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Editorial

STRATEGY: A GAME OF CHESS

There must have been a time when almost every ardent animal rights compaigner has sat down and given thought to the future of the animal rights campaign in general. There can be few who fail to recognise the extent of our struggle and it is clear to see that there will be no astounding changes to legislation in the forseeable future for us to congratulate each other about.

Many people see today's animal rights movement as a platform, something we build on and give tomorrow's movement something solid as a base.

The majority of actions and campaigns of the last few years have contributed to that platform; the movement has strengthened and grown, we have support not only in the movement but vast support outside, and looking to the future, this support is crucial towards any changes which may come about.

However there has been, over recent months, various actions which do little to help the countless numbers of abused animals: actions which only serve to erode the platform now being built; actions carried out by people who fail to see the extent of what they fight, and worst of all, actions which claim to express the views of the whole animal rights spectrum.

Yet in truth only show the views and thoughts of a few.

Do actions like the Mars Bar hoax, the injections of mercury into dead fowl, etc., bring the dream of animal rights closer to being reality?

Do headlines like "We don't care if people die" help to maintain the vast public support we have gathered?

Are the people who perpetrate these actions aware of the damage they do? Are they aware that they are not the chosen few fighting for animal rights? Or are they blind to truth, are the spokespersons who endorse the actions being used subtley by other forces?

As in a game of chess, there are two sides to our fight. We play different rounds every year. The winner will invariably be the side with the ability to step back and plan every move with the utmost of thought, the winner will see the implications of any wrong move, and ultimately the looser will be the person who goes in blind and carries his action out with no concern for long-term effect.

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DEMONSTRATION AT ICI, ALDERLEY PARK, FEB 6th

A small band of Nallers arrived at ICI's gates at approximately 9am on Wednesday, Feb 6th. It was an early start for all concerned; but the effect we made was well worth the bother of a cold morning leap out of bed. As the slogan goes, ".. when they least expect it"; our brisk appearance at the entrance of this infamous ATC (Animal Torture Centre), did indeed cause a flurry of anxiety and alarm of all security systems on the part of ICI personnel.

Our aim was to be in evidence when AP staff arrived for the day's work. Thus bringing home to them the concern we have for animals housed and tortured at ICI.

We had some excellent banners and posters....Nallers had been up late the night before working at them... We all wore white coats splashed in some red substance to push the point even further.

Inevitably we were deluged with a mass of questions; "Are you lot local or national?" "How long are you staying?" "Any more arriving?" Indeed, guards who had settled into a day off, were immediately called out.

ICI's official photographer rushed out posing as the Daily Express(!) He danced around the crowd of us and then reported back, no doubt, to management.

We had local media out to do reports; but it still being so early in the morning many of the promised numbers hadn't yet arrived. So it was a bit disappointing for them.

When a vanload of Nallers did arrive at about 1pm, this was duly announced to security, and again, police patrol cars miraculously appeared. Immediately they headed off purposefully to tour the perimeter of the grounds.

All in all it was a very cold but good working day by Nallers. We couldn't believe the constant stream of traffic drifting in and out of AP.....Personnel, contractors, business people. The place is like a small city. Its basis is animal experimentation; it lives it, breathes it, it's ominously like the unnatural existence portrayed in Orwell's 1984.....

Outrage

ICI

ALDERLEY PARK

I.C.I. . . . TORTURE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Act now

NABL

The Northern Anti-Blood Sports League has been in existence since September 1984, and in spite of forming midseason, we have (on limited funds) managed to remain active, participating on regular hunt meets.

The money has been raised on stalls during the week. Unfortunately we have regularly met with the same problem faced by most Animal Rights Groups. Everyone wanting to take part in action, ie,Sabs, but few wanting to fund raise.

This has given rise to a hand to mouth situation. We hope to 'hang on' until the end of the season and then we are going to call on all members, to assist with a concerted fund-raising effort, with the ultimate aim of buying a Landrover.

We have had several noteable successes, in our short history ie., The Cheshire Hunt Ball at Nantwich where NALL and NABL managed two transits of people. The result being both positive and good fun.

A more recent succes has been the Duke of Beaufort Sab, where about 200 sabs including NABL descended on Badminton on 2.2.85.

Although the area was full of foxes, I actually saw three, the hunt never made a kill.

Celebrities including Princess Anne and Mark Philips were present which must have caused the hunt acute embarassement when we all turned up.

Although as I said the situation is at present pretty unstable, we have certainly made our presence felt and we hope that next season, our successes will snowball.



Hunt SABOTAGE

In the field of animal rights perhaps the most widespread and frequent form of direct action is hunt sabotage.Each weekend of the season and on many weekdays vanloads of sabs are to be seen outfoxing the hunters in a battle of tactics as they attempt,usually with great success,to prevent the violent death of small furry animals.Anybody who has ever been in a sab van will have noticed the degree of dedication and commitment which are all part of the day's work for a hunt saboteur.It takes that to get out of bed at some obscure hour of a Saturday morning in order to spend the day being abused by a bunch of horrors on horseback,verbal threats of violence often being transformed into reality by their hired thugs.While the rewards can be enormous so can the frustration and anger.

So what is the root of this dedication to a purpose.Any saboteur will tell you quite simply that the object is purely to save the life of the fox or the hare or whatever form of wildlife is being chased that day.Any other considerations are of secondary importance,or should be. No-one would deny the friendliness between sabs which is an attraction nor the excitement of a hectic sabotage.These,and







other factors help to draw people to the world of hunt sabotage but topmost remains the outrage that any-body could gain pleasure from the cruel persecution of animals.

To carry out an effective sabotage requires a certain amount of know-how but perhaps more than this,co-operation and co-ordination are necessary. Hunt saboteurs are usually quite handy at this sort of thing.Decisions are made on a communal basis,everybody in the van,for example,having a say in what action should be taken at any particular point. When a sabotage works well and no animals have been killed we all go home tired out but satisfied after a good day's work.

So that's the ideal and there is no reason why it should not be the norm.But what happens when things do not quite work like this?What happens when a sabotage becomes a power-game? For some,it seems,the whole thing can all to readily become a chance to flex an ego,an opportunity to dole out orders that will be obeyed by willing and timid sabs.It has always seemed to me that one of the main points in favour of sabs compared to hunters is the absence of hierarchy.Whereas the hunt has a strictly observed pecking order from the master downwards such an idea would never enter the head of most saboteurs.But when individual sabs start placing themselves above others,or their own group above other groups,then it all takes on a different aspect.In the petty rivalries which may develop the basic motivation may be lost sight of, that of saving the lives of animals.The whole thing may turn into a personal vendetta against the hunt and its individual members and anything which distracts attention from the job in hand can only mean greater danger for the animals, as if they were not in enough peril already.It is always the hunted animal that counts, not the egos of those who are supposedly there to save it from a grisly death.

Ban Cages

BATTERY HEN FARMER GETS A RETURN VISIT BY NALL

Just before Xmas a group of about 50 people from Huddersfield, Manchester and Liverpool, went along to the Ollerenshaws, well known battery hen farm in Droylsden, Manchester. Many of you will remember two years ago we did the same thing, but with the result that 22 people were arrested for Criminal Damage After a well defended court case all charges were thrown out, much to the annoyance of the Ashton police.

This time, we persuaded the farmer to let us look round this very overcrowded, even by battery cage standards, laying hen units. The local police who arrived by the van load escorted 3 or 4 people around at a time.

For some it was their first sight of the obscenity of factory farming, with foul smells, screeching unhappy birds crowded nine to a cage.

The encouraging part of the protest was that Ollerenshaw told us he is considering giving up and maybe doing a bit of free range next year. There were no arrests on this very effective protest.

(Photos available)

FOLK EVENING... A BIG SUCCESS

The second NALL Folk event took place on Friday night Feb 2nd at the Irish Club, Chorlton, Manchester.

FOLK

A lot of hard work promoting this fund raising event on radio, local papers, stalls and posters, resulted in over 250 people turning up on the night.

We would like to sincerely thank the Irish Club for offering the room,

The musicians who generously gave their time,

Mike Billington, for promotion, and to all the NALLers, who remain anonymous, for contributing to making a very enjoyable evening.

Everyone left knowing that they had taken part in more than a social evening and had done their bit in the long campaign against animal experiments at ICI.

Finally, an amazing £320 was raised for the ICI 24 Defence Fund.

◂ Battery demonstration



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THE SUNFLOWER CAFE

Few people can have failed to notice the growth of health food shops and vegetarian restaurants over the past few years. Some of these places are run by people with a genuine interest in promoting healthy living, others appear to be there to cash in on a growing trend; the majority of vegetarian restaurants are run by people in the first category, those who seek to promote vegetarian cooking for moral reasons other than financial; One such example is On The Eighth Day on Oxford Road, Manchester, which has been in existence for some time now.

Another example of this is the Sunflower Cafe in Ashton; This little establishment is run by three NALL members who, after completing various catering courses, yet having no opening into the field they wanted, decided to set up their own business by offering the people of Ashton an alternative to eating meat.

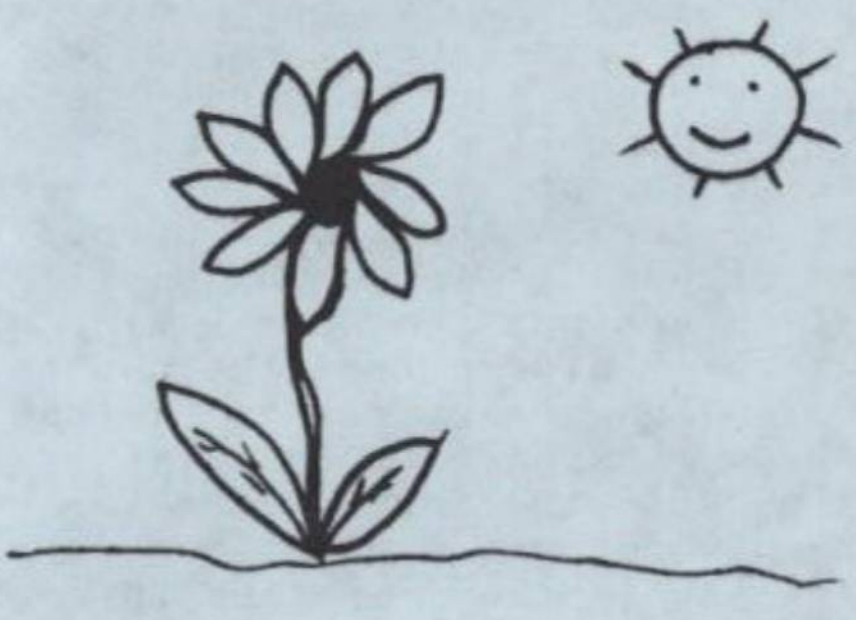
No article or any amount of writing could sum up the dedication and sacrifice that the staff there have put into transforming a run down motor spares shop, into the Sunflower Cafe.

It took three months, seven days a week, twelve hours a day, to create the shop and it now takes six days a week to run it with them sometimes having to work up to 14 hours a day there.

The shop has built up a steady trade with good press coverage and good support from the local people, many of whom return after their initial visit.

All three of the Sunflower staff are prepared to stick at it, working long hours and so on until they can afford to take more staff on. (They refuse to take anyone on youth training schemes for moral reasons) The only thing which disappoints them is the actual response they have had from the NALL members in general, and also their close friends who seem to have forgotten about them.

For those interested, the Sunflower is on Old St., Ashton-under-Lyne, opposite the library.





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DATE FIXED FOR ICI SHOW TRIALS

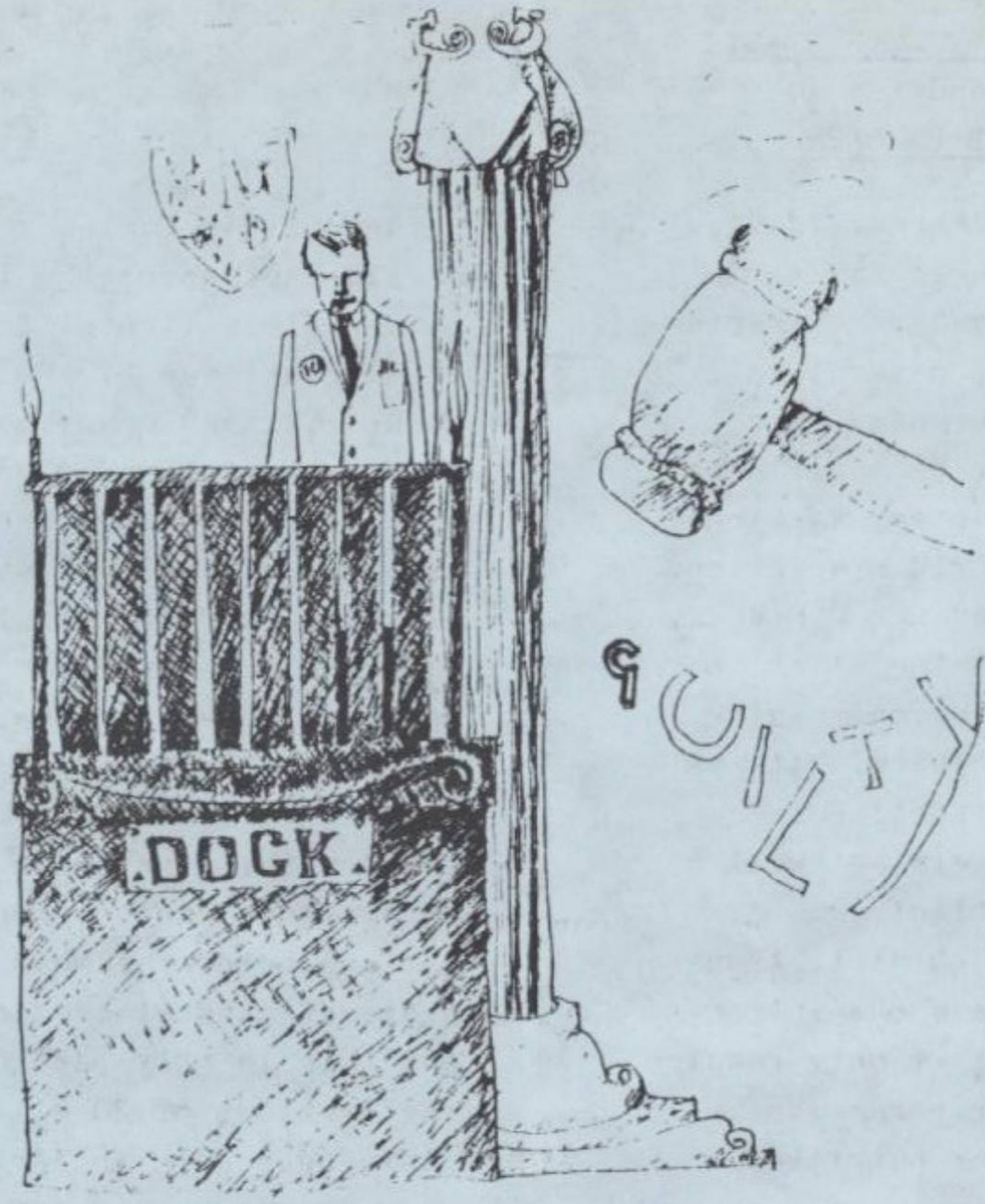
April 10th is the day when twenty of ICI's most senior animal experimenters will appear before Chester People's Court on charges under the category of Lab Crimes. NALL NEWS has obtained a copy of the indictment which lists systematic and continuous torture of tens of thousands of nameless horses,fish,rabbits,beagles,birds, baboons,guinea pigs,mice,sheep,cats, cows,rats,goats and marmosets over a period of decades.The police have already made preparations for holding back thousands of people who are expected to descend on Chester to show their horror and disgust at those whose vile crimes against the animal kingdom have been hidden from the public for so long.However,there is one person missing from the list of defendants,the former director of the now defunct Central Toxicology Labs at Alderley Park,the infamous Doctor Torchase.After making a desperate attempt to escape and begin a new life in a far-off country he has at last been spotted in the Upper reaches of the River Orinoco,Venezuela.by veteran hunter of Lab Criminals Ms Jean Maroon.His capture will bring to an end one of the blackest periods of human history.

Unfortunately the above is not a reality-yet.We are still in the 20th century where so-called scientists are awarded high honours for poisoning animals to death for profit whilst those who support the basic rights of animals suffer the full might of"the law".What is a reality is that on Monday April 10th 1985 twenty good people will be appearing before Chester Crown Court on the serious charges of Unlawful Assembly and Criminal Damage.One month has been set aside for the case.It is very nearly a year(April 29th 1984) since,as a result of a major protest by several hundred people at ICI's massive Alderley Park labs,Macclesfield CID started rounding up anyone associated with protests at ICI.In that time over 25 people have appeared before magistrates courts;three were bound over to keep the peace and 2 had their cases dismissed.The remaining 20 have already spent 6 days at a committal in Knutsford

"Frame-Up"

Magistrates Court(Sept 22-30 last year)listening to 700 pages of prosecution fiction with the result that they were,with one token exception,all sent for trial.During the committal it was obvious to all observers who is actually running this trial - each day there was at least one senior ICI official in court monitoring progress and making sure that information detrimental to the image of ICI was not released accidentally from the dock.Fumbling guards nervously looked up at their superiors in the public gallery, then refused to answer defence questions with"Do I have to answer that question-"or"In the interests of security I can't say what is the function of Block 19"or"No a map of Alderley Park is not available in view of security..."etc etc.

The ICI 20 had yet another appearance in court on Jan 28, this time in Mold Crown Court North Wales - all pleaded not guilty to all charges and were bailed until April 10th.Being the first of several big show trials of animal rights campaigners this year this will be a crucial case in the short history of the struggle for animal liberation.Britain's biggest manufacturing company and the 4th largest chemical



multinational in the world has decided that public protests against vivisection are to be tolerated so long as they don't threaten to uncover the sickening catalogue of misery that is the foundation of its own research HQ.Fearing another smoking beagle exposure ICI has decided it is time to put the boot in and try and silence its opposition once and for all.

It is up to all supporters of animal liberation,especially here in the North-West,to make sure that they fail - so make a big effort.

You can -

1 Help with stalls,jumble sales etc in aid of the ICI 24 Defence Fund.The costs of travelling to and from court in Chester for one month alone will be a huge amount.

2 Try and support any demos, pickets,leafletting sessions against ICI,however small they may be,in the run-up to,during and after the trial. There will be a national campaign against ICI,organised by many different animal rights groups during Summer 1985.

3 Try and book time off work to attend the trial to

a)learn what powerful interests we are up against

b)to give moral support to those who are in the dock

c)give lifts to other supporters who wish to attend

Once again please make sure,in whatever way you can that this blatant attempt by ICI and the government to use ancient laws (Unlawful Assembly)to frighten people away from exposing heinous crimes against the animal kingdom will not go on without massive resistance.

(NB Please write to NALL address to check trial has not at last minute been switched from Chester)

NALLER'S DECEMBER FAST
and the
WORLD FOOD PROBLEM

Last December, in view of the tragic famine in Ethiopia and other parts of Africa, several NALLERS decided to make their case clear on the links between Factory Farming and 3rd World starvation. They fasted for ONE WEEK, eating nothing at all and drinking only water and fruit juice. It was a great effort! But unfortunately not well enough publicised.

The VEGAN diet, translated into economic terms means that we only require ¼ acre per person to provide our nutrition, compared to about 5 acres for each CARNIVORE. We do not rely on food from 3rd World countries to feed millions of Factory Farm animals as western meat-eaters do.

The world would provide more than enough food for its Human population if the rich, greedy Nations relied on PLANT rather than ANIMAL proteins for their food.

The African famine has as its background the long term exploitation of 3rd World countries by the Industrialised countries. This exploitation is most conspicuous in the spheres of Agribusiness Multinationals such as Unilever, ICI. Nestles, Del-Monte, Brooke-Bond and General Foods, to name but a few.

We have all heard the Media whining on about unfortunate weather conditions being the major cause of mass starvation, but this is only part of the problems of 20 million starving people in Africa. These people have seen their land thrown over to cash crops for export and in some cases Factory Farms.

30 years ago Africa was self-sufficient in food. A good example of the destruction of the balance of nature and the uprootment of ancient communities by greedy outsiders is in Ethiopia.

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In 1929, the Yeheb Nut Bush constituted up to half the woody vegetation in many areas of Somalia and Ethiopia. This nutritious nut which could have helped save Ethiopia in times of famine is now an endangered species: as a result of overgrazing of farm animals, war and neglect.

We suggest NALL supporters read more about the world food problem in books such as:

FOOD:NEED,GREED AND MYOPIA
Geoffrey Yates
Earthright Publications

HOW THE OTHER HALF DIES
S.George Pelican

GREEN INHERITANCE
A.Huxley Collins

GREEN POLITICS
F.Capra Hutchinson

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

We had a full, well attended meeting; this time, due to faulty booking at County Hall it was held at the Town Hall.

Paddy Broughton, from the BUAV, made a special trip up from London to speak to the NALL. She gave an excellent speech, outlining the White Paper Campaign, and the opposition of the BUAV to minor changes in the so-called Pain Clause (the BUAV want a total ban on all pain in experiments). She also spoke about the Mobilisation Campaign of which the co-operating societies are; BUAV, NAVS, SAVS and Animal Aid. This campaign aims to seriously and effectively combat the Government's White Paper proposals. (For information on the Mobilisation write to one of the member societies.)

After Paddy's speech we had a question time/ debate which proved quite lively!

Thanks to Paddy Broughton!

Book Review

IN DEFENCE OF ANIMALS
edited by Peter Singer
published by Basil Blackwell £4-95

This new book is a collection of articles by both theorists and activists involved in the struggle for animal liberation.The subjects covered extend through all the main areas of animal exploitation and through various countries around the world.Most of the articles are very well written and informative. very useful to both experienced campaigners and as a compelling stimulus for those not involved. We urge supporters to read,in particular the full spine-chilling story of the exposure of Doctor Taub's truly barbaric treatment of monkies in 'The Silver Springs Monkies'by Alex Pacheco and Anne Francione.Taub used the hands and heads of his tortured monkies as paperweights - can you believe it?Another brilliant article, 'Brave New Farm'byJim Mason tracks the short history of factory farming since the war. Other articles of profound significance cover the philosophical,legal and scientific arguments against the mass exploitation of our fellow species. The final section covers animal liberation actions and includes a short paragraph on the NALL - just long enough to make it clear for once at least that there is a difference between ourselves and the ALF.

This is a key book in the fight for animal liberation.If you would like to buy it please send us your name and address as soon as possible as we intend to order bulk copies at discount rates.

NALL PHONE IN ON RADIO MANCHESTER

Last November two NALLers took part in an hour long phone-in on Animal Liberation.Although some of the questioners were hostile with accusations about us putting poison in shampoo we were able to point out NALL policy on that issue and many others.Overall we felt we held our ground and may even have converted a few people.

HUNT BALL - 18th Jan.

NALL members joined other groups in a heated protest at the annual Hunt Ball in Nantwich, Cheshire. Protestors came to 60 or 70 and the numbers were, of course, swelled by Police, who kept us well away from the Hunters.

The Demonstration consisted of shouted abuse directed at the fox hunters attending the ball: a celebration of the slaughter of innocent animals!

Typically, most of the women arrived in fur coats!

It was a cold evening to be standing around for a couple of hours, but we made our point and they can be sure we wont be leaving them alone until the abolition of this barbaric 'sport'.

One NALL member infiltrated the Ball undetected, dressed inconspicuously as "one of them" to gain "inside information"!



ANIMAL Lib NEWS

SEALL COURT CASE(WICKHAM)

19 good people will be hauled in front of PORTSMOUTH CROWN COURT for a 2 month trial, staring MAY 1. The charges against them are extemely serious and and probably reflect the government's fear at the excellent POSITIVE publicity generated by SEALL'S mass actions last year.

Donations to:

'WICKHAM DEFENCE FUND'
c/o BARG, Brunel University
STUDENTS UNION, KINGSTON LANE,
UXBRIDGE, MIDDX.

EALL COURT CASE (UNILEVER)

Committal date for this case is Feb 26th. 12 people are appearing on conspiracy charges at Bedford Magistrates Court.

ANDREW JOHN HORBURY

Has been sentenced to a two year sentence for allegedly releasing some foxes from the notorious Cocksparrow Farm There is some hope that his case will be reviewed in time. Please write to him
A.J. HORBURY, C54255
Winston Green Prison
Winston Green Road
Birmingham.

UNILEVER 8 DEFENCE FUND.

Due to EALL's difficulties in establishing a big Unilever Defence Fund, the NALL has decided that despite already massive commitments, that a special fund for the 8 Nallers arrested will be set up. Other areas of the country, will we hope establish their own Unilever defence funds. In line with NALL policy, it is vital that defence funds are taken seriously and all those arrested should be prepared to put ALL their spare time and effort into their court cases. Please send donations to:

'UNILEVER 8 DEFENCE FUND'

c/o NALL OFFICE.

At the moment there are about 150 people awaiting trial for activities in support of animal liberation. It is obvious that the vivisectionists and government have decided that our work of exposing their activities must be stopped.

STOP PRESS:

LEAGUES TACTICS VINDICATED

ON AUGUST 26 1984 SEALL LAUNCHED A MAJOR INVASION OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE of SURGEONS, DOWNE KENT. FROM EVIDENCE OF CRUELTY GAINED ON THIS RAID BUAV WAS ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTE THE R.C.S. — FINED £250 ON 18TH FEB 1985...

WELL DONE SEALL AND BUAV.... AT LAST, SOME POSITIVE PUBLICITY.

TALK TO SOUTH MANCHESTER ECOLOGY PARTY

We were invited to speak at the South Manchester Ecology Party meeting on the subject of "Animal Liberation and Man's Stewardship of the Planet".

The meeting was well attended; many were already very sympatnetic to our cause. We described our reasons for protest against Factory Farms, Vivisection and hunting and put forward the terms in which the ECO Party should be so concerned. Apparently, there is an Ecology Working Party on Factory Farming although their accent is lesson Direct Action.

Many questions were put to us for debate, eg. Did we realise that wearing synthetic shoes was un-Ecological and could be harmful to workers involved in their production? What about small-scale back yard farm production? What would we do about pests? etc.

We finalised by agreeing to liase more often with each others groups.

Many thanks to the SMCR Ecology Party for an enjoyable Green evening.

ECOLOGY PARTY

McDONALD'S COURT CASE

This was a very short court appearance by 4 people arrested on a demonstration outside McDonald's Burger Restaurant, Market Street, Manchester. They defended themselves and were bound over to keep the peace for one year, with £15 costs.

If you remember, in the Animals Film, McDonald's proprietor liked the 'ring' of the word "McDonald". (Its Scots to the Scottish, Irish to the Irish).

We know that in contrast the cattle in America which go towards the production of this carniverous fare spend their miserable lives on vast "feed lots" without greenery or freedom: an unnecessary and cruel way of confining sentient creatures for the sake of westerners greed. McDonalds is also responsible for the destruction of large areas of Amazon rain forest to make way for cattle rearing.

FUTURE EVENTS

1. DEMONSTRATION AGAINST ANNUAL MASSACRE OF PEACEFUL HARES, AT THE WATERLOO CUP HARE COURSING SPECTACLE.... 26th FEB AT ALTCAR, MERSEYSIDE..... Phone office for details....

2. Wednesday, 27th FEBRUARY.... NALL GENERAL MEETING at COUNTY HALL, AYTUON ST, MANCHESTER...7.30pm.. Always interesting....

3. Saturday 9th March... SEAL RALLY, LONDON.....

4. THREE STALLS DAY... SATURDAY 16th MARCH...Please support this very important fund raising event, with 3different stalls in separate locations in Manchester.... in aid of ICI Defence Fund, NALL, and Unilever 8 Defence Fund..We hope to have one of these events each month.... Phone office for times and locations...

5. NALL SPRING FAIR... CROSS ST, MANCHESTER..SAT. 30 MARCH.

6. SUMMER FAIR... 15th JUNE. There will be a big raffle with a Black and White T.V. For the winner.. Raffle tickets can be obtained from the office... Send for some now...

7. NALL GENERAL MEETING.. TIME AND VENUE AS ABOVE.. VIDEO TO BE SHOWN..... WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH...

8. APRIL 10th.... ICI SHOW TRIAL BEGINS... Please attend support demo otside court at CHESTER.

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