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"The demand for life itself has become a revolutionary programme . . ."
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Companions, let’s destroy all the prisons, those walls which lock away our desires. That money may burn in the fire of passion, Let’s change everything so that we exchange nothing.

--Raoul Vaneigem

It’s no big secret that anarchism long ago declared itself to be at war with society’s prisons. Not just with the brick and steel bastilles, but with all the instruments - physical, psychological and emotional - that serve to demoralize and imprison peoples’ bodies and minds. Despite this uncompromising historical stand, however, most practicing (active) anarchists have managed to suppress any ideas they might be entertaining as to how to proceed now with this most basic task of our revolution. The classical anarchist writers, from Kropotkin to Berkman, relentlessly exposed the role of prisons in terrorizing the poor and disenfranchised in a class-plagued, authoritarian society. And modern anarchist theorists have cooked up a feast of alternative recipes for dealing with “crime and criminals” - everything from village street patrols to self-managed “therapeutic healing centers” for anti-social offenders.

But in the absence of some concrete and practical notions on how to destroy the walls that are currently in place - notions that are uniquely anarchist - there is little to distinguish these streams from most others in the vast tide of utopian ruminations. After all, any authoritarian Marxist can provide an overview of why prisons in a capitalist society are oppressive. And any liberal social worker is bound to jump at the opportunity of helping “criminals” rehabilitate themselves in more humane surroundings. But prisons - the State’s main instrument of social control - won’t disappear until the entire decadent carcass of authoritarian society is swept away.

So anarchists, if they are to transform the anti-prison movement into part of the larger revolutionary process, need to start hammering away at the prisons themselves. Every prison in existence needs to be destroyed, on principle, and in preparation for Day One of the social revolution, when, as they say, the prison gates will fly open and the dragon will fly out. The purpose of this pamphlet is to take a brief, but detailed look at individuals and groups who have targeted the prison-industrial complex at the point of production, in the hopes of giving contemporary anarchists some ideas about how we could potentially be lending a lot more support to our sisters and brothers behind bars.

A thing that every working class fighter or revolutionary has to know is that the class 'justice' has only the name of justice, but is not justice at all, with the dice being loaded from the start. The cards are tricked, and the revolutionary facing the 'class justice' of the capitalist system has no chance in a million of being found not guilty by the court, or even of receiving a lighter sentence. It’s not even necessary to pay for lawyers because they could never defend us as well as we could by ourselves because we have the faith

champagne, offering him his congratulations on having "won this round".

Mesrine knew he was either facing the guillotine or life in prison. He was sent back to La Santé, where he tried unsuccessfully to get himself sent to court quickly in order to escape from the courthouse. Instead he ended up awaiting trial in jail for the whole of 1974 and 1975.

From inside La Santé in Paris, Mesrine was secretly communicating with his old accomplice Jean-Paul Mercier, back in the Saint Vincent de Paul prison near Montreal, figuring out plans for him to escape jail, rob banks, get a load of money, come to France and spring Mesrine from jail. Mercier and 4 others escaped again from Saint Vincent de Paul on 22nd October 1974 but Mercier was killed in a shoot-out with the police while robbing a bank in Montreal a mere eight days after the escape.

While awaiting trial in jail, as well as frequently writing to the press protesting over prison conditions and giving an extensive interview to Paris Match, Mesrine also wrote a wildly exaggerated autobiography called L’Instinct de Mort (The Killing Instinct) in which he boasted of large numbers of murders he had never committed. The book was smuggled out of prison and published three months before his case finally came to trial in May 1977. After a typically show-stopping and totally unrepentant performance in court he was eventually sentenced to what under the circumstances must be regarded as a very lenient 20 year stretch.

In the letters he wrote to friends from prison Mesrine talked openly of escaping. So the prison authorities at La Santé, already the highest security prison in France, built a special new maximum security wing to put him in. And then on 3rd May 1978, the governor of the prison received a call on his direct line, tipping him off that Mesrine was going to try and escape in two days’ time on the 5th of May. No one took it very seriously. And indeed Mesrine did not escape on the 5th. It was raining on the 5th of May so the escape was postponed until the 8th...

After intensive study of the architecture and functioning of the prison and meticulous planning, Mesrine perfected his escape from La Santé. At 10.00am on the 8th May, Mesrine and two other prisoners escaped by using a secret cache of weapons that had been smuggled into the prison for them by a corrupt prison guard. They held up their guards, stealing their uniforms and locking them in the cells. Then they accosted a group of workmen fixing new bars on the windows of the cells and ordered them to move their ladder to the outside wall of the prison. Using a rope and grappling iron that had also been smuggled in for them, the escapes climbed over the wall and let themselves down the other side, stopping a passing car to make their getaway. By 10.25am Mesrine and his accomplice François Besse had become the first two men ever to escape from La Santé.

A mere eight days after the escape Mesrine and Besse got back to work, robbing a Paris gunsmiths for weapons in broad daylight. As usual Mesrine had refused to run away and had simply stayed in Paris. Ten days later the pair robbed a casino.

Mesrine planned a series of revenge kidnappings: first he kiddnapped a bank employee who had given evidence against him at his trial and forced him to open the bank vaults for him; then, in one man campaign against maximum security prisons, he attempted to kidnap the judge who had sentenced him to 20 years, demanding that M. Petit would only be released if all top security wings in French prisons were closed. He said that unless they were closed he would begin to assassinate magistrates. The kidnapping of the judge went wrong but Mesrine managed to escape by running downstairs straight past the cops coming to get him and shouting "Quick! Mesrine’s up there!" as he sped past them. As they all raced in the other direction he made good his escape. The one cop who did recognise him he disarmed and handcuffed to a drainpipe. This lonely ploid was soon discovered later by his colleagues when they had unsurprisingly failed to find Mesrine upstairs.

After another kidnapping of a wealthy banker and industrialist, Mesrine began planning a series of even more high profile kidnappings of major political and media figures. It was while he was engaged in this plan that he was stopped by French President Giscard d’Estaing had told the responsible minister only days earlier, "we really have to finish Mesrine off."

Source: Mesrine—The Life and Death of a Supercrook by Carey Schofield (Penguin, 1980)

And Now... Jacques Mesrine the video! 90 min colour video in French. For a copy send £7.50 including postage (cheques payable to 'Chronos Publications') to: BM Chronos, London WC1N 3XW, UK.
On the 17th August 1969, Mesrine and his girlfriend Jeanne Schneider both escaped from Percy prison in Quebec, Canada. They were inside for attempting to kidnap Canadian grocery and textile millionaire Georges Deslauriers after he sacked them both as domestic servants.

Mesrine knew he had to escape from this little local prison before he was transferred to a bigger one. He ripped the handle off an aluminum mug and sharpened it by rubbing it against the cement wall of his cell. Using this as a weapon he captured a prison warden, stealing his keys and locking him in the cell. Jeanne had done the same thing with the warden's women's wing, and stopping only to raid the kitchens and fill a bag with food, they fled into the woods surrounding the prison.

He was quickly recaptured by the Canadian authorities and sentenced to a total of eleven years in the "escape-proof" maximum security wing of the Saint Vincent de Paul prison in Laval, outside Montreal. The prison was brand new and supposed to be the most secure prison in the country. But on the 31st August 1972, Mesrine led five others in an escape.

The plan was outrageously simple. While having their morning exercise in the prison yard, they used a pair of pliers stolen from the metal workshop to cut through the three fences surrounding the exercise yard, cutting along the ground between each of the fences. The escapees stopped two motorists on the nearest highway, commandeering their cars and then later dumping them.

However, feeling that it was unfair that he should be free while others remained incarcerated, Mesrine decided to return to the prison and free the remaining 56 prisoners in the maximum security wing. He immediately started robbing banks to raise the money. He needed for the escape plan and a mere two weeks after he had escaped, he returned to break out the others.

Along with some friends, he had rented several flats in Montreal under false names, stocking them with enough food for several men to be able to hide there. He had also got enough guns for there to be one weapon between every two escapees. At 2.30 in the afternoon on the 3rd September, Mesrine and his friend Jean-Paul Mercier drove up to the prison armed with sawn-off shotguns. They planned to throw three pairs of wire-cutting shears and the guns over the walls and into the exercise yard. They also had another two get-away cars with drivers parked at intervals up the road.

The escape attempt never worked out. As they drove up to the prison they discovered that since their escape two weeks earlier security had been tightened and there were now cars and armed prison guards everywhere. After a shoot-out with the cops and prison guards Mesrine and Mercier had to make a swift getaway and abandon their break-out plan.

Back in France in 1973, living on the run, Mesrine was aware that eventually he would be caught, so he arranged his escape from prison in advance. He knew when he was captured he would be tried first at the Palais de Justice in Compiègne, on the outskirts of Paris. So he explored the building and drove around the surrounding area, drawing a map. He arranged an escape plan with his friends, showing them where to park the get-away car and demonstrating the quickest route out of town. He also took them into the Palais de Justice and showed them where guns could be hidden.

On the 8th March 1973 Mesrine was eventually caught by the French police. As he was being driven to prison in an armoured van, he turned to one of the cops escorting him and said: "What do you bet me I'll be out in three months?" The cop smiled; he knew Mesrine was being taken to the highest security jail in France—the La Santé prison in Paris, from which no one had ever escaped.

On the 6th June, Mesrine was taken for trial at the Palais de Justice in Compiègne. All day he had been complaining of dysentery and demanding to go to the lavatory at regular intervals. While being transferred from one vehicle to another, he saw his accomplice who threw his cigarette to the ground; the agreed signal that everything was ready to go was given. At the court house he was also demanding to go to the toilets. When there was no paper in the toilets for the use of defendants he was allowed to use the lawyers' lavatories. Which of course was where the guns were hidden behind a cistern. Stuffing the gun under his belt, he returned to the trial. As he went up before the bench to answer the charges made against him, he sprang forwards and grabbed the judge, holding him at gunpoint and then using him as a human shield to manoeuvre his way out of the court. He then ran through a hail of gunfire for the get-away car that was waiting for him at the end of minor roads by his pre-arranged get-away route. Twenty miles away they stole a new car and dumped the old one, making for a pre-arranged hide-out where Mesrine cracked open a bottle of champagne to celebrate: he had kept his promise and escaped within three months.

On the 28th September the police had him again; an accomplice arrested during a bank robbery had received him up to renew his own sentence. Although his re-capture was a disaster for Mesrine, he typically made the best of a bad job by negotiating with the cops sent to arrest him and using the time bought to burn all his papers, arrange his arsenal of guns and ammunition neatly on the bed, wash, dress, shave and tidy his flat, so that when he finally opened the door, immaculately dressed and puffing on a big cigar, he was able to welcome his arch-enemy Commissaire Broussard with a glass of whisky.

"Let's stress once and for all that we, Os Cangaceiros, don't come from leftism: there's not a single ex-leftist among us. And none of us has ever been mixed up with any kind of political racket in any way. We have only one form of relation with political groups and organizations: war. They're all our enemies, there's no exception."

---Os Cangaceiros, Paris May 1980

Os Cangaceiros was a group of working class anarchists who emerged from the background of the May 1968 revolution in France. They were fired by the alienation inherent in modern conditions and progress and the reduction of human life to a function of a vicious production process. Coming together in Nice, France, Os Cangaceiros or the "Gravediggers" (of the old world), as they were alternatively known were characteristic of the new antagonistic social movements that began their present phase of struggle in the wave of riots and occupations of May 1968 and that demanded nothing less than the End of Politics. Described in the newspapers of the time as "hooligans" and "juvenile delinquents", they had no formal structure but formed a collective of individual desires which found expression together. Their only program being "Never Work, Ever", they set about creating the circumstances which would make this immediately possible. To this end they collected their resources and their talents for crime which sat easily with their desire for adventure.

They moved throughout the south of France making friends and initiating actions autonomously, most often against the police, union bureaucracy, politicians and social managers of every sort. They lived nomadically and sought to identify those places where dissatisfaction was reaching a peak and to pass through there to exacerbate it within the limits of their resources. Particularly they highlighted the role played by liberals, social democrats and leftists to manipulate or repress those in revolt to their own ends, taking the struggles determination out of the hands of a generalized radicality that had its own dynamic.

---Os Cangaceiros, 1985
In the late 1970's they traveled extensively in Italy where Autonomia was reaching its first peak and the revolutionary movement spun the factories and youth out of the control of the Communist Party and the Unions. There they came across Comunitismo who called for "Criminal Struggle Against Capital" and witnessed firsthand the violent assault against the state by the Italian uncontrollables. As their methods of operation led them frequently into illegality and sometimes jail, they understood the significance of this and would turn their attention later more tangibly on the system of crime and punishment.

"Let us not give free rein to our jailers, strike the tigers heart every day, in every way, according to our differences, against the sadness and solitude of cells of confinement" --Os Cangaceiros

Throughout the 1980s, Os Cangaceiros followed trouble across the country and continent, spreading subversion and forming networks of support in Paris, Lyon, Belgium, Poland, Brixton and Toxteth. The attraction drawing them to these places varied; in Lyon it was the thrill of joyriding and its twin hobby of ambushing pursuing police cars by a crowd waiting with stones. In Poland it was the wildcat strikes and occupations against the communist government. In Brixton and Toxteth it was the explosion of the inner city youth against boredom and police repression. In each place they would carry out their own actions as a contribution to the struggle without attempting to manipulate the local participants in any way. In their journal at the time, which was not a political paper but a summary of their activities and reflections upon it, they dwelt on such questions as the need for invisibility (and the consequent rejection of the political milieu which positively invites police attention for its own vanity) and strategies for undermining the old world of capitalism and its novelties and lies. In 1984, Os Cangaceiros went to England to throw their stones with the miners and stayed there for a year in several Yorkshire towns; this was to be the last stand of the traditional working class movement in Britain, the country last to follow the European model. After this, they returned to Paris (with several miners they had become friends with) and began to squat houses.

While other squatters attempted to use conservationist and architectural arguments to justify the occupation of abandoned, disintegrating buildings, Os Cangaceiros decided to seize the best buildings they could find—saw squatting as a direct expropriation of the material luxury and wealth to which they were entitled, as each of us is tantalized lifelong by the illusion of material wealth and they wished to realize and exhaust the lie. To this end, they moved into a newly constructed apartment block and drove out the yuppie inhabitants who complained. The seized building was then fortified against police attack and they set about creating a no-go zone for the police. When the police finally arrived to evict them, it took them three hours to get through the steel plating on the door, during which time their network of supporters were alerted by phone and counterattacked the police from behind.

In the late 1980s, Os Cangaceiros entered a new trajectory and began to direct their efforts against the Prison -Industrial Complex. In the following three years they carried out multiple acts of sabotage against prison construction sites, stole the architectural plans for new prisons, beat up some of the...
We assumed that contributions and interventions by groups whose name has become associated with a certain praxis and political orientation were given greater attention within the left, their statements are read and studied more, more so than groups with no obvious continuity. We hoped over the course of time to have a positive influence within the leftist scene and to help establish certain points of orientation.

**Why Militant Politics?**

Considering the status of discussion within the radical left, the silence and refusal to take a stand, we think it’s necessary for us to explain why we decided upon militant politics in a period of relatively little movement.

Effective militant praxis is not enough to break through the left’s external lack of credibility and internal adaptation and lack of courage. Radical critiques of the present conditions of hierarchy, oppression, and exploitation which do not seek out, utilize, and discover all forms of resistance will sooner or later lose faith in themselves. To stick with our example: A left which, correctly, states that it is a crime to construct and operate deportation prisons, but which does not seek out all possible ways of stopping such construction and operation, loses its perspective and has defeat in its own mind right from the beginning. Our method, if it had been successful, would not have been the only gesture and certainly wouldn’t have been the best, but it would have been a lot better than all the complaints about the impossibility of leftist politics in an increasingly right-wing society.

We don’t think that the left will develop a comprehensive perspective out of feelings of helplessness and the loss of its methods of struggle, rather it should try to draw strength from trying to close the gap between thoughts and deeds, even in bad times. With our name and our praxis, we wanted to make propaganda for the possibilities of direct intervention and attack, possibilities which are open to everyone who is not satisfied with injustice and oppression.

We aren’t saying militant politics is the only way to go in today’s society, but we definitely think it was wrong to put all praxis on ice until we could look for the exactly right strategy. We think further development can only take place in the context of a process of reflection and action. Learning by doing. And someday when the conditions are better, when fundamental critiques of the system are in a broader social acceptance, then it will be damn important to be able to look back on a history where we didn’t give up the fight, even during times of adaptation to fundamental mainstream positions.

architects who were designing the new Gulags and drew attention to the resistance gathering pace inside the walls as well. The scale and effectiveness of their actions against the Prison-Industrial Complex forced Os Cangaceiros to disband their journal and go underground entirely, as they were now being heavily pursued by police. One of their last acts (before dissolving into the informal criminal networks they had spent nearly two decades creating) was to publish a book on the 16th-century Movement of the Free Spirit, a proto-anarchist current that they strongly identified with.

**At the dawn of Industrialism, factories were modeled after prisons; In its twilight, prisons are now modeled after factories.**

- Os Cangaceiros, 1989

In 1990, a voluminous dossier began to circulate in France. The dossier, sent by Os Cangaceiros, included stolen prison plans and documents and a chronology outlining Os Cangaceiros’s campaign of sabotage against the “13,000 project”, which pertained to the French States plans to create new maximum security penitentiaries with room for 13,000 prisoners, as well as reproductions of communiques sent to those who were targeted. Interestingly, the police and companies which tried to remain very discreet about this campaign, apparently wishing to give it as little publicity as possible. The authors of this pamphlet, on the other hand, want people to start thinking about the various ways we can be undermining the Prison-Industrial Complex and for that reason are reprinting a partial chronology of some of the main actions Os Cangaceiros took against the prison industry.

**Letter to an Architect**

**Subject: Ambush**

Are your wounds well healed, architect? Did you figure out what went wrong? Shamelessly, with no discretion of any kind, centimetre by centimetre, you have conceived these cages in which even the handicapped will be locked up. Inside the walls which you designed, individuals who are worth more than you will be thrown up on a regular basis. It is good that you have received an appetizer of what thousands of prisoners will have to endure to the nth degree.

To be sure, architect, this is not your company’s first infamy. Considering what you build to house normal citizens, one can guess your competence to shut away delinquents. One moves easily from the tower blocks of the 13th arrondissement (an area of Paris) to prison cells.

Scum, looking at your mug, we were able to note from your tired face how deeply you involve yourself in your projects.

Before you were building walls, now you’re going to knock them down.

Os Cangaceiros
Lyon, 29/03/90
Resignation is death. Revolt is life.

-Libertad.
It's important that anarchists recognize and take action against the various forms that prisons assume in this society, from mental prisons (or "asylums") to immigration detention centers. Recently in Australia, there have been repeated actions at immigration centers in Derby and Woomera, including mass escapes and detention center riots involving both prisoners and their allies on the outside. Reprinted below is a short article on the German group K.O.M.I.T.E.E., who from 1985-1997 carried out a series of militant, clandestine actions against deportation centers in Berlin and other parts of Germany. Actions such as these are going to become more important in the years to come as the racist "war on terrorism" intensifies.


On April 10/95, police foiled an attempted attack by four militants against a newly constructed deportation prison in the Grunau section of Berlin. A total of 120 kg of explosives had been disguised as fire extinguishers and were designed to destroy the new prison before it could be opened. However, ever since the spectacular RAF commando attack which completely destroyed a new high-tech prison in Wetterstade in March of 1993, German authorities have greatly increased their surveillance of prison construction sites. Although police foiled the attack, all four persons were able to flee. Since then, however, one woman (Beate) was arrested, but three men (Bernhard, Thomas, and Peter) are still on the run. All were active in the autonomist scene in the Kreuzberg section of Berlin, according to police. During the foiled attack, police also claim to have found the communiqué for the action, signed by a group called "Das K. O. M. I. T. E. E.". This group had previously carried out an attack on all abandoned army barracks in Bad Freienwalde in East Germany in November of 1994. This action, which caused 200,000 DM in damage, was done in solidarity with the Kurdish national liberation struggle and to protest German arms sales to Turkey. Below is the communiqué from an action against the company responsible for building the deportation prison in Berlin-Grullau.

Terrorists Are Those People Who Build Deportation Prisons, Not Those That Blow Them Up! Stop The German State’s Racist Asylum And Deportation Policies!

On the night of Wednesday/Thursday, June 7/8, 1995, we detonated several containers full of flammable mixtures under three vehicles belonging to the ALLROUND construction firm, because they are involved in the construction of the deportation prison in Grunau and therefore are partly responsible for the deportation of countless refugees and immigrants to regions of war, crisis, and poverty. This company earns money by constructing a place where people will be caged up for weeks, just for exercising their right to demand their fair share of the world’s wealth. For refugees, deportation doesn’t just mean poverty and sorrow, but also torture, prison, and death. On Monday, 22.5.95, a Kurdish woman named Hava Koc was deported from Berlin-Schönefeld to Istanbul, where she was immediately arrested by plainclothes police. Her present whereabouts are unknown. As of June 12, the moratorium on the deportation of Kurds will be lifted. In Kurdistan, the Turkish military has been waging war for years, not just against armed PKK units of the PKK, but also against the Kurdish civilian population and all those who strive for independence. According to the 1994 annual report of the Turkish Human Rights Association (IHD), more than 2,000 villages have been destroyed, writers and
German Prison Bombed - Destroyed Before It Can Destroy!

Many people had good reason to celebrate on the last weekend in March. Early on Saturday March 27 (1993), a series of explosions destroyed most of a newly completed high-tech prison that was to be put to abuse in May 1993. The prison in Weiderstadt, close to Frankfurt, took eight years to build and cost 250 million Marks (155 million American dollars). It was to hold 500 prisoners and was to be a multi-use prison, including units for deportees, a high-security prison for women, and for prisoners awaiting trial. The German state has made much ado about Weiderstadt's "human conditions" - a model for a new corrections policy. The latter is true. Weiderstadt would have embodied the latest in high-tech incarceration. In Weiderstadt the prisoners were to be placed in so-called "living groups" of 10 to 20 prisoners, in single cells with a common room and a small kitchen. The cells were to be monitored with video cameras and microphone/speakers.

The "living groups" were to be put together by social workers, psychotherapists, etc. and were to operate by a system of "punishment-reward". The prisoner, on his or her arrival, would be assessed according to his or her will to resist or adapt. Depending on the evaluation by the psychologist, the prisoner would be sent to a "living-group"; which vary from totally conforming to "non-adaptation". Far from being "collective", these "living-groups" would instill competition between the prisoners which would undermine solidarity among the prisoners.

By a "work-therapy" (i.e. forced labor) and other psychological measures, the prisoners would come to see themselves as criminals or as insane. But by adopting the "social values" of the therapists and other prisoner workers - the values of the prison system, the state and their corporate bosses - they would rise in the hierarchy among the prisoners, i.e. gain privileges and benefits that they could be lost if they did not behave as desired. There can be no system of rewards without a corresponding set of punishment. Total isolation in the high security wing would be the ultimate penalty.

However, there is not much left of the detention center now. The explosions destroyed the administration building, much of the high-tech security system, as well as four "residential" buildings. Damage has been estimated at 100 million Marks (62 million American dollar's) - sixty million Marks for reconstruction, and 40 million for the alarm system that was not on during the night of the attack. Furthermore, it is predicted that corrections planning would be set back four years as a result of the bombing.

The commando Katharina Hammerschmidt of the Red Army Fraction (RAF) released a communiqué a few days after the action that demanded the release of the remaining RAF prisoners along with other prison-related demands. But the mass media only printed part of the communiqué and, interestingly enough, the media did not print one of the demands calling for the release of all HIV+ prisoners.

The commando Katharina Hammerschmidt took extreme care to avoid injuries to 11 guards who were captured at about 1:30, bound and gagged and driven to a nearby field where they were left in a van. The buildings were searched before detonation and the commando even put up warning posters on the outside walls of the prison. The commando was named for a close friend of Ulrike Meinhof who was a supporter of the RAF and who spent three years in prison before dying of a breast tumor due to medical neglect in November 1973.

The RAF recently announced a decision to stop targeting representatives of the state and capital in an attempt to negotiate the release of RAF prisoners. (Though, as the communiqué makes clear, this is a change in tactics and not a retreat from armed struggle.) Ex-Jusitce Minister Kinkel had signaled a willingness to release some of the most seriously ill prisoners. Only a few, however, have come out, and others have been hit with new charges and increased sentences. The RAF's response- "They all must be released."

The following is the RAF communiqué:

Nothing has changed about the step we took in our history, a step which we need and want, but we are involved in a process of developing a social counter-power from below, from which a new proposal for a process of revolutionary change can be developed. This, now as ever, is the highest priority for us, but still, the conditions for this must be struggled for. Last August, we wrote that we could not be held responsible for this.

The Weiderstadtler Prison is exemplary of how the State is dealing with open and intensified contradictions: more and more people are faced with prison, prison, prison - and it's a deportation prison, part of the State's racist asylum policies. With its technological perfection of isolating and differentiating imprisoned persons, it is a model for the rest of Europe.

Freedom For At Political Prisoners

For A Society Without Prisons

The Path To Liberation Is Travelled As A Part Of A Process Of Social Learning, Which Is Part Of A New International Struggle For Change!

Fight The Racism Of The State And The Nazis!

Remove The Racist Consciousness In Society In The Social Struggle Among People -Even For This We Need A Mass-Movement From Below, Which Is Oriented Towards Solidarity, Justice, And The Struggle Against Poverty, Social Isolation, And A Lack Of Perspective!

We Greet All Those Struggling For Their Human Dignity In The Prisons In Preungsm, Santa Fu, Ploetzensee, Rheinbach, Stammheim, Straubing...

Solidarity With The International Prisoners Struggle!

March 27, 1993 Katharina Hammerschmidt Commando

- Red Army Faction