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WELCOME TO ISSUE NO.4!

Welcome to the fourth issue of *Front Line News!* It has been more than a year and a half since our last issue, and for this lengthy delay we send out our apologies. (Your patience is rewarded by this huge issue!) As many of you know, we've had our share of difficulties here in Toronto during this time, mainly dealing with the support for the five people who were arrested in January 1987. The arrests and subsequent, numerous court hearings and all the complications associated with that (which you will read about), have played a big part in our inability to foster enough energy to put out this issue. But, as we will always continue the struggle no matter what the state does, we continue our work in the **ALF Support Group**. In fact, we recognize now the even greater need for a Support Group, and an even greater need at this point in time for more people to get involved.

We have experienced some real practical difficulties in putting out this issue, also associated with the arrests. When the five were arrested, in their possession (and now as part of the 'evidence' against them), were some of the stories, letters and articles you will find in this issue. Other material which had been entered into the computer, was somehow 'lost' and had to be re-typed.

In this issue you will find an internal memo from the Department of Anatomy at Dalhousie University and an interview with an ALF person who went into the dentistry lab at the University of Toronto. Kenn Quayle is charged seperately with break and enter into the dentistry building in the February 1986 ALF raid *(see FLN #3)* even though Kenn was not even in Canada at the time of the action! The police, in their ambition to nail the five for as many ALF actions as possible, don't care about alibis or any real evidence. They will just present what they have to the courts, warp the information as best they can, and hope for the judge to agree with them. And so far the judge has. Not because the evidence is is believable, but because the judge recognizes the political case being made by the prosecution, and recognizes where he stands on the issues, which is obviously with the sleazy establishment.

It still comes as no surprise to us the number of charges for seperate ALF actions the five are facing. Toronto has seen a significant increase in direct action over the past few years, and it is the state's intentions to put a stop to it. One tactic used often around the world is to make examples of a few individuals. In their statement made to a judge to obtain search warrants for people's homes after the arrests, the police write in the first paragraph: "Since Oct. 1986 Metro police are closely monitoring the movements of a group known as the Animal Liberation Front. To date (Jan. 1987), 67 occurences have been recorded by the Metro police which through similar acts have been credited to this group." This calculation of 67 actions (though we have not received word about all of these) puts it at roughly 20 actions per month, during the period mentioned. By Toronto standards, this is a great deal of activity.

We hope you enjoy this issue, as we are all very excited and happy to see it finally published. We hope that your interest in the Animal Liberation Front and the Support Group's work is more than just a passive one, and that you will respond to the different ideas and information in this magazine.

Money, as always, is very much needed, and for those of you who haven't yet sent in your subscription ($10/year), or have not done so for a few years, we hope that you will be generous and help us out. Also, beginning with this issue there is now a cover price of $2.00. We would love to continue giving the magazine away for free, as we feel the information is unobtainable anywhere else in a single package, but we can no longer afford the cost of free distribution. Therefore, we are seeking your help in soliciting your local alternative/community bookstore or group to sell FLN on a consignment basis. Orders of 10 issues or more are available. The seller keeps fifty cents and sends us $1.50 for each copy sold. Individuals are welcome to place orders as well to sell or give away to friends and groups.

Over the past year there have been articles and information about the arrests, and pleas for money and support printed in numerous alternative publications. It is with the support of these papers which spread the views and information of the ALF that help the animal liberation community grow. We would like to say ***thanks*** to these publications by listing them here (in no particular order) with their addresses. If you want a sample copy of any you should send a buck or two to them.



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We would also like to thank the following individuals for their work and support. Needless to say, we can't list everyone, but you know who you are! Thanks to Michael S. and **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals** for their large, generous contributions to the Toronto Animal Rights Defence Fund. Thanks to Paul Avouris who is writing articles in Greek publications about the ALF, "...in a country where nobody seems to be interested." Thanks to Nicole for her work putting together a music benefit in San Francisco which raised $500. Also thanks to the people who donated their time and energy by playing there - *Christ On Parade, A State Of Mind, Caroliner Rainbow, Condemned Attitude,* and *Totentanz.* Thanks to Paul Watson, of the **Sea Shepherd** for coming to Toronto to do a fundraising lecture. He helped us raise $800. And a very special *Thankyou!* to Alice, who, as legal counsel and friend, enables the five activists to continue to get together to talk and share their lives, even if their time together is very limited.

Finally, a big ***Thanks*** to everyone who has contributed to the **Toronto Animal Rights Defence Fund** over the past year.

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liberation movement here in Toronto, the following being only a partial list:
- Attempts by the media to link **ARK II** (Canadian Animal Rights Network) to the ALF by use of implication and insinuation (ie: no facts);
- The non-stop barrage of attacks against the **Toronto Humane Society** in an effort to oust the legitimate, membership-elected Board of Directors, who happen to be activists rather than bureaucrats. These attacks include attempts by the media and a few THS Board members to link the activists Board members to the ALF;
- The **Ontario Humane Society's** attempts at convincing the Ontario government to seize control and funds of the THS, as well as a multitude of false claims and allegations made in the media in efforts to sway the public and government's opinions. (They have now withdrawn their legal participation but continue to be disruptive.)
- And most recently, a current federal government Senate committee investigation on "terrorism and public safety" interviewed a director of ARK II regarding ALF activity and animal activism in general. This committee's report tries to link the ALF with right-wing fascists.

The list goes on and on. What this all amounts to, is a reflection on the progression of the animal rights and animal liberation movements in North America, and in Toronto specifically. Unfortunately this level of success (in terms of increased activity and the resulting public awareness) brings more attacks against the movement. These provocations can only make us stronger.
Quoting from the Toronto five's letter:

"We strongly maintain our commitment to animal and human liberation... There is no question that we must continue our fight on behalf of all non-human species on our planet. The survival of all life depends on it."

On March 16th, 1987, the five went to court for a Bail Review hearing. Their curfews were lifted, and Jacquie, Linda and Gail are now allowed to associate. Kenn and David, however, are still restricted from communicating with each other or any of the other three. The prosecuting attorney told the judge that the men "were obviously in a leadership role," and that their communicating could be a danger to the public! We would like to make it very clear that this



ALF bite back

sexist nonsense created by the prosecution is an attempt to divide the activists. This will not deter them - they were arrested together, and they will stick together until this is over.

Fortunately, in July, they retained a very supportive law student (through their lawyers) to meet with them on a semi-regular basis, and start working on more fundraising. She shows her support by working for a nominal fee - thus not incurring additional legal costs. Thanks to her, this has greatly improved their spirits and their ability to deal with their current situation.

Finally, we need to recognize that this case is a 'first' for Canada. It is imperative we send a clear and unmistakable message to all those who willingly enforce a code of laws encouraging the abuse, exploitation and murder of other sentient beings, that our support systems are firmly in place. Not only will we always provide the best defence for our people, but we will do whatever else is necessary to ensure that activism on behalf of animal liberation continues to grow in this country.

An Update on the Situation

The results of the Preliminary hearing have been, not surprisingly, disappointing. The Prelim is the time when the prosecution is supposed to convince the judge that there is enough evidence, for each individual charge, to take that charge to trial. After four days in court, spread over a month, Judge Mercer claimed to not need time to think about his decision (with five accused, and 46 charges!), and he committed the five to trial on all charges. The judge later refused to give his reasons for the committal.

At the outset, several charges were not contested by the defence, those being: the 'mischief' charge against all five relating to the night of arrest outside the Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet; the 'disguise with intent' charge against the Jacquie, Linda and Gail, also relating to the night of arrest, and; the 'possession of stolen property' charge against David relating to evidence seized during a police raid following the arrests.

A charge of 'possession of burglary tools' against Linda, Gail and Jacquie was dropped by the Crown Attorney, Ed Geller, before the Preliminary hearing began. It seems that even he was surprised that many more charges were not dropped. A seperate charge against Kenn of 'break and enter' (relating to the Feb. 1986 raid on the University of Toronto Dentistry building) was heard on Jan. 26, 1988. Even though Kenn was out of the country during the ALF raid, the judge still managed to commit him to trial based on flimsy evidence. The activists were said to be in possession of material that connected Kenn to the raid. That material happens to be an interview with an ALF person who was involved in the dentistry raid, which is printed in this issue of *Front Line News*. It also happens that they were in possession of reams of material which was destined for the *FLN* . This is typical of the kind of (il)logic that the crown attorney and Judge Mercer have relied on throughout the Preliminary hearings.

Prosecutor Eddy Geller also insinuated that there was some sort of "central plan." The general argument was, that if the five were found guilty of one "crime", then it was somehow automatically reasonable to suggest that they were guilty of similar activities. To top this off, he attempted to lay 'conspiracy' charges against David and Kenn for the same actions that they are already charged for under 'mischief'! But this idea was even too much for Judge Mercer who ruled that the five could not be charged with more than one charge for only one "transaction". Saved from further abuse by a legal technicality!
A 'Motion to Quash' the committals to trial (an appeal of the decisions make at the Preliminary herings) was filed, and heard on April 12, 1988. The Motion was denied, after the Judge held his decision for 2 days. April 21 was the day to set a trial date. The trial will take place November 14th 1988. The arrests were in January, 1987.

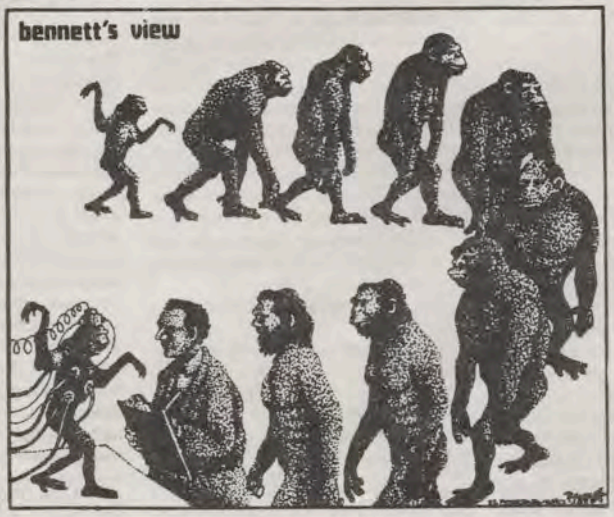
Bail variations have been granted for both David, Kenn, Linda and Gail at different times, allowing them to leave Toronto for short periods of time. Kenn was able to miss two weeks of his twice-weekly reporting condition in mid-October, and David was able to miss three weeks in November and Linda and Gail were able to miss 3 week of their once a week reporting, in April. Unfortunately, this has not turned out to be an easy process. New bail papers have to be drawn up each time there is a variation, which means hours in custody while the paperwork gets done. It also seems that the officials are finding it difficult to keep track of the changes. Officers at the Bail Office threatened to put out a warrant for David's arrest for not reporting, until lawyers reminded them of the variation. There is a tendancy to return to the original bail papers from last January, and now David is supposed to be living with his mother (his surety) and has a 10:00pm curfew. These conditions were lifted last spring! The earliest bail conditions required that none of the five communicate, but was changed allowing the three womyn to be together. Recently Jacquie, Gail and Linda were threatened with arrest when they went in to report together. It took another call from lawyers to straighten things out.

The Toronto Animal Rights Defence Group, which was set up to help support arrested activists, has raised about $20,000 toward legal costs. After the Preliminary hearing, they are about $5,000 in debt, and the trial itself still hasn't even begun. Almost all of the money raised so far has come from personal donations, and once again we ask you to help by donating whatever you can afford. Please send donations for the Defense Fund to:

Mary Bartley, Barrister and Solicitor
11 Prince Arthur Ave.
Toronto, Ont., M5R 1B2 Canada.
Please note on your cheque or money-order, *In Trust, Toronto Animal Rights Defence Fund.*

Donations for the **ALFSG** and *Front Line News* can be sent to:
ALF Support Group
P.O.Box 915, Stn. F
Toronto, Ont., M4Y 2N9 Canada

Your encouraging letters have been very helpful in raising the spirits of all of us in this rather unfortunate situation.
- Thank you.



5 ARRESTS AS DIRECT ACTION INCREASES IN TORONTO

Over the past year, since the Fall/ Winter of 1986, **Animal Liberation Front** activity has increased dramatically against the property of animal exploiters in Toronto. These actions have all been aimed at property destruction rather than the actual liberation of animals, but the effects nonetheless have left their mark on those involved in their slaughter, specifically for fur and meat. "Fast food" establishments have as well been on the receiving end, in particular, McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken. It was outside the latter on a cold early morning in January 1987 when five activists were arrested, allegedly spray painting the walls. The five are: Kenn Quayle, Jacquie Rabazo, Gail Emo, Linda Cotnam, and David Barbarash.



Arrestees David Barbarash (left), Gail Emo, Linda Cotnam, Kenn Quayle and Jacquie Rabazo say humans must protect other creatures.

Perhaps as a signal to the ALF, the police, being quite aware of this increase in direct action, are treating these arrests as one might expect them to treat most politically "subversive" activity. Investigators from Metro Intelligence were called immediately, and in the court, a special prosecutor was assigned to the case. Indeed, this is a "special" case for the political police. A poster for the five's defence campaign reads:

"What should have been simple mischief charges has turned into a situation where many, and more serious charges have been laid against them by the police... This is part of the current police intimidation campaign, where they are attempting to squash animal activism in any way."

The five are facing 46 charges combined, the majority of which are "mischief", connected to many ALF actions in Toronto.

When we speak of "direct action" for animals, of "economic sabotage", or "destruction of property", what are we talking about? And in what way do we expect these campaigns to be carried out? What types of actions fit into the ALF's guidelines of non-violence? Well, quite simply, the action must be non-violent; this means no loss of life or injury to any human (except in the course of self-defense against physical attack) or non-human. No action taken by the ALF in Canada has ever exceeded these guidelines, and there is no inidication that they will.

One charge facing the two men is "possession of a dangerous weapon". This charge involves nothing more than a slingshot. Another charge is "possession of explosives". This one though, might make a few flinch at the thought of bombs, explosions, fire, etc., but we should bring the use of this type of tactic into context with the animal liberation movement today.

Harsh Sentences In England

On February 5, 1987, in England, nine members of the Animal Liberation Front were convicted and sentenced to prison terms, with sentences ranging from nine months to ten years - four years being what most received. Ronnie Lee, co-founder of the ALF ten years ago and former **Support Group (UK)** media spokesperson, received the harshest term of ten years. These were all in relation to fire-bombings which took place in fur depts. of stores in England over the past year and a half.

Ronnie Lee was convicted on charges of conspiracy to commit arson, committing criminal damage and inciting others to commit criminal damage, while most of the others were convicted of the conspiracy charge alone. One person, Roger Yates, did not show up for sentencing and is now underground, in hiding. In an interview with the London Observer, he states clearly that the fire-bomb campaign will contine: "It's a threat but it's not terrorism... The ALF's (so-called) violence is far less than the horrors of the meat trade and vivisection that it is fighting. Direct action pays. Most liberation movements have had to go outside the prevailing laws... The campaign is effective because it strikes at the heart of animal exploitation. If people have got no hearts to break then you can always break them through their profits."

Animal liberation action has increased in scope from simple spray painting to the destruction of property on a massive scale - millions of dollars of damage in England alone over the past year - and now we are seeing the use of fire on a rapid increase in the United States (*see the action reports*).

From the latest issue of the UK ALF Suporters Group newsletter, Ronnie Lee comments on this development. "I am in partial agreement ... over the gluing of butchers' locks and similar small-scale actions. Such actions can be effective over a period of time and, indeed, many butchers and other animal abuse shops have closed as a consequence. What concerns me is that it's obvious that many activists are carrying out such smaller-scale actions as a substitute for (instead of as well as) more effective and financially damaging raids on factory farms, vivisection labs, etc... Especially in recent years many businesses and establishments involved in animal persecution have closed down following ALF actions against them. These include vivisection labs, factory farms, fur farms, and butcher shops."

The sentences in England are by far the worst ever for animal liberationists. Alongside our shock to their length comes the realization that the ALF are definitely recognized by the State as "dangerous terrorists", and are compared as similar to other urban guerilla movements such as the **IRA** or the **PLO**. But this is a false comparison. While most of the various (armed) human liberation struggles do not stop short of injuring or killing their own or other species, the ALF maintains its policy and commitment to non-violence. (This is not to belittle those who are involved with the struggles and resistance movements who carry out actions against people.)

We might agree that the ALF's stance is indeed a very noble and principled one, but the authorities couldn't care less. They refuse to see the difference or acknowledge this main point. But then again, perhaps they do. It doesn't take many hours of research to see that "crimes" against property are dealt with much more harshly than crimes against humans (or animals). This brings us to the crux of the issue, to the real motivation behind severe sentences against the Animal Liberation Front. The State recognizes two important factors:

1. Property is valued more than living beings, and
2. "Illegal" political action is the most dangerous and immediate threat to their existence, with all of their power and authority. And *we* know this too, which is why some of us choose to support, or engage in, "illegal" direct action.

With this perspective, we come back to the arrests in Toronto of the five activists. It is now more clear as to why there is a real fear that even simple acts of (political) spray painting will bring down the force of the State. From their point of view, they must stop any and all direct action as quickly and as effectively as possible. One previous arrest in Toronto, where an activist threw a stink-bomb into a conference for vivisectors (effectively disrupting their awards ceremony and dinner in the summer of 1985), brought a six-day jail sentence. The conviction was eventually thrown out on appeal.

A letter dated Feb. 11, 1987 from the five arrested explains their situation:

"After being arrested and interrogated, the five of us sat in the police station for 16 hours before being moved to police cells. We were denied our legal right to see a "Justice of the Peace" within the 24-hour time period. We should have been released, but instead, Jacquie, Linda, and Gail spent five days in jail before getting out on bail ($2000 cash surety each), while Kenn and David were held seven days (before being released on $7500 and $10,000 property surety respectively). Our conditions for our release on bail are severe and amount to nothing less than psychological harassment. Aside from the cash and property sureties, the womyn must report to a Bail Officer once a week; the men twice a week."

All five were to maintain a curfew of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. in their homes. They were also prohibited from communicating with each other, either directly or indirectly except in the presence of counsel, for the purposes of defence. The five write:

"Together the five of us have enjoyed sharing discussion (both critical and supportive) with the aim of creating an aware and responsible, sharing, co-operative community. We have prepared and enjoyed vegan meals together, again with the goal of educating ourselves, and in the spirit of co-operation. And our spirituality is based on our understanding that all life is sacred. To suddenly be denied any communication (outside our lawyers' offices), be it in person or by telephone is, to say the least, traumatic.

"Our friendship together is based on a deep love for each other, and a commitment to creating a better way for people to communicate. The future of this planet depends on human animals learning respect and honesty, and with this in mind we can move on to create a sharing, caring future - a global family, transgressing all boundaries imposed by human fear, competition, and mistrust. We are forced to deny ourselves contact with those who are the closest to us. Just a simple "hello" could be seen as a breach of our bail conditions, and could result in waiting for trial in jail. If even one of us were not able to contribute to the planning of our defence, it would create considerable problems for us all. It is extremely hard to live in fear, not just for ourselves, but for each other, and not have each other for support."

There are many examples of current and escalating harassment against the animal

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Network of Defence Groups Proposed

Anarchists from across the United States and Canada will be meeting in Toronto July 1 - 4, 1988, at an **Anarchist Survival Gathering**, the 3rd annual North American anarchist conference. At a planning meeting held in Atlanta January 16 - 18, a proposal was put forward to set up a network of animal liberation activist defence funds. Animal liberation has rapidly gained acceptance as a serious struggle by anarchists over the past few years, and the Atlanta proposal is only a small indication of that growth.

Members of the **ALFSG** Canada (Toronto) attended the meeting and helped work on the idea. The proposal, which will be further discussed in Toronto in July, reads as follows: To establish Defence Funds to support animal liberation activists. Individual collectives in charge of funds will decide on distribution of funds on a case by case basis. In Toronto, a list of groups with ALF prisoner defence funds will be created, so that in the event of special needs, seperate groups can transfer funds.

A Statement of Principles was also agreed upon, which happens to resemble the Animal Liberation Front's principles. This comes as no surprise because the structure of the ALF, being decentralized, as well as their analysis of different struggles and the interconnectedness between them, does resemble anarchist theory and practice. The Statement of Principles reads: A 3-fold campaign: 1) liberating animals; 2) education; 3) economic sabotage. The principle of non-violence should be maintained where any action will not harm nor kill any life - human or non-human. The only exception may be in self-defence.

For further information about the upcoming *Survival Gathering*, write to **Anarchist Survival Gathering,** P.O.Box 435, Stn. P, Toronto, Ont. M5S 2S9 Canada.

Peter Hamilton Continues Smear Campaign

In Issue No. 3 of *Front Line News*, we reported on Peter Hamilton of the group **Lifeforce** denouncing the **ALF** and their tactics in a *London Free Press* article. He was reported as saying the ALF "tarnish the image" of activists by using militant tactics, and that the ALF "cause more damage to our campaigns than anything else." In the article we asked people to write to Hamilton to tell him what you thought of his comments, which some of you did. We heard through people who spoke to him, that he said that he did support direct action and that the press had misquoted him. He also sent us a letter suggesting that we were relying on false information and that we were spreading rumours. So we, in the **Support Group** weren't quite sure what to think, and sort of left the issue hanging. But now we have more news.

In the Fall/Winter (87/88) newsletter of the **Animal Defence and Anti-Vivisection Society** of B.C., an article appears on pg. 3 reporting on a lecture and film showing of the movie "Hidden Crimes", presented by Lifeforce on August 3, 1987. Some A.D.A.V. members attended and report: "We were not pleased with Mr. Hamilton's pre-interpretation of the Animal Liberation Front's participation in the film. Apparently, the portion showing the ALF was preceded by the remark, "now comes vandalism," and the portion showing the ALF rescuing animals was cut from the film.

This incident once again shows us that Peter Hamilton is lying. Mr. Hamilton and his pseudo pro-animal group Lifeforce are a profit-making venture, which makes money from the distribution of some photos and videos taken by the ALF. Once again, as we did in *FLN* #3, we urge our readers to withhold funds from Lifeforce, and to write Mr. Hamilton telling him what you think of his anti-activist views. We must wonder when people who are supposedly pro-animal continue to make statements similar to the research establishment. Who's interests is he serving?

You can write to **Lifeforce** at P.O. Box 3117, M.P.O., Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3X6 Canada. We would like to extend our thanks to the people at **A.D.A.V.**, and you can write to them at P.O.Box 391, Stn. A, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2N2 Canada. Send a buck or so for a copy of their newsletter.



ALF SUPPORT GROUP (UK) UNDER ATTACK

Over the past couple of months the police have been raiding, arresting and charging people who they suspect to have some connection with the **Animal Liberation Front**. A number of these people are members of the legitimate A.L.F. **Supporters Group**, an organization completely separate from the activist A.L.F. groups who work autonomously. So far, the person who has taken over from Ronnie Lee as national Press Officer has been raided four times since November 1986, and has recently been charged by Cardiff police for allegedly conspiring to incite others to commit criminal damage. He has had to surrender his passport, report to the police station twice a week and raise a £1000 surety.

Another arrest has resulted in a charge of allegedly conspiring to commit criminal damage and this person has similar bail conditions. Both appeared at Cardiff Magistrates court on August 10,1987, and face a prison sentence of 4 years each if found guilty. Ronnie Lee, co-founder of the A.L.F. was charged and subsequently convicted in February 1987 after being kept on remand for 10 months. He then received a 10 year prison sentence, yet was never proven to have had any direct link with illegal acts. Another worker at the Supporters Group received a 4 year sentence.

Those in a position of power, the Governments and the Multinationalists, consider the Supporters Group and Press Office as being one of the most damaging elements within the direct action movement. The Press Officer, for instance, often speaks to millions of people in one go and although the majority do not agree with some ALF actions, a certain amount are always educated as to the extent of animal abuse. The propaganda machine which is being run by those in power may be huge but even one live interview on television featuring the A.L.F. Press Officer can disrupt the corrupt business of abusing animals and the financial gain made as a result more than they care for. Imagine how powerful the meat industry must be when it makes a profit of £120 million a day. Many members of parliament are in some way connected with the meat, fur and vivisection industries, some own farms and many are keen blood sport enthusiasts. It is hardly surprising then that the ALF and the ALF Supporters Group have absolutely no faith in politicians.

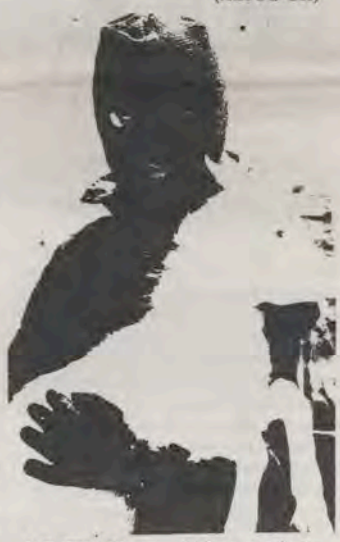
There is far too much money at stake and anyway, the governments would never allow themselves to be put into such a vulnerable position and risk losing the support of the Multi-death companies involved in the killing of animals. The very fact that the Animal Liberation Front have posed such a massive threat to this financial empire makes them the most obvious targets. However, due to the fact that the ALF are autonomous makes it virtually impossible to arrest the activists. Therefore, the most vulnerable are the voluntary workers in the ALF Supporters Group who work entirely within the law yet are constantly being harassed by the police. All are under close police surveillance and their telephones are being tapped.

Since the convictions in February 1987, the Supporters Group have sought the advice of 2 independent solicitors and only literature which is considered legal is distributed, but this seems to have had little effect judging by the latest charge of incitement. By charging another Supporters Group worker, the police feel that they have made their conspiracy case complete. This is obviously a political case brought about because of a fear by those involved in big business afraid of losing substantial financial gains. When we consider that 800 million animals are slaughtered each year in this country (UK) alone we can begin to imagine just how much money is involved in the industries which abuse animals. Think of any large company and you can be sure that they are responsible for this slaughter because the very basis of society rests upon the exploitation of animals. The Ministry of Defence use millions of animals to not only test new weapons but to manufacture both old and new diseases for use in biological warfare. The list of horror inflicted upon animals is literally endless.

The Animal Liberation Front, consisting of caring and compassionate individuals, have been the most effective direct action group to have campaigned against the persecution of animals. As a result, they have been labelled "terrorists" by the corrupt media. Since the conception of the ALF in 1976, the very strict rule of non-violence towards all living creatures remains intact and yet the courts refer to the few arrested activists as being public enemy no. 1. In actual fact, it is not the public who fear the actions of the ALF, but those whose vast profits are at risk. How can the torture and murder of animals ever be justified? Quite simply, it cannot! Alternatives to products derived from animals are available in abundance. Surely the greatest crime of all is to abuse an animal that has no way of defending itself. The callousness is overwhelming.

The forthcoming case reflects the latest move by the authorities to silence those who disagree with the injustices which are imposed upon the other species. A case such as this could effect the future of all groups who agree with the use of non-violent direct action, including **Greenpeace** and **Sea Shepherd.**

-Christopher Oakley, *Press Officer* **(ALFSG-UK)**



ALFSG - Montréal

There is now an **ALF Support Group** set up in Montréal, Canada. After a supporter spent the summer in Toronto and worked with us here, they returned to Montréal and established an SG. Actions are beggining to increase in Montréal, so it is an ideal time for its formation. Although their first priority will be to support Montréal and Quebéc-based activists, they will also help support and publicize actions happening in the rest of Canada and worldwide.

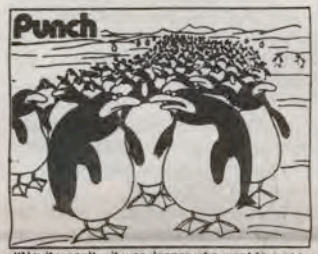
The Montréal SG has published the first issue of their newsletter with the focus being on McDonald's. To obtain a copy, send them a dollar, or you can subscribe ($11/year-more if you can, less if you can't). Send to: **ALFSG-Montréal,** Box 4007, Montréal, P.Q., H3Z 2X3, Canada.

PRISONER SUPPORT

Support Animal Rights Prisoners

S.A.R.P., BCM Box 5911, London, WC1N 3XX England

In this section of *Front Line News*, we list people who are imprisoned for animal liberation actions. We urge all our readers to write letters of solidarity to these people; even if you don't want to maintain correspondence with them, a small letter or note will do wonders for their spirits and morale behind the locked doors. We receive regular updates from **S.A.R.P.**, and their latest list is printed below. If there is more than one person at a prison, please write separate letters. Please remember that ALL letters to prisoners are opened and censored, so obviously don't say anything that could jeopardize future actions or someone's freedom (including yours!). Please do not expect a reply as prisoners are restricted to the number of letters they can send out, and may have priorities such as family and friends. When you do write, include the 'prisoner number' next to their name on the envelope. Mail will be detained without this number. If you know of any prisoners that would like to be listed here please send us their names and addresses and any details you have.



"No, it wasn't—it was Jasper who went to a zoo. Eric became a cuddly toy."

U.S. Prisoner Wants Letters

John Clem recently sent us a letter from a youth detention centre in California, detailing his experiences over the past four years, and requesting letters from people he could correspond with. John's first action was four years ago when he and a friend were caught attempting to liberate monkeys from the San Diego zoo. They were caught and sent to a group home, from which they ran away. On the run from the police, they broke into the home of people who owned a dog food company, and vandalized their property. They were caught again and John was sent to a 'rehabilitation' program called "Vision Quest" which John describes as an "old time Wagon Train program" (christian fundamentalist??). John became angry at the treatment of the horses and mules used in this program, who were forced to haul heavy loads for long distances every day, with little food. The animals were also being harassed by other kids who were hitting them. John decided that he couldn't deal with it any more so he ran away from there as well. He was arrested again and has been locked up since February 9, 1987, and will be released in December, 1988, followed by 2 1/2 years of parole. John writes: "if you could find some people that can take a few minutes every now and then to keep me up so these people (in the prison) don't get into my head; I'd write back to anyone who writes."

John Clem #49896
Y.T.S., P.O.Box 800
Ontario, CA
91761 USA

***S.A.R.P.**'s aims are:*
1. Distribution of up-to-date information on prisoners to enable those outside to write to the prisoners, and also to the governors of prisons to demand that prisoners are given vegan food, toiletries and clothing on request.
2. To provide funds for magazines, newspapers, books and radios for prisoners, and for the travel costs of visitors on a low income.
Please send us any donations you can afford, to provide funds for the above, and a stamped addressed envelope or two if you would like to receive further lists of prisoners.

List of Prisoners January 1988

Ronnie Lee V02682
H.M. Prison
Long Lartin,
South Littleton,
Evesham, Worcs.
WR11 5TZ

Kevin Baldwin T02959
Gary Cartwright T02960
Ian Oxley T02961
H.M. Prison
Lindholme,
Bawtry Road,
Hatfield Woodhouse,
Doncaster, South Yorks,
DN7 6DG

Brendan McNally T03014
H.M. Prison,
Acklington,
Morpeth,
Northumberland,
NE65 9XF

Vivienne Smith P34563
Julie Rodgers - now out!
H.M. Prison,
Cookham Rd.,
Rochester, Kent,
ME1 3LU

The above people were sentenced in Feb. 1987 at Sheffield Crown Court. The charges were: 1. Conspiracy to commit arson, 2. Conspiracy to cause damage, 3. Conspiracy to incite others to commit damage, 4. Conspiracy to 'steal' the Ecclesfield beagles.
Ronnie was sentenced to 10 years for charges 1, 2 & 3. Vivienne and Brendan were sentenced to 4 years each for charge 2. Ian and Gary were sentenced to 4 years for 1, 2, & 4. Kevin was sentenced for 4 years for 1 & 2. Julie was sentenced to 30 months for 1 & 2. Roger Yates was sentenced to 4 years in his absence (he absconded during the trial) for 2 & 3.



Andrew Clarke V50557
Geoff Sheppard V50730
H.M. Prison,
Coldingley,
Bisley,
Woking,
Surrey,
GU24 9EX

Andrew and Geoff are being held (since early September, 1987) awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to manufacture incendiary devices and possession of various items with intent to cause damage, and causing damage to the value of over $18 million to Debenhams Dept. Stores in Luton, Romford, and Harrow in July, 1987. (The Debenhams chain of stores sell fur coats in some branches.)

Iain McCann J92353
B (2) Wing,
H.M.P. The Verne,
Portland, Dorset,
DT5 1EQ

Serving a 4 year sentence for an arson attack on vehicles at Cottage Patch Kennels, Hants.

Lesley Phipps T82697
H.M. Remand Centre,
Pucklechurch,
Bristol,
BS17 3QJ

Gari Allen W62615
H.M. Prison,
Winson Green Rd.,
Birmingham,
B18 4AS

Lesley and Gari are being held (since mid-December, 1987) awaiting trial on charges of criminal damage to Cocksparrow fur farms (by spraying foxes' fur with a harmless dye), and also conspiring to cause an 'explosion' with petrol (to damage the car of a poultry farmer).

Valerie Mohammed 369
Young Offender,
H.M.P.,Cornton Vale,
Cornton Rd.,
Stirling,
FK9 5NY

David Barr 4193
B Hall,
H.M.P., Saughton,
Edinburgh,
EH11 3LN

David and Valerie were sentenced in March 1988. They were found guilty of conspiring to further the aims of the ALF by criminal means, by placing stickers threatening contamination on animal tested cosmetics and making threats against stores selling furs and animal tested cosmetics, to the press and stores involved. David was also found guilty of planting an incendiary device in Jenners dept store in Edinburgh, but the jury deleted an allegation in the charge that he attempted to set fire to the store. David was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment and Valerie was sentenced to 9 months. Val should be out in May!



Diary of Actions #4

Liberating Self to Liberate Animals

David Firsching was arrested a few years ago on traffic charges, and placed in a local jail. His two golden retrievers were with him at the time and they were placed in jail as well, in the local pound. Unable to post bail, and fearful that the pound officials would kill his unclaimed dogs, David made an incredible escape from jail, went to the pound, and then liberated his dogs! In a letter to the editor in the March 1988 *Animals' Agenda*, he describes the ordeal:
"Employing chisel and hacksaw blade, I cut through the window and bars. Using a hand-braided rope, I lowered myself to the ground... Under the midnight sky, I raced to the animal shelter on the outskirts of town... Once there, I scaled two barbed-wire fences and ran down the row of kennels, wishing mightily that I could liberate all the unfortunates housed there. Spotting my girls, I unlocked their 'cells' and carried them over the fences to freedom. By the time my absence was discovered, Mannie, Helga, and I were enjoying a blissful reunion in a motel 200 miles away."
In an unfortunate twist, David was recaptured a short time later and sentenced to four years in the maximum security San Quentin prison, classified as an "escape risk". In a recent letter to the **ALFSG** Canada (Toronto), David says that "Not for one second have I regretted my actions. I couldn't live with myself if I had done nothing." He has been involved with animal rights for a long time, but this recent experience has led him to "strongly believe that direct intervention is the only way to do things..."

David Firsching will be released near the end of '88, and in the meanwhile would love to hear from ALF supporters, "to learn from, and share ideas with..." On a cautionary note he writes, "I needn't remind you and your readers that mail here is randomly screened (so) be discreet in any mention of incriminating specifics."

We suggest not to mention at all about anything illegal. You can write to the following address:

M.D. Firsching
P.O.Box 12009
Tamal, CA 94974 USA

TORTURE IN NORTH AMERICA

Over 3 billion chickens are killed annually in the U.S., and over 10 million in Canada for consumption by humans. Their slaughter is the culmination of a pathetic existence devoid of the smallest comfort; an existence totally alien to their natural instincts, survival patterns, needs and desires.



Hatcheries which produce 'egg birds' kill all the male chicks by such means as suffocating them in plastic bags. Their remains become fertilizer or food for animals raised for fur. Immediately after hatching, 92% of the chicks are sold to giant battery farming corporations such as **Pillsbury, Safeway, Kroger, Kentucky Fried Chicken,** etc. These battery farms house up to one million laying hens each. At ten days old the chicks are debeaked, which entails the removal of the upper mandible or the entire tip of the chick's beaks. They are debeaked a second time at 20 weeks of age. The chickens are debeaked because the conditions under which they are raised are so stressful that they will often peck at a cage-mate until she *is dead; a weaker chicken has no means of* escape. The chicken's beak is a very sensitive and important part of a chicken; apart from the pain endured during removal, the bird has thereafter lost an extremely helpful member. The removal of the beak adds greatly to the frustration suffered the rest of their lives.

Battery cages are packed in long rows, one above the other, four or five tiers high. They are constructed solely of wire mesh, with the floor sloping toward the front to enable the eggs to roll out into the collection tray at the bottom. The birds are packed so tightly in these cages (4 or 5 per cage) that they will have between 1/4 and 1/3 of a square foot each - less than the size of a record album cover. They must climb over one another to reach water and food. They spend their entire lives standing on a wire floor which produces painful malformation of their feet; their claws grow so long they will often curl completely around the wire, trapping the bird for her lifetime (or resulting in slow death by starvation and dehydration if she gets caught away from the food and water. Abscesses form on the birds' breasts and the tail feathers are usually rubbed away exposing red, sore skin. Even if they were alone in the cage it would still only allow enough room to stretch one wing at a time; if one chicken moves the others are compelled to do so. Many are lost through suffocation or being crushed by fellow inmates. Allowances are made by the producers for these loses - up to 20% death rate is normal under these conditions.

One person will usually be responsible for approximately 70,000 birds. The only individual care given is the removal of dead birds. Illness and disease go undetected in the massive units. They are plagued by parasites; flies are attracted by the strong smell of ammonia from the droppings which accumulate beneath the wire mesh floor of the cages prior to periodic removal (about once a year). Frequent use of insecticides is needed to combat these pests. The aforementioned points coupled with the high density of dust and poor ventilation are great contributing factors to the chronic respiratory diseases commonly found among the birds. The largest portion of deaths are credited to cancer (heart, lung, ovary, kidney), digestive and liver related diseases. A good percentage of the birds merely lose the will to struggle further, give up and die.

Food and water are automatically dispensed at the front of the cages. The food is comprised of various substances including recycled poultry manure and unsaleable parts of slaughtered chickens. The cosmetic Xanthophyll is added to the feed to darken the pale yolks of the eggs, and to increase the yellow colour of the chickens' skins, making them more attractive to the consumer. Small quantities of antibiotics are continuously fed to the chickens to promote growth, and at the slightest sign of disease the dosage is increased. When their laying days are over (about 2 years) the chickens' worn out bodies are suitable only for sale to soup manfacturing companies (often **Campbell's**) or for use in chicken pot-pies, etc. The natural lifespan of a chicken is about 12 years.

Apart from laying hens, another side of the business lies with so-called 'broiler chickens'. These birds exist under the same horrific conditions as the layers, but for a shorter period of time (about 9 weeks) before reaching the desired weight for slaughter. One of the largest producers of broilers is **Ralston Purina**. Here the object is to produce the biggest bird in the shortest possible time, at the lowest cost to the industry.

Lighting is used to simulate night and day, and is switched on and off at frequent intervals to encourage the birds to eat and sleep in quick succession, and thus rapidly gain weight.

Further exploitation of the hen is seen with the university studies to produce a featherless chicken. This would curb costs to the producer by eliminating the time consumed by feather removal after slaughter. If successfully developed, this would, of course, render the chicken's entire body vulnerable to sores and abscesses from continuous rubbing against the cage walls.

The industry's alternative method of broiler production finds the chickens uncaged but in a huge building with thousands, often tens of thousands, of other chickens. Chickens ordinarily have a highly developed social system, which humans term a 'pecking order'; the chickens can only manage, however, to maintain this system in numbers under one hundred. When housed in the thousands, the birds are hysterical, stressed, and often cannibalistic. When a human enters the house, all of the birds crowd on top of one another in the far end of the building, often killing those on the bottom of the pile by suffocation.

Sources: Feminism and Animals' Rights; PETA, Seattle.

FACTS ON K.F.C.

Today in Canada, virtually all of the poultry, eggs, pork, veal, milk and by-products (yogurt, cheese, ice cream, etc.) come from animals confined in grey, steel, mechanized, factory-like buildings that are scattered throughout the southern third of the entire country, from Victoria, B.C. to Charlottetown, P.E.I. Ten million confined laying and broiler birds are the 'meat' of Canada's poultry industry. The Ontario Chicken Marketing Board reports that in this province alone (Ont.) there are 700 commercial broiler farms and 804 egg laying operations. These flocks of 10,000 to 50,000 birds are all reared on feed which is totally foreign to their natural diets, and is laced with chemicals and growth-inducing drugs and hormones.

The broiler chickens spend their 8 week lives crowded together on slatted floors over manure pits, or, less commonly, stacked in cages like those of the egg laying hens. At first, bright lights flood the building to encourage feeding. Later, in the few days left before their slaughter, when each fully-grown bird has space about the area of a magazine page, the lights are kept very dim to reduce fighting. Crews of 'catchers' wade in and stuff them into crates, which they are held in during transportation. Arriving at the processing plant, they are removed, decapitated, bled, scalded, plucked, cleaned, dressed and packed for the supermarket or fast-food outlet.

Factory farming is capital-intensive rather than labour-intensive, and prefers chemical and technical hardware to human input. In the fifties, traditional farmers were caught in the industrialization of farming that forced many of them into 'bigness' - mechanization and specialization - or risk losing the family farm (which many did).

In Canada, Scott Restaurant Inc. is a perfect example of how agribusiness monopolism through "vertical contracting" - buying up and down the food producing, processing and retailing system - develops market muscle and farm control through restraints on competition. **Scott's**, which owns **Kentucky Fried Chicken** (as well as **Black's** and **Brown's Cameras**), also owns its own slaughterhouses and is buying farms as well as contracting with owners. Essentially, Scott's sets the price for chicken meat in Canada.

The shift from small mixed farms to huge multinational agribusiness corporations has resulted in the development of a cruel, environmentally destructive system that relies on living beings to produce enormous profits, in every step of the process that farms animals into food. Productivity and profit override any concern for the individual human or non-human.

In January 1984, Dr. S.P. Oldham, a federal meat inspector with the Department of Agriculture, produced an inspection report of a Scott's Poultry Packing Plant in Victoria, B.C., in which he cited: "...an employee urinating on a packing house floor ... another instructed to package condemned meat ... employees dumping one of their co-workers into a tank full of slush ... (and) another stabbing of a live fowl with a pitch fork ..." He concluded: "... the poultry is of questionable wholesomeness."

The intensive farming systems of 1987 are an issue that should concern everyone. While protection of animals is of growing interest to many, the destructive impact of agribusiness - from the factory farm to the fast food outlet - is a many-facetted issue, dealing with the environment, human health, humane treatment, sound farming, and ethical business practices.



-Animals' Diary 1986

SUPERMARKET SABOTAGE

This article was submitted to us by an ALFSG member in the U.S. ***Standard Disclaimer:*** *The ideas expressed here are for your consideration and general interest only. The ALFSG does not advocate breaking the law!!!*

Supermarkets are just cemetaries for dead animals. Pigs, cows, chickens and fish are wrapped in tight-fitting plasticized suits and placed in refrigerated coffins until someone plucks them up and prepares them for cremation in a kitchen oven, frying pan or food-processor.

Supermarkets are the last link in a long chain of animal exploitation for profit. If individuals can intervene in this process and force shoppers and store owners to question the value - ethical, ecological and financial - of continuing to consume and sell animal products, that action will translate into less suffering and death. During a lifetime, an average meat-eater will consume about 8 cows, 36 sheep, 36 pigs, 550 chickens, and half a ton of fish. Thus, hundreds of animals are saved each time someone switches to a non-violent diet.

Identify Animal Death

Tell people exactly what a hamburger, steak, or pork chop is. "Meat" is a nice, misleading way of saying dead animal flesh. When you're in a supermarket, take along a bunch of stickers that read:

ANIMALS SUFFERED TO MAKE THIS PRODUCT

WARNING: THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS DEAD ANIMALS.

Apply them to packages of meat, dairy items and products containing animal ingredients. Doing so educates customers and makes the managers, owners and butchers think about what they are doing and what customers want (or don't want). Employees will often open up the packages when they spot them to see if the product has been tampered with. That action seems pretty funny when you think about it because all you've done is identify the main ingredient in the product (a dead animal) or explained how it was produced (through animal suffering). It's equivalent to putting a label on a box of spaghetti which says, "This product contains noodles."

Instead of placing stickers randomly on animal products, you may want to target specific items. This approach has a number of benefits. First, you can call attention to products associated with the greatest amount of suffering, such as veal and battery eggs, and work to eliminate the sale of these items. In addition, the assault on the supermarket will appear to be more focused and you or a member of your group may be able to pressure the manager into removing the products from the shelf more easily.

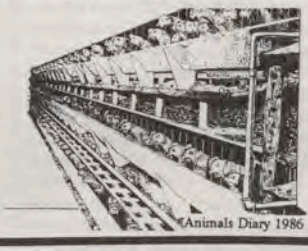
Show them that Meat is the Message

Another good tactic is to load up hand baskets and shopping carts with meat and other animal products and then leave them sitting in a different isle in the store. The baskets and carts will only appear to be temporarily unattended as when someone goes to get an item which he or she has forgotten. Be sure to load up with fresh cuts of flesh because when these products sit for a period of time without refrigeration, they spoil and have to be discarded. You can quicken this process by slitting the cellophane wrapper with your fingernail, exposing the fish or meat to the air.

Whenever possible, it's good to put stickers on at least a few of the items that you've sabotaged so that managers and employees will recognize the political nature of the action and not mistake it for a prank. Place leaflets about factory farming and vegetarianism (and veganism) in the carts and baskets to educate people further. Make certain that the flyers don't contain the name of an individual or group who might be held responsible for the action (or any fingerprints, if possible). You may, however, want to create a fake name to put on the leaflets.

Raising animals to be slaughtered and sold for profit *stinks*. So why not let supermarkets know that. Engage people's senses by creating a *real* stench. This can be accomplished by hiding fresh meat on the back of shelves behind paper towels, rolls of toilet paper, cat litter and other items large enough to block visibility. After a few days the meat will begin to rot and smell, and people will complain to the managers or, better yet, stop shopping there. Again, it's helpful to put stickers on the packages and, whenever possible, to tear part of the wrapper to expedite spoilage. Canned items can be sabotaged by using a small can opener to puncture an air opening in the lid.





Use Theater to Fight Murder

As you're leaving, you can call additional attention to the role of supermarkets in the chain of animal exploitation. Load up a cart full of meat and other animal products and then get in a check-out line. If you're asked why you're buying so much meat, say that you're planning a large cookout. When the cashier has totaled your "purchase", dig frantically in your pockets and then "suddenly" realize that you forgot to bring money. At that point, a friend or someone in your group could start telling everyone around about the animal suffering and death associated with the products in the shopping cart and mention the health dangers of eating meat, the waste of energy in production, the inefficiency of using grain to raise livestock, and so on. You can then show sympathy to these arguments and decide that you don't want the products after all. Your action may help to persuade others who are listening and watching the theatrics or at least make them think twice about what they are buying. In any case, it will raise awareness and inconvenience the supermarket when employees have to return the products to their original location. This is just one possible scenario for action. Improvise and experiment.

Suggestions

Lookout for store mirrors above the meat coffins and keep an eye out for employees who wander about restocking shelves. Many stores now have video surveillance cameras as well to catch shoplifters.

Switch to different stores temporarily if you think the ones that you have been acting in are on the alert. But keep continual pressure on as many places as possible.

Enter and exit the store by yourself or in small groups of two or three people so as not to attract attention. Most of the actions can be performed by yourself or with a single friend.

Choose days and times when the store is most crowded. That way you won't stand out as a shopper. Fridays and shortly after the work day has ended (5 - 7 pm) are usually good times.

Keep the pressure on a supermarket in as many ways as possible. Someone not taking part in the actions should meet with store managers in your area to discuss the animal products that he or she stocks. That person can provide the manager with information on animal exploitation, factory farming and cruelty-free products which the store could sell. The individual could also tell the manager that many people plan to boycott the store until it stops selling veal, battery eggs, or other chosen products. (If a store is being harassed then anyone approaching the manager may automatically be suspect and hassled by the police. Be careful!)

McDONALD'S FEELIN' THE PRESSURE

For the past 3 years, **Greenpeace** (London) - a group independent of **Greenpeace** Int. Inc. - has put out a call for a day of action against McDonald's on Oct. 16, also known as World Food Day. Activists from around the world have responded to this idea by utilizing tactics ranging from leafletting to smashing in their windows. The goal is to raise the public awareness about the destructive nature of this multi-million dollar corporation, and its harmful effects on people, animals, and the planet. Greenpeace (London) have also produced a leaflet entitled "What's Wrong With McDonald's?" which many groups and organizations, including the **ALFSG** Canada (Toronto), have distributed and reprinted.

Now it seems that McDonald's is a bit upset over the adverse publicity they're receiving. In England, where this campaign started, McDonald's has threatened many groups, including the BBC, with lawsuits unless they retract certain allegations made against them, and publish apologies. Greenpeace (London) has received similar threats but have ignored them without consequence.

One organization being harrassed by 'McDeath' is **Veggies** Ltd. of England. Veggies reprinted the Greenpeace leaflet, and were subsequently asked by McDonald's lawyers to retract the parts which referred to the destruction of tropical rainforests for cattle grazing and paper bags. The leaflet also mentions anti-union policies, the poisoning of people from the food, and the torture and murder of animals, among other issues.

A British magazine, *Peace News*, published an article about the 'McDeath' intimidation campaign against Veggies in their Oct. 30, 1987 issue, which also stated that Veggies is "researching the validity of the McDonald's case." In response to this article, and that statement in particular, McDonald's have issued new threats. Their lawyers' letter says, "In view of what has appeared in Peace News, the situation is obviously now more serious." They threaten High Court proceedings unless Veggies publish a retraction them to retract the allegation that McDonald's is responsible for the torture and murder of millions of animals! This is an incredibly ludicrous request, unless of course, their hamburgers are indeed not made from dead animals; though if it was discovered that they were all chemicals and nitrates, no one should be too surprised!

Veggies have decided not to give in to this multi-death corporation pressure and are prepared to fight a court battle. If they do, they will need a lot of money, knowing that in 1986 McDonald's made $1.32 million profit a day, and can afford to fight back their opponents.

In further news, *Animals' Agenda* reported in their Oct. 1987 issue that McDonald's have been forced to withdraw advertisements which claimed that their hamburgers were nutritious. The Attorneys General of Texas, California and New York threatened to sue McDonald's following a research project by a grade 3 class in League City, Texas, which discovered that McDonald's claims about the nutritional value of their food didn't match the facts. The students' research prompted action from Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox who said, "McDonald's food is, as a whole, not nutritious." When the two other states threatened lawsuits McDonald's withdrew the ads voluntarily.

The campaign to remove McDonald's advertising was co-ordinated by the **Centre for Science in the Public Interest** (CSPI), which was also successful in causing McDonald's to withdraw another ad claiming its Chicken McNuggets were made from 100% chicken. CSPI discovered that the McNuggets were cooked in beef fat.

Further information about McDonald's is available from the **ALFSG** Canada (Toronto), **Greenpeace** (London), 5 Caledonia Rd., London SE 1, England, or **CSPI**, 1501 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036 USA.

The Politics Of Food

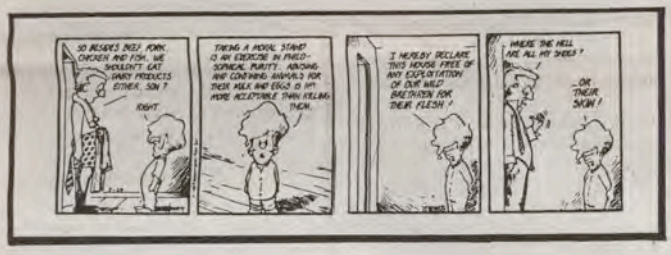
As animal liberationists fighting against the use of animals for the supposed good of the human species, we must be able to recognize that Western culture has traditionally attempted to treat the symptoms of its illnesses, be they physical, psychological, spiritual, or economic, rather than curing them at their sources. One of the most important sources is the food we eat. Given the obvious ethical reasons for not eating animals, we can begin to see food as preventive medicine. We are often responsible for our own diseases, for disease often results from our choice of food. According to what we choose to eat, we develop health or sickness. When we fail to supply the body with the proper nourishment it becomes weak, inviting disease. We then may turn to the medical establishment for drugs which have been researched on animals to treat mainly the symptoms of what could have been prevented with the proper diet. Such a diet is that of vegetarianism. This perspective also lends strong support to the argument in favour of Alternative Medicine such as Homeopathy, which is not tested on animals, but on human beings. Although too lengthy a topic to go into detail about here, Homeopathic remedies are not, except for a few exceptions, made with any animal products. Therefore, we can see the truth on many different levels, in the belief that life need not be destroyed to give life to another.

We assume that Animal Rights activists understand that it is hypocritical to have a diet that is not vegetarian while fighting for the liberation of animals. In speaking of vegetarianism\veganism, we see veganism as the goal of any serious and sincere animal activist. We cannot hope to end speciesism in others and continue to contribute to the oppression of animals in our own lives, no matter how small that contribution may seem in the context of the work we do.

A vegetarian\vegan diet is often assumed to be difficult to practice and receive the nutrients needed by the body. It is difficult in that one must de-construct socialized ways of eating and learn new ones. Animal liberationists have already begun to deconstruct forms of socially sanctioned, subconsciously ingrained oppression.

Learning to eat cruelty- free should not be difficult as an extension of this awareness.

In the following paragraphs, we will provide the basic info needed to follow a nutritionally sound, total vegetarian diet. Firstly, we will go over some of the arguments other than the ethical ones that support vegetarianism. These will be divided into thesubjects of health & practical reasons, world hunger, and the environment.



Vegetarianism and Health

1. The human digestive system and other bodily functions are in every way like those of fruit eating animals and very unlike those of carnivorous animals. Just like other vegetarian animals, the human digestive system is twelve times the length of the body, (in meat-eaters it is 3 times as long), we sweat through our skin (not our tongue), we drink water by suction and our tooth and jaw structure is vegetarian. From these physical facts it can be deduced that humans must have evolved for millions of years living on fruits, nuts, grains and vegetables.

2. The Journal of the American Medical Association has reported that a vegetarian diet can prevent 90-97% of heart diseases.

3. Over 50% of North Americans are overweight, while on the average, vegetarians weigh about 20 pounds less than meat eaters.

4. Meat moves extremely slowly through the human digestive tract which is not designed for a meat diet. The lack of fiber in meat has made chronic constipation a common problem in our society. Present research indicates that appendicitis, diverticulitis, cancer of the colon, heart disease and obesity are all reduced with a diet high in natural fiber.

5. Plants provide, on average, more than twice the amount of vitamins and minerals provided by meat and fish.

6. The kidneys of meat-eaters have to do three times the amount of work to eliminate poisonous nitrogen compounds in meat than do the kidneys of vegetarians.

7. When an animal is killed, the proteins in its body coagulate and substances called ptomaines are formed. These ptomaines result in the extremely rapid decomposition and putrifaction of the animal flesh. As it takes meat about 5 days to pass out of the body (vegetarian food takes only 1 1/2 days), the disease causing products of decaying meat are in constant contact with the digestive organs. The habit of eating meat in its characteristic state of decomposition creates a poisonous state in the colon and wears out the intestinal tract prematurely.

8. Scientists at Harvard have found that the average blood pressure of vegetarians was significantly lower than that of a comparable group of non-vegetarians.

9. Animal flesh contains large amounts of certain fats, such as cholesterol which do not break down well in the human body. They begin to line the walls of the meat eater's blood vessels. As a result high blood pressure, strokes and heart attacks occur.



Total Vegetarian or Vegan

A total vegetarian is one that does not eat animals or animal products in any form whatsoever. This diet consists of mainly fruits and vegetables, beans and whole grains, nuts and seeds, seaweed, etc. No dairy products are included in this diet. Those who include dairy products in their diet are ovo-lacto vegetarians, ovo - eggs, lacto - dairy. To be vegan is to follow a vegetarian diet and lifestyle using no animal products derived from leather, horn, or other animal parts. For ovo-lacto vegetarians who do not feel ready to make the step to a total vegetarian or vegan lifestyle, free-range dairy products are available at most health food stores. For those who are ready to eliminate dairy products and eggs from their diet, the following should be observed.

1. Have at least one serving of each of these foods each day:
Legumes - soybeans, pinto, kidney, or chick peas. etc.
Whole grains - rice, millet, oats, wheat, etc.
Leafy dark greens - spinach, chard, watercress, etc.

2. Have at least three servings of each of these foods every day:
Tofu or soy milk, soybeans, other soy products, almonds, cashews, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, peanuts, raisins, dried fruit.

3. Have two to four servings of each of these foods every week:
Lecithin, nutritional yeast B, molasses (unsulphured).

4. Have at least once a week:
Cooked/raw carrots, broccoli or other green vegetable, cabbage or cauliflower, cucumbers, zucchini or green pepper, potatoes, onions, bananas, raisins, millet or other grains, molasses, engevita or 'good tasting' yeast, lecithin, acidophilus or tofu.

5. Eat three or more times a week:
Spinach or other dark leafy greens, lettuce, apples, oranges or other fresh citrus fruit, dried fruit, nuts and seeds (raw), brown rice or other whole grains, legumes, whole-grain cereal, natural oils, fresh 100% real juices, vitamin B-12 rich foods and calcium rich foods. (*ed note*: for more information on B-12, see "Why Vegan".)

Protein

Vegetarians worry about where to get their protein from. Every natural food except for sugars and oils contain some protein. The concentrated vegetarian sources of protein include legumes, soy bean products, nuts and seeds, leafy green vegetables, whole grains and dairy products if used. Many nuts and vegetables are nearly complete proteins in themselves, and when taken in combination with other certain incomplete proteins they become complete. Many bean and grain combinations have equal or more protein value than meat. The main functions of proteins in the body are to furnish energy, provide enzymes for digestion, provide antibodies and antitoxins for resistance against disease, and build and maintain the body cells.

Calcium

Calcium is a concern for those who eliminate dairy products from their diet. There are many sources of calcium in the vegetarian diet such as almonds, sesame seeds, dark leafy greens, soy products, seaweed, etc. And on a plant based diet one needs less calcium than on a meat based diet, because too much protein causes a depletion of calcium in the system

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10. The vegetarian avoids the various drugs, chemicals, pesticides, and dyes commonly found in meat. Meat-eaters consume drugs like penicillin and tetracycline on a regular basis.

11. Animals are shot full of dangerous hormones, drugs, and chemicals. When they are slaughtered they are in fear and pain. These feelings trigger the release of these stored poisons and toxins directly into their systems, which in turn are ingested by the meat eater. The animals slaughtered are often diseased. Meat processors are allowed to use any diseased animals, even cancerous ones, as long as they remove all the parts of the animals that are obviously diseased. The life expectancy of vegetarian groups studied, such as Seventh Day Adventists and Trappist Monks, is longer than meat eaters.

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CANADA

Barrie, Ont.
Jan. 17, 1987: Dyck's Meat Market was attacked twice with firebombs, causing over $1,000 damage.

Kitchener, Ont.
May 19, 1987: Kaufman Furs, Kosky Furs, and Brodey-Draimin Furs were spray painted.

London, Ont.
Aug. 30, 1986: Four locks glued at the loading doors of Klyman Furs and Meyer-Epstein Furs.
Oct. 23, 1986: The Fur Boutique was fire-bombed with $1200 damage. Other fur stores in the area have been targetted with rubber cement in their locks and paint on their walls.

Montreal, Quebec
Feb. 26, & March 8, 1987: Delicatessans and butcher shops on Boul. St. Laurent were spraypainted.
March 16, 1987: These shops again attacked with super glue in the locks and posters saying 'La viande est le meurtre - meat is murder' were put on the windows.
April 2, 1987: Brick through the window of one of the most 'visually horrifying' of these shops.

Toronto, Ont.
1986

April - July: The windows of the following fur stores were broken: Furs by Finn on Eglinton Ave., Four Seasons Fur Co. Ltd.; Gimpex Ltd. on Spadina Ave.; East York Furs on Pape Ave. (twice); Golden Diamond Furs on Danforth Ave. (twice); and Barrington's Fur on Lakeshore Rd. East, (Mississauga).
July: Six furs slashed in Eaton's, Toronto Eaton Centre.
Aug.: Three pigeons freed in Kensington Market.
Oct. 16: This day is recognized as World Food Day, and every year it's declared by **Greenpeace London** as a Day of Action against McDonald's. The following McDonald's were disrupted: 584 Bloor St.W. - fire alarm pulled; Queen and Ashdale St. - stink-bombed; 239 Yonge St. - stink-bombed; Yonge and College St. - stink-bombed; Yonge and Dundas St. - fire alarm pulled; 970 Gerrard St. E. - spray painted; 3301 Kingston Rd. - spray painted; 2870 Eglinton St. E. - spray painted; 1925 Victoria Park - spray painted. A bomb threat was also made to McDonald's headquarters in Don Mills (results unknown). The following communique was received:

McMURDER
McDonald's is directly responsible for the destruction of the tropical rainforests upon which we depend for the air we breathe. Rainforests are cleared at the rate of 75,000 acres per day causing the extinction of one species per day. At this rate, rainforests and all the life within them will be completely destroyed within 15 years.
McDonald's is also directly responsible for the torture and murder of untold millions of animals for mass consumption. The results of their production cause starvation world-wide for millions of humans. Not to mention the non-existent nutritional value of their food, and the alarming rate of heart disease and cancer in direct relation to the consumption of meat and high sodium intake.
We are disrupting business as usual today, 'WORLD FOOD DAY', because the urgency of the situation requires an immediate solution.
WE WON'T STOP UNTIL YOU DO!!
Taking responsibility,
DIRECT McACTION



November: The following communique was received:
ALF TORONTO PRESS RELEASE
Sometime in September a small group of friends who have been active in animal liberation have joined together in Toronto as an ALF cell. We carry out actions against McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, Harvey's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, as well as various butchers, furriers, and slaughterhouses.
The actions are either spraypainting the buildings and property or smashing windows or both. We try to get together at least once a week and we have averaged lately anywhere from five to twelve targets in one night. Compared to England's average of 40 actions per week, we feel pretty good about our efforts. We will try to keep the various media updated on our actions.
In the early morning of November 5th we attacked 2 McDonald's, a Burgerking, a Kentucky Fried Chicken and a butcher. The week prior we hit a total of 12 targets - our largest yet in a single night! Most of these included window smashing with either the use of rocks or a slingshot.
We don't plan to stop with these small actions (or what some would consider as small), but plan to increase and broaden our range of both targets and tactics. Patience, time and practice are all it takes!
-(Another) ALF Toronto Cell


Equina Horse butcher, Jan. 16/87

Dec. 1: The property of the following were attacked: Caledonia Meats had its windows smashed, four tires slashed, and trucks spraypainted; Gross Slaughterhouse had 16 tires slashed on four trucks and a smashed windshield and had to shut down for half a day; Royce Dupont Chicken killers had their windows smashed and walls spraypainted; Gallery Furs had their window smashed and walls spraypainted; McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken were also attacked. $20,000 damage in total.
Dec. 8: Puddy Meats was spraypainted, and an attempt was made to destroy the delivery trucks, but only the tires were slashed.

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Jan. 11: Property of Carne Equina horse killers, on St. Claren's Rd. was attacked with spray paint and bricks through the windows, causing $3,000 damage.
Jan. 16: Carne horse killers attacked again, causing $3,000 damage. Kentucky Fried Chicken on Mt. Pleasant Rd. given the same treatment, $1,000 damage.
Jan. 18: The following properties were attacked: Cross Town Foods spraypainted and had windows smashed; A. Stork and Sons had trucks painted and tires slashed; Gross Slaughterhouse painted and tires slashed; Kentucky Fried Chicken spraypainted (Mt. Pleasant Rd.). Total damage $6,000 approx. It was outside this KFC on this date that the five activists were arrested.

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Food...

the Environment • World Hunger

1. Meat production is responsible for a high rate of water consumption. Between 2500 and 6000 gallons of water are required to produce one pound of meat, while only 60 gallons are needed for one pound of wheat and 200-250 gallons for one pound of rice.

2. Plant foods yield about 10 times as much protein per acre as meat does.

3. Animal waste in the United States amounts to 2 billion tons annually, equivalent to the waste of 2 billion people, or more than one-half the world's population. The concentration of from 10,000 to 50,000 animals (or up to 250,000 poultry) in a single feedlot results in an abundance of potential fertilizer far exceeding the capacity of the surrounding farmland. As it is not economical to transport this waste, most of it finds its way into our water systems. This leads to the depletion of oxygen, it encourages eutrophication and contaminates the water with pathogens.

4. The production of livestock creates ten times more pollution than residential areas and three times more than industry.

5. Since about 1910, North American agriculture has been using more fossil fuel energy than it produces in food energy. Plant agriculture uses 10 to 1000 times less energy than livestock agriculture. A nationwide switch to a diet emphasizing whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, plus limits on the export of non-essential fatty foods, would save enough energy to cut our imported oil requirements by over 60%. The supply of renewable energy, such as wood and hydroelectric, would increase 120-150%.

6. About 80% of the world's agricultural land is used for feeding animals and about 20% for feeding people directly.

7. Overgrazing and excessive ploughing have caused the rapid erosion of soil. In the U.S. alone, the annual net loss of cropland topsoil is about 2 1/2 billion tons, equivalent to losing 4 million acres of cropland which had 4 inches of topsoil.

8. The conversion of forests to grazing land poses a serious threat to the world's increasing demand for wood and paper products. In the developing world over 80% of people rely on wood for energy. Forests favourably affect regional water resources, improve soil and climate and provide wilderness and recreational areas. If current trends continue, the world is likely to face a major wood shortage by the year 2010. As demands for animal foods and products continue, more deforestation will take place.

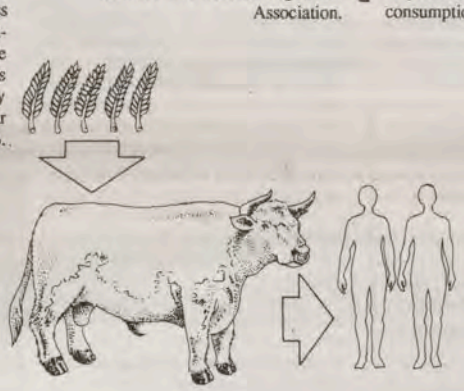
9. Calorie for calorie, it takes 11 times as much energy to produce meat and other fatty foods as it does to produce grains and other carbohydrate-rich foods.

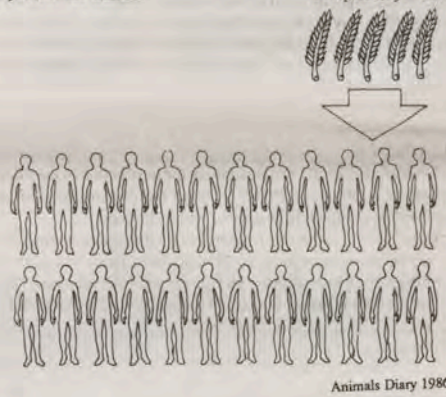
Source: The Toronto Vegetarian Association.

1. The food wasted by animal production in the affluent nations would be sufficient, if properly distributed, to end both the hunger and malnutrition throughout the world.
2. In a single year 18 million tons of protein is made inaccessible to humans. This is equivalent to 90% of the annual world protein deficit. It would provide 12 grams of usable protein per day for every person in the world.
3. Imagine yourself sitting down to an eight ounce steak. Then imagine the room filled with 45 to 50 people with empty bowls in front of them. For the "feed cost" of your steak, each of their bowls could be filled with a full cup of cooked cereal grains.
4. About 80% of the world's agricultural land is used for feeding animals and about 20% for feeding people directly.
5. Plant foods yield about ten times as much protein per acre as meat does.
6. As the demand for meat increases, rich nations are buying more and more grain to feed pigs and cattle. Grain supplies, once used to feed people, are sold to the highest bidder, and countless human beings are condemned to starvation. "The wealthy can compete for the poor man's food; the poor cannot compete at all."
7. A cow must be fed 21 pounds of protein to produce 1 pound of protein for human consumption.
8. If Canadians cut their meat consumption by 10% for one year, it would free for human consumption one million tons of grain. This would feed 5 million grain-eating people for a year.
9. We are importing from starving nations large quantities of grain and other foods that are then fed to our animals instead of to the populations who produced them.
10. Factory-farming is producing a population explosion of animals as providers of human food that is outstripping the human population explosion in competition for the basic plant foods.
11. While millions of people all over the world are starving, a few rich people are wasting vast amounts of land, water, and grain in order to eat meat, which is slowly destroying their bodies. North Americans consume over a ton (2,000 lbs.) of grain per person per year (through feed for meat-producing livestock), while the rest of the world averages about 400 pounds of grain.

Sources: Giehl, Kudley, 1979, Vegetarianism, A Way of Life; Moore Lappe, Francis, 1974, Diet for a Small Planet; Tyson, Jon Wynne, 1979, Food For A Future; Toronto Globe and Mail, 1974.

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ANIMAL DEALERS LIST

For your convenience, we compiled a short list of 13 animal dealers. With the exception of one, they are all breeders of animals for the research industry. We simply could not resist including a death train company in this list. Some of these companies have toll-free numbers. Others will gladly accept business via collect calls. Most are located in populous areas, and their real addresses as opposed to their mailing addresses can be found in the phone book.

You may wish to use this list for information gathering purposes, ask for a list of clients and annual reports, or simply to have fun with. Remember that animals are involved, so don't order a bunch to an unknown address unless you are fully equipped to liberate them. Whatever you do, do it to the best of your ability, these exploiters deserve all they can get and more.

Associated Rabbit Industries
1040 Central Street
East Bridgewater, MA 02333
671-378-2309

Animal Express
(overnight animal delivery)
P.O. Box 268
Lansdale, PA 19446
800-624-2232 ext. K-475

Bantin and Kingman, Inc.
"our mice get everywhere"
3403/3421 Yale Way
Fremont, CA 94538
415-490-3036

Buckshire Corp
(primates-wild caught, colony bred, surgical modification)
P.O. Box 155
2025 Ridge Road
Perkasie, PA 18944
215-257-0116 in PA: 800-645-3333

Charles River Breeding Laboratories
251 Ballardvale Street
Wilmington, MA 01887
617-658-6000
Charles River has a real 'cute' number for you to call: 800-LAB-RATS. It has an answering machine after hours - WHAT FUN!

Harlan Sprague Dawley (over 40 different stocks and strains of rats, mice, hamsters and guinea pigs)
P.O. Box 29176
Indianapolis, IN 46229
317-894-7521

Hazelton (beagles, conditioned primates and New Zealand white rabbits)
P.O. Box 7200
Denver, PA 17517
800-345-4114

Hilltop Lab Animals, Inc. (rodents)
Hilltop Drive
Scottdale, PA 15683
412-887-8480 /800-245-6921

Laboratory Research Ent. (beagle specialists)
6321 South 6th Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
616-375-0482

Lampire Biological Labs (sheep, horses, goats, donkeys, cows, mice, rabbits, fowl and primates)
P.O. Box 170
Pipersville, PA 18947
215-795-2838

Marshall Farms
(beagles and ferrets)
R.D. 1, Box 91
North Rose, NY 14516
315-587-2295

Thomas D. Morris, Inc. (pigs)
4001 Millender Mill Road
Reistertown, MD 21136

White Eagle (beagles - employs a 'puppy petter' team to pacify their dogs)
2003 Lower State Road
Doylestown, PA 18901

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ACTION REPORTS

1986

Oct. 26, Oregon: At the University of Oregon, two science laboratories in seperate buildings had their walls and equipment spraypainted with the initials ALF, 144 animals were liberated and equipment was smashed. Damage to the equipment was estimated at $100,000. Appox. 18 cats, 24 rabbits, 12 hamsters and 100 rats were among the freed animals. (*Please note*: see article "Activist Arrested for Lab Raid.")

Nov. 30, Arizona: Several fur stores were targetted: Cele Peterson, which had 6 fur coats slashed with a razor; Goldwater's, which had manure placed in the pocket of one of the coats, Russek's, which had red paint splashed on the front door; and Mr. Brett Furs & Fashions, which had stickers saying 'Closed due to animal cruelty' put on the windows. 5 other fur stores were also hit.
Nov. 24, California: 127 turkeys were liberated from two farms, equipment was damaged, including sugar poured into farm machinery gas tanks, slashed tires, damage to blinds over the turkey prisons, glue in time-clocks of animal-area ventilating, and slogans were painted on the walls. About $12,000 damage was caused. All of the turkeys were placed in safe, permanent, and caring homes where they will be allowed to live out the remainder of their lives in peace and freedom.

Dec. 7, Rockville, MD: 4 baby chimpanzees were liberated from the laboratories of SEMA Inc., by **True Friends**. They were destined for research on such diseases as hepatitis and AIDS. (*Please note*: see article "Chimps Stolen by Animal Liberationists".)

1987

Jan. 19, Williamsburg, VA: 6 mice were liberated from the psychology labs at William & Mary College.

April 16, Davis, CA: $3.5 million fire set in a veterinary diagnostic laboratory under construction at the University of California at Davis. 18 cars at the University were spraypainted and had their tires slashed, as well as walls being painted. The **Animal Rights Militia** claimed responsiblity for the action, saying the action was retaliation in the name of thousands of animals tortured each year in campus labs.
April 17, Delaware: 40 laying hens from a battery egg facility were liberated by the Farm Freedom Fighters and the Easter Bunny. The hens were adopted into caring, loving homes.
April 18, Riverside, CA: 50 rabbits liberated from a breeding farm by the **ALF**.
April 19, Bloomington, LA: 115 rabbits were liberated from a rabbit breeding station.

June 13, Davis, CA: Five turkey vultures liberated by the **ALF** from the Raptor Centre at the University of California Davis campus.

Aug. 13, Las Vegas, NV: Three goats from the biology department of the University of Nevada were liberated by the ALF. The goats were to be used for dehydration experiments, to study how their bodies store water over long periods of time.
Aug. 25, Maryland: 28 cats and 7 African minature pigs were liberated from the Beltsville Agricultural Research Centre. The liberators, the **Band of Mercy**, left behind slogans, pamphlets, a poem and vegetarian recipes. The cats were being used in parasite experiments.

Sept. 1, Santa Clara, CA: A fire at the San Jose Veal Company caused $7000 damage, and was claimed by the **Animal Rights Militia**.

Nov. 25, San Jose, CA: An empty cattle feed barn owned by Ferrara Meat Company was burned down for Thanksgiving, claimed by the **Animal Rights Militia**.
Nov. 27, Washington, DC: Windows smashed at the following fur stores: Miller's Furs and Rosendorf-Evans.
Nov. 27, Bethesda, MD: Windows smashed and red paint thrown at the following fur stores: Gartenhaus, Furs by Yianni, and Saks-Jandel, and Fred's Fur Vault. (*Please note*: see article "Direct Action Against Fur".)
Nov. 28, Santa Clara, CA: A fire destroyed a poultry warehouse owned by V. Melani, Inc., claimed by the ALF, causing $200,000 damage. "ALF" and "murderers" were spraypainted on the walls.

Dec. 5, Bethesda, MD: Fred's Fur Vault attacked again, windows smashed. $50,000 in damages over a period of a year and a half.

1988

Jan. 29, Irvine, CA: 13 beagles liberated from the University of California by the **ALF.** 12 were used in pollution experiments and one in windpipe experiments (this one had a diode in its skull for brain experiments). (*Please note*: see article "Dogs Liberated form Califorinia Lab.")

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Animals' Agenda, July/Aug. '87

Rabbits and their rescuers

DIRECT ACTION AGAINST FUR

Washington, DC - Direct action against fur retailers is in full swing here and in neighbouring Maryland. In the early hours of November 27, 1987, five fur stores had their windows shot out, probably with the use of a slingshot. Later that same day, in broad daylight, Fred's Fur Vault in Bethesda, MD, had its window smashed, and was hit again on December 5, again in broad daylight. No one has been injured and no arrests have been made in any of the incidents.

Representatives of the Fur Vault, which is a national chain, told the Justice Department that they have paid $50,000 for repairs from direct action in the past year and a half. Thomas Riley, a public relations spokesperson for the $2 billion-a-year U.S. fur industry, has been hired by the Fur Retailers Information Council, a group set up by furriers to combat anti-fur sentiment. Riley said that Council members account for 80% of the industry, and have sought the help of federal authorities to stop the activists. They have also pressured outdoor advertising companies and threatened lawsuits over anti-fur ads.

Ecomedia Toronto -*Source:* Washington Post, Dec. 15, 1987

Tucson, AZ - Al Russek, owner of Russek's, an exclusive boutique, says "It's constant harrassment" which has forced him to stop selling furs, and he's tired of the activists' pressure. Since September 1984, activists have thrown red paint on the store, put nails in the customer parking lot, and glue in the locks, among other tactics. Russek claims to have received a bomb threat in November 1987, and he finally decided to board up his windows and get rid of the furs.

Ecomedia Toronto -*Source:* Arizona Daily Star, Dec. 29, 1987

DOGS LIBERATED FROM CALIFORNIA LAB

The **Animal Liberation Front** in California raided the University of California's Irvine campus on January 29, 1988, where they liberated 13 beagles, 12 of whom were being used to study the effects of air pollution on the lungs and on exercise. The 13th was being used for windpipe experiments - and had a diode protruding from his skull, used to attach electrodes for brain experiments. They had apparently backed up their van to the campus kennel, cut the fence, loaded the dogs in and drove away.

The head vivisector for the research group, Dr. Robert Phalen, attempted to justify the experiments in an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* (Jan. 31, 1988), by saying in typical research doublespeak, that the dogs were happy. "These are happy animals. I saw that animal with the diode just the other day and it was up and happy and wagging its tail." Vivisectors not only say that the animals are happy but that they don't feel any pain. What bullshit! Dr. Phalen also said, "(The dogs) breathe pollutants at levels similar to what we have in Los Angeles. These are non-destructive studies." How can anyone tell us with all seriousness that breathing pollution is non-destructive? He further states, "We work in levels that the animals can't even sense is destructive." Great! What the animal doesn't know won't hurt him!

We, in our great glorious industrial world, pollute the hell out of our environment, force animals to breathe the crap, and then tell us the dogs are happy because their tails are wagging, but it's okay because they don't know what's going on! Animal researchers are so far removed from humanity and compassion, and so far involved in the pseudo-science of multi-national drug corporations, that they can't see the forset for the trees. Dr. Phalen proves this when he said, in the same interview, referring to a dog in the same pollution study, "I took one home and she lived six more years ... *before dying of cancer.*"

The **ALF** said in a communique to the *L.A. Times*, "This liberation was to protest U.C.I.'s growing use of animals in fraudulent medical research, research nothing will come of except pain and misery to humans and non-humans alike." University officials said that there are more than 25,000 animals involved in experiments at U.C.I.

Source: Los Angeles Times, Jan.31, 1988

ACTION REPORTS

AUSTRALIA

1986

Early Sept., Brisbane: A lamb was rescued from Queensland University Labs.
Sept. 18, Springvale: 3 dogs were rescued from the Springvale Dog Pound by the ALF. The dogs were to be sent to the Prahran Baker Institute for heart disease experiments.

Oct. 9, Melbourne: 14 stores that sell furs had their windows damaged with etching fluid, their locks glued, and their walls spraypainted. One store, Myers, was attacked previously in April, 1986, when they had $250,000 - $500,000 damage done to their windows. The April action was claimed by the **ALF** and this night of action was claimed by **Action For Animals** (AFA).

Dec. 15, Melbourne: A Balaclava fur store had $2,000 worth of stock damaged by **AFA** when red paint was squirted onto coats through a hole in the window made by a sling shot and a marble. The paint attack happened four days after the hole was made.

1987

Jan. 11, Melbourne: 52 mice and 2 rabbits were rescued from the Melbourne University's Microbiology building, by **AFA**. The mice were being used in 'eye bleeding' experiments. $2,000 damage was also caused to lab equipment.

March 18, Melbourne: 16 chickens were liberated from the Kambouris Poultry Farm by Action For Animals. 200 eggs were smashed and walls spraypainted. Three activists were arrested in connection to this raid. (*Please note*: see article "Three Activists Arrested in Australia".)

Mid-May, Tasmania: 2 fur and leather shop windows spray painted with "Animals Suffer for Human Vanity" and "Animals Suffer for Human Greed".

June 15, Melbourne: Montreal Furs had a window smashed, and a butcher next door had its locks glued.
June 17, Tasmania: Spray paint campaign with slogans on blank walls in busy areas, on a fur store, and on a perfume and cosmetic store.

July 16, Melbourne: 2 fur stores had "scum" daubed on their windows with etching cream, as well as a meat shop. All had locks glued.
July 26, Melbourne: 2 fur stores, a butcher, and a Kentucky Fried Chicken shop had their windows damaged with etching cream, and all locks were glued.

Aug. 5, Melbourne: A 6-tonne truck that delivers slaughtered chickens had its locks glued, sand put into the gas tank and cooling system, wind shield screen etched, a front tire slashed, and "death truck" spray painted.
Late Aug., Melbourne: 2 battery hens were liberated from a factory farm by **Action For Animals**, and are now in safe homes.

NEW ZEALAND

1986

Dec. 3, Lower Hutt: $60,000 damage was done to 2 meat trucks that were set alight, claimed by the ALF.
Dec. 12: A fire was set at a Hopuhopu piggery, and the building was gutted.
Dec. 26, Greenlane: A suspected bomb was discovered near an animal laboratory in Auckland's Greenlane Hospital, claimed by the **ALF**. It was blown up by explosives experts.

1987

May 3, Greenlane: Greenlane Hospital's animal laboratories were firebombed, claimed by the **ALF**. "ALF" was spray painted on a wall, and this action followed a raid a week earlier.
May 5: Windows were smashed at the Karori Park Butchery Deli and Wadestown Butchery.

1988

Feb. 21, Miramar: 4 butcher shop windows were smashed including one in Kilbirnie and one in Newlands.

AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND



Wadestown Butchery
-Evening Post 5/5/87

THREE ACTIVISTS ARRESTED IN AUSTRALIA

On the 20th March, 1987, Gary Rowson, Iain Banfield and Matthew Layton were arrested in their homes in connection with an **Action For Animal's** raid on the Kambouris Poultry Farm, when 16 battery hens were rescued and 200 eggs were smashed. The three men face over 40 charges, including: trespassing, theft (stealing 16 laying hens), criminal damage, and having in possession items for the purpose of damaging property. Gary and Iain were also charged with $6,000 damage done to Stephen Dattners Furs earlier in the year, and Iain was charged with having in his possession "items known to be compounds of an improvised explosive device".

The police anti-terrorist squad conducted a raid on the houses where the three men live, arresting them and ransacking their rooms. The filth seized anything relating to animal rights, as well as numerous other things. Each of the men were given bail on a $10,000 surety each, and they had to surrender their passports and report 3 times a week to a police station. Needless to say, they were not supplied with vegan food during their pre-bail incarceration.

Their pre-trial was initially scheduled to start on Oct. 12, 1987, but because of the huge number of exhibits (540!) it was reset for March 21, 1988!! Fortunately, they have been able to obtain legal aid, but it will still end up costing them quite a lot of money (about $600 each). They have managed to get their reporting conditions dropped, and Gary has been allowed to go to England, although he has to hand over his passport when he returns to Australia. A conspiracy charge has also been added.

At their court hearings, police say that there has been over $1 million worth of damage caused by militant animal liberation activists over the past two years.

In response to the arrests, a support group was formed to help with their defence. **The Supporters' Group for Animal Activists** have several aims: They will provide legal assistance to those involved in direct action for the benefit of animals; provide financial assistance to those fined or imprisoned as a result of direct action; provide financial assistance to the families of those imprisoned following direct action; and distribute a newsletter concerning direct actions throughout Australia and elsewhere (check out *FLN*'s Distribution list). The group's main priority currently is raising funds for Iain, Gary, and Matthew. Donations can be sent to: **Supporters' Group for Animal Activists**, P.O.Box 519, Eltham, 3095 Victoria, Australia.

ACTION REPORTS

INTERNATIONAL

Italy
1987
Butchers' and fur shop windows were smashed and circus marquees were slashed.
Jan. 2: 200 pigeons destined for a pigeon-shooting competition were liberated at Sestri Lavante.

Netherlands
1986
April 24: The **Animal Liberation Front** liberated 100 rats and mice for World Day for Lab Animals, from a breeding farm belonging to Central Animals Lab of the Catholic University.
July 8, Scherpenzeel: The **ALF** freed 30 pigs from a breeding facility. This particular breeding station was an experimental one, so pigs there were to be experimented on as well as sent to the slaughterhouses. The company that was hit - Esvoor - markets the battery cages the pigs were in.
Nov. 8, Arnhem: The **ALF** freed about 65 deer from the wild-concentration camp of the Van der Valk concern. The deer were driven to another estate. In a letter to the counsellors, the ALF requested asylum for the deer.

Sweden
1986
Nov. 18, Forsheda: Hundreds of foxes (silver and blue) were released into the forests from a fur farm.
Nov. 19, Malmo: 54 guinea pigs were rescued from a train at Malmo Central Stn.

1987
Feb. 26, Helsingborg: 15 dogs were rescued from a lab breeding farm.
April 22, Veberod: 16 crows and 4 rooks were released from a crowtrap in S. Sweden.
June 16, Stockholm: Windows were smashed at McDonald's and paint thrown in.
Sept. 10, Malmo: 39 guinea pigs were liberated from a goods train at Malmo Central Stn., on their way to a lab in Stockholm.

Sept. 22, Stockholm: 8 rabbits were rescued from the Institute of Zoology.
Sept. 26, Malmo/Lund: Swedish **ALF** raided a vivisection lab in Malmo, and while they were using a welding unit to get through a fire-proof door, a fire alarm went off and they had to leave. They then went to the University of Lund and rescued 8 rabbits from a lab there.
Oct. 6, Lund: A monkey (Saimiri Sciureus) was liberated from the Institute of Hygene and is now in a good home.

West Germany
1986
Sept. 19, Frankfurt: 2000 mink and some polecats were released from a fur farm in the village of Aurigen.
Sept. 21, Bavaria: 300 coypu were released from a fur farm.

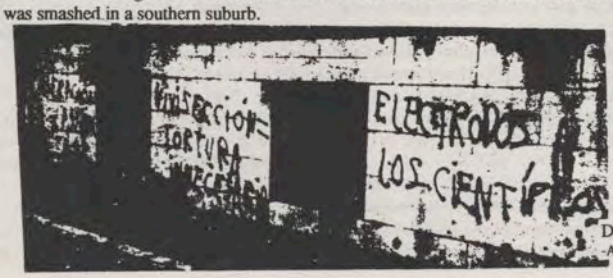
1987
March 14, Karlsruhe: 25 cats and 2 dogs were liberated from a research lab at Karlsruhe University.
April 4, Bochum: 16 rabbits, 70 guinea pigs, 1 pregnant cat, 1 pregnant beagle and 3 beagle puppies were rescued from an animal dealer.
May 6, Dusseldorf: 70 beagles and 400 rats were rescued from Dusseldorf University. Files of information on the animal experiments carried out at the University were also taken, along with corpses of animals that had been experimented on and were found in a fridge. The corpses were displayed to the public in front of the Cologne Cathedral on May 7th.
June 11, Heidleberg: 3 beagles were liberated from a lab at Heidleberg University.
June 13, Bonn: Members of **Animal Peace** raided the Pathological Institute at Bonn University, liberating 180 rats.
June 21-28: A number of shooting stands were sawn down.
Aug. 22, Bochum: 120 guinea pigs, 60 rats and 6 rabbits were liberated from Bochum University. The rabbits were reported to be valued at $50,000 each(!).

(Please note: see "Light Sentences for German Liberators pg. 15)

Denmark
March 11, 1987, Copenhagen: Fur shops damaged.

France
1986
April: A pig slaughterhouse was set on fire. An inflammable mixture was put into the anaesthesia machine and put in an electric igniting system, attached to a roll of electrical wire which was rolled outside. The French press totally suppressed news of the action, apparently due to the desires of the slaughterhouse owner.
Oct., Toulouse: A car belonging to a bullfight fanatic was totally destroyed by fire.

1987
March 13, Toulouse: A slaughterhouse was attacked, and two truck front windows were smashed.
March 14, Toulouse: Two more trucks damaged at Toulouse's slaughterhouse. 4 butchers had their windows smashed in the town centre.
April 8, Paris: The front window to a meat van was smashed in a southern suburb.



Direct action in Spain
-ALFSG (France) Bulletin

ACTION REPORTS

UNITED KINGDOM

The following reports are by no means complete. We listed all the animal liberation reports, most of the major damage reports, including most attacks with fire, and any tactics we thought were new and innovative in style. Actions by the ALF happen literally every day in the U.K. and it would be impossible to list them all. A more complete listing in the **ALFSG** (UK) *Diary of Actions* is available from us.

1986

Sept., Cheshire: Over 100 rabbits were rescued from Hylyne rabbit farm.
Sept., Sussex: 50 hens were rescued from a battery farm, slogans were painted on the walls of the building and a feeding trough was damaged.
Sept. 20, Hampshire: The entire refrigeration unit at a meat processing plant was destroyed. $500,000 damage was caused.

Oct., Hertfordshire: 22 hens were rescued from a battery farm.
Oct., Worcestershire: Over 50 chickens were rescued from broiler units and extensive damage was caused to the building.
Oct. 11, Oxfordshire: $200,000 damage was caused to 3 trucks belonging to Faccenda Chickens by incendiary devices.

Nov. 26, Lancashire: 100 mink were freed from a farm, and property was also damaged.
Nov. 27, Essex: 110 guinea pigs were rescued from Tucks Animal Breeding Centre.

Dec., Cambridgeshire: Fire set at the Monks Wood experimental station, causing $500,000 damage. The station carries out animal and mineral research for the government.

1987

Feb.: 90 rabbits were rescued from a factory farm and the remaining rabbits were sprayed with a harmless blue dye to make their skins valueless.
Feb. 1, Buckinghamshire: 10 incendiary devices were planted in a slaughterhouse and two meat processing plants. They were planted under a diesel storage tank and in refrigeration equipment, but only 3 ignited, burning the slaughterhouse and adjoining meat warehouses, causing $40,000 damage.
Feb. 6, Cheshire: 4 piglets and 52 broiler hens were rescued from Bibby's Research Station. Extensive damage was caused to conveyor belts, wiring, cages, etc. An **ALF** statement claimed the action in support of the 9 people convicted of various "crimes".

March, Kent: A horse and donkey were rescued from Welcome Lab in Frant. Both needed vet treatment and are now in good homes.
March, Yorkshire: McDonald's of Dewsbury (not yet opened) was damaged by fire. Rent-a-Kill stock/factory/offices in Morley were badly damaged by fire.

April, Wales: Incendiary devices were left in the fur depts. at Deberhams in Cardiff and Swansea, and at Howells of Cardiff.
April 5, Essex: 10 beagles were rescued from the Beechams Essex lab.
Easter Sunday, Oxford: 20 birds were rescued from Jenning's Poultry Farm at Garsington. The liberators' press release said "The hens were in a dreadful state with blistered skin on their necks and chests, featherless wings, and extensive bald patches."
April 26, Hertshire: 12 dogs were rescued from breeding kennels at Bayford, near Broxbourne. The dogs, including 5 old English sheepdogs, were in extremely poor condition and are now in good homes.

May 7, Yorkshire: 24 windows and 2 glass doors of animal abuse shops were damaged with etching fluid in Leeds city centre.
May 8, London: $5,000 damage caused to fur coats in Portabello Rd. Market when battery acid was sprayed on them.
May 11, Norfolk: 19 chickens were liberated from R. Winch & Sons at Upgate, near Norwich.
May 20, Yorkshire: 3 incendiary devices were left in trucks at the Goldenlay Egg Packing Plant. One ignited damaging the back of one truck.
May 27, Avon: 77 hens were rescued from a poultry farm at Lower Claverham, near Bristol. "Concentration camp" was spray painted on a wall.

June 2: 2 fox cubs and 2 rabbits were rescued from the garden shed of a fanatical hunt supporter.
June 2, West Midlands: A cattle market had its P.A. system and lighting damaged and slogans were painted.
June 23, Kent: 9 young male goats were rescued from Hadlow College of Agriculture, near Tonbridge.

July 12, Luton: $18 million damage caused to a Debenhams store where an incendiary device was planted in the fur dept. and the sprinkler system failed. Two other Debenhams stores were damaged similarily in Harrow and Romford.
Late July, Avon: 27 shops in the Bristol area were either super-glued or had slogans painted on them.
July 24, Sussex: Over 300 breeding rats were rescued from Sussex University's Laboratory of Experimental Psychology. All the rats were placed in good homes.

Aug. 1, Surrey: 30 chickens were rescued from a battery farm at Newgate.
Aug. 12, Yorkshire: A stone monument, celebrating the shooting of 2,070 grouse in 1 day in 1872, was painted with slogans, removed from Wemmergill Moor and deposited at the front gate of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation.
Aug. 21, Kent: 2 rabbits and a guinea pig were rescued from cruel conditions in Herne Bay.
Aug. 24, Kent: 1000 eggs were smashed and cars damaged with paint stripper at a hen battery farm in West Kingsdown.

Sept. 1, Sussex: Letters were sent to shops in Brighton displaying circus posters, warning them that their windows would be bricked if the posters were not taken down. Most took them down.
Sept. 12, Yorkshire: A slaughterhouse in Leeds had its roof damaged by fire.
Sept. 26, Dorset: A window at the Hotel Piccadily in Bournemouth was smashed because they were holding a fur sale.

Oct. 8, London: Two directors of Unilever, the cosmetics and chemical giant, had their homes paint-bombed and corrosive liquid poured over their cars.
Oct. 11, Sussex: Five incendiary devices were placed under trucks belonging to RP Meats and Quickburger in Fishergate. All ignited and the total damage was over $500,000.
Oct. 16: Actions against McDonald's all over the country (Int. Day of Action). Continued on page 28



Hamshire ALF action, Jan.1,'88
Diary of Actions #4

ALF ACTION IN VANCOUVER

On Sunday September 20, 1987, three activists were arrested in Vancouver, B.C. for actions against fur stores. Rod Coronado, David Howitt, and Linda May, activists with the **Sea Shepherd**, were stopped in their van around 2 a.m. after an eyewitness to a fur store action gave a description of the vehicle to the police. Shortly after, the Sea Shepherd vessel, Divine Wind, was raided by police and customs officials. Nothing was seized. Although all three are crew members of the Divine Wind and were driving a Sea Shepherd vehicle, a Sea Shepherd spokesperson says that there is no connection to their group. "A.L.F." was spraypainted on Pappas Fur Designers Ltd., Grandwiew Furs, and Avenue Furs. The stores also had their windows smashed and red paint thrown inside.

The three are charged with a total of 10 mischiefs and 2 break and enter charges. They spent about one week in jail before being released on $10,000 cash bail each. They originally had to maintain an 11p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew, report to the police, stay at a specific house (as opposed to the Divine Wind where they lived), and surrender their passports. A November bail review hearing allowed them to leave the country to continue their normal lives until their Preliminary hearing, which was scheduled for Febuary, 1988. Rod and Linda are from California and David is from England, but they all returned with the Divine Wind to California. Rod and David are the people who sank the two whaling ships in Iceland in November, 1986.

Reaction to the arrests from police and the fur industry has been swift. The police are trying to reconstruct a smashed lightbulb (which was filled with paint and thrown) in order to get fingerprints. The $10,000 cash each person had to put up to get out of jail is viewed as rather harsh for mischief charges. The fur industry flew in public relations spokespeople from across the country to apply pressure on the police and courts and get media attention. They want to use the three as scapegoats.

Animal Liberation Front activity has increased significantly in Vancouver since August 1987. Two fur stores are reportedly closing directly because of direct actions against them. The owner of Grandview Furs says "It's ruining my business because customers are frightened to bring in their own coats for repair." But it's more likely that insurance doesn't completely cover the damage, and Avenue Furs has been hit about a dozen times in the past two years. At $7,000-$15,000 a shot it's not hard to see how easy it is to close down a shop.

Another small victory was realized by activists in Vancouver at the recent Commonwealth Conference. The organizers decided to cancel a fur show because of concern over offending some international delegates and, as well, they felt the pressure from activists. One B.C. government spokesperson says "...the last thing we wanted to do was pose additional security problems. You don't know to what end some of the anti-fur group (sic) will go to disrupt an event." As the saying goes: *"Increase the pressure!"*

The three arrested activists have issued a plea for money to help defray legal costs. "For the first time, not just here, but all across America, and Britain as well, the fur industry has met an opponent it cannot stop. Not only will the furriers have to deal with a campaign of education, and public awareness, but one that strikes at the only place they have shown sensitivity, their pocketbooks. A campaign on behalf of fur-bearing animals is already underway, and it is our duty to see that no aspect of it is halted. It is only a matter of time before the real criminals are behind bars, but until that day, we must continue to fight for the freedom of fur-bearing animals." Donations can be sent to the **Sea Shepherd Legal Defense Fund**, 207 W. Hastings Ave., Suite 301, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 1H7, Canada.

Update

On February 9, the day set for the Preliminary hearing, Rod and David did not show up for court. Linda did though, and had her break and enter charge withdrawn, leaving only her mischief charges. The fact that David and Rod did not show up should not be a difficult problem for us to deal with. The fur industry, who rallied around the arrests last year, seems to have had the wind taken out of them since they now have no one to really focus on. Although Linda did show up, the men were the ones the prosecution and the industry really wanted, following their traditional sexist attitudes. As well, they only have to fundraise for $20,000 (to pay back the money lost to the courts for bail) and whatever Linda's legal fees are instead of fundraising for legal fees for all three, which were likely to be much higher. Not being Canadian citizens, Rod and David will not have to worry about these charges, unless of course they are in Canada and picked up by the police. Linda will have her trial in the near future and we'll report on that in the next issue of *Front Line News*.

LIGHT SENTENCES FOR GERMAN LIBERATORS

The trial of 10 German animal liberation activists, accused of forming a criminal association, attempted arson and of various animal liberation raids, ended with light sentences at the court in Flensburg on May 14, 1987. The accused, aged between 20 and 60, pleaded guilty to liberating a total of 485 animals from various labs. They were allowed to show the film "Pennsylvania Primates" in the open court, and the judge later referred to the "terrible experiments" in the film which "get under the skin of any person and compel him to give thought to these things."

In his summing-up, the judge stated that he had been impressed by the high motives of the animal liberators, who "had been driven by animal experiments into taking illegal action" and "had wanted to help the animals and free them from their tormentors." After announcing sentences varying from small fines to probationary periods of between 7 and 12 months, the judge ended the trial by urging the accused to "continue fighting for tortured animals, but by legal means."



Dogs rescued from a German vivisection lab. -Action Reports (UK)

F.B.I.

In response to an increase in militant direct action carried out by animal liberation activists in the United States, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) have begun investigations under anti-terrorism laws - *N.Y.Times, 19/1/88*. The F.B.I. are looking into several cases of arson, including the $3.5 million fire that destroyed a new University of California animal lab last year, which was claimed by the **Animal Rights Militia** (ARM). Other actions under investigation are the Sept. 1, 1987 fire at a veal company in Santa Clara, CA, which was claimed by the same group, and a fire on Thanksgiving at a cattle feed barn. Damage to the meat companies is in the tens of thousands of dollars. A.R.M. are an extreme offshoot of the **A.L.F.** who, in communiques released in England, claim they will not stop short of killing or hurting humans who are involved in the exploitation and murder of animals.

Confidential sources have also confirmed that the F.B.I. have been visiting Toronto in recent months investigating people and campaigns within the **Toronto Humane Society**. The T.H.S. has been the target of many anti-animal people and the media ever since animal rights activists took control through an elected majority on the Board of Directors in 1986. But the T.H.S. is still a pretty 'tame' organization which certainly does not get involved with illegal activities, so one must assume that the F.B.I. are being the reactionary scum that they usually show themselves to be.

Also on the F.B.I. hit list have been the offices of **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals** (PETA) in Washington, DC. They were raided this past winter by the F.B.I. and the Office of the U.S. Inspector General who were looking for information regarding the whereabouts of the cats and pigs liberated from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in Beltsville, MD, and the chimps liberated from the SEMA labs, also in Maryland. Recordings, videos, and documents were seized and are being examined by a Baltimore Grand Jury.

Activist Arrested For Lab Raid

In connection with the Oct. 86 University of Oregon laboratory break-in, three people appeared before a Grand Jury after police raided an Oregon animal sanctuary in Nov. 86 and recovered seven rabbits bearing identifying tattoos. During the break-in, 144 animals were liberated, and an estimated $100,000 in damage was caused to the facility.

Long time animal activist Peter Troen, his aunt, and **PETA** member Sharon Nettles were called to testify. On July 10, 1987, police arrested Peter and charged him with burglary, conspiracy, and theft. He was released after posting $2000 bail on $20,000 security. The police had prepared an affidavit which stated that Benson told them that she had obtained the rabbits from Roger Troen.

Represented by Portland attorney Stephen Houze Troen will be tried on December 1, 1987, in Lane County. Houze says that Troen will plead not guilty, and that their case will be based on the "choice of evils" defence - that committing an illegal act is justifiable if it prevents a greater crime from being committed. The arrest followed nine months of investigation (still ongoing) into animal rights activists and groups in the effort to dig up suspects in the case. Eugene police Sgt. Charles Tilby told reporters that local police are working with California authorities in an attempt to link the Oregon break-in with recent **ALF** action in California.

Source: Animals' Agenda, PETA News



Roger Troen and friend. Animals' Agenda -May '88

Interview With An Activist



-Lomakatsi

This interview was conducted with a person who took part in an ALF raid on the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto in Feb. 1986, where experiments take place involving the use of pain, and the measuring of facial reactions to pain. A failed attempt was made to liberate animals, but equipment was destroyed and damage exceeded $15,000.

Q What were your feelings when you failed to liberate any of the animals there?

A I'm not sure it is possible to describe the feelings of overwhelming frustration I, and all the others involved, felt at being so close to the animals yet unable to reach them. We were separated by just a wall and even managed to get through part of that, but we just ran out of time. The feeling of frustration has not gone away, it has merely been diverted into an energetic determination to succeed next time.

Q Would you use violence (on people as well as researchers' machines and torture devices) if it was absolutely necessary in order to free an abused animal?

A Violence is a relative term. I do not recognize the destruction of researchers' torture chambers or instruments of torture as violence, merely as economic sabotage. I feel that violence against people turns off the public and it is not something I am personally comfortable with. As the ALF group to which I belong operates by complete consensus, it is therefore extremely unlikely, believing as I do, that I would find myself in a violent situation. Also, in order to reduce the chance of confrontation with a guard, etc., we investigate our targets very carefully over a long period of time.

Q Many "scientists" have commented that the ALF is nothing but a terrorist group akin to such organizations as the IRA and that the ALF's raids in the future are certain to lead to violence. What's your opinion on this viewpoint?

A Terrorism is defined in the dictionary as "mass organized ruthlessness" or "state of terror"; terrorist is defined as "to oppress by fear". There can be no greater terrorism than the violent research going on behind the locked doors of laboratories and no greater terrorist group than vivisectors doing that which they do best - torturing animals. Accusing the ALF of 'perhaps' committing violence at some unknown and unspecified time in the future is not only ridiculous but will not serve to divert our attention from reality, which is that the research community is already committing violence **now, everyday**, against its helpless animal victims.

Q How do you keep infiltrators out of ALF? Also, how can you be sure that people volunteering homes for abused or liberated animals aren't cops, etc.?

A Infiltration is a serious problem but I believe we take every possible precaution against it. I prefer not to discuss the exceptional security measures taken to ensure people are not 'infiltrators'. Also, I prefer not to discuss the safeguards used where homes for the animals are concerned. Needless to say, they are extensive - carelessness that would result in turning an animal over to someone who would return him/her back to a laboratory is not to be tolerated. Everyone involved considers this even more important than being caught and going to jail; we know the risk we are taking, terrifying though it may be, and we made the choice. However, the animal is helpless and once liberated must remain liberated, whatever the cost.

Q Dr. Thomas Salamo, a member of the U of T's Faculty of Medicine and a heart surgeon at St. Michael's Hospital has refused to give me an interview because "it's not a good time to discuss the research" being done at the U of T! What types of research do you know, or do you suspect are going on there? What's he trying to hide?

A I don't wish to answer this question because of security and the safety of others. I cannot explain further. Suffice it to say that all kinds of research are going on at the U of T and we are aware of every detail of that research. In terms of Salamo trying to hide information - it constantly amazes me as to how secretive researchers are about their work. Are they not proud of what they are doing in the 'name of mankind' as they like to put it? Could it be that they fear their research methods would not stand up in the light of public scrutiny?

Q Dr. William Rapley, director of animal care veterinary services at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ont. was very "nice" when I interviewed him. However, in his efforts at being so polite and "helpful", he evaded telling me what experiments the animals at UWO are being subjected to. Do you have information on what is *really* going on there now?

A Once again - same answer as above.

Q I know your commitment to the Animal Liberation Front is great and that you are willing to go to jail for your actions. Are there any particular incidents that led you to these beliefs? (Why did you join the ALF?)

A I am passionately committed to creating social change which will make this world a better place for all species, not just for humans. As an animal rights activist, once I had dealt with the fear of realizing that I could go to jail if caught, it seemed the logical step to become a liberator. I want to look back on my life and know I did absolutely *everything* I could to help stop these atrocities, even giving up my freedom, which is the greatest sacrifice one can make. It is important to realize that when liberators make this decision they do not do so out of any sense of martyrdom, but out of a sense of necessity. Believe me, the last thing we want is to be a 'sacrifice'; the animals need all of us on the 'outside', rather than in prison.

Q Do you think that ALF raids will do anything to abolish animal research in the future? What will it take to end the torment once and for all?

A I believe ALF raids are invaluable because, thus far, they have been responsible for bringing to light atrocities in research facilities - e.g., City of Hope Medical Centre, the Head Injury Tapes, etc. It is essential that not only animals be liberated - though that has first priority - but also damning documentation against the research facility. We have to present factual evidence to the public because ultimately, they are the ones who will have to apply pressure to create changes in the system, in legislation, etc. They have to know what is going on in laboratories, indeed in every arena where animal abuse is taking place. Only by knowing the truth can the general public raise an outcry to stop this horror. And of course, in terms of the animals, the ALF is the only hope for an end to the suffering of laboratory animals. If they are not liberated, the only way a lab animal leaves the lab is when it is dead.





UNIVERSITIES

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY FREAKS OUT

The following is an internal memo released to all departments at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia by Howard Dickson, the Assoc. Dean of Research at the Dept. of Anatomy. Dated Dec. 12, 1986, the subject is "Animal Rights Activists" and is probably typical of the seige mentality at many laboratories in universities across North America.

TO: All Department Heads
FROM: Howard Dickson, Assoc. Dean Research
SUBJECT: Animal Rights Activists

Vice President Sinclair and Dean Murray have requested that I provide all faculty, staff and students with the following information.

As many of you may know, we have recently received word from a reliable source that a very powerful and potentially dangerous animal rights group is organizing locally and plans to raid the animal quarters in the Psychology Department over the Christmas break.

More recent information suggests that the planned action could involve a larger area, and that any animal holding facilities on campus are at risk, including the Tupper, which I feel is a high risk target. Further, we hear now that this group plans to do extensive property damage to gain media attention, and will likely attempt to destroy laboratory equipment and research data, and as they have done elsewhere, will try to free animals.

We are considering this threat to be extremely serious and have taken today a number of steps to add additional security here in the Tupper Building.
We have:
1) installed bars on the inside of the A/C windows at ground level.
2) added additional TV surveillance and motion detectors in the A/C area.
3) secured the back door to the A/C so that off hours, access to the A/C will only be possible through the card access door in the basement of the Tupper; access through the CRC will not be possible in the evening.
4) reduced access to the Tupper Building from 5pm to 8am weekdays and from 5pm Friday to 8am Monday; the only access will be through the front doors of the Tupper. A sign-in procedure will be instituted; ID will be required and you will be required to sign out. Additional security will be on duty to patrol the complex and a guard will be stationed at the sign-in station to moniter activity.
5) the RCMP and the Halifax Police Dept. have been informed and they will assist us in assessing our security needs.

It is not my intention to initiate a hysterical response, but we feel that it is only prudent to provide you with the relevant information and to point out to you the seriousness of this threat.

Some simple rules to follow that will help us to enhance our security:
1) Do not allow anyone to get into the A/C area when you enter using your pass card.
2) Do not leave your access card lying around the lab where it could possibly be picked up and used later. If you lose your A/C card please report the loss immediately so that your code can be changed.
3) Keep an eye out for strangers (young or old) in the Tupper Tower in particular, and especially in the evenings and on weekends. If you encounter someone that you do not know, simply ask if you can be of assistance; if you do not get a reassuring response call security at 6400 immediately. Do not attempt to remove anyone by force. If you encounter a group of strangers in the off hours, call security immediately; DO NOT make contact.
4) Finally, it may be prudent to remove from the Tupper Bldg. any laboratory notes and drafts of theses. These items are easy targets and often, if backup copies are not available, are irreplaceable.

If you have any questions, please contact the Dean's office; I will provide all departments with a hard copy of this announcement later this morning.

Howard Dickson

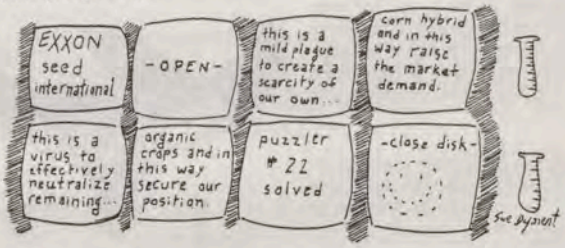
Ed. Note: Shortly after receiving this memo, the animal rights organization **ARK II** in Toronto began receiving phone calls from the media in Halifax demanding to know when they were planning to raid the university, and being irate at having to wait so long for them to show up!! If anyone working or attending a university happens to come across memos and letters such as this one, we would appreciate a copy sent to us if possible. One must begin to wonder (if one hasn't already) at the practice of animal experimentation when the fear of someone freeing animals creates the situation where it must be carried out in a fortress, prison-like atmosphere.



LIVERPOOL DEBATE WON

During the week of March 10th to 17th, **Liverpool University Animal Rights Group** organised a variety of events including films and talks from invited speakers. On March 10th, the Debating Society held a debate on the motion : "This house believes vivisection is justified because of the great benefits it brings to others." Professor Edwards, Head of the University's Medical Department, proposed the motion and Philip Churchward, BUAV's Scientific Adviser, opposed it.

Following a lively debate, with many people speaking from the floor both in favour of and against vivisection, the students overwhelmingly rejected animal experiments. Only 16 voted in support of the motion, with 49 against and 14 abstentions. This verdict, along with other encouraging developments such as the adoption of a "Violence-Free Science Charter" by many universities, clearly demonstrates that animal rights has become an important issue among students who are no longer prepared to accept the cruel practices of their lecturers as necessary, or justifiable.



ANIMAL RIGHTS AT MICHIGAN STATE U.

Students Concerned About Animal Welfare is an animal rights organization on the campus of Michigan State University. Founded by vegetarian student Scott Harris, the group will attempt to educate both students and faculty on issues such as vegetarianism, animals in laboratory research, factory farming, trapping and the fur industry, animals in sports, the philosophies of animal welfare and animal rights, and federal and state laws concerning animals. Harris, a nine-year member of the **American Anti-Vivisection Society** and a board member of the local humane society, reports that the group is doing "surprisingly well. About 25 people attend our meetings regularly, and we've been invited to speak to the Toxicology and Pharmacology Department and the Lab Animal Care Service," Harris said. "Some people are calling us radical, but we're just trying to disseminate information. We try not to be dogmatic - pardon the pun." For more information, write Scott Harris at: 550 Hagadorn, East Lansing, MI 48823 USA.

U.C. BERKELEY TO BUILD TORTURE CHAMBER

The University of California at Berkeley is requesting a whopping $14 million of public money to build an "Animal Care Facility" on the Oxford part of the campus. The title is a filthy, blatant deception, since the only "care" an animal will receive there will be psychological and physical research (a nice name for cruel, savage torture). Although a local animal right veterinarian is trying to halt construction of the dungeon, it is questionable if he will suceed - the only thing this government is good for anymore is throwing away public money on things like war, cruelty, and destruction of the environment. What you can do to help: Write letters expressing your opinion to Senator Alan Cranston, U.S. Senate, Senate Office building, Washington, DC 20510 USA, and Congressperson Ronald V. Dellums, 1720 Oregon St., Berkeley, CA, USA.

Source: Polly S. and the Green Panther

ANIMAL RIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP

A $1,000-per-year scholarship at North Carolina State University is available to students who have demonstrated an interest in animal rights. The Claire Simmons Alan-Samson Memorial Scholarship in Moral Philosophy was made possible by a $50,000 grant to the university by Claire Simmons Alan, a Charlotte, N.C., woman, who made the gift in memory of her dog, said Dr. Robert S. Bryan. Bryan, an NCSU philosophy professor, explained that the original gift yields $4,000 in interest annually - enough for four separate scholarships. Though it isn't the case now, Bryan said that, ideally, one scholarship each would go to a freshman, a sophomore, a junior and a senior student. If they are interested in the scholarship andthey must "present evidence of their interest in animal rights." Also, students who obtain the scholarship must agree to "write a sustained piece of work on the topic of animal rights." Candidates should apply by seeking admission to the university through the school's admission office and by writing: Professor Robert S. Bryan, Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, Box 8103, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695 USA.

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WHY VEGAN?

- A Book Review by Kenn Quayle (reprinted from *Epicene*)

"Vegan," Kath Clements explains, is a word used to describe "those who avoid animal products for food, clothing and other consumer goods."

"Veganism is not about cats' homes and being kind to furry animals, about living in cloud cuckoo-land where nature's cycle of destruction and creation can somehow be avoided. Veganism is about having a consistent approach to human rights and animal rights, ecology, and world food problems."

Clements goes on to say that "It is the overconsumption of meat, eggs and dairy products in the West that underlies the inequitable distribution of the world's food resources," explaining that fertile lands in "third world" countries are used to grow grains for export or for grazing cattle, and that about five times as much land is needed to feed a meat-eater as is needed to feed a vegetarian.

Clements reveals the horrors of mass egg production and "factory" fishing and farming in an indictment of the procedures used in animal-based food industries. She also points out that, "Reliance on drugs and additives (including hormones) to combat infection and enhance profitability increases artificial residues in the products and heightens the risk to the consumer."

"Animals ... have a perfectly developed nervous system and, faced with the prospect of slaughter, reactions similar to our own. Possibly plants, too ... in some way 'feel' and 'suffer' ... but if you eat animals instead (of plants) you are of course responsible for the destruction of many more plants than if you ate plants alone." (Ten pounds of plant protein make about one pound of animal protein.)

Clements suggests growing nut trees as an alternative to grazing animals. This would maintain the water table, and give "a superior quality protein ... 20 times the amount that the same acre would yield in beef."

She also points out that "we are not like the herbivores ... we can't live on grass ... our bodies seem to be 'designed' ... to absorb a diet of fruits, nuts and shoots ... (as do) chimpanzees and gorillas." The bowel of a truly carnivorous animal, unlike that of a human being, is "short and smooth ... for quick release of toxic wastes." She goes on to explain that, "As soon as an animal's death occurs putrefaction begins, and meat is ... in some stage of (arrested) decay. Therefore meat as such is more akin to the carrion that nature's scavengers eat than to the fresh food of the hunting animals."

"'Degenerative diseases' (are) caused by accumulations of wastes our bodies can't deal with, reaching epidemic proportions. The greater bulk and fibrous nature of a vegan diet mean that the diseases associated with the lack of fibre in an animal-based diet, from constipation to cancer of the bowel, can be avoided."

Clements posits that meat-eating and the general acceptance of animals' deaths could be a cause of war, and says, "It is a mark of our insensitivity that such questions are matters merely of speculation or academic study." Mincing no words, she adds that, "People who think they are working for peace whilst still eating animal products, or who think they can forget the issue of animal rights and concentrate on human rights, have not got down to the roots of the problem."

"No one can be quite free from the cycle of exploitation which keeps the economic system turning over, but by refusing animal products wherever possible ... we can take a huge step forward. We can (end) the double standard, where we ... claim affection for certain fluffy or feathered creatures whilst ... enjoying the results of animal agony."

She begins a limited discussion of animal abuses outside the food industries, dealing with zoos and pets, but does not deal with fur farming and trapping. Another "part of our assumption that we may use animals as we wish" that is barely touched on is that of vivisection: the use of animals in medical experiments and product testing.

In a section called "Why (Strictly) Vegan," Clements tells us that, "As a vegan, you won't be 'making do' without animal products, but rather you will no longer regard them as food at all." For herself, she says, "the decision to do without animal food ... was very life-enhancing ... more like a liberation than an act of self-discipline. The reason vegans are careful where possible to see that they never take animal products is not a sanctimonious attitude of wishing to keep their moral integrity untainted ... but ... is usually because we think it important to illustrate to others that good health can be maintained entirely without animal products."

Clements gives sound advice to nursing and weaning mothers, suggesting that, "You should spend as much time as possible enjoying your baby, and as little as possible preparing food and reading about it."

Why Vegan ends with helpful advice on how to make the switch to a vegan diet, laying to rest fears about possible deficiencies in proteins or vitamins such as B12 (available in yeasts, miso, and tempeh), and D (the best source of which is sunlight). Iron is easily obtained from green leaves - the darker the better. We are left with a selection of yummy recipes, as well as an excellent book with many well-reasoned arguments for ceasing to consume animal products and adopting a vegan diet.

Why Vegan
The Ethics of Eating and the Need for Change
by Kath Clements
GMP Publishers Ltd.
A Heretic Book,
London, UK, 1985



AIDS ANIMAL RESEARCH A HOAX

"To date chimpanzees and other animals have contributed nothing to progress in AIDS research that could not have been gained in other ways."

Since AIDS was first recognized in 1981, there have been massive efforts in a variety of directions to bring the virus under control. Therapies such as herbalism and acupuncture need to be more fully and sympathetically explored by the medical profession.

So far the important advances in AIDS research, enabling preventative action to be taken and new drugs to be tested, have all come from investigation of patients or test tube experiments in vitro. Scientists add the new drug to test tube cultures of the T-cells to see if it protects against damage caused by the virus. The use of human cells in this way means that results are directly applicable to patients. Already drugs active in the test tube are being subjected to clinical trials, with promising results.

Animal experiments are not necessary nor particularly helpful in showing human transmissibility of AIDS. Two other lines of research are much more important. First, epidemiologic examination of trends in the incidence of AIDS showed that the disease was transmissible and the likely modes of transmission. Second, the virus had already been successfully isolated consistently from human patients. Clinical studies of patients in hospitals demonstrated the course of the disease and led to the continuing search for means to combat the viral damage. They showed much about how the virus invades the body and weakens its defences.

The obsession with animal experimentation (vivisection) has led scientists to work hard to reproduce the disease in animals. In June 1984, American researchers reported their goal, "to transmit a severe, lasting immunodeficiency or clinical disease to chimpanzees and monkeys..." They injected pure HTLV-III virus or infected samples of spleen, lymph node, bone marrow, brain, and plasma from AIDS patients into chimpanzees, rhesus monkeys, cynomolgus monkeys, stumptail macaques, a capuchin monkeys, stumptail macaques, a capuchin monkey and a squirrel monkey. The injections were done into the skin, muscle, abdomen and even brain of the animals. To the disappointment of the researchers, all animals remained well up to a year after injection.

In a 1984 study, plasma from AIDS patients was infused into three chimps, none of whom developed AIDS, although two developed antibodies to the virus. In another study the same year, two juvenile chimps were injected with the virus, both of whom remained healthy. A 1986 report observed those chimps and four more injected with the virus. No chimp developed AIDS, although the virus could be recovered from five of the six into whom it had been injected. A 1985 study reported on 25 chimps as well as several monkeys inoculated with various body tissues or fluids from AIDS patients. None of these animals has developed AIDS. The surviving animals remain under surveillance.

No animal other than the human has developed AIDS. Only humans have developed the malignancies and opportunistic infections that are characteristic of the disease. As a result, animal experiments have been directed at developing a "model" for the disease with little success.

In 1986, the *Journal of Virology* reported further attempts to induce AIDS in chimpanzees. The virus was administered to eight chimps, 2-5 years old, and they were reared in a colony at the Yerkes Regional Primate Center at Emory University in Atlanta. Observation continued for up to 18 months but once again there were no signs of AIDS. In a review of the evidence, the Washington-based Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine concluded that AIDS is a uniquely human disease, proved by scientists having failed to reproduce AIDS in laboratory animals.

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AIDS...

Different Systems

For all our similarities with the chimpanzee, the chimp's immune system has significant differences. They naturally have lower numbers of a certain cell, the T4 lymphocyte, the cell which is the principal target of the AIDS virus. They have higher numbers of another blood cell commonly measured in AIDS patients, the T8 lymphocyte. Chimps show a different ratio of T4 cells to T8 cells. This ratio is one of the principal blood tests for the AIDS syndrome. In response to the virus, some researchers have found that chimps have no change in the T4:T8 ratio, while in humans a change in this ratio is the signal that AIDS is underway. In humans, the AIDS virus can be found in blood plasma. In chimps, little or no free virus is found in plasma. The virus is found only in blood cells.

An additional problem is that infant and toddler chimps are often used in AIDS research. The time frame for maturation of a chimp is roughly similar to that of the human. A two-year-old chimp is physiologically and sexually immature. Yet chimps are often used with little regard for their age. Some studies have used a peculiar mixture of older and younger chimps. Infants and juveniles are not ready to live apart from their mothers let alone in the isolation mandated by viral research. Chimps normally live in social groups but for AIDS research they will be kept in solitary confinement for years to see if any clinical signs of the disease develop. The psychological effects are of concern in and of themselves, but also have important secondary effects in the immune function of the animals. It has been shown that the immune system, which is of principal interest in AIDS research, is significantly affected by stresses such as separation and the laboratory environment.

Psychosocial factors, in fact, can modify resistance in infectious diseases, including viruses. This has been documented for the herpes simplex virus, poliomyelitis virus, coxsackie virus, and polyoma virus. In addition, stress and manipulation can effect susceptibility to malignancies, of obvious concern to research on AIDS. Part of the syndrome of AIDS is a susceptibility to unusual malignancies. No primate can be considered physiologically normal if deprived of movement and socialization. This has been clearly shown in chimps, for whom companionship and socialization through mutual grooming are important.

Life Sentences

Animals involved in AIDS research are at a particular risk for long-term suffering. Not only is there prolonged and strict isolation from their peers, there is also a lack of contact with caretakers due to fear of contamination. The animals are never considered free of disease. They may live in confined isolation for decades while observers watch for manifestations of illness. Their "service" and their isolation may never be finished.

Given the limitations of the "chimpanzee model" and the prohibitively small number of chimps, it is important that better methods of testing be investigated. Production and batch testing for safety of some vaccines can now be done with in vitro techniques. These should be expanded and exploited to streamline research on AIDS.

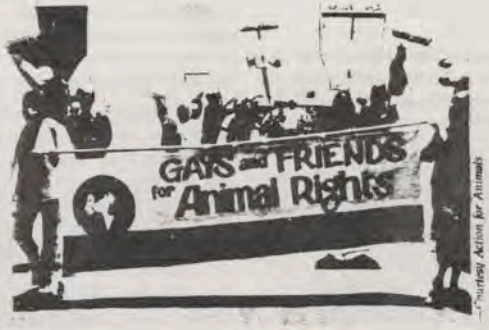
A special report on AIDS from the National **Academy of Sciences** (N.A.S.) and Institute of Medicine issued concerns about the ways chimpanzees might be used: "The committee is gravely concerned that chimpanzees have been and might be used for experiments for which the rationale is not compelling in light of the scarcity and irreplaceable nature of these animals."

It will come as no surprise that medical scientists are working to develop a vaccine against AIDS, but there could be major problems. Vaccines against other viruses mobilize the body's immune system. No vaccine has ever been developed against a virus which actually attacks the body's natural defences. The National Academy of Sciences report states: "Developing a vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS presents a number of scientific challenges that have never before been responded to successfully. As a result, an effective vaccine may be very difficult, if not impossible to produce. Should an effective vaccine candidate become available, there are significant social concerns that may limit or prevent its testing and use. Even for the next 5-10 years, the committee generally believes that the probability of a vaccine becoming available is low."

Testing vaccines on chimps will carry a significant problem in interpretation, as neither safety nor efficiency in chimps is any guarantee of the behaviour of a potential vaccine in humans. This problem will be more grave with an AIDS vaccine because of the fatality of the disease. There will be no permissible mistakes. Because animals do not develop human AIDS, any vaccine must ultimately be tested on volunteers to see if it works. But no one can afford to wait years for a vaccine even if it does prove safe and effective. Vigorous and explicit health education campaigns need to be initiated **now** to stop the disease spreading. Like other sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS can only be effectively controlled by prevention, through voluntary changes in behaviour, and no amount of animal experimentation can achieve that.

Sources: The "Animal Model" in AIDS Research, by Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine; PETA News Vol. 2, No. 1.





Speaking Out!

Statement of Frank Branchini on behalf of the Gay and Lesbian Caucus, PETA.

As Gay and Lesbian people we condemn the use of primates and other animals in AIDS research at SEMA laboratories....

The infliction of suffering on baby chimpanzees at SEMA is not likely to ease the pain or comfort those who already have AIDS. The money being spent to inflict suffering on intelligent, sentient creatures at SEMA could be more effectively spent on education campaigns to prevent the spread of AIDS and on providing care for those already suffering from the disease.

Assertions of the medical research industry that no medical progress is possible without animal research are ridiculous... With so many people incurably and desperately ill with this terrible disease it is incongruous that medical experimenters are obsessed with the idea of spreading the disease to animals.

Chimpanzees are highly intelligent, highly social animals. Recent research has demonstrated their capability to use tools, use plants for medicinal purposes, and learn and use language. Those who argue that people have a right to inflict suffering on chimpanzees because they are "inferior" fall back on the same arguments which at other times and places have been used to justify genocide against gay and lesbian people (among many others). Those who think this is an unfair or extreme comparison should consider the research conducted by Jane Goodall, Francine Patterson, Dian Fossey, Roger Fouts, and Allan and Beatrice Gardner and then examine the videotapes made at SEMA. These tapes show the filthy conditions which animals are subjected to at SEMA. They show the complete social isolation of primates who are highly socially oriented. They show primates screaming and exhibiting other signs of extreme emotional distress and need.

We call on gay and lesbian people and all people of goodwill to reject the notion that just because people are suffering we have a right to inflict suffering on other sentient creatures.

The assumption that everyone is naturally heterosexual is heterocentric and ignorant. In acute cases of homophobia (fear of homosexuality), the victim is driven to wild acts of violence against strangers, often those of a different sexual orientation. Institutionalized homophobia runs rabid in the schools and churches, as unquestioning little cogs are churned out regularly by the family to fit nicely into society's machine. Individuality is punishable by electroshock and chemical lobotomies. Taking what is needed for survival is rewarded by prison. In both cases, violent, armed agents enforcing the dictates of the wealthy elite are present to make us conform and follow along nicely with all the other sheep...

The assumption that animals are for humans to use as they may see fit is called speciesism. Wild cases of speciesism lead the one suffering to desperate acts, such as consuming rotting flesh (sometimes even on a daily basis!), or the wearing of skins and furs to satisfy a fashion-tormented ego. Acute cases of speciesism lead one to seek employment in the name of science torturing animals in laboratories, confining them to a life of torture on factory farms, or selling them as pleasure units for family consumption.

The attitude that one may proceed as one wishes, even in such a case where consent may be lacking is a violent attitude. In a case where consent may be obtainable (in the case of humans' inability to communicate with animals in most cases), any further relations must be halted. This 'dominion over everything' attitude is the cause for massive environmental destruction, the macho nuclear arms shit, and sexism, and homophobia.

Some PETA members have formed a Gay caucus to specifically work on issues of animal liberation and AIDS testing on animals, within the Lesbian and Gay community. Some Toronto ALFSG members have taken on similar projects, and the following information is taken from a pamphlet compiled by "Homo Humans for Animal Liberation" *entitled* ***Animal Liberation is a Gay and Lesbian Issue.***

ANIMAL RESEARCH AND AIDS; ETHICS AND EFFECTIVENESS

Many of us, I dare say most particularly women, have over the centuries increasingly mistrusted the foundations of western medical practice. We have wondered about its obsessive drive to rid humankind of death and "imperfection" at any cost. We have questioned its human chauvinism, its invasive techniques, its disregard for process, and its often arrogant disrespect for the intelligence and dignity of the individual patient.

Because we are now making large and justified demands upon medical and pharmaceutical institutions and because we are a gentle, but angry people, lesbians, gay men and feminists can have a tremendous influence in the changing of current scientific practices, particularly those that encourage useless, redundant and inhumane animal protocols. Even as we fight for our own lives and the lives of those we love, we can teach medicine and industry that the methods by which they accomplish their goals have values in themselves, that there is an ethic to the "how" of science as well as to its "what."

The California AIDS initiative *(The AIDS Research Act of 1988)* raises a serious question of conscience for many of us who fight for both lesbian/gay causes and the liberation of animals. My first reaction was delight that we had finally formulated an initiative that would allow Californians to vote FOR an AIDS bill; my second reaction was dismay that the initiative was for AIDS research instead of for AIDS education and the care of people with AIDS.

The problem I have is that our bill could increase the imprisonment, suffering and death of non-human animals. AIDS research is of two kinds: 1) that which seeks a CURE for or an arrest of the disease in people with AIDS or in those who are antibody positive, and 2) that which seeks PREVENTION, specifically research to discover a vaccine or other barriers to the disease. Even most researchers will admit that animals are not necessary in the first area when so many human volunteers are eager to participate in clinical trials for newly-developed drugs and therapies.

It is the second area that many would argue requires animal experimentation, for before a vaccine is tested on human subjects it is ordinarily tested on animal models. The likelihood is not great that healthy human volunteers will elect to take the vaccine before it has been "proved" to work on chimpanzees or other animals (though some people have suggested that the researchers who are convinced that HIV is harmless and not the cause of AIDS could themselves volunteer to be subjects for the testing of HIV vaccines).

I want research, yes, but not at the expense of animals. I want researchers - and lesbians, gay men and feminists - to abandon their efforts to find an animal model for vaccine testing and shift the money presently underwriting that highly questionable research into an area that we know is effective, i.e., into prevention through education.

I take this position because it is becoming clear that AIDS is not a part of non-human life experience. First, *empirically speaking:* seven years of frantic testing, millions of dollars, and thousands of animal lives have failed to give any animal the disease, not even the chimpanzee, the most promising non-human subject. Second, *scientifically speaking:* HIV infects humans via the T-cells; the fact that the non-human T-cell structure (even that of primates) is so very different from that of humans casts serious doubt on the suitability of non-human animals as models for HIV infection. Finally, *behaviorally speaking:* non-human animals do not ordinarily participate in the activities that most frequently transmit the virus, i.e., they do not exchange it through anal intercourse, intravenous drug use, or the receiving of blood products.

In other words, we have to face the possibility that AIDS is a UNIQUELY human disease and that if we want a vaccine we must test that vaccine only on human subjects who have given their informed consent.

If I understand correctly the initiative's history, we at first attempted to get the State Legislature to place it before the voters on the Nov. 1988 ballot. That body resisted doing so because legislators felt that the Governor would certainly veto the action. Thus we are left with the task of getting the signatures ourselves for its inclusion on the ballot.

Originally the measure had proposed the use of laboratory animals in three specific parts of its detail. When the statewide committee set to work to ready the initiative for the signature-gathering campaign, some animal rights activists from the lesbian and gay community challenged those recommendations. The committee responded immediately; it deleted those three references and sent the entire initiative back yet again through all the red tape of the Office of the Secretary of State for a final approval. Thus what is before us is a proposition that has within it No Reference Whatsoever To Animal Use, and even more important, a position from which any such reference has been deliberately and laboriously deleted.

The fact that so much effort went into this changing of the language testifies that we do not by this initiative intend any AIDS research to use animals. Those efforts allow us as voters to expect that the Board administering the funding will steadfastly refuse to fund any such research.

Our task when the initiative passes will be to remind the board and the legislature of the clear intent of the proposition. Between now and Nov. our task is to educate ourselves, medical science, and the pharmaceutical industry about our needs as a community stricken with AIDS and about our desire not to exploit other species in helping ourselves.

As a strong political entity in this state and in the nation, our lesbian and gay community is in an almost unique position. The epidemic has touched our lives more deeply than it has touched any other organized group and as a result we have been and will continue to be forced to deal with medical institutions on a large scale. We have discovered over these years some of the miracles of medical science and some truly sensitive, caring, and intelligent practitioners of it. We also now know how self-aggrandizing and with what questionable ethics medical science can operate. We have seen that the pharmaceutical industry can be competitive, profiteering, and exploitative to the disadvantages of those they purport to help.

So I call on all of us to join forces with animal rights activists and to make the next decade more than just a battleground for our rights, our dignity, and our health. It can be as well a time for our education of the medical establishment and a time for our expression of concern for all life, whatever its form.

Sally Miller Gearhart is a lesbian and feminist activist and writer from San Francisco. This article was reprinted from the April 10-16, 1988 issue of ***Gay Community News*** *(GCN), 62 Berkeley St., Boston, MA. 02116 USA.*

AIDS and Vegetarians

Aside from the more obvious areas of prevention, such as safe sexual practices, you can also help protect yourself through a strong immune system. 97% of food poisoning and other immune failures annually are related to animal products. While vegetarians are 5 - 8% of the population, they are hardly any of the people with AIDS. The percentage of gays and lesbians who are vegetarian and non-vegetarian is the same. Since the lymph glands and immune systems of vegetarians have not spent years battling animal bacteria present in dead flesh, their systems are stronger in this most essential of battles. For more information write **APPLE - AIDS Protection League**, Box 115, Akron, Ohio, USA.

Source: Talk Is Cheap, Vol. 1, No. 6.

Chimpanzees *"Stolen"* by Animal Liberationists

Representatives of **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals** (PETA) announced on Sunday December 7, 1986, that earlier the same morning, "the animal liberation group, **True Friends**, removed four baby chimpanzees" (valued at $60,000) from the laboratories of SEMA Inc. in Rockville, Maryland. SEMA, a contractor of the U.S. National Institute of Health (N.I.H.), acquired the Maryland facility in 1986, formerly known as "Meloy Labs". The contract research performed by SEMA is mainly related to carcinogens and infectious diseases such as hepatitis and AIDS. The company houses 600 to 700 non-human primates of a variety of species as well as guinea pigs and woodchucks.

At a PETA press conference held in Washington, DC, on Dec. 8, 1986, a 15 minute videotape narrated by Ingrid Newkirk was shown. The tape, said to be taken as part of True Friends' surveillance activities, consisted of a tour through primate rooms (allegedly SEMA's) conducted by two masked women. The narration focused on the animals' isolation and "expressions of insanity." An exhibit of still photographs, mostly of caged primates, was also shown at the press conference. The exhibit and other written materials were labelled "Breaking the Species Barrier." True Friends are quoted as saying, "We must break the species barrier ... these experiments are a horrendous crime that displays human arrogance and irresponsibility in its ugliest form."

The rescued chimps were about a year and a half old. It is important to note that these animals had just been weaned and are highly susceptible to viruses of all kinds as well as other health hazards. PETA said that they were due to be used in AIDS and hepatitis experiments. According to Alex Pacheco of PETA: "The differences between us and chimpanzees do not justify taking these highly intelligent individuals and infecting them with a disease they would never get, sentencing them to up to 50 years alone in a sealed, soundproof chamber. The chimps in the film have gone mad from the desperation of enduring living death."

Newkirk reported that True Friends had stolen many documents in addition to the chimpanzees. She claimed the SEMA facility had a history of accidental primate deaths that were preventable and predicted PETA would be sitting down with the N.I.H. to discuss such charges once the documents were reviewed. Newkirk declined to answer questions concerning True Friends on the advice of legal counsel, saying only that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was involved in the case.



– PETA, DC

These young chimps were rescued from a lab conducting AIDS and hepatitis research. It was the first chimpanzee liberation ever.

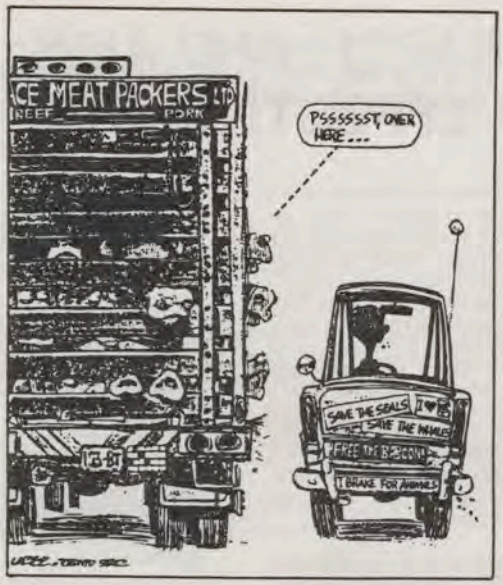
HOMES FOR ANIMALS

One of the most important responsibilities of the **Support Group** is finding homes for the animals. These animals desperately need good homes. The **ALF** can only rescue as many animals as there are homes, so try to imagine what it must be like to have to leave someone behind.

You might remember the raid that took place at the University of Western Ontario where 3 cats and 1 monkey were liberated by the ALF. There were homes arranged for these animals before this action took place and as soon as it hit the media these people refused to take them. There are probably a number of reasons why this happened. A lot of people don't realize what is really involved in taking an abused animal into your home. People sometimes may think that taking an abused animal, especially one that is liberated by the ALF, is somewhat exciting or adventurous and a lot of serious consideration is not taken into account. There are a great many risks involved not only in liberating these animals but equally in providing loving, stable homes for them.

The first consideration is the fact that it is illegal. You could never tell anyone where the animal came from because you are not only at risk but the animal would go back to the facility. An example is the raid that took place at the City of Hope National Research Centre a few years ago where two people were arrested on burglary and stolen property charges after the police received a tip. They admitted harbouring 12 rabbits taken by the ALF. The judge gave them both probation sentences and ordered one to do 360 hours of community service and the other one to pay a $10,000 fine to the City of Hope Research Centre. They were also not allowed to affiliate with an animal rights organization for 3 years, and the rabbits were taken back to the lab.

This case was pretty harsh but it could happen. You might be the one they want to make an example of. Another consideration is a lot of these animals could require expensive medical attention and certainly a lot of time to heal physically and mentally. A lot of these animals have been through hell and you might be faced with an animal that does not respond to your affections, and possibly never will. There have been reports of liberated animals that cry a lot, stiffen when approached, cower, eat compulsively and may even try to bite. Immediate medical attention is usually done before an animal is placed, and initial costs in most cases would be provided.



One example I'd like to mention is from an article from the **Rescued Animal Sanctuary Fund** in London: Many ALF groups who liberate large numbers of animals have special "Holding Units" where animals are taken after raids. The animals are given time to settle down and the injured ones are treated before they are taken to their permanent homes. The people who run these holding units provide an essential service. Their work is not glamorous and is often painfully sad. There are good times too. The following is just one example of the good and the bad side.

"Vivisection animals - I hate receiving them. I'm used to it now but I always feel ashamed. Sometimes I hold an animal and all I can do is weep and whisper "sorry" to it. I've apologized so many times to animals for my species. The accusations in the animals' eyes are always too much to bear. We had a group of beagles from a lab, and I soon learnt that I couldn't wear a white or dark green dress near them - if I did they would go mad, running around crashing into walls and furniture. God knows what they had gone through - it took them ages to settle down, and even after a few months you could tell that they didn't totally trust you. Mutilated animals are very difficult and very expensive to deal with. Some have to be helped to eat, some just stand and stare or tremble all the time. Sometimes an animal is so bad that nothing can be done and we are forced to have it put to sleep. We always make sure that we are there when it happens - once or twice I've seen the vet gasp as we've opened the animal basket. Yes, I can say that I don't give a damn about being called an extremist - do my job for a month and you'd probably be after blood."

"It can't be all bad? No, that's true - one extreme to another - sometimes I'm crying with happiness. To see an animal come out of its shell and learn to enjoy life is brilliant - to be finally trusted is a wonderful feeling. We are so careful not to break our part of the deal. I can't tell you what it feels like to see a once battered animal have the confidence to play and roll over on the grass. Young animals who have been kept in cages all their lives love to stretch out on the grass - they seem to drink in the fresh air. When animals go to their new homes it is both good and bad - we worry about them because we think

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DRUGS AND POISONS: THE FRAUD CONTINUES

One of the strongest arguments against vivisection is that the whole process, along with the research institutions, are a complete and total fraud. The anti-vivisectionists who take this viewpoint base their arguments many times around the science and drug industries own published reports. Research on animals and the resulting drugs produced by the multi-national pharmaceutical industries have done more to harm human health than they have to better our lives, contrary to what the vivisectors and drug officials claim. The following reports back up the fraud argument:

A 'Business Day' report in the *New York Times* (June 6, 1987) describes in glowing terms how American Cyanamid Corporation developed its highly successful insecticide called "Combat". Apparently what they were really working on at the time was a cure for malaria. Someone in the lab left a beaker of it out overnight and in the morning they found dead cockroaches. The active ingredient, hydramethylnon, a slow metabolic poison, is now used as an insecticide rather than its first intended use, a cure a disease. It would be interesting to know whether any insecticides that fell short of the mark were later recycled as drugs.

A Pickering couple sued for damages when their 3 year old daughter suffered brain damage after taking a cumpulsory vaccine. They sued the following for ten million dollars each: the Durham Regional Health Dept., the Province of Ontario, the Whitby doctor who administered the vaccine, and Connaught Labs who developed the drug. The vaccine is called DPDT, a combination of serums for diphtheria, polio, tetanus, and whooping caugh. ' Within a year of being given the drugs, the child was diagnosed as physically handicapped and mentally retarded.

And in yet another example of scientific fraud, rats, mice and monkeys are being used to test the effects of "Lasso", a herbicide developed by the Monsanto Company in St. Louis. At an independent inquiry in Alberta, a professor of pharmacy and pharmaceutical science has said that scientists are wrong to experiment on rats merely for convenience when trying to predict how chemicals or drugs will affect people. The inquiry heard how the animals develop different cancers after being fed large doses of "Lasso".

What is important to note here is that a professor of pharmacy, which you and I have come to know as meaning drugs for humans, is talking about herbicides, which are undoubtedly poisons. The relationship between the two, drugs and poisons, is becoming more and more clear, and we should begin questioning those research institutions which ask for our money to develop drugs intended to cure all our ills. What they are producing are poisons, all at the untold expense of animal lives and human health.

For excellent reading material on the scientific fraud arguments, suggested readings are two books by **Hans Ruesch** - *Naked Empress* and *Slaughter of the Innocent*. Both are available from **ARK II**, P.O.Box 66, Stn. O, Toronto, Ont. M4A 2M8 Canada.

BAN ON DRAIZE TESTS

New Jersey is the first state in the U.S. to ban the notorious Draize test. On December 7, 1987, a Senate committee voted unanimously to endorse the bill, which would prohibit the testing of cosmetics and other household products in rabbits' eyes. Michael Petrina, a spokesperson for the Cosmetics, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association claims that the tests are required to establish the safety of all cosmetic products. Animal rights advocates disagree, saying that there are alternatives, but the industry has simply neglected to use them.

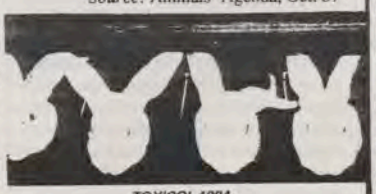
During the Senate committee hearing, Senator Raymond Zane (D-Salem) asked Dr. Robert Scala of the cosmetics industry how they "know if they are hurting the rabbit?" Dr. Scala replied, "It howls." Zane asked, "Why are rabbits used instead of rodents or mice?" Scala responded, "Because Senator, they have large eyes." What he neglected to mention here is that rabbits do not have tear ducts, so they can not wash away any chemical put into their eyes. Senator Zane noted that if a spray accidentally got into his eyes, "I'd know what to do ... but if it got into a rabbit's eye and burned, what can a rabbit do? It must be extremely painful."

Dolores Phillips of the New Jersey **Animal Rights Alliance** says, "Experimentation on animals has become a citizen rights issue. The right to demand an end to the torture of animals. The Draize test produces unimaginable suffering now inflicted upon harmless animals and is an unethical treatment ... for a grossly unnecessary purpose."

Source: New Jersey Star-Ledger, Dec. 8, 1987.

The LD50 and Draize eye irritancy tests were recently banned in the Australian state of Victoria. The state is currently formulating a new anti-cruelty act which will incorporate these measures. The Australian organization **Animal Rights** greeted the news of the ban with caution, worried that the government is using the ban to try to make other types of toxicology testing more acceptable to the general public.

Source: Animals' Agenda, Oct. 87



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COSMETIC AND PRODUCT TESTING

I think in order to even attempt to understand why the general public condones the torture of millions of animals in labs each year in order to get a new deodorant, toothpaste, air freshener, diesel oil, whatever, we must first recognize the total absorption of "self" that the mainstream of society has been persuaded by the advertising industry to revel in. We are self-indulgent and are motivated by self-gratification and self-adulation. We want to look more beautiful, more handsome, younger, want life to be easier, "get that new improved oven cleaner - buy that new, double strength garden fertilizer," etc. In other words, give us the maximum of pleasure for the minimum of effort, *AT ANY COST*, and make it last for as many years as possible - "because life's too short, right?"



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Well, life is too short, but it's the animals' lives that are being shortened, and it does cost - but it's the animals who are paying the bill. And while someone out there in never-never land is trying to make themselves lose their wrinkles by smearing a cream containing animal guts over their face, the animals are paying in the labs. They are paying with screams, with agony, with convulsions, with burst internal organs, with blindness, and brain damage, and finally, if they aren't liberated, they are paying with death - the *only other escape* from torment they'll ever know.

So what is this testing like? Well, it's simple, basic and crude, out-dated and invalid. It resembles something out of the dark ages where, within the walls of inquisition chambers, you could use any method to get results. The bottom line in this particular kind of testing is that **nowhere** does the law of the land demand these tests be done on animals. The government demands a battery of tests. The *kind* of test is up to the manufacturers - they can use the alternatives available if they wish. We the consumer, by boycotting their products can most definately make them "wish"! The tests themselves have names like the LD50 (devised around 1920) and the Draize, a leftover from the 1940's.

The LD50 means Lethal Dose 50, and within a group of animals being tested, 50% must die spontaneously before researchers determine what a lethal dose of the tested substance consists of. They are dosed by a stomach tube, capsules or a substance mixed into the food. Toxic symptoms are carefully noted: e.g., choking, paralysis, convulsions, etc. If the animals are dosed orally and can live that long, they are observed for a two-week period. If the substance is given by a stomach tube the animals can sometimes live as long as a week. Often the doses given to the animal are so great (because, after all, the researchers are only *guessing* at amounts in very small animals to determine what the toxic level is for us), that the internal organs burst in the animals and they die before any toxic symptoms can be noted.

The Draize test or eye-irritancy test is used mostly on rabbits, who are placed in miniature stocks to immobilize their heads. Their lower lid is pulled away from one eye to form a cup of skin and the test substance is poured in. Often the rabbits scream with agony. They cannot cry, so there are no tears to wash out the substance. It stays to ulcerate and literally burn away the eyeball in many cases. The animals' other eye are left clear, as a control. This torment lasts 3-4 days before they are killed.

Acute Dermal Toxicity testing results from abrasions being made to the animal's body - the test substance is rubbed or poured on the cuts and a tight fitting rubber sleeve or gauze is placed on the animal's body, keeping the test substance against the cuts. That remains for 24 hours, while the degree of suffering, writhing in pain, etc. is noted and then they are observed for another two weeks while the skin cracks and blisters.

Acute Inhalation testing, which is used for all aerosol products - animals are placed in chambers with the head and upper body exposed. That part of them is sprayed with the test solution. They breathe it in for 15 minutes. The procedure is repeated at 30-minute intervals until each animal has been sprayed ten times. After 4-7 more days of observation they are murdered and an autopsy is done to discover what respiratory effects resulted from the spraying.

All of these tests are supposedly done to keep us safe and healthy. We are not mice, nor rabbits, nor dogs. We are, as human animals, like them; a species that is physiologically and biologically unique unto itself. So results of testing tell only how <u>that</u> substance affected <u>that</u> species, nothing more. Some examples of animal tested substances which injured people are as follows:

-Hair ignited 8 hours after using hair spray.
-Underarm deodorant was ignited when a person reached over a stove.
-A woman was blinded by contaminate cosmetics.
-A woman who used cologne, struck a match and her face and neck caught fire.

Interestingly enough, **no injuries** have ever been reported from using cruelty-free products, which use natural ingredients and alternative testing methods. Companies who are so pious about keeping us safe won't pay for child-proof packaging. 10,000 children are taken to a hospital annually after ingesting make-up and household products. An example of the double standard that exists is that of a woman who took a manufacturer to court after being blinded by shampoo. The court found in favour of the manufacturer because the shampoo (which for the sake of the court case was *retested* on rabbits) was found no more toxic than others on the market. Also many researchers now admit results of animal-based testing has no bearing on results when the products are used on humans, which is of course, what animal rights activists have been saying all along.

So, despite the evidence, manufacturers continue to carry out unnecessary testing, thus ensuring the suffering and death of millions of animals each year. Use your power as a consumer - purchase cruelty free products and tell manufacturers why you refuse to buy their animal tested goods. As a consumer, you have a tremendous amount of power that you can use on behalf of the animals. For a complete list of companies which do not test on animals nor use animal ingredients, write to **ARK II**, P.O.Box 66, Stn. O, Toronto, Ont. M4A 2M8 Canada.

CAT DROWNING EXPERIMENTS STOPPED

Animal experimentation on cats used in child resuscitation research was halted in November 1987, at Huntingdon Memorial Hospital, in Pasadena, California, after twelve nurses and one doctor protested and alerted an animal rights group (*Pasadena Star-News*, 24/11/87). To measure changes in the cats' brain biochemistry, the researchers poured salt water into the their windpipes by way of tubes to simulate drowning. Four cats died immediately while two others were killed with Nembutal injections 24 hours later. Two other cats were spared when the experiments were stopped.

One nurse at Huntingdon complained because of the disinformation she was receiving, and says that the doctor in charge told her "... by drowning a cat, you can save a child's life." She replied, "... but a cat is not the same as an infant - you just can't cross over the information." Dr. Kenneth Stoller, a Pasadena pediatrician associated with Huntingdon agrees, saying that when researchers try to apply data from animal experiments to humans, they enter a "scientific grey zone." Another nurse said that the experiments were unethical because the results were useless for people who are brain-damaged after near-drowning. "If you drown and you don't get oxygen to the brain, you're not going to grow new cells. Brain damage is brain damage."

Lucy Shelton, a spokesperson for **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals**, considers the research "scientifically flawed" on the basis of opinions given to her by the **Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine**. Douglas McCreery, who leads the Huntingdon Animal Care and Use Committee, defends the research, but says the experiments were stopped after reaching a point where they could "assess whether the study has produced a useful model for the resuscitation of a nearly drowned child." He later said that he feared that more militant animal liberationists might take direct action against the research, which, in California, would be very likely.



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ANIMAL LIBERATION AND NATIVE RIGHTS



In the debate over animal rights versus Native rights, people on both sides continue to become polarized as tensions mount. Animal rights activists are increasing the pressure on the public and government officials to support a ban on all hunting and trapping, while Native leaders increase their counter-campaign by producing movies and videos on indigenous ways of life, and forging stronger ties with the fur industry. I would like to add my voice and opinions to this controversy, by suggesting alternatives to what I feel are the dogmatic and rigid views expressed by both sides. As both an animal liberation activist and a supporter of Native peoples' rights, I believe that there is much common ground between the two groups that needs to be further explored. Very briefly, here are the basic statements being made:

The animal advocates want a total ban on all hunting and trapping, as this practice is not only cruel and unnecessary, but it supports a multi-million dollar industry that profits from the killing of animals for the vanity of rich people in New York or Paris, among other places. They also state that the fur industry and Native hunting and trapping do not represent indigenous ways of life because the methods and tools used in the hunt are modern devices such as snowmobiles, high powered rifles, and steel leg-hold traps made in New York.

The Native peoples' position is that they have always traded in furs, long before white man and the Hudson's Bay Company invaded Turtle Island. They say that if the campaign to ban hunting and trapping is successful, it will not only force Native people into a life of welfare, resulting in social breakdown of their communities, but it will open up their land to the government and development corporations who will come in and proceed to exploit the earth for minerals and oil, not to mention the military's use for low-level flight testing of fighter jets. As well, if Native people can't use the land for hunting and trapping, they say that this will make it harder for land claims in the courts.

Given this, albeit a very simple breakdown of the issues, there are many ways in which both groups can reach common ground and perhaps work together.

First of all, I see the alliances made between Native people and the fur industry as being totally unnatural, and that, despite what some Native people claim, the fur industry - the white greedy profiteers - are once again exploiting the Indians for their own interests. I also believe that, whether or not Native people will admit it, this alliance is for purely political reasons that have nothing to do with indigenous ways of life. But, of course, if you're fighting for the survival of your people, you may use different tactics, including siding with your exploiters if the short term gain is worth it. I believe that if there are any natural alliances to be made, it is between the Native people and animal liberation activists. Please note that I specifically mean animal 'liberation' as opposed to animal 'rights'. By far the majority of the animal rights movement is composed of people who are white, middle or upper class, and who have little or no analysis of any other political struggles other than that of saving animals. Quite often animal rights people come across as uncaring towards oppressed people, if not outright racist. This, I believe, is a major obstacle in the struggle to bring the two movements together.

As an animal liberation activist and an anarchist, I see no hypocrisy between my anti-fur position and my pro-Native struggles position. I believe that the earth is a living entity, and that all life on her is connected - whether in a life and death cycle or part of an extremely complicated ecosystem.

My main focus in my anti-fur politics is those who are the exploiters: the multi-national fur industry, the fur retailers, and the person on the street wearing a fur out of vanity or ignorance. I choose to attack these people in my campaign and *not* Native people, because I believe that Native peoples' struggle for their land and their lives is much more important than whether they hunt and trap.

In the fur industry in Canada, Native hunting and trapping make up only 8% of the total industry, while the majority of the rest comes from factory farming. And hardly any of the Native people involved in the trade are part of the wholesale and retail parts, where most of the money is made. It simply makes absolutely no sense whatsoever to focus on Native trapping and hunting in the anti-fur campaign.

So where does this leave the animal rights people as they work toward a total ban on hunting and trapping, and are trying to destroy the fur trade? Well, regardless of how successful they are in destroying the fur trade, there will still be a market, however small it may be. If we can get rid of the multinational corporations and the white man's interference, and leave an exemption clause in the campaign against fur for Native hunting and trapping, then I'm sure the 8% market share Native people have now will not decrease at all.

Native leaders who are siding with the fur industry are making a big mistake. The fur industry has no interest in indigenous cultures and will sell them short when the time is right. Animal rights activists who refuse to develop a wider analysis of different people's struggles will always show themselves to be an arrogant group. Clearly the fur industry is the target, and not an 8% market share group.

Native people, animal liberationists and anarchists have much in common. We have a common enemy, if we choose to recognize it; that being the profit-making, greedy capitalists, who will exploit everything and everyone if there's money to be made. We also have a common desire to save our planet. This entails many ideas, from stopping the military and government interference on the land to combatting destructive practices of the white race.

Many Native people are very opposed to vivisection, factory farming, fur farming, and other animal abuses, because the exploitation and torture of animals is not in balance with our life cycles. And most animal liberation activists are very supportive of Native struggles. In Toronto, animal liberation activists can always be seen at Lubicon support demonstrations, or rallies for Leonard Peltier for example. By the same token, more Native activists are purposely seeking out animal liberation activists and anarchists to form alliances with - because the strong possibility for unity is there.

These groups must find ways to work together, because we do have a common goal - the desire to bring a balance back into our lives on this planet, and to evolve toward a harmonious relationship with our Mother Earth.



LETTERS

Lust For Revenge

Dear **FLN:**

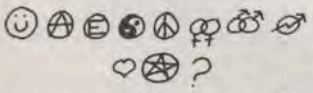
Enclosed is ten dollars for a subscription.

I liked practically everything except for the Ursula Crabtree letter and the "Crush .... Vivisectionists" graphic. The theme that both contained (i.e. "eye for an eye", lust for revenge) only gives our opponents opportunities to call us hypocrites. Such thinking leads to the holocaust of capital punishment as witnessed in many U.S. states today.

Is it possible for the **ALFSG** to produce, manufacture, or distribute items much like those of **PETA**? I am referring specifically to the "Meat is Murder" t-shirts and the "Cancelled" stickers. I think the latter could have been quite appropriate for the adverts for the rush of fur sales that have taken place here.

(Ed. Note: Check out our Distribution list for what we are selling.)

M. T.
Winnipeg, Manitoba



Extremist Language

Dear **FLN:**

I received *Front Line News* #3; you got me from a mailing list which is okay. I feel that the newspaper would be vastly improved if the extremist language in the articles was removed; it is not productive to insult people who are, in a sense, on the "other side" of an issue, as such writings do not further the cause and only elevate the ego of the writer. I agree that treatment of animals in labs, etc., is barbaric, inhumane, etc., etc. I contribute to a newsletter that focuses on two-legged homelessness and other issues.

On Aug. 24, 1985, I broke through the fence surrounding Romeo-29, a Minuteman III missile silo in Montana, and acted in a civil disobedient manner. Upon my arrest I tried to find points of commonality between myself and the arresting soldiers from Malmstrom AFB. Other anti-nuclear activists have discovered that it is better to deal with arms making, factory workers, et al, with persistence, love, and creativity. Why can't animal liberationists do the same, in their context?

Thornton Kimes, Dec. 7, 1986
Des Moines, IA

P.S. Has anyone noticed that chickens don't fly? The Alberta students (see *FLN* #3) burned the village to save it - yea team!!!

Anti-Authoritarian Thoughts

Dear **FLN:**

Recently I read for the first time *Front Line News* and learned of some of the activities of **ALF** in Canada, as well as that of groups elsewhere. I am writing because I believe that it would be to our mutual benefit to establish contact.

I am presently at the tail end of a ten-year sentence. *(Ed. note:* now released.) Suffice it to say that I am anti-authoritarian, although my convictions are based more upon my personal experiences with the state and other authoritarian systems (family, school, church, etc.) rather than any clear understanding of anarchist philosophies. Much preferring to keep things simple, I equate anarchism with freedom and freedom with the ability to say no. No to any impulses of my own to impose restrictions upon others and no to anyone's attempt to restrict me.

In recent years I have come to be immensely interested in animal rights, but continue to be somewhat divided in my thoughts on the subject, perhaps because of an inability to come to terms with my own desires. Although I have in the past adhered to a strictly vegetarian diet, I now eat some meat. In my own mind I am able to rationalize this by arguing that to deny humans to eat animal flesh we must also deny other species from eating meat, including that of man himself (sic). I prefer to believe, however, that the central issue to the argument should properly be the manner in which animals are raised for slaughter, not to mention the manner in which they are slaughtered. Equally important should be the effect on the world food supply of diverting high-quality grain products toward meat production. As to the use of animals in experiments, I cannot forsee any circumstances under which I could condone such, and believe that we are all probably the worse off for having engaged in such as a species.

As you can see, I am unable in my own mind to reach any hard and fast conclusions, other than to perceive that the status quo is grievously wrong and must be changed. My biggest problem is deciding how much change should be effected and what the end result will be. Possibly such thoughts also plague others involved in the animal rights movement and I would enjoy learning differing views along these lines.

This is one area that I am interested in and which I intend to devote some of my time to upon my release. Believing that people like ourselves can often help each other out in a variety of ways, I have taken it upon myself to write to you and a few selected others. Certainly there are certain advantages to be derived from knowing others that you can trust. Of course, in my present situation I am subjected to a certain amount of mail censorship and must often write for the eyes and simple minds of others who will read my letters before their intended recipient. Thankfully that will all change soon.

Anyway, I would be interested in learning of what you are involved in presently. Perhaps there are ways in which we could assist one another. In any event, I look forward to a synergetic relationship with you.

Yours for a world without chains,
L.T.
Norco, California

Industrial Art Mirrors Society

Dear **FLN:**

I was very disturbed by your article on the industrial performance art group **Survival Research Laboratories** (not "Science Research Laboratories"), but not in the way you might expect. As an experimental artist and someone involved in industrial culture (mainly through music), I would like to respond to the article.

First of all I would like to make clear that, although I admire much of SRL's work, I do not in any way support or condone their use of animals (until reading that article, I was not aware they were planning to use live animals). However, I feel that the

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Networking

Dear **FLN:**

I have given your article on networking very serious thought; the mail correspondence. Although the mail system has some very attractive reasons for being used, such as being available worldwide, being the least expensive to participate in, being the most private, is probably the most reliable, and is something anyone so inclined can do, I still think it is a wide open invitation for infiltration. Maybe I don't understand it clearly enough.

How would one "smoke out" an infiltrator in a procedure such as this?

However, if and when in some way networking is put into effect I would like to help if at all possible. Please keep me in mind and in touch with proceedings.

Sincerely,
D. H., Aug. 9, 1986
Mena, Arakansas

Dear **FLN:**

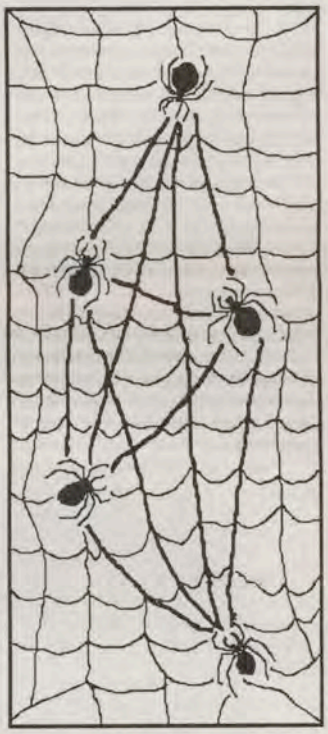
I am, at present, on a shoestring budget, but when I will be working, I'll support your group primarily. In the meantime, I do my best to find homes for stray cats, and I feed a dozen cats on a farm who otherwise would be near starvation. (I also write protest letters.)

I was going to write to you about contacting me with other members in Brantford as I'm very frustrated lots of times and would like some moral support; my boyfriend isn't enough, mainly because I'm much more conscious of animals' plights.

I already have a Box #. I am very nervous about getting an undercover butcher or a furrier as a contact. One way to make certain that the person is legit is to observe their households, whether they are vegetarians, etc., before you become any chumier with them. Maybe you could outline such strategies in the newsletter. However, I would limit my activities in the beginning to finding homes for strays, etc.

How does one beat the frustration and depression one feels over the animal torture that goes on?? A lot of times I am paralyzed by it, like those restrained animals. I literally want to murder those hunters, vivisectionists and any other animal abusers.

Sincerely,
I.G., July 30, 1986
Brantford, Ontario



Editors' Notes On Networking

In *Front Line News* #3 we printed an article on networking, noting that there are many people who write to us telling us how frustrated and isolated they are working alone, and who would like to network with other like-minded people in their area. We posed the situation as a problem of dealing with infiltrators and of being security conscious, and we still haven't realized a tight, secure way of networking total strangers. And the problem is, of course, that most of you are total strangers to us, and it would be utterly stupid for us to get people together who we know nothing about. The immediate and safest solution is, as always, to work alone or with your most trusted friends. If anyone has more ideas on this subject, we would be most happy to hear from you.

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Nosy raccoon knocks out nuclear plant near Detroit

MONROE, Mich. (AP) — The Fermi II nuclear power plant south of Detroit, designed to withstand tornadoes and earthquakes, was knocked out by a raccoon.

The curious animal climbed into electrical equipment Saturday at a switchyard outside the Fermi II plant, causing a short circuit, knocking out some power and triggering a shutdown of Detroit Edison Co.'s $6.6 billion plant.

The raccoon died. Company spokesman Dan Vecchioni said backup generators kept the plant's safety systems intact.

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Industrial Art

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vehemence of Phoenix's article attacking SRL was unwarranted, and that the article was largely based on a total lack of understanding of the nature and purpose of radical/experimental art; particularly that area of it known as "industrial". There were also some very reactionary assumptions made about the role of art in society.

About 75% of the article could have been written by virtually any mainstream art critic: "insanity, horror, and lunacy"; "based in a dingy foundry" (instead of a chic downtown studio like respectable bourgeois artists); "sickos"... And, no, SRL have *not* met with "critical acclaim", except from a few alternative/underground sources. In fact, they have made every effort to distance themselves from the mainstream/trendy "art world". The very extremity of their work precludes the possibility of co-optation.

From my own experience, when I used a found dead bird for an art piece, the general public does not react well to anything that reminds them of the existence of death. Phoenix makes no distinction between the mainstream and underground art scenes when s/he speaks of SRL having been "accepted by the San Francisco art scene" or of receiving "critical acclaim". Considering the use of the terms "exhibits" and "art shows", it is probably safe to assume that s/he is also unaware of an underground art scene.

Most likely, like the majority of people, Phoenix probably thinks that art should be 'nice', decorative, comforting, and never challenging or disturbing. If something disturbs or upsets you, it has transgressed the boundaries of acceptability, and is not art.

The purpose of industrial art/music *is* to disturb, upset and horrify people, and to force them to confront the fact that we live in a disturbing, upsetting and horrifying society; a "nightmare culture" as **Current 93** and **Coil** (industrial bands) put it. Industrial culture is thus an inherently political movement, though its political dimensions may not be immediately evident to those unfamiliar with it.

SRL's performances succeed admirably in reflecting/caricaturing our hellish, oppressive, technocratic death culture. They spend months preparing for each show, constructing horrifyingly ugly, frightening machines which are then set to destroy each other in performances, mirroring the horrors and destructiveness of the arms race, the military/industrial complex and our own society's ever increasing ghoulish obsession with phallic death technology. The hidden atrocities of our dying culture are thus brought to the surface and thrown in the faces of those who would rather remain blissfully ignorant. Many people react with hostility and violence to this forced confrontation and misdirect their hatred toward the artists instead of the society which makes such art necessary, much like the ancient rulers who executed the bearers of bad news. It is my feeling that these are the reasons underlying the extreme responses to SRL.

Animal abuse in art is nothing new.

There is no concrete reason why the members of SRL should be considered any more revolting than most other artists, or most people in general for that matter. Animal abuse in art is nothing new. Let's consider "natural (animal) bristle" brushes, paints containing animal ingredients, cat gut strings on musical instruments, leather dance shoes, art materials that are tested on animals ... to name only a few things. Is SRL's use of animals worse because they do it openly instead of hiding behind convention and commodities? ... Because they use them in a way which forces the viewer to confront things they would rather ignore?

I would rather see an SRL performance than a fur fashion show or a McDonald's commercial. The real horror to me is the casual, unacknowledged everyday torture and killing which we are bound by custom and politeness to ignore. I am by no means uncritical of SRL, their work, or their politics. I think that they definately have some questionable ideas and are obviously, whether wittingly or not, engaging in oppressive actions. However, these actions must be seen in the proper context. The way to deal with radical/underground people who are acting oppressively is not the same way that we would deal with a university, or a multinational corporation. Other means are open to us in this case, such as *communication*.

Phoenix tells us to write to **Target Video** and various animal rights organizations. Why not write directly to Survival Research Laboratories?! They can be reached c/o the industrial music/art magazine *Re/Search* (SRL appears in issue #10). Their address is 20 Romolo #B, San Francisco, CA 94133 USA.

Finally, I would like to point out that many industrial artists are explicitly pro-animal liberation. **Nocturnal Emisions** have used material on vivisection in a video; Toronto's **Violence and the Sacred** have songs about animal liberation and have played at a benefit for the **ALFSG** Canada (Toronto); and **Tibet 93** of the band **Current 93** recently co-ordinated a benefit album for the British **ALFSG** (entitled **Devastate to Liberate**) which features a wide variety of industrial bands.

In Solidarity,
Lycanthia
Toronto, Ontario



-RE/SEARCH #6/7

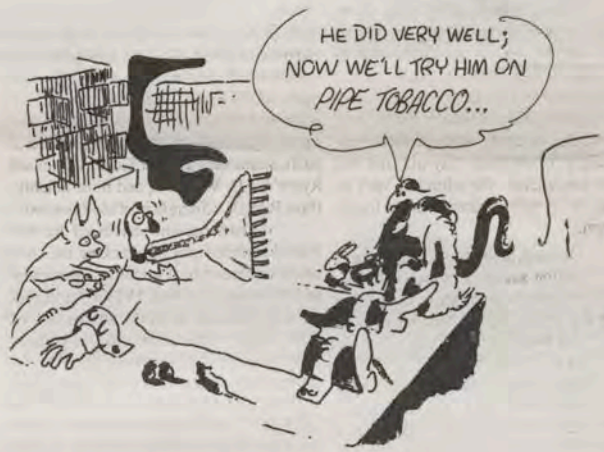
Mark Pauline of S.R.L. with his "Rabot" - a dead rabbit connected to a mechanical device.

Friends Of The ALF

Dear **FLN:**

It was with interest that I read your first issue of *Front Line News*. I am the editor of your Dutch counter-part '*Dierenbevrijding*', which first saw light in March this year. I made a translation into English for **ALFSG** (UK). I did not keep an extra copy of it, but the plan is that I send ten copies of an English translation both to UK and to you, together with a copy of the Dutch version. In exchange I would like to receive ten copies of your *Front Line News*.

These ten copies include the copies which you eventually used to send to the address Oude Gracht 36 at Utrecht. No more copies should be sent to this address, as the post is keeping an eye on it. I will pass on the copies to them who need them, and keep one for myself to take over publication in 'Dierenbevrijding' (Dutch for 'Animal Liberation'). Our SG group is called '**Vrienden van het DBF**' = '**Friends of the ALF** '. Second issue of our quarterly will be ready in a few days.



Depression In Saskatoon

Dear **FLN:**

I would like to inform you that I learned on March 8, 1986, in Brussels, from a conversation about depression, that Dr. J.S. Richardson of Saskatoon, Canada causes depression in animals by causing lesions in rats' brains, giving constant and unavoidable electric shocks to dogs and rats, forcing rats to run until they collapsed (he didn't say how but I assume by administering electric shocks), and forcing rats to swim until exhaustion.
(Translated from a letter by a Belgian psychiatrist to the **ALFSG-UK**).

Dr. E. V., March 9, 1986
Belgium

Besides the **ALF** we have a group called '**Angels Versus Skinners**' which is mainly involved in psychological warfare against animal abusers. With a boycott action against one of the biggest users of animal testing, Bayer, AVS reached newspapers in Germany and medical press in Austria. In the action 50,000 pamphlets were spread over the country to call for a boycott of Bayer products, especially the anti-flem drops 'Bolfo' (Tugevon). Fur merchandisers over the country were warned to stop their bloody business or else... and a small village having plans to build a new commercial (U.S. funds!) lab (animal) breeding centre was warned that actions would follow which will be harder than the concrete of the building if they start working on it.

Well, that's all for now. The packet will be in the mail to you in a few days after you get this letter. Hope to get yours in return. BEAT THEM HARD!

So long,
Jan,
Holland

LETTERS...

Notes From Chicago

Dear **FLN:**

Thanx alot for Issue #3 of *Front Line News* - it was indeed most refreshing to read something more resembling my personal views of the whole animal experimentation/vivisection controversy, other than the usual staid and smug "welfare societies'" admonitions against "pound seizure", et al... (Which is not to denigrate the anti-pound seizure campaign - our own city of Chicago is merely now beginning to consider it.) Ya gotta start somewhere, right? So, since I've now become the semi-plagued owner of three stray dogs (at least, in a large city apartment), I started by making sure they at least all have collars and don't run around without supervision - tags and collars are essential. Then, a brief part-time graveyard stint at the Flying Tiger organization at Chicago's O'Hare Airport brought me around to the modus operandi of the larger laboratory animal suppliers, the "merchants of misery" if you will, such as Charles River and Co., USA:

Beagles and rabbits shipped by the hundreds every evening to destinations and fates unknown. The monkeys in their tiny, squalid wooden cages were the most pathetic of all; the irradiated, experimental mice left out to drench during rainy nights on the airport tarmac; the zoo-bound freshly-nabbed seals I was instructed to hose down every hour; the strained and irksome barking of a beagle whose vocal cords probably had not been "expertly" cut; the primates reaching through their shipping cages for my lousy day-old fruit and cheese sandwiches; the odium of such an animal slave trade screamed out too loudly to forget...

Onward, to the contact of the three anti-vivisection societies in the USA - remembering from years hence of my mother asking me not to bother looking at their flyers in the morning mail ("can't do anything about it anyway, son"), and the resultant monthly mailings. Yes, indeed, just for my personal edification, the vivisection situation hasn't been resolved yet... Further scrutiny of some extremely irritating items leads to the *Animals' Agenda* magazine - and then the horrifying facts as presented by **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals** (PETA), Dr. Katz' *In Defense Of Animals* and various lesser animal mobilization organizations, and finally, to several publications such as Peter Singer's, Richard Ryder's, J.D. Whittal's, and most notably, Hans Ruesch's *Slaughter of the Innocent*...



Beagle with electrode liberated from U.C. Irvine Jan. 29/88

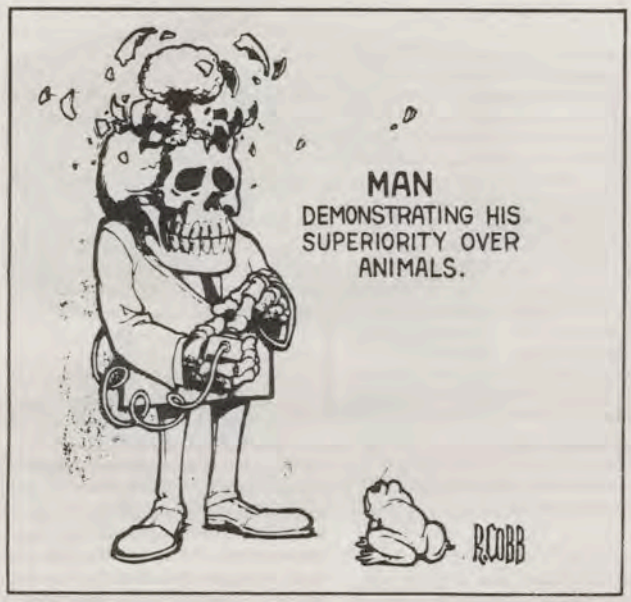
I have become convinced that Mr. Ruesch's philosophy of attacking the vivisectors on grounds of scientific innacuracy and uselessness (re: his **CIVITAS** group) is the most accurate of all the attacks (all of them justified) against the idiocy of vivisection. Yet, despite government clampdowns in this country against lab break-ins, and the imposed penalties upon "liberators" and "harborers" of liberated animals, I am absolutely convinced that ONLY the activities of sub-groups like the ALF can truly expose the monstrous lunacy of "modern science" nowadays - so, COUNT ME IN.

On to specifics... Ursula Crabtree's letter was just the sort of item I expected from an actual ALF supporter - her invoking of the ancient code of Hammurabi (an eye for an eye, etc.) I found particularly noteworthy; "A Scenic Harvest..." was a most disgusting article written no doubt to awaken us to the sort of individuals who would do most any thing to profit from animals' misery (*Ed. Note*: Read Lycanthia's letter "Industrial Art Mirrors Society"); G.B. Shaw's classic indictment of the vivisector is something I expected of such a great mind...

The most damning of vivisectionist violence I found in the articles about the **ALF** Toronto dentistry raid. Any fool who has ever found himself in a dentist's chair knows about chronic pain, immediate pain or even mere fear of pain - there can be no possible logic behind "Dr." Sessle's hideous and sadistic "experiments". Why, the photo of him itself depicts an individual who's "lost it" a long time ago - note the strange eyes... The article on the ALF's endeavor to storm Sessle's Citadel of Pain was a moving and extremely frustrating one. Clearly, he is now aware of our displeasure with his "work", especially after his auto has been vandalised, but he still has his mortgage to pay and bills galore so this is not going to stop him, or his ilk, in their sordid livelihood. So, in the interests of the poor tormented animals suffering under his thumb, what is then the alternative, short of assassination? Or, is indeed the answer to be found in a stray bullet... Enough diatribe.

Do you have any problems with your government interfering with mail deliveries? (*Ed:*-Yes!) I can almost see where they might want to intercept a few of these or other communiques - understandably so, from their distorted viewpoint. As far as I'm concerned, every movement of any credible consequence has had its roots in a reform group of a rather radical nature. Remember John Brown and the anti-slavery, abolitionist movement of the pre-Civil War days in America (and the related Underground Railroad of the same era)? Being primarily an anti-vivisectionist, it is these organizations which remind me of the total righteousness of groups such as yours, and hopefully, despite horrendous odds, indeed, "we shall overcome"!

Sincerely,
A. P., Aug. 13, 1986
Chicago, IL



Drain The Resources

Dear **FLN:**

Lately there has been a lot of pro-fur disinformation presented in the national media. Two main proponents of the lies have been Alan Herscovici and The Fur Trade. These two are apparently trying and willing to send out information to those who request it. I believe we should be deluging these scum for their material so as to drain their resources as much as possible. Anyone who knows how successful the "Jerry Falwell Game" was will realize that this can be attempted again.

Their addresses are: Alan Herscovici, 856 A Blumefield Ave., Outremont, P.Q. H2V 3S6 Canada; The Fur Trade, 1435 rue St. Alexandre, Suite 1270, Montreal, P.Q. H3A 2G4 Canada.

While we are at it, there is a pro-rodeo organization that deserves the same treatment: COWBOY (Cowboys Outraged With Rumbling Obnoxious Yahoos), P.O.Box 8160, Nashville, TN 37207 USA.

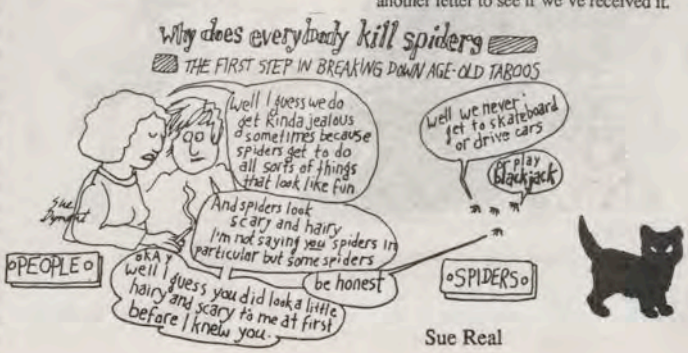
It should go without saying that one should drain as much from these sickies without giving them one cent in return.

(*Ed. Note*: The Jerry Falwell Game was a mass circulation of christian fanatic's toll-free phone numbers which people would call and request info mailed to them. Also each call cost Falwell a couple of dollars. Press reports indicated that Falwell sustained tens of thousands of dollars in bills due to a large participation in the "game".)

Anonymous
Winnipeg, Manitoba

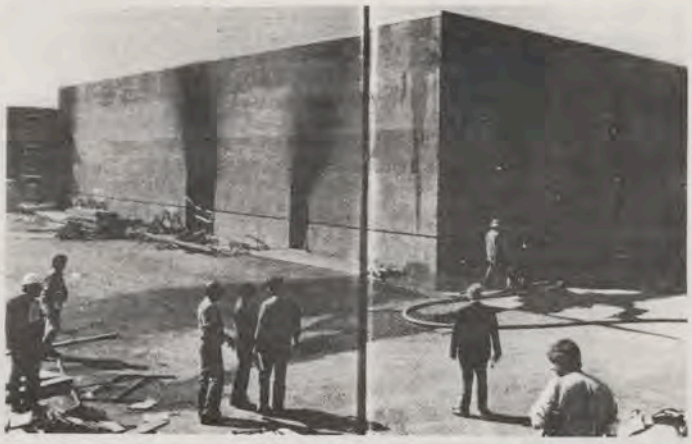
Letters To The Editor...

We are aware of an increase in mail that has been tampered with and letters that have not reached us. We must all assume that any communication is looked at by unfriendly eyes. When writing to us, some basic security procedures should be practiced. As much as we all feel outrage toward animal abuse, please do not write anything which could be incriminating to you or us. This includes telling us what you have done or what you would like to do. We don't want to know! For sending us action reports read what "Zuc Legume Sez" on pg. 28. To help us moniter mail tampering, putting tape across the seal of the envelope leaves a noticeable mark if it's removed. There isn't much we can do about the mail that is confiscated or turned back, so if you've sent us a letter or donation and haven't heard from us, send another letter to see if we've received it.



ANALYSING ANIMAL ACTION

A short while ago, at a meeting for the Support Group, a number of concerns were expressed about certain actions supposedly carried out by the ALF. It was felt that these concerns were important enough to be addressed in the *Front Line News*. Several ALF actions were reported in the media including the attempted fire-bombing of a fur store in London, Ont., to the spray painting of a church, community centre and shopping mall. To the best of our knowledge, only one action has been officially claimed by the ALF during this period - namely, economic sabotage to some meat stores.



ALF claimed responsibility for the $3.5 million fire at U.C. Davis, where new labs were being built.
Animals' Agenda
-Sept. '87

As we have stated many times, YOU are the ALF! Everytime you graffiti a fur store, glue one of their locks, smash the window of a meat store, or break into a research facility, YOU then become the ALF and you automatically receive our support. However, when one first begins to take part in such actions, one is bound to make mistakes and it is from those mistakes that one learns. Particularly for those who are just beginning their activist careers, as it were, I would like to mention a couple of issues that came up at our meeting.

First, it is essential that an ALF action be identified as such. Even if you yourself do not feel comfortable sending a press release to the media, at least send the SG your action reports. That way we can write up a raid or action *accurately*, which rarely happens with the regular media, and also, if an ALF action *has* taken place and no one claims it, then it loses its impact. We want and need the public to know the ALF is out there and is growing. Secondly, and of vital importance, on no account should you include anyone's name or address (including your own) in any action reports. Send them to us anonymously, and free of fingerprints. Believe me, this is not a redundant warning, people have actually identified themselves and others to us as taking part in or planning to take part in raids. *Security is of the utmost importance.*

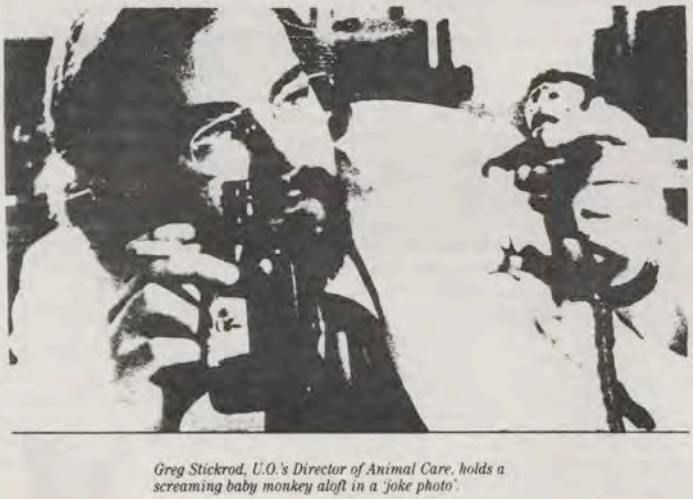
The concerns that arose during the Support Group meeting were about two actions in particular - the fire-bombing and the alleged theft of $800 from a meat store that was raided. The fur store that was hit with the molatov cocktail apparently had a family sleeping above the store and only the fact that the shop was fitted with fire-retardant carpet prevented the flames from taking hold. ALF Canada (Toronto), as we know it, advocates non-violence to ALL beings, and that includes people who choose to live above a fur store. Also, if one steals money during a raid, one *immediately* loses the activist image and gains one of 'petty thief'. All media attention is focused on the theft and the benefits accrued from bringing the attention of any supportive member of the public to the plight of the animals is completely lost! It does not even matter if you believe it to be another form of genuine economic sabotage - to the public at large, it becomes merely theft!

When dealing with fire, molatov cocktails, etc., you are literally playing with life and death. There is simply no excuse for not checking to see if people are on or around the premises, within the vicinity, etc. At no time should any innocent bystander be at risk. (We have seen a perfect example of the tragedy that can occur in this kind of action with the recent hotel fire in San Juan - set as a mere protest!) If, on the other hand, you really don't give a damn about any innocent bystanders, then perhaps you should begin identifying yourselves as a more radical offshoot of the ALF. Possibly, as in England, the Animal Rights Militia, or some such title. We want the tide of public opinion to swell *for* the ALF not *against* it. *Keep in mind at all times* if the ALF loses support, the animals lose support.

It is abundantly clear to us all that the establishment, the media, the police, want the ALF destroyed or discredited. What better way to do this than through false reporting. For example, the four people who spray painted the church, community centre and shopping mall were caught. After two days of interrogation, during which time they explained repeatedly that the ALF slogans they spray painted were a few among many signs and slogans they had used, and they themselves had nothing to do with the Animal Liberation Front, the police then informed the media that it was probably an ALF action. What better way to discredit the movement than report they are now defacing churches and community centres - none of which has anything to do with animal liberation. If the media attempts to discredit the ALF by falsely reporting an action in which you have been involved, e.g., stating that money was stolen when you know it was not, put out an immediate denial or let us know and we will put out a press release for you

Finally, in *all* ALF actions there should be only one consideration, the animals! You should always be asking yourself when planning something; how will this impact on the movement and ultimately on the animals? Will this have negative repercussions on the movement and on the animals? Will this benefit the animal liberation movement and so benefit the animals? If you keep these things in mind, you will be on the right track and should not go far wrong. We would be interested in your thoughts on this article and the issues it raised, so please write to us!

- Phoenix.



Greg Stickrod, U.O.'s Director of Animal Care, holds a screaming baby monkey aloft in a 'joke photo'.

PETA News, April/May '88

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PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS ORGANIZE

Virtually none of the students who enter into psychology ever intend to have anything to do with animal research in their future career. Ironically, in order for a student to be able to obtain their degree in psychology from the University of Toronto's Scarborough campus, they must successfully complete Psychology B01 (Introductory to Psychology Research). This course charges a lab fee to cover the cost of animals used in experiments. These experiments are designed by, and are under the instruction of professor Beiderman, an animal researcher and instructor at the university.

The Canadian Council on Animal Care, a committee predominantly made up of animal researchers and industries, which was formed to supposedly set the ethical standards for the use of animals in research, stresses that animals should only be used when there are no other alternatives available. In fact, there are many other teaching aids available that are suitable for understanding the same principles being presented with animal experiments in Psychology B01. Several years ago, because of the persistant action of a concerned psychology student, professor Beiderman, who at that time was president of the Scarborough campus Animal Care Committee, was persuaded by a C.C.A.C. member to stop the practice of having students shock rats in his course.

A group of students concerned about the necessity and ethics of requiring students to perform experiments on animals, formed and began a petition requesting that Psychology B01 labs do not involve any animals. The purpose of the petition was to encourage those students who felt pressured to participate in animal experimentation, to express their right to moral choice and insist on having the opportunity to learn what is necessary for the completion of a course in a way that was consistant to their ethical standards. This, of course, is not a privilege, it is a student's right! An overwhelming majority of the students in Psychology B01 signed this petition. Unfortunately, professor Beiderman did not change his course agenda and the requirements for the course were insisted upon.

If you are a psychology student in the Toronto area, and are concerned about being expected to perform experiments on animals as part of filling out your course requirment, you can get some practical advice and help in forming groups or other activities. Write to Charlene Winger, Box 520, Pickering, Ont. L1V 2A1.

Action Reports Canada

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Feb. 8: A. Stork & Sons had three trucks spray painted.
Mid-Feb.: Locks glued on the following: Finn Furs (Eglinton Ave.); Laird Meat Market (Eglinton); The Butchers (Yonge St.); Cowiesons Meats (Yonge St.)

Sept.: Victory Furs and Madison Furs (Bloor St. W.) had their windows smashed.

1988
Mid-Jan.: Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet (Bloor St. W.) had windows smashed.

Vancouver, B.C.
1987
June/July: 3 butcher shops, 1 McDonald's and 1 Kentucky Fried Chicken shop had their locks glued. 1 butcher's shop window was smashed.
Aug. 3: 2 fur shops had locks glued.
Aug. 8: Walls, doors, and windows of a sausage plant, a chicken factory and 2 fish export companies were painted with ALF slogans.
Aug. 20: Grandview Furs had windows smashed and red paint thrown inside, damaging mink and red fox furs; $7,000 damage.
Sept. 20: Avenue Furs, Pappas Fur Designers, and Grandview Furs ($5,000 damage) had windows smashed and red paint thrown inside damaging furs. Three people arrested. Avenue Furs and Grandview Furs have since gone out of business due to direct action. *(ed. note:* see "ALF action in Vancouver".)



Zuc Legume sez:

Send Action Reports! Receiving Action Reports in the mail is one of the most exciting things that happens here. To know that people are active in all parts of the world confirms that we are not alone in our beliefs and convictions. We list all actions that we receive based on their alliance with the Animal Liberation Front's principles of non-violence (no injury or death to any animal or person - except in the course of self-defence). Of course, our ability to serve everyone with these listings depends a great deal on your co-operation in sending us reports. Far too often we only hear of actions by chance or from other publications. Please spread the word - if you see or know of a direct action for animal liberation in your area, send us either a news clipping if it was in the media, or an **anonymous** report. If sending us an anonymous report, please follow these basic security rules: don't use a typewriter that you or anyone else could be found with later in event of police raids. Use a typewriter that many people have access to or cut and paste words from a common paper, then throw the paper out. Do not give us your address or put a return one on the envelope, don't put fingerprints on the page, and don't lick the stamp - wet it with a sponge. Your security ensures ours!

Action Reports U.K.

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Ireland
1987
March, Dublin: A fish wholesaler's van was paint stripped and painted with slogans. It was attacked a second time when it was repaired.
March 28, Beaumont: A veterinary research lab had approx. $70,000 damage when the medical supply rooms were destroyed along with their contents. Extensive damage was also done to cars and vans.
May, Dublin: Butchers in Sutton and Lennox Street had their windows smashed.
May 31, Dublin: A meat shop in the Glasnevin area took extensive damage by bricks and paint bombs.
July, Belfast: A pork delivery van was repainted and covered in glue. A Kentucky Fried Chicken shop had its windows and sign smashed.
Aug. 1, Belfast: Fast food shop's window and sign smashed.
Aug. 3, Belfast: Butcher's shop windows all smashed.
Aug. 10, Belfast: A meat delivery van had its windscreen smashed.
Oct. 6, Belfast: Two fires were started in a chemical store of Associated Egg Packers, and damage was confined to the store.



Homes

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they might think they were being put back in the lab or whatever. You never have much time to dwell on it for long though because there are new animals that need your help. I suppose its like a hospital in some ways."

There are of course a lot of animals that need homes that are not in as serious a shape. It is really hard to imagine what it might be like to live in a laboratory where every hand that reaches for you tortures and mutilates. I don't want to misinterpret the animals feelings and attitudes, but I do know that animals which are continuously subjected to punishment and suffering become as unstable and unhappy as humans would in a similar situation. You can see this in an abused family pet that has been hit too often so you can imagine how much worse it would be for research animals. One example in particular is Britches - a 5 week old stumptail monkey who was born at the University of California. He was just one of 260 animals liberated by the ALF in 1985. Britches was being kept in isolation with his entire skull and most of his face covered by surgical tape and electrical gadgets as part of a study of combined effects of sight deprivation and isolation.

It takes a lot of courage but the rewards can be endless. Just showing one of these animals that hands can reach out in love and respect for their needs is one way you may be able to help - and with enough people with this kind of strength and courage we can end this needless suffering.



SUPPORT GROUP DISTRIBUTION

The following are some of the magazines, booklets, and pamphlets that are available through us, as well as buttons and t-shirts. If you require information about a certain issue, or about ALF or Support Group activities, please send us a letter and we'll do our best to answer it. The following have postage included in the cost, but any extra money you could send would be appreciated. Please note that many of the publications listed are photocopied reprints.

MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS

Front Line News *Newsletter of the ALFSG Canada(Toronto)*
Issues #1 (Fall 85), 2 (Winter 85/86), and 3 (Fall 86) $1.00 ea.
Issue #4 (Spring 88) $2.00 - 10 copies or more are available for $1.50 ea. Subscription $10/yr.

ALFSG (Montreal) Newsletter
Issue #1 (Fall 87 - McDonald's mini-issue) $1.00

ALFSG Diary of Actions *Bulletin of the ALFSG (UK)*
Issues #1 (4/87), 2 (7/87), and 3 (11/87) 4/5/88
$1.00 Current issue $1.00

Action Reports *(Now called Diary of Actions)*
Issues #1 (7/85), 4 (2/86), 5 (5/86), and 6 (8/86) $1.00 ea.

SG Newsletter *Former newsletter of the ALFSG (UK)*
Issues #2 (12/82), 3 (1/83), 6 (8/83), 9 (12/83), 11 (6/84), and 12 (8/84) Avg. 10 pp. ea. These copies are not in 100% good condition. $1.00 ea.
Issues #14 (11/84), 15 (3/85), 16 (5/85), 17 (8/85), 18 (5/86), and 19 (7/86) Avg. 30 pp. ea. No. 19 "International Rescue" was the last issue printed. $3.00 ea.

Action Report *Diary of actions from Australia.*
Issue #1 (4/87) $1.00

Action For Animals Newsletter *Direct action group in Australia.*
Issue #3 (10/86) $2.00

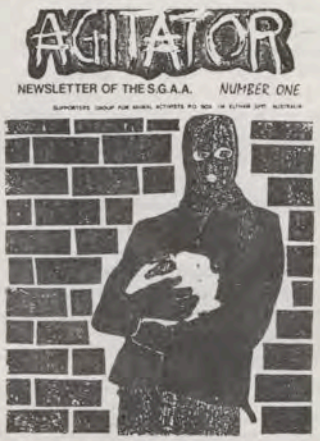
ALFSG (France) Bulletin *Also known as Combat and Front News.*
Issues #1 (12/85), 2 (4/86), and 3 (4/87) French only. $1.00 ea.

Friends of the ALF (Netherlands)
Issue #2 (7/86) English or Dutch language. $1.00
Issue #6 (11/87) Dutch language only. $1.00

The Agitator *Newsletter of the Supporters' Group for Animal Activists (Australia)* Issue #1 (2/88) $1.00

Direct Action Animal Bulletin *Currently non-existent UK newsletter.*
Issue #5 (Winter 84/85) Special prisoners issue. $1.00

Lomakatsi *Animal liberation magazine with an anarchist perspective.*
Issues #1 (40 pp.), 2 (32 pp.), 3(32pp.). $2.00 ea.





PAMPHLETS

Single copies are free, up to 49 copies are 15¢ each, and 50 or more copies are 10¢ each.

ALFSG (Toronto)
Introducing the Hunt Saboteurs
It's a Man's Game; Hunt Sabotage and Men
What Happens to the Calf?
What's Wrong With McDonald's?
Meat and Misogyny
Various leaflets from ARK II (Canadian Animal Rights Network)
ALFSG (UK) Factsheets: The Egg Industry, The Fur Industry, The Milk/Dairy Industry, The Pig Meat Industry, Teratogenicity Experiments, Factory Farming, and Psychological and Behavioural Experiments. *(Please note that these pamphlets have some basic factual information but the facts and figures pertain to the United Kingdom only.)*
The Vegan Society Factsheets *(Again, these five pamphlets are from a UK group and have facts and figures from there only.)*



BOOKS

ECODEFENSE: A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching
Second Edition (1987); Edited by Dave Foreman and Bill Haywood; Forward! by Edward Abbey (all of *Earth First!*) Detailed and field-tested techniques for ecotage - direct action in defense of our planet - with tips on security and leaving no evidence. Heavily illustrated. (308 pp.) $15.00



BOOKLETS

Interviews With Animal Liberation Front Activists
Compiled in England from interviews with many different ALF cells. Covers most aspects of the ALF. Recommended. (52 pp.) $5.00

ALF On Trial; Capitalism Under Attack in the 1980's
Excellent account of the arrests, trials, and convictions of 9 activists in England in 1986/87. (20 pp.) $1.00

Feminism and Animal Rights
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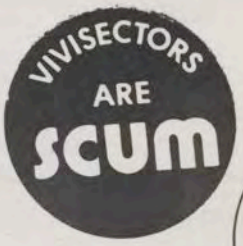
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