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SQUATTERS TAKE SEATTLE HOUSE

"Houses are to be lived in" was the cry of a group of squatters in Seattle recently as they took over a derelict house, one of eight threatened with demolition in the city's Capitol Hill District, that has been empty for six years because of a dispute over building an apartment block on the site.

In Seattle, 1,400 homeless people were picked up off the streets last year, 11,500 people received emergency shelter during the same period and 5,000 asked for shelter but were refused because of lack of space.

A march to support the squatters was held on Sunday, September 10th when a small group of anarchists and friends with sticks, whistles and black flags sang and danced their way to Pike Street making a Market to Volunteer Park, making a visit to the 'squat' on the way.

Ten people in all have been arrested and charged with criminal trespassing and plan to plead not guilty.

The Seattle group have

no definite future plans. They say they are not going to return to the Capitol Hill squat, but like many millions of squatters in England, Denmark, France, Holland, Italy, US and the Third World, they assert that "those who need homes, must move into empty houses".

PAINTING THE TOWN GREEN

Montrealers woke up one Sunday in July to discover cycling lanes of two of their main avenues. During the night a group called the Green Brigade had painted along two miles of street, bright green lines and signs indicating "bicycle



Seattle's anarcho-squatters.

path". They also printed people's parking tickets which were put on cars parked in the bike zones.

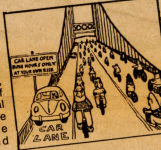
The action was the response to the city's repeated refusal to establish cycling paths. However, the hopes raised by these oases of free space were dashed three days later when the city administration, which had claimed that it had no funds to paint with cycle lanes, came up with the cash required to hire a private firm to "greywash" over the popular artwork.

Le Monde a bicyclette, a militant cyclist's organization in Montreal, has been organizing around the use of the bicycle as an alternative, ecological form of transportation for several years. They large organized and demonstrations and

recently held a series of "die-ins" at which cyclists blocked traffic during rush hour.

Le Monde a bicyclette sees itself as part of an international movement of cycle activists. Similar actions have taken place in Mexico City, Paris, Philadelphia and numerous other cities.

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INCO STINKO STRIKES

Seems that industrial pollution is everywhere these days. Even the bureaucrats in the Ontario government's Ministry of the Environment had to learn to live with it recently when a group called the Inco Stinko Action Force set off a stink bomb in their Toronto offices.

The action was in response to the provincial government's decision to exempt Inco's Sudbury, Ontario, nickel smelters from pollution guidelines. It also followed Inco's announcement that it was laying off most of the workforce in the company town. Although cutting back Canadian operations, back Canada is demanding a drop in world prices for nickel, Inco is planning to expand its operations in Indonesia, which accords a "stable" (read right-wing) government and a "disciplined" (read docile) labour force.

With this stink bomb, the government officials were given first-hand experience in the chance to savour the effects of their decision to increase Inco's profits.

Roadside Notes

LOCKED DOWN

Dear Open Road,

Life is pure shit for prisoners in this country. Never mind that we're here for crimes against society and if we don't like it we shouldn't have robbed that bank, bounced that check or stole that bicycle.

A new breed of prisoner has recently arrived upon the scene and he is going to riot, kill and burn despite of, and because of, the ever-increasing use of solitary confinement, Section 230-1A Section 229, Special Handling Units, 25 year mandating, etc.

Within the next few years this country will see incidents like the July break-out from St. Vincent de Paul magnified 10 fold and the CPS pig union better start building boxes of sufficient quantity to hold all the butchered bacon and hammers they'll have to contain.

We prisoners have lost all faith in the government sub-committee investigations where final results were basically ignored by crooked pig politicians who were too busy covering up RCMP scandals and kissing Trudeau's ass, hoping he would overlook their various

"indecisions" inadvertently made public, such as conflict of interest, mafia connections, forgeries, to name but a few.

The sad thing about all this is that they themselves are as much a prisoner as we are, living within this fascist system. Their civil liberties, little by little, are being taken away from them along with ours—by fast talking bull shitners like Trudeau backed up by his porkers in red—white donkeys like Flora MacDonald and dinosaurs like John, Dieffenbaker chatter and snore respectively across the house in this nation's capital.

We prisoners are tired of hearing the same old lies, reading the same old lies and seeing the same old bullshit while living like dogs, providing overtime benefits for the parasites who guard us, while their friends are awarded contracts to erect higher walls and sharper wire around us.

It seems to us that changes have to come from within and that violence is the only vehicle in which to bring about these changes—come what may!

Sincerely,
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NO NUKES

Dear Open Road,

The criticisms of an elitist liberal clique running Clamshell (in the "State's Garbage" article in OR #7) may or may not be correct but they were not well substantiated. Sure, the decision to back down from the state may have been democratically arrived at, but this is only part of the picture.

In what way does the structure of affinity groups hold power within

Clamshell? How did this structure let itself be bypassed at a critical moment? Was the decision of the office staff in line with grass roots sentiment? How widely did they inquire?

The point is that it's dishonest journalism to load your six shooter and then blast away in 2 paragraph denunciations. And now the Feeds are backing down on Seabrook.

The OR coverage of the Trident demo at Bangor was Bullshit. There were some good points in support and in criticism of the way the Demo/Civil Disobedience was carried on, but that came in North West Passage coverage.

Hell yes, we wanted. I specifically remember chanting anti-state slogans with some radical lebanians. The manner in which the occupants managed to come back and re-occupy after their initial deportation in itself show a lot of spunk and defiance.

And what about Rocky Flats where those folks sat in the snow for several days to be able to block their train. Wake up. We learn about these things in Mother Jones and Rolling Stone. Don't you think Anarchist criticism would have much more impact in the context of a balanced report on something?

And lets not forget the Satsop nuclear plant occupation of June 24th. No mention at all. One hundred

and fifty of us are pleading "not guilty" to our occupation because we were forced to break the law due to the plants "clear and present danger" to our lives. We'll have a jury trial and a state utility consortium will be on trial.

I hope many of you read this and wish it would shake you up a bit! Our propaganda will receive only as much credence as its accuracy deserves and it will increase in readership only to the extent to which it is informative rather than opinionated. Apply this criticism to some other articles as well.

Remember that these activists and sympathizers are the OR's readership, and they don't take shit. In Struggle, Jim Hansen, Bellingham, WA.

Dear comrades,

The Open Road's value to me and the others who read each copy is huge. As anarchists, we need communication to keep our diversity from making us provincial.

The discussion of the anti-nuke movement was good. When I was in Barnwell, South Carolina this May to occupy the nuclear reprocessing plant there, I was amazed at the heated arguments between those who wanted a 'legal' image action and those who saw anti-nuke protest as a

part of the struggle against the whole system. This showed itself most in the fight over bond. The Oysterfield Alliance (from New Orleans) with about 20 others had to argue for funds to be allowed to refuse to pay bond.

In the next few years the movement will have to decide whether the closed affinity group and required non-union training is helpful or whether it restructures an action. Yours in Solidarity, struggle, and love,
Chad Carroll, Baltimore, MD

CHIC

I thought she'd be impressed when I told her who I was. I played the leading role in that play you saw two years ago. I own a moped, a hammock, and a waterbed. I have a baby, but of course I'm not married. I even swing both ways. I wear an earring. You want to party on Saturday night? Well I know of three different ones. I take a disco dance class, I have a name that is androgynous, And sometimes I even dress in drag. I'm a member of the Cambridge Food Coop. I just finished reading another book by Daughters Inc. continued on p. 14