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STATE TERRORISM FROM ATLANTA TO OAXACA

In the month of November, the Capital Terminus Collective will participate in two distinct, but related, events. The first is the "March Against Police Brutality and Excessive Force" organized by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Gwinnett in response to the rising number of Black and other people who have been killed by cops with taserguns. The second is the annual vigil to shut down the School of the Americas, which is for nascent Death Squad captains what Harvard School of Law is for a hopeful judge.

What these demonstrations have in common is that they are both reactions against state terrorism. This state terrorism has two main, complementary purposes: first, to disrupt any self-organization on the part of the working class; and second, to maintain the oppression and exploitation of entire nations of people by attempting to put them in a constant state of fear about demanding their rights.

One of the main places where modern day Death Squads operate (they still act the same but these days it is hidden under the veneer of democracy) are the three largely indigenous southern Mexican states of Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Guerrero. Over one third of the Mexican federal army is in Chiapas alone. Repression against indigenous and working-class people in that area has always been severe, just as it has been here. However they continue to fight for their autonomy and freedom. Many are familiar with the EZLN (Zapatista Army of National Liberation) in Chiapas and their struggle. However less well known is the CIPO-RFM (People's Indigenous Council of Oaxaca - Ricardo Flores Magon), named after RF Magon, the influential anarchist from Oaxaca who was murdered in Leavenworth prison. Despite repression, the CIPO-RFM continues to fight for the liberation of the people. This is necessary and it is the only way we can end the "excessive force" (as



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CLOSE THE SOA!



The School of the Americas (SOA) may have been renamed the "Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation," but for many it will still be known as the School of the Assassins.

The school, now located in Fort Benning, Georgia, was originally established in Panama in 1946. However, in 1984, it was forced to leave under terms in the Panama Canal Treaty. Jorge Illueca, former Panamanian President, said that the school was "the biggest base for destabilization in Latin America."

The SOA has trained over 60,000 Latin American soldiers in its 59 years in existence. It teaches commando and psychological warfare, military tactics, sniper training, counterinsurgency techniques, and interrogation tactics. These graduates then use their acquired skills against their own people. Many of the graduates it pumps out are assassins, dictators, and death squad leaders who are linked to human rights violations and to the suppression of popular movements in the Americas.

Frequently targeted by the SOA are union organizers, educators, student leaders, religious workers, and others who are fighting for the right of the poor or simply say, "The government has failed to meet the basic needs of the people."

Due to the SOA, hundreds of thousands of people have been assassinated, tortured, raped, massacred, "disappeared", and forced to flee their country.

In 1996, the Pentagon was forced to release the training manuals that were used at the schools. The manuals advocated the use of torture, execution, and extortion. As the New York Times wrote, "America can now read for themselves some of the noxious lessons the United States Army has taught thousands of Latin Americans."

The purpose of the school has and always will be, to control the political and economic systems of Latin America by influencing and helping Latin American militaries. This is evident by the fact that countries with the worst human rights records have consistently sent the most soldiers to the SOA.

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WHO ARE WE?

The Capital Terminus Collective is an anarchist-communist group in Atlanta, GA. We believe that there can and will be a revolution in which the people overthrow their rulers and create a society in which the oppressive forces of the state have been destroyed and in which everyone "Gives according to their ability and receives according to their need". We believe that a specifically anarchist organization can play an important role in organizing for this revolution and in fighting the "battle of ideas" with those who would create a new USSR or who would subvert the revolutionary movement into the Democratic Party. We encourage you to get in touch with us if you are interested in what we are doing, or to receive announcements.

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THE LETTER "C" IS THE NEXT IN THE LIST FOR "ANARCHIST COMMUNISM A-Z" FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

"From each according to their ability, to each according to their need."

This is the credo of communism. Most people, if they recognize the words at all, would attribute them to Karl Marx. But in truth, the thought predates Marx and his followers by many years. Not only that, but the fundamental principle of communism, that each human being has the right to live free of want in a society of plenty, and that nothing more than morality (and perhaps a bit of peer pressure from time to time) is necessary to get people to contribute to the well being of all- in addition to predating Marx, this principle seems destined to outlive many of Marx's successors, the various Leninist sects.

Over the past century "communism" has gotten a bad name, because of this association with Leninism. This is not because most people are fundamentally opposed to sharing (sharing being the guiding principle of true communism). Instead, most people will share without being told to, but have to be taught (by schools, television, newspapers and the like) to fear their neighbors and hoard their possessions.

But, people are also instinctively opposed to authority, and the word communism has come to associated with some of the worst, most brutally authoritarian regimes in history. "Communism" has been stained with the blood of the victims of Stalin and Mao. Even the most avid supporters of Big Government, those citizens among us who have been indoctrinated to the point that they think it impossible for man to live free of governance, still intuitively shy away from the most authoritarian of regimes. And because these regimes have claimed the name of "Communist", so most U.S. citizens have come to associate communism with government.

But communism need not be government imposed. In fact, history indicates that government is fundamentally incapable of imposing anything that might accurately be called communism!

This is why we of the Capital Terminus Collective are "anarchist communists". We are anarchists, in that we advocate a society free of governance. Let no one confuse us with the builders of gulags in Russia, or the assassins of the killing fields of Cambodia. But neither do we call for chaos or nihilism. Rather, we envision (and practice) self-organization. We know that we don't need to be bossed, in order to get things done, and we know that our fellows don't either. But we also know that a self-organized society will remain a pipe dream, until the communist principle of sharing becomes deeply engrained in our cultural psyche. As long as the mentality of "looking out for number one" remains the only socially acceptable one, the people will continue to doubt that self-organization can happen. Our fear will keep us separated, and so enslaved by governments and corporations.

We are convinced that a self-organized society is possible. And we are dedicated to working to help make it happen. Yes, we know that a long, difficult struggle is ahead. We know that it will take a long time, perhaps longer than some of us will live. We know that the closer we get to our goal, the more brutally the government and corporations will attempt to repress us. We know all this, just as generations of anarchist revolutionaries before us have known it, and yet continued to struggle onwards towards the goal. Why? Because a society that is based on the principles of greed and selfishness is scarcely worth tolerating, much less taking an active part in. But a society based on sharing would be, perhaps not utopia, but something we could all feel good about carrying forward together. Side by side. As equals.

THE RESURRECTION CITY SEVEN

(ORIGINALLY TITLED: YES, IT IS A CRIME TO BE POOR IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA)



On the night of August 14, members of the Open Door Community joined with others in the Movement To Reclaim the Soul of Atlanta to meet "Resurrection City" on the lawn of Atlanta City Hall. Advocates for the homeless and homeless friends spent the night in prayer and protest against the proposed "Commercial Solicitation Ordinance", an ordinance to outlaw begging in the downtown area. A growing crowd gathered at noon on Monday, August 15 to sing and pray before the meeting of the City Council.

In the Council Chamber, we joined members of the Atlanta Firefighters Union. As advocates spoke out for the homeless poor and the firefighters spoke out for fairness in their wages and retirement fund we embraced each other in common cause. One leader of the Union said to the Council members "What is coming down on us and the poor in the streets of this city is the same thing: it is

the greed of Corporate America that wants to squeeze the most out of public servants for the least possible cost, and it wants to squeeze and criminalize the poor." Council President Lisa Borders excoriated all of us as we continued to applaud and cheer for our common struggle.

The Council voted with three dissenting members to criminalize begging. Many of us began to wail and shout "shame on the Council!" Swarms of police officers descended on the room and pulled, dragged and pushed us out of the room. Seven advocates were arrested, including six members of the Open Door Community and former City Councilmember Derrick Boazman. Atlanta Police officers, police riot squad, and members of the police Red Dog (drug fighting) squad were exceptionally rough, even though television cameras were rolling. We have since learned that never in the history of the Atlanta City Council have non-violent protestors been arrested and ejected from the council chambers.



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All charges against the "Resurrection City Seven" were dropped Tuesday Oct 4, the Feast of Saint Francis the Beggar

editor's note:

Though the Open Door Community is a religious organization, the Capital Terminus Collective recognizes the work they do for the community and the great sacrifices that their members and supporters make. Many of them not only work with the homeless, they work with many peace and justice groups and around many different issues. Even though they are not specifically an anarchist organization, there are anarchists that work with them and they are an official Catholic Worker House of Hospitality.

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...if they've ever used anything but) of the police. So in November the Capital Terminus collective hopes, among other things, to bring the message of the CIPO-RFM to the people who come to the demonstrations in Gwinnett and Fort Benning.

Power to the People.

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But this can all be changed. On November 18-20, thousands will gather at Fort Benning, Georgia and demand that the school be shut down. This school that is responsible for the death and suffering of thousands must be shut down. It is crucial that anarchists are represented there as well as all humanitarian people to make a statement that we oppose this school and the leaders who support it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The media work group

nov 12

March and Rally Against Police Brutality

From the SCLC web site: The march will begin at 10:00 AM at Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville, GA and will culminate with a rally in front of the Gwinnett Justice Center on Langley Road. For more information, call 404.522.1420

nov 12

MadRatz! Collective bike in movie and bike ride. Starts at 6pm in the Little 5 Points cul de sac for a scavenger hunt bike race. The movie begins at 8pm and will be held at 122 Moreland Ave.

nov 16

Capital Terminus Collective's Anarchy 101 study group. Meets at 7pm at Joe's Cafe in the East Atlanta village

nov 18-20

CLOSE THE SOA!

Converge on Fort Benning, GA Speak Out for Justice, Peace and Accountability. Take a Stand Against The Racist System of Military Repression, Violence and Domination.

nov 25

Critical Mass bike ride

6:30pm - 8:00 pm meets at the north side of Woodruff Park.

If you would like more information or have an event you would like listed here or on our web site please email us @ Capitalterminus@gmail.com

Anarchist Atlanta

Is the monthly publication of the Capital Terminus Collective. Here we keep up with local events, national and international news and keep our readers and supporters up to date about our activities.

If you would like to submit an article for publication please send them to anarchist_atlanta@yahoo.com.

And don't forget to always post your news articles on Atlanta IMC @ www.atlanta.indymedia.org.

The Publications Working Group is set up to put out the monthly newsletter, Anarchist Atlanta and developing and updating the CTC Web site. Our first publication was published in September and we continue to publish it to this day. Each article, after it is written, is reviewed by the PWG and then published. The web site has been set up with News and Articles written by Collective members, a blog space where members can write about current campaigns they are working on, a forum, for outside discussion and a calendar listing dates of the collective and member activities. The entire web site has been reviewed and approved by the CTC body and will soon be available for online access.

Counter Recruitment Work Group

CTC is involvement in Anti-Military Recruiting will continue with leafleting at Grady High School Basketball games beginning on Friday, November 15th, continuing with the next two home games on December 9th and 16th. Games begin at 7:00pm and leafleting will begin at 6:00pm on the sidewalk outside of the Gymnasium entrance on 10th Street. This effort is in conjunction with Georgia Peace and Justice Coalition/Atlanta. Our leaflets advise students and their parents of their privacy rights under the No Child Left Behind Act: Access to students private information provision. As part of the NCLB Act, there is a provision that requires local school systems to provide access to high school student names, addresses and phone numbers.

Military recruiters and institutions of higher education are entitled to such information under this federal law, unless the parent or student, if over the age of 18 years, objects to such release. Parents can request or opt out their students information by writing two letters: one to their Local Board of Education Superintendent and a second letter to the Department of Defense (DOD). In addition, the misleading and deceptive information that military recruiters will use to sell military service are described in our leaflets.

Women's Health Initiative

The women's health group is currently doing research for their flyer campaign. Here is a partial list of the flyers they will be producing and distributing:

- Sex tips
- Safe sex info
- List of free/cheap and confidential local clinics
- Herbal remedies
- Menstrual health
- Female empowerment

If you would like to help us distribute flyers, let us know. We will send you a PDF of our flyer and you can be an active part of our venture by distributing our flyers in bathrooms everywhere. Sex education in our society is inadequate, especially amongst our youth. We do have the power to educate one another!