Faced with the hideous deployment of the security apparatus put in place during the G7, we decided to organize among friends and block the Dufferin-Montmorency expressway ourselves. We clearly saw that the gatherings and other actions called by the RRAG7, the CLAC and others had no chance of allowing us to experience something seriously enjoyable, and all that needs to be said is we didn’t want to stay discouraged while our neighborhoods were stormed by the cops.

Euphoric, we placed couches in the intersection and furnished the space with banners, laughter, and songs. Comrades put their bodies between the riot police and the space we named Popular Expression Zone for the occasion to allow us to enjoy ourselves a bit longer. Then we set the living room on fire and left in a demo into the city.

Life, or nothing…

The media, hypnoized by the couches in flames, chose not to relay the communiqué of the Public Space Brigade (BEP). So we decided to share it here:

Public Space Brigade:
Don’t panic, everything is under control

That’s the problem.

Even the possibility of criticizing the state is regulated by the cops and fences. Walled-off free speech zones, demonstrations permitted as long as they bother no one. The world has been stolen from us, even the possibility of putting it in question. And quietly people stay in their place, in front of the TV, listening to the radio, suspected of being criminals.

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*Editorial note*

The Port-Daniel cement plant is the largest of its kind in Canada and will produce up to 2.5 million tonnes of cement annually. The $1.5 billion plant will be the single biggest greenhouse gas emitter in Quebec’s history. It was pushed through without the public consultations that are normally required by Quebec law, nor did indigenous people give their consent.
Anti-G7

Sabotage during the G7 Summit

The last G7 was held in La Malbaie, in Quebec, the 8th and 9th of June 2018 in the Charlevoix castle. While the entire area was heavily secured, which we don't doubt, power also took care to reinforce its critical infrastructures, including cell phone network coverage (with a $15M contract with Bell for the installation of 13 cell phone relays), but also the installation of fiber optic cable in this depopulated and slightly preserved zone of La Malbaie (with a $6M contract with Bell), so that the heads of state could enjoy high speed internet during the summit.

Anyway, everything was supposed to go fine on this side, and yet... and yet a fiber optic cable caught fire during the G7: a rerouting solution requiring the deployment of a new fiber. Of course, because it must not be shouted too loudly, and show the vulnerability of mechanisms always within reach of audacious hands, the state speaks of an accident. All the same the odds are incredible – a crucial fiber optic cable catches fire on its own in the middle of the G7 in the red zone, a cable made of glass or plastic, whose properties do not tend toward spontaneous combustion.

Communicé:

While the police and their para-military weaponry invaded the old city's streets, looking for some obscure threat; some shadows slid out of their lair. They attacked the telecommunications system recently updated in Charlevoix by some generous and powerful people. The need for a good fiber-optic connection for the G7 festival relies on a few thousands of dollars and some big black wires. And no, it's not the kind of thing that can ignite itself… We also want to cheer the brave who broke the fiber-optic network in 2013 and the ice which did the same in April of this year. We hope that by testing your network, we helped you miss a few tweets… We refuse to be bound by your tentative networks. For us, every technological advancement comes at the price of another regression in our liberty.

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> in front of screens.

Every year it's the same theatre piece that is replayed: everyone is there, at their post. The dictation of orders reaches its peak, and the peoples try as well as they can to demonstrate an organized opposition to this spectacle. While we're battered with messages of fear with respect to possible rises in tension between police and protesters, the politicians discussing security and repression, colonization and oil extraction, war and hatred of migrants, exploitation of works and deregulation, have it easy. The question of violence must be posed on a different level. This popular expression zone is on the opposite end of this buffoonery, this descent you call the G7. It's the reappropriation from the bottom, from the street, of our lives and our bodies, the relearning of territory and of the freedom to take action against the misery of this rotten system.

Here, we stop the old world. Here, we carve our own in the cracks of its declining power. Here is now – life.

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GROUPE A

A n architecture firm with headquarters located in the Montreal neighbourhood of St-Henri. Lemay prides itself on “environmentally sustainable” buildings and projects that create “tangible and measurable value for our clients, users and communities.” We say there’s nothing sustainable about a world that locks people in cages, and no way that building a migrant prison can create anything but pain and destruction for those locked inside and their communities.

Groupe A (and its subsidiary, Annexe U) prides itself on “participative design” and the construction of LEED-certified buildings. The firm is no stranger to designing detention centres: they are responsible for the design of several courthouses and the new LEED-certified Sept-Îles detention centre, which opened in 2016. The firm boasts that its prison design centers “human-scale residences”, but any firm which proudly specializes in carceral architecture is a collaborator in nothing but pain and destruction for those locked inside and their communities.

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In the end, these “alternatives to detention” will reinforce the legitimacy of the detention centre as an option at all (“we gave you a chance to use the phone system and, even though we gave you no option to regularize your status and, in fact, gave you a deportation date instead, you went MIA, so now we have to put you in detention”). Alternatives to detention are more sophisticated forms of controlling migrants that allow the state to seem benevolent, while still deporting migrants, in exchange for funding for some slightly less heinous ways of controlling people’s movement, and some money for the Red Cross. In a context where people are walking across the border from the US to the Red Cross, a context where most of those people won’t be granted refugee status and they could very well end up in immigration detention, we want to stop this new immigration detention centre from being built. We see this as the perfect time—in fact the only time—to intervene in order to keep this from happening. We mobilize against this new prison, without forgetting that we also want to see the old one closed. We see the prevention of construction on this new prison as just one part of a much larger fight to tear down the others already standing.

In addition to understanding this struggle in the context of a global “migrant crisis,” we understand that this is also happening in a context of a rise of activism in the left. Storm Alliace, a far right racist anti-immigrant group, has organized a handful of anti-migrant demonstrations at the border, often joined by La Meute, Quebec’s home-grown populist far right group. Influenced by anti-migrant and far-right rhetoric on the internet, Alexandre Bissonnette shot and killed six people in a mosque in Quebec City a year and a half ago. TVA and the Journal de Montreal publish far-right fake news to popularize these sentiments.

With all this in mind, we understand a fight to stop this new detention centre from being built as a fight based in anti-fascism, as part of the fight against white supremacy. We seek to connect our actions to those of other people in our communities, both near and far, who are also fighting white supremacy and the rise of the far right. Even as we fight the liberalism of the current governing party in Canada, we also fight the rise of the far right and their violent visions for the future.

We are inspired, recently, by the campaign to try and stop the deportation of Lucy Granados. We are inspired by the everyday bravery of people living without status and by those who get organized and get together to protect each other and our shared communities. We are inspired by all the people who are standing up against borders, prisons, and other forms of domination. We are inspired to struggle for their freedom to stay and freedom to move, and to call on others to join us.

Lemay is not the only company involved in the design and construction of the prison, and thus not the only possible point of pressure. From the architectural plans of Lemay, to the materials and construction crews it takes many hands and many parts to build a prison. This is a call for more research, discussion, and action around Lemay’s involvement specifically, but also all the other firms and groups invested in the project. We hope to see other anti-construction crews take action in the future, and we hope that this project can become the target of a sustained campaign, capable of bringing together many people to support an end to prisons and borders.

We hope that the resistance to this prison continues to proliferate, faster and further than thousands of crackers.
Two Queen Victoria Statues Vandalised in Montreal (Again)

Days before the outdated and insulting Queen Victoria holiday, two landmark statues to Queen Victoria in Montreal were vandalized last night.

The Victoria Memorial in downtown Montreal (erected in 1872) as well the bronze statue on Sherbrooke Street (erected in 1900) at McGill University were both sprayed in red paint.

This action is rooted in opposition to colonialism and imperialism, and a dislike of the parasitic British monarchy (and all monarchies). We are also directly inspired by the recent vandalism (with green paint) of the same Queen Victoria statues in advance of St. Patrick’s Day (and all monarchies). We are also directly inspired by the recent vandalism (with green paint) of the same Queen Victoria statues in advance of St. Patrick’s Day.

The presence of Queen Victoria statues in Montreal is, to again quote the Delhi-Dublin Anti-Colonial Solidarity Brigade, “an insult to Indigenous nations in North America (Turtle Island) and Oceania, as well as the peoples of Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean, the Indian subcontinent, and everywhere the British Empire committed its atrocities.” These statues are also insulting to people who represent the progressive struggles of the Irish, as well as Québécois. However, we denounce the far-right anti-immigrant racist souchebags in Quebec who coopt the legacy of the patriotes, but actually represent neo-fascist ideas.

Important context: our action last night contributes to a tradition of targeting colonial symbols and monuments for vandalism and eventual removal: Cornwallis in Halifax, John A. Macdonald in Kingston and Montreal, the Rhodes Must Fall movement in South Africa, the resistance to racist Confederate monuments in the US, and more.

To once again repeat the words of the Delhi-Dublin Anti-Colonial Solidarity Brigade: “Our action is a simple expression of anti-colonial and anti-imperialist solidarity, and we encourage others to undertake similar actions against racist monuments and symbols that should be in museums, not taking up our shared public spaces.”

- Communiqué by the Henri Paul Anti-Monarchy Brigade

*Henri Paul was the driver of the luxury Mercedes with Lady Diana that crashed in Paris in 1997. Every member of the British monarchy deserves a drunk French driver!*

Anti-Construction Crew Releases Thousands of Crickets into Immigration Prison Architecture Headquarters

One morning in April 2018, an amateur construction crew released thousands of crickets into the newly built headquarters of the Montreal architecture company Lemay. We pulled a sheet of plywood off the side of the building and funnelled the crickets into a recently completed office space. Lemay, along with Quebec-City based company Groupe A, has been awarded a contract to build a new immigration detention centre in Laval, a suburb of Montreal. It is slated to open in 2020. We oppose borders, prisons, and immigration detention centres. We struggle for a world where people are free to stay and free to move; a world without white supremacy, capitalism, colonialism, and patriarchy.

We see the release of these crickets as merely the beginning of a concerted effort to stop the new immigration detention centre from being built. Crickets are known to reproduce quickly and are difficult to exterminate. Their constant noise and quick proliferation through any space they have access to makes them much more than a nuisance to have around. The crickets will multiply inside Lemay’s new headquarters in the gentrifying neighbourhood of St. Henri, even after the wall we deconstructed has been replaced. Meanwhile, we will get even more organized in our resistance to this new immigration detention centre and all that it represents.

The new immigration detention centre in Laval has been proposed as part of a Liberal government “overhaul” of the immigration system. The bulk of the overhaul is focused on infrastructural changes: $122 million of the $138 million overhaul project will be spent on building two new immigration detention facilities (in Laval and in Surrey, BC) and upgrading an already existing detention centre in Toronto. The stated reason for this change is that the current detention centres are not up to international standards. The government claims they also want to move away from detention and towards alternatives to detention.

The new facilities are being pitched as “nicer” prisons. They are supposed to be “non-institutional in design,” and have easy access to outdoor spaces and meeting spaces for family and NGO representatives, but still prioritize state security and keeping people locked up inside.

The companies who have been awarded the contracts are known for dehumanizing and criminalizing immigrants and refugees. The new facilities are being pitched as “nicer” prisons.

As part of the overhaul to the immigration system, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced the government’s intention to explore “alternatives to incarceration.” In the report that was written about the overhaul, the government stated that alternatives to detention included “the ability to report by phone through voice recognition technology to minimize the need to report to the CBSA in person, maximize freedom of movement, facilitate compliance and optimize efficiencies.” Sounds like it’s about making border cops’ jobs easier and saving money.

More commonly known alternatives to immigration detention include electronic bracelets and halfway houses, or a
Report-back from the 2018 CLAC May Day Demo

CLAC organized its annual May Day demonstration on the theme of the G7 this year. The plane's most powerful will gather June 8th and 9th for a major meeting in the Charlevoix region.

This year, May Day saw the unions agreeing to not march, the CLAC to call for the annual May Day rally in the Charlevoix region. The CLAC is a radical working-class organization that has been active in the Quebec/Montreal area since the 80s and has a long tradition of organizing and supporting workers and students in their struggles. The CLAC is known for its commitment to the ideas of anti-capitalism, anti-racism, anti-fascism, and anti-imperialism.

The demo began at 6:30pm from the intersection of Sherbrooke and St. Denis streets in Montreal. The crowd grew rapidly, with people arriving by foot and car, on bikes and in cars. The Demo had a strong sense of solidarity and unity, with members of the CLAC and other labor unions, student groups, and community organizations all standing together.

The event was marked by speeches from leaders of various organizations, including the CLAC, the Quebec Federation of Labour, and the Montreal Student Union. The speeches were followed by a march through the streets of Montreal, with the crowd chanting and singing songs of protest. The march ended with a rally in the Place d'Armes, where speakers addressed the crowd and called for continued struggle.

The demo was a powerful demonstration of the strength of the working-class movement in Montreal and the need for solidarity and unity in the face of the challenges we face. The CLAC and its allies are continuing to organize and fight for a better world, where workers and people are treated with dignity and respect.
Montréal... Meet Your Local Alt-Right Nazi Scumbags

Over the past year, Montreal antifascists have identified individuals, and finally a small and pathetic scene, of men in their 20s and 30s, active online but trying to establish an “in real life” presence for neo-Nazism in our city. Occasionally operating as “Alt-Right Montreal” or ARM, or Arm and Hammer, these individuals are also linked to Generation Identity (rebranded as ID Canada), the phantom Northern Order, and other “groups” in the city.

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Since the return and the multiplication of racist groups in Quebec since 2016, our neighbourhood hasn’t been immune but continues to resist and hold itself well!

We were happy to learn that the duo of fascist youth (they don’t even hide themselves!) DMS aka Maxim Morin and Guillaume Beauchamp were kicked out of the neighbourhood by antifascists. We were no longer capable of enduring them, all the way to Chic Resto Bar, well we let them drink their beers for years, she is a big fan of the neo-Nazi group the Soldiers of Odin and she hates “Antifas.” Recently, she offered her help to SOO when they promised 1000$ to anyone who would provide them with information to find those who attacked them. When she talks about “Fan-fans” it’s antifas, and “cellules” are what Storm Alliance calls antifascists. What the hell, what’s your fucking problem when you prefer to help organized crime rather than those who fight against fascism?

These two people are supposed to participate in the demonstration on July 1st with La Meute and Storm Alliance in Montreal. We tried to communicate with them, we left anti-racist information at their doors but it didn’t interest them, they prefer to shut themselves in with racism, islamophobia, hatred of others… when the real problem in Quebec today, the shit-disturbers, are you and your pathetic bands of racists!

We have shared your addresses so that you realize that actions have consequences.

We will unveil more addresses in the neighbourhood very soon.

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Signed: some residents of the neighbourhood

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