

OF COURSE

THEY WANT TO SEE

You broken

crying
afraid

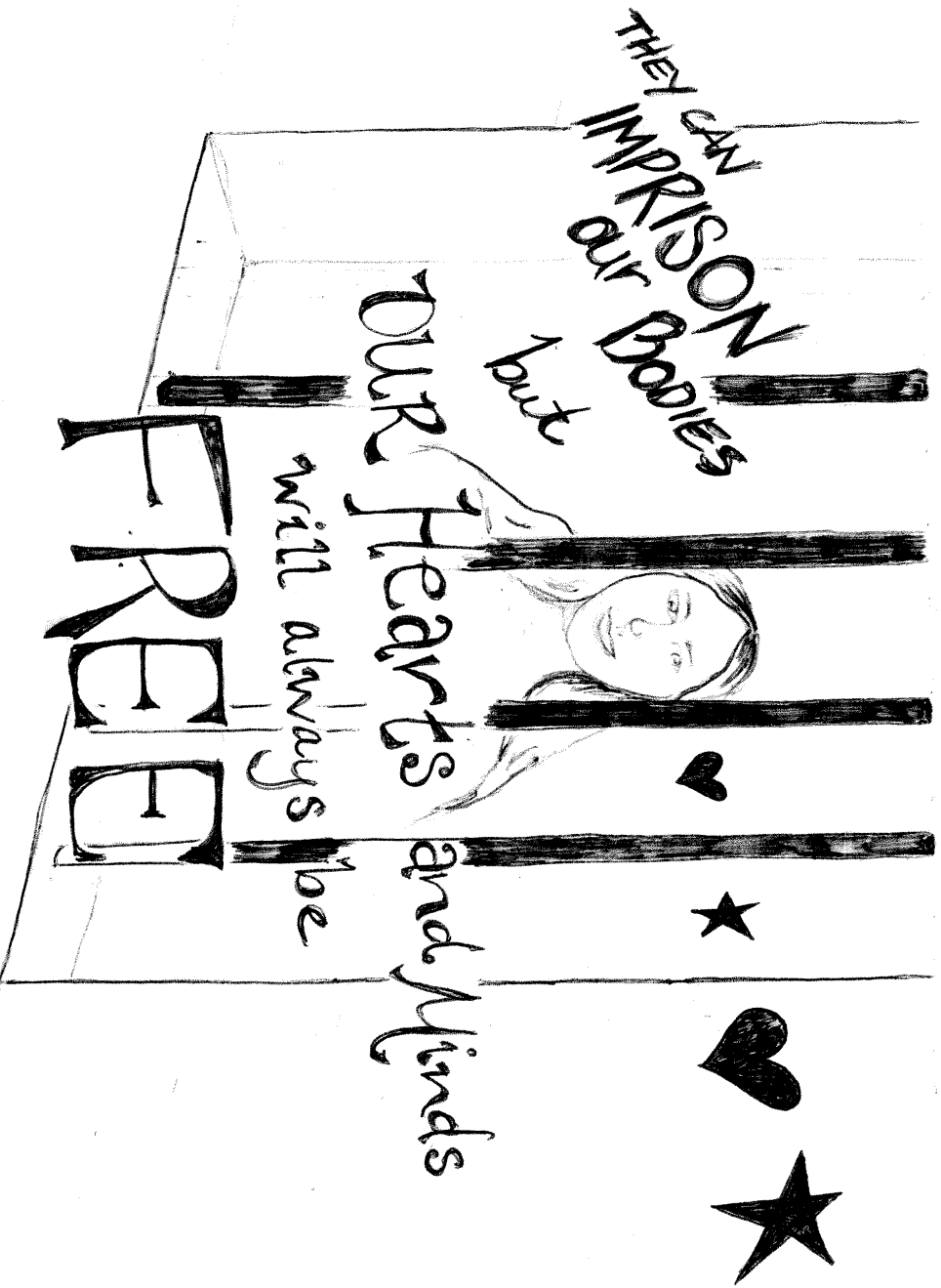
then you will

OBEY

About 2 weeks ago, I sent an email out to a couple of local anarchist lists asking if anyone was interested in doing prisoner support work and possibly starting an Anarchist Black Cross group. I only received two replies. I am now in prison with one of those people. Strange how life goes. At the moment, we are facing charges under the Arms Act with a possible sentence of 4 years. More charges may come as the police desperately try to make us New Zealand's first terrorists. We are not terrorists.

What is a terrorist? Someone who terrorises. In this camp I would put most world leaders and heads of multi-billion dollar corporations. I would also put the NZ Peace Force who terranse local communities around Aotearoa with almost total impunity.

This zine is happening because I am in prison. It is dedicated to all the people on the inside who are suffering the injustice of this system; everyone on the outside fighting to destroy it. Kia Kaha ~~✱~~



PRISONER SUPPORT

I have the world's best support crew. The things they have done for me are so incredible they are beyond words. I feel their love and I feel them hurting. They make it possible for me to go on living in this shit hole.

There are so many political prisoners around the world, so many people who need to feel that they are not forgotten to rot.

If you want to know more about prison support, the 'Prison-Industrial Complex' or specific people you can write to, check out:

★ ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS - heaps of articles, resources and ideas about supporting political prisoners, on the internet, just google it. ☺

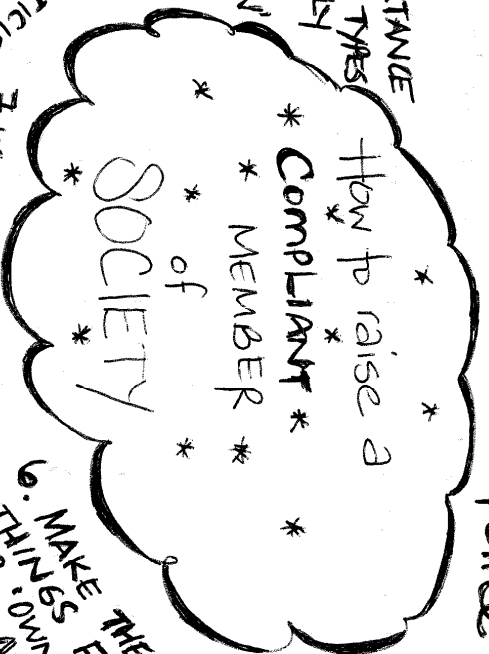
★ INDYMEDIA - your media from around the world. Lots of current & historical articles about arrests, police brutality + imprisonment of political activists - Oaxaca (Mex) and Eugene (Oregon) have been recent sites for major state repression + long term prison sentences.

★ YOUR IDEAL ANARCHIST BOOKSHOP - we have the Freedom Shop in Wellington on the left bank of Cuba Mall. Authors like Angela Davis, Assata Shakur, the Black Liberation Army, the American Indian Movement, Ward Churchill, Michel Foucault cover a huge range of topics relating to prisons including: power, colonisation, armed struggle, Kops/discipline.

1. Send them to Church 2. When they ask 'why?' tell them 'cause I said so, that's why, goddamn it.'

3. Teach them Not to Trust Strangers 4. Teach them to trust the Police

5. WATCH TV. ALL THE TIME, ESPECIALLY THE NEWS.



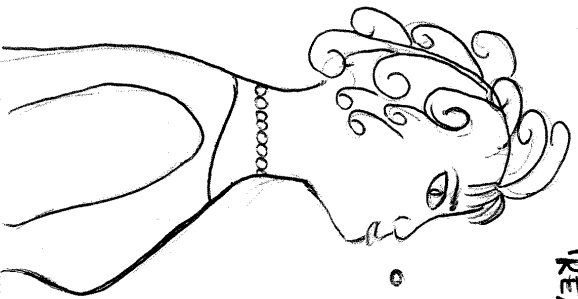
9. EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL OVER ALL OTHER TYPES OF LEARNING AS THE ONLY 'REAL' EDUCATION!

8. CRITICISE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT LIKE YOU

7. USE PUNITIVE MEASURES AGAINST THEM LIKE WITHHOLDING MONEY + RESTRICTING THEIR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

6. MAKE THEM DO THINGS FOR 'GOOD', LIKE PLAYING TO PARTIES OR GOING TO PARTIES

10. TEACH THEM IT IS DANGEROUS TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES



MOST IMPORTANTLY...

ARAHATA WOMEN'S PRISON

There are approximately 150 women here. I am in the high-med security part of the prison called the 'Tizard Wing'. I am with other women on 'remand' which means they have not had a trial, nor been convicted of any crime. The 15 or so women here are almost all Māori. New Zealand's rate of incarceration for Māori people is 6 times greater than it is for the general population. New Zealand also has the 2nd highest per capita rate of incarceration in the world—second only to the United States. All of the women here, with the exception of me and my co-accused, smoke tobacco. Tobacco forms a small economy in prison serving as a currency for bartering. It seems to me that it is just simply another form of slavery—to this sick addiction, and in here, it drives many to violence when not 'shored' as per an unwritten set of rules. Prison has its own economy otherwise, in packets of butter or sugar or a tea bag.

This is the micro-economy of prison—people just trying to get by and make the time here a little bit more bearable. There is a great macro-economy of prisons, too—it is the "prison industrial complex" and it is a fundamental part of our exploitative economic and social system. Whenever you impose a system or way of doing

« Things that have made me laugh in prison... » well, prison!
it's so fucking
litterly ridiculous 😊

being called a terrorist 😊 the doctor being
Em being called 'silent but violent', concerned about my

Kurt Vonnegut 😊

dancing to
drum and bass
outside a cell with
3 other prisoners 😊

grant orange

walking in circles

A prisoner telling me 😊

Jump suits for when
visitors come...
so you look your best! 😊

and figure-8s
around a yard
over and over and
over and over

I was assembling a
jigsaw puzzle incorrectly

a 'neighbor' yelling

🙄 Krumping in my cell 🙄

at each person on the
wing 'what are you
doing?' and

Playing dodge-ball with a flat ball 😊 'what are you
wearing?' 😊

the popularity of our prison-issue shoes 😊

talking to myself
talking to myself

having imaginary
conversations with
my friends 😊
talking to myself 😊

Singing really loud in the
shower 😊 small acts of rebellion like brewing booze
running away from the guards and hiding
in your cunt 😊

PRISON BUREAUCRACY...

NOTICE! NOTICE CELL STANDARDS

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PRISONER TELEPHONE NUMBER REQUEST FORM

Offender Receipt

Visitor Approval Notification

B.09.02.F4 Visitor Application Form

"The purpose of any visit to a prisoner is to maintain the family and social relationships of the prisoner in order to promote the prisoners' reintegration into the community on release." (Reg. 80)

Visitant's Name

IS ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU KILL SOMEONE

things and use violence to enforce it, you will get resistance. When you have a system that not only makes it possible for someone to PROFIT from that violent enforcement, but actually requires it, you can be certain that there will always be prisons full of people.

The greater economics of prisons is phenomenal and is unfortunately tied to the growth of private security firms and by extension, weapons manufacturers and war profiteers.

I have been most struck, however, by the little coercions and cover-trips. They are SO subtle that you hardly notice your compliance. The guards-who say 'you treat us like you want to be treated' except that you are the one who has to beg for a phone call or a pen or some soy-milk or a visit to the doctor. It is the way you have to eat all your food before they come back for your dishes. It is a lot like school only there is never any holiday or recess.

Two things are glaringly obvious about this place- the first is that all prisoners are political prisoners and secondly that the inherent nature of such 'punishment' means you cannot even hope to emerge from such a place better than when you went in, it is to enforce your obedience to violence. That's all.

AS AT 12/10/07

Order / Invoice No.

APPROVED AROHATA WEEKLY SHOPPING ORDER FORM

WHERE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE ITEM PER LINE, PLEASE CIRCLE THE ITEM YOU REQUIRE.

CONSENT TO DISPLAY PERSONAL INFORMATION

I agree that where my request to purchase items is approved, this form and any personal information contained within it may be stored by any supplier

NAME: V. MORSE

SIGNATURE:

WING: T12KRD

DATE: 23/10/07

ITEM	EST. COST	NO. REQUIRED	EST. COST	ITEM	EST. COST	NO. REQUIRED	TOTAL EST. COST
Rothmans 25's	\$ 13.20			Vicks Vapo Drops - 15's	\$ 2.50		
Rothmans 20's	\$ 10.70			Vicks Throat Drops - Lemon / Menthol	\$ 1.90		
Holiday 25's Special Filter / Silver Mtl	\$ 12.10			Pains Carton Buds 100s	\$ 1.95		
Holiday 25's Extra Mild / Menthol	\$ 12.10			Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder	\$ 3.95		
Holiday 20's special filter / Menthol / Mild	\$ 9.90			Pains Tissues - 200's	\$ 2.95		
Pall Mall 20's Filter / Menthol	\$ 10.00			Sensodyne Toothpaste	\$ 10.95		
Winfield 25's	\$ 12.80			Colgate Total Dental Floss	\$ 4.80	1	4.80
Benson & Hedges 25's	\$ 13.10			Colgate Classic Adult Medium Toothbrush	\$ 1.65		
				Serafent Denture Tablets - 30 pack	\$ 7.95		
Park Drive 50gm Regular / Mild / Menthol	\$ 31.10			Korbond Bobby Pins - Black/Brown	\$ 1.95		
Park Drive 30gm Regular / Mild / Menthol	\$ 19.10			Korbond Elastic Hair Ties	\$ 2.95		
Port Royal 50gm Regular / Kentucky Bourbon	\$ 31.60			Gillette for Women Daisy Razors	\$ 6.95		
Port Royal 30gm Regular / Kentucky Bourbon	\$ 19.40			Mum Roll-On Deodorant - 50ml	\$ 4.15		
Drum 50gm Bright & Dark / Mild	\$ 31.60			Shower Fresh / Arctic Blast / Sunshine / Sunburns			
Drum 30gm Bright & Dark / Mild	\$ 19.40			Rexona Roll-On Deodorant - 50ml	\$ 4.80		
Holiday 50gm Special Filter / Menthol	\$ 30.10			Savon / Force / Classic Silk / Milk / Cool White / Men's / Cotton Fresh			
Holiday 40gm Special Filter / Menthol	\$ 23.90			Dove Deodorant - Blue / Green / Beige	\$ 5.40		
Holiday 30gm Special Filter / Menthol / Mild	\$ 18.60			Lynx Roll on Deodorant	\$ 6.20		
HORIZON 40gm Regular / Menthol / Mild	\$ 23.90			Blair / Glick / Touch / Afters			
HORIZON 30gm Regular / Menthol / Mild	\$ 18.60			Protex Shower Creme 250ml	\$ 5.80		
Zig-Zag Papers - Yellow	\$ 0.75			Fresh / Sunzest / Heral / DEOZ			
Zig-Zag Papers - Blue	\$ 0.75			Korbond Body Washer	\$ 2.95		
Boomerang Filters - Regular / Slims	\$ 0.85			Patience Shampoo - 400ml : Hydrating Curl or	\$ 11.90		

AROHATA PRISON

PROPERTY APPROVAL FORM

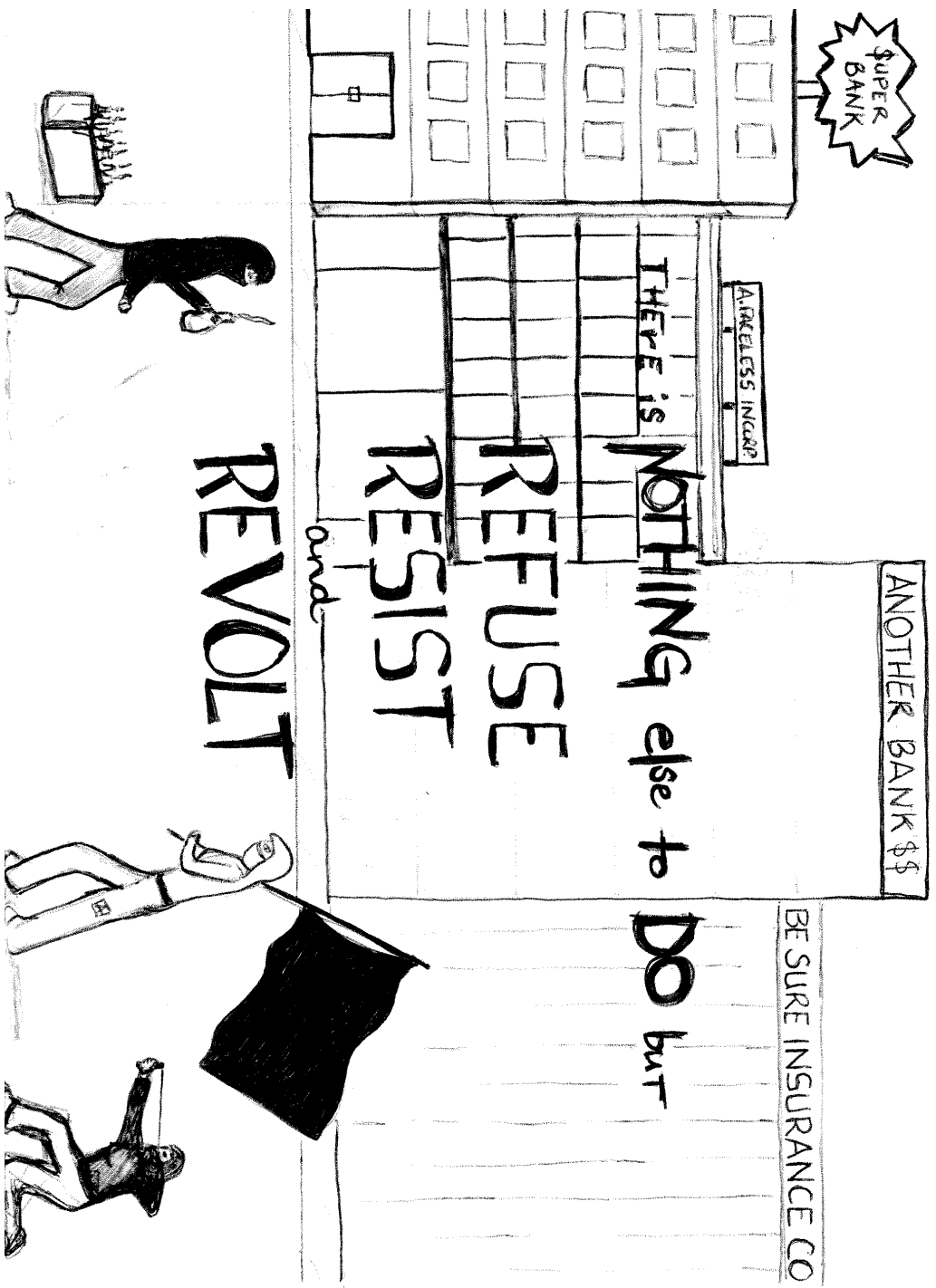
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a contract to protect them. Since I got here, one of the cleaners was summarily dismissed after a disagreement with the guard.

Prison slave labour is nothing new, of course. Prison chain gangs, sweatshop clothing manufacture and making licence plates are the stuff of legend. More recently, the selling of prisoner's bodily organs in China has become a booming business. Prisoners are largely disposable people, to be used and exploited to the extent that the State believes it can get away with it.

In Aotearoa, the prison population is marginalised and largely disregarded as human as soon as they walk through the steel gates. It is not a world that middle-class NZers want to have anything to do with.

All of this is just an example of the violent brutality of this prison state, the nature of the 'prison business', and the complicity of the middle-class who turn a blind eye to it all.



A new acquaintance

Do you know what dead feels like?

Do you know the feeling of a hand squeezing your heart

and sitting on your chest

and you wake up

and you were never asleep

and they shove the flashlight in your face again

you crawl further under the blankets

you can't breathe

you are falling and there is nothing to grab onto

It is thick and black

and you want to scream, and you want to flee

But there is no one who can hear you

and the door is bolted shut,