their new documentary series, InterRebellion. The first episode, entitled El Estallido Social about the social uprising that flared up in 2019 in lands controlled by the state of Chile featuring anarchist and Mapuche voices on the conditions in which the uprising developed, experiences of it and its aftermath

DFW Support Committee

A member of the DFW Support Committee supporting the defendants arrested on and around July 4th in relation to a solidarity noise demonstration outside the Prairieland ICE Detention Facility in Alvarado, Texas, in which a local police officer was injured. We speak about the case, the expanding web of repression against leftists in the area, what's at stake in the case and how to support the 11 defendants.

A History of Anarchist Prisoner Support (with Matt Hart)

Matt Hart of the LABCf talks about the expanded edition of Boris Yelensky's history of anarchist prisoner support "Shadows In The Struggle For Equality". Matt talks about the work of the LA-ABCF, ABC's pre-history with the Narodnik movement in mid-19th century Russia, prisoner defense under the nihilist movement, some moments in resistance and mutual aid through the following hundred and fifty years or so, some colorful moments and comrades up into the 21st century.

Former Uprising Defendant from ICE Detention (Ángel Espinosa-Villegas)

An interview with Ángel, an ICE detainee incarcerated in Otero Detention Center in New Mexico. Ángel is a trans-masculine lesbian of Mapuche heritage, whose family moved hir to the US from Chile at the age of 7 and has lived undocumented since, attaining DACA status under Obama. During the 2020 George Floyd Uprising she pled guilty to charges related to arson of police vehicles in Little Rock, serving 15 months before moving to Chicago and where s/he was detained by ICE. Angel made the hard choice to waive the right to fight deportation and has been in detention centers since on hir way to being sent to Chile to join hir mother and family now living there.

Rapid Responses To Immigration Raids + Homeless Sweeps in So Cal

This week on the show we feature an interview with two anarchists activists in southern California about the recent resistance to Federal-led immigration raids in Los Angeles and the wider region. Both guests speak about their experiences working in rapid response structures to immigration raids, to anti-homeless sweeps and other community needs over the years and how they've changed as conditions and technologies have changed. We talk about inviting and engaging new activists and some strategies that showed success.

Mutual Aid In California's Fire Country with Dani Burlison

This week, we're sharing this a chat with my friend, Dani Burlison on her recent book, *Red Flag Warning: Mutual Aid and Survival in California's Fire Country!* We speak about fire ecology, housing pressures and mutual aid in the wake of natural (and human caused) disaster. Check the show notes for links to a few projects mentioned. You can find more of Dani's writings at DaniBurlison.com/, books listed here, and more by CAW at CawShinyThings.com

And in the following weeks, look out for the transcriptions of the most recent episodes:

- *A Better World Bookfair + Save The UNCA Woods*
- *Labor Resistance on Vinyl (with Josh MacPhee + Kennedy Block)*