

ANARCHIST
RESISTANCE
AND INDIGENOUS
STRUGGLE
AGAINST THE
2010 OLYMPICS
IN VANCOUVER,
CANADA



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RIOT 2010 RIOT NOW

*Attacking the Olympics
and it's project: Canada, Greece and Italy*



The Olympics is not just a world-wide event, it is a project used to accelerate what the bosses are already doing: expanding capitalism, colonization, social control and industrial/technological civilization. The project is the subjugation of our lives to the plans of the bosses, the hyper-expansion of security forces and the exploitation of the earth, destroying our possibilities to live free. The Olympic project is the encouragement of false nationalism, attempting to unify people the world over within borders and behind state power undermining true indigenous nations.

Vancouver, British Columbia is host to the 2010 Winter Olympics. Here the Olympic project is in the frenzy of developers tearing up Vancouver to reconstruct a wealthier urban dream. We see it in the expansion of ski-resorts and promotion of tourism and land exploitation, like the opening up of the province of British Columbia (BC) to uranium mining. To protect their investments, the bosses hire more police, form and expand private security companies to patrol Vancouver and pump money into the treaty process, trying to buy BC from the indigenous people because they know it is unceded native land, never treated, never surrendered.

Indigenous warrior and elder Harriet Nahanee of the Nuuchanulth nation, and Squamish nation by marriage, lived in North Vancouver on a Squamish reserve when she was arrested on May 25th, 2006 for defending unceded Squamish

territory from Olympics development. Her arrest was part of the mass arrest and eviction of a month-long land defense camp in West Vancouver. The camp was set up to prevent the destruction of Eagle Ridge Bluffs by the highway expansion between Vancouver and the main Olympic venue, Whistler.

The injunction to remove the occupiers of the Eagle Ridge Bluffs camp was filed in May 2006 by highway construction contractors Peter Kiewit and Sons. Kiewit and Sons is no small family business, it is one of North America's largest and longest operating construction and mining companies.

Since 1884, Kiewit has been building a business around the construction of military, air force and naval operations centers, nuclear waste storage experiments, and resource exploitation, including oil and gas, mining and dams.

The arrest of Harriet Nahanee is part of their business: plundering native land and reinforcing the systems of repression.

In court, Harriet Nahanee would not apologize for defying the injunction ordering her to remove herself from the land, nor would she recognize the authority of the courts. She stated that she is a sovereign indigenous person. Because of her refusal to show remorse, she was

sentenced to two weeks jail time. While in jail, she suffered from pneumonia and died on February 24, 2007, shortly after being released. Her spirit continues to inspire resistance.



Harriet Nahanee, arrest at Eagle Ridge Bluffs, 2006

On, March 7, 2007, in Coast Salish Territory [Vancouver, Canada] the Olympic flag was removed from its pole at the Vancouver City Hall. The action was claimed by the Native Warrior Society (from the communique) "...in honour of Harriet Nahanee, our elder-warrior, who was given a death sentence by the BC courts for her courageous stand in defending Mother Earth." The communique continues: "We stand in solidarity with all those fighting against the destruction caused by the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. No Olympics on Stolen Native Land!"

In death and in life, people are expendable to the roar of capital. In the rush to build 2010 Olympics infrastructure, two workers have died on the job and one more on his way

home in early morning hours after working a night shift.

On June 12, 2006, an experienced blaster, 45-year old Mike Greer, died in a blasting accident during the construction of a road to the Callaghan Valley Olympics venue near Whistler that will be used only by RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police), and security and emergency personnel. Greer had been working 10 to 11 hour shifts, six days a week. On June 15, 2006, \$50,000 worth of damage was done to five vehicles on that same road. In 2007, Murrin Construction was fined \$216,000 for "gross negligence" relating to his death.

On January 21, 2008, Andrew Slobodian, 22, from Ontario, Canada, died while working on the Canada Line rapid-transit project in Vancouver for the 2010 Olympics. The crane he was operating flipped over and crushed him midway along the bridge deck that spans the Fraser River from Vancouver to Richmond.

In 2006, a union backed petition revealed that foreign construction workers for Canada Line rapid transit were paid less than \$4 an hour by Italian company SELI Technologies and SNC Lavalin. SELI was contracted to build the tunnels for the transit line. When the foreign workers began to organize for fair pay SELI quickly fired them. SNC Lavalin is a Canadian company and military ammunitions manufacturer seeking reconstruction contracts in Iraq and with mining, nuclear, engineering, real estate and pharmaceutical interests worldwide. SNC has a contract to manage the Canada Line for the next 35 years.

These companies manufacture



and exploit the precariousness of foreign workers, paying them as little as they can get away with, skimming the wages off their backs and firing workers when they make a stir. Recently, workers involved with union organizing were fired on the excuse that their services were no longer needed, voiding their visas and making their existence in Canada illegal.

After the Olympic events have passed, the project of capitalism, colonization and social control will most likely continue. Our struggles come from before 2010 and will reach beyond.

The Olympics is just another mask the bosses wear, a spectacle encouraging us to celebrate and buy tickets to our own exploitation. We do not revel at their masquerade; we celebrate with our rebellion.



Kiewit construction vehicle arsoned, May 2008, Vancouver

RESISTANCE TO THE OLYMPIC PROJECT IN GREECE

The Olympics were set to take place in Athens, Greece in the summer of 2004. However, Greek anarchists put out a call that resounded

in the voices of many others: "Let the Olympic Games die in the land they were born!"

In November 2003, anarchists attacked three Athens banks with homemade gas bombs in solidarity with seven imprisoned anarchists and against the arrival of FBI Chief Robert Mueller, coming to inspect security measures for the Olympics. The seven anarchists were being held in jail for their participation in demonstrations at the EU summit in Thessaloniki in June 2003, during which damage was done to businesses, banks and cars.

"Solidarity is our weapon!"

In February 2004, two government trucks were burned using homemade gas canisters during International Olympic Committee meetings in Athens. The claim for responsibility was signed by the Olympic mascots. To complete the Olympics infrastructure in time, work went on non-stop and many foreign temporary workers were hired. In the rush, dozens of workers died. There is no official number; some say up to 150 workers died on Olympics-related work sites in Greece.

On February 25, 2004, outside Greece's Labour Ministry, an anti-Olympics demonstration took place that was also in opposition to the working conditions at the Olympic village site where five workers had already died. At the demonstration, people hurled rocks and red paint and clashed with the police.

The Olympic security apparatus involved the construction of new prisons, NATO security systems, US, British, Israeli, and Australian secret service and the installation of hundreds of police surveillance cameras.

Exactly 100 days before the games, three gas bombs went off damaging a police station. On July

22, 2004, firebombs were thrown at the Cultural Ministry building and the nearby headquarters of the Cultural Olympiad, causing structural damage. During an anti-Olympics demonstration later that night, anarchists threw a firebomb at the Interior Ministry building and spray-painted surveillance cameras set up for the Olympics.



Breaking a surveillance camera
Crete, Greece 2008

On August 27, people rioted in Athens against the coming visit of US Secretary Colin Powell to the Olympics, smashing and pulling down surveillance cameras, breaking bank windows, attacking the offices of the Association of Greek Industrialists and spray-painting "Against the Olympics of Repression" on a billboard. Colin Powell cancelled his visit to Greece.

The Olympics are over in Greece but attacks on surveillance cameras continue. Dozens of cameras have been destroyed during daytime demonstrations, night attacks or in simultaneous sabotage at different locations.

In Athens, November 2005, traffic was held up by a banner reading "Sabotage the Systems of Social Control", while at the same time comrades were setting the camera control boxes on fire. This was the second time these cameras were destroyed.

RESISTANCE TO THE OLYMPIC PROJECT IN ITALY

The next Olympic games after Athens, was the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. The bosses decided to push through construction of a high-speed train line (TAV) between France and Italy, to be finished in time for the games, despite active resistance to the TAV construction since the late 1990's. An anarchist from Carrara understood the "No TAV" movement as "...an obstacle to the restructuring process which has as its result the destruction of the environment of the area, the sacking of thousands of workers (and) the super-exploitation of railway workers to benefit a clique of businessmen and speculators."

In March 1998, the Italian police arrested 3 anarchists on serious charges of "subversive association for the purpose of constituting an armed gang". They were accused of various direct actions linked to the popular struggle against the construction of the high-speed railway through the Val di Susa in the Piemonte region.

Two of the arrested anarchists, Edoardo Massari, a 38-year old from Ivrea, and Maria Soledad Rosas, a 22-year old from Argentina, committed suicide during their persecution. Italian anarchists called it murder. The evening after Maria's death more than a hundred people gathered in the centre of Turin. A barricade of old furniture, wood and mattresses blocked the road. A barrage of smoke bombs and flares transformed the scene. Spray-painted messages appeared on walls: "This is the first response to the death of Soledad."

Solidarity actions in Athens, Greece saw 10 cars go up in flames

at the Italian embassy and at agencies belonging to Italian companies Fiat and Alfa Romeo.



Maria Soledad Rosas

In 2005, construction for the TAV was underway at the mountain sports Olympic venue, Val di Susa. In the winter of 2005, residents of Val di Susa and supporters from many places came together to prevent the TAV by occupying a construction site. Residents of the valley had been demonstrating, blocking roads, and launching strikes against the railway project for weeks. Graffiti messages against the railway line and the police occupation of Val di Susa spread throughout the area.

In December 2005, the camp was violently evicted by paramilitary police. To try to keep the police out, residents blockaded the major highway that runs through Val di Susa and barricaded streets in the valley town of Bussoleno. Workers also went on strike in Turin, in solidarity with the struggle.



Barricade in Bussoleno

The day after the eviction, a mass demonstration in Val di Susa was held, including blockades, a battle with the cops, and the sabotage of equipment at the TAV development site. Mayors from the region attempted to stop anarchists and autonomous anti-capitalists from charging a police line, but failed.

At a solidarity demonstration against the TAV in Turin people blockaded a railway depot, attacked two police cars and the car of the President of the Piemonte region, smashed up a bank and an Olympics store and set a bonfire in the streets. Graffiti on the streets denounced the Olympics and the high-speed train line.

The planned route of the Olympic torch was diverted throughout Italy again and again. In Genoa, on December 18, 2005, a blockade forced the flame procession to stop and the flame to be transported in a car. In Trento, on January 23, 2006 the torch was snatched by anarchists who ran with it for sixty metres. In Bergamo, on January 29, clashes caused the flame to bypass the town. In Cuneo, on February 3, the route was delayed for forty minutes due to a cable strung across the road by anarchists. In Val di Susa, on February 5, people overwhelmed the procession and tried to put out the torch with a "NO TAV" flag.

For intervening in the torch run and snatching the torch in Trento on January 13, Juan Sorroche

and another anarchist received jail sentences, later commuted to fines. In court, one of the other arrested anarchists, Massimo, claimed that the disruption was related to the exploitation of immigrant workers on the Olympic-related construction project of the TAV high-speed railway.

In June 2006, in Rovereto, Italy, after the Olympic events ended, Juan Sorroche and three anarchist companions refused to present their identity papers to the cops. They resisted the attempt to drag them to a police station and when the cops called in reinforcements they fought back, damaging a cop car and causing six cops to seek first aid. While in prison for these actions, Juan and another companion, Mike, put out a statement expressing their actions as an act of solidarity with immigrants and other illegals "...who, unlike (them), don't have the possibility to choose but are compelled to run away in order to escape imprisonment." They encouraged the spread of resistance to identity checks calling it "active solidarity." Affirming their actions as a reflection of their hearts they refused to repent.

After serving part of his nine month sentence in jail, a Judge released Juan on the condition that he remain in a certain town and not return to Rovereto. He left anyway and was arrested in Spain on numerous charges including the burning of three train cars belonging to Trentalia, an action claimed because of the company's involvement in the deportation of immigrants.

By interacting with social struggles in other places we see that the project of social domination is global. All over the world capital aims to advance, restricting access to the means of survival, channeling populations into production and consumption, and refining methods of social control.

Internationally, social control (i.e.: immigration systems, police, social welfare, labour, technology, prison) is experimented with and implemented differently. What is yesterday's surveillance technology in London becomes today's in Vancouver.

Beginning by truly engaging our own struggles and deepening our relationships locally, our struggles can intensify by extending outwards to others who share our aspirations. Solidarity can be a weapon and a catalyst for subversive social relationships.

Although we can learn from the methods and analysis in rebellion in Italy, Greece and so many other places, our methods should be born from our surroundings and the contexts that we generate. Let us experiment and push our selves beyond pre-conceived limitations.

The systems of social control are growing, cultivated through projects like the Olympics, but they are breakable. They depend on our ongoing submission. We refuse them this necessity through our ongoing rebellion.

These words go out to those yet unknown companions whose hearts rebel, propelling them towards conflict, joy and dignity.

-some vancouver anarchists



January 2006, anarchists snatch the Olympic torch, Trento, Italy January 2006

Let the road to the Olympics be littered with the wreckage we leave in their place!"

(from an action in Vancouver on September 29, 2007 in solidarity with imprisoned anarchists Gabriel Pombo da Silva, Jose Delgado and Marcos Camenisch)

– Anarchists



ACTION BRIEFS FROM SO CALLED CANADA

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"We hope these acts will spark communication and create new relationships of collaboration in struggle."

What follows are mostly anarchist actions communicated through the internet. This form of communication can have direct and meaningful impact on our lives in struggle. It is obvious that these actions do act as sparks to ignite further acts of revolt. Although these words and acts might stretch over oceans to find complicity, do they transform our face to face relations outside of anarchist revolt? More anarchy, not necessarily more anarchists.

These actions are contributions to struggles against social control, development, prison, gentrification and capitalism. Also there are many acts of solidarity, especially in direct relation prisoners and repression of indigenous land reclamations and revolutionaries.

RBC: Royal Bank of Canada. A main Olympic sponsor. A Vancouver anarchist communique from December 2008 called for ongoing attack on the RBC as a new Olympic sport.

2009

February, Vancouver, BC

Repeated smashing of Commercial Drive Community Policing Centre (CPC) windows and door result in a bill to big to replace windows. Neighbourhood posters explain the function of CPC's as institutions of social control.

10 January, Guelph, Ontario

Bank of Montreal sabotaged cash machine sabotage. Action claimed against development and repression and in solidarity with

rebels in Greece, Oakland and imprisoned bank robber Ronnie Easterbrook engaged in an ongoing hunger strike.

2008

20 December, Ontario

Windows and cash machines broken at 4 banks by anarchists against prisons and in solidarity with revolt in Greece and native struggle .

"Banks pay for prisons. We are against this prison-society and it's final conclusion; the lifeless prison structure."

13 December, Vancouver, BC

"A group of anarchists smashed the windows of the RBC at Hastings and Nanaimo. We took the slogan from Greece "SOLIDARITY

MEANS ATTACK" to heart. Against domination in all its forms from Olympic development and police murder on Coast Salish territories (Vancouver) to their equivalent in Greece and the world over."

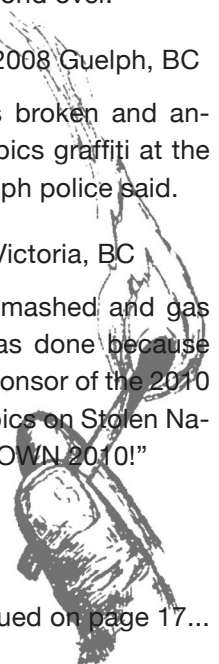
29 November, 2008 Guelph, BC

Three windows broken and anarchist anti-Olympics graffiti at the McDonald's, Guelph police said.

22 November, Victoria, BC

RBC window smashed and gas shut off. "This was done because RBC is a major sponsor of the 2010 games. No Olympics on Stolen Native Land SHUTDOWN 2010!"

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No Olympics on Stolen Land

by zig zag

"What causes opponents to come of their own accord is the prospect of gain.

What discourages opponents from coming is the prospect of harm."

- Sun Tzu, The Art of War

The 2010 Winter Olympics, to be held in Vancouver-Whistler from February 12-27, 2010, is today a very real threat to Native peoples, the urban poor (many of whom are also Native), and the environment.

While cutting social services, healthcare, education, etc., the BC Liberal government is at the same time providing billions of dollars to construction companies & other Olympic-related industries. The capitalists are making millions, while the poor are literally dying in the urban & reservation ghettos.

Already, more land has been destroyed for the expansion or construction of highways, ski resorts, & Olympic venues. Billions of 'public' money is also being spent on new bridges, port facilities, railways, as well as urban transit.

Most of this work is directly linked to 2010, to improve transportation & other infrastructure in preparation for the games.

Some of it forms part of a larger strategy aimed at capitalizing on 2010 and related tourism and trade, especially with Asia-Pacific (the International Trade & Investment to 2010 Strategy, as well as the \$600-million Gateway project).

All the expansion in transport infrastructure (highways, ports, railways, bridges, etc.) is meant to assist in greater resource exploitation, including ski resorts, mines, logging, natural gas, oil, etc. Since 2003, the BC government has been working to speed up the application process for these industries, making it easier for corporations to get projects approved. Premier Gordon Campbell has described these as "reforms to open up every sector of our economy" (BC Resort Strategy & Action Plan). The result has been huge increases in mining, gas & oil, as well as ski resorts.



MOUNTAINS UNDER ATTACK

"The mountains, pure & undisturbed, are essential to the survival of all people. Mountain ecosystems provide us Indian people with all of our physical, cultural and spiritual needs... the mountains are our shelter and protection... The most powerful medicines are collected in the mountains. The source of all water comes from the mountains. The mountains are the most spiritual place for us."

Elder quoted in "Our Elders Tell Us," Our Mountain Worlds & Traditional Knowledge, 2002

Since 2000, the main Native struggles in the BC interior have been against the construction, or expansion, of mountain ski resorts.

At Sun Peaks (Skwel'kwel't) ski resort near Kamloops, over 70 arrests have been made of mostly Secwepemc youth & elders. They've blocked roads, occupied buildings, established protection camps and sent delegations to Europe, Japan, and across N. America. This is all part of their campaign

against a massive \$294-million expansion of Sun Peaks, including new hotels & condominiums, more ski hills and golf courses, all of which involve large-scale destruction of mountain habitat.

At Melvin Creek, just north of Mt. Currie, the St'at'imc have established the Sutikalh camp to stop a planned \$530-million ski resort. The camp was first

set up in May 2000, and continues to be occupied to this day. It has served as a rallying point for community resistance to the resort, which also forced many chiefs & councilors to publicly oppose it as well.

In Cheam, 2003, several Pilalt were arrested after blockading a train during protests over logging on Mt. Cheam, the site of a proposed ski resort by Resorts West. Plans include 20 ski lifts on 8 different peaks, three resort villages, a golf course, and as many as 500,000 visitors a year.

Two resorts are planned for Merritt (Nlaka'Pamux territory), along the Coquihala Highway.

At Valemount, Revelstoke & Blue River, new resorts have also been approved, while the Jumbo Glacier Alpine Resort (near Invermere), has been approved for a \$450-million expansion (all of these are in Secwepemc territory).

Near Kelowna (Okanagan), Big White and Crystal Mountain were both approved for over \$100 million in expansion. And there are more.

This sharp increase in resort development is largely due to government promotion of the industry, which included the establishment of a Ski Resort Task Force in 2004. The task force was largely comprised of members of the resort industry (inc. Darcy Alexander, Vice-President of Sun Peaks), and their primary goal was to increase ski resort development in the province.

The group released a Resort Strategy & Action Plan in 2004, which made clear the connection between the industry's rapid growth and 2010:

"The Resort Strategy links to the Spirit of 2010 Tourism Strategy & the International Trade & Investment to 2010 Strategy. All these strategies are designed to grow tourism throughout the province, maximize opportunities created by hosting 2010... and attract national & international investment."

Expansion of the ski resort industry was accomplished largely through Land & Water BC, Inc., a government agency that sells & leases 'Crown' land.

The LWBC streamlined the application process and made other changes to increase certainty for investors, improve transportation infrastructure, etc.

Despite their portrayal as being eco-friendly, 'low-impact' tourism, ski resorts cause large-scale ecological destruction to mountain habitat. If you think about it, building a resort town along with massive ski runs & chairlifts on top of a mountain obviously has a big impact on the environment.

There is extensive logging for roads, ski runs, parking lots, town centers, golf courses, and townhouses.

Then there's water, sewage, & electrical systems. On top of all this there is the operation of the ski resort itself.

Besides the influx of millions of tourists into mountain resorts annually, their activities include not only skiing, but also heli-skiing, cat-skiing, and snow-mobiling.

Most ski resorts also use fake snow that contaminates the land & nearby water (and many are beginning to use recycled 'waste' water to make fake snow). In the summer there may be mountain biking, dirt-biking, festivals, etc.

All these people & 'sports' activities, in mountain habitats, adds to the ecological impact of resorts on wildlife, land, & water systems.

Nor are ski resorts just about skiers & snowboarders; they are also major sources of money in real estate deals, the selling & leasing of land.

Most mountains are claimed by Canada as Crown land, and it is the provincial government that is both the regulator of the resort industry, as well as its main promoter. The government & resort corporations are also the main beneficiaries, gaining huge profits from real estate deals.

The government often leases out areas for ski runs, while selling land to be used for the resort town, far below market value. In turn, the resort corporation then re-sells or leases parcels out for condominiums,



shops, hotels, etc. For the provincial government, selling land below market value encourages investment by corporations, and is a form of subsidizing them (like tax-breaks & building infrastructure such as roads). In the end, what's it to government? The land is stolen & represents primitive accumulation; that is, capital acquired at little or no cost, so it's all profit anyway!

STOLEN NATIVE LAND

BC is unique in Canada in that most of the province is unceded, non-surrendered Indigenous territories. According to British & Canadian laws, sovereign Indigenous territories were to be legally surrendered to the Crown prior to any trade or settlement. This was set out in the 1763 Royal Proclamation. In accordance with this, the British, and later Canada, carried out a series of treaties in its westward expansion across the prairies, and the northwest territory. These included the Numbered Treaties (such as Treaty No. 1, etc.).

In BC, aside from a small number of treaties on Vancouver Island (the 1850's Douglas Treaties), and Treaty No. 8 in the northeast portion of the province, all of BC remains unceded Indigenous territories.

In 1875, when the BC government passed a Lands Act to open land to settlement, the federal government issued the 1875 Duty-of-Disallowance, striking down the Act and citing the absence of treaties legally surrendering Native lands.

In response, BC threatened to withdraw from Canada. The next year, the federal government passed the 1876 Indian Act, extending government control over all Natives, including those in BC. Natives were dispossessed of their land, which came under the control of the government.

At the same time, the Indian Act imposed the band council, reserve and status systems, and authorized the relocation of Native children & youth into Residential Schools. It was also used to ban important ceremonies and traditional forms of governance.

Despite this, Native peoples in BC remained aware of the illegal dispossession of their land, and continued to protest & lobby the government. In the early 1900s, several Native organizations devoted to land claims were established. Delegations were sent to England to petition the Crown to uphold British & Canadian laws.

In 1927, the Indian Act was amended to outlaw land claims organizing, and many of these first Aboriginal political organizations ceased to exist.

Today, most of BC remains unceded sovereign Native lands, over which neither the Canadian or BC governments have the legal or moral authority to govern.

With current attempts to legalize the prior theft of Native land & extinguish Native title & rights (the BC Treaty Process), the ongoing dispossession of Indigenous peoples from their lands continues, and by itself constitutes an act of genocide.

NATIVE OPPOSITION TO 2010

2010 Olympic organizers knew they had to gain the support of Native peoples in the region to avoid charges of racism as well as protests. They also saw Native culture as a good way to promote the Olympics & tourism overall.

Their primary agents to accomplish these goals were the Indian Act band councils, primarily the Squamish & Mt. Currie, but also the Musqueam & Tseil-Watuth.

In 2004, these bands formed the Four Host First Nations Society to "take advantage of all opportunities including economic, and establish a clear First Nations presence in the Games while protecting aboriginal rights & title" (November 24, 2004, press release). Chief Gibby Jacobs of the Squamish band is himself a board member of VANOC.

In 2003, even before Vancouver was selected as the host site for 2010, the Squamish & Mt. Currie bands were given \$20 million in money, land, and facilities, including a Native cultural & craft center to be built in Whistler itself. This was a clear move to buy off not only the band council, but also segments of the community with promises of jobs in construction & services. The deal committed the two band councils to participation & support for 2010.

As part of its promotional work, VANOC has also begun sponsoring many Native events & seminars, including a February 2007 Vancouver hip hop concert organized by the Knowledgeable Aboriginal Youth Association (KAYA, a government-funded youth group).

John Furlong, VANOC president & CEO, praised this collaboration, stating that the 2010 Games will "raise the bar internationally for building partnerships between Organizing Committees & Indigenous peoples." What he fails to mention is that these partnerships are the result of literally buying people off, to pacify and silence opposition.

Despite Furlong's claim of 'raising the bar', nei-

ther the Vancouver Bid Corporation, VANOC, or the International Olympic Committee (IOC), responded to submissions made by the Skwelkwew'welt Protection Center & the Sutikalh camp, in June, 2002, stating their concerns about the impact of the Olympics. In 2003, a Secwepemc delegation traveled to Switzerland to make a formal complaint to the IOC, informing them of ongoing violations of Indigenous & human rights in this country. Although the IOC has an official policy to not hold events in countries where human rights abuses occur, Canada's & BC's violations were ignored.



Most Native political leaders --those in government-funded organizations-- support the Olympics. Overall, they also support the government's plans to increase corporate access to lands & resources (neoliberalism). This is because they are mostly capitalists who are themselves enriched through partnerships with government & corporations. Their promotion of 2010 is really an extension of their overall promotion of 'economic development', which is capitalism.

Due to their 'leadership', as well as multi-million dollar Olympic propaganda, many Native people in general see the Olympics as a huge money-making opportunity (which is, after all, its real purpose). Some plan to mass-produce artwork, or t-shirts, or jewelry, or food, etc. for 2010 tourists. Others are already working in the construction industry.

Aboriginal tourism is seen as another market that will benefit from 2010.

The capitalists would applaud this 'Olympic Spirit'. But many Natives also see the Olympics for what it really is: big business at the expense of the natural world. Nor is it just the concern of the 'four host First Nations', who may gain the most economically. As the Native Youth Movement has correctly pointed out, 2010 is a concern to all Indigenous peoples in BC:

"Although the 2010 Olympics are planned to take place in only St'at'imc & Squamish Territories the negative effects of these Games will carry out onto other Indigenous territories of the area and the aftermath of this will create an invasion, not seen since the gold rush."

(Cancel the 2010 Winter Olympics, NYM leaflet, 2006)

While a few benefit from jobs, and even fewer make millions in profits, the real Olympic legacy for future generations will be ecological destruction.

That this is occurring now, even as the world faces a growing environmental crisis, reveals how short-sighted and greedy people can become through their long-term exposure to capitalist ideology. The land defenders of the Secwepemc & St'at'imc, along with NYM and a Squamish elder (Harriet Nahanee, see below), have been the most vocal Native opposition to 2010.

COUNTDOWN 2010: ANTI-OLYMPIC RESISTANCE

For the urban poor of Vancouver, which includes many Natives, 2010 has already meant hundreds evicted from low-income housing, more homelessness, criminalization, and increased police repression. Aggressive policing in the Downtown Eastside has also involved immigration officers targeting (mostly brown) immigrants.

Organizations such as the Anti-Poverty Committee, Downtown Eastside Resident's Association, No One Is Illegal, Downtown Eastside Women's Center, and the PIVOT legal society, have been the most vocal & active in challenging these conditions. Since October 2006, over 20 arrests of members of the Anti-Poverty Committee have occurred during protests or occupations.

In May 2006, two dozen protesters were arrested at Eagleridge Bluffs in N. Vancouver, for blockading expansion work on the Sea-to-Sky Highway. Many were middle-class residents, environmentalists, students and other concerned citizens. On January 23, 2007, Harriet Nahanee, a 73-year old Squamish elder and one of the first arrested at the blockade, was sentenced to 14 days in jail. Others were given fines of up to \$5,000, as well as community service.

In East Vancouver, community groups have formed to stop the expansion of Highway 1, including the Liveable Region Coalition and Gatewaysucks.org.

They oppose a planned \$1.4 billion project to twin

the Port Mann Bridge and widen Hwy. 1 from Langley to Vancouver (part of the Gateway strategy).

Member groups of the LRC include the David Suzuki Foundation and the Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC).

CONCLUSIONS:

- If the 2010 Winter Olympics goes unchallenged, BC & Canada will indeed gain positive international exposure. This, in turn, will create greater international investment & corporate invasion, a process already underway & affecting many areas & communities. If opposition occurs, however, it can contribute to economic uncertainty, deter some investment, and limit the impact of 2010 on some communities & regions.

- While it is unlikely that social opposition will become so strong as to stop the Olympics from occurring, they can be disrupted. Due to the many diverse social issues & communities 2010 negatively impacts, there is potential for a strong anti-Olympics movement to develop. It can also be seen as a catalyst for new social movements & resistance to emerge from.

- Due to the diversity of social sectors & concerns, any anti-Olympic movement must include respect & tolerance for a diversity of tactics as a basic principle.

- Because 2010 is such a good example of corporate power & class conflict, anti-2010 opposition should incorporate anti-capitalist analysis in order to broaden understanding of this socio-economic system.

- The first crucial step is education to mobilize our people into action.

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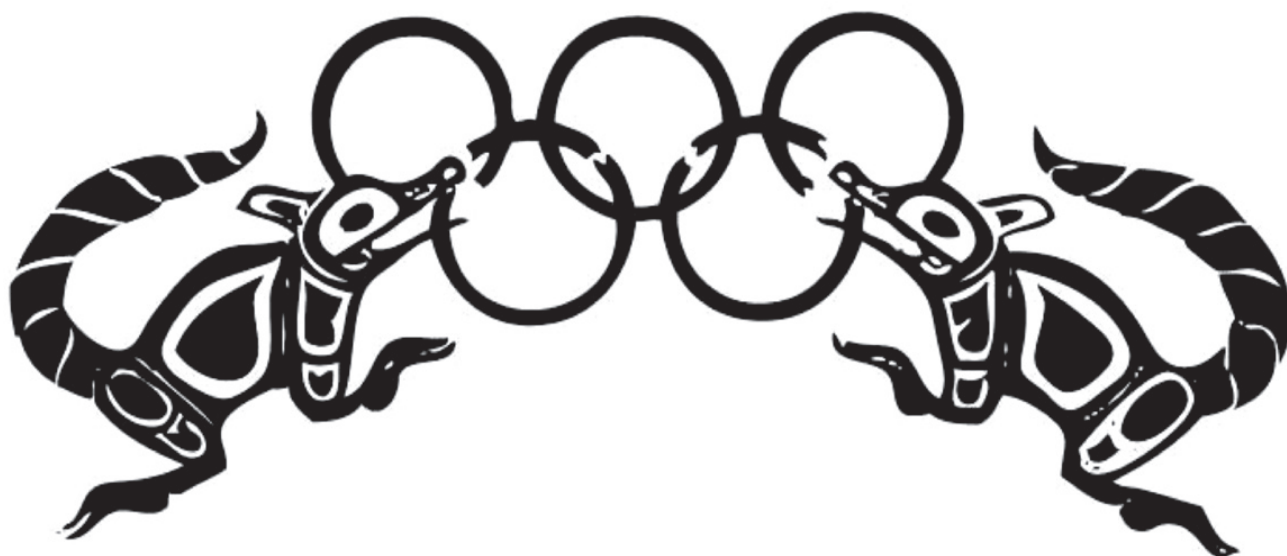
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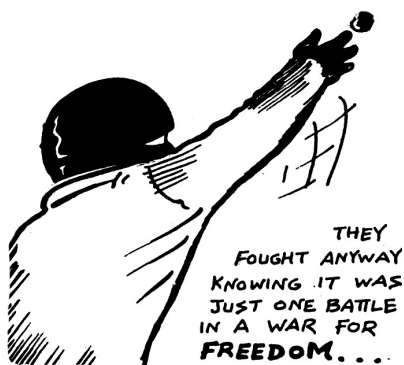


ANTI-COLONIAL STRUGGLE IN CANADA



"Sovereignty is defined as a "supreme authority within a territory," free from external control & dependence. This definition is used to describe the international relations between nations, which are seen as sovereign entities having total independence and control over a certain territory. A nation is often defined as a group sharing a common ethnicity, language, culture, history and territory. Today, terms such as country & state are also used to describe nations, but a nation is more correctly defined as a group of people, not a nation-state (which often contains many nations within its borders)."

- ZIG ZAG 2007



THEY
FOUGHT ANYWAY
KNOWING IT WAS
JUST ONE BATTLE
IN A WAR FOR
FREEDOM...

The Winter Olympics of 2010 will see the walls, fences and borders of capital raised (or hopefully "razed") for all in British Columbia, Canada to see. The Olympics is of course a corporate shitstorm that bludgeons wherever it goes, with increased surveillance, population profiling, gentrification and militarisation. The squalid rags and heroin brown of Vancouver's downtown eastside will be forcibly removed for the shining primary colours of the Olympic rings. Similarly the supposed brave and noble Olympic flame (reintroduced in 1936 as a symbol of the supreme Third Reich) will turn to extinguish the sacred fires of the remaining indigenous people. Yuppies will parade through stolen land and doctored streets, nursed by cameras, helicopters, pigs and a rapturous media. The Olympics is the next step in colonisation, the next step onto territories that were never ceded. That said, smashed windows, hijacked media spectacles and burning flags have already set the tone for the unofficial welcoming party.

Colonization, the destruction of indigenous nations, continues to exist as a historical footnote to Europe's gold tinted invasion of the Americas. The nation state of Canada exists as a colonial entity. It continues today the project that was started on first contact; that is the development of western civilization at the expense of the indigenous population. This project is almost completely unintelligible now. Wrapped and veiled in years of assimilation and cultural appropriation, it masquerades behind every seemingly banal occurrence. Colonization has crossed every border into every nation and now it just goes deeper. The resource extraction companies dig deeper flanked by the recuperators who stoop even lower. I am writing this from the Coast Salish territories in so called british colombia. This is the home of the Skwxwú7mesh (also known as Squamish), Tsliel-waututh and Xwméthkwyiem people. This is unceded land, never surrendered but devastated by civilization's intrusion. Capital is relatively recent to the Coast Salish, 150 years at best. Young but unrelenting, it strikes deeper and deeper cuts into the land

As an anarchist I want to be in solidarity with autonomous indigenous struggle. I recognize the generalizations inherent in writing about North American Natives as Indigenous America has many, many tribes and families, histories and traditions. Similarly the idea of sovereignty amongst sovereigntists is as contested anarchism is amongst anarchists. Economic development is posited by some indigenous activists as a path to sovereignty. So when I refer to sovereignty I am referring to its most anti-authoritarian and autonomous incarnations. And of course when I refer to anarchists I am also referring to its most antiauthoritarian and autonomous incarnations.

Solidarity would mean extending their fight through my fight. It would reject the idea that Indians are victims and settlers are evil. It also would reject a blanket romanticisation of native resistance (a la Zapatistism). It would recognize a common class enemy between anarchists and natives. The native struggle is a class struggle. A sovereign indigenous nation cannot exist within the spectre of the current world. It is eradicated or assimilated as an excluded class. It is the process of the proletarianization of indigenous people or the imposition upon them of Capital class structure. This inevitably creates class enemies within the indigenous populations, those that embrace this imposition at their gain and at the expense of their community. The majority of natives now live on reservations (small land tracts of land the natives were forced onto when Europeans first invaded) or in poor urban areas. The reserves originally served to corral natives out of areas rich in resources and to fragment nations. Communication and therefore united resistance amongst the nations was made more difficult while settling non-natives became easier for the invaders.

The reservation now is administered by Band Councils. The Band system is a democratic model installed by the Canadian state. This system of governance relies on official representatives of the nation, which is contradictory to traditional practices and enhances class divisions inside native societies. The Band Council is the government masquerading as the native. And the government has one consistent position on Indian affairs and that is the progression and reproduction of itself at the expense of the excluded classes. The band council negotiates treaties that turn reservations into

market commodities. It also has to be understood that conditions on the reservation are often compared with those of the Third World. Boil water advisories, rampant alcoholism, drug abuse, suicide, malnutrition, unemployment etc etc... All of societies ills concentrated in one place. A native police force, who like all pigs in all places dutifully destroy communities in the name of the law, police the reservation. All the while non-profits, leftist political organizations, reform groups, environmental protection agencies and power hungry personalities fall over themselves to "represent" indigenous communities... Outside the reservation the existent system forces a racist agenda upon settlers. Be it white guilt or white hate, capital is parading victorious in the background. The excluded classes remain ignorant to their revolutionary potential.

"Canada's native communities represent a 'tinderbox' full of restless native youths ready to explode in violence if progress isn't made in treaty talks"

- Junior Minister for Indian Affairs Stephen Owen, Vancouver Sun, Feb 5/02

The first incursions into British Colombia were in the mid 1800s. Colonization was met with fierce resistance until the 1890s when the indigenous insurgency was overwhelmed and remained considerably weakened (connected to the utter destruction of traditional life and the forced removal of children from their families and imprisonment in residential schools where they were beaten, abused and murdered and their culture completely eradicated) until the late sixties when inspired by the American Indian Movement in the States, NARP and other indigenous resistance movements, Native insurgency was revived. There were occupa-

tions of Indian Affairs offices and armed highway blockades. An AIM supported blockade on a highway in Cache Creek protested the abysmal conditions on the reservation there and tolled motorists in order to improve conditions. Natives in Vancouver began to band together to stop police brutality and provide support for one another. 1990 was the year of the Oka "Crisis", an armed standoff on the Kanehsatake reserve in "Quebec" between the Canadian army and armed Mohawk warriors who were defending their land from the expansion of a golf course. The state laid siege to the warriors for 77 days after a pig was shot dead in an initial Surete du Quebec incursion onto the land. The days of the Oka Crisis are particularly inspirational because of the solidarity it inspired across Canada. Burning bridges, toppled hydro towers and highway blockades characterized the solidarity action and this threat ultimately prevented the state from using lethal force to overcome the warriors (the warriors eventually burnt their weapons and walked away from the blockade but never surrendered). In BC, the Lil'wat nation erected a road blockade in solidarity with Mohawks and as an assertion of their own sovereignty to attack resource extraction in their territory. 50 people were arrested at this blockade four months later. Secwepemc people blockaded a road at Adams Lake. Five years later in 95 another blockade against the development on burial grounds saw the Adams River bridge burnt down. Later that year Secwepemc traditionalists mounted an armed defense of their Sundance at Ts'peten (Gustatsen Lake). Again the Canadian state mobilized a highly technologised counter insurgency attack on native warriors. The state fired over 70,000 rounds of ammunition but no one was injured. A Secwepemc

warrior immobilized an APC with a bullet. 13 Secwepemc people charged over this resistance, many went to jail with one elder, Wolverine, serving 4 years. Recent Secwepemc resistance has been directed towards the Sun Peaks ski resort development.



"Sun Peaks has destroyed Sweat Lodges, demolished Secwepemc homes, charged Secwepemc with Trespassing at Skwelkwek'welt and forced RCMP to arrest Secwepemc Elders. This Terrorism continues to our land everyday. Clean mountain water, moose, deer, game, medicines, other Secwepemc food is being destroyed. Sun Peaks is moving past the boundary of the resort into untouched, sensitive high alpine eco-systems"

-SKWELKWEK'WELT NOT
SUNPEAKS CALL OUT

Another ski resort development has been so far halted by a St'at'imc Nation land reoccupation camp. On the coast, Cheam natives are in constant struggle to fish the way their ancestors fished. 36 Cheam and Musqueam natives were charged in August for breaching a sockeye salmon fishing ban. The natives are using traditional fishing techniques and rightfully chose to ignore a government on stolen land that tries to impose fishing bans on them because their industrial complex has depleted

fish stocks. The Cheam nation is also in conflict with logging operations and another ski-resort development.

Meanwhile in Vancouver preparations are well under way for the 2010 Olympics. Spray painted boldly on almost every block is the ominous threat "RIOT 2010" and recently "RIOT 2010? WHY WAIT! RIOT NOW".

On Halloween night a million dollar bus was attacked and burnt out on the yuppie-fied Commercial Drive. Media reports the next day showed the torched vehicle with "RIOT NOW!" clearly daubed on its exterior. Although not necessarily linked with the Olympics, this seemed to be a clear rejection of the increased militarization of Vancouver, not least transit security. This follows on from prior disruptions of official Olympic preparations.



Earlier in the year a giant Olympic flag was stolen by the Native Warrior Society and claimed in honour of Pacheedaht elder Harriet Nahanee, who died of pneumonia after spending time in provincial jail for protesting the expansion of the Sea to Sky Highway, an integral part of the Olympic infrastructure

(in June 2006, \$50,000 worth of damage was done to the same highway development). The flag was stolen in March a month after protesters disrupted two Olympic Media spectacles- the unveiling of an Olympic countdown clock was thrown into disarray when a masked native stormed the stage and shouted into the microphone "FUCK 2010! FUCK YOUR CORPORATE CIRCUS".

The Olympics was once again cited in urban unrest when anarchists attacked banks in Ottawa and Vancouver. The communiqué from Vancouver read

"This action was done in solidarity with anarchists Gabriel Pombo de Silva, Jose Fernandez Delgado, Marcos Camenisch, who were on hunger strike in European prisons. As well as to contribute to the actions taking place worldwide on this international day of action.

"RBC (Royal Bank of Canada) was hit because it is a bank. A fundamental institution which reproduces Capital. The very system (at the service and profit of a bunch of vultures) that exploits people world-wide and destroys life in general; as it simultaneously creates spectacular events of repression. Such as the 2010 Olympics, which is conveniently sponsored by RBC"

- Communique September 30th

Anarchists squatted a building in solidarity with the Spanish anarchists and also as an attack on the gentrification and speculation rampaging their neighbourhoods. A speculation boom spurred on by Olympic fever has decimated the city; empty buildings don't last long anymore and are usually replaced by gated condos for the included classes. The Downtown Eastside has been particularly affected.

The DTES is the only segment of Vancouver that by default defies the spatial and social control programs necessitated for a modern city. The inadaptably misfits and homeless (a large part of whom are native) of Vancouver are forced into these few blocks. A complex black market thrives, mostly comprised of crack and smack trade, but the hustle around the downtown is the closest thing Vancouver has to a community. People are on the street all day every day and come together somewhat to overcome the misery that surrounds them. Meanwhile posh exclusive art galleries and coffee houses creep into these blocks, preceded by police crackdowns and liberal solutions to the “problems” of homelessness. Crack, junk and welfare are usually the main concerns downtown but occasionally it becomes secondary to social revolt. In 2002, the Woodwards squat was opened. What began as an activist civic pressure action (media stunt squatting is a common tactic amongst reformist anti-poverty groups in Canada) quickly evolved into an inspirational rupture with everyday downtown life. It was clear to the squatters the link between gentrification and the Olympics. They hung a banner that read “Campbell's Olympic Shame” (Gordon Campbell being the BC premier who campaigned for the staging of the games in BC). The Woodwards squat was forcibly evicted but a slew of squatted “tent cities” and secret squats have sprung up around the downtown since.

The expansion and sustenance of the city is undeniably linked to the continued resource extraction from the surrounding rural areas. In August of August of this year a group of Tahltan and Iskut Natives in North Western BC blockaded a road preventing Shell from carrying out repairs to a service road



that leads to its coal bed methane explorations. Similar protests had halted Shell in 2005 and 2006 and 13 people were arrested at a blockade against Fortune Minerals which has coal interests in that territory. Resource extraction has been met with native resistance all over Canada. Recently a prominent warrior in the fight against uranium mining has found himself facing the full weight of the industrial state complex.

John Graham a Tutchone Nation warrior and Vancouver resident, was extradited from Canada to the US where he is framed with killing his friend and fellow warrior Anna Mae Pictou Aquash. In Vancouver, he under prison control, jail and house arrest since 2003. After being extradited to South Dakota in December of 2007, he has been locked up in Rapid City where he will face trial on May 12th, 2009.

Anna Mae was murdered in the mid 70s against the background of the FBI's attempted annihilation of the American Indian Movement. Anna Mae was one of over 60 people executed on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in the years surrounding the armed standoff at Wounded Knee and the shoot-out at Oglala. Those murders, commonly referred to as the “reign of terror”, were directed by then band council chief Dick Wilson, who had assembled a private army trained in paramilitary tactics and armed by the FBI.

There is no evidence against John save a drug induced statement by the fellow defendant in the case, Arlo Looking Cloud (who has retracted his statement but is now serving life for first degree murder) and the allegations of former leaders of AIM. So far John Trudell is the only former AIM leader to have participated in court proceedings against John but Russell Means and Robert Robideau have made allegations against John. John is the latest target of the COINTELPRO operation against Indian country. Although no evidence exists against John he will face the same kangaroo court set up that sent Leonard Peltier down for two consecutive life sentences on no evidence.

John is supported by a group of Vancouver anarchists who know him as a friendly and insightful warrior who fought for the last thirty years against the State's destruction of Indian sovereignty. John participated in survival schools that helped young Indians reconnect to traditional ways of life within industrial society and was particularly involved in fighting the nuclear industrial complex. John was involved in setting up a survival gathering named in honour of Anna Mae at Pinehouse, Saskatchewan. The Anna Mae Survival Camp was set up on Key Lake road, which later became the world's largest uranium mine. So much written material exists on the events

leading up to and following Anna Mae's murder, however most of it concerns the spectacular nature of the FBI and to some extent AIM. Events are documented not because of the inspirational value or usefulness in struggle but more to set the scene or introduce characters that would become important in the dramatic downfall of AIM. AIM was a very loose organization and most Indian resistance at the time was autonomous. John was one of the thousands of Natives who fought and continue to fight against their annihilation. Above all most Natives recognize that John should never be tried in the court of the occupier. Considering the interest in uranium mining as a "green energy source" has now been renewed our solidarity with John, extending his struggle into ours, has become very important. The call has gone out: Honour Anna Mae and Free John Graham.

"I am a warrior, I was a warrior when I first went to South Dakota and I'll be a warrior when I have to go (back) to South Dakota"

-John Graham

For the purpose of succinctness the west coast of Canada is the main focus of this article but a brief overview of other indigenous struggles in the country, particularly that of Six Nations is necessary. Six Nations land in Ontario has been contested territory since 1784 when Six Nation natives (compromised of Mohawk, Onondaga, Cayuga, Oneida, Seneca and Tuscarora) signed a treaty for the Haldimand Tract of land. 95 % of this land has since been taken from them. The already mentioned Oka crisis was one such incursion onto Six Nations land.

In early 2006 Six Nation natives reclaimed their land at the Douglas Creek Estate development, which

extended the town of Caledonia into the reservation. Over thirty people have been arrested since then, some facing serious charges. Albert Douglas is facing robbery, attempted murder, forcible confinement, dangerous driving, and assault of a police officer and theft of a vehicle. It is alleged that Albert stole a US border patrol vehicle that was in the area and attempted to run down a pig who was injured as he was pulled out of the way. Douglas is also charged with robbery and assault in relation to an attack on two TV cameramen in the Canadian Tire parking lot in Caledonia the same day. Documents that proved the use of infiltrators against the natives were found inside that car. Trevor Miller is facing similar charges for the same incident. 3 youth were recently arrested following the beating of a housing developer in Caledonia on September of this year. 9 other natives were arrested after the house they were occupying was evicted by an over-the-top riot squad operation and are now facing charges. Skylar Williams, a Mohawk accused of assaulting the housing developer faced further repression whilst being held in jail without bail. He was continually threatened by institution staff; a typical occurrence when natives get sent down.

North of Caledonia, the Kanehsatake reservation has upheld its reputation as a major threat to Canadian normality. The constant attempts to control the reservation have been met with very clear direct action. The house of the corrupt band council chief James Gabriel was burnt down and an invading police force kicked off the reservation in 2004 after the fatal shooting of warrior Joe David. The cops have yet to return and when they do they will find their station has also been burned to the ground. Joseph Daye was sentenced to two years under house arrest for burning the chief's house. Mohawks from the Tyendinaga reserve have been reoccupying a gravel quarry and mounting rail and highway blockades demanding the closure of said quarry. Mohawk spokesman Sean Brant faces 6 indictable mischief charges and three breach of bail charges for the resistance at Tyendinaga. He is facing upwards of 10 years.

"Now that war is being forced upon us, we will turn our hearts and minds to war and it too we will wage with all our might... Our Spirits are strong. We are together at last with ourselves and the world of our ancestors; we are proud before our children and our generations unborn... We are free. No yoke of white government oppression can contain us. We are free"

-Mohawk Nation Office, August 27, 1990.



CONCLUSION

The struggle in many Native Nations can be said to parallel the anarchist struggle. Our struggles run alongside one another but are not the same. I recognize in them elements of my own struggle to destroy the existent that keeps me from a joyous and free interaction with the world. Our solidarity must represent this. Liberal activists are just as detested amongst Natives as politicians and the clear difference between the activist and anarchist perspectives can be presented through our actions. Chilean and Italian anarchist solidarity with the dispossession and proletarianization of the Mapuche people are good examples. As are some of the actions of comrades here in Canada....

"On the night of Sunday September 9th anarchists shattered the windows of the army recruiting center in Victoria, bc. Further encouraging the momentum of recent autonomous actions. (...)

This action was carried out to illustrate two sides of the same useless coin which is the Canadian state and its occupation of lands afar [Afghanistan (sic) for example] and the territories of Turtle Island [North America]. Let our relationship to this system break like the thin glass that stands between us and the world without domination we desire."

- Communique September 12th 2007

"By the time you read this letter 2 vans belonging to your adored Bell Canada Enterprises have already been disabled. Their engines are nothing

more than the smoking vestiges that our fires have left behind.{...}

We continue to see....borders, and those who police them, used to criminalize and isolate people who refuse to submit to the terror of State Capitalism. Along with the Green Scare victims, John Graham has recently been extradited to the US, Leonard Peltier met the same

fate, and natives across Turtle Island [Tyendinaga, Six Nations, etc.] have also been subjected to conditions created by the very repressive system that Bell, Linamar, Scotiabank, CN Rail, and others reinforce through the policies they create [like the SPP] with State leaders throughout North America."

- Communique December 12th 2007.

We can only ensure that the gift of agitation and subversion spreads from shattered windows, burning tires and squatted land outwards and onwards.

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Eagle Ridge Bluffs, Sea to Sky Highway, Olympic Expansion

ACTION REPORTS FROM SO CALLED CANADA

14 November, Vancouver, BC

Five Community Policing Centres and Probation Offices sabotaged; locks glued, graffitied, and some windows smashed.

10 November, Guelph, Ontario

Road blockade by anarchists/settlers in solidarity with Tyendinega Mohawk warriors facing arrest warrants. Police arrested five people in connection to the blockade who now face charges.

8 November, Victoria, BC

RBC locks glued, cash machine's disabled and anarchist slogans painted. Targeted because of its sponsorship of the Olympics and "...because it is also a bank, an institution at the root of society which perpetuates systems of capitalism, exploitation and silencing...May these sparks add to the growing flames."

21 October, Ontario

Sabotage of CP Train lines against the capitalist system, colonialism and the Olympics. Two telephone poles were cut down across main train tracks outside of Toronto. A pile of fallen trees was ignited with gasoline across the tracks, and "we molotov'd one of those weird grey box things that look pretty important and are full of electrical shit. We also tied copper wire across the tracks to signal the blockage so no one would get hurt.

This is solidarity with all the comrades raisin' hell wherever they live. Keep the struggle burning locally, and your solidarity reaches globally. This chaos was for the warriors everywhere who are still facing charges for their involvement in acts of resistance quite like this

one. It don't matter how hard they come down on us cause there are too many of us waiting to explode. Let's show'em what we can do and aim for our actual objective!

Every train- stopped, every track- untied, every jail- destroyed!"

5 October, Halifax, NS

Co-ordinated attack on political offices. two simultaneous attacks happened against the Liberal and Conservative candidate headquarters. Both offices had windows smashed and one was covered in graffiti.

6 September, Vancouver, BC

Nine McDonald's and a Future Shop's toilets were cemented shut likely part of anti-Olympic offensive.

2 September, Guelph, Ontario

Highway blockade and train tracks sabotaged in solidarity with three native comrades from Six Nations arrested the previous day.

"A group of anarchists blocked the southbound lanes of the Hanlon (Highway 6)... using flaming tires and branches. A banner was dropped from the trainbridge over the highway reading: "Repression in Six Nations, Repression at home, Solidarity." As we left, a copper wire and burning tires were set on the train tracks.

As long as our comrades are being burdened with prison and courts, as long as land is being stolen for capitalist projects, our struggle ferociously continues onwards!"

24 August, Guelph, Ontario

McDonald's toilets cemented against the planned eviction of the Guelph Woodsquat.

17 August, Halifax, NS

Several windows of a Toronto Dominion Bank broken in anti-capitalist attack.

August, Vancouver, BC

Houses for sale in Strathcona neighbourhood paintbombed and graffitied with "Die Yuppie Scum" and "Gentrification is War." One recently evicted and remodeled house was repeatedly attacked by paint, breaking in and causing more than 10,000 damage to renovations and smashing windows and surveillance cameras while security guard was on duty.



6 August, Coast Salish Territories (Vancouver), BC

Sheriff van and police cruiser firebombed in solidarity with hunger-striking european prisoners.

"In plain daylight in the afternoon of August 6th, we firebombed two vehicles belonging to the police. One was a sheriff van parked in front of the courthouse...The other was a police cruise... empty because the pigs were in the middle of conducting an arrest..."

We hope this act will spark communication and create new relationships of collaboration in struggle.

Our choices move beyond run, hide and prison. There are endless possibilities to be found in the conspiracy of attack.

Our love is sent to the comrades who continue to refuse the life of passivity and silence, inside and outside the walls of prison. For the freedom of Amadeu Casellas Ramon, Gabriel Pombo Da Silva, [Marco Camenisch], Jose Fernandez Delgado! Freedom for all Prisoners!

May our willingness to revolt spread our crimes of passion through their quiet cities and into the solitude of prison! We are bound to annihilate their prison-world!

Solidarity”

6 August, Vancouver, BC

Probation Office on Commercial Drive window smashed in solidarity with “hundreds of prisoners in Europe participating in a mass hunger strike from August 1-7th. Particularly with the anarchists, Gabriel Pombo da Silva and Jose Fernandez Delgado. This was also in solidarity with Amadeu Casellas.”

23 July, Coast Salish Territories (Vancouver), BC

10 RBC windows smashed. Why? “It is a bank. Death to the market and the systems of repression!”

22 July, Coast Salish Territories (Vancouver), BC

Another Kiewit Truck Swallowed By Fire.

“...A truck belonging to Peter Kiewit and Sons (The construction company of the highway expansion to Olympic venues)... was lit on fire...This action was done in solidarity with people attacking capitalist projects everywhere, from six nations and their battles in ontario to the people who made “deep cuts” in the new powerline poles and threatened developers with crowbars in tsawwassen. We are at war and our promise to developers and the pigs that protect

them, their projects, and world is simple: as long as you build alienation and exploitation into our lives and territory we will not hesitate to consume your nightmares with our fire! “

21 July, Vancouver, BC

Four cash machines at an RBC were smashed.

14 July, Vancouver, BC

Train line sabotaged in solidarity with Six Nations occupation of four developments sites in Brantford, Ontario and against 2010 development. A copper wire was placed to connect the tracks and mimic a blockage.

“We disrupted the tracks because they are, along with highways, the main arteries of the economy, transporting the building blocks of development... If our solidarity is expansive, disruptive and targeted, we can further our own fight for freedom while strengthening others.”

2 July, Halifax, NS

Fight against Gentrification continues. Windows of a condo were smashed and paint bombs thrown by anarchists.



3 July, Toronto, Ontario

13 vehicles arsoned at a General Motors (Chevy) car dealership “With the impending downsizing of operations at GM plants in Ontario, we hope workers will respond using similar methods. We did this because GM is an official sponsor of the 2010 Olympic games.

Fuck the Olympics!”

1 July, Oakville, Ontario

Arson threat left at uranium mining company office. “Bombs made with gas cans and timed incendiaries were left along with a warning painted on the wall at the office of Frontenac Ventures Corporation in Oakville... Despite local opposition by native and non-native peoples they continue to destroy territory and lives that they have no claim to.”

24 June, Vancouver, BC

Arson attack against military vehicles. “Canada out of Canada... several molotovs lit up the Canadian Armed forces parkade...vehicles were damaged.

This act was just another in an escalating campaign to destabilise the 2010 police state. Come the 2010 Olympics the occupation of indigenous territory will be seen for the military conquest that it is....

Destroy the Military Olympic Police State

Fuck 2010”

24 June, Surrey, BC

All windows of a constituency office for Conservative MP broken by the ‘South Surrey Situationists,’ who hoped to shatter the image of a peaceful Canadian society.

16 June, Vancouver, BC

Solidarity Without Borders action. Two surveillance cameras obscured by paint and the roof and front doors of the Commercial Drive Probation Office were tagged with “Fuck Probation,” “Break the Prisons Now!” and “Solidarity Across Borders - Freedom is Our Crime!”

“This act was done as part of a week of “Solidarity Without Borders,” called for because of the arrest and imprisonment of 5 people in France on charges ranging from conspiracy to attack a juvenile detention centre, trying to sabotage a

police vehicle, and possession of explosives.

This act is a negation and an embrace. Denying the control of the camera and the law over our possibilities, this act embraces solidarity with all the others who fight for freedom in the destruction of prisons and this prison society.

- We can break this prison society. Solidarity is our Weapon!"

16 June, Halifax, NS

Anarchists glue and paint Bank of Montreal. Graffiti read "Class War Now," and "Fuck Atlantica."

7 June, Halifax, NS

Action against gentrification. Windows smashed at condo development, and paint bombs thrown to draw attention to the attack. "Fuck apathy, bring on the ruckus! - Anonymous anarchists."

31 May, Victoria, BC

McDonald's toilets cemented at three locations. In response to 2010 Olympic sponsorship. "We need to fight the games any and every way we can. JOIN THE OLYMPIC RESISTANCE."

25 April, Guelph, Ontario

Anarchists arson to four dump trucks belonging to developers causing at least \$300,000 damage, in solidarity with Tyendinega Mohawk land defenders under police attack the same night. "...Let this be a sign of days to come.

When you attack natives anywhere, we will attack you everywhere!

As we are liberated from our fear our presence liberates others"

13 May, Vancouver, BC

RBC windows broken by Anarchists.

"One more contribution to the

increasingly "unmanageable" anti-olympics resistance, Tom Quiggin, this one's for you.

Their forces of repression are very strong, but our passion for freedom is much stronger.

LET'S CONTINUE TO STEP UP THE OFFENSIVE. FOR A WORLD WITHOUT PRIVILEGE & PRISONS! FOR ANARCHY!!!

7 May, Coast Salish Territories (Vancouver), BC

Kiewit and Sons vehicle arsoned. "Peter Kiewitt & Sons is currently working on expanding the Sea to Sky highway between Vancouver and Whistler, the main artery for the Olympics, also paving the way for investment into land exploitation, tourism and development. This is not the first act of resistance to PK+S and hopefully not the last; in [2006] people occupied eagle ridge bluffs to prevent its destruction by the Sea to Sky highway. PK+S filed an injunction causing the arrest of camp occupants and the imprisonment of Squamish elder and warrior Harriet [Nahanee] who died shortly after suffering illness in prison.

PK+S constructs the spaces that house many institutions of physical as well as social control including; air force and navy operations centers, mines, dams, highways, and industrial nuclear experimentation facilities. This act, for us, was an attack against repression and those who construct its systems.

Anonymous"

28 April, Coast Salish Territory (Vancouver), BC

Tyendinaga and Six Nations Solidarity Action.

"about a hundred Natives and non-Native supporters marched along and blocked-off a major trucking route in East Vancouver, Coast Salish Territory, for several hours starting at about 3:00 PM, in

solidarity with the struggle at Tyendinaga and Six Nations. The march was led by elders and stopped for drumming and singing at a few major intersections, causing massive traffic jams.

Banners read:

Hands off Tyendinaga Mohawks

OPP = VPD (They're all gangsters)

Natives Resist State Oppression

Signs read:

Solidarity is Our Weapon"

28 April, Guelph, Ontario

Flaming highway blockade by "a group of settlers" set up to draw attention to police siege at "...Tyendinaga and the continued state repression of not only indigenous communities, but all of us. We chose Highway 6 because it is the same road being blockaded by members of Six Nations, also in solidarity with Tyendinaga. "

25 April, Guelph, Ontario

Bell Canada Vans Struck Again! "3 Bell vans had their tires (12 of them) slashed..." "not one more development" not one more suburb built, not one more policeman in our streets... NO MORE!"

10 April, Ottawa, Ontario

In the night the windows of an army recruitment centre and Scotiabank smashed in solidarity with "Alex" arrested that day during anti-CANSEC march. "Fire to the prisons and the state!"

10 April, Ottawa, Ontario

Community police station attacked with rocks and paint bombs and a newspaper box set on fire in solidarity with comrade arrested at anti-CANSEC march that day. "Tonight was ours, tomorrow we can only ACT to insure this. NOW COMRADES!

Until we are all free!"

17 March, Montreal, Quebec

Tires of 23 vehicles at Mazda dealership slashed and 2 Bell Canada vans.

"We act in solidarity with the inspiring actions taken a few days earlier against police cars and a bank... As our comrades stated before, WE ARE THIS CITY and these capitalist and power driven pieces of shit are not welcome here! ... -Ton Chien"

15 March, Montreal, Quebec

Three cash machines of the National Bank smashed and set on fire. "we are acting against the State, Capital and private property, which perpetuate oppression, destruction and alienation. We are also in solidarity with Native struggles, specifically in the context of the 2010 Olympics.

Even if the National Bank is not an official partner (as is the case with the Royal Bank), a bank is still a bank!

Let's not forget that the police and the banks support each other.

Collectif Ton Oncle ;-)"

15 March, Vancouver, BC

Paint and glue to two community police stations. "We did this for ourselves and to disrupt the normal functioning of the police. Community policing spreads distrust and helps prevent the possible emergence of communities not based on the exploitation of land and people. Policing defends colonization, the State and capitalism."

13 March, Montreal, Quebec

Six police cars set on fire at Station 23. "... We are calling on all populations to take back their time, space, the street, the city, and to torch everything that represents authority.

The city is us, it is not a prison belonging to capitalism.

We are not slaves, and yet we build their houses, their banks. their roads, we look after their children and serve them their coffee every morning, we pick the fruit and vegetables that they eat... - Collectif Ton Pere"

11 March, Ottawa, Ontario

RBC windows shattered by anarchists against the 2010 Olympics. "Throw away the Banks and the whole capitalist system!"

10 March, Ottawa, Ontario

Olympic countdown clock paint-bombed by anarchists.

5 March, Ottawa, Ontario

RBC windows broken by anarchists against the 2010 Olympics and the Security and Prosperity Partnership.

1 March, Ottawa, Ontario

RBC windows smashed by anarchists against the 2010 Olympics and the Security and Prosperity Partnership.

26 February, Vancouver, BC

Three Olympic "Welcome to Vancouver" signs paint-bombed.

12 February, Ottawa, Ontario

RBC windows broken by anarchists on 2 year mark before the 2010 Olympics.

12 February, Guelph, Ontario

6 windows of new Delta Hotel smashed on opening day. "From the Sun Peaks resort [a Delta project] on Secwepmc territory, to the gentrification of Guelph Ontario, Delta Hotels are one of many capitalists making a profit from the lives and lands of others."

27 January, Ottawa, Ontario

Bricks thrown through RBC windows against the 2010 Olympics, the G-8 and the Security and Prosperity Partnership.

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25 December, Victoria, BC

Four RBC windows thrown in.

16 December, Victoria, BC

Paint thrown on Bear Mountain Resort offices.

12 December, Guelph, Ontario

2 Bell Canada vans arsoned against the 2010 Olympics and social control, in solidarity with those in conflict with prison. "If we cannot live free in the world you are pushing on us, then we have no choice left but to burn it down... - Not Green Scared"

10 December, Vancouver, BC

Re/Max Real Estate attacked with stones in solidarity with "those fighting the Sun Peaks development on unceded Secwepemc territory," and the 2010 Olympics. "From the roman empire that gave conquered lands to its military strongmen, to the feudal lords of the European middle ages paying off their debts owed to city merchants with pieces of "real assets", to the Re/Max office trailer sitting in the mud of development at Sun Peaks ski resort, "real estate" has always meant stolen land and destroyed lives..."

9 December, Vancouver, BC

RBC windows smashed. "...enhance the countdown to 2010."

8 December, Coast Salish Territory [Vancouver, BC]

Anarchists smash windows of RBC and make a call out for this to be a new Olympic sport. "This is a tiny taste of the mayhem we like to see submerge the city of Vancouver for 2010. Lets build a constellation of revolt that threatens not only the Olympics but capitalism and the state in general. We propose a new sport to be added to the 2010 games, amateur vandalism of Royal Bank of Canada locations across

Vancouver and Canada.”

6 December, Vancouver, Canada

Probation office glued and roof graffitied with “Free John Graham” on the same day indigenous warrior John Graham was extradited to face trial in the US. “Carry on the struggle for the land and for freedom!”

10 November, Guelph, Ontario

Three dumptruck tires slashed at Rieds Heritage Homes facility against the 2010 Olympics and gentrification and development associated with it. “Coast to coast, in every town and every city business as usual needs to be ground to a halt.”

29 September, Vancouver, BC

RBC windows broken in solidarity with anarchists Gabriel Pombo da Silva, Jose Delgado and Marcos Camenisch. Also against Capitalism which “...exploits people world-wide and destroys life in general; as it simultaneously creates spectacular events of repression. Such as the 2010 Olympics, which is conveniently sponsored by RBC.

... Let the road to the Olympics be littered with the wreckage we leave in their place!”



INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

ACTION & ANALYSIS:

Insurrectionary Anarchists of the Coast Salish Territories

http://geocities.com/insurrectionary_anarchists

News & information on social conflict in Canada:

<http://confrontation.wordpress.com>

INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE:

Prisoner support for indigenous warrior John Graham:

<http://ourfreedom.wordpress.com>

<http://www.grahamdefense.org>

Land defense:

<http://sutikalh.resist.ca>

In memory of Harriet and about current resistance:

<http://harrietspirit.blogspot.com>

An archive of work by Zig-Zag:

<http://warriorpublications.com>

ANTI-OLYMPICS STRUGGLE:

Anti-2010 site:

no2010.com

Anarchist anti-2010 zine from Vancouver, includes actions against Olympics in Canada:

<http://325collective.com/compwhydowe.pdf>

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