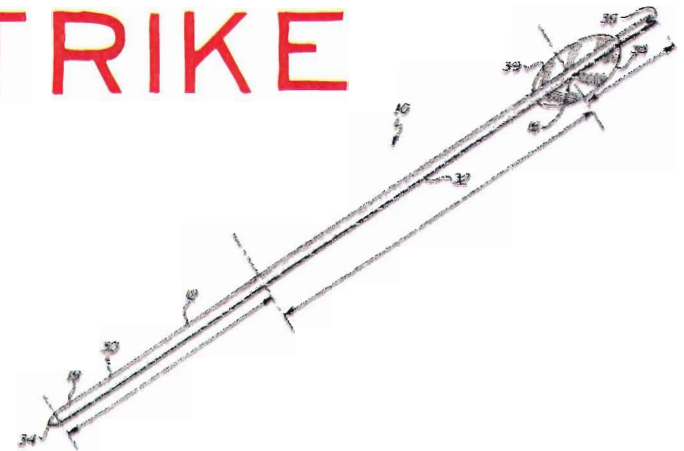
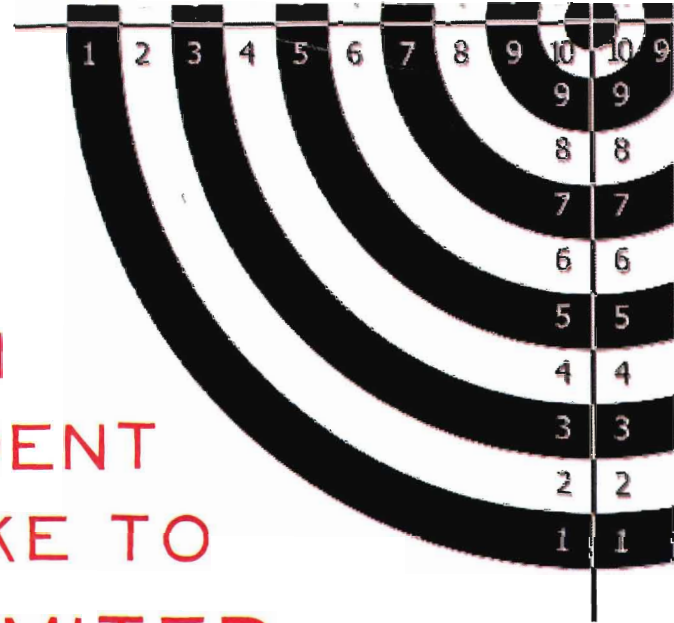


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REPORTS, ANALYSIS AND COMMUNIQUÉS  
FROM THE MONTREAL STRIKE  
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has now become completely out of control was committed in solidarity with all the arrestees before and during this Grand Prix weekend (where the police has put their lives on the line for Bernie Ecclestone, notorious wealthy fascist) especially with Mathieu Girard, brutally arrested and detained during the funeral of his sister (our condolences, comrade) and Andrea Pilote, arrested on the highway in strangely the same manner they shot the legendary Jacques Mesrine. Even if we do not know them, our hearts burn with blazing solidarity for these two comrades who fell victims of police violence. We also feel as much solidarity towards the Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI) folks in Europe and South America, and for the native people around the planet who still are struggling for their land.

- Invisible Committee for the End of Their History

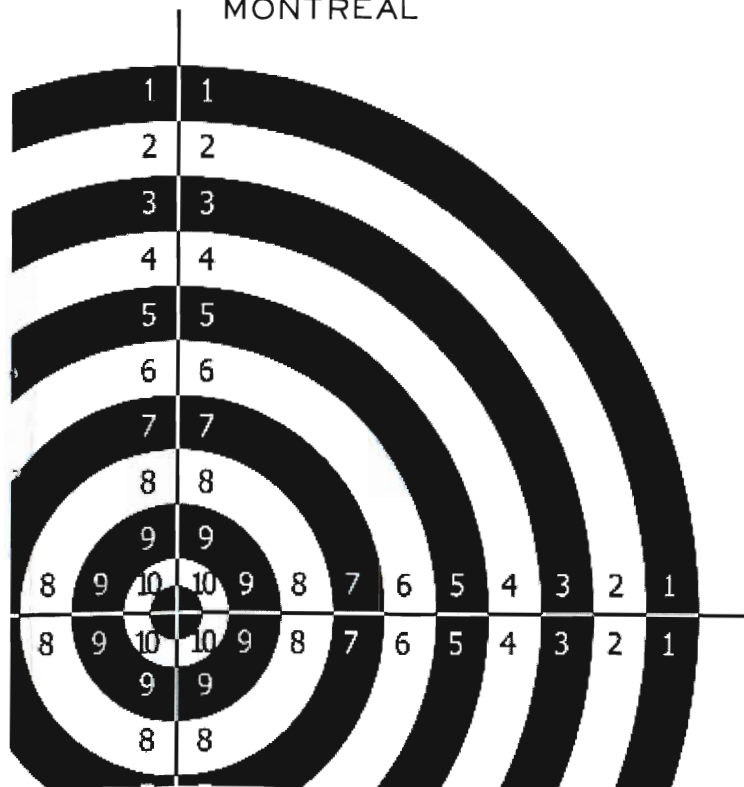
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We can't always pin point what creates situations of social unrest and it is often difficult to predict when they will surface. There is no one way to revolt just as there is no prime subject to be in struggle. We spend days, months and years on the project of liberation in a society that promises us everything and gives us nothing. In this society nihilism is not an option but a state of being which means that often anarchists are forced into a role of fighting for a future that will never come, not because we live for conflict but because we strive for freedom; an insatiable disposition that lives in permanent conflict with every aspect of what this society has to offer.

The possibility of a student strike has lingered in the air since the culmination of the last one in 2007. The months before the strike were steady with demonstrations and anarchist activity, a normality for the city of Montréal. The indications that this strike might become something bigger than us felt like whispers and wavering intentions. What it became was something beyond any specific social group or intervening force. What became of that five letter word was uncontrollable.

For reasons that we cannot fabricate, the strike marked a coalescing of so many different crews, groups, organizations etc. who all contributed to creating the current social temper in Montreal. Like a thunderstorm in July, the presence of activity had no one source but instead came from everywhere. What differentiated these moments in time from all of the other days spent meeting, writing, plotting and planning is that this time, we were not alone.

What has come out of the 'student strike' is unquantifiable and difficult to capture in words. The daily struggle against domination and its totality will never end, and in this way there cannot be a start or an end of the 'student strike,' nor the general strike, nor the unlimited strike or any other strike for that matter.

With the strike came a series of experiences, street fights, relationships, personal and communal growth and a collective memory of all of those moments when we felt closer to a life worth living.

This compilation has been put together to share with those who weren't with us in Montreal to understand what was happening during all those days and to extrapolate these narratives upon your reality. For those of us who were present during the strike, this compilation is to help us remember.

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The texts in this pamphlet are a compilation of anonymous writings that were published through various news sources and websites during the student strike in Montreal 2012.

Many of these pieces originally surfaced in french. Thanks to everyone who focused on translation and helped to encourage communication across language barriers.

JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> 2012

QUEBEC- CLAIM FOR RAILROAD SABOTAGE

*A major railroad was sabotaged during the evening of Wednesday June 13th, in a farming area near Farnham, Quebec, in response to the call by the CLASSE for a day of nation-wide actions against the Montreal Conference of the International Economic Forum of the Americas.*

*The train signals system was turned on by sabotaging the electric box that controls the signals near an intersection, which eventually prompted the train traffic to be suspended for a moment. This location was carefully picked up, not only for the easy task it was, but above that for the crucial nature of the merchandise it transports, including a lot of filthy oil coming from the tar sands in the West, before this sole railway divides into different destinations such as Sherbrooke city, Bromont's techno-park (which hosts some of the biggest names in the high-tech industry, including the infamous IBM) and further down on to New England.*

This was just a beginning. There are many more fluxes that are crucial to the functioning of this system of oppression and its Holy Merchandise, and we are committed to do it again, and strike targets that will always hurt them more. Given our indefinite number (that ain't an « invisible committee » for nothing), it is strongly recommended that each and every striker or supporter gets her/his hands dirty, alone or into groups, because we do not believe that these feel-good demonstrations will be enough to make Power change his mind. And the proof is in plain view... months of strikes, and even with our many fine hits and great achievements, especially in the face of the judicial/police despotism, the government still won't give a damn about our most basic demands, and the cops are now clamping down on mainstream dissenters like they'd do with dangerous criminals. We are under a dictatorship, because liberty is now being considered a high crime.

To let this train ride -this very train that allows them to profit from the devastating exploitation- is to collaborate in silence. We say: « ENOUGH WITH THIS SHIT! » This can't go on like this. The techno-industrial society, because it intoxicates the living and destroys conditions of life, must be FORCED to a stop, or else it'll soon be forcing us into mass graves! Fukushima was only the first sign of this ongoing catastrophe.

So we will make sure that the capitalists are paying for their abuse. Maybe the bill wasn't very heavy, but we all can add our two cents!

Sabotage isn't some vanguardist tactic or some childish vandalism, neither it is a provocation on the part of « smashers from outside of the movement » just as the filthy cops dare to spit in our ears (but who's still stupid enough to even listen to them?). It has long been a completely rational and legit course of action, that empowered ALL of the strikes that changed history. In the face of a machine that'll never discuss anything and always enforces its conditions through dictates, sabotage is one of the means to communicate revolt by putting it in relation with a wider uprising, and by imposing our own conditions to the crooks in power; that they walk along with these, or die along with their system!

This small gesture of resistance to the one-way train of industrial capitalism that 45

At the Montreal courthouse, two of the June 6th arrestees, Simon and Xavier, were released under strict conditions.

## BEGINNING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FORUM OF THE AMERICAS

Marches under surveillance by the SPVM and the SQ were held for the first day of the International Economic Forum of the Americas where a few of the worst shit on the planet meet to talk about how they can rape us even more intensely.

Loud crowds marched through the streets of the business district with anticapitalist and anticop chants. A UQAM (university) window was smashed in the evening.

Two arrests according to the cops.

JUNE 12TH

## OTHER HOSTAGES OF THE STATE RELEASED UNDER PAROLE

At the Montreal courthouse, Yalda, Zachary, Matthew G. and Mathieu M. were released under conditions.

Yalda is accused of ransacking the offices of the former Education Minister Line Beauchamp and the University of Montreal in an occupation in April, as well as assaulting a photojournalist from the Journal de Montreal at the courthouse in May.

Zachary is accused of ransacking at the University of Montreal for the same events.

Yalda and Zachary were released under the following conditions: a bail of \$ 2,000 and a commitment of \$ 10 000, report to police every two weeks, at all times have a copy of their condition, not to be within 300 meters of a government institution, a college or university, observe a curfew from 22h to 6h, prohibition to appear at the courthouse unless they have been summoned and prohibition to participate in a demonstration declared illegal (all demonstrations right now) or "non-peaceful". During "peaceful" demonstrations, they cannot have a backpack or disguise.

In the case of Yalda, she will also be prohibited from being within 500 meters of the photojournalist.

Mathieu G. and Mathieu M. are charged with mischief over \$ 5,000, conspiracy and disguise with the intent to commit a criminal act in connection with the bags of bricks thrown at the subway tracks on April 16.

They were released under various conditions. Among other things, to pay a bail of \$ 2,000, observe a curfew, prohibition on demonstrations, prohibition to approach within 300 meters of a subway, a college or university and not to be in contact with anyone with a criminal record or who is currently facing justice, except members of their family or work.

The accused were applauded as they left, outside a crowd had gathered to greet them.

**Solidarity with all rebels in the streets and in the cages of the State!  
The struggle can only continue!**

## TIMELINE OF EVENTS MOMENTS OF REVOLT

DECEMBER, 2010 – ASSÉ and FEUQ hold a demo outside a bureaucratic meeting in Québec City in response to the proposed tuition fees.

MARCH, 2011 – Demo and attempted occupation of the Loto Québec building, where the Minister of Education have their offices.

NOVEMBER 2011:

-Large demonstration against the proposed hikes. Paint bombs are thrown on Jean Charest's office. Riot police enter the McGill Campus for the first time in decades in response to students occupying the administration building and support demo. Several people are arrested.

FEBRUARY 13TH 2012- The Strike is called – Cegep and university student associations hold general assemblies where a strike vote is passed.

FEBRUARY 16TH 2012: Occupation of the Cegep de Vieux Montréal. The student body of Cegep de Vieux Montréal occupy their school. Others join in. Barricades are erected. Police raid the Cegep in the middle of the night, 37 arrests are made. The school is put on lockdown the following day.

MARCH 10, 2012 : Students block the Loto Québec building for several hours, shutting down traffic on the surrounding streets and erecting a fence barricade across Sherbrooke. Police attempt to disperse the crowd by firing rubber bullets and tear gas. Francois Grenier is hospitalized and loses an eye after the shrapnel from a tear gas canister hits him in the face. That night, an anti-police demo occurs in response, with confrontations and the vandalism of police vehicles.

MARCH 12, 2012 : «Creations Night » at UQAM university. Students occupy a block of St. Catherine street and hold a street party that goes late into the night, with art, music, and food. Around 11 pm this transitions into a spontaneous demo that marches around downtown. Windows are broken at the La Presse offices, confrontation with pacifists ensues.

MARCH 13, 2012 : Large demonstration against the tuition hikes. The Chilean consulate is occupied in solidarity with student and other anti-capitalist struggles in Chile.

MARCH 15, 2012 : International day against police brutality. Preemptive arrests are made. A militant anti-police demo – a yearly tradition – ensues, with youths and others joining in from the street and engaging in confrontation with police.

MARCH 22, 2012 : A very large demonstration of hundreds of thousands of people in support of the strike heads through downtown Montreal.

MARCH 23, 2012 : « Grand Mascarade » - four demos of mostly masked and dressed up participants take different routes through downtown. Graffiti is put up, paintbombs thrown at police cars. Several arrests are made.

evil-blackblocs-thugs-masked-with-criminal-intension-provocateurs could be seen helping people affected by the gases, as was seen in the smogs of Victoriaville. As the evening progressed the riot squads seemed totally disorganized, going in any direction. Street signs, fencing and containers spilled into the street. Several cruisers were vandalized and windows were shattered. A hotel was attacked after cops took refuge there with someone they arrested. The clashes lasted until about 1 am.

28 arrests according to the pigs, 14 under criminal charges.

JUNE 10TH – LAST DAY OF THE GRAND PRIX

INTENSIFICATION OF THE POLICE STATE

Even more than the day before, cops are deployed downtown, in the subway and on Sainte-Hélène and Notre-Dame islands where the F1 race is, on foot, horseback, bicycle, by car, helicopter and boat. Profiling is even more intense and systematic. On Sainte-Hélène and Notre-Dame islands people are forcefully searched at the metro exit and people are expelled from parks more or less close to the race and sent back to the metro. In the whole metro system people wearing a red square or some black clothes are detained, searched and questioned. People are kept in custody for hours in chartered buses or jail cells without accusations. The cops designate, arrest and eject random people they say they have seen in a demonstration or who have a “suspicious behavior”. Democracy fully and unscrupulously exposes itself as what we always knew it was: the same old shit that extends totalitarian control in the immediate interests of a crass elite under the doctrine of security.

The cops claim that 34 people were arrested and 40 people were expelled from the islands during the day, but from peoples testimony the number is probably much higher, perhaps even hundreds of people were expelled from the islands and the metro or detained temporarily without receiving charges. In a testimony amongst many others a woman reports how she was expelled from the metro for reading parts of 1984 out loud and then spent hours in a jail cell without accusations for having taken the metro once again.

Demos took the streets into the evening. Hundreds of people gathered to march for the 48th consecutive night. For a fourth night in a row clashes erupted. Paint balls were thrown at cop cruisers and some windows were smashed, notably those of the Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, while a gang of uberparasites, including the governor of the Bank of Canada and President of the Bank of France, were inside for a reception.

The cops reported 12 arrests, 3 under criminal charges.

JUNE 11TH

A young man, Mathieu G. was arrested on the highway while he was traveling with his family headed to the funeral of his sister. He was immediately brought into custody and therefore was prevented from getting to the funeral. He was arrested in connection with the juin 6th arrests.



## JUNE 8TH – GRAND PRIX DAY TWO

The siege by the forces of law and order intensifies every day. Each day more cops and each day more profiling. People wearing the red square (symbol of the student strike) are forbidden access to the site of the festivities of the GP.

Other rallies were held throughout the day including one against police repression and solidarity with Bahrain.

### THEIR JUSTICE

At the Montreal courthouse, of the six people, two women and four men targeted in the crackdown the day before, all were denied their release except, Andréa who was released under conditions.

Xavier, Yalda, Simon, Mathieu, Andréa and Zachary – which we name here to make solidarity and understanding the rest of their case easier – face various charges including break and enter, mischief over \$ 5000, theft of less than \$ 5000, disguise with intent, conspiracy, assault of a photographer in the corridors of the courthouse, intimidation of a member of Parliament, assaulting a cop, and to cause fear of a terrorist act, the latter being the same accusation against those of the smoke bombs case.

### SECOND NIGHT OF DISRUPTION OF THE FESTIVITIES

During the evening, crowds of several hundred people moved into the city center and several clashes took place into the night around Crescent Street. The cops fired gas and rubber bullets against a backdrop of pop, neon and luxury cars and the presence of thousands of bewildered tourists. A crowd even managed to enter on Crescent and scroll with pots and pans with anti-capitalist and anti-sexist chants between Lamborghinis and sexualized young women promoting various junk. There were also a few clashes between protesters and douchebag F1 fans during the evening.

There was 12 arrests according to the minions of power, four under criminal charges

## JUNE 9TH – GRAND PRIX DAY THREE – CAN T STOP CHAOS!

The cops are always more numerous downtown and in Berri metro. The yellow line leading to the qualification races in F1 is full of cops, two to five by train, dozens on the docks. Political profiling is systematic. People wearing a red square or people who seem least bit young are detained, searched and questioned. The buzz of helicopters can be heard throughout the day. Officers are stationed on rooftops downtown.

Some marches were held during the day but it is the 47th night of protest that fucked the cops. Despite the riotsquads systematically blocking all routes to Crescent, hundreds of people managed to sneak quickly between vehicles on St. Catherine finally reaching Crescent where clashes broke out. The crowd was dense downtown and hundreds of SPVM and SQ cops armed with gas, bombs and plastic bullets quickly lost control to the crowds who, dispersing and regrouping throughout the evening, seemed to be constantly mutating between curious tourists and angry protesters. The air quickly became heavy with gas and the

APRIL 10, 2012 : Thousands of locusts invade the HEC building. Media reports that student radicals are suspected.

APRIL 10, 2012 : Blockade of the Port of Montreal – students block several entrances

A mass of youth broke into and ransacked the University of Montreal after a court injunction was granted to the university against student striker.

The same evening a crowd stoned the windows of banks, vandalized a copcar and threw projectiles to at cops.

APRIL 13, 2012 - Office of the Minister of Education, Line Beauchamp, was ransacked.

The next day a person was arrested and held in custody before being released a few days later with house arrest.

APRIL 15, 2012 – Overnight four ministers' offices had their windows broken and left with paint and graffiti.

Office of the Minister of Justice, Jean-Marc Fournier.

Office of the Minister responsible for Seniors, Marguerite Blais

Office of the Finance Minister, Raymond Bachand

Office of the Minister of Labour, Lise Thériault

APRIL 16, 2012 - Bags of bricks were left on subway tracks at three different places, interrupting the metro service.

APRIL 18, 2012 – A smoke bomb in the subway stopped the service on the green line around 7:30 am.

APRIL 19, 2012 – During a “manif-action” (action-demo) called “Downtown Shutdown” access is blocked to the Omni and the CIBC tower, where the offices of the Employers Council of Quebec, the Montreal Economic Institute and the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Montreal are situated. Red paint bombs are thrown at police cars. Furniture and bags of garbage are thrown in the street. Two people are arrested.

APRIL 20 2012 – Various groups including students on strike disrupt the Plan Nord job fair and a riot breaks out downtown. Intense street battles with the cops ensue and many places have their windows busted including the Montreal World Trade Center, Palais des congrès (the main conference center), media monopoly Québecor and various banks and a dozen cop cars. This is the first time in decades that the Sureté du Québec (the SQ – the provincial police) is deployed on the streets of Montreal.

APRIL 21, 2012 – Another disruption of the Plan Nord job fair this time called by the RRQ (a nationalist group) and InnuPower (an Innu first nations group) ends with mass arrest of about a hundred people. The job fair is closed for a second day in a row.

APRIL 22, 2012 – Overnight paint bombs are thrown against the front of SNC-Lavalin (huge engineering firm that amongst other things receives military

contracts, builds prisons around the world and also built the 10 million dollar fence during the G20 in Toronto). Two people are arrested.

Overnight Journal de Montréal office windows are busted and “médiat partout” (media everywhere) is spray painted on the building.

APRIL 24, 2012 – While the student “delegates” recently negotiating with the government declare a two day truce and call for students to not do “actions of disturbance,” a demo is held during which police cars are vandalized and the windows of an HSBC bank are shattered. Protesters shout “to negotiate is to get fucked!” Three people are arrested for misdemeanors and “breach of conditions.”

APRIL 25, 2012 – Smoke bombs interrupt the service on two subway lines at 9:45am and again one hour later on one line, once again disrupting the « official » truce. During a demonstration in the afternoon smoke bombs are used in the Complexe Desjardins (shopping center and business offices).

At the Montreal court, two people appear before the judge for breach of conditions related to demos, both are denied release and sent to Tanguay prison. This marks the beginning of people getting imprisoned in the context of the student strike. CLASSE is kicked out of the negotiations by the Minister of Education for “disrespecting the truce”. FEUQ and FECQ walk out in solidarity and negotiations are suspended. The same night a riot breaks out downtown during a massive demonstration of thousands of people. Several banks, a police station, offices of the armed forces and state lottery are attacked and several street battles against the cops take place. This marks the beginning of what is to become nightly demonstrations.

APRIL 28, 2012 – Noise demonstration to Tanguay in solidarity with imprisoned comrades

MAY 1, 2012 – May Day anti-capitalist demonstration. Several hundred people in black bloc are present in a demo of several thousand, bringing together many of the city’s different radical factions. There is a very heavy police presence. Some street confrontation ensues before the demo is quickly dispersed with an unusual intensity by the police.

MAY 4, 2012 – Liberal party convention is held in Victoriaville, QC. Many buses of protesters converge on the town. As demonstrators breach the security perimeter, the SQ deploy large amounts of tear gas. Intense rioting ensues, with several serious injuries.

MAY 10, 2012 – Smoke bombs in three subway stations cripple the metro network during morning rush hour.

MAY 11, 2012 – Following the media publicizing pictures of several people, houses are raided by the police. Four people are arrested and detained.

MAY 16, 2012 – noise demonstration at Tanguay prison in solidarity with the people arrested earlier that week.

## REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF QUEBEC

Since June 6th, more than fifty letters containing white powder and a statement signed “Forces Armées Révolutionnaires Québécoises (FARQ)” were received in several offices of ministers, including that of Charest and other elected members of the Liberal Party and of the CAQ, the two parties having passed Bill 78. Also several media offices, businesses and capitalist institutions were targeted, causing evacuations throughout Quebec. The letters containing a statement claiming they contained Anthrax have so far revealed to hold baking soda.

There are apparently two different texts that have been received, one of them was published by the media and a pdf can be found on their servers (in french): <http://fr.canoe.ca/sections/fichier/frq-1339021546.pdf>

### JUNE 7TH – OPENING DAY OF THE F1 GRAND PRIX

Protests have continued every day while Power reports the running out of steam of the “student movement” after each demonstration. The mass mobilizations that focused in Montreal have given way to smaller crowds, but more frequent and dispersed. Popular assemblies have formed in some places, those who remain in confrontation with Power are getting to know each other. With the coming of the F1 Grand Prix and threats of disruption escalating again, the Police State was to send a clear message, “we are watching you and and we will come and get you.”

### THE SHOW BEGINS: SEARCHES AND ARRESTS

June 7th at 6 am, on the opening day of the festivities surrounding the Grand Prix, the cops have conducted a series of searches in connection with the actions that occurred in the Montreal metro, at the University of Montreal and the office of the former Education Minister Line Beauchamp. 11 people were targeted by warrants having been issued following the investigation according to the pigs. Six people were arrested during the day. The media already prepared for the show, focused on one of them, Yalda, being the daughter of Amir Khadir, only elected member of the leftist Québec Solidaire party at whom the cops were essentially looking for black clothes.

### DISRUPTION OF THE GRAND PRIX OPENING COCKTAIL PARTY AND FESTIVITIES

Throughout the day the SPVM, the SQ and private security forces were deployed heavily in the city center and in the St-Henri neighborhood where the luxurious GP opening reception was taking place. Gatherings of hundreds of people marched in late afternoon and tried to approach and disrupt the events fenced and guarded by the cops, resulting in clashes near the opening reception and later near Crescent Street in the center of the Grand Prix festivities. At one point a group was kettled and the cops made arbitrary arrests on them. Several formed a human chain to try to prevent the arrest and the cops finally let the crowd disperse.

Confronting gas, batons and stun grenades, the disruptions continued until about midnight.

There were 37 arrests according to the cops.



CLASSE, took the streets on April 24th, the government refused to sit down with CLASSE any longer, and the other two federations walked out in solidarity. Whether the government knew it and was being manipulative, or didn't and was being stupid, it should have been clear that the federation bureaucrats no longer had any control over the people in the streets —and this was no longer simply about increasing tuition fees. When further talks two weeks later produced an actual proposal for a deal, the federation memberships rejected it. There is no reason to think there will be any more talks for some time. That leaves significantly fewer options for a leftist recuperation.

## TODAY

Right now, the general sentiment in the street is that we will not stop, we will not be contained, and we do not want this to end now. We have watched the situation transform from a limited strike with reformist goals to a generalized revolt with revolutionary aspirations. The diversity of tactics being used, the cries that ring out during demos and the kinds of targets that get attacked are pretty clear indications that this is about so much more than tuition fees —and many moments have been beautiful in a way that is hard to convey. We won't give up on this.

And we want you to feel what we're feeling. We know you feel something, but we want you to feel it like we feel it. We know that every time one of us goes to jail, every time a comrade in the streets loses their eye to the shrapnel of a concussion grenade or their ear to a rubber bullet to the head, that there are so many others who feel the heat of vengeance swell inside them. Knowing the global situation, knowing that people are approaching the breaking point not just here but everywhere, it needs to be insisted upon that what is happening in Québec is not exceptional. What has happened here can happen elsewhere and it needs to happen elsewhere. Everything we're doing has been inspired by the revolts and uprisings that have taken hold in other places. If it can't inspire social disruptions of its own, then it will die out quick.

So this is a call out for solidarity as much as it's our heartfelt hope that one day you'll feel this around you as well. This needs to spread past Montréal, past Québec. Bring it to your cities and communities in whatever way you can, using whatever methods and means are at your disposal.

**Our hearts and heads are tired, but we're still smiling.  
We want to see the strike spread.  
We want to see this social upheaval spread.**

*When shit is fucked, fuck shit up.*

## JUNE 6-12<sup>TH</sup> UPDATES ON THE RAIDS AND ARRESTS, DISRUPTION OF THE GRAND PRIX, ETC.

*An update on recent events in the uprising from the usurped and raped land we call Quebec.*

JUNE 6TH

40 LETTERS CONTAINING WHITE POWDER SIGNED

MAY 16, 2012 – confrontational night demo downtown.

MAY 18, 2012- Bill 78 is passed. Huge riots in the downtown core ensue. Over ten thousand people take the streets, shouting “On s'en câlisse de la loi 78!” (We don't give a Fuck about the special law!). The passing of the special law marks a visible loss of control for the state and a generalized outrage from many, leading people into the streets until 3:30am. A man is hospitalized after receiving a rubber bullet to the stomach at point blank.

MAY 19, 2012 – Another night in the streets. Rioters erect a barricade at one of busiest intersections of downtown and roam the streets for hours causing trouble.

MAY 20, 2012 – Once again several thousand people take to the streets. People are masked and the demo is declared illegal from the beginning, as will all demonstrations that take place from this point on.

JUNE 6, 2012 – On the day before the Formula One Grand Prix Races in Montreal, letters containing an unidentified white substance are sent to over thirty politician and beurocratic offices throughout Montreal. The guilty party signed the letters as the “Armed Revolutionary Forces of Quebec” (FARQ - “Forces Armées Révolutionnaires Québécoises”).

JUNE 7, 2012 – Opening day of the Grand Prix. Nine houses are raided, 11 people are targeted for warrants issued upon them for their elegend participation in past events throughout the strike. Six people are arrested in total and will be held for up to five days.

Later that evening a disruption of the Grand Soire brings out both the SPVM and the SQ in enormous numbers. Demonstrations encircle all over the neighbourhood of Little Burgundy and into downtown. The police report 37 arrests and several incidents of property damage.

JUNE 8, 2012 – Several hundred people take the streets, which has been turned into a festival of capital for the celebration of the F1. Entire blocks of downtown are roped off with heavy police surveillance and the demo weaves through the thousands of tourists until eventually the police are chasing anyone who isn't driving a porsche or outfitted in gold. Clashes ensue with both F1 fans and, as usual, the police.

JUNE 9, 2012 – The police are stationed at several metros coraling people into the metro cars as a “security measure” to the metro systems. Only people with tickets to the F1 races are allowed access to the yellow line where the races are taking place. A demonstration that evening permeates the main event area and continues through the streets.

JUNE 10, 2012 – Every metro station has at least two cops inside of it on either direction. Bags are being checked at the entrance to the main metro station, people are denied entry for wearing a red square or black clothing. Hundreds of people gathered to march for the 48th consecutive night. For a fourth 9

night in a row clashes erupted. Paint balls were thrown at cop cruisers and some windows were smashed, notably those of the Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, while a gang of uberparasites, including the governor of the Bank of Canada and President of the Bank of France, were inside for a reception.

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ranging between \$7000 and \$35,000. If a student association as a whole is found guilty of the above, they will be subjected of a fine between \$25,000 and \$125,000. The amounts are doubled for second offenses, and student associations can lose one semester of membership fees for every day that the law is violated. It is also illegal to encourage any other person to attend an illegal demonstration, and it is potentially illegal to livetweet where the demo is and what it's up to at any given time.

In the three days that the Special Law has been in place, its tangible effect on the movement has been that CLASSE (Broad Coalition of the Association for Student Syndicalist Solidarity), the most radical student union, has taken down its calendar of events, which listed all of the actions that were happening in Montréal and other cities across Québec. A new anonymous website has gone up.

In and of themselves, these two new laws will probably not contribute much to putting more people behind bars in the same way as the federal government's project of prison expansion and criminal justice overhaul. Instead, the aim is to destroy the finances of organizations that have accommodated themselves to the system and perhaps recoup some of the enormous costs incurred as a result of economic sabotage, traffic and commuter chaos, and police overtime over the last few months. To be clear, the fat bank accounts of the student federations were a crucial component of this situation beginning, and since they could be helpful in the future, they're worth defending. Sustaining the revolt, however, does not require money as much as courage, will and creativity. We will get what we need to keep fighting, even if it becomes somewhat harder to do so.

Still, what happened in legislative assemblies and city council meetings has had and will have an effect on the streets. Demos are being declared as illegal from the moment they begin, which emboldens the SPVM (local cops) and SQ (provincial cops) to use more intense dispersal techniques and greater levels of force earlier on. Prior to this law, they'd taken eyes, broken arms, shattered jaws, and put people into life-threatening comas. But people are still in the streets, throwing asphalt at riot cops and building burning barricades...

## THE STRIKE

To contextualize things, the strike—if defined as students refusing to attend school—began at the start of February when most of the CÉGEPs (public colleges) in the province of Québec, as well as two of the largest universities voted to strike. Through a series of consistent general assemblies, the student unions and specific faculties of these schools have maintained that they are on strike, each of the bodies defining their intentions and goals. For some of the schools, continuing the strike has been a week-to-week renegotiation while others voted right from the beginning to participate in an unlimited general strike, and still others voted to strike until all education was free.

At first, the government refused to negotiate with the student federations, insisting that the decision had already been made. It took until the latter half of April before talks could happen, thanks in large part to the unilateral call for a truce by CLASSE's executive without the consultation of the membership. This truce took the form of CLASSE stating that no actions would happen under their name while negotiations were in progress. Talks broke down when a confrontational demo, not planned by



declared illegal from the get-go. Again many people are masked. The cops tried to disperse the crowd on several occasions, but the crowds dispersed and reformed for 5 hours while there were barricades and intense street battles against brutal cops. Shop windows were smashed (making the authoritarian pacifists whine again) and attacks on police vehicles, including one arsoned due to a “failure” according to the cops. At one point, a crowd of youths who had been caught in between two lines of riotpigs came together and charged at one of the lines of armed cops, breaking and disrupting the lines, making it possible for several to escape. Comrades, your courage warms our hearts and points towards a new world.

Pigs made several mass arrests, with a total of 300. Amongst dozens injured, several people were seen unconscious after being attacked by the pigs, a man was taken to hospital unconscious after receiving a plastic bullet in the head. Some shitbag cops were injured as well.

**And it is only the beginning...**

MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 2012

CALL FOR SOLIDARITY WITH MONTREAL SOCIAL  
UNREST

*“You can cut down all of the flowers but you cannot stop the spring”*

—poster circulating around the strike

THE LAWS

On Friday, May 18th, 2012, two new laws came into effect in Montréal. Their purpose is to stifle the anti-capitalist revolt that has emerged from the student strike that began in this province fifteen weeks ago, to restore order and clear the way for the implementation of austerity measures in this territory.

The first is a municipal by-law. It aims to discourage people from wearing masks at demonstrations by threatening them with fines from \$1000 to \$5000. It comes as the federal government is contemplating a law, to be implemented across the whole territory of the Canadian State, that would punish those who conceal their identities “while participating in a riot” with a maximum of ten years in prison.

The second is the provincial government’s Special Law which demands that all public manifestations of popular dissent submit themselves to fastidious control by the State. Any demonstration, anywhere in Québec, must submit a start time and a complete route to the local police at least eight hours in advance; if it does not, it is illegal. The route can also be changed at any time by the police. There can be no demonstrations on the grounds of academic institutions or even within fifty metres of them. Any leader, spokesperson or rank-holding member of a student association that blocks access to classes, or counsels others to do so, will be subjected to a fine

REPORTS,  
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AND ANALYSIS

## FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2012

### OCCUPATION OF CEGEP DU VIEUX MONTRÉAL FROM CBC

MONTREAL – Quebec student unrest over planned tuition hikes at the university level has escalated.

A total of 37 protesters were being kept under police lock and key Friday, arrested in the wake of a violent overnight clash when Montreal officers were called in to break up an occupation of a downtown college building.

Those protesters are expected to face a range of charges that include conspiracy, assault by trespasser, assault with a weapon on police officers and mischief, Constable Anie Lemieux of Montreal police said.

“We don’t know” if all those behind bars are students enrolled at the CEGEP du Vieux Montréal, where the disturbance and subsequent eviction conducted by police took place, she added.

Meanwhile, students protesting a Quebec government program to escalate university tuitions planned a 1 p.m. demonstration outside a downtown Montreal hotel.

Said Lemieux as the cops were starting to deal with the criminal-court fallout from the early-morning events:

“Thirty-seven arrests. That’s a lot of people to check in. ... It’s a busy day for police officers and investigators.”

Some of the protesters evicted overnight “were apparently using fire extinguishers and other projectiles like bottles” during their early morning confrontation with the forces of order, she said.

Eight among those detained are minors. On-site damage included broken windows and graffiti. Furniture had been piled up, clearly used as barricades. It all started about 8 p.m. Thursday, Lemieux said, “with people inside.”

“I couldn’t say that they necessarily broke in,” she said. “They were invited to leave” by the CEGEP administration, she said.

When they didn’t, officers moved in, starting about 2 a.m.

## MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> 2012

### STUDENT ACTION AND DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE POLICE

#### ACT 1

As the student strike in Quebec develops, there have been weekly “manif-actions”  
12 (action demos) with the goal of economic disruption. Late yesterday morning, a

*a fuck about the special law!) with anti-government and anti-cop chants. Some 40 minutes after the start of the demo cops charged against the crowd without warning, throwing bombs at the height of peoples heads, as always, and so began the clashes. The crowd responded with rocks, smoke bombs and molotov cocktails, many groups splintered and clashes continued until 3:30am with windows smashed and copcars vandalized. There were a dozen arrests and a man was hospitalized in serious condition after the cops shot him in the liver point blank with a plastic bullet.*

#### SATURDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>,

Another huge crowd of thousands of people took to the streets being the 26th nightly demonstration in as many nights, no trajectory was given to the cops. The demo left Place Émilie-Gamelin around 9pm as every other evening. The SPVM declared the protest illegal a few minutes after it began and repeated many times the same warning with the crowd chanting “la loi spéciale, on s’en câlisse!”. A convoy of several buses of the SQ riot-squad (provincial police) followed the demonstration through parallel streets. Several people were masked, challenging the new municipal rule, effective the same day, prohibiting the wearing of masks during a demonstration.

A little after 10pm cops provoked the crowd with arbitrary arrests and started to gas. The clashes started and barricades were erected, notably one at the corner of Ontario and Saint-Denis – having lots of bars and nightlife – where a flaming barricade was erected and maintained for several hours. Meanwhile cop cruisers and riot-squad buses were attacked. The SQ came as reinforcement to the SPVM and at some point firefighters arrived and went up to the fire, but they received orders to leave. Probably they wanted pictures of the intervention of the riots-quad against a background of fires to legitimize the power-tripping cops attacking anyone on the street or on the terraces of bars on St. Denis. In fact the next day, the mayor said to some journalists who questioned the work of the cops, that “the rioters set fire to Montreal”.

There were 69 arrests according to the cops, arresting just about anyone at any time. 9 of 69 people are accused of assault against police officers, assault with a weapon and arson. Three people still in the cages of the state were released on bail on May 22 (note that another person is still in the cages of the state in relation to charges of mischief and assault against a police officer during the riot on April 20th during the Plan Nord job fair). The owner of a restaurant was also arrested because he wore a red square (symbol of the student mouvement) and let people inside while the cops were on a rampage, another announced that he would sue the SPVM after they attacked people on the terrace of his bar.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>,

Once again several thousand people in the streets of Montreal, the protest is 37

## WHILE THE STATE SHARPENS ITS KNIVES: CONFRONTATION WITH THE POLICE AND ATTACKS ON BANKS

Wednesday, May 16, while the state sharpens its knives, demos are taking place in several cities against the extension of the Police State by announcing the preparation of a special law and new municipal regulations\* in a desperate attempt to regain control.

After just over 45 minutes in a dumbass in a tie began insulting and provoking the crowd and found himself surrounded, the cops began to pepper spray and the crowd responded with a few stones and garbage cans. The cops started throwing shock grenades and fired plastic bullets. Minutes later the windows of several banks were shattered into pieces.

One person busting a window was attacked from behind, but a comrade acted quickly to free the person. Watch your back and the backs of your comrades, other than the usual undercover, it seems there's other shitbags like peace police and probably fascists who are organizing.

Around 1am there were mass arrests. 122 people were arrested according to the cops.

\*At the time of writing, May 18th, the "special" law has already being implemented and the municipal regulation will be implemented tomorrow [May 19th].

Among many other things they render illegal demos that do not give the cops their route in advance and are forced to change it if it does not suit them, and it is illegal to wear a mask in a demonstration in Montreal and many other cities are reportedly preparing similar measures.

## MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2012

### WE DON T GIVE A FUCK ABOUT THE SPECIAL LAW

*Since Friday, May 18th demos are held in several cities of the province, like Quebec City, Sherbrooke and Trois-Rivières. In Montreal, tens of thousands of people are confronting the Police State defying the new "special law" Bill 78 which requires, among other things, that any gathering of 50 or more people provide its trajectory to the cops 8h ahead and modifies it at their request with fines that can reach tens of thousands of dollars for individuals and up to 125 000\$ for groups or organisations.*

### FRIDAY, MAY 18TH,

*After giving a trajectory to the cops and leaving Place Émilie-Gamelin at 9pm, the demo, at some point holding more than 10,000 people of all ages, deviated and 36 improvised its way. The crowd chanted "la loi spéciale, on s'en câlisse!" (We dont give*

manif action was called to begin at 11:30 am at Square Victoria. There were several thousand people in the streets, some of them self-identified students, student politicians and union members, many not of any particular status. The march went up to the Loto-Quebec building on Sherbrooke and rue City Councillors and set up hard blockades of all the entrances around the building, effectively shutting it down. The building contains the offices of the organization representing university principals and rectors, which supports tuition hikes, and had also been occupied in March 2011. After maintaining a presence for a while, some people got inside the building while others began building barricades on Sherbrooke street using fences as a line of riot police began to assemble nearby. The police pepper sprayed demonstrators and threw sound grenades (and possibly tear gas) in the mass of people as they dismantled the fencing and pushed people back. Shrapnel from one of the canisters flew into one person's eye. He is now in a hospital and will likely lose his eye forever.

As the main demo got split up into three parts, people made an effort to stay together and hold the street. The three demos managed to continue and regrouped into one, and then headed east towards the Jaques Cartier bridge. The bridge was swarming with police by the time the demo approached, so we figured we'd let the police do the blocking for us and continued at a jog to the Ministry of Education building, as projectiles were thrown at a few bike cops. As several bureaucrats scurried out of the building, the demo blocked the entrance for 10 minutes, then swung around back west along the Notre Dame highway. An attempt was made to occupy the SAQ headquarters (the state liquor control and sales board of Quebec). People made it into the lobby of the building but because the doors to go further were locked, the demo continued westward. It stopped at the Hydro Quebec building, where people chanted "Pour une monde libertaire, sans Plan Nord ni frais scolaires" (for an anarchist world, without neither the Plan Nord\* nor tuition fees). Soon after the demo dispersed by collectively hopping the metro together.

### ACT 2

After the demo dispersed, it wasn't until the evening that word had spread about the tragic outcome of earlier that day. A solidarity demonstration was spontaneously called for at Berri Square at 9 pm. A hundred and some people gathered here and left promptly, after yelling down self-appointed leaders who wanted the demonstration to be 'media friendly'. It took rue St. Catherine first and moved its way through downtown towards the St. Urbain police headquarters, while some people threw up anti-police graffiti including "Flics=Assassins". When it got to the headquarters, people attacked its windows with glass bottles, metal garbage cans, and fences, which the pacifists were quick to pounce on. As a line of riot police formed on the north side of the headquarters, the demonstration headed south towards René-Lévesque and then back up rue St. Laurent. As people gathered information to determine where to go, the decision was made to head towards the police station on the corner of Rue St. Élisabeth and René-Lévesque. The front of the demo hurried south down St. Élisabeth towards the station while the police formed a line blocking the back of the demo from advancing. At the front, one cop car was guarding the intersection at René-Lévesque and as about a dozen people rushed at it, the cruiser backed out and drove off, leaving the intersection momentarily free of police. People took this opportunity to graffiti the cruisers in the parking lot, as well as break the windows 13



of several police cars. Projectiles and insults were hurled at the unprepared cops as they drove up and scurried to don their riot gear.

For a moment, bodies occupied the entire eight lanes of René-Lévesque as people hurried to make the decision of whether to turn back to downtown or disperse. Some people decided to return to the larger demo and managed to rejoin it at St. Catherine while others dispersed here.

At this point the demo began to head north on St Denis. Some people in the crowd severely beat up a person with a camera who was taking pictures of them, as others tried to diminish the scuffle. The police blocked off the main intersection of Ontario and rue St. Denis, and before anyone had time to come up with any quick plan of action, recycling bins were strewn into the street. Bottles fell first to the ground, then were thrown at the line of riot cops at the end of the street. At this point, the pacifist portion of the demo (!) began booing at the people throwing bottles, explaining that this is a peaceful demonstration. The next three minutes diminished into the crowd engaging in shouting arguments, pushing each other and getting up in each other's shit over the merits of violence and the explicit "peacefulness" of the demo.

At this point, sensing an impending mass arrest, many people ditched out over a high fence, leaving the pacifists to fend for themselves. As people were dispersing a small group stayed there picking up the trash and put it back into the recycling bin, 10 yards from the line of riot cops at which the bottles had just been thrown.

Several minutes later in the same spot from which people had just dispersed, riot police began to clear the streets pushing everyone out and ending whatever was left of the demonstration.

## ENDNOTES

(stop here if you're sick of reading about pacifists).

A continuing problem of the student movement is the way that university activism seems to breed pacifists in the same way it breeds politicians and bosses. The student strike to this point has been centered around demonstrations and actions of thousands of people gathering in the streets with nothing to do but stare at itself. Now, when the police have seriously wounded a comrade, we see tensions rise as the student movement has to deal with itself and its place in society. In this situation, no longer was the issue about "the issues", so well laid out and articulated with the appropriate politician to be blamed and the solution devised through funding alternatives (such as the Plan Nord, as one member of ASSE\*\* suggested). The issue becomes the reality of engaging against power, outside of the classroom, when the sense of ownership and entitlement of one's struggle is challenged. The student struggle has now exited the world of liability to administration and academic probation and has begun to engage society as a whole.

Last night, race and class dynamics emerged in the way different people engaged in their response. At one particular point it was hard to ignore how a primarily white group of pacifists were actively trying to hold back a crew of young people of colour who were confronting the police (with other people in the

The crowd dispersed around 10:30 pm

*the following is a text we've received:*

Since the beginning of the strike, there have been over 1000 arrests, many injuries (two people of which have lost an eye, while two other demonstrators found themselves in coma after being attacked by the police), many are facing charges and increasingly restrictive conditions like curfews and non-association, several comrades are in political exile (they are not allowed to be on the island of Montreal, and are thus also kept far from those they care about), and others are currently in prison. This is happening in a context where the state is becoming increasingly fascist. The anti-mask law the government is trying to pass is exemplary: wearing a mask during a demonstration punishable by a ten year sentence.

Since the beginning, the social peace necessary for capitalism to run has been disrupted by an imaginative social movement. At the same time as the state raises tuition and slashes social services in order to maintain profits for the elite, it is also subsidizing companies involved in resource extraction looking to make profits by gutting Indigenous territories in the north and setting up new security measures and spending millions on the construction and expansion of over thirty prisons; this is capitalism in all its glory.

This system has been imposed on us by force. The police, the courts, and the prisons aren't there to protect us; they are meant to enforce a system of domination. The same ones throw tear gas and plastic bullets the instant a demonstration escapes their control and support the bosses during each strike. They are the ones who put themselves between the hungry and the supermarket shelves teeming with food, the homeless and vacant buildings, between immigrants and their families.

Their violence is not accidental; it is essential to their existence. This system uses intimidation and isolation to try to discourage any form of resistance. Freedom is held captive in the hands of a judiciary which zigzags between bail, restrictive conditions, criminal charges, and imprisonment.

Faced with this, an active solidarity, involving neither condemnation nor dissociation, with all those criminalized by the State becomes essential. Denouncing the criminalization of demonstrations, opposing targeted arrests and snitch culture, providing legal, financial, and moral support to the arrested and demanding that the state drops their charges, keeping an eye on police practices, taking care of those injured, supporting each other, as well as continuing, expanding, and intensifying the struggle of our arrested comrades – these are all the foundations of a culture of struggle that we need to build and develop.

Let's break the isolation of the prison walls. Shut down the prisons that are yet another method that the state uses to try to subject us to its control.

**Fuck the prisons!**  
**Long live the strike! (again and always)**

MAY 16TH



The next morning the cops raided an apartment in the Hochelaga neighborhood. Later, four people delivered themselves to the police. The three women and one man were arrested and remain detained. They appeared Saturday in court via video conference.

They are accused of “inciting fear of terrorist activity”, of conspiracy and mischief over \$5000.

They appeared once again Monday May 14th, before an ovation from the people in the courtroom. They will be held hostage by the State at least until May 23rd.

Note that a gathering in support was held outside during the court appearance and that the media who were on site were confronted and denounced for the pieces of shit they are.

Terrorism charges when no life has been endangered, coming from those whose armed wing aim people’s heads with plastic bullets and shock grenades, leaving people hospitalized with eyes in less, brain contusions, skull fractures, etc.. etc ... add to that a municipal rule draft that seeks to outlaw any protest that does not give its route in advance, thus conveniently outlawing any spontaneous or improvised demonstration, which is not directed, organized and supervised by a group that will collaborate with the cops, coupled with an anti-mask rule in a city that has fucking cameras everywhere, which has a political police squad dedicated to profiling “anarchists” and “marginals” and where we’re being filmed and getting pictures taken by cops, helicopters, “journalists” and the intelligence agencies, not to mention facebook... and finally media that would make Joseph Goebbels proud...

Those who do not bury their heads at the bottom of their own ass can see that what lies behind the thinning veil of democracy is totalitarianism, and as in all totalitarian States, who like this one have applied the same measures to crush dissent, they will succeed in nothing more than amplifying and radicalizing the revolt.

### **Active solidarity with the hostages of the State!**

## **MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

### **NOISE DEMO IN SOLIDARITY WITH ARRESTED COMRADES**

Wednesday May 16th around 9:30 pm. about a hundred people showed up at the Tangay detention center for women on Henri-Bourassa in Montreal. where three young women accused of throwing one of the smoke bombs that paralyzed the Montreal metro last Thursday. The SQ dirt-bags were already on the spot.

The demo was called “...to make some noise and break the isolation of the prison walls, showing to our comrades they are not alone. This is also a demo against the political and police repression happening since the beginning of the strike, against the charges against our comrades, and in solidarity with all those behind bars.”

The crowd approached the doors and communicated with the prisoners by using megaphones, many fireworks were set off and a smoke bomb was thrown to the

middle trying to get the pacifists to back off). This was obviously not the only dynamic in the demo – there were different crews of people there and throughout the evening a mixed crowd of people engaged in confronting the police – but as an anarchist participating in the demonstration, this was a particularly striking situation. At the point in which some began picking up bottles and throwing them at the police, the pacifists, by trying to prevent this, acted more effectively at breaking up the demo than the police did. Nothing in the world around us can honestly be called peaceful, and the height of irony is a pacifist throwing punches trying to convince another otherwise.

More info as it comes.

*\*Plan Nord: Quebec’s new plan to coordinate and promote large scale resource extraction (mining, hydro-electricity, and logging) of the Indigenous territories in northern Quebec.*

*\*\*ASSE: “L’Association de Solidarite Syndicale Etudiant” which is one of the more ‘radical’ provincial federations of student unions. A member of ASSE once suggested to the media that free education can be funded through the Plan Nord.*

## **MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

### **A DAY OF STRUGGLE IN MONTREAL: INNU SOLIDARITY, CITIZEN COPS, WILD PROTEST AND THE COPS REVENGE.**

*translation from french by Antidéveloppement*

On Monday, March 12th, a chain of events has spanned for the whole day until late in the night.

It all began early in the day with a protest in solidarity with the Innu people who recently suffered repression from the SQ (provincial police) in their blockade of road 138 against the Hydro-Québec projects on their land. The protest of about 150 people started at Square Phillips at around 12:30 to go in front of the offices of Hydro-Quebec (where cops obviously were blocking the doors) by chanting slogans like « North Plan, Death Plan », « No Quebec, No Canada, Death to all States » while distributing leaflets on the North Plan (a series of mega projects in northern Quebec; forestry, hydro, mining etc.) to passersbys. After a few speeches the people then moved to the administrative offices of the UQAM and from this point the street in front of the building was occupied with a crowd that kept growing in numbers -as a reaction to the news of a lock-out of UQAM- all up until the night where a « Creation Night » event had been planned.

During this Creation Night, some were painting on the street, others played music, among others local band *Mise en Demeure* played a full set of songs making fun of pacifists and cops. Many were drinking beer sitting on a part of the furniture from the UQAM building who ended up in the street; chairs, desks, tables and sofas.

Around 11 PM, tension has started to rise as the citizen-cops started to attempt a clean up and enforce the law by «putting things back in place» as others kept taking the furniture out in the street. A person ripped chairs from the hands of a hooded comrade and tried to rip the comrades mask off, which got the person a well-deserved punch in the face. It's simple : if you act like cops you are joining the enemy so you will be treated as such. Wanna play cops? Face the consequences.

After a short confrontation between the citizen-cops and the hooded ones, a crowd of about 200 people detached itself and zig-zag'ed in the streets shouting anti-pacifist slogans and leaving on their tracks many walls and one cop car covered with anti-police and circled A graffiti. When the crowd arrived near the building of La Presse -the most mainstream bourgeois, reactionary newspaper in Quebec, one of Quebec's "Fourth Branch" of the State- its windows were shattered to bits (the news outlet itself was forced to report on it... downplaying it as a mere "isolated" act) and once more the citizen-cops or undercover -the only difference being their wage-showed up and attacked a hooded comrade, but this time the hooded ones fought back collectively and, defending their comrade, pushed back the attack. The crowd then dispersed not long after with any arrests, even though there are rumors that one was arrested during the protest.

A bit later at around 1 AM, about fifteen people who were chilling out drinking beer in a collective space received a visit from an entire squad of cops. The situation quickly escalated seemingly after someone was seen by the pigs with a bottle of beer outside. Many people were pepper sprayed, about twenty cops rushed in aggressively as if it were a raid, with batons in hand, some in riot gear and with a dog. There were five arrests. Outside the riot-squad deployed for dispersing the people who gathered at the street corner.

### **Social war and complicity! Citizen-cops FUCK OFF!**

*Translated by Anabraxas ("To the victor goes the spoils of war, fuckers!")*

## MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 2012

### KIDNAPPING, PRE-EMPTIVE ARRESTS AND HOLLYWOOD STYLE FACISM

*This is related to events that happened on March 15th, a few hours before the anti-police protest that became famous in the media these last few days.*

On March 15th, around Noon, a comrade was kidnapped by policemen in plain clothes as she was doing her morning juggling run near her place, in the Hochelaga neighborhood. AS she was exiting a backstreet, her run was interrupted par the arrival of a grey family minivan. A tall and muscular man came out of the minivan. At the same time, another car cutted in diagonally, and a third one, from behind in the backstreet. Our comrade was cornered. The tall and muscular man adressed her by saying : « Hi \*\*\*, I am an agent of the Montreal Police departement. You're under arrest, we have a warrant against you. You must follow us. »

I will not go into descriptive detail of the injury he had, but these were lacerations, which couldn't have been the result of plastic bullets or pool balls, even rocks. Alexander had no mask, no hood, he was in a t-shirt. My guess is that he was overcome by tear gas, found himself blinded and disoriented. Shots from both sides were made, and he would have received a grenade at that moment. We must remember that all this happened at the beginning of the so-called "Riot", when the protesters had little projectiles. On the other hand, the grenades thrown by the police are metal objects that deploy on contact, triggering the explosion of the container and therefore can cause severe cuts. This is what I believe happened to Alexander.

What I experienced is a confrontation with violence which is close to the aesthetics of war. For two days now, I explain the images that pass through me, I think of the police intervention, the smell of tear gas. I was disturbed to later see health status of Alexander in the media, to see that what I felt really fit in proportion to the severity of the injury. It was not simply a dramatic structure that I had built. I am also angry to see that once again, the media serve the interests of those who govern and hold the monopoly on violence. It has been said that we had been infiltrated by a minority of thugs, that there was no police brutality, the repressive response was normal since we had crossed a "symbolic boundary" that had been drawn around the hotel. We were shown a pile of rocks, sticks and tie-wraps, obviously picked up at random, to demonstrate the agitation of the demonstrators. We were served an entirely assembled narrative to justify military intervention to protect officials and government representatives.

They try to make us swallow that Alexander was injured by other demonstrators or protesters, that ultimately it is "our fault". If there is an investigation of the Surete du Quebec in this event, it will be again to conclude that they are not responsible. Already, the press conferences have shown us: asserting a "symbolic boundary" in no way allows the extent of physical attacks on people in any way equipped to fight on equal terms.

In short, no matter where this account finds itself, I want it to be able to resonate with other people who saw, who heard, that it contributes to a critical discourse. To make our collective memory allow us to say that we will not forget, that there is no forgiveness for those who claim to defend the justice of the social elite.

## MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> 2012

### SMOKE BOMBS IN THE METRO- WHO ARE THE TERRORISTS?

On the morning of May 10th, smoke bombs in three subway stations crippled the entire network for over two and a half hours during rush hour.

Montreal police called for denouncement and the media, notably la Presse, showed pictures of four people taken by rat citizens and also gave their identities and information.



turned, moved his hair and saw the state of his ear.

At that time, I was afraid. Really afraid that something very bad was happening which was beyond me. People stepped back, seeing the wound, I felt he was dying. But I put myself in "intervention" mode. Knowing he was slightly conscious, constantly talking to him to keep him awake. I introduced myself, then I spoke to one of many who watched the scene and had a cell phone, I told him it was serious, that we needed an ambulance immediately, that he was in danger. The person called. Several people tried to reach rescue assistance during this event, and it was extremely complex to get help in a humane delay and necessary for the survival of this person.

The first person who had a first aid kit has tried to stop the bleeding with gauzes of cotton, but there was not enough material. Another person from the medical team of the event took over, a friend of the wounded also came near, we stayed together until the paramedics arrived.

The wounded had episodes of retrieving consciousness, he was restless, showed pain and panic. Around us, there were lots of noises, cries, action. I tried to reassure him verbally, I told him he had courage to stay with us, to focus on his breathing, he needed help, he was wounded at his ear, that I understood his fear, that we were doing our best to keep him safe. I told him about his friend who was with him, his friend spoke to him, and helped to keep him lying down.

It must of been ten minutes that we were on the ground. I heard shots very close, and when I looked up I found that the SQ officers were on the grounds, they approached us by throwing tear gas. Protesters had a security perimeter around us, shouting that there was a casualty. People spoke directly to the police officers to make them understand that there was a person on the ground in serious condition. Despite my distrust of the police, my critique of their actions and behaviors, their foundations, their ideology, I still naively believed that in the urgency, they would have sufficient judgment to give us a minimum of safety. They shot tear gas canisters a few meters away from us. We had to move Alexander twice because of the incompetence of the SQ, more importantly, because of the military behavior that reflects the intensification of the violence used by the armed branch of the State. Through this chaotic situation, the officers continued to follow orders, they deliberately left us the responsibility for their actions and the management of the situation while we could not provide the necessary care.

At some point, when we first moved Alexander, he tried to talk to us. He was unable to utter a word, he repeated sounds, seeking a reference point. His friend spoke to him, others came close. I told them to warn those who were with him, for him to have support when he got to the hospital. The second time we moved him, we went on to the Naud row, and there were more people from the medical team of the event who took care of him. The ambulance finally arrived, escorted by agents of the Surete du Quebec. It took a while for it to reach us, then Alexander was placed on a stretcher, and his friend went with him.

Our comrade then answer : Who are you? What is your warrant? Why are you arresting me? Where are you taking me? » as the undercover cop was putting her handcuffs, right in the street. Our comrade screamed in the hope of being heard by passersbys. Two minutes later, she was in the mini-van, on its way to the East Operations Center escorted by two undercover cops who refused to explain the motives of her arrest warrant. In fact, they completely ignored what these were.

Arrived at the Est Operations Center, cops seem confused on the motives of the arrest warrant. Our friend called her lawyer, who tries to set the records straight. Her and the lawyer are bot amazed, since her judicial file was up to date.

At last, the cops reveal the motives of this warrant. It was about a warrant related to her absence at the court during an order that was to happen a month and a half back, on January 31st 2012, over a bullshit breach of condition that happened on September 12th 2011. Our friend and her lawyer both ignored the existence of this alleged court appointment. Hence why she did not show up. Following her absence at this alleged date of court, an arrest warrant was emitted against her, on February 2012. (We are sorry for the ambiguity of details... our friend desires to not expose her criminal record too openly).

A month and a half has passed and now it's March 15th, international day against police brutality, that this warrant has been used.

It's by meeting with the chief in(ve)stigator for the operations of repression planned for controlling the protest on March 15th that our comrade was confirmed that her arrest was linked to the March 15th demo.

The man in question was named inspector D'Amour (or L'Amour). Bragging to have 28 years of expérience in the police, this bastard said to be in charge for the case of the March 15th protest and confirmed to our friend that the targeted arrests would be part of this years repression of this year's protest. So, these morons waited for March 15th to use their warrant against our friend (a legally obtained warrant, but that was completely unnecessary in this context and was openly used to intimidate her). The next morning, on March 16th, our friend was brought to municipal court, where a judge released her under the promise that she would be present at every upcoming court orders.

According to our comprehension, the undercover cop cars were parked in front of our friend's residence waiting for her to get out, for a period of time we don't know, so they'd then be stalking her.

We also know that there are other places/persons who are being followed, watched, taken pictures of. We're not intent to feed paranoia, but want to share this experience so each and everyone stays vigilant. These morons have nothing better to do in their lives than stalk us in our everyday life. Fuck them.

This scene was worthy of a Hollywood movie. As far as we know, there has been other targeted arrests, but none of this kind. So it's very important to make this info spread because the situation is very worrying. These filthy cops must know that their intimidation tactics does not impress us and that, together, our though hearts are stronger than everything.

## MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 2012

### MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> – FUCK THE POLICE

*On the evening of March 15 (international day against police brutality) in Montreal, although riot pigs were all over, they clearly lost control of the city center for several hours.*

Already in the afternoon, the Berri-UQAM station was filled with riot cops inside and outside, the sky with helicopters, patrols of pigs in the streets and later riotsquads and horsemen. Even with this display of force they went up to the task. Proof that here as elsewhere revolt is more than possible. We can even thank in part the cops on Thursday for the riot, they fed it and gave it strength.

They gave it strength when they charged on the demo of a few thousand people on Sherbrooke after twenty minutes of sloganeering and anti-cop graffiti, which resulted in several pacifist hippie parasites and the self-described students with the bourgeois leftist mentality to go home. The ones who wanted more than to take a walk wondering what the fuck they were doing in another pathetic ritual of slogans, divided into smaller mobile groups that dispersed and reformed to fuck shit up all night long.

The cops also fueled it when they attacked the people downtown with their arsenal, on St-Catherine street. From then on the rage was unleashed on the streets. There were probably also many bored young people who are regularly targets of profiling and saw there a great opportunity for their turn to piss on the cops and it wasn't long for it to come. As this same line of cops was advancing they took a volley of stones, bottles and a molotov and in an attempt to block the road further, the riot pigs fled from the crowd coming on each side. Moments later, while bins were flying down the street and into a few shop windows, the crowd fell on a brand new cop car, pigs included. The car was attacked with projectiles and you could see the terror and panic in the face of the two cops as they fled the crowd charging on the car. Later a vandalized cop car was flipped over.

By late evening a crowd gathered again at the Berri Square, where it had all begun, to leave once again. It's when the crowd dispersed to Maisonneuve and Ontario that the cops surrounded people on the sidewalk to make a mass arrest. They held the crowd of about 200 people surrounded for several hours and then filled some buses and took them to a police station in Langelier, far from downtown, where they proceeded to identify people and give them tickets for "gathering endangering peace" and release them, but not before having photographed them one-by-one. There was also during the day and evening several random arrests and others targeted.

**March 15th is every day!**

*we receive and transmit*

To write one's experience is a means of expression. To put it outside of oneself, and be able to understand, to regain power. If I write what I experienced Friday in Victoriaville, it's to put a distance from what I've felt since, to share it for deconstructing the media discourse and misinformation, so that ultimately these events, instead of dividing and defeating us, bring us collective power.

This account is intended as a revisiting of the events surrounding a demonstrator who's head was severely injured. I was present in the case of Alexander, the moment he found himself on the ground, until he left in an ambulance.

Little time separated the moment when the crowd control barriers fell from when the officers of the Quebec Provincial Police used tear gas projectiles. In more or less 15 minutes, those in the crowd who had no masks or scarves had to quickly step back and take refuge to avoid the drafts of tear gas. With no eye protection and because of the intense effect of the gas, I was forced to move. At times, I was completely blinded and had trouble finding my breath, I had the reflex to seek the support of demonstrators to find a safe place. I then cleaned my eyes with a solution of milk of magnesia and water, then went back to where the largest crowd was the located with a friend.

There were easily 300 to 400 people who were near the hotel; either in action, that is to say close to the police, or further back. There was an atmosphere of tension, anger, but also solidarity. The theme of challenging the power of the Liberal party wove cohesion through the crowd and support for a diversity of tactics.

All this lasted probably another 10 to 15 minutes.

So we were on Steve street near the Sonic gas station, we redirected people bothered by the tear gas so that they could get treated, and then we crossed the street, passing behind the shops on Arthabaska East street. Then we came to a grassy field behind the Naud row. There were a lot of drafts of the gas, but as it dispersed quickly, people were not affected much. At that time, there were no officers on the grounds. We decided it was a well-placed spot to observe the events and decide about what to do next. From the point where I stood, it was possible to see that there were clashes with the SQ officers on Arthabaska, again I emphasize the amount of tear gas that was launched to scare the crowd.

Then I heard people shouting that there was someone injured, to make space. I saw a group of people carrying the body of a man in his twenties. He was laid on the ground and I knelt beside him. I didn't have a first aid kit with me, but I have first aid training so I proceeded: I checked his state of consciousness, I made sure he was stable and maintained his position, I then looked to see if he had any injuries. Every stage happened very quickly. He was first clearly unconscious, he was foaming out of its mouth, he seemed about to choke. I opened his mouth and moved his tongue, he coughed and started breathing more regularly. Then I noticed that on the side of his head a large quantity of blood was flowing. 1 31



Quebec Liberal Party's general council which was going to be held in Montreal, but had been moved at the last minute for fear of the uprising raging there.

After several speeches the march arrived at around 6 pm near the Convention Centre at Le Victorin hotel – where the SQ riot squad was waiting with its whole arsenal. At about 6:30 pm the metal barriers fell and the clashes began.

The SQ bastards threw profuse amounts of stun grenades, firing tear gas canisters directly at people point-blank and shooting at people's heads with plastic bullets. The cops got pelted with stones, pieces of asphalt, fireworks, paint bombs, and according to them, some pool balls.

SQ vehicles were vandalized with graffiti and stones and several windows of the convention center were smashed, causing the huge tear gas smog to be felt inside.

When a cop began to brutalize someone who he was putting under arrest, he was given a beating by some hooded comrades who managed to dearrest him/her while a SQ SUV sped towards them and a cop shot at them point-blank with a tear gas canister. The SUV subsequently came under a hail of projectiles which took out most of its windows, forcing a hurried retreat before they were able to reach the cop who had finally been rendered powerless to enforce submission.

There are dozens of wounded protesters, many of whom left in ambulances. Notably, a youth suffered head trauma, facial fractures and a cerebral contusion while another suffered a head injury, injuries to the face and lost an eye. ([also see here](#))

By 9:30 pm, after several hours of battle, most people had left. The revenge of the cops came shortly after when they blocked roads 116 and 995, intercepting three buses. All passengers were brought to the Victoriaville police station and today [April 5] more arrests took place, bringing the number of detained over the weekend to 110 according to the cops.

From Quebec city, the student “representatives” have appealed for calm while negotiating with those who shit on us, adding that their “discussions” that is, that their collaboration to demobilize something which has far surpassed their specific demands and control were progressing.

**To negotiate is to get fucked!**  
**Lets not let them demobilize us!**  
**Let us be lead only by our dreams and desires!**  
**Let's keep the revolt alive!**

MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2012

A FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF THE BRUTALITY OF THE  
QUEBEC PROVINCIAL POLICE AT VICTORIAVILLE

**The hatred of this rotten world and its cops, we carry it every day!**

SUBMITTED TO GREVE MONTREAL APRIL 10, 2012

## PORT BLOCKADES AND LOCUSTS

MONTREAL — Student radicals are suspected in an act of vandalism with Biblical overtones after swarms of locusts overran the city's main business school on Thursday.

Officials at the HEC school called in exterminators to fight the plague that came hours before Quebec offered its first olive branch in a 52-day student strike over tuition hikes.

Hundreds of locusts infested a classroom and two bathrooms at HEC around 8:30 a.m.

A letter left at the scene made a direct reference to the book of Exodus that recounts plagues that hit Egypt in biblical times.

[Now it is time to escape!]

“Pharaoh hardens his heart but justice is served,” read the note. “May it stain your walls and your air ducts.”

The insect infestation was one of two incidents at Quebec schools Thursday as thousands of students continue their protests against tuition hikes.

In Saguenay, 200 km north of Quebec City, a security guard suffered a dislocated shoulder in a scuffle with students who tried to occupy a campus building. A second guard suffered a knee injury.

Quebec students have blocked bridges, major roads and government buildings nearly every day since the strike began in February.

Premier Jean Charest has held firm on his decision to increase tuition fees by \$1,625 over five years, but two top ministers pledged Thursday to sweeten student loan programs in an attempt to diffuse the demonstrations.

Education Minister Line Beauchamp and Finance Minister Raymond Bachand announced an income-based loan program that could take effect in September 2013.

The overture immediately divided student groups. The hardline CLASSE organization rejected the pledge, while the more moderate FECQ says it will discuss the offer over the Easter break.

Beauchamp told a news conference that student groups have so far refused to negotiate and that many young people risk losing an entire semester.

“The students are in a critical decision phase,” she said. “It was our responsibility to take action after having launched appeals for dialogue for several days.”

Bachand added, "We listened, we waited, and no one sat down with us to discuss this."

Charest, meanwhile, said he hopes the striking students return to class.

Students have blocked both entrances to the Port of Montreal

The striking students held another action of economic disruption by blocking both entrances to the Port of Montreal for over an hour this morning.

About 200 students gathered at Metro Prefontaine headed for the station Langelier, where they arrived around 10am. They then took the boulevard Langelier contraflow south, then Haig Street, where they made a short jog. Arrived at Notre Dame, the group split.

Part of the demonstrators went to block the entry of Bossuet Street, west side, and the other group, more importantly, prevented the access of Boucherville Street.

Dozens of truckers wishing to travel to the port were hostages of the situation. Some supporting young even if it makes them lose money, since they are paid to travel and not by the hour.

A driver who was going to port to take command of a ship regretted the delay that this action was taken to the boat. "But at least young people take action. I hope they will mobilize against by it for other things. Like to vote," he said.

Around 11:15, a representative SPVM came to inform the protesters near the Boucherville Street they had to leave, "for their own safety and avoid arrest" because the port authority asked that young free places .

The protesters decided to resume their march westward, to meet their colleagues stationed at the entrance Bossuet.

There they remained until about 11:45.

At that time, a commander of the SPVM advised, the microphone of his patrol van, that the protest was now considered illegal. An ad that has received answers to the fingers of honors and other insults.

Moments later, two teams in the intervention group, helmeted and armed with shields and batons, the protesters took sandwich on Notre Dame.

But a small core more stubborn, many on their faces masked, one carrying a shield same craft, did not blink until one of two response teams in the load striking their sticks on their shields . Assaults by a small block away, they rejected the last resisters north of Bossuet, before letting them go.

The group walked to the subway Cadillac to return to the city center.

This is not the first time that students are challenging the activities of the Port of Montreal. They did the 22 March 28 March and 5 April.

tear gas and throwing stun grenades into the crowd which responded by throwing stones and smashing a few windows, like one of Loto-Quebec. After several minutes being chased, the crowd began to disperse and reformed shortly after in St. Louis Square to march towards the Émilie-Gamelin park where a student demonstration was called for the evening.

The cops deployed everywhere and began jumping on anyone. One hundred arrests took place including a mass arrest of 70 people just before 19h. Many people were able to converge at Émilie-Gamelin Park. Cops cars were splashed with red and pink paint and a clash with riotpigs arresting people took place before they dispersed and distanced themselves while the more pacified student crowd gathered for their 8th nightly demo.

**Each day is a struggle and everywhere revolt is possible!  
Solidarity with the insurgents of Oakland, Seattle, Greece, Chile, Spain,  
Turkey, Indonesia,  
and with all groups and individuals in confrontation with power and  
domination.**

**The battle continues on all fronts!  
Total liberation for all inside and outside the walls!**

*Note: We've received information that amongst several people injured a young man is in the hospital with multiple skull fractures after being brutally assaulted by police during the demonstrations*

## MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2012

### MONTREAL: SOLIDARITY GATHERING WITH THE DETAINED. FOR A WORLD WITHOUT BOSSES, COPS, NOR PRISONS

*gathered from their media:*

The 28th of April a gathering of some 75 people to denounce political and police repression and in solidarity with detainees, marched with a banner reading "for a world without bosses, cops nor prisons" to the Tanguay detention center for women. Fireworks were fired on site before the group dispersed.

## MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2012

### THE BATTLE OF VICTORIANVILLE

*translated from french by sabotagemedia*

*we receive and transmit*

On May 4th, 2012

Charest ran away to Victoriaville with his gang, the big Liberal "Family" as they like to call themselves, but they were quickly caught up with. Thousands of people from all over the province gathered in Victoriaville during the first day of the

in Québec is referred to.

## APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> 2012

### SIX COP CAR WINDOWS SMASHED

*gathered from their media:*

Friday before 5am, six Montreal cop car windshields were smashed in the parking lot of police station 44. Graffiti was also left on a close-by administrative building of the Montreal police and another on another cop car, apparently the word "hausse" (hike).

A person has been arrested.

## MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2012

### AN ACCOUNT OF MAYDAY MONTREAL

*from the street:*

Another day of clashes with the cops and attacks on the State and Capital (TD and BMO banks, some stores, Loto-Québec and cop cars) in the ongoing uprising in Montreal.

Thousands of anti-capitalists, many anarchists, but also feminists, communists, striking students and various groups for social justice joined in the street in Montreal. A considerable part of the crowd was masked and dressed in black.

Even before the demonstration began a member of the Revolutionary Communist Party was arrested. The demo left Champ-de-Mars around 5:15 pm, recalling the starting point of the first MayDay demonstration in the history of Montreal. The crowd applauded each time fireworks were shot, but overall remained relatively silent during the first 45 min. Apart from the SQ helicopter [Québec provincial police] which is now part of the landscape, a riot squad followed on the sidewalk to the right of the crowd as to provoke protesters. Tension was so palpable we could have cut it with a knife. At one point what seemed to be a flare was fired in their direction and earlier a group of people started nagging them with donuts hanging from makeshift fishing rods.

After about 45 min after the march turned north and headed for St. Catherine Street, the cops declared it illegal on a loudspeaker with people yelling back "we dont give a fuck". A few moments later at the crossing of St. Catherine Street a line of riotpigs charged on the crowd, grabbing someone, but even while shooting rubber bullets and teargas they soon retreated before volleys of projectiles; stones bottles, fireworks, etc. It is clear that what Capitals' militia wanted was to prevent at any cost the wave of black-clad to spill more deeply into downtown Montreal, specifically the part where corporate shops and banks are stacked in a big luminous display of the capitalist spectacle. In front of retreating cops the crowd still decided to continue north while another line of cops was coming from south. The protest turned eastward and the cops grasped the opportunity to run behind firing rubber bullets,

SUBMITTED TO SABOTAGE MEDIA

## APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> 2012

### UPDATE ON THE RECENT STRUGGLES IN MONTREAL

{MORE INFORMATION FOLLOWS}

#### APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

A mass of youth broke into and ransacked the University of Montreal after a court injunction was granted to the university against student striker.

The same evening a crowd stoned the windows of banks, vandalized a copcar and threw projectiles to the cops.

#### APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>

Office of the Minister of Education, Line Beauchamp, was ransacked. The next day a person was arrested and held in custody before being released a few days later with house arrest.

#### APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>

Overnight four ministers' offices had their windows broken and left with paint and graffiti.

Office of the Minister of Justice, Jean-Marc Fournier.  
Office of the Minister responsible for Seniors, Marguerite Blais  
Office of the Finance Minister, Raymond Bachand  
Office of the Minister of Labour, Lise Thériault

#### APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>

At three places bags of bricks were left on subway tracks interrupting the service.

#### APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>

A smoke bomb in the subway stopped the service on the green line around 7:30 am.

#### APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

During a "manif-action" (action-demo) called "Downtown Shutdown" access was blocked to the Omni and the CIBC tower, where are situated the offices of the Employers Council of Quebec, the Montreal Economic Institute and the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Montreal.

Red paint bombs were thrown at police cars. Furniture and bags of garbage were thrown in the street.

Two people were arrested

#### APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

Various groups including students on strike disrupted the Plan Nord job fair and a riot broke out downtown. Intense street battles with the cops ensued and many



places had their windows busted including the Montreal World Trade Center, Palais des congrès (the main conference center), media monopoly Québecor and various banks and a dozen copcars.

#### APRIL 21ST

Another disruption of the Plan Nord job fair this time called by the RRQ (a nationalist group) and InnuPower (an Innu first nations group) ends with mass arrest of about a hundred people. The job fair is closed for a second day in a row.

#### APRIL 22ND

Overnight paint bombs were thrown against the front of SNC-Lavalin (huge engineering firm that amongst other things receives military contracts, builds prisons around the world and also built the 10 million dollar fence during the G20 in Toronto). Two people were arrested

Overnight Journal de Montréal office windows were busted and a graffiti “médias partout” (media everywhere) was sprayed on the building.

#### APRIL 24TH

While the student “delegates” recently negotiating with the government call not to do “actions of disturbance,” a demo is held at which police cars are vandalized and the windows of an HSBC bank are shattered. Protesters shout “to negotiate is to get fucked!”

Three people were arrested for misdemeanors and “breach of conditions.”

#### APRIL 25TH

Smoke bombs interrupt the service on two subway lines at 9:45am and again one hour later on one line.

During a demonstration in the afternoon smoke bombs were triggered in the Complexe Desjardins (shopping center and business offices).

At the Montreal court, two young women went before a judge for breach of conditions related to the demos. One of them will remain hostage to the State at least until her bail hearing, on May 1. The other young woman, Emma, whom the media recently demonized was released with a promise to appear in court but while walking to a bar with a friend downtown, bike pigs went by, recognized her and decided to harass and arrest her. She wasn't actually breaching anything – she didn't have a condition against being downtown. This is simply the State trying to fuck with her. She appeared before the judge the next day and the crown argued against her release. She is currently being detained at Tanguay prison until her bail hearing Monday.

Depending on how the bail hearing goes, she would then either get released Monday or be held inside all the way until her trial (!), ie. possibly months. The bail hearing is in room 5.07 at the Palais de Justice at 9:30 am this coming Monday, April 30.

The same night a riot broke out downtown during a massive demonstration of thousands of people. Several banks, a police station, offices of the armed forces and state lottery were attacked and several street battles against the cops took

station 21 had its windows thoroughly smashed while the cops inside were shitting themselves and there were paint bombs for Loto-Québec. The disinformation media reported that people booed the actions of “thugs” but doesn't report that as many people applauded. They may talk of a “social crisis”, we call it an uprising.

According to the cops there were a total of 85 arrests of some 10,000 demonstrators.

As to be expected in all the mass protests, some citizen-cops and dogmatic pseudo-pacifists booed and even attacked hooded people who strike-back against the oppressive system, having understood that to transform the world around us it takes much more than just orderly marches, no matter how massive and peaceful. Those who have no interest in things changing, the privileged of this world who are reaping the benefits of the monopoly of violence, defend the logic of the abuser who says that violence is always legitimate when it is he who uses it. The so-called “pacifists” in their hypocritical dogmatism are collaborators with the violence that is perpetrated every day around the globe against the poor, against women, against children, against indigenous people and people of different color, against animals and all of Nature, at the hands of the racist, patriarchal, colonial, mercantilist, totalitarian and genocidal social order. When we mention these things with these automatons we are systematically criticized for being apologists of violence... Do these same “pacifists” jump on the cops when they throw bombs, shoot gas and charge with batons on young people protesting? Or when these cops shoot and kill people in the street or the subway? Do they attack soldiers returning from a bombing mission in a “far away” country because those who have the monopoly of violence want the oil there? No, never. They rationalize this violence. In the height of absurdity, these pacifists perpetuate the systematic violence of this shit society by attacking those who, destroying symbols of power and attacking those who are paid to be violent, put themselves at risk and revolt in any possible way in solidarity with the oppressed of this world.

While the mass disinformation media are stuck on denouncing violence ever since the first fart from the first student protest of the strike, mobilizing their whole brain eating machine to manipulate, dumbdown and divide... that the government thought it could let the youth rot and see them disappear under the weight of an aging and resigned population... that the cops thought they'd have but a few more anecdotes for jokes around some beers about the protesters they frightened and beat the shit out of... this movement continues to radicalize itself, to overcome its confined and reductive student identity and to break with the monopoly of violence belonging to the sociopaths of above and their mercenaries. Because Freddy, Michel and Farshad were murdered by the same cops who profile us socially, racially and politically, who deported our family, friends and lovers, who throw us out of every neighborhood while cardboard condos spring up everywhere for “real people”, who beat up, pepper spray, and throw bombs at their heads of the youth showing us their social conscience. In Nitassinan, the Innu and those who remain living on this corner of the Earth are getting run over and stepped on by a bunch of parasites and their sponsors; the same bastards that shit on us everyday and find it funny looking at us always sinking deeper into their shit... **there are loads of reasons to smash it all!**

*translators note: the title is in reference to what is claimed to be the “révolution tranquille” (the quiet revolution) which is how the reformism and social unrest of the 60s and 70s*



Quebec Premier Jean Charest's cabinet that were targeted. In those cases, the vandals broke the exterior windows, spray-painted the walls and threw what appeared to be poorly constructed Molotov cocktails into the buildings. No fires were reported, and no one was injured.

Those incidents were more clearly linked to the ongoing student protests in Montreal, with red paint being used to draw red squares at the ministers' offices.

**Also on Monday morning, the websites of several newspapers and television networks owned by media giant Quebecor, including that of the Journal de Montréal, appeared to be inoperable or experiencing technical problems. It was unclear if the issues were being caused by an intentional cyber attack.**

## APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> 2012

### OFFICE OF SNC-LAVALIN ATTACKED

**MONTREAL** — Wielding balloons full of paint, vandals struck the Montreal headquarters of SNC-Lavalin early Sunday morning.

At about 4:45 a.m., the windows, doors and façade of the building on Rene-Levesque Blvd. were struck by paint. A group of six or seven suspects were spotted throwing the balloons.

Surprised by police, one male and one female suspect, aged 18 and 20 were arrested. They are expected to be charged with mischief on Monday.

## APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> 2012

### THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE QUIET- ON THE RIOTS OF APRIL 25

On Wednesday evening, April 25, thousands of people (up to 10,000 according to the cops) took the streets from Place Emilie-Gamelin. After one hour into the demonstration, the cops charged on Peel & St. Catherine, throwing shock grenades which broke the demonstration into several groups.

During the evening the windows of several banks were shattered, graffiti and red paint was everywhere and everything at hand was thrown into the street as barricades. Rocks were hurled at the cops during street battles leaving several injured in their ranks. They are visibly tired and doubt is beginning to settle. They also once again called in the SQ as reinforcements.

26 Several police cars and a Canadian Armed Forces building were vandalized, police

place.

**Solidarity with any and all arrestees!**

**Total liberation for everyone inside and outside the walls!**

## APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> 2012

### SABOTAGE IN THE METRO...TWICE!

The service in the subway was disturbed today again. This time it was a smoke machine that was found in the Berri-UQAM station at 2:15 pm.

The subway was again vandalized this afternoon.

At 2:12 p.m., firefighters were alerted of a fire in the Berri-UQAM station.

Once on site, the firefighters realized that it was a smoke machine which seemed to have been launched into a tunnel.

The most important station of the city was completely evacuated, and a simple ventilation quickly make the air breathable again.

During the operation, the Green and Orange lines were closed, which lasted a bit over ten minutes.

No one has been affected by the smoke.

#### **Bags of bricks on the tracks this morning**

This morning, the subway was paralyzed in what the Société de transport de Montréal called "a co-ordinated act of vandalism."

Various actions interrupted the service as of 7:15 am. Bags of bricks were thrown on the tracks of stations Prefontaine College, Laurier, University of Montreal and Georges Vanier. The emergency brakes were also triggered at five sites for no reason.

The green, orange and blue lines have been stopped.

When the train stopped on the orange line, the announcer at the microphone said "we do not know if it was demonstrators who did this."

The service has resumed on the Green Line to 7:35 ET shortly after the Orange and Blue lines.

If the interruption was of short duration, the fact that it affected all lines except the yellow network, has caused a slowdown well beyond the time it took to resume the service.

For Isabelle Tremblay, spokesman for the STM, "it is clear that this is a co-ordinated act of vandalism". She has no group singled out for the moment, but the students will certainly be into the priorities of Montreal investigators responsible for shedding light on this series of mischiefs.

## APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> 2012

## RIOTS AND STREET BATTLES IN THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT OF MONTREAL DURING THE PLAN NORD JOB FAIR

Today, April 20th, was the start of the Salon de l'emploi du Plan Nord at the Palais des congrès [the main conference center in Montreal] as two demos were called to disrupt the unfolding of this government propaganda operation where notably the prime minister Charest was to put on his little show promoting his industrial megaproject of destruction (forestry, mining, dams, infrastructure, etc.) of northern so called Quebec, one of few places on Earth where there still remains wild untouched areas.

A demo called by the CLASSE (the main student coalition in the ongoing Quebec student strike) gathering over 1000 people headed toward the Palais des congrès. With the repressive apparatus already deployed, around noon a group was able to enter the first floor through an inside parking lot and tried to get to the second floor where the Fair was taking place. The cops pushed some people down the stairs. A scuffle with the cops and some vandalism followed as the prime gangster Charest was to do his clown thing. The cops finally pushed people back out. Later, after being set back by the events, Charest gave his speech with an introduction now making its rounds in the media; "To all those who were knocking on our door this morning, we have jobs to offer the furthest north possible." The veil of political hypocrisy is thinning, not because of the already obvious joke that is democracy, but because we can now see clearly what the "North" represents in the mind of the spokesperson of the rapacious; a place far away, which they feel disconnected from, that they don't give a shit about who live there or whatever goes on there as long as their bank accounts keep growing. Why not construct gulags while were at it.

Meanwhile another demo called by many groups on anti-colonial, anti-capitalist, environmentalist and eco-anarchist basis gathered a few hundred people and left square Phillips stopping at various places implicated in the pillage of the north, like the Hydro-Québec offices where Innu women were also gathered to recall the colonialist assault by the State and its institutions against their communities. Many texts were distributed.

When news came that shit had started at the Palais des congrès, part of the the demo broke off to bring reinforcements. Over there, as people were gathered in front of one of the entries, a youth who was close to the doors got shot with gas at point-blank and shortly after this people attacked the doors throwing paint bombs and busting its windows. A riot squad came to disperse the crowd and the street battles started. For the rest of the day mobile groups attacked in waves and stirred shit around the Palais des congrès and financial district of Montreal, raising barricades with anything around, pelting the cops with rocks, making them back up many times, the cops shooting rubber bullets and constantly throwing their new flashbang grenades. The official assessment from the cops is 17 arrests and six injured, four of those being cops, but we strongly suspect the number of people injured to be much higher being the level of armament and brutal force used by the pigs from the beginning of the day. The Fair was finally canceled in the afternoon but no one was allowed to enter already from noon on. The disruption was a success.

There was graffiti, attacks on CCTV cameras, a dozen cop cars and media, and many places had their windows busted, notably the Montreal World Trade Center which was attacked on three sides, banks and some luxury hotels. As windows were shattered the crowd applauded and sometimes cheered "C'est pas des pacifistes qui vont changer l'histoire! On pitche des pavés pis on brûle des chars!" [Its not pacifists who will change history! We throw pavement and we burn cars! - translated lyrics from a song by local band Mise en Demeure]. The fighting spirit was clear.

The experience of crowds unleashing uncontrollably in the streets in front of such a brutal enemy as the State, Capital and their mercenaries, that moment where we take back our lives, where we free ourselves from morality, fear and the identities imposed on us, cant be stopped around a table of negotiations, isn't the start of nor will die with a movement: **It is to be alive, free and wild!**

*It has been almost 40 years since the slogan No Future became the standard bearer of a generation, now its of the whole planet. The world they impose on us is decaying, it wasn't made to last, and while they are accumulating whats left, during this last big liquidation sale, their last big pillage, while they are pushing and fucking us up against the wall, as they want us paralyzed in the trauma of this ongoing generalized rape, even after centuries of denaturation imposed through force around the globe: **We still know how to bite back!***

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### JOURNAL DU MONTREAL OFFICE ATTACKED

*MONTREAL – The offices of the Journal de Montréal were vandalized early Monday, the latest in a string of overnight attacks on buildings belonging to various businesses and government organizations in Montreal.*

According to Montreal police Constable Yvon Delorme, a group of five or six masked suspects threw rocks at the windows lining the sides of the building at 4545 Frontenac St. at about 3:30 a.m.

A total of nine windows were smashed, and beige paint was tossed into the building.

The message "médias partout" or "media everywhere" was also scrawled across the side of the building using spray paint.

A security guard on duty reportedly didn't get a good look at the group before they fled.

No one had been arrested in connection with the incident as of 6:15 a.m.

Over the weekend, someone also vandalized the exterior of the headquarters of engineering giant SNC-Lavalin, throwing green and yellow paint balloons at the side of the building on René Lévesque Blvd. Two men, 18 and 20, were arrested and charged in connection with that attack.

A few days before that, it was the offices of several high-profile members of