omination has acquired a dazzling rhythm of mutation. The veil of technological advance is covering the world as we knew it in shrouds. Ecological disaster is not “coming”, is already there. While industrial progress advances triumphantly, instability on all levels (social, political, economical, ecological) is increasing. A difficult challenge for those who will continue to fight for freedom as a totality, and not as a negotiation on the lengths of our chains. Old models of revolutionary intervention are fading away as the urge for new perspectives presses.

A century ago, anarchists on the banks of the Rio de la Plata in South-America declared war on power and came “Face to face with the enemy”. They went to seek out the enemy in their lairs with offensive moves. They bombed banks, police stations, institutions, getting ever more closer to the enemy. With anxiety in their hearts, and a gun in their hands, they went forward, not waiting for the masses or the building of a broad movement. And every bomb they put echoed with the numerous publications they spread. Action and idea went together, hand in hand.

Today, how do we come “face to face with the enemy”? Where does he hide, where can we hit him? As domination shifts to new models, anarchists and rebels also broaden their views. In the last year, amidst an unprecedented lockdown in the name of collective health, many went out at night to come face to face with the enemy. While attacks took place against many targets of repression like police stations, prisons and State institutions, a broad wave of sabotage targeted the veins of domination: its networks of telecommunication, transport and energy.

Some decades ago, a critique of industrialism wrote: “We need not be surprised, then, that in more than one area the Power Complex has been undergoing severe strain. Though immune to any frontal assault except by another power system of equal size, these giants are particularly vulnerable to localized guerrilla assaults and raids, against which their mass formations are as helpless as was heavily armored Goliath against a nimble David who did not choose to use the same weapons or attack the same parts of the anatomy.” Today, this is more than ever the challenge for anarchists. To fight in small groups, without any centralisation, hitting the enemy relentlessly with all the means and creativity we have at our disposal, learning how to keep out of our lives and circles as much of the technological nuisance as possible, supporting and aiding each other in all possible ways to shape good conditions for continuing the hostilities in a world that tends to close ever more spaces. Without any guarantees that these paths will lead the world to anarchy, but knowing for sure that such lives are worth being lived.

January 2020

5/1, Dorengt (Ain). The measurement tower of a future wind farm is cut down and crashes to the ground.

5/1, Farébersviller (Moselle). Masked people throw stones and fireworks to the living quarters of police officers on the premises of Gendarmerie barracks.

6/1, Nissan-lez-Ensérune (Isère). A signal cable is cut alongside the rail tracks and an electricity box is burned. The sabotage disrupts railroad traffic between Montpellier, Toulouse and Perpignan.

7/1, Saint-Maximin (Oise). A police car is set on fire in front of the local police station.

9/1, Lacourtensourt (Haute-Garonne). North of the city of Toulouse, two arsons target the fiber optics along the rail tracks. All railroad traffic is suspended between Toulouse and Montauban and thousands of clients of several operators (Orange, Free and SFR) lose their internet and phone connection in the villages of Tarn-et-Garonne.

13/1, Seyssinet-Pariset (Isère). East of the city of Grenoble, an arson attack against Enedis, the company managing the electricity grid. Fifteen vehicles, of which five trucks with cranes, are destroyed, as well as the hangar and the emergency generators. Claimed by “Some berserk circuit-breakers holding their ground”, who conclude “May the attacks continue to spread. Against everything that pretends to bring more material comfort and liberty, but creating only more existential coercion and morbidity.”
15/1, Somewhere in France. The feet of a pylon of a high tension line are cut and the sabotage is claimed in solidarity with the struggle against the building of an electrical substation in the department of Aveyron. « Energy is the core of their war. The towers of Defence depend on the nuclear. The pylons transport their authoritarian power. Let’s make them fall. »

16/1, Sept Laux (Isère). Sabotage of all snow grooming machines of the ski resort: sand is put in their fuel tanks.

16/1, Toulouse (Haute-Garonne). Windows smashed at the offices of the architects Cardete & Huet, implicated in the gentrification project TESO.

18/1, Paris. Arson against the brasserie La Rotonde, highly appreciated and often visited by the French President Macron.

19/1, Bradiancourt (Seine-Maritime). Arson against the electricity box of a cell tower.

21/1, Le Teich (Gironde). Sabotage of two level crossings: several trains between Arcachon and Bordeaux are delayed.

22/1, Fos-sur-Mer (Bouches-du-Rhône). Arson against an electricity pylon of the high tension line going towards the LNG terminal. The arson targeted the precise point on the grid where the aerial lines go underground.

22/1, Anglet (Pyrénées-Atlantiques). Arson and paint against the façade of the offices of Ineo (Engie Group), specialized in smart city development and CCTV. “We support and encourage all sabotages, blockades, occupations and destructions, ongoing and coming, putting sand in the machinery until it stops completely, because everything is connected. May the old world die. »

22/1, Paris. A van of the building company Vinci is set on fire. From the claim “Solidarity with those who resist, inside. Solidarity with those who struggle, outside. A thought for the three anarchists on trial in Hamburg and for the comrade Lisa, in prison for a robbery”.

24/1, Bobigny (S). The offices of a candidate of the Socialist Party (PS) are wrecked by arson.

25/1, Toulouse (Haute-Garonne). Sabotage of an electricity box alongside the rail tracks. Almost all road traffic is disrupted between Auch and Toulouse for two days.

February 2020

2/2, Lavans-les-Saint-Claude (Jura). During a night raid on the school premises, the 3D printer and 28 tablets are smashed.

2/2, Le Rheu (Ile-et-Vilaine). All five ATM’s of the city are smashed up during the night.

4/2, Vivier-au-Court (Ardennes). Arson against the car of the mayor.

10/2, Bournand (Vienne). Sabotage of a measurement tower of a future wind farm: after the cables holding the tower were cut with an angle grinder, the tower crashed to the ground.

11/2, Limoges (Haute-Vienne). Arson attack against Enedis. Eight vehicles loaded with material are destroyed by the flames. The attack is claimed: “We do not want

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pandemic justifying authoritarian measures of all kinds, strengthening of the technological protheses from work to school right to all relationships, the environment becoming increasingly devastated and artificial under the incessant blows of industry, or the absence of utopian horizons — that « unrealized but not unrealizable dream » as was defined by someone famous « atheroscidal project thrown upon the pavement of the civilized » — it is true that times seem more favourable to the clouds of domination than to the social tempest. And that there would almost be enough to lose the memory of the time before, as if covid-19 had swept it all away.

Forgotten the brief start of an insurrection in Greece a little more than ten years ago, which had at the same time marked a possible in the heart of old Europe and shown the limits of lack of revolutionary perspectives that go beyond a simple riotous extension? Forgotten the possibilities opened up three years later by the various of uprisings on the other side of the Mediterranean, drowned in the blood of civil wars, crushed under the military boot or suffocated by religious and democratic sirens? Forgotten the uprising in Chile of barely a year ago, so powerful in its acts combining expropriations and massive destructions in the face of the military, but retreating at the last moment so as not to cross the threshold of the irreparable unknown, in a territory still traumatized by a ferocious past? Forgotten these recent North-American riots against the police, for once capable of overcoming the old divisions by starting to question one of the pillars of domination, without however succeeding in undermining all the others, if not through the enraged action of few minorities? Forgotten even the famous movement of the yellow vests, undoubtedly deeply linked to the demand for a better State, while being able, in the very name of its reformist postulate to regain a spontaneous taste for riot in the face of the one in place, or that of sabotage against various power structures through self-organization in diffuse small groups? Nonetheless a promising example of identification of the enemy’s structures, which did not content itself with toll booths, tax centres or radars but had, for example, also pushed exploration to the relay antennas, to the homes of elected officials or the electrical systems of industrial and commercial areas.

So would hearts swollen with rage be hit by amnesia all of a sudden during the repeated confinements as a result of analysing the horror of the

your industrial wind farms, big business nor mega-substations or high tension lines. [...] We do not want the nuclear, nor the Linky, nor Big Data or Big Brother. [...] You speak of ecological transition, we answer with sabotage.”

11/2, Toulouse (Haute-Garonne). Three vehicles of grid and network installers Engie Ineo and Dalkia are burned. The claim makes reference to the implication of those companies in the maintenance and building of prisons.

13/2, Toulouse (Haute-Garonne). Three vans parked on the premises of the city services Toulouse Métropole are set on fire during the night.

14/2, Vauvert (Gard). A police car and two private cars are set on fire on the premises of the Gendarmerie barracks.

23/2, Gières (Isère). Arson attack against a laboratory of the University of Grenoble-Alpes, the National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS) and the School of Engineers (INPG). Over 1000 m² of laboratories are destroyed by the fire, destroying also much research material of this laboratory dedicated to the research of mechanics of materials.

25/2, Bruay-la-Buissière (Pas-de-Calais). Attack during the day of a Member of Parliament of the extreme right party RN. He and a collaborator get beaten up in their offices.

26/2, Bure (Meuse). Claim for the sabotage of several drillings for the future rail road of Andra, destined to transport building material to the Cigéo project for underground storage of nuclear waste, and later on for the transport of nuclear waste itself. “Let’s attack the nuclear industry everywhere.”

28/2, Pontoise (Val d’Oise). Around twenty fiber optic connection boxes are sabotaged (smashing, cutting cables,…) Several parts of the city, as well as the city center, are deprived of internet access and telephone.

28/2, Thueyts (Ardèche). Three police cars are set on fire on the premises of the Gendarmerie barracks. The flames also damage the building.

March 2020

2/3, Douai (Nord). A sabotage of the electricity grid provokes the shutdown of the call center Duacom (400 employees).

11/03, Besançon (Doubs). A van of the City Services is set on fire. Claimed by “Anticorona”: “Fire is the best way to eradicate the virus of the State and his lackeys.”

15/3, Semussac (Charente-Maritime). Two molotovs are thrown against the house of the mayor. A tag is painted on the wall : “Fuck off with your list.”.

[17/03 First “confinement” : lockdown of the whole country.] 17/03, France. Riots erupt in about thirty prisons after visits and activities were cancelled because of sanitary measures. In some prisons, arsons are set that destroy whole wings, like in Uzerche.

17/03 Marseille (Bouches-du-Rhône). Arson attack against the electricity infrastructure of the offices of
SNEF. A week later, with the whole country being confined for the Covid19, a vehicle of SNEF is burned. The company SNEF is a major player in CCTV surveillance of the city of Marseille, involved in smart city projects as well as the building and maintenance of telecommunication networks. “These attacks are inscribed in a series of sabotages against this company as well as against others involved in the spreading of surveillance in Marseille, like the burning of several of their vehicles and the sabotage of fiber optics and CCTV during the past year.”

Mid-March, Carlenças-et-Levas (Hérault). Sabotage of a radio transmission site.

22/3, Saint-Martin-lez-Tatinghem (Nord). A freshly installed cell tower crashed to the ground. Police suspects saboteurs to have unbolted the metal structure and then pushed the tower to the ground.

22/3, Bram (Aude). Sabotage of fiber optics (cut or ripped). The small city loses access to internet and phone during several days.

27/3, Besançon (Doubs). Arson against a cell tower.

29/3, Chatte (Isère). Arson of a cell tower.

April 2020

1/4, Le Havre (Normandie). Sabotages of the fiber optics network on several spots. Similar sabotages are reported in Bordeaux, Charante, Moselle and Hauts-de-France, disrupting internet access and telephone.

1/4, Baugé-en-Anjou (Maine-et-Loire). A police car is set on fire. Two people are arrested and convicted to two years and one year of imprisonment.

1/4, Amiens (Somme). Five vehicles of the SPIP (Penitentiary Service for Insertion and Probation) and two prisoners transport vans are set on fire just in front of the prison. A window of the offices of the SPIP is broken and a fire is set, but doesn’t spread. A huge tag on the parking lot: “Fuck justice, fuck prison, fuck the state.” with an encircled A.

3/4, Leffrincoucke (Nord). In the afternoon, a fiber optic is cut. Several parts of the city are cut off from internet, telephone and television. The disruption continues for several days.


8/4, Mesves-sur-Loire (Nièvre). A big fiber optic is put on fire at noon. During several days, internet, telework and tele-school are disrupted. A minor is arrested.

8/4, Issy-les-Moulineaux (Hauts-de-Seine). Arson attack against the construction site of the future station of the new metro line 15, part of the huge Grand Paris Express project.

8/4, Montpellier (Hérault). Arson against four vehicles of the electricity grid company Enedis.

10/4, Massy-Wissous (Essonne). Seven fiber optics are cut during the night. Banks, companies, the police station, the city hall... all are disconnected from the internet and telephone.

world behind screens, and above all failing to take to the streets in order to take it on? Conversely it could be that, although bruised by the price to pay for all these exciting unaccomplished processes, they are nevertheless not resigned in the face of what these moments of rupture also involve in terms of destructive collective joy as well as individual re-appropriations of one’s existence? When a demon of revolt once said that revolutions are made of three quarters fantasy and a quarter reality, it was certainly not to content himself with endlessly dissecting the latter in reverse in order to sharpen our actions, but because he also knew that this precious lived fantasy can upset an entire life by giving it reason other than that of delaying death for as long as possible. Then, if it is true that we can only see well with our heart, our ever ardent one cannot fail to see that the authoritarian management of the pandemic and its consequences in terms of economic restructuration and technological acceleration hasn’t come at just any time, but is colliding head-on against these last ten years of uprisings, insurrections and revolts in an attempt to turn the page.

Faced with the misery of the existent we can repeat galore that order never acts alone, that the only battles lost in advance are those that are never fought, that it is not revolutionaries who make revolutions or that when dissatisfaction and discontent accumulate sometimes it only takes a spark to ignite the powder keg of social relations (be it a war lost by the State, an increase in transport fares, the controversial management of an epidemic, the immolation of a street seller, a new drastic budget plan, the umpteenth murder at the hands of the police...) All this is right but beyond the manifestations of anger that power now intends to bury under the weight of the health emergency, another movement is also developing, becoming less and less invisible while remaining essential, in spite of what the fox in the tale might say.

It concerns the individuals and small groups that have realized that in the face of the climate catastrophe the disaster was the industrial system itself and that it was better to tackle it at the (energy) source. That in the face of alienation or technological control, the problem must be solved at the roots by cutting its veins. That in the face of the State moloch and its growing militarization against the rioters, it was time to take the initiative according to one’s own timing in an asymmetric manner, without further waiting for social movements that would overrun the established framework before burning out.
This is the case, for example, with the incendiary sabotages that relentlessly attack the electrical installations supplying the pumps of the open-cast lignite mine that is destroying the forest of Hambach (Germany), with the recent sabotages and blockages against the construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline in British Columbia (Canada), with last October’s sabotage of a drilling machine planned to install a new wind farm in Tuscany (Italy) or with setting the offices of the State forest exploiter ONF in Aubenas (Ardèche) on fire at the beginning of October. Not to mention all the attacks that for years have been slowing down the advance of the nuclear waste landfill project in Bure, in particular with the help of sabotage against drilling along the old railway destined to serve the Cigéo works and the transportation of radioactive waste. So much beautiful energy expended to undermine those who fuel this deadly world.

Since the arrival of covid-19 at the beginning of the year and in spite of the consequent restrictions of movement that followed, the voices of the agile saboteurs have not gone silent, but their projectual autonomy has made them resonate with even more clamour during the various phases of self-confinement. If for example we consider the intentional cutting off of optic fibres and relay-antennas during the spring confinement, power can only lament the fact that the latter were put out of harm’s way just about everywhere every two days. Recently, a State lackey responsible for looking after the various phases of self-confinement. If for example we consider the intentional cutting off of optic fibres and relay-antennas during the spring confinement, power can only lament the fact that the latter were put out of harm’s way just about everywhere every two days. Recently, a State lackey responsible for looking after these little problems similarly confided that over a hundred of them had suffered the same fate since the beginning of the year. If one had to give just one example of the multiple possibilities offered to bold hands in spite of the re-confinement in force since the autumn, it would perhaps be the sabotage north of Marne of the second most important television site in the country in terms of television, radio and mobile phones, which occurred on the first of December 2020: three and a half million people brutally disconnected, for over ten days for some!

Certainly enough to inspire the nyctalope individualities who, each in their own way, continue to light up the night to derail the trains of domination.

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10/4, Salins-les-Bains (Jura). Two cell towers are burned on the top of the Hill Poupet. Many surrounding villages are disconnected from mobile phone networks and internet for several days.

12/4, Crest (Drôme). Arson attack against a McDonalds which gets heavily damaged.

12/4, Agde (Hérault). Sabotage of a fiber optics node (NRA). All internet access is cut for more than two weeks for a part of the city.

12/4, Colombes (Hauts-de-Seine). Eleven molotovs are thrown on the parking lot of the police station. Four police cars are destroyed by the flames.

12/04, Foncine-le-Haut (Jura). Four construction machines of Jura Natura Services are set ablaze.

13/04, Estrablins (Isère). Arson of a cell tower.

13/4, Lozère. In the afternoon, a high capacity fiber optic alongside a rail track is cut. More than thousand companies in 73 localities of the départements of the Gard and Lozère are cut off from the internet, but also from the 3G mobile phone network for more than a day.

14/5, Toulouse (Haute-Garonne). The entrance to the Caisse d’Épargne Bank was set on fire. From the claim: “If there is a war, it is the war waged by insatiable pigs against the rest of humanity. There will be no end to the confinement and no day after, nor will there be a great night. They are already getting organized, let’s not wait until it’s too late to rebel! War Against War!”

15/4, Foncine-le-Haut (Jura). Arson against a cell tower. Thousands of users are disconnected from the internet and mobile phone access.

16/4, Villefontaine (Isère). Just before midnight, a stolen car is launched against the entrance of the City Hall and set on fire, destroying a part of the building.

19/4, Lille (Nord). The building of the south-antenna of the City Hall is set on fire.

19/4, Lyon (Rhône). Several bank branches in the city center get their windows smashed.

20/4, Villejuif (Val-de-Marne). The car of the communist vice-president of the Regional Council is set on fire in front of his house.

20/4, Alès (Gard). Sabotage of electricity boxes of cell towers, resulting in a disruption of the electricity grid.

21/4, Bouguenais (Loire-Atlantique). “Anarchist Direct Action” claims the arson of a trailer of the building company Eiffage (which builds also prisons). A few days earlier, they claimed the smashing of two real estate agencies.

21/4, Belfort (Territoire de Belfort). An undercover police car is set on fire in front of the central police station, with the help of two molotovs.

22/4, Sens (Yonne). Twelve CCTV are destroyed by a mobile group of around thirty masked people. A police patrol is attacked with stones.

22-24/4, Limoges (Haute-Vienne). Three days of riots in the neighbourhoods Beaubreuil and La Bastide. Seven CCTV smashed, many cars burned and two electricity
May 2020

1/05, Saint-Marcellin (Isère). Arson of a cell tower.

1/5, May-sur-Évre (Maine-et-Loire). The entrance hall of City Hall is set on fire.

2/5, Bouguenais (Loire-Atlantique). “Anarchist Direct Action” claims the arson of two vehicles of the Post, because of its “collaboration with the State and the deportation of people without papers.”

2/5, Coutras (Gironde). Nine vehicles of the Post are set on fire.

3/5, Le Pouzin-Privas (Ardeche). Arson against two cell towers. See the claim of the attack: “Stop living? Rather die!”

4/5, Nivillac (Morbihan). Two police cars are set on fire on the premises of the Gendarmerie barracks.

5/5, Val-de-Marne. A series of sabotages in the south-east periphery of Paris (Valenton, Fontenay, Créteil, Ivry, Vitry) hits the fiber optics network hard. The sabotages targeted several black fiber (dedicated to big companies) and provoked a huge disruption. Also, several data centers (Zayo, Celeste, Jaguar, Octopus, Sipartech, Level3,…) were cut off.

6-7/5, Ferney-Voltaire (Ain). An ATM of the Post is set on fire. A few days later, the windows of the City Hall are smashed.

6/5, Oriol-en-Royans (Drôme). A mast of TDF (Television of France) and mobile phone operators is set ablaze during the night. Heavy damage and at least 20 000 connections were cut.

Stop living? Rather die!

For several weeks now the whole population has been living in a state of exception in the form of health confinement with its dose of unheard—of prohibitions, daily hypocrisy and promises of salvation.

I didn’t want to die of fear or boredom, attached to a drip-feed in front of Netflix. Over the past month, the anger and consternation of experiencing a live bad science-fiction novel have become an antidote rather than a poison for me. So I decided to attack.

By extending the boundaries of illegality, imposing themselves anywhere in the streets, cops and vigilant citizens have transformed the territory into a space where we have had to relearn how to move around and find the path towards other accomplices. As the crosses on top of mountains have been replaced with GMS and 5G pylons, this says something about the form that power and our beliefs in salvation are currently taking. So it was time to reignite fires on the hills, to spread more essential and direct messages to those who want to listen, time to burn those crosses of fibre optic nodes and electric networks.

I’m alone, somewhere in the Val d’Ouvèze between Le Pouzin and Privas, on Sunday 3rd May [2020], at around 2am. It rained a lot the past few hours and the last clouds of mist evaporating from the soil are rising in front of the halo of a half moon. The night is sweet and very calm.

In recent years discourses seemed to suggest that the State has gradually been giving way to more liberal and economic forms of government, that more widespread, invisible forms were already replacing hierarchical power.

But the State hasn’t disappeared. It is at the centre of reality, in far-off wars against terrorism, in Mali, in the promotion of a connected daily life, in the generalized repression of social movements, in the production of increasingly normative and technologized living conditions.

At the dawn of the new spring war has been de-
clared once again as the latest reason for union, as a common cause, a duty of faith. In the name of everyone’s health and safety, we are destined to be reunited, counted, subdivided, ordered, assigned, supervised and studied.

Anyone who deviates from the rule imposed by ministers, all sorts of health experts, prefects and their police, will be treated as irresponsible threatening the health of the most vulnerable.

It’s nothing new that in the name of those considered and classified “fragile”, power is cutting out its best role. Power is ambidextrous. It reaches out a hand that protects, saves and caresses. At the same time it strikes and mutilates. Soon we will hear that some techniques of state management of a crisis are better than others. Comparisons are made between what is happening in different latitudes. The most totalitarian powers, such as China and Brazil, are incriminated. There was rejoicing that Portugal was giving documents to all asylum seekers. One almost doesn’t feel so bad, here where we are.

I advance calmly in the twilight, some litres of fuel in my rucksack, a wire cutter heavily positioned against my spine. It’s as if I am absent from myself, absorbed in the silence and the night rustles, immersed in the accuracy of the activity, stepping without leaving traces. The top is calm. A light breeze is sweeping the crest from where I can see everywhere down below, flashes of the many electric installations in the area, fields of wind turbines, telephone pylons and industrial plains.

I open a path on the grid, smashing a chain that is blocking the entrance to the main enclosure and of the bigger of the two pylons. I prepare the material and take care to stay safe from indiscreet gazes, under my balaclava.

As I advance, I keep thinking: as in any “crisis”, be it produced by power or inflicted and managed as best as it can, the situation creates an unheard-of context, a support to the construction of the missing links in the mechanism of progress. Thousands of scientists, doctors and bio-engineers have come to offer us, for our sake, recipes of miraculous balms of twenty-first century quacks. More than selling us whatever medicine, they are selling us reasons for continuing to go forward, ways of living. In its response to the wrath of the gods, science has offered itself full of promises, bringing innovative solutions to the problems caused by progress.

The health system also operates a selection of acceptable and unacceptable ways of dying. Unlike most biological risks, nuclear and industrial risks organized and constituted by human activity produce death and suffering every year in quite remarkable quantities. Where is the benevolent and protective State when it comes to protecting its citizens from the technocrats of nuclear power?

Faced with discourses that may seem vain or

6/5, Toulouse (Haute-Garonne). Arson against a cell tower. From the claim of the attack: “To make it simple: this new level of control pissed us off even more and made us want to act. To do nothing, in our eyes, was tantamount to accepting it. As usual, if control works so well, it is also because the citizens meekly accept it, well installed in their virtual bubble, to continue to have fun and telework. But it is more than ever the umbilical cord that binds them to this pathetic life. [...] It was easier than we thought. You can see that we are not the only people boiling with anger and we are happy about it. Total hostility against civilization and the piles of shit that make it up.”

7/5, Langueuen (Côtes-d’Armor). Arson against a cell tower, disrupting the mobile phone network for hundreds of clients.

7/5, Aubigny-les-Potheés (Ardennes). Arson against a cell tower. Mayor disruptions in the surroundings for several operators.

8/5, Poses (Eure). The car of the mayor is set on fire in front of his house.

Beginning of May, Chantemerle-lès-Grignan (Drôme). Arson against a cell tower. From the claim of the attack: “To tele-surveillance, tele-conference, tele-vision, tele-shopping, tele-working... are now added tele-trails, tele-consultations or tele-school. An inescapable rise of digital domestication.”

10/5, Saint-Brevin-les-Pins (Loire-Atlantique). Four police cars are set on fire on the premises of the Gendarmerie barracks.

[10/05 : End of the first lockdown]

11/5, Baume-les-Dames (Doubs). Five vehicles and vans of Sogea, part of the industrial building company Vinci, are set ablaze.

11/05 Brest (Finistère). Arson attack against a freshly installed cell tower.

12/5, Alby-sur-Chéran (Haute-Savoie). Arson attack with the help of burning tires against the mast of TDF and the housing of the television and mobile phone connections. All television and radio networks are disrupted, as well as the fiber optic network and the mobile phone networks.

14/5, Aubenas (Ardèche). Arson attack against a electricity sub-station. See the claim “Full Moon / Black Out : first attempt”.

14/5, Toulouse (Haute-Garonne). Arson attack against a cell tower.

15/5, Paris. Some “masked bandits” claim the arson of a van of Enedis : “To fight back against those who make us live this technological nightmare.”

15/5, Stains (Seine-Saint-Denis). A McDonalds is set on fire during the night and burned to the ground.

15/5, Contes (Alpes-Maritimes). Sabotage of the ventilation system of a cell tower. The next month, two persons are arrested in the vicinity by a police team, which installed hidden cameras on the spot.

18/5, Grenoble (Isère). Three arsons during the same night : one against the TDF mast of Seyssinet-Pariset, another against the TDF mast.
of Jarrie and a third against a cell tower in Herbeys. Hundreds of thousands of users of television, internet and mobile phone are cut off from the networks of several days. See the claim of the attack in Haute-Jarrie: “Vacuum-sealed life or insubordination?”

From the claim of the attack in Sèvresnet-Parisot: “We have no illusions about the material and psychic effects of this ephemeral TV, digital, telephone and radio silence. Networks will rapidly be repaired, security strengthened and soon cables will innervate the spinal cords of the iron pylons as before. As for the technologically alienated individuals, they will spasmodically await the imminent return of the divine connection. Our gesture will be soon forgotten, eclipsed by saturating normality. Why risk years in prison if our sabotage inevitably ends up in the dump of collective amnesia? First of all because we don’t give a damn about people, when we don’t detect them. Secondly because we’ve got rid of the naïve ambition of revolutionizing anything and finally because we draw immense joy and meaning from our combative negativity, so derisive, so valiant. Full up or consequence of the constraints due to the lockdown. Accomplices are conspiring steadfastly everywhere. Conflictuality is also contagious.”

19/5, Paris (France). Two cars of the City Services are set on fire. “We don’t care who will be the next mayor of this city. Against all power and every politician, from whatever side he may be.”

20/5, Creil (Oise). The car of the mayor (Socialist Party) is set on fire in front of his house.

22/5, Bouguenais (Loire-Atlantique). “Direct anarchist action” claims an arson attack against four trucks and a vehicle of Engie Axima (building and maintenance of the electricity grid). An excerpt of the claim: “We do not want the Linky meters which collect our personal data, nor do we want wind farms or nuclear power plants which participate in the pollution of nature and in the destruction of biodiversity.”

23/5, Azille (Aude). A cell tower is set ablaze.

26/5, Paris. A BMW with a diplomatic numberplate is set on fire. “Our solidarity is borderless. Long live the Black International, long live anarchy!” says the claim in solidarity with the anarchist prisoner Gabriel Pombo da Silva.

27/5, Nogent-sur-Oise (Oise). Molotovs are thrown against the house of the deputy of City Security, two nights in a row.

28/5, Peisey-Nancroix (Savoie). An excavator on the construction site of a new hiking path in the national park of La Vanoise to boost the local industry of tourism is set ablaze.

29/5, Besançon (Doubs). “Shadows under the stars” claim the arsons of the vehicle of Member of Parliament and of a van of the City Services a week before. From the claim: “Fire to all authority! For freedom!”

29/5, Valence (Drome). Arsons and riots during the night. A police station and the offices of the Urban Agglomeration are attacked with molotovs.

sometimes lacking, my gloved hands make some packets of industrial fire lighter gel slide under the maze of cables.

I also pour some fire lighter gel and turn towards the exit of the enclosure, to get close to the second pylon. A small excavator, switched off for the night, stands alone at the edge of the site. I’m sorry I can’t strike it as I don’t have enough material. I place more incendiary devices on the most fragile cables and go back to the first pylon.

As soon as I’m on the spot, I soak everything thoroughly with petrol and light it, on both sides of the structure, two fires that the breeze gradually swells.

I go down to the second pylon and do the same. I leave the site and disappear into the night. Health and safety have gradually become supreme values that, alone, justify the most absurd efforts and mistakes.

The virus and the struggle against its spreading has become the spectre to be hunted down relentlessly as it incarnates death that glides and strikes at random, unpredictable and sudden, so the places we are ready to avoid in order not to die are continually increasing.

What has been interiorized as a collective experience, perhaps definitively, is the taste and need for sacrifice. From now on, they will continually be asking us to sell off the shreds that are left of our lives, so as not to lose them.

In retrospect I don’t know if this attack caused much damage. Perhaps only a few cables cut. What counts for me is the fact of having succeeded in acting, even alone, in this night snatched from the absurd, and to have overcome my doubts and fears and struck what seems to be today an essential node of the present society: the mobile phone network and the whole connected world that it allows.

Against the society of control and the health dictatorship, I feel anger towards health care tablets and robots which is now fashionable to distribute in large numbers in the death cells for the elderly. The fact that the last people to have gone through this century without technology are dying surrounded by robots and all sorts of applications turns my stomach. Satellite lines, sent into orbit in their thousands that sabotage the mysteries of the night sky, will never be promises of peace.

A thought to the doors which voluntarily remain open, in this difficult time, for those who try, whatever the cost, not to sacrifice their lives in the face of fear. To the blows given and the help. To the bad shots and those gone wrong. To those who try. To those who don’t attack perhaps, but help to keep going and break the evidence.

So what: stop living? Rather die!

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June 2020

1/6, Toulouse (Haute-Garonne). Arson attack against an electrical substation near the metro station of Bassa Came. Line A is disrupted, while the rest of the metro traffic is strongly hindered on the whole network.

2/6, Paris. A demonstration against “police violence” turns into riots. Despite the citizenry crying and shouting: broken windows of banks, supermarkets, shops and a police station, construction machinery set ablaze. Damages estimated over 1 million euros.

2/6, Montbéliard (Doubs). Riots in a neighborhood. Many CCTV destroyed and a car set on fire on the parking lot of Numerica, the regional industrial zone for technology. A few weeks later, again riots erupt in the same area.

3/6, Bure (Meuse). "A small group" claims an arson attack against a drilling of Andre alongside the rail tracks which are being renovated to transport nuclear waste to the future underground stock facility Cigéo.

3/6, Rimon-et-Savel (Drôme). The technical box near the emitter mast of TDF is set ablaze. Thousands of users are disconnected from television as well as from the mobile phone network.

3/6, Saint-Pierre-Quiberon (Morbihan). The construction site of a future cell tower disguised as a tree is sabotaged. The saboteurs wrecked the threaded shanks in the concrete platform.

3/6, Saint-Afrique (Aveyron). The entrance hall of the City Hall is set on fire.

6/6, Sainte-Mère-Eglise (Manche). During the official commemoration of D-Day, someone shot down (two rounds of a hunting rifle).

6/6, Metz (Moselle). During a demonstration against “police violence”, riots erupt and the entrance gate of the Courthouse is set on fire. A public prosecutor is sent to hospital after being hit by a stone.

11/6, Flourens (Haute-Garonne). Around noon, a cell tower is set ablaze in the east of Toulouse. Clients of the operators Orange and SFR are cut off from the mobile phone network.

12/6, Beauchamp (Val-d'Oise). The mobile phone relay fixed on the bell tower of the church is set ablaze.

18/6, Foix (Ariège). A police car is set on fire in front of the police station.

19/6, Pechbusque (Haute-Garonne). Arson against a cell tower.

22/6, Erquy (Côtes-d'Armor). Unknown persons try to set ablaze e car of RTE, the company managing the high tension lines, during the day, while two engineers of RTE were on a prospect tour for the construction of a future wind farm.

29/6, Nantes (Loire-Atlantique). A car of the city program for car sharing is set on fire. “Neither justice nor peace. For anarchy!”, says the claim in solidarity with the anarchists arrested in Italy during “Operation Bialystok.”

July 2020

6/7, Melun (Seine-et-Marne). Arson of the social center of the City Services.

Full Moon / Black Out: first attempt

At times there are doubts among us. Some have few. Others none.

Could we face the consequences of a large scale black out? The dead, the chaos it would cause? Would we ourselves be able to survive such a transformation of the world? Perhaps not.

But leaving the world as it is, is even more unbearable, submitting to the blackmail that it would be even worse if the human and technological institutions were not there to manage our lives on our behalf, rather than accept taking risks by acting.

It is not a question of silencing all doubts. It is a question of being able to act anyway. Understanding that if our actions have any impact, if they undoubtedly cause some harm to beings we didn’t target, our passivity is just as murderous.

The so-much-spoken-of hospitals, cement ant-hills where devastated bodies and good intentions pile up that need to be protected at all costs because they make it possible «to save lives», need electricity supply and other raw materials in order to function, which definitely kill.

The technological peace drip-fed to the masses is a lie. The connected world is built on a mass grave and feeds on the dead and destruction. And the beautiful images of tablets in schools and care homes won’t change anything. The aperitifs on Skype taste of blood. The doubts we might have are traces of the humanist and State masquerade telling us that the system is indispensable to us. That everything carries on in the best way in the best possible world, and that it would be irresponsible for a few individuals to act selfishly by harming what belongs to all. This is not the time for a debate on selfishness. Our desire is to smash
6/7, Clisson (Loire-Atlantique). Arson attack against a McDonalds. A part of the roof goes up in flames.

7/7, Varces (Isère). Twenty shots are fired with an automatic rifle against the cars of the prison administration parked in front of the prison.

8/7, Borgo (Corsica). Three cars of prison screws are set ablaze on the parking lot of the prison.

12/7, Saint-Herblain (Loire Atlantique). Arson attack against 6 trucks of advertisement company JCDecaux on the premises of the company. Claimed by “Anarchist Direct Action”.

15/7, Alès (Gard). Two cars of the Prison Administration are smashed up on the closed parking lot of the Prison Administration.

27/7, Fresnes (Val-de-Marne). In the morning, a molotov is thrown against the car of a prison screw parked in front of the prison.

27/7, Pornic (Loire-Atlantique). Three police cars parked inside the premises of the Gendarmerie barracks are set on fire. A 21-old person is arrested.

29/7, Lille (Nord). Seven cars of prison screws are set on fire on the parking lot in front of the prison, after a stolen vehicle was used to ram the gate.

31/7, Blanzay (Vienne). Arson attack against a measurement tower of a future wind farm.

August 2020

1/8, Hauterives (Drôme). Arson against a cell tower.

5/8, Montereau-Fault-Yonne (Seine-et-Marne). Five cars of the technical services of the social housing company HLM Confluence Habitat are set ablaze.

7/8, Vauchamps (Marne). Sabotage against a measurement tower of 110 meters high for a future wind farm: the tower crashed to the ground.

22/8, Blois (Loir-et-Cher). Seven boxes (“mutualisation points”) for fiber optics are sabotaged: 1000 households are cut off from the internet on the telephone.

24/8, Paris. Windows broken and paint thrown at the Embassy of Belarus, claimed in solidarity with the prisoners “In Belarus, Italy, Germany and elsewhere.”

24/8, Trappes (Yvelines). Fifteen boxes (“mutualisation points”) for fiber optics are sabotaged: 5000 households are cut off from the networks.

25/8, Les Lilas (Seine-Saint-Denis). The offices of the Red Cross are smashed. From the claim: “In France as in Italy, the Red Cross collaborates and makes money with the deportation machine. Solidarity with Carla! Fuck prison!”

25/8, Paris. A van of the building company Eiffage (which also builds prisons) is set on fire. Claimed by “Anarchists”: “A special thought for Monica and Francisco in Chile.”

27/8, Paris. A vehicle of the building company Vinci (which also builds prisons) is set ablaze. Claimed by “mecheros solidarios”, in solidarity with Gabriel Pombo Da Silva.

For us it will always be preferable to act with possible doubts rather than let the latter feed a sense of impotence.

Because out of our impotence our death will come, and what we want more than anything is to live. To live by returning the blows we receive. To live without the human and technological mediation that is imposing itself between us and the rest of the world. And when we become aware of being conditioned, when we think of all the horror the world generates, our doubts matter little.

We attacked the electricity grid because today, without it, this civilization would collapse. We don't desire to return to some time in the past. We have no illusions about the fact that some civilizations were built without electricity. All we know is that this one relies on it so much as to be unable to do without it. And that this is one of its weak points. And even if we are its offspring, and it couldn’t be otherwise, we are struggling to kill the germs it was able to leave in us. We are struggling against our domestication, our submission to norms, our cowardice and our love of security.

But we use some of the instruments it provides us with. Because it is no longer possible for rebels to communicate by smoke signals, and we are still interested in putting words to our actions, which can reach those who wish to read them, and can also be a considerable component of our attacks against docility, the people who create it and those who defend it. The acts of destruction around us in recent times are many.

Thank you brave hands that refuse to be confined in times when even part of the “radical” movement want to see us shut at home because it is more important to be “safe” than to try to be free.

Thank you to those for whom writing means something because it is necessary to share our thoughts so that our acts resound with the intentions that animate us. Because the fact of reading texts calling for attack, sharp analyses and claims plays a part in modelling our ideas, conceiving new strategies of attack. Besides, that is the reason for wanting to inscribe our attack in the call to conflict launched by the text “In May do what you like: a call to conflict”, whose numerous questions we have made our own, to which, with our
attack, we wanted to give some elements of response. Because, whatever you say about it, these texts come out of the dematerialized horror of the Internet to nourish debates, reflections and give strength to the living.

Attempts are made, sometimes without even knowing exactly what one will come up against. The only thing we do know is that through our acts things won't remain intact.

We chose to attack an electricity transformer without knowing what damage we would cause, but hoping for beautiful electric arcs, a lot of smoke and fewer lights to give space to the full moon. We need nothing else to brighten us up and artificial lights are an offence to the beauty of the night.

As we were approaching the site, in the Aubenas area, we carried with us the imaginary memory of all the tormented souls who have rebelled against the civilizations that tried to destroy their wild lives. We set fire to six spots, mainly on cables assembled beneath cement slabs, noisy but easy to lift. We took care not to touch metal structures and apart from some slight discomfort, a buzzing sensation in the head, nothing serious happened to us as we walked around the terminal point of three high voltage lines. As we were leaving the site, our bodies tensed with adrenaline and smiles under our scarfs, the fires had caught well.

Unfortunately the artificial lights surrounding us didn’t go out. We will probably never know what damage was done to the electricity network because the media didn’t mention it. One more reason for us to do it ourselves, as not to give them the opportunity to silence our efforts.

Presumably, neither the city nor the surrounding valleys suffered much damage. Too bad! We tried. The only real way to know where it is good to attack is to try everywhere. We have no doubts about the fact that there will be further attempts.

Our hearts are burning with the desire to extinguish the monster-machine once and for all. Because hatred and disgust for the civilized human mass seep through all the pores of our skin. Because only lights we like at night are those of flames and reflections of the moon.

28/8, Lille (Nord). Windows smashed at the HQ of the Socialist Party. From the claim: “We send our solidarity and affection to everybody who, like ourselves, choose direct action. Long live anarchy!”

30/8, Châtenoy-le-Royal (Saône-et-Loire). The offices and technical spaces behind the City Hall are set on fire.

September 2020

4/9, Cannes (Alpes-Maritimes). A police car is set ablaze in front of the police station.

4/9, Marseille (Bouches-du-Rhône). Two boxes with incendiary devices are discovered under the cars of prison screws working in a juvenile prison.

5/9, Pact (Isère). Arson of a cell tower next to the high speed train line. The sabotage disrupts also the high speed train traffic during a part of the day, since the cell tower was used by the rail operator for its communications.

7/9, Liancourt (Oise). A car of a prison screw is set on fire in front of the prison.

9/9, Villers-Cotterêts (Aisne). Two hangars of the state company for the forests ONF (which exploits and controls the forests) are set ablaze in the afternoon and totally destroyed.

10/9, Alsace. Fourteen people close to the Yellow Vest movement are arrested and accused of arson against nine different cell towers in the first months of the year.

11/9, Maubeuge (Nord). Two vehicles of the Penitentiary Service for Insertion and Probation (SPIP) are set ablaze on the parking lot in front of the prison.

12/9, Bron (Rhône). The offices of the social housing company Lyon Métropole Habitat are set on fire.

15/9, Feurs (Loire). Two garbage containers are set ablaze in front of the temporary work agency Ergalis. The agency is damage by the flames.

19/9, Cavaillon (Vaucluse). The research department of the Saint-Gobain, a company developing products for the Defence sector and of which a big stockholder is one of the richest families of Chile, is targeted by two incendiaries. The 200 employees are evacuated. The attack is claimed “in solidarity with the prisoners of the revolt in Chile” and with the imprisoned anarchists “Monica and Francisco”.

22/9, Besançon (Doubs). An anarchist is arrested and accused of arson against a cell tower. He is currently [April 2021] still in pre-trail detention.

22/9, Paris. A car with a diplomatic numberplate is set on fire by “Anarchists”, in solidarity with the accused anarchists of the “Operation Scripta Manent” in Italy.

23/9, Toulouse (Haute-Garonne). Arson attack against a cell tower. From the claim of the attack: “We also send a message of solidarity to those being accused in the struggle against the exploitation of the living.”

Offspring of Disaster
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23/9, Marmagne (Saône-et-Loire). Second arson in a month against a construction site done by Colas, part of the company Bouygues, an industrial building company which also builds prisons.

23/9, Montereau-Fault-Yonne (Seine-et-Marne). A hundred rioters, revolted by the ongoing transformations in the neighborhood, set ablaze five construction machines and a class room of the “Digital Academy”.

24/9, La Talaudière (Loire). Two cars of prisons screws are set ablaze on the parking lot of the prison.

26/9, Avrainville (Meurthe-et-Moselle). The golf course is sabotaged two times: first by disabling the automatic water sprayers, then by cutting its tubes.

29/9, Borgo (Corsica). The stud of a prison screw is set ablaze on her property.

30/9, Montereau-Fault-Yonne (Seine-et-Marne). A van and construction machinery are set ablaze on the premises of the Technical City Services.

November 2020

6/10, Aubenas (Ardèche). The frontside of the offices of the state manager of the forests, ONF, are put on fire. The attack is claimed against the exploitation of the living and concludes with “courage to all those in prisons for their ideas or their acts.”

6/10, Rancon (Haute-Vienne). A telephone splitter relay and a cell tower are set ablaze. From the claim of the attack: « Waves, antennas and satellites, colonisation of every square centimeter, technological virus, contamination of the sky, industrialization of the world, that’s the real pandemic making us sick.”

13/10, Vescovato (Corsica). Two cars of a couple of prison screws are set on fire in front of their house.

19/10, Saint-Donat-sur-l’Herbasse (Drôme). Arson attack against the building harboring a fiber optic junction point (NRA). Internet, telephone and mobile phone networks are down in the surrounding villages.

23/10, Montgiscard (Haute-Garonne). Arson against a cell tower. From the claim of the attack: “Let’s bring out our oil lamps to lighten up the darkness of a dystopic world.”

31/10, Fontainais-sur-Saône (Rhône). A police car parked on the premises of the Gendarmerie barracks is set ablaze during the night.

[29/10 : Second lockdown of the whole country.]

October 2020

2/11, Toulouse (Haute-Garonne). Arson against a 5G cell tower in the middle of the Science campus of the University. The tower burns completely and comes crashing down a few hours later.

9/11, Montbéliard (Doubs). A truck of Sogea, part of the industrial building company Vinci, is set ablaze in the afternoon.

9/11, Couzeix/Ponteix (Haute-Vienne). A fiber optic cable is taken down from a pole and cut. 5000 clients are cut off from the internet and the mobile phone network.

Vacuum-sealed life or insubordination?

Every day of your life, your body says things. And your body can’t lie. Do you hear the sound of engines, the hum of drones, helicopters…the flickering of neon lights, streetlights? How many hours a day do you spend in front of a TV screen? Computer screen? Tablet? Smartphone? Behind a window? Windshield? Does it bother you when windows don’t open? Does air conditioning solve the problem? Do programs, apps, algorithms guide your life? How many hours a day do you sleep? And more importantly, what is the quality of your sleep? Are you still aware of the stimuli that surround you? How do you react to sound, light, heat, touch? Is music a way to fill the silence or to provoke emotions? How many of your emotions need alcohol or other drugs to express themselves? Do you do a lot of different movements with your body? Are you discovering new ones, new amplitudes? How do you feel affected by the constant onslaught of sounds? artificial voices? videos? advertisements? advertising slogans? What perpetual feelings of urgency do they create? Do you need moments of contemplation? Do you remember how it feels? How far can you look? If it’s only a few dozen meters away, what state of mind do you think it creates? How do you feel affected by the crowd? How much space does your body need? How do you
feel affected by the size of the room you live in? by the number of right angles? by the number of parallel lines, square, geometric shapes?

Do you need to see the sky? to see water? to see trees? animals?

Is that why you have a dog? a cat? potted plants? a balcony? go to the park?

Where does your food come from?

What’s your relationship to it? Do you think what you ingest is good for you?

Do you remember the last time you ate something that didn’t come from a supermarket?

How long can you go without knowing what time it is?

How do you feel affected by the wait? Waiting in line, waiting in traffic, waiting to pee, waiting to learn how to discipline your needs?

How do you feel affected by the repression of your desires? formatting, denial or sexual frustration from childhood? fear or competition with people of the same sex as you? sexuality as a means of reproduction/control?

Is pleasure dangerous? Can danger be joyful?

Do you sometimes feel on the verge of going completely out of control?

Don’t you think that should have been the signal?

On the night of May 17-18, 2020, we burned down the Haute-Jarrie relay antenna. At least two other relay antennas were attacked simultaneously around Grenoble.

Relay antennas are among all the intruders that disfigure the landscape. They are used for mass communication, soon even in the most remote places. Currently, the 5G installations are deployed for this purpose. The babble and chatter of the masses and the perpetual hype reveal the true communication vacuum as much as the absence of real communication. But there can be no true communication without true “social relations”. The sham social relations of social networks are a clear indication of this. The existential emptiness of an era can thus be measured, in particular, by the incessant communicational void that fills it.

But we do not want a world in which the guarantee of being able to communicate at a distance, constantly and everywhere, is exchanged for the fact that we can be constantly monitored and controlled.

10/11, Les Déserts (Savoie). A construction machine working on the building of an artificial lake for the artificial snow cannons of the ski resort La Féclaz is sabotages: its cables are cut and its cabin is set ablaze. A few days later, the technical room of the biathlon stadium is set ablaze.

11/11, Saint-Miéhiel (Meuse). The shooting range of the Gendarmerie, the police and the prison screws is set ablaze and burned to the ground. Several weapons have been reported stolen.

14/11, Mandeville/Saint-Dié-des-Bois (Eure). Two fiber optics boxes (“mutualisation points”) are set ablaze. Both villages are cut off from internet and telephone.

16/11, Assieu/La Chapelle-de-Surieu (Isère). An excavator of the company Bouygues is set ablaze. From the claim of the attack: « against the attempt of digitalizing and monetizing of existence, ” in which this company participates through 5G and smart city projects.

24/11, La Southeraine (Creuse). During the night, three ATM’s, the payment terminals of a gas station and the interphone of the Gendarmerie barracks are smashed. One arrest.

26/11, Montbron (Charente). Four school buses are set on fire. In the morning, a person is arrested at his parents place after a denunciation.

27/11, Cergy-Pontoise (Val-d’Oise). Arson against a fiber optics junction, internet and telephone down in the area.

27/11, Cahors (Lot). Four molotovs are thrown on the parking lot of the police station. Two personal cars of cops and one patrol car are destroyed.

28/11, Rillieux-la-Pape (Rhône). About fifteen attackers take on the police station with stones and heavy fireworks. Three police cars are damaged, as well as the windows of the police station. Next evening, another attack puts the fourth remaining police car out of use.

December 2020

1/12, Avirey-Lingey (Aube). Sabotage against a new cell tower which established in April mobile phone connection in this former « white zone ». All networks down in the area for several weeks.

1/12, Marseille (Bouches-du-Rhône). Arson attack against the second biggest emitter site of France, owned by TDF. Three and a half million people are cut off from television (132 channels) and radio in the whole south-east of France during more than a week. Mobile phone networks are heavily disrupted for several days. The arson targeted the 150 meter high mast and the technical room which was completely destroyed.

3/12, Roybon (Isère). During a nightly raid, the windows of about ten shops and institutions are smashed in this village. The raid comes after the eviction of the occupation of a forest nearby against the building of a Center Parks, largely supported
by a majority of people from this village.

7/12, Saint-Germain-du-Puy (Cher). Garbage containers are moved, placed in front of the technical spaces of the commercial center and set on fire. The arson damages the electricity system and forces a shutdown of the center.

9/12, Fréjus (Alpes-Maritimes). 18 pleasure boats are set on fire, on two separate docks in the harbor of Saint-Aygulf.

10/12, Montdidier (Oise). A prison screw working at Liangcourt prison is attacked in front of her house and in correspondence prison on the accusation of burning cell towers, as well as to all other persons in prison for rebelling against this world”.

[15/12 : End of the second lockdown, replaced by a generalised night curfew]

19/12, Saint-Germain-sur-Morin (Seine-et-Marne). The electricity cables feeding the fiber optics boxes are cut. No internet access anymore for over three weeks.

22-30/12, Créteil (Val-de-Marne). A first arson attack damages about ten vehicles and some motorcycles in the underground parking lot of the building where employees of the Ministry of Interior and the Police Prefecture live. Eight days later, another arson takes out three more motorcycles.

24/12, Emerainville (Seine-et-Marne). Early in the evening, a police car is set on fire in front of the police station.

24/12, Laon (Aisne). A car of a prison screw parked in front of the prison is set on fire.

24/12, Ambarès-et-Lagrave (Gironde). 27 vans of the company Warning, in charge of Amazon deliveries, are set on fire during the night and completely destroyed. All vans had been opened with an angle grinder (but they were empty).

26/12, Marly (Nord). A garbage container is placed against the entrance of a police station and set on fire. The flames damage the entrance hall.

January 2021

Apart from the fools who rejoice in a world and a life that are “increased” and do not realize – or accept – that they are exchanging an ever-increasing quantity of constraints for an ever more appalling quality of life. It is nothing more than existence dressed in the hateful rags of a vacuum-sealed life.

In the vacuum-sealed world, in addition to being colonized by human beings, to being covered with asphalt scars, in addition to the destruction of so many other forms of life that it shelters, etc., the earth, across all its expanses, is equipped and squared (among many others) by telecommunications facilities. Even across the sky, which is cut by so many air transport journeys, it is no longer just constellations of stars but constellations of satellites that crisscross space. Radioactivity, electromagnetic waves, pollution and viruses of all kinds are the increasingly polluted oxygen of the 21st century.

That with the awareness of all this this world makes one think of an “open-air prison” is not surprising. All the more so when the current pandemic has allowed and will continue to allow the State to put us, through confinement, in solitary confinement – admittedly personalized for the most part. For those who still doubted it, the prison system is therefore the punitive aspect of this governmental organization of life. An organisation that will soon lead to widespread surveillance and control of the masses thanks to artificial intelligence, cameras and smartphones with facial recognition, all via the close network of the internet.

Confinement has shown enough that telecommunications are central to the lives of “people” to the point of accepting self-enclosure. While some people, with their window displays (“procession”, “demonstration”…), have chosen its simulacrum, others have (continued to) propagate the revolt by tagging, breaking, sabotaging, setting fires.

For what choices are left in this world? That of the vacuum-sealed life whose concerns are the new gadget to buy, the new app to download? Or that of insubordination and revolt, whose concerns are the sensitive experiences lived according to ones ideas, individual fulfilment stripped of as many societal constraints as possible…?

Insubordination is to withdraw from this vacuum-sealed life.

Bats Transmitting Fire
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One a day, the cell towers continue to burn

Usually stingy with this kind of information that could inspire more attacks, cell phone operators now regularly break the silence. Their relay antennas are facing a wave of sabotage and degradations all over France. According to the latest figures provided and let us doubt their reliability, the deceptive game of numbers, we know it – more than fifty relay antennas have been permanently put out of service by, mostly by arson. And without wishing to speculate on the extent of the phenomenon, it seems quite likely that these numbers are lower than the reality.

In the age of information technology, information management is crucial. Operators are sounding the alarm and are now working closely with law enforcement to stem the tide of attacks against antennas. It is probably not so much the cost of repairs (again, the figures are misleading: what for the average person is a fortune is a pittance for a company) that has them panicking, but rather the latent danger of repeated outages of communication systems. The new world emerging from the more classical industrialism is indeed the world of communication and information technologies. A world of invisible but omnipresent ghosts, orchestrating production, control, exploitation, numbness. Telework, which has had a surge during the “health crisis”, is only a foretaste of what is in store for us: the reduction to a minimum of the spatial and temporal obstacles that slow down the productive race. And the primary objectives of this technological offensive are as much the increase and perfection of production, the realization of an ever more capillary control of behavior, as the human being himself. Without being directed by a small morbid club, it is a process that shapes the human being in order to adapt, modify and flatten him. A mass production of beings that are ever more alienated, ever more stupid, ever more enslaved, but with-

The chains are less visible, but certainly not less real, quite the contrary. If at the beginning of the new wave of sabotage (because this is certainly not the first time that cell towers are targeted!), everything was done to portray the anonymous saboteurs as conspirators inspired by some video on the internet, today the tone has changed. They talk about anarchists, opponents of technology, libertarian maquis, technophobes. Law enforcement agencies have set up a national cell, called Oracle, to coordinate the investigations concerning the sabotage of telecommunication infrastructures while the operators are maneuvering to defuse any criticism of their domain. The president of the French Federation of Telecommunications, the employers’ association of telecommunications companies, “wants a debate to take place in the country on technology”. This is a good example of how today’s domination prefers to proceed, a specialty particularly appreciated in the “great French Republic”, cradle of the “public debate” all costs. This may remind us of the “public debate” around the introduction of genetically modified organisms more than a decade ago. Decréd as “Frankenstein food”, GMOs were met with numerous mow-downs of experimental fields and sabotage of laboratories. There was nothing to bargain with, nothing to negotiate: no means no. Fortunately, there was this “public debate”, allowing all the stars of the protest to express themselves, sometimes face to face, with the defenders of GMOs. It was beautiful, it was “really interesting” and it was useless: smoke and mirrors, confusion, democratization applied in good doses to the naive and the aspiring managers.

We don’t care about any “debate”, we have been discussing, deepening, sharing, confronting to understand this world for years. We don’t care about any “public debate”, because for years we have been trying to choose ourselves the deadlines of our hostilities, of our reflections, of our attacks, thus realizing an autonomy of thought and action that the State fears perhaps more than anything. The mosaic of attacks against telecommunication infrastructures is taking shape underground. It is uncontrollable, because it recognizes no leader, no spokesperson, no founding text, no ideological rigidity established forever. It is agile, because it calls upon individuals, and not upon social groups, organizations, or centralizing points of fixation. Its rhythm, its extension, its retreat depend on nothing else, on nothing else, than the will, the desires, the projections of those who go out at night to burn these watchtowers of a world we want to erase. Each burning relay antenna is a challenge against this world, but also a challenge to each and every one of us.

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Artis
### February 2021

2/2, L’Arbresle (Rhône). Arson against a fiber optics box: all internet and telephone in the area goes down.

3/2, Yutz (Moselle). Sabotage of a fiber optics cable connecting a cell tower. 52 other cell towers, depending on this cell tower, go down. All mobile phone networks go blank for several days in the area around the city of Thionville.

5/2, Noisy-le-Sec (Seine-Saint-Denis). A show house of the real estate promoter Interconstruction is smashed up. A tag is left on site: “Against the city of the rich.”

11/1, Les Cars (Haute-Vienne). A transmitter of Télévision de France (TDF) of 230 meters high is set on fire. 1.5 million people are disconnected from radio, television and telephone. A second arson destroys a cell tower a few hundred meters further, while a third fire against another transmitter structure doesn’t spread. No more television for over a week. Attacks are claimed by a “Committee for the abolition of 5G and it’s world”, declaring “war on 5G”.

11/1, Cugnaux (Haute-Garonne). A neighborhood is disconnected from internet and television since two weeks after a sabotage of a fiber optics cable.

12/2, Le Thor (Vaucluse). “A self-made device” is discovered in front of the company Circet, specialized in telecommunications, fiber optics and currently the installing of 5G. The area is evacuated. The device was not fake, but apparently its fuse didn’t work.

13/2, Gorron (Mayenne). The technical workshop of the City Services are partly burned to the ground.

### Arson attack against the offices of the National Forest Agency

I heard it said that forests need to be “managed”. Worse still, that they need to be “cleaned”.

I heard that forests should be “organised”, become more profitable, accessible, attractive. That people should walk in them on Sundays, on safe wide paths, dogs on leashes, picnics on the tables provided.

I heard forests need to be “protected”. In other words, “controlled”.

I heard that trees should be planted in rows to produce notebooks for uninteresting notes, insipid books, stupidifying magazines and the shelves to put them on.

I heard it was necessary to support forests, through ecological laws and parties, and that they were the means to defend them from wicked industrialists.

I heard that dead wood should not be picked up so as not to disturb the fragile ecosystem.

I heard one must not go off the beaten path so as not to damage the plants.

I heard that walking alone in the forest could be “dangerous”.

I heard one mustn’t light fires because it could destroy the forest. But cutting all the trees down, no problem?

I heard that you could go to supermarkets during lockdown but not pick flowers. At other times you need permission. Not from the plants, dear simple people, but from the public administration.

I heard I should be glad that there are “natural parks”.

I heard forests had owners. That these owners were not its inhabitants with fur, feathers and bark.

I heard that these inhabitants had to be regulated through hunting quotas.

I heard that dogs must be kept on a leash, but humans – who have a State permit – can kill at leisure, with weapons so sophisticated they don’t even question what their prey is.

I heard it was necessary to raise awareness of “respect for nature” among young people made to grow up surrounded by concrete.

I heard it said that an ultra high-tech society could be “green”.

I heard that the term “sustainable” and “ecological” means destroying 99% of the trees in a plot, digging 40 cm deep grooves in the mud, and of the
Iron monsters, fed with petrol, that are needed to do all that. I heard the sound of falling trees, the machines raizing them to the ground, the roar of the 4 x 4s of the forest “protectors”.

I heard that sawmills could be “self-managed”. The exploitation of timber optimized, for a good cause, “alternative”.

I heard that trees need to be planted in order to save the human species.

I heard you could plant a tree by buying a packet of pasta.

I heard that trees could cure cancer. But who will cure them of our presence?

So I covered my ears and screamed. Screamed so loud that the leaves of the trees shuddered. Screamed so long that my voice and others’ dried up. Once silence returned, I remembered other things I had learned.

I have learned that forest control means population control, control over my life.

I have learned that the human being is stupid, cowardly, ignorant or sadly realistic. That when they are hit twice they convince themselves it is for their own good, or rejoice that they didn’t get a third. That they are even proud to have left their “natural state”. Big step forward!

I have learned that I don’t just love forests for their wealth of life, death and what’s in between, for what they are, that my repulsion for their fate isn’t just empathy but that my own possibilities are also restricted, controlled, rigged, destroyed.

Then I remembered the acts of sabotage against the destruction of forests. Machinery vandalized, sawmills burned down, humans attacked.

I remembered that I could act and not just go deaf and blind to protect myself. So I took part in an incendiary attack on the National Forestry Office, in Aubenas, in the night between 5th and 6th October [2020].

Certainly a ridiculously small act in the face of the destruction all over the planet of what is still alive in this world. But it is an act that wants to signify more than its immediate impact. That’s why I am writing this, to prevent it from becoming just another piece of news ignored by the media. Because it also means that it is possible to self organize to attack this society of management, control and exploitation directly. A society found in our constructed behaviour, which must be fought, but also in the institutions, that we must not forget to attempt to destroy.

A greeting, on this occasion, to those who have not forgotten to attack, to not submit, to reflect and keep on trying.

Courage to those in prison for their ideas or their acts.

16/2, Gigors-et-Lozeron (Drôme). The technical building next to a TDF transmitter mast is set on fire, cutting off internet and mobile phone to hundreds of clients in the area.

17/2, Crest (Drôme). Arson attack against a fiber distribution station: the attackers break a window before setting fire to the installations. In the whole valley, the internet and telephone goes down for several days, and for some areas, several weeks. All payment terminals and ATM’s are also out of use. Gendarmerie announces they are reinforcing protection of “sensible structures” in the area.

18 and 20/1, Brézins/Sassenage (Isère). Double arson attack against the company Constructel, specialized in the installation and building of telecommunication networks and fiber optics. In Brézins, six vehicles and a stock of drums with cables are set on fire during the night. In Sassenage, an electrical substation of a cell tower on the site of the company is set ablaze, as well as drums of fiber optics and a truck. See the claim “What if the cable stocks went up in flames?”.

18/12, Montreuil (Seine-Saint-Denis). A truck of Axians, part of the Vinci Group dedicated to telecommunication infrastructure (as well inside as outside prisons) is smashed up in solidarity with the squat Rigaer94 in Berlin, threaten with eviction.

22/2, Saint-Denis-de-Palin (Cher). Sabotage of a measurement tower for a future industrial wind farm. The 104 meters high tower crashes to the ground after its cables holding it in place were cut.

22/2, Guipavas (Finistère). An arson attack destroys the cables of a cell tower. All radio and mobile phone networks around the city of Brest go down for half a day.

24/2, Bron (Rhône). While the mayor is speaking at an event about social inclusion, his car is smashed up.

26/2, Mulhouse (Haut-Rhin). A police car and another car parked in front of the police station are set on fire. A week later, two minors are arrested and one of them is sent to juvenile prison.

28/2, Montreuil (Seine-Saint-Denis). “Anarchists who wake up early” claim the arson of a van of the building company Eiffage, known for its participation in the building of prisons. Attack in solidarity with “the prisoners who resist” and the communist prisoner D. Koufontinas on hungerstrike in Greek prison.

28/2, Pierrelatte (Drôme). Arson against fiber optic cables in a manhole of France Télécom. Internet goes down in tens of small cities and areas of three departments (Drôme, Ardèche and Vaucluse). Electronic payment terminals also go down. The repairs take more than a week. End of March, a person of 52 years old, “anti-5G activist”, is arrested for this arson and a cell tower in the same area and convicted to three years.

28/2, Château-Arnoux-Saint-Auban (Alpes-de-Haute-Provence). Arson attack against a building an 4x4 of the company GMS, part of Scopelec, primary installer of 5G in the region. A tag, “3,4,5G Boom!” is left on the spot. From the claim of the attack: “Teleworking, digital cage... boom!

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Obedience, brainwashing... boom! Screens, chips, tracking... boom! Smartphone, smart home, smart city... boom! Green technologies, grey lives... boom! Military industry, energy industry, industry itself... boom! Always connected, always more morons... boom! [...] Strength and courage to all those who attack without waiting. War to the techno world. We will strike again and again.

PS but also: Creativity + determination = boom / preparation + daring = boom / love + anarchy = boom”

Freedom, mon amour...

In the department of Val-de-Marne [southern suburb of Paris], the firm OMMIC, one of the European leaders in the sector of semiconductors and integrated circuits, can be found.

We heard them boasting about their circuits, which accompany the emitters and receivers of phone repeaters.

We heard them boasting about being specialists in the conception and production of integrated circuits III-V, in arsenide and gallium nitrate, components used mainly in telecommunication equipment, army radars and aerospace satellites.

We heard them boasting of being the first to produce components specially conceived to address frequencies comprised between 28 and 32 Ghz for clients in the space and military sectors.

We heard them boasting about being one of the rare world companies to possess this technology and about having signed contracts with numerous international builders in order to supply the market of base stations and small-cells, necessary to the development of 5G.

We heard them boasting about the fact they are developing the technologies for the next 10 years.

Recently, we heard them congratulating their partners Thalès, CNES [Centre national d’études spatiales, national centre of spatial studies] and NASA, after robot “Perseverance” landed on Mars. They want to persevere in the conquest of space. We are among those who want to persevere in the struggle against the technological conquest of the world and of our lives.

On the contrary, we didn’t hear them after, on Saint Valentine’s night on the 14th of February, when we set fire to one of their buildings, which hosts laboratories where they elaborate and build their precious magic objects.

For freedom
What if the cable stocks went up in flames?

We claim the double incendiary attack on the firm Constructel, in the department of Isère. First at the municipality of Brézins and, 48 hours later, in Grenoble.

In the two places we burned vehicles (half a dozen), a phone repeater and above all set fire to reels of cables for antennas and optic fibre cables, which, apart from anything else, burn really well.

In both cases, fire was started right outside the sheds and only the rapid intervention of the fire fighters prevented it from spreading to the other buildings.

If it makes sense to us to target those who install, repair and supply these cables, it is not to protest against 5G in particular, but is a question of struggling against the techno-world in a wider sense.

We can’t remain spectators in the face of this mega-machine which is extending everywhere, pillaging, destroying, measuring and controlling everything living.

We are no longer interested in complaining endlessly about the impossibility of winning, nor have the illusion of being able to subvert certain technologies, “hack” the machine (something which can be pertinent on certain occasions in the context of a wider multiform conflict, but which certainly cannot be an aim in itself).

Targeting cables means taking on the search for less directly visible targets, but which could become particularly interesting if combined with others.

What could happen, in a context where phone repeaters are regularly targeted, if the supplies of cables were also burnt?

We want to greet all the arsonists who at this moment are acting in the shadows and inflicting a series of blows on the technological inferno.

We also want to thank those who, besides being hotheads, are keeping their cool, preparing and reflecting on the means of their actions; they inspire us with their struggles and reflections.

We want to send a thought full of strength to the comrades in Italy, who, in spite of systematic and hard repression continue to keep the flame alive.

Finally, we want to give a special thought in solidarity to the 7 people under investigation for terrorism *, the words of their friends and the acts they are accused of speak to us (their innocence or guilt doesn’t interest us here). Because you need courage to get out of false obviousness and the movementist logic, ever awaiting the umpteenth social movement.

Because you need courage to practice, create your own timing, choose when and how to face the enemy, and on what terrain.

Because you need courage to embrace your own ideas and practice of revolt in this flat, uniform and grey world.

You need courage, but it is the most beautiful path.

The catastrophe is not when everything stops, but when everything continues as before.

War on the techno-industrial system and its normality.

Some lycanthropes
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To monotonously live the mouldy hours of the ordinary people, the submissive, the accommodated, a life of convenience, is not living, it is only vegetating and carrying around an amorphous mass of flesh and bones. To life one should give the exquisite elevation of the rebellion of the arms and the mind.

Severino Di Giovanni,
January 10, 1929