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# YOUTH IN REVOLT

*'The Youth In Revolt' was a speech given on April 14, 1937 at the Labour Lyceum in Toronto by anarchist, feminist and labour activist Emma Goldman, who lived here for the latter part of her life. Exactly 60 years later on April 14, 1997 local anarchists reenacted her speech, and followed up with the first planning session to host Active Resistance in Toronto. Though written in very different times and in a different context, her words bear a remarkable degree of relevance to the struggles of young people today.*

Youth has always been in revolt and always had its own problems. Indeed, the rebellion of youth is as old as humanity itself.

It is the eternal battle between the old and young generation brought about through the difference in age, experience, spirit, and social values.

No less a literary genius than the Russian writer Turgenev has portrayed the age-long struggle between fathers and sons in his great work by that name.

His character Basarove has remained the timeless rebel against the encroachments of parents of their children and the social and ethical convictions so dear to the heart of the old generation.

Fear and duty are the twin scourge that lash, drive, and terrorize the mind of the child and youth. Fear of parents, of God, of one's neighbors, of school authority, of public opinion, of the policemen's buttons, of losing one's job. From the cradle to the grave fear - black and sinister holds youth in its grip.

The concept of duty. What a curse it has been. And how wide-spread it is today. Parents, laws, political parties of the right and the left sing its praise.

It was duty that caused the slaughter of ten million, wounded and maimed another twenty, and ploughed the blood-drenched field of Europe for a crop of peace duties more devastating than that of the war.

The old taboos in different disguise continue to haunt the waking and sleeping hours of the child and youth. In point of truth they have become more numerous.

The religious phantoms, the divine right of kings, parental authority, and the sacred right of a privileged class to rob the toilers of their labour.

The supremacy of the collectivity over the individual - his complete surrender to that "cold monster" Friedrich Nietzsche had called the state.

All of these compete with one another for the possession of the young. Like the Catholic Church all cry "Give me the child and we will bind it with our creed for life". Strangely enough their methods are the same.

There is nothing more tragic in my estimation than the graven fear of the disinherited. For what else but their cringing fear makes them endure their degradation and tortures of the damned rather than pull down to the last stone our rotten social structure.

And what other motivation than duty is behind the nationalist plague that is spreading like wildfire over the earth?

Those in power know how to play on the string of duty. They know how to dress it up in glad rags of dazzling colors. They know how to quicken its pulse by martial music. To intoxicate it by symbols, signs, fetishes, salutes, parades, demonstrations.

The ardor of youth more than anything else explains the power of a Mussolini, a Hitler, and all the other dictators. Fascism, Nazism and Communism are youth movements. Don't forget that.

In Italy youth furnished the vanguard of fascism.

In Russian youth is the backbone of the Bolshevik state.

In China both the Komintan party and the left have the youth of the land.

In Germany youth is the spearhead of Marxism.

For it is nothing but blind fanaticism to claim sincerity, earnestness and complete consecration for the Communist youth alone.

Far be it from me to deny that there are seekers, climbers and adventurers among those who swell the ranks of Mussolini and Hitler. Alas, such are by no means extinct in the Communist folds or so in most countries outside of Russia.

But only demagogues will deny sincerity to the bulk of the youth who lie prostrate before the altar of the idols of our time.

In Anglo Saxon countries youth has only begun to stride out. Indeed, as late as 1919 the youth of the United States in radical ranks was very negligible. To be sure the youth of foreign birth was always socially and economically aware it furnished the largest contingent in the labor, socialist and anarchist movements. Especially was this true until immigration had been choked off.

But the American men and women of pre-war times until thirty or thirty-five had no other interest but sports, strike breaking and dime novels.

It is in point of fact only since the crash that American and English youth have been jolted out of their realization of how the past has cheated them of their birth alone.

Youth has come to see the emptiness of all the values their elders had stuffed them with.

The beneficence of God who complacently permitted the world carnage.

The sanctity of the home shattered by six years unemployment crisis. The importance of college education with no jobs to be found.

The worship of meals with millions going hungry.

The superiority of the white collar to the worker's overalls with everybody in tatters standing in line for a plate of soup.

The beauty of patriotism with crippled ex-service men scattered in their demonstration by tear gas bombs.

The blessings of Code A7 with workers in every strike clubbed, arrested, sentenced to many years in prison or killed.

Youth has come to see that it had been misled by its elders - betrayed by its countries, robbed of all ethical values by the so-called spiritual leaders in pulpit and platform.

It seems to me the parts played on the social stage have changed. Today it is the old generation, my present generation that has remained true to its revolutionary traditions and revolutionary ethics. More than ever are we forced to swim against the social tide.

Modern youth swims with the muddy tide of mere economic and political values.

What wonder if the youth of today decries us as sentimental bourgeois and counter-revolutionists? To them a revolution is a sort of picnic with fireworks not a slow preparation and inner growth, a strength for the creation of a new social order in the building of which not a measly party, the state or a dictator, but every free thinking individual must put in an equal share.

If the scorn of the latter day youth is

painful we must not fail to remember that we in our youth were also impatient of our teachers. It is, therefore, up to us to practice the utmost patience with the youth of today. To understand its needs and to help its struggle.

Life is an eternal process of new birth, eternal also are the changes.

Historically considered hundred or fifty years are as a grain of sand in evolutionary preparation for the advent of the revolution.

Every generation in its time able to face the social problems confronting it, intensely feeling social injustice and brave enough to struggle against them contributes its share to great fundamental social changes.

I admit frankly that I see in the ideology of our youth a swift etape in the long difficult battle for human liberation.

I am convinced that dictatorship of whatever form are not permanent phenomenon. True, youth of today is so far blind to this. It does not realize that it is helping to forge new chains for the masses. And yet the modern ideology of youth is but an etape and will not endure.

Not as long as a single daring spirit remains or an unflinching mind will manking cease in its search for complete freedom or lack courage to break its fetters or its vision of a new social order where the puppets now so attractive to youth with have their place in museums and not in actual life.

So I do welcome the revolt of youth even if it is a revolt that is being used by demagogues for their own ends.

You probably remember Heinrich Ibsen saying in "Ghosts" "No sooner do we free ourselves from one spook when ever so many others swoop down on us". For the very air is saturated with spooks. This also explains the snail-like movement of progress.

We had no such easy time as those who move in flocks. We had been few hence, had to stand very firmly in our own shoes to be able to hold out against the avalanche of ignorance, superstition and authority that tried to curb our rebellious flight.

Our meetings in out of the way halls were adventures, our struggle fraught with much danger and little glory.

Our hopes not the totalitarian state or the machinery of dictatorship, not the expectation of becoming SS, SA men and women, or little as well as big commissars.

Our aims were to prepare each and everyone for the great heritage of individual freedom and social solidarity. Our personal ambitions as far answer had any were submerged in our ambitions for humanity.

With truth I can say that ours was a voice in the wilderness. With our blood and its life our youth had watered the soil of liberty and had blazoned the path for the youth of today.



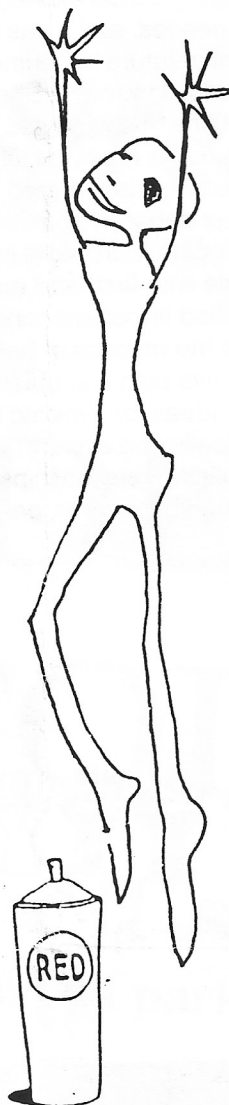


## Protest Against US Attacks in Afghanistan and the Sudan!

At approximately 1:30 on Wednesday afternoon the US sent cruise missiles into Afghanistan and the Sudan, in response to alleged attacks on US embassies. In response about 45 AR participants met on Wednesday night to plan a demonstration for the next afternoon, and pulled it off with great success. About 250 AR folks showed up for a protest in front of the US embassy. The march originated in Alexandria Park and from there the crowd walked en masse to the embassy. Once there, the protestors formed a picket line chanting, singing and dancing. There were a few speakers and the Radical Jeerleaders performed. After about an hour of ruckus raising, folks trickled back to their respective cores and workshops. There was a surprisingly relaxed response from the police, who stood silently, about 20 in all, on the steps of the embassy and behind the crowd. The planning committee had decided from the beginning that it would be a nonviolent protest, and while the crowd was anything but quiet, it stayed within legal boundaries.

IT'S ALL OVER! END WITH A BANG  
NOT A WHIMPER!

Active Resistance 98's closing party is happening tonight at the 360 (326 Queen St. West)- the night includes performance art followed by seven (!) bands including local punk faves SLORC, Hoodrat and Bunchofuckingoofs. Tunes spun by DJ Charles and DJ Supersnatch. Things get underway at 9 pm, pwyc at the door.



## Is this anarchy?

There's been a general tone of congratulation in most comments on AR. And with good reason. The gathering has been a great success, with lots of awesome workshops and really good discussions in the cores.

But the townhall decision-making that is an essential part of any anarchist gathering has simply not happened. The organizing committee is still in charge of this gathering and not the whole group.

Does this matter? After all, the Toronto organizers have mostly done a great job. I think it does matter. An anarchist society is by definition one where there is no decision-making group but decisions are taken by the collectively by everyone.

And there were problems. Workshops got left out of the program in what seemed a pretty arbitrary bit of decision-making. Most of the confirmed workshops seemed to be by the organizing committee and their friends. Trying to get this fixed was like dealing with the worst bureaucracy and an Ombudsperson had to intervene behind the scenes before anything got put right.

The emergence of self-organized queer activities seems to point to another weakness. There was originally only one queer event the whole week, with no attention to the social and support needs of queer participants. Not to mention a coming-out group for participants who aren't yet ready to come a queer forum.

So even the best organizing committee (and thanks for everything—I helped out too) is no substitute for the real thing: collective control by all of us.

*Alan O'Connor*

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## !we were not born too late for the revolution!

yesterday at 4:00 pm the youth caucus met in alexandra park to discuss our problems as youth, specifically within the anarchist community. we discussed standard issues like schools and families and then moved on to things like sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, and the tokenization of youth in the movement. we also talked about practical things we could do to make our organizations more kid friendly, such as scheduling meetings early enough for youth to be able to attend. anyhow, the discussion inspired critical thought and revolutionary fervour in most of the participants!

our big plan is to write up a list of our problems as youth in the "scene", and possible solutions to work from. look for it in the post AR zine. keep on keepin on!



## **FREESKOOL UPDATES for Aug 23rd**

The morning plenary starts at 10am at the Bakunin Bop. This is the last day of freeskoool at AR'98. All freeskoool today are from 11am-1pm at the Bukunin Bop. THIS IS THE LAST OFFICIAL DAY OF FREESKOOL, so if you feel like throwing spontaneous freeskoool workshops go right ahead keeping in mind space limitations at the Bukunin Bop.

### **Cultural Genocide**

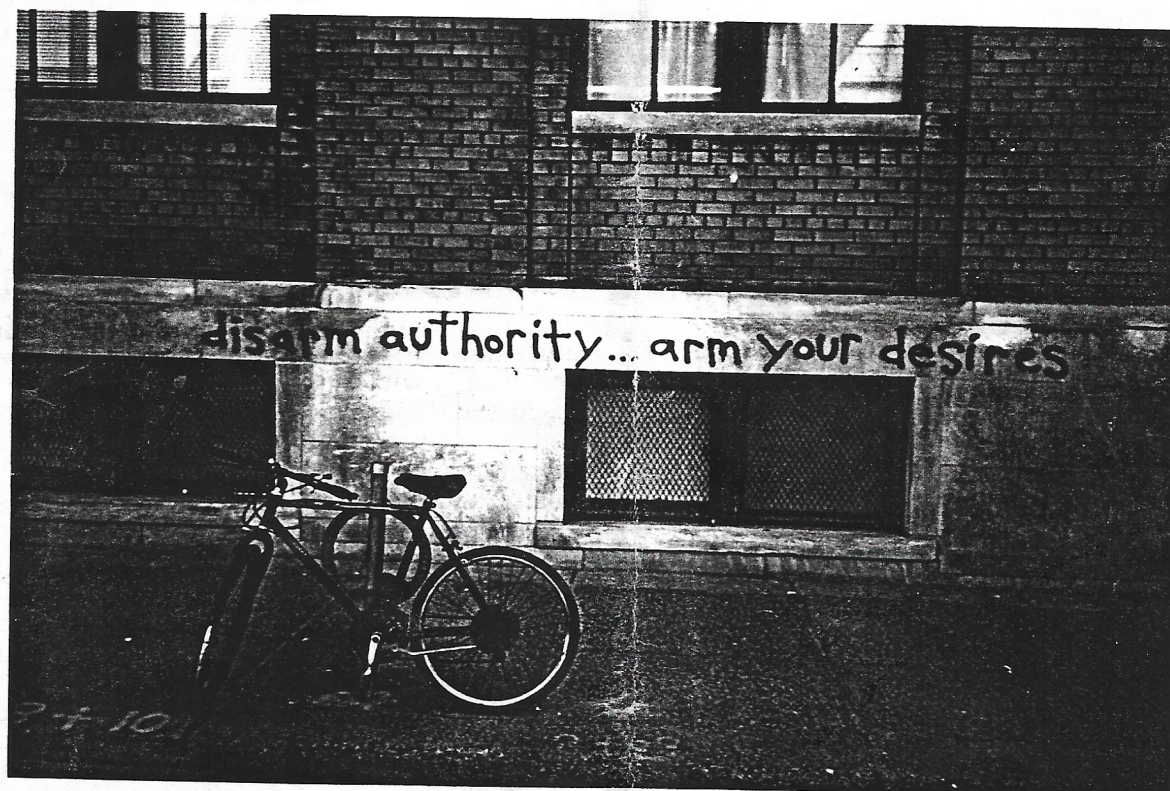
#### **Safer SM (Regardless of budget!)**

Safety in BD/DS/SM fetish scenes is absolutely paramount. Topics covered will be just about everything from health issues to implement maintenance. Yippee to dildoes, buttplugs and fisting! Everyone welcome regardless of gender, orientation, and level of experience. Novice to advanced, vegan to leather-fiend.

#### **Deschooling/Rising Out Discussion Men's Anti-Sexual Harassment and Assault Speak-out**

the RURAL ACTIVIST COLLECTIVES discussion yesterday yielded an engaging critical exchange of individual experiences, and ideas and visions of potential future experiments in anti-capitalist, low tech, self-reliant rural living situations. Newfangled techniques in sustainable energy, fuel, building and agriculture were shared, inspiring a greater sense of commitment to developing more skills in these areas. People with firsthand experience identified important considerations about the process of building a collective plan and obtaining (liberating) land. Ideas for avoiding isolation (politically and economically) centered on building relationships with urban community projects, gardens, and

activist campaigns for food safety and wildland protection. an interesting point was raised about the economic benefits of buying rural land in comparison to renting group houses in the city. Other benefits that were brought up included spiritual renewal, burnout prevention, tools for long-term survival, ecological restoration, and health. we explored some ethical questions such as the perceived rural/urban dichotomy, cottage economies, the use of farm animals and the notion of private property. we collected the contact info of everyone at the meeting and would like to add that of anyone else who's interested and eventually start networking through a publication, which we may be announcing in the post-AR zine so keep your eyes open- or find Kim or Anne to add your info.



the band of wayward travelers: stefan, caitlin, manju, steve, tyrone, anna