

**May 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

**5:30 PM.**

**SAMPLE GATES.**

## **What is the *ECONOMY*?**

It's the **subjugation** of human creativity to the needs of profit. It's the **reduction** of quality and spread of ugliness as the logic of exchange eliminates inefficient pleasures. It's the **domination** of an industrial system that necessarily destroys the earth. It's the **homogenization** enforced by the global market. It's the billions of people **laboring** in slave-like conditions or actual slavery to support the illusion of 21<sup>st</sup> century technological modernity. It's the **precarity** that increasingly dictates the lives of even the most-privileged workers. It's the **racism** imposed in order to divide the oppressed. It's the more and more **transparent lie** that if we submit as good workers now, our futures and pensions will be guaranteed. It's the **police**, who inflict violence on those who won't submit. It's the **blackmail** that eliminates all human agency with the claim that we must follow the rules of the market.



## **What is a *GENERAL STRIKE*?**

It's the **interruption** of the normal functioning of the economy. It's **blocking** the profitable, deadening flows of commodities. It's **sabotaging** the gears necessary for the system's functioning. It's **attacking** those responsible for our oppression. It's **confronting** the defenders and false critics of the current paradigm. It's **struggling** in our everyday spaces (neighborhood, work, school, etc.). It's going out into the streets and **sharing** what we have left: rage, food, and dreams. It's using the entire arsenal of tools that the history of the oppressed has put at our disposal.

A general strike must be **self-organized**; otherwise it's self-parody.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is not the end, but a beginning. The destruction of the economy and the unleashing of human life is a long-term project that is up to all of us to elaborate. The diverse actions of this May Day in Bloomington are organized in sight of the wild general strikes and insurrections they prefigure.



**But this year: *WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER ON MAY 1ST IN THE STREETS!***

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