

The Slamming of the Door

A poem by antifascist prisoner, Sean Cregan

Of all that prison throws at you,
One memory will endure,
The loud metallic bang that is,
The slamming of the door.

You cope with time and bad food,
The recess stink and more,
But freedom ends in that one act,
The slamming of the door.

I stare through my barred window,
My ears try to ignore,
The last sound that we hear at night,
The slamming of the door.

Just pull it to and close it,
Some peace then to restore,
There really is no need for it,
The slamming of the door.

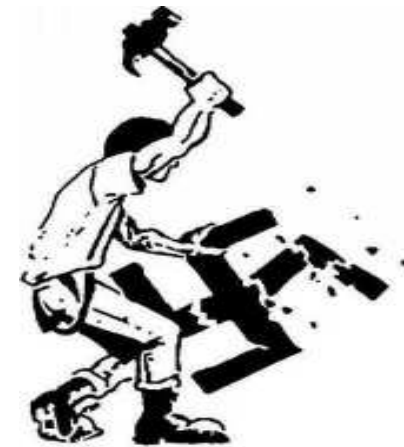
Alone I lie in silence,
But wake to much furore,
As morning shatters to that sound,
The slamming of the door.

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SOLIDARITY FOR THE UK ANTIFASCIST PRISONERS

FREEDOM NOW!!



*The struggle against fascism is a matter of life and dignity.
Not a single inch to the enemies of freedom.*

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Attack on Bristol police claimed by anarchists

Early this morning /9/8 we set fire to a riot van at Bishopston police station. We rejoice the uprising of many State-brutalised, marginalised youths as they establish a new relationship to their surroundings, and whatever other insurgents who have chosen revolt across England.

To all the disgusted 'citizens' who can only see the daily class violence, inherent in this society, when the tables are turned – what did you expect?

We see a new decade of urban war forged anew by various shades of social combatants – within that our role as revolutionaries and anarchists being to constantly push forward our trajectory and ideas, spread destructive attacks to new areas and levels of engagement, find accomplices through the clashes (where and when our desires correlate), and maintain and expand an international informal network of comrades.

Making this action, in our minds was everyone killed by the cops, arrested in the rioting, the anti-fascists imprisoned in this country.

Solidarity attack in London

IN THE EARLY HOURS OF SUNDAY 14/8 A GROUP OF PEOPLE ATTACKED THE RBS BANK IN BATTERSEA AREA IN LONDON

THEY SMASHED THE WINDOWS WITH ROCKS AND SPRAYED SLOGANS ON THE WALLS, SOLIDARITY TO THE REBELS! FIRE TO THE PRISON!

THE ATTACK WAS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARRESTED RIOTERS AND THE SIX ANTIFASCISTS IN LONDON.

ANGRY REBELS AND ANARCHISTS



ACTIONS IN THE UK IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ANTI-FASCIST PRISONERS

Cop vehicles attacked right opposite police station, Bristol

02.07.2011

Six unmarked police vehicles parked in the locked carpark opposite Trinity Road police station were damaged last night with paintstripper over the bodywork under right the pigs' snouts, tyres punctured. This done with joy and ease as a minimal leisurely contribution to revolutionary social war.

In the wake of the Stokes Croft riots, with the corporate bullies invading every aspect of the prison-like world they have created given a taste of retribution, why should we give the dogs that defend that society any chances to lick their wounds? Why not follow through to kick them while they're down, while they're weak, while they try to rebuild P.R this very day on the streets of St Pauls playing the multi-racial card with their squaddies of colour where so recently a carnival of a different kind erupted for the first time after decades of racist violence and repression by the law, here like everywhere.

They let you have a 'Carnival' once a year, smoke the high-grade publicly, dress up in festive gladrags, even occupy the road, all within an officially sanctioned pressure-value to lose that dangerous steam... But please, just don't riot! Don't leave your station - remain within your social bracket, accept that there's a nice side to authority after all because they allow you to party... But generally only on their terms. We urge, don't be cheaply bought just because the State/Capital makes a few concessions and send the Community Support Officers on the beat wearing garlands of peace around their neck - presumably so they don't get punched about gleefully by the elements of society they most fear and loathe. Who says there's no opportunities today?

We can't but mention also with this readily-achievable action our solidarity with the UK anti-fascists who have recently been sent to jail on conspiracy charges - we also send greetings to Artem Bystrov (arrested in Russia on 26th April 2011, facing completely and traditionally corrupted and manipulated trial) and other anti-fascists from Nizhny Novogrod. Also in response to the recent police murder of a young black man, 21 year old Demetre Fraser who apparently jumped (police explanation) from the 11th floor while two State pigs visited his flat in Birmingham - neighbours and his mother believe that it was another example of racist murder at the hand of the Filth.

For an Informal Anarchist Federation, world-wide. Our solidarity is attack. some anarchists

Solidarity for the UK Antifascist Prisoners

SEVEN ANTIFASCISTS were recently convicted of 'Conspiracy to Cause Violent Disorder', with four sentenced immediately to 21 months in jail, two others sent to prison awaiting sentencing, and the other released on bail pending sentence. Four others were acquitted, while a further eleven people are due to be tried on the same charges later this year. In view of the looming second trial only limited information about the case is being released, though press restrictions have already been breached by the London Evening Standard which carried an extremely biased and inaccurate 'report'.

The charges relate to a minor incident more than two years ago when two German neo-nazis were on their way to a London 'Blood & Honour' gig. This was used as a pretext to raid houses around the country and to initially arrest 23 people. While there was not even the evidence to bring charges for 'common assault' the State have been determined not to let the matter rest, pursuing charges of 'Conspiracy to Cause Violent Disorder'.

In legal terms, 'Violent Disorder' occurs when a person's behaviour is deemed to be of such a nature that it would cause alarm or distress to someone witnessing it, though there does not need to be any actual witness or complaint made. Conspiracy to Cause Violent Disorder is an even more nebulous concept, and those convicted so far appear to have been convicted not on the basis of any evidence, but simply on the basis of prejudice.

On Tuesday 28th June 11 on the 17th day of the trial and after 13 hours of deliberation, the Jury returned verdicts. Four people were convicted by eleven-to-one majority and three by ten-to-two. Four were sentenced immediately to 21 months.

The six comrades currently in prison have never hid or apologised for their antifascist politics, and they now wish to be recognised and supported as antifascist prisoners.

Six of the seven UK antifascists recently convicted of 'Conspiracy to Cause Violent Disorder' have now been sentenced. Andy Baker, Sean Cregan, Phil De Souza and Ravi Gill were sentenced to 21 months.

Thomas Blak was sentenced to 18 months today, and Austen Jackson was sentenced to 15 months today. A seventh antifascist, Jonathan Wood, is yet to be sentenced and is currently on bail.

The second trial will start on 12th September 11. Obviously this means we cannot comment in detail on the evidence or the consequences for anti-fascist protests and the wider issue of conspiracy just yet.

FROM : ACTFORFREEDOMNOW!

Anarchist/Antifascist Prisoner Thomas Blak Writes From Wormwood Scrubs

The following communiqué is not the opinion of any group or organisation, but that of the signed person only.

Posted on August 20, 2011

To comrades worldwide,

I send out this communiqué from inside the prison HMP Wormwood Scrubs in London, UK. I have been sentenced to imprisonment for 18 months.

This sentence has been intensely pursued since 2009 by the Metropolitan Police, British Transport Police, and the greedy barristers of the ancient and outdated English judicial system, which in my case was presided over by the dinosaur H.O. Blacksell QC and his posh puppy Mark Trafford.

During a profitable 17 days, in which various worms in wigs paraded their knowledge of the rich man's law, while filling their pockets at public expense, as well as strutting their vivid imaginations, to keep each other awake. Then they sent out their twelve handpicked blind sheep for deliberation. Thirteen hours later and six comrades were en route to HMP Wormwood Scrubs, courtesy of the privatised justice courier Serco.

The outcome was a given from the very start and the Victorian master-race puppeteer H.O. Blacksell made no secret of which way these cowardly people, who so viciously decided to stand up against the bigoted racists from "Blood And Honour", were to end up. It was obviously paramount for "Blacksellaurus Rex" to ensure that the public of Welling wouldn't have to be exposed to such an act of free-will in terms of an antifascist opposition to fascism. It is much preferred to simply allow fascists free reign to exercise their hatred and occasionally to murder, as long as it's done out of sight of his beloved public. After all, the fascists pay his wages and are ideologically alike.

Under the context of conspiracy, the court invented a guilty verdict, whereby no evidence was required. One for all and all for one, unless of course you hadn't previously had the nerve to challenge the way in which a system, made by the rich and to protect the rich, wants us to live. Despite serving a sentence, it is forever held against you, which is quite



ANDY, AUSTEN, PHIL, RAVI, SEAN AND THOMAS FREE NOW!!!

Two years ago, a neo-Nazi skinhead of Blood & Honour was wandering in a train station in a British city. It happens that at the station there were also some friends waiting for a train. And so the inevitable happened, even if the skinhead in question got just a small part of what he deserved: a couple of punches.

From this episode, the British State has launched an offensive against a whole group of known militant anti-fascists: more than 20 people have been accused in London and other English cities, their houses were raided by the police and an absurd trial began to take shape. Since there was no reliable evidence against the accused (not even a formal complaint by the "victim"), the prosecutor decided to use the charge of "conspiracy", something that corresponds to our local "subversive association": a calculated move, the only one that would give him the opportunity to put the comrades in prison. Unfortunately, this move has already proved successful: at the conclusion of the first trial of the anti-fascists, 6 of them are now behind bars.

As has also been seen on countless occasions in our country, the antifascists end up being targeted by "justice" while the fascists continue their dirty business undisturbed. The recent events in Cuneo give further evidence of this, where some anti-fascists were arrested for having strenuously opposed the opening of a Casa Pound* premises in their town.

And as has already been seen countless times, also in this country, when the State has no evidence with which to imprison its internal enemies, it has recourse to judicial frame-ups.

After all, that's why the law exists: to protect the interests of the State. The queen's cops, who helped to set up a farse of a trial against the London anti-fascists, did not like it that they went around asserting their disdain for Blood and Honour, the British National Party, the English Defence League and other similar horrors. That is the reason why the 6 comrades are now behind bars.

Against all forms of fascism and for the total destruction of all prisons and the system that decrees their existence, solidarity to all our comrades hostages of the State.

Here is the address of the six anti-fascists arrested in London on 28 June.

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Leaflet given out in Lecce, southern Italy during a benefit event for the 6 comrades.

Solidarity with UK antifascist prisoners – a report from the Netherlands

Saturday August 20 the Anarchist Group Amsterdam (AGA) organised an info evening for the imprisoned antifascists in the UK. It followed an event organised by AFA The Hague, who dedicated their monthly antifa café to writing the prisoners and informing people about their case.

Despite a lot of people being away and other activities in a squatted place in town the same night, nearly 20 people attended. We started the night with some food and drinks and updated the people on the situation of the imprisoned comrades. Then the documentary The 43 Group was screened which is clear proof of our idea that fascism is not defeated in courts nor in parliament, but on the streets and other places where they start organising.

AGA fully supports the currently imprisoned comrades and think the decision to sentence them for conspiracy is just another trick of the ruling class to dishearten us. We feel showing people inside are not forgotten and can count on us in moments like this is very important.

The night continued in good spirits while we did an antifa pub quiz after which people sat down to write some cards to the prisoners. As this night was meant more to get word out, we'll approach some collectively run cafe's and people's kitchens here in the near future to try and get some solidarity funding.

FROM LECCE ITALY WITH LOVE



As news of the recently imprisoned UK antifascists spreads around the world, antifascist comrades in Lecce, Italy recently organised an info-benefit event for those behind bars. While the event was put on at short notice, it was both well-organized and successful. Everyone sat down to a good meal while the case was talked about and discussed. Printed information was also made available in both Italian and English. Italian antifascists are no stranger to the State using trumped-up conspiracy charges to ensnare those from our movement, it is something that has happened in Italy many times. Around 30 people attended the event and before everyone sat down to dinner a collection was made, raising 200 Euros, which has been sent to those inside. Cards were also signed for the imprisoned comrades sending love and solidarity from Lecce. Thanks to everyone who attended and to the good comrades who organised the event.

handy, should one be a tad short of the annoying thing called evidence.

In a straight contradiction to what the justice system tries to preach, they have exposed themselves as nothing more than a posh gang of thugs, with huge prisons to keep us locked-up, out of sight, out of rights!

This is not unique to England and it is evident in most countries. With the breakdown of their economic system, their thuggish behaviour is becoming more and more exposed. From Athens, our inspiration, to London, it's time to stand up and stand united, with passion and determination.

Democratic capitalist society and dictatorships alike, their failure is shining brighter by the minute, as with any system which is unfair and only serves to benefit a tiny minority of the population.

I send my support and solidarity to the comrades, in prisons and on the streets, who have courageously decided to say enough is enough. No more of the "Rule of the Rich". No more shall they be able to hide behind their legal arguments and pseudo-democratic excuses. No more shall they be able to hide behind their polluted cloud of justice when it's so apparent that it's nothing more than a tool of repression, by which a big, fat, wigged-up bastard can, without remorse or humanity, destroy the lives of people on a daily basis, without any consequences or questions being asked of him. Only a few dictators have had such powers at their disposal.

It's time to judge our judges. I know about 85,678 people in England alone, who'd like a word or two with these infallible keepers of the rich man's democracy.

To the rich man's justice – Fuck you hard and rot in pieces!

Anarchist Prisoner:

Thomas Blak



For Whose Benefit?

by Sean Cregan

Antifascist Prisoner Sean Cregan takes a look at benefits culture.

Every year, hundreds of benefit nights take place for a myriad of good causes across the country. This article focuses on who actually benefits from these nights.

I have helped organize many fund-raisers over the years, mainly on the punk/oi scene, and have also played benefits myself. Personally, I or any band I've been in have never asked for any payment for doing a benefit gig: The clue's in the name 'BENEFIT'! I'm not saying that anyone in a band is 'well off', far from it, but when I hear stories of bands on the 'scene' wanting hundreds of pounds for playing, it makes me think 'for whose benefit'?!

While I feel it is fair that a band are reimbursed for any travel costs and maybe given a few drinks, I don't feel they should be paid any fee [any more than the people organizing the event and taking the cash on the door should – Typissed]. This is not big business! Most corporate whores that play at 'set piece' benefits are paid huge amounts and only do it to look good and boost record sales.

Our 'movement' however is miniscule in comparison and the bands that play are usually people you admire with integrity, and lyrics that are anti-establishment. Why then do some bands feel the need to be paid for supporting a worthy cause?

This is by no means indicative of ALL bands on the scene, and many are rightfully just glad to help raise money and awareness of the cause. But there are some who feel a pay day is due to them from these gigs, and it is to these bands this article is directed.

Putting on a benefit is hard work. From experience, I can tell you that the costs are substantial. First you have to find a venue, and you are very lucky if you find one that will let you use the room for free. If it's a big event (e.g.

an all-dayer), there's no way this will be the case. In my opinion, these places make enough money out of the gig-goers to be able to afford doing this, but they are a business and it rarely happens.

The cost of the P.A. and backline (if the venue has these) should be included in the room hire. Then there's the sound engineer, again all well and good if they will work for nowt, but it's the exception rather than the



rule. Printing flyers is another expense to add to the list. If it's a squat party then add a hefty outlay for the bar, but if it's a good night this should make a profit for the cause. These are most of the initial outlays. Let's say, on the night, that two hundred people turn up to a medium-sized gig and pay a fiver in, that's a Grand. Deduct from that the outlay, and then say five bands play that want a hundred quid each. You'll be lucky to make a few hundred quid for the benefit.

Now I'm not saying people should be made to pay to play, but the payments should be kept to a minimum and bands should be happy to support the benefit and take only travel expenses. Paying loads of money to a band to travel from abroad, for example, makes no economic sense! If bands want to play the benefit, maybe they should book a few more gigs in that town, making it worth their while doing the benefit.

Some so-called punk bands are just outrageous in what they want to be paid. These fuckers should be ostracized and told to fuck off in my opinion. Making money on the back of others' misfortune is just low and they should be ashamed of themselves. The simple message to bands is this: Play if you support the benefit, but don't expect to be paid.

Some tips for putting on a benefit:

- 1) Ask around for help printing flyers, you may find someone willing to do it for free.
- 2) Always haggle with the venue, some will waive any room/backline charge if enough punters are guzzling their drinks.
- 3) Agree any expenses beforehand with the bands and don't be talked into paying more on the night. Any damage to equipment, etc can be discussed afterwards.
- 4) Do not allow guest lists at benefit nights. I've always paid to get into gigs I've put on. If people moan they haven't enough, point out that they appear to have enough money for beer! Usually works.
- 5) Always clean up after. It doesn't hurt to keep relations with the landlord on a good footing.
- 6) Try a raffle or passing round a tin, it will make a bit extra.
- 7) [Consider using local bands instead of 'big names', keeping travel expenses and the chances of breaking down miles away to a minimum. Local bands also bring their mates – Typissed.]

Sean Cregan

Sean is a long-standing Anarchist and antifascist activist, currently imprisoned, along with five other comrades, for 'Conspiracy to Commit Violent Disorder'. The details of the other antifascists can be found on this website. If you are interested in playing a benefit gig in support of these comrades, or even in organizing a benefit event yourself, please contact Leeds ABC – leedsabc@riseup.net . It doesn't matter where you are geographically because we can put you in touch with other supporters.