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Fur Industry Takes a Beating!

The inherently cruel and barbaric fur industry sells needless luxury garments at the expense of the lives of millions of innocent animals. It profits from the misery and suffering of fur-bearing animals who are killed by gassing, trapping, neck-breaking and anal electrocution.

Those who care about animals refuse to sit idly by and allow this injustice to continue. Activists challenge the killing of animals for their fur around the world on a daily basis. Underground activists liberate mink, fox and other animals from cramped cages on fur farms, and engage in acts of economic sabotage. Above ground activists educate the public through leafleting, tabling, protests and acts of civil disobedience.

This winter activist commitment to ending the fur trade escalated, resulting in frequent arrests, continuous picketing, protests at fur farms and much more. The following is a brief overview of some recent highlights of these efforts.



Around a hundred protesters march in Beverly Hills on Fur Free Friday

South Jordan, UT - Activists Protest Slaughter of Mink

In recent months protesters have begun to picket directly outside of the farms where animals are imprisoned. On November 13th anti-fur activists conducted a protest at Beckstead Mink Ranch (11196 South 1700 West in South Jordan).

Magna, UT - Anti-Fur Protesters Conduct Vigil Outside Home of Furrier

Responding to alleged violence and brutality at the hands of L'Ours Blanc Furs, local anti-fur activists gathered for a candle-light vigil and effigy burning outside the home of L'Ours Blanc owner, Mahjouba "Mary" Jepson. Peaceful protesters have campaigned against the sale of fur at L'Ours Blanc since March of 1999. 14 activists were cited for illegal burning and one arrested for criminal Ttrespass. Media coverage of the event was very positive.

Lake Villa, Illinois - Animal Defense League Targets Mink Farm

Members of the Animal Defense League demonstrated at the Gengel Mink Farm in Lake Villa, Illinois in November to announce the $25,000 fur crime reward set up by CAFT and LCA. Ron Gengel is a third-generation mink farmer who previously served as President of the Mink Research Foundation and on the Executive Committee of the National

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CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST ACCUSED DAYLIGHT RAIDERS

SEATTLE, WA -- On December 30, 1999 a judge dismissed felony charges against Nicole Briggs and Kim Berardi. The two were arrested on Brainard's fur farm and accused of releasing mink and damaging property last February (see *NC* #12). Charges included Criminal Mischief, Burglary, Conspiracy and Trespass.

The reason for the dismissal was apparently that the witnesses, from Portland, OR, were not willing to come forward and have their identities revealed. It has been speculated that they are FBI or other undercover agents who may have infiltrated local groups.

We are all very proud of Nicole and Kim and thrilled that this ordeal is finally over for them! Way to go girls!! Also, a big thank you to PETA, ACT UP San Francisco and In Defense of Animals for assisting with their legal defense.

A.L.F. Strikes Again in Washington State

SEATTLE, WA -- Washington state has been the site of a flurry of A.L.F. lab raids and liberations in the past several months, with the group claiming responsibility for raiding the psychology labs at Western Washington University (see *NC* #14, p.1), a break in and trashing of a Washington State University Poultry research facility and a live liberation from a laboratory animal breeder.

In total, 54 animals have been rescued from medical research in these recent raids and damage is in the tens of thousands. With these latest actions, the A.L.F. has shown *the lab raid is back.*

The A.L.F. followed up an October 24 break-in and liberation at WWU with their 2nd lab raid in one month, raiding the Washington State University Poultry Research labs in Puyallup, WA and doing extensive damage. According to the WSU communique, the raiders smashed out a window to gain access to the labs and finding the animal rooms empty, proceeded to destroy every computer and piece of lab equipment in the facility.

The labs were closed for several days, saving untold chickens. According to media reports, the damaged and

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Dear *NC* Readers,

Animals still suffer and die by the billions, and *No Compromise* is back with a new issue covering what a small number of humans are doing to offset the atrocities committed against animals by the rest.

Our most important feature this issue comes as a tribute to the recent A.L.F. actions against research laboratories where masked rescuers have, in the last six months, liberated 100 animals from medical research. To keep the ball rolling we've included six pages of features with a lab raid theme, including a "How-To" article by the Shadow Activist (p. 18), a list of major animal suppliers to vivisection labs (p. 16-17), a message from an activist of experience who participated in one of the early A.L.F. lab raids (p. 15), and an A.L.F. retrospective covering the major lab raids of the 80's (p. 15).

The recent wave of lab actions in Washington state is reported on in a cover story covering the A.L.F.'s recently ressurected laboratory liberation campaign and it's most recent actions - the break-in and trashing of a Washington State University poultry research lab and the liberation of 23 rabbits from a laboratory breeder near Seattle. These recent actions follow a raid on Western Washington University and puts A.L.F. strikes against vivisection in the northwest at nearly one a month since October. Thank you A.L.F.! Let's cross our fingers and hope for more to come.....

In related news but on a sadder note, Seattle activist Justin Samuel remains in a Belgian prison awaiting extradition to the U.S. to face trial on charges related to five mink releases in the Midwest during the fall of 1997. After spending nearly a year as a fugitive, Justin was arrested last September on international warrants resulting from a multiple count federal grand jury indictment. The story of Justin and Peter Young (his alleged co-conspirator who is still at large) is on page 9.

Anti-fur activity was at peak level this winter as activists staged protest after protest with over 100 arrests in cities across the country, including demos outside farms where mink are imprisoned in two states and the largest act of civil disobedience against fur in U.S. history with 75 arrests at Neiman Marcus in San Francisco. State to state coverage begins on page 1.

Also, to highlight the importance of bringing fresh ideas from other social struggles to the animal liberation movement, we've included an interview with a plowshares activist who shares his experiences and tactical advice from the pacifist nuclear disarmament movement.

And of course we cover the WTO demonstrations in Seattle and the fight against an organization whose decisions effect every living creature on this planet. Our coverage of this monumental act of resistance begins on page 6 (broken window and masked anarchist photos included).

The *No Compromise* steering committee shakeup after issue #13 still has us operating at half our volunteer staff. Our remaining volunteers have tried their hardest to pick up the slack, but unfortunately our subscription orders, e-mails, merchandise orders, and other correspondence have fallen behind. We are trying hard to catch up and will get back to everyone soon. In the meantime, we apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience. Your t-shirt is in the mail (almost).

So write a prisoner a letter, organize a demo, talk to someone about veganism, visit a vivisectors house, act on all the rage and all the love you feel, but remember the worst thing you can do is nothing at all. Get busy.

Until Every Cage is Empty,
NC Steering Committee

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Interview with Plowshares Activist Jack Cohen-Joppa

In this issue's interview, *No Compromise* caught up with Jack Cohen-Joppa for a chat about the Plowshares movement and what we, as animal liberationists, may be able to learn from it. Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa edit and publish the Nuclear Resister newsletter which has chronicled anti-nuclear civil disobedience in the U.S. and Canada since 1980, while encouraging support for the women and men jailed for these actions. For more information or to receive a free sample issue, contact:

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Activists paint bomber with "blood"

No Compromise: Over the last 20 years, you have been involved with prisoner support for the anti-nuclear movement. As a movement, animal liberation in America has only recently begun to see its participants facing lengthy jail and prison sentences. What do you consider to be the most important needs to prisoners of conscience that we as a movement should provide?

Jack Cohen-Joppa: I believe that the most important thing a social change movement can provide for the prisoner of conscience is a broad awareness of just who is in jail or prison. While there is crucial need in most cases for the prisoner having a reliable outside support person or group, this is typically an individual affair.

But, this outside support is a point of contact for the rest of the movement, responsible for informing and regularly updating movement publications of the status of prisoners. Prisoners should be celebrated and remembered publicly at movement events and gatherings, and in published literature. If the prisoner needs specific support from a broad section of the movement, the movement should make it easy for them to seek such support.

NC: Does the anti-nuclear movement have any guidelines or policies that must be followed by its participants in regards to civil disobedience or nonviolent direct action, such as nonresistance to arrest, prohibition from testifying against other activists, or refusal to cooperate with police, courts or jailers?

JCJ: There is no general guideline or policy "that must be followed" in the anti-nuclear direction action movement, because it is certainly not a centralized force for change. This is good. Generally, because the anti-nuclear movement has its strongest roots in pacifist communities, and because, I think, the issue of nuclear weapons represents the pinnacle of organized violence, anti-nuclear resistance reaches far in the opposite direction.

Individual decisions and ad hoc groups are the norm, built on individuals coming to a personal decision to act nonviolently, and a consensus with others about what to do.

Greenpeace is more centralized, but still tactically pacifist. Interpreting nonviolence - well, that is where the debates usually begin. Towards one extreme, some people have even considered going limp in the face of arrest to be violent. Only in the more serious cases of backcountry actions or Plowshares actions are people likely to be questioned by police and urged to tell on fellow activists.

These groups have likely established the requisite trust while preparing for the action. The awareness that anything you say to a cop can and will be used against you or someone else is taught in even most basic direct action preparation programs.

NC: The anti-nuclear movement has Plowshares activists as its direct action arm, much the same way as the animal liberation movement has the A.L.F., with the biggest difference being that the A.L.F. takes every measure to evade arrest as opposed to the Plowshares' willingness to accept full responsibility for their actions. Do you think this allows the public and, more importantly, law enforcement and the courts to label the A.L.F. as a domestic terrorist organization rather than as a legitimate protest movement?

JCJ: I think the larger difference between A.L.F. and Plowshares activists is the greater intent of the A.L.F. to inflict maximum economic damage on the animal abuse, while Plowshares activists, in most cases, have had other intentions, such as symbolic and spiritual, of greater or equal importance to sabotage.

As a practical matter, I've heard Plowshares activists recognize the redundancy of nukes and commitment of government to repair damages, whatever the cost. The symbolic aim is to demonstrate that just as humans have created these devices, humans can and must take them apart. The Plowshares image is first a spiritual one, but iconoclastic enough to inspire the more secular or pagan resister. And, several secular Plowshares or "direct disarmament" resisters have given higher value to maximum damage than prophetic symbol and spiritual witness. But, to answer your question, I would say that a limited grasp of the history of police in a capitalist economy

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Reject Corrupt Government

by Rod Coronado

This past January 18th was the one-hundredth anniversary of a massacre of 400 Yaqui women, children and elders in Sonora, Mexico. I spent the day at a ceremony to commemorate the dead and I also spent a lot of time reflecting on struggle in general. In Masocoba, where my ancestors were killed for no other reason than simply refusing to relinquish their identity, Yaqui women, knowing their fate should they fall into enemy hands, instead choose to throw themselves off nearby cliffs. Death to them was preferable to an existence of slavery, rape and deportation.

We forget sometimes how much harder other people have had it in this struggle against oppression. Though we are part of the same resistance, often we do not remember that we are but one generation in a long line of humans who have made sacrifices much greater than our own.

You may be wondering what any of this has to do with animal liberation. It has everything to do with our current struggle. Before we can create a better world, we must first understand and appreciate the past for what it really was. The Masocoba Massacre serves as a reminder to me of the lengths the Invader will go in order to dominate, and it serves as a reminder of the depth of commitment past resisters of death and destruction demonstrated to preserve a way of life that exists in harmony with nature.

But you don't have to be Yaqui to fully understand and appreciate the sacrifices others have made in resistance to the wrongs of a dominant society. If you're Jewish you'll have learned of the Holocaust. If you're African-American you'll know about the slave trade. If you're Chinese maybe your ancestors were persecuted in Mao's Cultural Revolution. Italians in the 1930s fought against the fascist Mussolini, the Irish are still maintaining their 800 year resistance, so on and so forth. You get the idea.

Where we are today is slightly different in that the struggle we fight is primarily on behalf of people and beings other than ourselves. The oppressor is the same, but the oppressed are those who have no nation of individuals ready to defend them other than self-appointed warriors such as ourselves. And just as the imperialist forces of Mexico, Britain and the United States attempt to vanquish the last strongholds of human resistance, be they I.R.A., E.Z.L.N. or A.I.M., so do they endeavor to crush the resistance to the destruction of the natural world be it E.L.F., A.L.F. or Earth First! These dark forces, be they under the name of the FBI, A.T.F. or whomever, still represent the same worldview that has been responsible for genocide and ecocide on a global level, whether they realize it or not. A worldview where everything we love, including ourselves, is seen as nothing more than a resource or commodity.

The ways in which the Invader (as I call this centuries-old human-driven predator) has waged his merciless war have almost always involved legal sanction. Often those who have opposed this war, be they indigenous warriors, environmentalists or human rights activists, have found themselves not only as political underdogs, but also labeled as criminals and terrorists or, as they called my ancestors, "bloodthirsty savages." This, despite the fact that as environmentalists and animal liberationists we remain the only participants in this struggle adhering to a strict code of nonviolence. It is the Invader who repeatedly demonstrates a total disregard for life with violent threats, intimidation and murder.

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Board of Fur Farm Organizations. During the demonstration, an activist was assaulted and charges were filed.

Dallas, TX - Lockdown at Neiman's

While approximately 25 Animal Liberation of Texas activists carried signs, chanted and handed out literature, two activists handcuffed themselves to the front doors of the Neiman Marcus store in Dallas. Police arrested the two CD participants. Three TV stations as well as The Associated Press covered the action.

Washington, DC - Compassion Over Killing Targets Neiman Marcus

COK's campaign to make Neiman Marcus (NM) fur-free has expanded greatly since the last issue of *NC*. In addition to regular demonstrations outside the D.C. NM, activists have engaged in acts of non-violent civil disobedience, including several sit-ins and lockdowns, as well as in-store protests to educate shoppers. Also, activists have educated local residents by placing door-hangers, which expose Neiman's role in the bloody fur trade, on nearly every door in the neighborhoods surrounding the store.

Some actions of interest include:

On October 23, 1999, while 29 COK activists picketed outside the D.C. Neiman Marcus, two activists entered the store's fur department and handcuffed themselves around a pillar, sat down and chanted for 40 minutes before being arrested.

On November 4, two activists entered the D.C. Neiman Marcus and, using steel pipe lock-boxes plastered with anti-fur stickers, locked themselves around a pillar and chanted for 45 minutes before being removed.

On Fur-Free Friday while more than 80 COK activists picketed outside of the D.C. Neiman Marcus, eight activists engaged in a sit-in in front of NM's doors *(photo at right)*.

The next day, November 27, COK declared Fur-Free Saturday. Three activists entered the D.C. Neiman's and, using steel pipe lock-boxes, locked themselves around a pillar. After two hours and fifteen minutes of chanting, police were finally able to remove the activists.



Police drag a COK activist from their Fur Free Friday Sit-in

National - Fur Free Friday

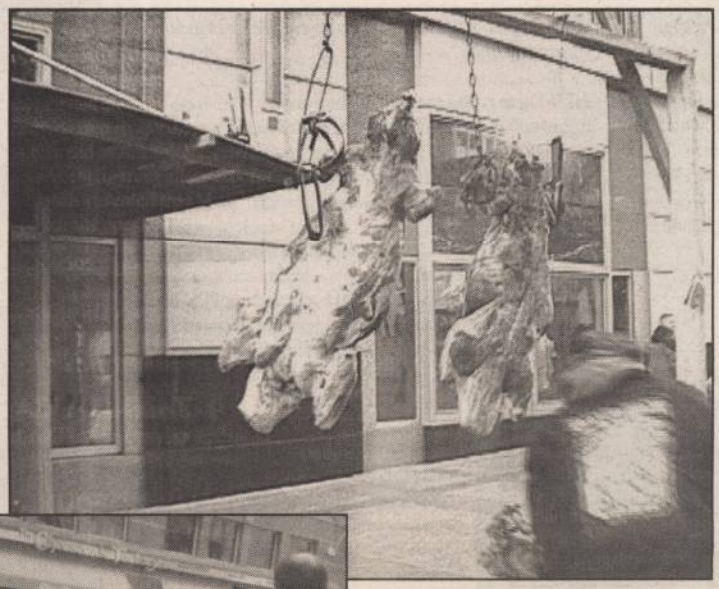
Overall, anti-fur protests generated more media coverage on Fur Free Friday 1999 than in the two or three preceding years. This was remarkable because many groups held off on doing civil disobedience actions till later dates. Protester turnout was also high with many cities reporting hundred person strong demos.

Nevertheless, activists in Salt Lake City, Washington DC, Los Angeles and several other cities carried out dramatic direct actions resulting in dozens of arrests. CNN ran footage of the New York City protest at Macy's. While this embarrassed Macy's, CNN completely missed the boat as members of the Animal Defense League-NYC locked themselves together in the fur market, effectively blockading the entrance to one of the fur buildings.

Stores in other parts of the country brought in massive numbers of police, only to find that protesters had scheduled CD actions for different days. The high police turnout, barricades and police-lines created just one more deterrent to keep shoppers away from stores that sell fur.

Boston, MA - Activists Arrested After Occupying Macy's Fur Salon

Eleven activist walked into the downtown Boston Macy's November 5th, sat down in the fur salon and refused to leave.



Beaver carcasses provoke shoppers in Minneapolis

The protesters were able to maintain a presence in the salon for about an hour, chanting and holding signs, before police moved in to arrest and remove them. While these activists educated shoppers inside the store, 40 more protesters picketed outside.

Houston, TX - One Arrested After Cuffing to Neiman's Doors

During a 20-person protest at the Houston Neiman Marcus on December 5th, one chose to escalate the protest by handcuffing himself to the front door of the store. Three TV stations and the Houston Chronicle covered the action.

Minneapolis, MN - SOAR Confronts Shoppers with the Real Face of Fur

On December 11th, SOAR activists gathered in front of Neiman's in downtown Minneapolis. Three skinned beavers (who had been trapped in the wild for their fur) dangled from leghold traps attached to an 8-foot tall structure, directly exposing the public to the cruel truth behind the fur trade *(photo above)*.

Activists collected signatures on a petition asking Neiman's to stop selling fur, handed out several hundred flyers (thousands at this point in the campaign), and used a megaphone to speak about the horrible lives fur-bearing animals endure on farms before being butchered.

With about 25 people standing out front with banners and posters, as well as the 3 pitiful dead beings, Neiman's was certainly feeling the pressure.

On the following day, activist turnout was lower, but once again the dead beavers were put on display to the public. After about an hour approximately 15 public servants (cops) arrived and said that the protest was over and that everyone had to leave. The protesters refused, citing their First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and assembly, at which point they were viciously attacked and arrested on charges of obstructing a pathway, disorderly conduct, and one person was charged with use of annoying amplified equipment for using a megaphone.

Police reports revealed that Neiman's called the police and demanded that they find an excuse to arrest the protesters. They were definitely feeling the pressure! SOAR members have now vowed to spend every day out in front of their store, encouraging people to boycott Neiman's. Another skinned carcass demo is on the way.

Roanoke, VA - Two Activists Arrested at Henri Kessler Furs

Two anti-fur protesters were arrested December 17th during a protest at Henri Kessler Furs (*see photo facing page*). The activists were charged with obstructing a business, a class one misdemeanor.

New York, NY - 35 ADL Members Arrested at Macy's Fur Salon

35 activists from ADL-NYC held a successful sit-in at Macy's December 18th, calling attention to their involvement in the barbaric fur trade. The group chose a high traffic spot that was easy for the media to reach and would cause the most disruption. Throughout the sit-in, only chants that mentioned Macy's and animals were used. ▶

Chicago, IL - Chicago ADL Members Lockdown for the Animals

On December 19th, 20 members of the Animal Defense League were arrested at Neiman's in downtown Chicago. The protest was part of ADL's participation in Fur Free Christmas 1999. What began as a nonviolent act of civil disobedience – seven activists locked down in front of the store using boxes and bicycle locks – quickly escalated into near chaos when police arrived on the scene.

Officers from the 18th Precinct showed complete disregard for the safety of the locked-down activists. They proceeded to arrest any activist on the scene who had a video camera or still camera, asked for a badge number or acted as a police liaison.

Incidents of brutality included an officer stuffing a bandana into the mouth of a locked-down activist and police dislocating the thumbs of activists while pulling them out of lockboxes. An officer shoved the mother of an activist to the ground when she asked him to stop assaulting her daughter, who was videotaping.

Media coverage included The Chicago Sun-Times, ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX. Activists are planning to file a civil suit against the officers and continue to demonstrate at the store every Saturday afternoon.

Direct Action News From North America

Sheboygan, WI - International Mink Show Protest Yields 14 Arrests

Activists from across the Midwest descended upon the 53rd International Mink Show this past January at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Milwaukee. On Friday, January 14, only minutes before the first demonstration was slated to begin, police pulled over a van with activists from Chicago in a parking lot adjacent to the hotel.

Local police, along with ATF agents who were at the hotel, detained and then illegally searched the vehicle for over an hour. One activist was arrested for a warrant in a different state but was released later that evening.

Saturday brought out over fifty activists for an all-day demonstration. Five raccoon carcasses hanging from a wooden rack showed the public the real body of the fur industry. Activists challenged Fur Commission USA Executive Director Teresa Platt to a debate, but she failed to materialize. Police threatened to arrest protestors for using a megaphone - despite the fact that activists had the municipal sound ordinances on site - and ordered the carcasses confiscated.

On Sunday, after a bit of street theater, activists traveled to Plymouth to the site of the United Feed Supply fire set by the A.L.F. They had challenged Teresa Platt to a debate about the use of the word "violence" in relation to property damage and the real violence of the fur industry - the torture and murder of animals for their coats. Again, Platt did not appear.

From that point, activists went to the Meyer fur farm, another target of a previous A.L.F. action. Meyer was on site when the entourage arrived and informed them that he was no longer keeping mink. He directed sexist and heterosexist comments towards the group. Protesters left the area after Meyer repeatedly threatened their lives. On the way out of Plymouth, two vans were pulled over by police and all 14 activists in the vehicles were arrested.

Activists were charged with "Disorderly Conduct While Masked" and bond was set at $200 each. They were finally released on Wednesday evening after four days of not eating. They are scheduled for a March trial.

Despite the arrests, police harassment, and the continued lies spread by the fur industry, the weekend was very successful. Media coverage on both television and in print was very favorable and consistent. Local activists from new and growing Wisconsin groups had the opportunity to play host to a regional event and a new Midwest anti-fur coalition was informally born. Best of all, the fur industry felt yet another strike against them from anti-fur forces nationwide.

As the time of the action drew near, the bottom floor of Macy's was packed with activists from all over the Northeast, pretending they were customers and didn't know each other. At 12:19, to Macy's surprise they converged on the red carpet and began to chant. Customers stopped shopping and stared, listening to the strong anti-fur message.

Macy's brought out the walkie-talkies and the security guards. Their security was clearly nervous - they had become familiar with ADL actions, from lockdowns outside with barrels or lockboxes to smaller actions inside, but they had never seen an action of this magnitude right inside the store. The extra security guards surrounding the crowd only made them more of a spectacle as customers began to gather around.

It took police over 40 minutes to remove all the activists. Some stood up and left before they were arrested, others walked with the police after being arrested. The majority of protestors were dragged out by the NYPD and met with applause and chanting by a huge support demo.

The ADL would like to thank In Defense of Animals and Len Egert for providing lawyer services throughout the hearings. The case was ended on February 8th, when all but two activists accepted an ACD. The other two, because of prior arrests, pled to disorderly conduct and were sentenced to 1 day of community service.

New Jersey - ADL Embarks on Fur Free New Jersey Tour

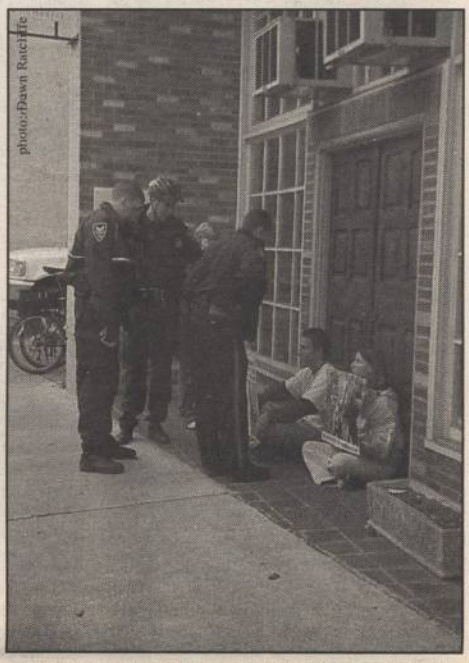
"Animal Friendly" or so it says on the specialty license plates mixed in with the traffic cruising down Route 18 in East Brunswick, New Jersey. The abundance of honks in support of a line of protesters in front of the store seems to support the claim that this is the Animal Friendly State. One of the first states to ban the leghold trap, lowest percentage of hunters the facts back up the Garden State. But one figure stands out.

Following only New York and Illinois this state has more fur stores than all others. When the New Jersey chapter of ADL formed in September of 1997, one of its first targets was Oscar Lowey Furs of Metuchen. By February of '98 the store was closed. One hit by the A.L.F. and a handful of monthly protests by ADL created enough pressure to convince the owner to move into a new line of business.

With the closing of Oscar Lowey Furs, there were 54 independent fur retailers spread across the state. In the months that followed, more stores began closing, some with the help of protests, some due to generally poor business. After two years, a total of 13 had closed across the state.

The ADL-NJ, realizing the importance of reaching the people in each of the communities these murderous stores reside in, began a new campaign. In January of 2000, the Fur Free New Jersey Tour began.

A different store is protested every other Saturday. From big to small, east to west, and north to south, every fur retailer will come to realize their support of the murderous fur trade will not go unnoticed. The trend has continued. Since the dates for the tour were set in November, two stores have been removed as they have gone out of business. Another is currently talking to ADL representatives about a contract in which they will avoid protest by agreeing to stop selling fur, remaining open with only service work such as cleaning and storage.



Pierre Grzybowski and Bridgett Cherry block the doors to Henri Kessler Furs in Virginia

Once the tour has reached its completion, we may begin again. Of course the next time around it will most likely be a shorter tour as more stores will have ceased to exist. In one form or another, we will continue to pressure every fur retailer across the Garden State until none remain.

After all, we have a reputation to live up to.

San Francisco, CA - CAFT SF Sponsors Mass Sit-in & Lockdown

75 anti-fur protesters were arrested for a sit-in at Neiman Marcus in San Francisco and one month later CAFT San Francisco launched the new millennium with a lock-down at the store's doors. These actions are just the first in a series of campaign escalations at the San Francisco store.

December 18th and 19th brought activists from all over the country, including Georgia, Texas and Washington, to San Francisco in an action that has been called the largest anti-fur civil disobedience in U.S. history.

On the 18th dozens of activists sat down and linked arms outside the store. At the same time, several protesters disrupted business inside, causing Neiman's to temporarily close. 51 people were arrested by brutal police.

The next day another group of activists sat down and linked arms around a four-person octopus lockdown. By the end of the day, the weekend's arrest total reached 75, with all activists released on their own recognizance.



photo: CAFT SF

Activists Stage a Sit-in in front of the San Francisco Neiman Marcus store on December 18 and 19th - 75 arrests were made over the two days

This action proved to be an effective regional effort, providing many activists an opportunity for their first act of civil disobedience, and empowering activists to challenge the fur trade.

On the afternoon of January 16, three CAFT-SF activists, using lockboxes, locked around the center door frame at Neiman Marcus. The protest lasted for 1 1/2 hours, until firefighters succeeded in hammering out the rebar. The day ended with 11 arrests, after police conducted a "sweep" of the area, charging bystanders with lynching, robbery, conspiracy and assault on an officer. All charges have since been dropped.

CAFT San Francisco launched a full-scale campaign against Neiman Marcus in September after the department store refused written requests for a meeting with CAFT to discuss the store's continuing sale of fur products. Weekly demos have been held outside of the store ever since.

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VIRGINIA - November 1st it was reported that lawyers, vegetarians, and vegans are planning a lawsuit against McDonald's in the near future. McDonald's claims that they fry their french-fries in 100 percent vegetable oil, which in fact contains beef tallow. A McDonald's corporate representative admitted that the natural flavoring in the oil is beef tallow. In addition to the class action lawsuit, they will also file a petition with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in order to combat the larger problem of food companies hiding their products behind a "natural flavors" label. The petition will request the FDA to promulgate a new food labeling rule that would require food companies to either list every source in their products, or at least identify when there is a meat, poultry, seafood, egg, or dairy product within the contents of the product.

BELLINGHAM, WA - On the 3rd of November Western Front editor Erin Becker was served a subpoena that orders her to turn over a video by the A.L.F. to the authorities. The tape, made by the A.L.F., documents eight minutes of its raid on Western's animal laboratories. It was reported at a subsequent hearing six days later that Becker would not give the tape to University Police. She said doing so could prevent future sources from feeling they could safely talk to The Front. "I think I'm on the right side of this case," she said.

CORVALLIS, OR - It was reported on November 9th that six animal rights activists locked down in the Dean's office at Oregon State University's (OSU) College of Veterinary Medicine. The activists were demanding an immediate cancellation to the Small Animal Surgery course, and that the remaining animals be released. The course performs unnecessary, lethal surgeries on live, healthy dogs and cats. The activists were locked down for 12 hours before police cut them out. They were able to meet with the Dean and have hope for alternatives to using animals next year. The six protesters were all charged with trespassing and three were given stay-away orders from the University (because they were not students).

ALAMOGORDO, NM — On November 9th another chimpanzee died at The Coulston Foundation (TCF) under circumstances that were so grossly negligent as to warrant an immediate federal takeover or shutdown of the collapsing New Mexico-based primate testing lab. The 36-year old chimpanzee, named Donna was one of 111 chimpanzees turned over to TCF by the U.S. Air Force in 1998.

The Battle in Seattle:
Protesters Unite to Fight the WTO



Police used a variety of chemical agents to disperse crowds

SEATTLE, WA - It was billed as the Protest of the Century and indeed it was (at least in this country). Around a hundred thousand activists from around the globe representing every imaginable cause and every walk of life converged on Seattle to protest the World Trade Organization (WTO) when they met here in November.

The WTO is an international group created in 1995 by countries that had entered into the General Agreement on Trades and Tariffs (GATT). Its purpose is to resolve conflicts between member countries when one nation believes another has created a barrier preventing free trade between the two. The WTO is likely to strike down (or already has) laws including those against fur products from animals caught in steel-jaw leghold traps, products created in sweatshops, genetically engineered products, "dolphin-safe tuna" laws, and many more.

WTO trade talks were set to get underway in Seattle November 30. Thousands began marching before the sun even came up and protested throughout the day in the face of riot cops, tear gas, pepper spray, unknown chemical agents, rubber bullets, billy clubs, concussion grenades and anything else the cops could find to torture non-violent activists. Downtown Seattle was completely shut down and the WTO's morning session was canceled because delegates could not get into the area.

By the time the various processions reached the Convention Center, 13 key intersections had been blockaded by people locked down with a variety of devices including dozens and dozens of lockboxes and a tripod. While blockaders remained solid in their positions, the streets filled with protesters expressing their anger over globalization. The energy inspired by **so many** people united by this common goal to shut down the WTO was remarkable.

At one point, the storm trooper clad riot police decided to move in and clear an intersection. They started indiscriminately spraying tear gas and firing rubber bullets into the crowd as they advanced (along with their mini-tank "urban assault" vehicles) pushing the protest lines back. Almost immediately was heard the sounds of breaking glass and spray paint began appearing all around town.

Reports indicate that a "mob of 50 - 200 anarchists" responded to police aggression by taking the protest to another level, gathering into a "black block" and physically attacking the property of large, corporate giants such as McDonald's, Niketown, The Gap and Nordstrom. Hundreds of windows were smashed, slogans spray painted, and some stores were allegedly looted over a span of several hours.

Meanwhile, the police continued their acts of violence and aggression against the peaceful protestors. Tear gas hung heavily over the downtown area in thick clouds. Concussion grenades blasted all around. Mounted cops charged through crowds frightening the horses and indiscriminately pepper spraying anyone in the vicinity (including the horses). People were brutally attacked and beaten, run over with motorcycles, shot with rubber bullets and/or pepper sprayed at point blank range. The cops were completely out of control.

After federal officials applied pressure to local politicians, the National Guard was called in and the scene became even more savage. The world watched in horror as live images were broadcast of locked down protesters engulfed in clouds of tear gas, troops recklessly lobbing tear gas canisters and concussion grenades into crowds and innocent people being beaten with absolutely no provocation.

At 7pm a curfew was imposed and protesters were eventually pushed out of downtown and into the residential neighborhood Capitol Hill, where residents were exposed to tear gas, pepper spray and sheer terror as their community was taken over by fascist police. The chaos played out well into the night while those who were downtown (or nearby) after the curfew were arrested.

The following day, December 1 began with several marches, but this time the cops wouldn't let the processions even come close to the downtown area. One march was cut off about 15 blocks away from the ▶



photo: Haley Smith

Animal liberation activists marched together behind a "Vegan Resistance" banner which was later displayed on top of a city bus in front of McDonald's

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photo: Haley Smith

Smashed McDonald's window



photo: Erin Abbott

Dressed in black and on the attack

Convention Center. About 75 arrests were made at this point when activists refused to disperse. Eventually, thousands found their way into downtown Seattle where they continued to protest. Several hundred people were rounded up and arrested for no apparent reason, yet marches, protests and sporadic autonomous actions took place throughout the day.

That evening, a small crowd gathered on Capitol Hill to burn American flags and other items symbolizing corporate dominance and globalization. The small protest eventually swelled to a spontaneous, several thousand-person march that shut down Broadway for hours. The riot cops and National Guard showed up and surrounded the crowd without warning or provocation and tossed tear gas bombs and concussion grenades into the crowds.

People literally ran for their lives not knowing how far these dangerously reckless thugs would go. Bystanders were attacked and threatened, but the activists wouldn't back down. They stood their ground and were joined by thousands of local residents who were angry that their neighborhood was being gassed and terrorized for the second night in a row.

Citizens took to the streets and stood up to the cops through round after round of tear gas and concussion grenades. Politicians who'd seen the pandemonium on the news joined in and attempted to negotiate with the police to end the violence (to no avail).

By the end of the night, undercover police had combed the streets and made several more arrests for violation of the gas mask "law" (which banned the use, possession and sale of gas masks) that had been declared the day before as well as an assortment of other bogus charges.

The effects of the weeklong protest have yet to be completely determined. Seattle Police Chief Norm Stamper resigned in the face of public outrage over the incompetent handling of the protests. Many residents also called for the resignation of Seattle's mayor.

The police officer who was caught on video kicking a local Seattle man in the groin then firing a beanbag gun into his chest from only a couple of feet away has received his punishment: a 2-day suspension. He will also be taken off all SWAT duties and must go through "retraining on the proper use of force."

Policing the protests cost Seattle nearly 14 million dollars and the cost of prosecuting those arrested (and providing public defenders) has yet to be tallied. Of course that number will not be as high as it would have been if all those arrested were actually being prosecuted. City Attorney Mark Sidran has stated that about 442 cases against protesters were dropped because they were "unprovable."

What could become the biggest part of the cost for Seattle's hosting of the WTO has yet to be assessed though. As of January 25th the city was facing 27 different damage claims (one as high as $68 million). Those filing for damages include protestors beaten and abused by police, local citizens and shoppers gassed, shot with rubber bullets, shoved, kicked and otherwise harassed, and local retailers losing approximately $17 million in sales revenue and $2.5 million in damages from activists trashing their stores. Suffice it to say, Seattle will not be hosting a meeting such as this again anytime soon!

In addition to deterring other cities thinking about hosting this type of meeting, the week of protests also educated the public about the World Trade Organization and fostered alliances between incredibly diverse interest groups. In Seattle, animal advocates joined forces with labor activists and environmentalists and, for a moment, brought the WTO to its knees. But this is just the beginning. The WTO is still alive and kicking and our work will not be done until this unfair barrier to compassion and common sense is itself destroyed.

For further background and news coverage of the Battle in Seattle on the web, check out: **http://www.infoshop.org/no2wto.html**

What you can do: Contact the U.S. negotiators directly and urge them to back out of the WTO: Vice President Al Gore, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20500; e-mail: vice.president@whitehouse.gov; and Charlene Barshefsky, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th St. N.W., Washington, DC 20508; (202) 395-6890; fax: (202) 395-4549. Also contact your senators and congressional representative and demand to know what they're doing to help put an end to the WTO! To find out who represents you in the senate and house, check out: http://www.vote-smart.org

Update on David Barbarash and Darren Thurston

VANCOUVER, B.C. -- On January 10 - 13 a disclosure hearing took place in the case of David Barbarash, A.L.F. media spokesperson, and Darren Thurston. Both are former A.L.F. prisoners of war and now stand accused of taking part in a 1996 Justice Department campaign which included the sending of threatening letters to guide outfitters across Canada.

The judge granted a significant percentage of the disclosure applied for and ordered the prosecution to turn over massive amounts of information. This includes the logs to the summaries of 5300 hours of electronic surveillance interceptions (87 three-inch binders), as well as the complete "Master File" on the entire investigation (four four-drawer filing cabinets worth of material). This will prove to be an onerous task for the Feds and they may decide to "save face" and drop the charges rather than give the accused this information.

The charges in this case are a product of harassment of animal rights campaigners rather than a product of evidence, and will likely result in acquittals if it all goes to trial. Barbarash and Thurston's further application to quash the search warrants will be heard in May. To inquire further into this case or to send financial contributions to the defense fund, please write:

North American ALFSG
Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St.
Willowdale, Ontario
M2M 4K3, Canada

Please make checks or money orders payable to "NA-ALFSG" and mark them for "Vancouver Defence Fund."

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NEW YORK, NY — "Dead" human mannequins, wearing blood-soaked furs and clutching signs reading, "Death for Sale," took over the street-level display windows of Dolce & Gabbana's Madison Avenue showroom on November 18th to protest the designers continued promotion of fur. Three activists were arrested. The surprise protest was timed to coincide with the start of the holiday shopping season and follows the designer,s refusal to meet with animal protectionists in the U.S. and Italy.

LOS ANGELES, CA - It was reported on the 18th of November, that an activist from the Animal Defense League-LA was convicted of "carrying a piece of wood at a demonstration greater than 1/4 inch in diameter," after a trial that lasted three consecutive days. The conviction was in conjunction with a circus protest where the activist was holding a bull-hook, a tool that elephant trainers use to cut slits in the elephant's skin, in order to force them to perform. According to attendees at the trial, the Judge who made the ruling even acknowledged that the defense refuted the prosecution's witnesses.

VANCOUVER, BC - It was reported that Captain Paul Watson has been ordered to complete his 30 day sentence for harassing and obstructing Cuban and Spanish drag trawl operations. The Founder and President of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society will report to the Penitentiary in St. John's, Newfoundland on November 22, 1999. Captain Watson has welcomed the opportunity to "vacation" in Newfoundland, and states, "This case is now concluded, and it frees us up to return to the Nose of the Grand Banks in the year 2000 to undertake more actions for which we will also have no intention to apologize for."

WASHINGTON, DC — Environmental and animal protection groups filed suit on November 24th in the U.S. District Court over the poisoning of thousands of prairie dogs on Bureau of Prison (BOP) land in Englewood, Colorado. The Fund for Animals, and the Rocky Mountain Animal Defense claim that the BOP's ongoing poisoning program violates federal environmental laws, including the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

HOLLYWOOD, CA — On November 26th, Sarah Michelle Gellar ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer") issued an apology for wearing fur in a W Magazine fashion spread. After receiving letters and a video about fox and mink farms, Gellar wrote, "Thank you for raising my awareness regarding the cruelties involved in the production of fur... I will make a conscious effort for this to never happen again."

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SEATTLE, WA - Just days before the WTO, Douglas Matson (also known as "Spot") was arrested on November 28th for allegedly breaking a window and spray painting on Eiler's Furs in Seattle. He spent three weeks in jail on charges of Malicious mischief, until he was released on bond.

PETALUMA, CA — On January 3rd Rancho Veal Corporate was targeted in an unclaimed arson attempt. An estimated $250,000 in damage was done to the slaughterhouse where approximately 200 cows are slaughtered daily. This was followed by another unclaimed arson on January 15th when two egg delivery trucks were set on fire at Petaluma Farms (a chicken "ranch" and egg processing facility). One of the trucks was completely destroyed while the other suffered extensive damage. Law enforcement officials are linking these two cases to a December 20th arson attempt at Fulton Processors (a Fulton slaughterhouse where an average of 30,000 chickens are killed every day) and suggesting that radical animal rights activists may be behind the blazes. Area factory farmers expressed concern that their county's $100 million/year industry, profiting on the killing of cows and chickens is facing a sustained attack. "Everyone who is processing animals in the county is getting worried," said the vice president and general manager of Fulton Processors. "A lot of people are beefing up security. We did."

ORANGE, CA — It was reported in early January this year that Bio-Devices Laboratory has still not replaced most of the dogs rescued by the A.L.F. last September (see *NC* #14, p.1). Activists who scouted the facility found that there were only 2-3 dogs on the premises, contrary to the popular belief that they would have fully re-stocked within a short time after the action.

NEW YORK — On January 4th ex-Beatle Paul McCartney, whose wife Linda died of breast cancer, made a substantial donation to two U.S. medical centers for research into the disease without animal testing. "This donation is given on the understanding that none of the money is used in animal testing," he said. A source at McCartney's office said the donation was "in excess of $2 million" and would be divided between the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York and the Arizona Cancer Center — both hospitals that had treated his wife.

STANWOOD, WA - On January 5th, 23 rabbits were liberated from R&R Research and Rabbitry, a research facility and laboratory animal breeder. This action marked the fourth in the liberation of lab animals in the past year.

MINNEHAHA'S LAST STAND?

MINNEAPOLIS, MN -- The Minnehaha Free State lasted 16 months in total, making it the longest-running urban occupation in American history. *NC* has been covering it since its inception (see issues #12 and #14).

The shit hit the fan on September 27th. A tripod was erected in the middle of Highway 55. Seven activists in an old cottonwood tree watched from above as over 200 people threw a huge "Reclaim the Highway" party, shutting it down entirely. 250 cops came to break the party up about 12 hours later, evicting the tripod with a cherry picker and then going for the cottonwood, chainsawing branches just inches away from activists. 16 people were arrested, including three pulled from the tree.

Cops stayed under the tree 24 hours a day from then on, denying food and water to the four remaining sitters and threatening to arrest anyone who came near them. One woman remained in the tree for 10 days. She was finally evicted when another activist scaled an adjacent telephone pole in an attempt to deliver food and water to her. Over 300 people watched as a fire truck pulled him down and then moved on to the activist in the tree and forced her down.

Police harassment reached ridiculous levels. Local and state police entered camp and tried to run protesters over with their cars, pulled sitters out of trees and beat them, arrested Native Americans for praying, and arrested pedestrians walking down the street for jay-walking or just "being suspicious." Neighborhood residents regularly got their cars impounded for such "offenses" as honking in support of the tree-sitters. An anti-police brutality demo ended when known Free Staters were picked out of the crowd, pepper-sprayed, beaten bloody, and arrested.

A local student group locked down and took over MN/DoT's offices. Thirteen were arrested. Hours later, 13 trees were cut in retaliation. We set up a press conference about it, and all the trees on the site were cut down. Men with chainsaws would run through the area, randomly cut trees, and leave when people arrived. We built more tree-sits and staffed them 24 hours a day.

The tree-clearers were as brutal as the police much of the time, ramming occupied trees with heavy equipment and cutting trees with people in them. When an activist locked down to one of their machines, the driver took off down the highway at 35 miles an hour, with the man still attached, hanging on for dear life. A bystander who tried to videotape the incident was also arrested. But the tree-sits and the camp still stood.

At 7am on December 11th, 200 squad cars, a few ambulances, a cherry picker, a fire truck, and lots of construction workers and heavy equipment came rolling in. They cut all the unoccupied trees and set about evicting people from the occupied ones. They arrested the people remaining on site, and destroyed all our structures. The police, shamed after 16 months of bad press and community backlash, were under orders to treat us as gingerly as possible, and they generally did. People were given a chance to finish a ceremony and leave the site before arrests were made. They were less tolerant of the tree sitters, again chainsawing branches inches from the activists. However, no pepper spray or pain compliance was used, and they offered everyone medical attention. The media was authorized on-site and Native elders were allowed to walk with the stormtroopers and document the handling of sacred items. The four sacred trees were cut down, and the encampment was completely destroyed by nightfall. All 33 arrested were released within three days. They have regrouped to lick their wounds and make new plans.



A scene the DOT would chose to pave over

So what comes next? Stay tuned! The trees may be gone, but the 10,000-year-old spring still remains and needs to be defended by any non-violent means necessary.

For updates, more information, etc., contact **(612) 879-8929** or visit one of our websites at **http://members.aol.com/noreroute/Highway_55_occupation.html**

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destroyed research equipment was not insured - all costs would come straight from the pockets of animal researchers.

The action was done in support of prisoner of war Justin Samuel, a Seattle activist facing federal charges for releasing mink, currently jailed in Belgium.

The A.L.F. released a video document of the raid to the media several days later. The video shows masked raiders encountering freezers containing several mutilated birds - victims of the lab. Activists are seen entering through a smashed out window, smashing equipment and leaving their calling card on a wall - "A.L.F."

The raid had an enormously successful ripple effect through the extensive media coverage in Seattle, spreading the animal liberation message to millions around the state. The WSU action succeeded in bringing the animal research debate to the forefront through invaluable television and talk radio coverage. Following the raid, one Seattle activist was given three hours on a local talk radio program to discuss animal rights issues.

The A.L.F. followed the WSU raid with its third action in Washington State in just over three months, on January 5th raiding R&R Research and Rabbitry in Stanwood, WA rescuing 23 rabbits. According to the communique, activists emptied a shed containing the entire next day's shipment of rabbits."These beautiful creatures were slated for delivery to pharmaceutical R&D labs and gory trauma research at Seattle area hospitals."

R&R housed 2000 rabbits at its most recent inspection, reported experimenting on 1228 rabbits and 19 guinea pigs in 1998, and is the Northwest's largest supplier of rabbits for vivisection.

The communique stated "the animals were placed in loving homes to live out their lives free from torture at the hands of sadistic biomedical researchers."

The level of activity in the northwest has placed all local research facilities on alert fearing an A.L.F. break-in. A recently completed primate toxicology lab north of Seattle reported investing half a million dollars in security and hiring 24-hour guards to protect against A.L.F. intrusion, proving the effectiveness of A.L.F. actions in raising the cost of vivisection.

Western Washington University is remodeling its psychology labs, increasing security and limiting student access to prevent another break-in. And the region's largest animal research facility, the University of Washington, fears they might be next. Melvin Dennis, chancellor of the Department of Comparitive Medicine at UW stated, regarding the recent A.L.F. actions- "it has us very worried."

These recent actions mark a surge in A.L.F. strikes against vivisection not seen since the 1980s. More daring raids are promised. As the R&R communique stated "we're breaking down doors to get them out and this is only the beginning....."

Justin Samuel.... the Story Thus Far

MADISON, WI -- On October 16, 1997, activists cut away the fences at a fur farm in Watertown, South Dakota and released 3000 mink to freedom. The raid set off a two-week wave of mink releases around the Midwest. When it was over, 5 farms had been hit, 1 farm announced closure, and 12,000 mink were running free. A local fur farmer was quoted as saying, "It's been a rough two weeks."

On October 28th, a car matching the description of a suspicious vehicle seen near local fur farms was pulled over by local police in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Bob Zimbal. owner of the Zimbal mink ranch. had spotted the vehicle passing his farm, called the police, and then followed the car for several miles. The occupants of the vehicle were Seattle-area activists Justin Samuel (age 20) and Peter Young (age 22). Both men refused consent to a police search of the vehicle and the car was impounded pending the issuance of a search warrant. With no crime having been committed at the site, both were released. The two men disappeared and neither was heard from for nearly two years....

Eleven months later on September 22nd 1998, a federal grand jury in Madison, WI handed down a six-count indictment against Peter and Justin. Citing evidence found in the vehicle, including wire-cutters and a copy of The Final Nail, both men were charged under the "Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act" with four counts of "Unlawful Disruption of Interstate Commerce" and two counts of "Animal Enterprise Terrorism" for their alleged role in five mink releases: the October 16th release of 3000 mink from the Turbak mink ranch in Watertown, SD; the October 17th release of 5000 mink and 100 fox from the Circle K fur farm in Sioux City, IA; the October 26th release of 3000 mink from the Jack Dittrich mink farm in Medford, WI; the October 25th release of 300 mink from Ott's mink farm in Tomahawk, WI; and the release of 800 mink later that night from the Smieja fur farm in Independence. The Smieja farm suffered $200,000 in losses from the release of their breeding stock and the farm subsequently shut down.

The FBI manhunt began. Federal agents hunting for the two fugitives visited animal rights activists from coast to coast and placed them under physical surveillance. Peter and Justin remained at large through the end of the year and into 1999. In a desperate effort for leads, the two were placed on the FBI's "Most Wanted Fugitives of the Month" list in May of 1999. Supportive activists responded by covertly removing "Wanted" posters from post offices around the country.

The federal government's attempted repression of the animal rights movement and their indictments on weak evidence did not have their intended effect. The A.L.F. kept up pressure on the fur industry through 1999. In August the A.L.F. visited the neighborhood where Peter and Justin's saga began and firebombed the United Feeds fur-feed Co-Op near Sheboygan, destroying the



building and causing 1.5 million in damages. The A.L.F. communiqué stated the action was done in support of Peter and Justin and proved that, with every government attempt to neutralize or imprison animal rights activists, the A.L.F. will only rise up stronger.

Then word came on September 4th that Justin had been apprehended on international warrants in Belgium. Seattle media quoted a federal spokesperson as saying, "He acted on his principles, now he has to pay the price." After nearly two years as a fugitive, another activist was behind bars.

As *NC* goes to press, Justin is in a Belgian prison awaiting extradition to the US to face charges named in the six-count indictment. If convicted on all charges, Justin will face a possible 82 years in federal prison. For the liberation of mink and all species to continue, the activist community needs to show we will be there to support those alleged to have risked their freedom for the animals. Support Justin as he faces a possible life-term for the liberation of fur farm prisoners. Your letters are crucial to help imprisoned activists through the boredom and isolation of prison, and monetary donations are needed to help Justin fight the intense legal battle ahead. Support animal liberation prisoners!

The FBI is continuing its search for Peter Young. He is still at large and his whereabouts remain unknown. As crucial as supporting animal liberation prisoners, we must support activists who choose not to throw themselves at the feet of the justice system and beg for mercy. The animal rights movement wishes Peter well in his life underground. Stay free Peter (and stay active).....

JUSTIN SAMUEL SUPPORT FUND

Recently incarcerated activist Justin Samuel needs your help. The North American Justin Samuel Support Fund (JSSF) was founded to raise financial aid and public support for Justin while he awaits trial on charges of allegedly releasing mink in Iowa, Wisconsin and South Dakota in 1997.

Arrested on an international warrant, Justin sits in a Belgium jail since September '99 awaiting extradition. Please Send letters of support and encouragement to:

Justin Clayton Samuel
Gevangenis Hasselt
Martelarenlaan 42
3500 Hasselt
BELGIUM

These types of trial are extremely costly and we need all the donations we can get to help Justin's defense. Send all donations (checks payable to NA-ALFSG) to:

The Justin Samuel Defense Fund
c/o The North American
A.L.F. Supporters Group
Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St.
Willowdale, Ont.
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For more information on this case or how you can help, visit the JSSF web site:

www.nocompromise.org/justin

or email: usjssf@hotmail.com

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BEAVERTON, OR — On January 13th it was reported that scientists had cloned a monkey (the first primate to be cloned) and are hoping this leads to the development of "squads of genetically identical lab animals perfect for use in testing."

WASHINGTON, DC — It was announced on January 16th that President Clinton will propose an additional $1 billion for biomedical research and seek to remove congressional restrictions delaying an additional $4.3 billion in previously approved research money. The president will also propose $19 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in his fiscal 2001 budget.

EVERETT, WA - The three juvenile activists who were arrested for the Brainard mink farm daylight raid last year, went to court on January 21st and had their "revocation and sentencing" hearing postponed until April 17 of this year. The three minors have all refused to pay restitution to the farmer, which may adversely affect their sentence.

WASHINGTON DC - On Thursday, January 27, the trial for two of the three activists from the Primate Freedom Tour (PFT) who scaled the Washington Monument in DC and dropped an anti-vivisection banner during the culminating PFT rally last September, was scheduled to begin. After hours in court with the prosecution disorganized, unprepared and coming up with unacceptable plea agreements, the defendants' attorneys moved for dismissal of the charges. The judge agreed and berated the prosecution, saying that it was unbelievable that the two activists had traveled by train from Portland, Oregon, for more than three days to appear in court.

BOSTON, MA - It was reported on Jan. 31st that Macy's East, Inc. unexpectedly wants a dismissal in a suit filed just one week previous which asked for an injunction to bar anti-fur demonstrators from even peaceful picketing at their Boston area stores. No reason was given for the change of heart by the retail giant, but representatives of one of the groups sued suggested that Macy's realized it was on shaky legal grounds, and that the move would only serve to galvanize opponents to its policies.

HEGINS, PA — On January 31st the Labor Day Committee, Inc., promoters of the annual Labor Day pigeon shoot held in Hegins, stated that the Hegins pigeon shoot has been canceled forever! The announcement is being hailed as a victory for hundreds of thousands of pigeons who will no longer be wounded, tortured, and killed at the annual shoot.

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ESSEN, BELGIUM - In a raid that was dedicated to A.L.F. prisoner Justin Samuel, 400 mink were released from a fur farm in Belgium. The raid, which was executed on the night of October 29, was strategically planned because the mink were to be gassed for their pelts in November. The communiqué sent by the A.L.F. states, "We want to make it clear that Samuel Justin Clayton has not been forgotten, and the battle against the cruelty that humans inflict on other animals will continue."

LONDON, ENGLAND - On November 1, it was reported that the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV) had successfully challenged the UK Government on the issue of licenses to perform the LD50 toxicity or safety test otherwise called "acute oral quantitative lethality test." This means, in effect, the end of the LD50 test in England for toxicity testing! Unfortunately, LD50 testing will continue for non-toxicity tests, such as batch testing for vaccines, but the bulk will now be reduced.

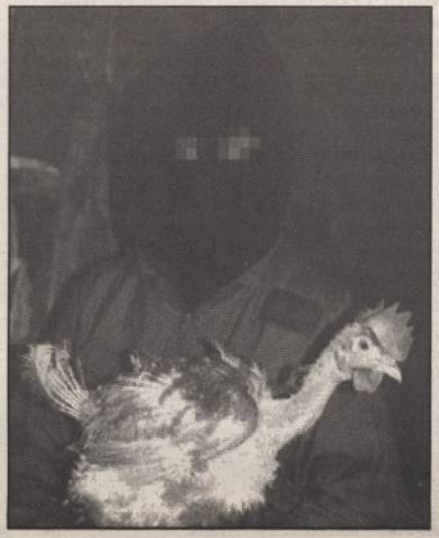
TOKYO, JAPAN - It was reported on November 6th that the Japanese government plans to make a proposal to modify the listing for minke and gray whales at the next CITES meeting in April. If they succeed in getting the listing changed, hunting of these whales will be allowed in certain portions of the Pacific. Norway will also be seeking similar modifications to allow them to hunt whales in the north Atlantic. In order for these proposals to be accepted, two-thirds of the 146 CITES member countries would have to support the change.

LONDON, ENGLAND - On November 15th it was reported that 30 percent of British pig "producers" were likely to be out of business by the end of the year. England's pig killers have had difficulty competing with foreign imports due to increased costs related to "BSE tax" as well as from England's stricter animal welfare laws. England banned the tethering of pigs in stalls January 1, 1999. The estimated additional cost for the welfare rules was estimated to be around 2.70 pounds per pig.

LONDON, ENGLAND - Sweeping powers allowing the security services and police to target political, environmental, and religious activists are to be included in a new prevention of terrorism bill, as reported on November 15, 1999. The bill, which will replace the existing "Prevention of Terrorism Act," will lay down a new and broader definition of terrorism. The new bill could embrace campaigners, like Greenpeace, which have destroyed genetically modified crops, as well as animal rights groups.

Swedish A.L.F. Still Going Strong....

SWEDEN -- At the end of last year, inspired by grassroots campaigns in England that have successfully closed down two laboratory animal breeders, a new campaign against breeders was launched. There are two breeders of dogs for animal experimentation in the country, since all animals used in experiments have to be purpose-bred.



One of three hens liberated from a Varberg battery farm in an A.L.F. Christmas raid

Astra Zenenca, an enormous multinational pharmaceutical company, owns one of the breeders, located in the south of Sweden. The other, Wema, is located in the middle of Sweden, north of Uppsala.

In April 1999 the Swedish A.L.F. raided Wema and rescued four beagles. In a communiqué released afterwards to media and animal rights groups, they stated "It's about time someone starts a campaign against that place and closes it down - only the grassroots can do that."

Some people took those words seriously and started the campaign, Radda Wema-Hundarna (Save the Wema-Dogs). Wema is owned by a married couple, Weiler and Marianne Sandberg, and they have a permit to breed 300 dogs for the vivisection industry each year. According to reports from veterinarians who have inspected Wema, the place is filthy and many of the dogs have suffered from disease during the last two years.

The campaign held its first demo at Wema on January 2nd to show the Sandbergs what their future would look like if they don't get out of this business. As a small group of protesters stood on the road outside the farm with banners, Marianne Sandberg came out and released five guard dogs. Soon afterwards Weiler Sandberg ran out with a shotgun in his hand and threatened the activists. The activists left.

The police arrived and took the activists to the station where they were questioned. All activists have filed complaints against Weiler Sandberg, which could cost him his weapon license. The first national demonstration outside Wema is planned for April 23rd.

Meanwhile, on the west coast two fur farms have been raided. One has announced it is closing down as a result of the attack. Also, in Gothenburg, where several fur shops have been the targets of legal campaigns such as pickets and blockades, as well as direct action such as windows being smashed and locks glued, one fur shop announced it is closing down because of the actions.

The A.L.F. cut up a hunting enclosure in Orebro and released 50 deer that would otherwise be murdered by hunters. During the autumn and winter, a few groups of hunt saboteurs have been out rescuing elks. The king of Sweden had his hunt sabbed which gave the movement national publicity.

A few days before Christmas, the Swedish A.L.F. decided they wanted to give some hens an early Christmas gift and raided a battery farm in Varberg. According to a communiqué from the raiders they planned to liberate 30 hens, but were surprised by the farmer when they were inside the farm. He came inside the shed, running and yelling. The liberators had to escape and could only take the three hens they had already packed.

27-year-old environmental activist Linus Brohult, was sentenced to one year of imprisonment after the court ruled him guilty of incitement after he described how to destroy road machines in a magazine from SocialEkologiskAction (SEA). In his sentence the judge seemed to be sentencing all non-parliamentary groups, saying that animal rights activists believe they save minks when they are doing the opposite. Linus Brohult is appealing the sentence, which he believes is political.

Several animal liberation activists will go to trial this year. The first one is in February, when four people will face charges of damaging a building at SMI vivisection lab.

There have been two animal rights gatherings in Gothenburg and Linkoping in January, which have attracted many people and also brought many new activists into the movement.

Hopefully with new people, new campaigns, and new ideas coming together with the continuing and increased direct actions against animal abusers, this year will be a good one for the animals.

International Contacts

As usual, contact info for groups in any of the countries covered here, can be found on page 35 of "In the Trenches".

This year's

INTERGALACTIC ANIMAL LIBERATION GATHERING

(after Leiden in 1998 and Oslo in 1999)

will be held in Berlin/Germany

Potsdamerstrasse 180 in Berlin-Schoeneberg

22. July - 29. July 2000

This is a gathering for grassroots animal liberationists who want to improve their knowledge, methods and tactics to bring down the (mostly) institutionalized violence against and oppression of non-human animals in our societies and who oppose all forms of oppressive structures and practice in general.

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New Zealand Vivisector's Conference Under Siege

NEW ZEALAND -- Anti-vivisection campaigners from around Aotearoa gathered in the capital, Wellington, to protest a two-day vivisectors' conference in November. The conference was organized by ANZCCART (Australia and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching), which is an animal research industry front group set up to promote and defend the use of animals in experiments. 170 vivisectors attended this year's ANZCCART conference at the convention center in the The Papa National Museum.



Activists protest New Zealand vivisector's conference

The day before the conference was due to open, a group of activists charged into the Royal Society building where ANZCCART is based. There was a brief but noisy occupation of the building. The activists left before police arrived, taking a box of ANZCCART documents with them.

On the morning of November 18th, more than 40 protesters gathered to welcome the vivisectors as the conference opened. A huge amount of noise continued for an hour and a half, and was audible clearly inside the conference.

Later that day, a group of activists made a surprise visit to the Wellington School of Medicine where thousands of animals are tortured in cancer research experiments. Activists armed with drums and other noise making devices blockaded the foyer of the building and occupied it. The police forced them out 25 minutes later. The protest continued outside the building.

While the police were dealing with that protest, another smaller group armed with cameras attempted to make a surprise inspection of the lab animal-breeding unit at Victoria University across town. Unfortunately they were spotted by security guards before they could gain entry and had to make a quick getaway.

That night, the vivisectors hid behind tight security at their conference dinner in the Skyline restaurant on a hill above the city. Some activists used an unknown device to create very loud explosion noises. The dinner was disrupted by a bomb threat phone call, followed by two loud bangs. After midnight several loud bangs were set off around the house of Mike Berridge, a well-known local vivisector who hopefully had no sleep that night.

On Friday at noon there was another big noisy protest outside Te Papa Museum. Just before activists arrived, some naughty person set off the fire alarms and the building was evacuated. Several fire engines arrived and about 500 people (including the vivisectors) poured onto the forecourt of the museum where the protest was about to begin. Unfortunately, the vivisectors had been told to remove their conference badges so we couldn't identify them. Some protesters mingled with the crowd handing out leaflets, while the rest of us kept up the drumming and chanting.

Later on, when the police had re-admitted people into the museum, a group of protesters split off from the main group and marched around to the back of the museum closer to where the vivisectors were having their lunch. Detectives from the national Threat Assessment Unit were seen across the road from the protest observing everyone present. The protest ended with only a few minor confrontations.

A few hours later there was a final protest as the vivisectors left the building. A dozen protesters were surrounded and heavily outnumbered by police at this final protest so were unable to do anything but shout at the vivisectors as they left.

The Animal Liberation Front was also active during the week. Several Wellington vivisectors were visited at their homes in the middle of the night just before the conference was about to begin. Two vivisectors from the Malaghan Institute, who live together, had their house sloganized and the front window smashed. John Miller, vivisector and head of the Victoria University animal ethics committee (which oversees and approves experiments at the university) had his house covered in A.L.F. slogans, a brick through the front window and his car covered in paint stripper. And the Royal Society building (where ANZCCART is based) was covered in anti-vivisection slogans. The morning after the conference, a huge "vivisection is scientific fraud" slogan had appeared on the walls of the Museum.

Reports from within the conference said the vivisectors felt under siege for the whole two days. The atmosphere inside the building was one of paranoia as dozens of police and security guards patrolled the conference center. Security guards prevented the vivisectors from standing too close to the windows in case protesters threw rocks at them! Word had spread that Wellington vivisectors were having their homes trashed and every vivisection lab in Wellington had increased security for the week.

The protests were the first time in two years that activists from the length of the country gathered in one place and the grassroots animal liberation movement in Aotearoa is hopefully stronger following the protests against the conference. A relatively small group of activists from around the country managed to cause chaos and stress for the vivisection community without suffering any arrests themselves. They also started on plans for more coordination of local anti-vivisection campaigns around the country. Next year in May, factory farmers from around the world will be in Auckland for the World Pork Expo. We have started preparing for another national gathering of animal activists to make sure the Expo is another disaster for the animal abusers.

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LONDON, ENGLAND - New research was made public November 17 which demonstrates the fact that hunted foxes suffer potentially fatal stress levels, even if they manage to escape the hunt itself. Postmortem studies of foxes that died after only five minutes showed they suffered from capture myopathy, a muscle-wasting condition that can be followed by brain damage, paralysis and death.

GAUHATI, INDIA - On November 19, it was reported that an American tourist was trampled and crushed to death in Kaziranga National Park while riding an elephant. The elephant "driver" also received serious injuries in the incident.

BEN-SHEMEN, ISRAEL - It was reported on November 29 that two of the owners of a local Monkey Park are also involved in running Mazor Farm, which breeds and exports primates for vivisection. Environment and animal protection organizations have announced a major campaign to get the farm shut down. Israeli Minister of Environment Dalia Itzik has expressed support for the campaign and its goals. Please send letters of encouragement to her, asking her to take action to have the Breeding Farm for Monkeys in Mazor shutdown for good. Send your letters to: Dalia Itzik, Minister of Environment, 5 Kanfei Nesharim St, Jerusalem Israel. Or send e-mail to: sar@environment.gov.il

LONDON, ENGLAND - On December 12, it was reported that the British government plans to ban vivisection on canines. This would save the lives of some 6,300 dogs and puppies each year. Home Secretary Jack Straw indicated that dogs would no longer be bred for vivisection either. The government had also announced an end to cosmetics tests on animals in November of 1998, but these measures fall far short of the Labour Party's pre-election pledge to pass sweeping bans against animal testing. Cosmetic testing in England accounted for only 1,300 of the 2.6 million animals subjected to torturous experiments. Dogs only accounted for approximately 0.3 % of animal experiments in England, with the vast majority being conducted on rats and mice.

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL - On December 12th Israeli Minister of Education, Mr. Yossi Sarid (Meretz party) banned animal experiments, including dissection, in all Israeli schools, effective immediately. Thank you letters to Mr. Sarid can be sent via e-mail to sar@education.gov.il, by fax to +972-2-5602246, or by postal mail to Mr. Yossi Sarid, Minister of Education, 34 Shivtey Yisrael St., Jerusalem, Israel. For more details, contact Anonymous for Animal Rights *(see International Contacts p. 31).*

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AUSTRIA - On Sunday, December 12, over 300 people joined together for a massive rally and march at the City Center. The march was very loud and animal abuse businesses (leather and fur shops, etc.) were heavily guarded by police cordons. National animal rights representatives, as well as grassroots animal liberation groups, gave speeches.

SWEDEN - It was reported on December 14th that the Fur Farmer's Association in Sweden has stated that they don't believe any Swedish fox farms will be in business on the 1st of January, 2001, because of the new regulations that applies to fox farms from that date. In addition, they also stated that fox farming is not even profitable with the current regulations.

SWEDEN - According to a communiqué sent to the Swedish A.L.F. Support Group, on December 17, activists from the Swedish A.L.F., DBF, were going to rescue 30 battery hens. Unfortunately, the farmer came into the shed and started to yell and chase them. However, the activists had time to take a box with three hens. No arrests were made.

ENGLAND - Mel Broughton, an activist who was co-accused along with Tony Humpheries but went on the run before his case came, was caught. Tony was sentenced to seven years earlier last year. Unfortunately, Mel was caught by police on December 23. The animal rights movement wishes him luck.

RAMSJO, SWEDEN - It was reported on December 24 that a well-known mink farm in Sweden has decided to close after more than 6000 minks were released from the farm just months before.

NAIROBI, KENYA - On January 2, it was reported that four elephant poachers who defied orders to surrender were shot and killed by members of the Kenya Wildlife Service's anti-poaching patrol. The poachers had killed eight elephants before exchanging fire with the game wardens. All hunting of wild game is banned in Kenya, and the nation opposed a recent decision to relax the worldwide ban on traffic in ivory, pointing out that even a limited lifting of the ivory ban will increase the risk of reviving the illegal poaching of Africa's elephants.

LONDON, ENGLAND - It was reported on January 26th that shopworkers union Usdaw will divest itself of all shares of Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS). HLS is Europe's largest research laboratory and the focus of a major animal rights campaign. "The union, in common with other organisations.... will now be reviewing our ethical policy towards all investment," said Usdaw's general secretary Bill Connor.

Activists Blockade Live Transport of Pigs

AUSTRIA -- The long distance live transport of pigs is often neglected by animal advocates. We found that there is a regular supply of pigs being transported from Belgium to Austria, with 30 hours travel, only to be slaughtered here.

While local breeding and slaughter is equally abhorrent, the general atmosphere in Austrian society against live transport and fur is very conducive to media reports and public sympathy for any animal rights actions concerning those issues. Hence, some animal rights people decided to connect the issue of abuse and death of pigs in factory farms with the live transport issue.

After following Belgique live pig transporters on a number of occasions, animal activists found that at least every Thursday or Friday night, about 500 pigs in two lorries with trailers are being transported to the slaughterhouse in Graz in the South-East of Austria. So, on the night of September 23rd, activists stopped the lorries outside this slaughterhouse, and blockaded the entire slaughterhouse with a mass sit in. The first lorry driver, however, did not stop and drove through the line of people, dragging two activists between his front wheels for at least 30 meters.

The lorry was eventually stopped only when an activist pulled the trailer's break pipes out of their sockets, blocking the trailer breaks. Police soon arrived, but ignored the complaints by the animal rights activists. A TV news team that had come with the activists had the attempted murder by the lorry driver on film but mysteriously lost the footage. Nevertheless, the blockade was a news item. Police soon removed the activists from the slaughterhouse entrance.

But there was more to come. On the night of November 25th, approximately 50 activists laid an ambush for the two Belgian lorries just off the motorway near Kirchdorf in Upper Austria. Around 1 AM on the 26th, the lorries were stopped by a roadblock of five activist cars.

A number of activists locked onto the pig transport lorries with bicycle d-locks. One driver became enraged and started lashing out at activists, but the shear number of animal rights people present ensured that no one was injured.

Most pigs on the transport had large, fresh bruises and wounds from having been beaten and whipped, and all were exhausted. The pigs were crowded so densely that there was no space for any of them to lie down. The driver explained that this was for their own good, as otherwise they would fly around when the lorry turned with the curves of the road.

Three quarters of an hour later the police arrived. After long discussions and inspections of the lorry, police gave the activists an ultimatum to leave. The activists refused to unlock. A couple of hours later, the emergency squad arrived and eventually all the activists were cut free from the lorries.

Quintiles Campaign Update

ENGLAND -- About a year ago an article appeared in *No Compromise* about the campaign against Quintiles' animal tests in the UK. Below is an update about what has been happening since.

Quintiles laboratories in Ledbury (Herefords) and Riccarton (Edinburgh) are contract testing labs, which test all manner of substances, including household products, surgical implants and drugs, on such animals as rats, mice, rabbits and beagles. The labs are owned by the giant multinational Quintiles company (HQ in the USA), which refers to itself as a "contract pharmaceutical organization." Quintiles has premises in many different countries throughout the world.

Pickets of the Ledbury lab have continued throughout the year at the rate of at least one per week and are usually held at the time the lab workers leave for home, so they can be vociferously reminded of the opposition to the animal torture in which they take part.

After one particularly boisterous picket, when demonstrators blocked the road outside the lab and held up vehicles going in and out, Quintiles threatened many of the protesters with injunctions. The campaigners refused to be intimidated and the pickets have continued unabated. At one of the most recent pickets, a group of demonstrators managed to get through the main gate of the lab and were ejected following scuffles with security guards.

In recent months there have been several demonstrations outside the Ledbury home of David Everett, who is in charge of toxicological animal experiments at the lab. These protests have gained a lot of sympathy from passers-by, and one of Everett's neighbors even joined one of the demonstrations. In response, Everett has installed CCTV at his home and has issued injunctions against two protesters.

This will not deter the SQAT (Stop Quintiles Animal Tests) campaign, and we intend to carry out further demos against Everett, as well as outside the homes of other Quintiles directors and managers. A crowd of 50 demonstrators, many dressed in Halloween costumes, held a protest outside Everett's home on October 31st, following a march from the lab.



SQAT campaign information stall

The next day Everett and his wife (who also works at the lab) were in court giving evidence against protesters arrested on a previous "visit" to their home. Both appeared visibly shaken by events of the night before.

In June an undercover investigation by animal rights activists into Leicestershire of Harlan Ltd, a company that supplies animals to labs, revealed that beagles were being sent for experimentation at the Quintiles lab at Heriot-Watt University Research Park, near Edinburgh. As a result, protesters extended the campaign to include that lab.

Several demonstrations have been held outside the laboratory and there have been street stalls and a public meeting in Edinburgh. Some students at the university have joined the campaign, but school authorities have prevented them from setting up stalls to educate other students.

In July, about 40 people with banners and placards held an anti-vivisection protest outside the Home Office in Queen Anne's Gate, London. Campaigners demanded that the Home Office revoke Quintiles' license to carry out animal tests, and handed in a 35,000-signature petition calling for the license to be revoked.

About 30 of the protesters then staged a 40 minute occupation at the nearby offices of Quintiles Holdings. There was a good deal of support from people working in surrounding offices, who had previously been totally unaware of Quintiles involvement in animal experimentation.

Anyone who would like to help the campaign against Quintiles animal tests in any way should contact:

Stop Quintiles Animal Tests
PO Box 127, Kidderminster
Worcs, DY10 3UZ, England
100302.1616@compuserve.com

Animal rights activists in the USA and elsewhere can help by holding protests outside Quintiles premises in their own countries. A full list of these can be obtained from SQAT.

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Lies, Damn Lies, Fur and Parliament

ENGLAND -- The UK parliamentary system showed its true colors again in January when three Tory MPs disrupted the government Bill to ban fur farming. The MPs, who had previously been involved in wrecking a Private Members Bill on the issue, ensured that the 2nd Reading of the Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill, which would ban fur farming and close the remaining 13 farms within three years, didn't even take place. The MPs managed to disrupt the whole evening's debates in Parliament to ensure that there was no time left to deal with the Bill.

The Bill now has to be rescheduled for another date, but the Government has condemned the opposition's tactics and stated "the Government will make sure that the ...Bill reaches the statute book." The delay must come as a blow to fur farmers, all but one of who want to close and receive compensation. When the Private Members Bill failed last year, the Chair of the Fur Breeders Association said he was "devastated" at the news.

CAFT-UK, while obviously pleased that the government is at last introducing legislation to ban fur farming, has been critical of the slow political process, the length of the close-down period for farms (they have until 2003), and the fact that compensation will be given to farmers.

Meanwhile, A.L.F. activists have decided not to wait for government action and in January again raided the Hampshire fur farm, releasing most of the breeding animals. This is the third time this farm has been raided in 18 months, increasing the enormous pressure on the farm to close. According to the A.L.F. Press Office, a statement released by the activists says that they will raid all remaining fur farms to guarantee that farms will close without compensation.

The public, and more importantly animal rights activists, must realize that this battle is far from over. There is a minority of people who don't want fur farming banned and are willing to play every dirty trick in the book to keep it going. Fur farming is still going on, tens of thousands of animals are still suffering, and it's down to us to do something about it. A group of activists have been braving freezing temperatures to hold protests in cities in the North East of England and in Scotland, dressed as cave people (with the very minimum amount of clothing made from fur donated to the campaign). These protests let the public know that fur farming continues and that the trade belongs in the history books, not in the 21st Century.

Also in January, timed to coincide with the second Reading of the Bill, a report published by the Institute of Economic Affairs attempted to defend the fur trade and oppose animal rights actions. The report, Fur and Freedom, is written by former journalist and ardent opposer of animal rights and environmentalism Richard D. North. North claims that the proposed ban "is morally and scientifically unjustified."

Strangely enough, North fails to mention in his press release that he produced the report with funding from the fur industry, and the so-called independent think-tank, IEA is actually sponsored by major corporations. The report can be found on the IEA website at www.iea.org.uk/env/fur.htm. A brief look at their other publications shows many supporting the trade in wildlife products and opposing environmental measures.

This year will continue to see fur farming as a major political issue in Britain. CAFT and other groups are continuing to highlight and campaign on the issue, and if A.L.F. activists continue as stated, then there's going to be a lot of mink enjoying the new Millennium!

Shamrock Farm: The Final Countdown

ENGLAND -- Shamrock monkey farm, Europe's largest supplier of primates for vivisection, has been imprisoning and torturing animals for over 40 years. Now, after a year of constant campaigning they are weak and ready to crumble. Over half of their employees have resigned within 14 months and most have not been replaced.

Engineers, electricians, and two legal firms who did work for Shamrock have canceled their contracts. The policing costs have sky-rocketed as the number of demonstrators continues to grow as angry crowds of over 1,000 descend on the Sussex countryside. And as the chief constable himself said, the demonstrations will only escalate!

Up to 300 macaques are caged inside Shamrock's windowless sheds at any one time. They never see the light of day or breathe fresh air during their 6 to 8 week quarantine at the farm. From here they are sold and shipped to vivisection labs across Europe. All of the monkeys are imported to Britain from Asia, enduring transport journeys of 50 hours or more. They are then subjected to long journeys from Shamrock to European laboratories.

As more and more people find out about Shamrock's vile trade in animals' lives, the pressure on the farm and its workers is growing by leaps and bounds. Daily protests now take place at the farm as the workers go in and out, drawing massive support from passing traffic. Activists regularly hold demos outside the workers' homes, alerting their neighbors to these sick individuals' occupation.

Monthly night vigils at the front gates of Shamrock keep the police on their toes and ensure that the security guards get no rest. Regular national demos draw disgusted people from across Britain, clogging up the streets in the surrounding cities, drawing more and more attention to this secret monkey prison.

Something has got to give and it has got to be Shamrock! We will not abandon the animals locked inside barren metal cages, awaiting their death in barbaric and useless experiments. The campaign to close down Shamrock farm will only intensify, until every cage is empty!!

Bloodsports Watch (UK Hunt News Briefs)

by A. Fox of Bloodsports Watch

Having a Smashing Time in London

At the end of November a gun and fishing tackle shop in Woodford Green, had its window smashed and locks glued. Then in December, in Wanstead, a betting shop had its windows smashed.

Santa's Christmas Surprise

On the night of Christmas Eve 1999 three vehicles belonging to the staff of the Old Surrey, Burstow and West Kent Fox Hunt were vandalized by persons unknown.

Neptune's Revenge

On Christmas Day fisherman Donnie MacLean, 42, drowned after his row boat sank in Plockton harbour in Wester Ross. According to the Campaign for the Abolition of Angling there have been about 20 similar deaths in 1999.

Boxing Day Blues

On the night of December 26th the Old Surrey, Burstow and West Kent Fox Hunt hound lorry was damaged by persons unknown.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Over the Christmas/New Year period a gun shop in Hounslow, West London, had its locks glued.

Hunt Saboteurs Attacked

The Countryside Alliance 'truce' was revealed as a joke when a hunt saboteur was attacked during a fox rescue December 31st. Sabs had successfully rescued a fox who had been badly mauled by hounds and were attempting to take her to a vet when two hunt staff and a rider attacked them. The fox met a horrific end courtesy of the hounds. For more information see:

www.huntsabs.org.uk

Hunters Get Hammered at New Year Party

On New Year's Day three members of the Old Surrey, Burstow and West Kent Fox Hunt were taken to hospital with head injuries following an attack by persons unknown. According to Countryside Alliance press reports, up to 25 armed and masked people descended upon hunters just over an hour after the hunt met at Walters Green, Penshurst, Kent, England. One hunter, an elderly foot follower, was hit in the face with a claw hammer. When Helen Sarchet, the hunt's joint Master, went to his aid, she too was beaten over the head and shoulders.

Last Season for South Devon Hunt?

It looks like this might be the last season for the South Devon Foxhunt. The hunt is rumored to be in dire financial trouble and over the New Year period the hunt failed to go out for its usual murdering session, due to a lack of paid hunt staff!!! Tis a crying shame, and at Christmas as well...

No Justice

According to *Horse & Hound* magazine (06/01/00). Andrew Phillis (age 38) of the Crawley & Horsham Hunt has been found not guilty of assault by a Crown Court jury. Phillis is the hunter who rode down Jaine Wide, last year, resulting in Jaine receiving severe head injuries.

Spot the Birdy!

On January 8th 2000 a field sports enthusiast accidentally killed his friend with a shotgun during a pigeon shoot. The two were shooting on a disused private aerodrome near the village of Stapleford Tawney in Essex, when one of the hunters accidentally blew the head off his friend!!!

News from Across the Irish Channel

Late last Millennium, in Ireland, a group of hunt thugs attacked a band of saboteurs who where trying to disrupt the Woodstown Harriers. One of the people injured as a result of this attack was Eddie Walsh, a local Councillor, who was left by his attackers badly injured and lying by the side of a road.

In "fairness" to the Woodstown Harriers, it is not believed the attackers where followers of this particular hunt. Instead it is believed the thugs where from the Waterford Foxhunt who have a reputation for violence against hunt sabs.

Because of the attack on Eddie Walsh, the ambush received national media coverage. This media coverage also exposed the fact that both city and rural people oppose hunting alike.

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confirms that economic sabotage is a high crime like murder in the eyes of the law enforcement community, because this is the perspective supported by their paymasters. "Terrorist organization" is just the latest scarlet "A," and "communist" was another. The willingness to use arson ratchets up the rhetoric against animal liberationists.

NC: Many animal liberation activists are sentenced to lengthy probationary sentences that effectively deactivate them from many movement activities. Has this been a problem for the anti-nuclear movement? If so, how have they dealt with it?

JCJ: Probation is only as de-activating as we allow it to be. By risking arrest, were we REALLY willing to go to jail, or just playing with the thought? The system permits such play as a safety valve for dissent, with non-jail options for most simple offenses. Protest movements take advantage of this fact in their organizing. But, to complain about probation as being a restriction after claiming to have risked jail is a cop-out for a movement or a person, I think. Don't do the crime if you can't do the time - even if it's only probation. With probation, we have a choice in the matter.

NC: Is it common for anti-nuclear activists on probation to violate it intentionally? If so, what have been the consequences?

JCJ: It is not uncommon for anti-nuclear convicts to ignore probation requirements and come before the court again. Sometimes, the court is reluctant to press the issue; sometimes, particularly in cases of property damage or multiple arrests, the probation violator just gets sent to jail. Jail is deactivating in one manner for the person imprisoned, but, not exclusively, because the imprisonment of part of our movement should be good reason to continue our efforts on the outside. "They're inside for us, we're out here for them" - an old motto of the Industrial Workers of the World. And, there are certainly many abused human animals in the cages with us who might benefit by a listening ear and respectful company. Sure, this is social activism too!

NC: Many anti-nuclear actions, especially Plowshares actions, fall under U.S. federal jurisdiction. What are some of the major problems anti-nuclear activists have faced in federal court that they have not faced in state or county jurisdictions?

JCJ: The greatest problem I am aware of is that if convicted in federal court, you may be sent to a prison very far from your support person or group.

NC: Hunger strikes by imprisoned animal liberationists seem to be a growing tactic within our movement. Do you see this strategy as effective to gain further attention to our cause or do you see it as shifting focus to the individual and away from the issue, or as appealing to the morals of a moral-less opposition?

JCJ: Hunger strikes should not be confused with fasting. Hunger strikes are public events, attempts to manipulate to some degree the behavior of others by demanding an end to a certain situation as a condition for the striker to resume eating. Fasting is refraining from eating (or whatever) as a personal rite, prayer, health prescription or other means to personal benefit. I understand Gandhi's fasts as having been more an admonition to himself and his followers, than as hunger strikes against the British. Hungerstriking can certainly confuse an issue if the focus of the strike is not justly related to the primary cause advocated. If I were popped for a sit-in, then went on a hunger strike because of a high bail, what am I protesting? The injustice I was sitting-in about? Or the injustice to me? Now, if while in jail I join with other prisoners to hungerstrike about an issue of simple justice or humane treatment for another person or group, this is different. It is then an issue in the present for one with compassion to address.

NC: Many anti-nuclear actions result in literally hundreds of arrests and thousands of participants. What is the key to being able to recruit so many people willing to risk arrest?

JCJ: First, it is fear. I think much of the participation in mass anti-nuclear actions has been motivated by fear. If this is the only motivating force, however, fear of jail, fear of social ostracism, etc., soon overtakes as the more immediate threat, and the masses wither. Witness the rise and decline in anti-nuclear civil disobedience from 1976 to 1994. Second, it is outrage. Many are motivated by outrage, and this motivation is acknowledged by the mass organizers and accommodated for a bust or two by the system.

Taking the risks of arrest is time-consuming and wearing on people. So, many participate for a while, or sporadically, and then move onto other phases of life. Sustaining mass nonviolent actions over many years would require, I think, that the masses participating be truly oppressed (black civil rights activism in our recent history) and not just feeling the oppression of others such as those impoverished by military budgets or animals.

Small numbers can sustain resistance activism on these feelings, but not masses. And, the small numbers seem to do better at sustaining the resistance if they are part of a community supportive of resistance.

NC: Has there ever been any situations where the anti-nuclear movement has not been willing to support someone arrested for anti-nuclear actions?

JCJ: Yes. One of my personal motivations for getting involved in movement prisoner support work was because I saw actions where the organizers of a "legal" protest took little interest in the affairs and welfare of people who chose to engage in civil disobedience and, even at times, publicly disavowed their nonviolent tactics.

Also, in the early 1980s, a group in Canada detonated a small, truck-sized fertilizer bomb outside a cruise-missile factory near Toronto. They made inadequate efforts to avoid hurting people, and there were serious injuries to bystanders. Many in the movement wanted to distance themselves or to ignore the people arrested. Our position, as the editors of the Nuclear Resister newsletter, was to encourage critical support for the imprisoned activists.

These are human beings, probably less confused or misguided than those responsible for formulating the policies we protest against. Tactically in error, but on our side, if we had to choose. We supported these people by listing them alongside other imprisoned anti-nuclear activists. We even visited one of the men in jail and sustained a long and mutually educational correspondence with him while he was serving hard time.

NC: How do you see recent anti-terrorism legislation affecting all of our protest movements which oppose governmental or private interest, legally-sanctioned operations?

JCJ: Only as much as we let it. Again, people engaging in economic sabotage shouldn't do the crime if they can't take the time. When we engage in nonviolent direct action, we are not the home team. If we get on the field, it isn't our ball, and we don't even get to okay the rules we must then play by or live with, until they decide the game is over. It's hard to score, even harder to feel like a winner in such a circumstance. But we can decide how we will participate.

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Still we are expected to behave in a civil fashion and are repeatedly told that if we want to change the way society operates, we must do so "democratically" and from within the system. This is akin to telling the Jews of the 1940s that they should have peacefully appealed to Nazi Germany for equality and human rights. Yet history shows that when we as environmentalists or animal rights activists work within the system, what little victory we achieve is conveniently stolen from us when it threatens to be effective. Historically, it is important to remember that the U.S. government has often financed and participated in overthrowing democratically elected governments when those governments did not cater to U.S. interests.

In Chile in the late 1960s socialists, musicians and other activists began a political movement at the grassroots level that organized the poor, dispossessed, indigenous peoples and working class of the country into political action. Without taking up arms the people of Chile launched a revolutionary struggle that nonviolently and legally put into power Salvador Allende, a socialist and revolutionary. The right-wing oligarchy that previously maintained control and power began a systematic campaign of harassment, sabotage and strikes in an attempt to destabilize the people's government, and when they were legally prevented from impeaching Allende, the U.S. supported a military coup that saw Allende assassinated when he refused to vacate the Presidential Palace.

That's when Chilean secret police with U.S. training began to round up all those activists who had nonviolently achieved a democratic victory like the one they are always telling us we should fight for within the law. Victor Jara, the folk singer who led the New Song Movement, had his hands cut off. Women were raped with trained attack dogs, men had their testicles crushed, while others had starved rats sewn into their stomachs. A local fishing company had to shift its operations from the area where the military police were dumping bodies of those whom they were torturing because the fish were turning up with human fingers in their stomachs.

While these crimes took place, the U.S. government offered military and economic support. Just because local politicians are not pulling triggers does not mean they aren't killing people. Anyone who works within the system invariably is partially responsible for the actions of that system. That is, if their own actions are not unlimited in attempting to halt such atrocities.

The point I'm making is that the U.S. government is an illegal, immoral and grossly irresponsible entity that cannot be trusted to deliver justice to anyone other than its own private interests. Hence, we should refuse to recognize its authority. The U.S. fails to enforce what meager laws exist to protect our environment, and laws protecting animals are virtually nonexistent let alone enforceable. It is a rogue institution more akin to organized crime than a democratic form of government, and we should feel no obligation at all to adhere to its laws.

Think about that when you hear that 20,000 species are disappearing from the earth forever every year. When you hear that the earth's last 1% of ancient old-growth redwood trees can still be cut. When lynx who number less than 500 in the wilds of the lower 48 states can still be bred in 5 foot wire cages in Montana for fur.

We have no obligation to any government. We have every obligation to protect the earth that gives us life and our future generations. Adherence to laws that sanction the destruction of our one home planet are crimes unprecedented in human history and demand active refusal and resistance. There is no time for working within the system. Even if it could work, once we achieved anything worthwhile, it would be stolen from us the moment it impeded economic progress.

For god's sake, people, don't wait until you're sitting in a prison cell for four years watching the world go to hell before you realize the extremity of our situation and decide there's no more time to waste in hoped for government reform. Especially when the government from which we expect change is the one responsible for creating this catastrophe in the first place. We are the earth's last warriors. We stand to lose more in our generation than any others before us. Do you want to be the ones responsible for the greatest crimes in human history or the ones attributed to launching resistance to those crimes? Remember your ancestors. Remember that we have our own firepower. Be brave enough to use it!

Blast from the Past: '80s Lab Raids

This is the third installment of our new column "Blast from the Past"! Each issue, we will highlight a specific action or campaign from the history of the animal rights movement that we think may be useful to newer, younger activists.

We have much to learn from our own experience and hope that this feature fosters discussion and evaluation of various tactics.



Two of 115 animals liberated from City of Hope, with rescuer

1999 saw the return of the quintessential A.L.F. action: the lab raid. After seven years of dormancy, the Animal Liberation Front has resurrected it's laboratory liberation campaign, and in the last year has broken into four research facilities, liberating nearly 200 animals. These actions mark the return of a daring high-risk, high-skill operation and reintroduces an urgent "get-in-and-get-the-animals-out" approach not seen since the '80s.

Decades of legal anti-vivisection campaigning, including letter writing and sign waving, failed to effect change for animals in labs as swiftly as a few active bands of the A.L.F. in the '80s. These selfless individuals, wielding crowbars, brought the American public its first glimpses of the horrors committed on animals in laboratory torture chambers through the huge media exposure the early lab raids generated throughout the '80s.

The achievements and victories of these few bands of caring warriors must never be forgotten, must never be understated. Let this tale not be a reminder of a period of victory for animals, but a reminder of the tragic period of inactivity since. And though we may have failed the animals in labs for a dark era of inaction, let us look back at their story, and now, pick up where they left off...

MONUMENTAL LAB RAIDS OF THE '80s

Breaking Down the Doors

The 1984 raid of the University of Pennsylvania marks the A.L.F.'s greatest lab raid success.

On May 28, the Animal Liberation Front picked the lock to Thomas Gennarelli's head injury research lab at the U of Penn, smashing every piece of equipment in the lab and confiscating over 60 hours of Gennarelli's own research footage on his head smashing experiments with live primates. Gennarelli, who had for years hidden behind a laboratory door and thumbed his nose at animal advocates, had just met the animal rights movement's new answer to vivisection secrecy: the A.L.F.

The footage revealed the most horrific glimpse inside a vivisection lab ever seen before or since: 60 hours of inadequately anesthetized primates plastered into restraining devices receiving blows to the head at up to 1000 times the force of gravity. The video brought the evil of animal research to the attention of the nation and its "reallocation" became the A.L.F.'s most publicized action ever.

The A.L.F. of the 1980s found its greatest voice in PETA, who acted as a mouthpiece for the A.L.F. following the raids, holding press conferences and distributing videos and seized documents to the media. The PETA press conference following the Gennarelli raid set off a media-wildfire surrounding the confiscated footage and sparked a fierce standoff between the compassionate public and animal researchers. The vivisection PR machine swung into motion, reassuring an outraged public of the "necessity" of head injury research. They said the choice was simple: the baboons or their children.

The A.L.F. responded two months later by breaking into the University of Pennsylvania Vet school and liberating one dog.

A witchhunt was already underway for the raiders, introducing to the movement the now routine grand jury. The A.L.F.'s answer to this attempt at neutralization came four days after the previous break-in: UP Vet school raided: four cats, one dog and eight pigeons liberated. The A.L.F. strikes again.

When the smoke cleared it was victory for the A.L.F. and the animals: NIH funding was revoked and Gennarelli's lab shut down.

From one lab to the next throughout the '80s, the A.L.F. saw the suffering, saw legal means ignored, and implemented their timely and direct reaction to the slaughter: break down the doors, smash the labs, get the animals out. The UP raids displayed what best characterized the A.L.F. raids of the '80s: a sense of urgency. And the A.L.F. never rested long.

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Message From Former A.L.F. Member

Inspired by the recent surge in A.L.F. raids, especially those against laboratories, I have decided to share my own experiences. I feel that my fellow brothers and sisters now leading the fight against vivisection and exploitation of all beings should know what the struggle was like in the early eighties.

When I was doing what was most important in my life, my close inner circle and the FBI knew me as Joseph. We were the West Coast cell of the A.L.F. We pulled off some of the most precise, well-thought-out, and expertly executed raids known to the animal rights movement in this country.

Our first raid (the largest on the US West Coast at the time) was at UC Harbor Medical in Torrance, California. On Christmas, 1983 we liberated 12 medium-large dogs, even though the facility had their own police department about 300 feet away from the where the animals were kept. But after several weeks of surveillance, we knew their schedule better than they did.

In 1983, the animal rights community did not have the A.L.F. support base or militant minded faction that exists today. When I made the decision that I would break into the UC medical center and rescue the animals inside, recruiting other activists willing to cross the line proved a difficult task. No one had ever even heard of this timely and effective method of directly saving animals' lives.

We had no selection process to put out feelers for willing activists or carefully gauge the opinions of others concerning direct action and the A.L.F. No one had opinions on the A.L.F. because no one knew what it was. I asked a few friends for a favor and we carried out the first raid by a west coast A.L.F. cell. It was a huge risk, but maybe the best decision I ever made. What grew from those tentative beginnings evolved into what was arguably the most effective A.L.F. cell in this country to date.

I had been in many labs before the one at UC Harbor Medical, but our first illegal forced entry felt very eerie. When we entered this particular vivarium and began carrying most of the dogs out they were so quiet. All I could hear was my heart beating and the pattering of my comrades' feet.

The dogs knew why we were there. There is no question in my mind. We had specially constructed cages in two vans for the long haul to make it as comfortable as possible for them. While driving, one young fella chewed his way out of the cage through the makeshift wall to sit up front on my lap. To be in the front was not enough; he sat on my lap and would not move. And they say animals can't think or feel. People who say this are the ones who can't think or feel.

So for seven hours, we drove - my partner, my new loyal and appreciative

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U.S. Lab Animal Suppliers



This is a partial list of major animal suppliers to vivisection labs in the U.S. Some addresses listed may be that of a business office only, though most can be expected to have animals on site.

For a list of registered labs, see the USDA's web site:

http://aphis.usda.gov

To find companies that supply equipment, food, etc. to vivisection facilities, check out Lab Animal magazine. For a free subscription, write to:

Lab Animal
PO Box 5054
Brentwood, TN 37024-9742

ARKANSAS

Martin Creek Kennels
(cats, dogs, rabbits, "other")
PO Box 139
Willford, AR 72482
(501) 966-4345

CALIFORNIA

Abaxis
(cats, dogs, birds, ferrets, research)
1320 Chesapeake Terrace
Sunnyvale, CA 94089
(800) 822-2947

B&K Universal
(rats)
3403 Yale Way
Fremont, CA 94538
(800) USA-MICE

Crest Caviary
(rabbits, guinea pigs)
17561 Vierra Canyon Rd.
Prunedale, CA 93907
(408) 728-5265

Grimard Farms
(ducks and rabbits)
1320-A S. Aurora
Stockton, CA 95206
(800) 466-9955

Kralek Farms Inc.
(rabbits)
630 West Clausen
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 634-3609

Metzer Farms
(ducks)
26000 Old Stage Rd.
Gonzales, CA 93926
(800) 424-7755

Nebeker Ranch Inc.
(goats, sheep, blood, surgical services)
400 North Rockingham Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049
(310) 450-1334

Nitabell Rabbitry
292 Taylor Ave.
Hayward, CA 94544
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Primate Products
(primates)
1755 E Bayshore Rd., Suite 28-A
Redwood City, CA 94063
(650) 368-0663

S&S Farms
(pigs)
37441 Montezuma Valley Rd.
Box D-1
Rachita, CA 92066
(760) 782-9170

Simonsen Laboratories
(guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, rats, surgical services, research, organs)
1180-C Day Rd.
Gilroy, CA 95020
(408) 847-2002
7/4/90 - 100 guinea pigs liberated

COLORADO

Jenne Livestock Company
(cows)
7908 WCR62
Windsor, CO 80550
(970) 686-2939

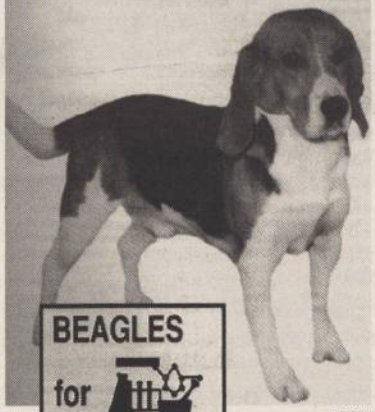
Whale Scientific
(various laboratory animals)
4945 Monaco St.
Commerce City, CO 80022
(800) 525-1875

CONNECTICUT

Ho Sum Trading Limited
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(fish, invertebraes)
Box 237
Panacea, FL 32346
(850) 984-5297

Life Sciences Inc.
(mice)
2900 72nd St. N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33743
(800) 237-4323

Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research
(mice)
1850 NW 69th Ave., Suite 5
Plantation, FL 33313
(954) 587-9020

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SICONBREC Inc.
(primates, blood)
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3641 S. Lynhurst Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46241
3757 Kentucky Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46221
(317) 894-7521

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Cedar River Laboratories
(cats, product testing)
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Mason City, IA 50401
(800) 323-4858

Double T Farm
(birds)
21665 Barrus Rd.
Glenwood, IA 51534
(712) 366-3526



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8345 Melrose Dr.
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The Jackson Laboratory
(mice - 2 million annually)
600 Main St.
Bar Harbor, ME 04609
(800) 422-MICE

MARYLAND

Acher Farms
(cows, goats, sheep, pigs, reseach services)
Box 170
Belcamp, MD 21017
(410) 879-4110

Osage Research Primates
(primates)
54 Hospital Dr.
Osage Beach, MD 65065
(573) 348-8002

Thomas D. Morris Inc.
(chickens, ducks, goats, cows, sheep, pigs, birds, "other", research services)
4001 Millender Mill Rd.
Reistertown, MD 21136
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Charles River Labs
(chickens, pigs, rabbits, rats, primates, guinea pigs, gerbils, hamsters, mice, numerous research and testing services)
251 Ballardvale St.
Wilmington, MA 01887
(800) LAB RATS

Charles River Pharm Services
(Division of CRL)
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Southbridge, MA 01550
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Cytogen Research & Development
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89 Bellvue Hill Rd.
West Roxburry, MA 02132
(617) 325-7774

Elm Hill Breeding Labs
(guinea pigs)
7 Kidder Rd.
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(800) 941-4349

Embryotech Labs
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Wilmington, MA 01887
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Stanwood, MI 49346
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International Primate Exchange
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Ferndale, MI 48220
(800) 521-2660

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Midwest Research Swine
(pigs)
31009 645th Ave
Gibbon, MN 55335
(507) 834-6617

Moulton Chinchilla Ranch
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976 14th Ave SW
Rochester, MN 55902
(507) 288-6334

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Middlefork Kennels
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409 S. Grand Ave.
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5701 S. Sinclair Rd.
Columbia, MO 65203

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(908) 637-4427

Camm Research
Laboratory Animals
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Wayne, NJ 07470
(201) 694-0703

CLEA Japan/Pegasus
(primates, mice, rats)
114 West Franklin Ave.
Pennington, NJ 08534
(609) 737-3961

DNX Transgenic Services
(mice)
5 Cedar Brook Dr.
Cranbury, NJ 08512
(609) 860-0806

Hare Marland/
Rabbits For Research
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Box X, Hewitt, NJ 07421
(973) 728-5265

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Butler Farms USA Inc.
(dogs)
11840 Meehan Rd.
Clyde, NY 14433
(315) 5872295

Liberty Research Inc.
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Waverly, NY 14892
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South Plymouth, NY 13844
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Burlington, NC 27215
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(chinchillas)
Southern Pines, NC 28388
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Robinson Services
(rabbits)
Box 1326
Clemmons, NC 27012
(336) 940-2550

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Kiser Lake Kennels
(dogs)
4505 Ford Rd.
St. Paris, OH 43072
(937) 362-3193

M.V.R. SPF Rabbits
(rabbits)
163761 Washington, TR 454
Loudonville, OH 44842
(800) 784-7200

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AnAmerica Inc.
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Rt. 3, Box 248
Pryor, OK 74361
(918) 825-1151

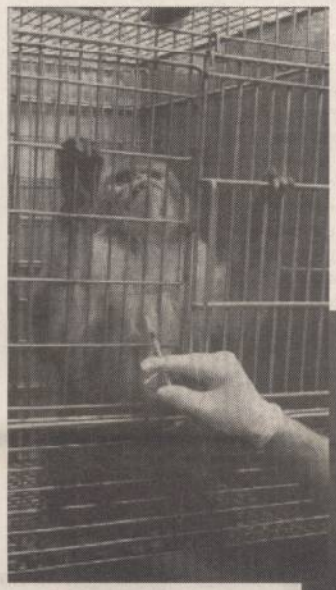
OREGON

Western Oregon Rabbit Company
(rabbits)
2475 Rosecrest Dr.
Philomath, OR 97370
(541) 929-2245
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PENNSYLVANIA

Ace Animals
(guinea pigs, mice, rats)
670 Anglesville Rd.
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Box 519
Danboro, PA 18916
(215) 766-7413



Buckshire Corporation
(chickens, goats, sheep, primates, cages, blood)
2025 N. Ridge Rd.
Perkasie, PA 18944
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Cocalico Biological Inc.
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Denver, PA 17517
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3599 Farmschool Rd.
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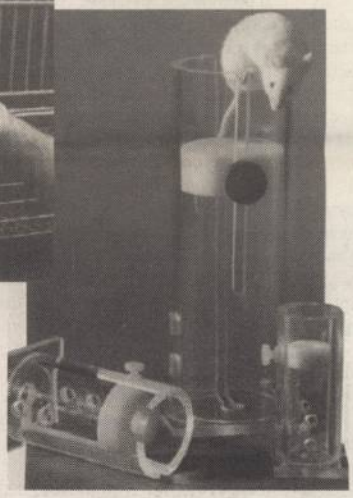
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SHADOW ACTIVIST

Ever wondered how those crazy A.L.F. activists liberate animals without getting caught, shatter windows in the blink of an eye and leap tall buildings in a single bound? The Shadow Activist knows! And in each action packed issue of *NC* (well, some issues anyway) will answer questions about how intrepid activists on the frontlines are making direct action work for the animals.

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Q: Why do laboratory liberations?
A: Laboratory liberations are essential in the war against vivisection.

Education and economic sabotage save animals' lives in the long run, but liberating animals from laboratories or other places of abuse is the only way to save animals' lives now. Laboratory liberations are among the most complex and risky actions an activist may undertake. For these reasons, planning and preparation are the most important steps in this type of action.

Q: How do you select a target?
A: There are a number of different criteria that a cell may use in selecting one target over another for a liberation or other action. The type of experiments going on, known security weaknesses, or homes arranged for a certain type of animal are all criteria that may influence an activist's decision.

Because local law enforcement will always look into the local activist networks first when investigating a liberation it is best to pick labs that are not in the same area where you live (especially if you're known in the community as an animal rights activist), or even in the same state.

Q: How do you find out what kind of experiments (and on what kind of animals) are going on inside the lab?
A: Research avenues are going to be different depending on what type of institution you are targeting. Some general rules for information searches do apply, though you will have to do some of your own research that is specific to your area and target.

Vivisectors themselves publish amazing amounts of information. Such resources include: university libraries, published research sources such as scientific and medical journals, the world wide web, medical school catalogs, CRISP abstracts, annual reports, USDA inspection reports, Medline, APHIS databases, ICAR databases and media reports.

Another avenue for finding info about government institutions, including universities, is through Freedom of Information requests. Legislation on the right to access information varies from state to state and province to province so you will have to find out what information you have the "right" to in your area. An important note: if you are going to use this information to plan a liberation, do not place the request in your own name or to your own address. Records of information requests are kept, and could be used to trace you to the action. Also be advised that F.O.I.A. requests can take several months to be processed.

A couple of good online resources for learning more about vivisection are:

IDA's Investigating Animal Research Guide
www.idausa.org/Resource/research/researchGuideindex.html

API's Useful Tools for Investigating Animal Experimentation
www.api4animals.org/ResearchResources.htm

Q: What kind of preparation (reconnaissance) do you need to do before the action?
A: Because laboratory liberations are high-risk actions, the more preparation, the better.

After selecting your target, you must become as familiar with it as possible. Watch your target for many nights and days over a long period of time so that you can get a good idea of security on site: patrols and police response, staff and student activity, shift changes, other activity in the area, surrounding neighbors, and other factors. Keeping extensive written information of all of the above will help in the planning of the action.

It is preferable to have maps of the entire area, including road, topographical and aerial if possible. Maps can be obtained in university and city libraries. In addition, blueprints of the targeted building can sometimes be obtained in city or university libraries. Over the period that you do reconnaissance on the site, you should also draw your own maps to include any features that might be significant to your action including escape routes.

When drawing up an action plan, leave nothing to chance. Figure out every step and be certain that everyone involved is familiar and comfortable with the plan beforehand.

At least once before the action, your cell should go through a dry run that approximates the conditions you will face as closely as possible. This means that you should try to do the "rehearsal" on the same day of the week, at the same time that your action is planned for. This may include going right into the lab to copy documents, check types and number of animals, and to look for other features that may help or hinder the liberation.

Obviously, you should always have a contingency plan in place in case something goes wrong. It should be clear to everyone what the plan of action will be should you come into contact with police, security officers, students or staff on the scene. Know which way you will escape, if you will act as a group or alone, and where you will meet afterwards.

Some good online resources for planning your action include:

- MapQuest allows you to look up and print maps of the area your target exists in:
  www.mapquest.com
- TerraServer has arial and sa images for most of the USA and some other areas:
  http://terraserver.microsoft.com/

Q: How do you get into a lab?
A: Obviously, there are many ways to enter a building, and which method you choose will depend upon the security of the building that you have targeted. Forcing doors, cutting through doors, picking and drilling locks, forcing or breaking windows, and accessing ventilation systems are all means by which you may enter the building. Roofs, and interior or exterior walls may also be cut or drilled through for entry.

Q: What arrangements need to be made for the care of animals following the raid (short term and long term - vet care, safehouses, homes, and transportation)?
A: The most important part of a liberation is finding loving homes for the animals. Aside from the actual entry group, another set of people may be required for this task. **NEVER** liberate an animal that you have not found a good home for. Liberated animals should be placed in homes of people not associated with your group, and possibly not even associated with the movement at all. Once animals are taken, police will likely be looking for them, so they should be placed somewhere they won't look, preferably well away from the area where the lab is located.

After being liberated, animals should be completely checked over by a trusted veterinarian or other experienced animal caregiver. Special homes may be needed for animals with special conditions inflicted upon them by the abusers. The majority of large lab animals are tattooed, may have implants, have organs or other body parts removed, or may be very ill and/or contagious.

As was said, liberations are often highly complex, requiring a number of people and a huge amount of planning. You will need people responsible for finding homes for animals, researching and planning the raid, lookouts, breaking in, carriers - people to get the animals out, and drivers, as well as someone to coordinate the whole thing.

Q: How can one ensure they do maximum damage when destroying equipment?
A: Maximum damage to equipment and facilities can be done by a variety of means including use of paint, brute force, acid, water and/or fire. Your choice of method will depend on the facility itself, how much noise you will be able to make without being heard, whether there are animals being left behind, whether humans in the building could be put at risk, and your judgment of the situation.

Slogans may be spray painted on walls and other surfaces. Buckets of paint can be emptied anywhere inside the lab.

Brute force may include damage done using just the physical body as well as tools such as bolt cutters, hammers, crowbars, drills and other implements of destruction. Not all equipment is of high value - in order to choose your targets for maximum financial loss, familiarize yourself with equipment costs through vivisection industry magazines like "Lab Animal" and laboratory supply company catalogs.

Lots of easy damage can be done using water and water sources in the building. Running water while stopping up sinks, toilets and other drainage areas is a quick way to do extensive water damage to a building. In larger buildings, it is best to do this on the top floor so that damage is done to all floors below.

A lot of financial damage can be done quickly to equipment and paper files with muriatic acid or any strength of sulphuric acid (battery acid is weak sulphuric acid).

Fire can also be an effective tool in destroying facilities. Your choice to use this tactic will depend on many things including the presence of animal and human life in the building, adjoining facilities that may be put at risk, environmental danger due to fire, and the comfort level of all cell members in setting the fire.

Q: What kind of security measures need to be taken with regards to slogans, video, etc.?
A: Obviously, you don't want to "personalize" your action by leaving behind clues that could help investigators. When planning what to wear to an action, make sure that your clothes can be disposed of (including your shoes), and that hair and hands are covered throughout the action. You don't want to leave fingerprints or DNA in the form of hair strands or other organic matter at the scene of the liberation. When painting slogans, make sure that they are done in straight, block letters and that paint purchases can not be traced back to you.

Make sure that as much of your body as possible is covered, especially the face and hand area in case of video surveillance. Wear a balaclava and gloves and make sure that all distinguishing marks such as tattoos are not exposed in any way. Be aware that video footage may reveal height, weight, sex and body shape.

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naalfsg@envirolink.org
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Ozymandias' Sabotage Handbook - http://www.cafeunderground.com/Cafesite/Rooms/Ozymandia/sabotage_index.html

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City of Hell

By the end of 1984, the East Coast had seen 10 lab break-ins compared to the West Coast's three. In the east were NYU Medical Center (1 cat, 2 dogs, 2 guinea pigs), University of Southern Florida (55 gerbils, 35 rats), University of Massachusetts (2 rabbits), University of Maryland (42 rabbits), Howard University (30 cats), US Naval Medical Research Institute (1 dog), US Naval Medical Research Institute (3 dogs), John Hopkins University (6 rats), University of Pennsylvania and University of Florida (many rats), and in the west were UC Berkeley (3 cats), UCLA Harbor Medical Center (12 dogs), and Cal State Sacramento (23 rats). December 1984 would put the West Coast A.L.F. on the map and be the first in a wave of high profile, expertly planned and executed lab break-ins in California during the mid '80s.

Tips from an inside whistleblower filtered down to A.L.F. operatives during 1984 and led to the highly publicized raid on the City of Hope cancer research labs in Duarte, suburban LA.

The A.L.F.'s source inside the lab allowed the band pre-raid entry into the facility, where the A.L.F. noted numbers and varieties of animals, allowing time to arrange homes for the freed prisoners from what would be the A.L.F.'s largest lab liberation to date.

During the early morning hours of December 9, 1984, the Animal Liberation Front gained access to the City of Hope labs via a door left open by the inside hand, destroyed over a half-million dollars in research, and loaded up 13 cats, 18 rabbits, 21 dogs, 50 mice and dozens more. The A.L.F. - 115; City of Hope - zero.

The City of Hope raid showcased the '80s expertly orchestrated media campaigns where the highest importance was placed on projecting a Robin Hood-image to the public, and releasing confiscated research documents and video to the media to expose the fraud and lies of animal research. Through post-raid media coverage, the A.L.F. brought vivisection to the forefront and expedited it's demise swifter than the hundred years of legal protest that preceded them.

A crucial realization led to this approach: the animals that they liberated always seemed to get replaced. The A.L.F. never lost sight of the importance of individual lives, but it was the ripple effect of the A.L.F. raids during the '80s that proved to save the most animals in the long term. Job #1: Liberate. Job #2: Expose. It was the A.L.F.'s steps to "expose" which would ultimately be the vivisectors' biggest threat and what would bring the A.L.F. and the animals their greatest victories.

Video documentation and seized research logs from the raid had the most damaging effect on the City of Hope. When it was all over, City of Hope lost $700,000 in research, many experiments were permanently ended and, citing Animal Welfare Act infractions, the NIH suspended $1 million in funding. Another victory, but the A.L.F. was only getting started.

"This Is Only the Beginning"

By 1985, the West Coast had an active, expertly skilled A.L.F. cell coupled with safehouses and a highly efficient underground railroad. A.L.F. cell members were closely linked with known above-ground animal rights groups. Underground activists had positions inside such groups, intercepting whistleblower tips about research facilities and utilizing the help of sympathetic volunteers at mainstream groups who passed down information gained from such calls. The West Coast cell was quick to utilize the information from concerned employees, research assistants, students and vet techs passed to them, often warming up to and nurturing whistleblowers for their assistance in gaining access to the labs. It was through one such inside hand that the A.L.F. pulled off what would be it's most ambitious raid yet, and left authorities wondering: "How did they get in?"

During the early morning hours of April 20, 1985, the Animal Liberation Front gained access to the psychology labs at the University of California at Riverside, removed laboratory doors from their hinges, and liberated nearly 1000 animals *(see photos at below)*. When vivisectors arrived the next morning, they found their labs trashed. Property damage exceeded $700,000. "Research," vice chancellor of the university said, "has been set back years."

It was the A.L.F.'s largest liberation ever - 21 cats, 9 opossums, 38 pigeons, 70 gerbils, 300 mice, 300 rats, 300 rabbits, and a little baby monkey named Britches.

Britches was an infant macaque, the subject of a sight deprivation experiment since birth. When the A.L.F. released video footage of Britches - only slightly larger than a human hand, an electronic implant taped to his tiny head, eyes sown shut - it was a PR disaster for the biomedical research industry. News coverage of the UC Riverside raid and Britches, the baby monkey, elicited an emotional and outraged response from much of the public, forcing the vivisectors to answer for the unjustifiable cruelty revealed by the raid: starved pigeons, mutilated opossums, cats with eyes sewn shut, and a showpiece in the war against vivisection: a little baby monkey named Britches.



Cart of animals whisked to freedom by their only hope: the A.L.F.

News coverage and public response to the A.L.F. rescue missions of the '80s contrast sharply to "terrorist" portrayal in media reports of the contemporary A.L.F. The public and media, it seemed, were in love with the A.L.F.

That the A.L.F. effected permanent change was undeniable. Eight of the 17 experiments interrupted by the A.L.F. at UC Riverside were never begun again. The psychology department no longer allowed baby monkeys' eyes to be sewn shut. Heat was installed to the outdoor primate colony. And one vivisector quit animal research forever.

Above The Law

During the early morning hours of October 26, 1986 the A.L.F. entered the Science I building at the University of Oregon in Eugene, broke into three labs and rescued 264 animals from certain torture and death. Damage exceeded $120,000. There was no sign of forced entry.

The A.L.F. released a statement following the rescue, stating "This is just the beginning of our efforts to liberate those oppressed in research concentration camps in Oregon. We will not allow the slaughter to continue without resistance. You will hear from us again soon."

The University of Oregon raid showcased what has been proven in break-in after break-in to ultimately be the A.L.F.'s most damaging tactic: the confiscation of damning documents and photos. The U of O raiders seized veterinary logs, cage notes and over 400 photographs- many of the most graphic ever obtained by the animal rights movement. The photos revealed the callousness of the vivisectors and the barbarity of their "research." One photo-series contains a gruesome "staged caesarian delivery," showing a clearly terrified baby monkey being "delivered" from the stomach of a female researcher. These photographs, taken by researchers of each other as they abused and made fun of animals, were released to the media at press conferences in Eugene and Los Angeles following the raid.



A.L.F. breaking down the doors at UC Riverside

The confiscated photos proved, once again, to be a PR disaster for the researchers. The University quickly moved the "evidence" of such violations as seen in the photos - the remaining primates - to a secret location on campus.

Once again the A.L.F. exposed, in a high profile raid, absolute proof of blatant animal abuse inside vivisection labs. And once again the researchers repeated form-response after form-response, that the raided facilities were "isolated instances," "an embarrassment to all research" and "not the norm." To alert members of the public, this was becoming difficult to accept.

Acting on a tip, police searched the home of an A.L.F. safehouse after the raid and recovered 10 rabbits which were returned to the University labs. 254 animals were never located by investigators. Each one is an A.L.F. victory.

The Flames of Justice

The next lab attack brought to America the A.L.F.'s most effective tool against animal abuser Naziism, introducing a strategy of "maximum destruction, not minimum damage," and setting the direction of large scale A.L.F. actions for much of the next 15 years.

On April 16, 1987, the under-construction Animal Diagnostic Lab at UC Davis was firebombed. The animal research lab designed to cater to the needs of the food-animal industry burned to the ground. Damage was at $4.5 million. It is the most expensive A.L.F. action to date.

It was on that night the American A.L.F. gave birth to its most functional tool to directly render the instruments and structures of animal torture permanently inoperable. Circumventing the effort, risk, and limited damage of a nighttime live liberation after the lab's completion, the A.L.F. simply erased the Animal Diagnostics lab from existence.

The arson campaign gained momentum after Davis and continued through northern California. And the A.L.F., as they say, was only "warming up."

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friend and myself. He lived to be 19 years old and was still going strong until the very end. Times like that made it all worth while.

While security may have been less sophisticated back then, it was still very strong. Our skills evolved, and we later employed a variety of techniques to get in and get the animals out. It is my belief that almost any facility could be raided and every animal liberated with enough careful planning and expertise. This theory has been proven by the latest handful of lab raids.

Avoid sloppiness in surveilling, planning and executing a raid. It's important that good dedicated activists don't go to jail. You are of more help to the animals out here. It is equally important that activists not be too paranoid or over-zealous in their security precautions - this can impede the progress of an action, and far too often stand in the way of a raid being carried out at all. Being security conscious and getting the job done are both equally important.

Some factors to consider when planning a successful liberation include media and public opinion. It is vital to get maximum media coverage. Only very few types of A.L.F. actions can be carried out without regard for public opinion. The Animal Liberation Front operates outside the law and strikes without public permission, but it is nonetheless vital to win the favor of public opinion when possible. This will give the vivisectors millions of opponents, not just a handful of angry activists.

One of the best ways is to film and document the conditions in the lab before the raid to send this video to the media immediately after completion. It is also vital to video and document the raid itself so this can be released a few days later to the media for more coverage. Keep the action in the public eye for as long as possible.

Once an action is big news, anything that you can give the public and news media will be picked up and broadcast to millions. Ride the wave. Seize and release documents and video to the media detailing the specifics of lab experiments, animals used, feeding and veterinary logs, anything that will shine a negative light on the researchers and their animal experiments. Even the most seemingly insignificant documents and bits of information can reveal the cruelty of the vivisectors.

Remember, don't take for granted that everyone knows the horrors of animal experimentation. Most people will be shocked when they receive their first glimpse behind laboratory doors. As activists, we know the facts and are reminded every day through graphic photos on AR flyers and anti-vivisection videos. We forget that others are not so aware. What is old news to you will have a powerful impact on the public.

It is also very important to make sure the video footage is well shot and well thought out. Know what you're going to film ahead of time. Showing the horrific conditions of the animals and the cruelty inflicted on them in the labs should be a top priority.

I personally don't believe in random graffiti or vandalism - you should send a very clear message. A well thought out slogan on a wall makes your motivation unmistakable to the public and unalterable by the media. Just throwing books, desks and other things over may make the A.L.F. look bad in the eyes of the public. Remember, it is the public we are trying to educate so we can ultimately outlaw these barbaric practices.

In my mind we want to create an image of Robin Hood or of David and Goliath. Americans and the British can relate to this, and will root for the good guys. It is crucial to present yourselves as the good guys. So, again, know what you want the media to see and how the public will construe this information and footage. One has to look at the big picture in order to accomplish our ultimate goal: liberation for all animals.

I will in further articles explain the other raids and what we went through. I am so proud of everyone who puts his or her life on the line.

One last thing. If you are not ready to give up your freedom or life then maybe you should ask yourself if you are ready for the Animal Liberation Front. There is always as important work in the support groups you may want to consider because there is nothing worse than someone that rolls over and gives up his comrades to save himself.

Recently I've noticed a new batch of young activists ready to go the distance. You are the best! Keep up the fight and be safe. We all need you and love you.

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"Nowhere To Hide"

Using boltcutters, crowbars, and blueprints retrieved from laboratory dumpsters, A.L.F. freedom fighters systematically raided four buildings at the University of Arizona in Tucson on April 3, 1989, setting two fires, burning one building to the ground, doing nearly $300,000 in damages and liberating over 1,200 animals. It is the largest live laboratory liberation to date and arguably the most monumental A.L.F. action ever.

The raid began with A.L.F. operatives breaking into a ground floor door of the Bio-West building, taking an elevator to the sixth floor, and wheeling out 965 animals before destroying the labs. Simultaneously at another lab across campus, a second team removed an air vent cover, entered an airshaft and broke into a ground floor laboratory. Soon after, raiders broke into a ground floor door at the Microbiology/Pharmacy building, took an elevator to the sixth floor, and rescued additional animals.

Once the animals were out, one lab and one autopsy room was destroyed, the walls soaked in gasoline and the entire area torched. The team then moved off campus where an incendiary was placed under the building housing the office of the UA's director of animal research. The building and all contents were destroyed. Damages neared $300,000, and 1,231 animals were out of the vivisectors' lethal reach.

National news articles after the rescue called it a "Rambo-style remake of the story of Noah's ark."

A police report following the raid testified to the precision of the action. In the ensuing investigation, the UAPD "found little or no physical evidence left behind." The police found "the organization... prepares extensively for its strikes, leaves little or no evidence for police purposes, and operates at peak efficiency." Investigators estimate the animal rescue and incendiary attacks took less than 90 minutes. "The A.L.F.," the report stated, "had thoroughly prepared for this attack." The police had no suspects.

A crucial and intended effect of A.L.F. actions, large or small, is the increase in the cost of killing animals. Following the rescue mission, campus police announced that as a direct result of the break-in, the UA had "to divert $1 million into animal research protection", and spent half a million dollars on new security following the raid to prevent against another A.L.F. strike. With the University of Arizona raid, the A.L.F.'s statement was clear: the cost of torturing animals just went up.

Into the '90s

Direct action in the '80s ended with a break-in at John "Gorem" Orem's Texas Tech lab with 5 cats liberated and $70,000 damage to equipment. Less publicized raids took place into the early '90s with 6 rabbits liberated from a lab in Florida; 100 guinea pigs liberated from Simonsen Labs in Gilroy, CA; 750 mice, rats, and hamsters from a lab in Buffalo, NY; and 11 rabbits and 10 guinea pigs from Cook County Hospital in Chicago. These and the 4-state "Operation Bite Back" campaign to end the fur industry would be the A.L.F.'s final lab raids for several years.

Fast forward to 1999. Modern labs were perceived by many as being impenetrable. Lab liberations had been non-existent for 7 years. Then, on April 5, 1999, 10 years and two days after the University of Arizona raid, masked liberators broke into two separate buildings at the University of Minnesota rescuing 116 animals and using wrecking bars and sledgehammers to inflict a $2 million blow to vivisection.

It was the A.L.F.'s most triumphant comeback, setting off a small wave of lab liberations and sabotage lasting through the end of the year. 1999 saw the liberation of 193 animals from medical research, more than the previous nine years combined. Small-scale property damage of the early-mid '90s has given way to mink releases in great numbers, large scale arsons, and now, thanks to small cells of masked liberators with crowbars, the return of the lab raid.

The A.L.F. of the 1980s brought the horrors of vivisection from the shadows and formed the first true threat to the demons in their torture chambers who chose to murder the innocent. Month after month, throughout the '80s, many of these monsters found the Animal Liberation Front coming through their door.

To those demons who were not stopped and still continue: lock yourself inside because the storm is brewing again.....



Some of the rats rescued in the A.L.F.'s October raid on Western Washington University in their happy new home

Fur Industry Challenges Civil Liberties

by Ted Passon

PHILADELPHIA, PA -- In a landmark civil liberties case, Jacques Ferber Furs in Philadelphia has filed a lawsuit against three animal rights groups, and four activists, claiming that they are involved in an organized racketeering effort. The activists named in the suit are Darius Fuller and Brett Wyker of the Animal Defense League (otherwise known as Vegan Resistance for Liberation), and Joseph W. Bateman and Julia Wilcyznski of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT).

Ferber's lawyer, Bruce Rodgers, is citing the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, which was created in 1970 to halt the uprising of mob related activities. To be prosecuted under RICO, the plaintiff must not only prove that the defendant has committed racketeering crimes against them, but that they have demonstrated a long-standing pattern of these crimes. The use of the Act makes this a federal case and should it be successful, would guarantee Ferber's three times the value of the damages done to them plus litigation expenses. Right now they are claiming damages of up to $50,000.

Ferber's has charged the group on twelve counts starting in 1996 with red paint being thrown through Ferber's mail slot. Shortly after, the locks on the store were glued shut. Later that year the display window was etched. One year later it was etched again along with the window on the door.

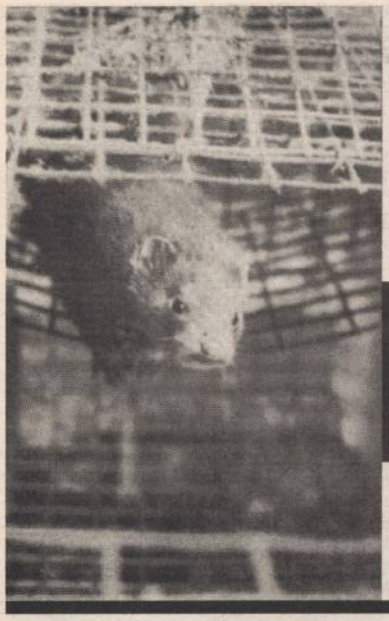
The largest offense occurred on April 24, 1999 during the Millions for Mumia March, when individuals wearing black masks smashed the display window with a large rock. When the window was replaced the next day it was etched with acid and paint was thrown onto the store. The A.L.F. has since claimed responsibility for all of these charges except for the broken window, which could have easily been broken by any out of town individual who came to the city for the Mumia rally.

CAFT executive director, John P. Goodwin has condemned the suit but says that he's been expecting such a tactic since its successful use against anti-abortion activists last year. G. Robert Blakely, Notre Dame law professor and RICO's chief architect, also opposes the case. He says that the law was intended for groups who profit financially from their actions, not advocacy groups. It appears, though, that this case may be the beginning of a planned offensive by the fur industry.

A month after the suit in Philadelphia was filed, Woodbridge Furs and Red Bank Furs joined forces with Jim Guarino of Guarino Furs to file a similar suit against the New Jersey Animal Defense League, the New Jersey Animal Liberation Front, and several activists. Activists charged in the suit include Joe Bateman and Dari Fulmer, who are also named in the Philadelphia RICO suit.

It is speculated that the Fur Information Council of America (of which Ruth Ferber is the acting president and former treasurer) is funding both lawsuits. The fur industry newsletter Sandy Parker Reports previously mentioned a campaign to prove activist involvement in organized racketeering and to raise at least $150,000 in order to sue demonstrators under the Hobbs Act. The industry has since denied this.

However it does not appear that the Philadelphia suit will be very successful. The judge recently convinced Rodgers to allow the case to be put on civil suspension. CAFT continues to protest in front of the store, but Ferber's holds a stipulation by which they cannot commit or encourage disorderly conduct, or talk to the any of the store's employees. The case will be re-examined in six months. If there are no more incidents after a year, the case will be dropped.



CROSSING THE LINE

DIRECT ACTION FOR THE EARTH & ANIMALS

No Compromise **publishes this direct action listing to keep the movement educated on the tactics of nonviolence and aims of the A.L.F. and other underground animal liberation groups. We feel it is important to inform people of their activities to combat the lies and distortions that animal abusers disseminate about them. This list is NOT intended to encourage illegal activities. Actions are listed chronologically since the last issue.**

No Compromise **would like to thank the Frontline Information Service (http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/) for compiling and laying out this direct action listing for us and we would especially like to thank the heroic and compassionate activists who make this list possible.**

Listed actions start where the last issue left off (11/01/99). Any earlier actions listed here were not reported in the last issue. Due to the numbers of actions from around the world, we do not have room to list them all. For a more complete listing visit **http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS**

AUSTRIA

11/6/99; Vienna - 5 hunting platforms were cut in the Vienna Woods.

11/late/99; Vienna - 2 fur shops attacked with butyric acid in Vienna. Live transport lorry near Horn all tires slashed. 1 fur shop window shot at in Vienna.

12/17 - 18/99; Vienna - 10 fur shops had their locks superglued.

12/-/99; Heidenreichstein (Lower Austria) - The last Austrian fur farmer, who had moved his fur farm over the border into Cechia, had a hoax incendiary device planted at his house. It was a real device, but not ignited, as a warning. A communique informed the media.

12/21/99; Passau - The windows of the last fur shop here were smashed.

1/6/00 - The A.L.F. attacked 6 huge halls where young chickens were usually fattened for "food production". One hall was heavily damaged, but because of the cold temperatures the igniters of the other "fire-bombs" didn't work. Damage to these 5 halls was minimal. The action caused an estimated damage of 1000 000 Austrian schilling (100, 000 USD).

1/23/00; Horn - Activists punctured the tires of a live transport truck .

2/1/00; Burkhardt - Activists punctured all tires of a live transport lorry.

BELGIUM

10/22/99; Sint-Pieters-Leeuw - Explosives destroyed a door of fast food chain Quick. Explosives were placed by an employee entrance which when detonated destroyed a steel door and a part of the kitchen. The attack has not been claimed.

12/8/99; Merksem - A McDonalds burns to the ground. According to police, the fire was started by gasoline that was lit and thrown through a ventilation pipe. Damages are estimated at 3 million Belgium francs. Claimed by Rode Haan.

1/2/00; Wilrijk - The A.L.F. has started a new millenium of direct action against animal abuse by attacking a store of the Belgian fur-store Pelsland. De Rode Haan poured benzine through a ventilation-hole and lit it. Due to a lack of oxygen, the fire went out without doing much damage. The letters A-L-F were spraypainted.

CANADA

12/10/99; Victoria - After an anonymous individual called a Victoria grocery chain claiming he had injected packages of turkey parts with poison, 1600 packages of turkey parts were examined and no evidence of deliberate poisoning was found. Despite this, all the turkey was destroyed.

2/17/00; Vancouver, B.C. - "The Lorax"claimed credit for spiking hundreds of trees in the Elaho Valley.

ENGLAND

10/30/99; County Durham - An underground environmental group trashed a field of genetically modified oil seed rape at a farm near Darlington.

11/9/99; Cambridge - 71 beagle puppies were liberated from a breeding center in Wyton, Cambridgeshire.

11/13/99; Carshalton - A group of A.L.F. activists by-passed elaborate security measures at BIBRA laboratories in Carshalton, Surrey, by cutting through the roof. They entered one of the labs and rescued 140 chicks that were into the fourth day of an experiment, and all of these have already been found good homes. The activists trashed all the lab equipment beyond repair and took away a considerable amount of documentation.

11/13/99; Hounslow - 5 windows displaying circus posters smashed; 40 circus display boards destroyed; Hounslow, Walthamstow, Bethnal Green: 6 businesses had windows smashed.

12/25/99 - 2/1/00; London - Chicken slaughterhouse had windows smashed and slogans painted; 7 other businesses had windows smashed, locks glued at 2 businesses; NatWest bank cashpoints superglued and stickered. [NatWest bank loaned money to the ailing Huntingdon Life Sciences].

1/3-6/00; London - Windows smashed at 11 businesses, butcher's van tires slashed, slogans painted.

1/1/00; Tonbridge - 221 battery hens were liberated. No animal was left and damage was done to the cages and water piping to discourage the farmer from getting new hens. The following message was spray painted on wall: "A.L.F. Next Time You Die!"

1/7/00; Essex - In the early hours of 7th January, to spark off the new millenium, A.L.F. raided vivisection breeders A Tuck & Son in Battlesbridge, Essex and rescued several hundred rats that had been kept in atrocious conditions.

FINLAND

8/-/99; Helsinki - Fur store Soukko had door window punctured.

9/-/99; Helsinki - 2 fur stores (Valtonen and Arifdshan) had windows smashed.

11/mid/99; Taipalsaari - Liberators dyed all of a farms 170 foxes with henna and left every cage open. 15 foxes escaped.The same farm was raided last year - all of the farms 300-400 foxes were dyed with red henna, breeding records destroyed ▶

23 Rabbits Liberated from Breeder

The Animal Liberation Front is claiming responsibility for the January 5th liberation of 23 rabbits from R&R Research and Rabbitry, a research facility and laboratory animal breeder in Stanwood, WA.

We entered the compound in the early morning hours and emptied a shed containing their entire next day's shipment of rabbits. These beautiful creatures were slated for delivery to pharmaceutical R&D labs and gory trauma research at Seattle-area hospitals. We were unable to gain access to the labs and damage was minimal, but 23 rabbits have been placed in loving homes where they will live out their lives free from torture at the hands of sadistic biomedical researchers.

This is the 4th liberation of animals destined to die under the knife in the past year. Lab raids are back, slaughterhouses are being firebombed, mink are running free... A vegan insurrection is underway. This is a revolution for the animals, we will not stop until they are all free. We're breaking down doors to get them out, and this is only the beginning...

Risking our freedom for theirs
- Animal Liberation Front

Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service

http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/



The Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service is an internet web site, who's goal is to provide up-to-date and current information dedicated to the activities of the animal liberation movement in Europe, North America and worldwide. It is an uncensored clearing house for information on animal liberation actions, prisoners of war, publications and more.

and several foxes released.
12/-/99; Joensuu - McDeath window smashed.

GERMANY

9/1-6/99; Neubrandenburg - 3 hunting platforms destroyed and hunting shop window smashed.
10/early/99; Berlin - A fur shop had its windows smashed four times in two weeks.
10/24/99; Berlin - Eight McDonalds signs and two fishing shop ad signs sprayed. In the following weeks windows of a hunt shop and meat truck were smashed.
11/2/99; Berlin - church had anti-hunt slogans sprayed and paint splashed against the walls. The traditional Hubertusmesse (hunt mass celebrated in many churches in Germany) was held in this church.
11/16 - 17/99; Berlin - TBF smashed windows of 3 fur shops and 1 butcher shop.
12/28-29/99; Willich - TBF (German Animal Liberation Front) destroyed 130 cages of the mink farm of Mr. Rofeberger.
1/15-16/00; Vechta - Several hundred cages destroyed on the Klockzien fox farm.
1/-/00; Duesseldorf - 30 fur coat wearing pedestrians were squirted with butyric acid, several fur coats sprayed with butric acid in the fur department of C&A and the fur department of Karstadt was "stink bombed" with butyric acid.
1/late/00; Bremervaerde - Animal rights activists set an empty broiler shed alight. The damages were estimated at 150,000 pounds sterling. The shed should have been filled with new chicks in a few days. On a neighboring battery hen unit 30 meters away with 100,000 hens, the activists spraypainted "for the liberation of animals".

HOLLAND

10/15/99; Milheeze - At Voedercentrale Milheeze BV, 9 of the company's 10 feed trucks were totally devastated by fire during the early hours of Sunday. The feed supplier processes slaughterhouse waste into mink feed. Damages are estimated at 3 million Dutch guilders. Voedercentrale Milheeze is a daughter company of chick slaughterhouse Ham Slachterijen which is located in Belgium's Maasmec helen and Holland's Mierlo. Claimed by the A.L.F.
11/9/99; Utrecht - "De Jaarbeurs" where the yearly intensive factory farming fair is held in Holland was the target of a false bomb threat. The Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility. The A.L.F. had announced that at 11.00 on Tuesday that a nail bomb would explode in De Jaarbeurs. A ploice search found nothing.
1/9/00; Asten - The Dieren Bevrijdings Front (Animal Liberation Front) has claimed responsibility for an attempted arson at a slaughterhouse in Asten. The cell succeeded in causing some damage to water heaters by pouring gasoline through a ventilation duct and setting it alight, there was also extensive smoke damage but the fire did not spread further than that. The police found a couple of empty gasoline jugs at the scene. The communique warns: "Justice will be done. In this century animal abusers will be punished". The owner of the slaughterhouse, Henk van Kemenade, has taken extra security measures and has employed security guards to patrol the slaughterhouse terrain. The DBF dedicated the action to Aaron Rudra and Arild Eriksen who are in jail in Norway for arsons against the meat industry.

NEW ZEALAND

11/-/99 - The A.L.F. smashed windows and painted slogans at 2 vivisection targets and heavily painted a third with slogans such as "Ban Vivisection in NZ".

RUSSIA

1/-/00; Nizhni Novgorod - Activists released all the mice from a lab.



A.L.F. raids Washington State University poultry lab - maximum damage

SWEDEN

10/27/99; Bastad - Almost all of the 6000 mink belonging to Mink Kommanditbolag Elofsson were released. The minks were supposed to be killed the following week. The mink were worth 200 - 400 Skreach.
11/12/99; Gothenburg - Several fur stores had windows smashed by the DBF (Swedish A.L.F.). One store had broken windows for 3 weeks and now has signs saying the store is closing and that everything is on sale.
12/17/99 - DBF attempted the liberation of around 30 battery hens. Unfortunately the farmer came into the shed when they were there and activists had to flee with the three hens they had managed to put in boxes. No one was arrested.

USA

6-12/99; Long Island, NY - Intense direct action campaign against the fur industry by the A.L.F.: atl least 13 incidents of window breaking and spraypainting at 7 fur stores in a 6 month period.
6/14/99; Huntington Station LI, NY - Poultry Packing, and provisions distribution, 5 trucks were monkeywrenched and had their windows smashed.
7/8/99; Huntington Station LI , NY - Poultry Packing, and provisions distribution. Five trucks were monkeywrenched, had their windows smashed, and were spraypainted with slogans.
7/26/99; Huntington LI; NY - Bloomingdales had 20 plus windows broken, and the A.L.F. went in to smash mannequins and merchandise. The stores exterior displayed the slogans "fur is murder", "A.L.F.", and "boycott federated".
9-12/-/99; Florida - Furs by Flora in Coral Gables had windows broken twice causing business to shut down until glass was repaired. Falls Leather Florida, windows broken 5 times; South Dade, Florida, leather store window broken; McDonalds and Burger King, an endless list: Miami, Coral Gables, Hialeah, South Miami, South Dade, Miami Springs and Kendall, Florida - all got windows broken and slogans sprayed; The Leather Center, Miami, windows smashed out of truck .
10/5/99; Green Lawn LI, NY - Dog liberated by the A.L.F., the dog was slated to be euthanized due to legal matters.
10/15/99; Long Island, NY - 4 McDonalds had their windows smashed and slogans spraypainted. McDonalds estimated that the damage in total for this 1 night campaign of direct action totaled over $60,000.
11/1/99; Dallas, TX - Van at home of rabbit skin dealer was painted on two occasions and spikes left under tires; window destroyed at Nordstroms; fence around Morris Kaye and Sons Fur Co. was cut down and the building covered with slogans; Bifano Furs had windows smashed, four windows on their delivery van were smashed, tires slashed, locks glued, and the van paint stripped.
11/13/99; Salt Lake City, UT - Media reports stated that breeding cards were destroyed and mink were liberated from the Beckstead Mink Ranch in South Jordan after an animal rights protest.
11/20/99; Puyallup, WA - The A.L.F. took credit for it's second lab raid in Washington state in less than 1 month, destroying tens of thousands of dollars in equiptment at a Washington State University poultry research lab *(see photo, at left)*. From the communique: "The Animal Liberation Front took a stand against the commodification of life by raiding the Washington State University Dept. of Animal Sciences Poultry Research Laboratory. We smashed out a window and entered the lab, making our way to the animal rooms, which were found to be empty. We proceeded to smash every computer and piece of lab equipment in the facility. The instruments of torture once used to experiment on live birds have now been reduced to a mere pile of rubble. This raid marks the second A.L.F. action against vivisection in the last month, and signals an A.L.F. renaissance. Our sister and brother warriors are hearing our call - TAKE ACTION! The coming year will perhaps be the most active ever. And to the vivisectors: We know what you're doing to the animals. We never forget, and we never sleep. A.L.F."
11/26/99; Salt Lake City, UT - Owner of L'Ours Blanc Furs had her gates locked shut with a U lock.
11/29/99, Puyallup, WA - Anti-GM activists wreck 180 rasberry plants at the same Washington State University facility. 200 trees were also felled at the University of Washington College of Urban Horticulture in Seattle. "In solidarity with the animal liberation movement, research cages containing squirrels native to the area were cut and left open for them to escape. Human, earth and animal liberation is, after all, ultimately the same cause."
12/18/99; Long Island, NY - L+M, poultry packing and provisions distribution, had 5 refrigerator trucks monkeywrenched, and the entire facility was spay painted.
12/20/99; Fulton, CA - Four firebombs were found at a chicken processing plant on the second anniversary of a protest in which animal-rights demonstrators chained themselves to a gate. The discovery of the devices forced the evacuation of the plant's 107 workers. One device was triggered inside the Fulton Poultry Processors Inc. facility, but it was faulty and there ▶

REPORTING ACTIONS

Since most actions go unreported, this list represents only a fraction of the actions that the A.L.F. and other groups have committed in the name of animal liberation. If you are a member of an A.L.F. cell or other animal liberation group and would like to report your actions, there is a way you can do it without compromising your security.

Send your reports to the NA - A.L.F. Press Office (P.O. Box 3673, Courtenay, B.C., V9N 7P1, Canada) and the NA - A.L.F. Supporters Group (P.O. Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2M 4K3) and, if possible, other supportive animal rights groups. Reports should include the name and a description of the target, what happened and also the time, date, city and state. Do not handwrite this as handwriting is as individualized as fingerprints.

Use a public typewriter or computer to print the letter so that it cannot be traced. (Don't leave copies of your work saved in the memory of the computer or in the typewriter). You will also want to be sure that the letter, stamp, and envelope you use is hair and saliva-free. Moisten the stamp with a sponge and wear gloves while handling the materials (don't use thin, rubber latex gloves - fingerprints can go right through these) . You should assume that mail sent to all animal rights groups is opened, read, fingerprinted, etc. by the authorities. Be careful NOT to include anything on or in your report that will incriminate you or others.

SUPPORT
ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

USE THIS INFORMATION

The people listed below don't just talk about animal liberation - they get the job done (allegedly). Do your part and write them a letter today.

BELGIUM

Justin Samuel
Gevangenis Hasselt, Martelarenlaan 42,
3500 Hasselt, Belgium
Arrested in Belgium Sept. 5, currently awaiting extradition to the US where he is to face charges related to 5 mink farm liberations that occured in South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin during Oct. '97.

ENGLAND

Mel Broughton DJ8216
HMP Woodhill, Tattenhoe St.
Milton Keynes,
Bucks, MK4 4DA, England
Sentenced on February 25 to 4 years for conspiracy to cause explosions. Arrested December 23rd after eluding authorities for over a year.

Bill Dale EL6733
HMP Birmingham,
Winson Green Rd.
Birmingham, B18 4AS, England
Given a 6 month custodial sentence on November 26 after being convicted of violent disorder for "offences" relating to a protest at Hillgrove Farm last April.

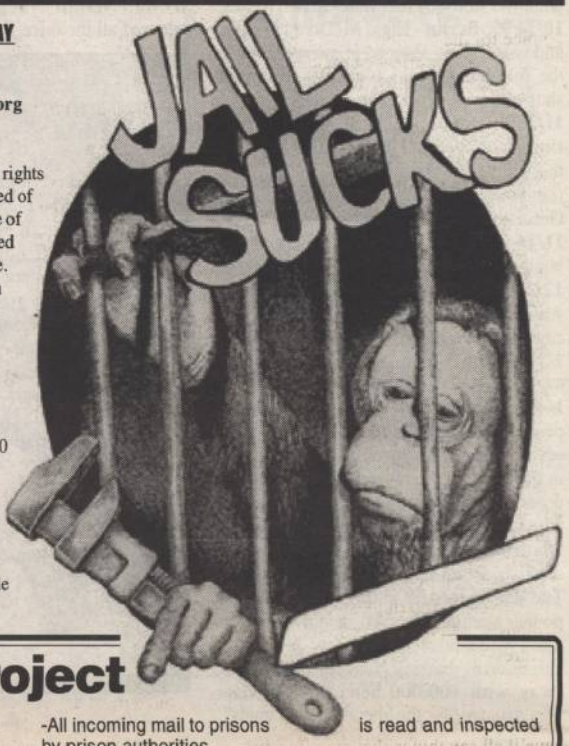
Barry Horne VC2141
HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane
Nr. Stamford Bridge
York, YO4 1PS, England
Sentenced to a total of 18 years for arson at several premises on the Isle of Wight and attempted arson in Bristol. Currently recovering following his fourth life-threatening hunger strike.

Tony Humphries AP7965
HMP Swaleside,
Brabazon Rd.
Eastchurch, Sheerness
Kent, ME12 4DZ, England
Sentenced to 7 years for conspiracy to cause explosions plus 2 years concurrent for possession of explosives.

NORWAY

Arild Eriksen
Avd. D.,
Postboks 230. Nyborg
5871 Bergen,
Norway
Norway's first animal rights prisoner was convicted of the destruction by fire of two meat-trucks parked by a slaugtherhouse. Due to be released on parole April 10, 2000.

Aaron Rudra
P.B. 43
5726 Vaksdal
Norway
Aaron is serving 10 months for arson on meat vehicles at a slaughterhouse in Bergen as well as other actions. Due to be released on parole July 19, 2000.



Animal Liberation Front GUIDELINES

The Animal Liberation Front carries out non-violent direct action against animal abuse by rescuing animals and causing financial loss, usually through the damage and destruction of property, to animal abusers. A.L.F. actions are illegal and therefore activists work anonymously, either individually or in groups, and do not have any centralized organization or address.

To liberate animals from places of abuse and place them in good homes where they may live out their natural lives, free from suffering.

To inflict economic damage to those who profit from the misery and exploitation of animals.

To reveal the horror and atrocities committed against animals behind locked doors by performing non-violent direct actions and liberations.

To take all necessary precautions against harming any animal, human or non-human.

Any group of people who are vegetarians or vegans who carry out actions according to A.L.F. guidelines have the right to regard themselves as part of the A.L.F.

The A.L.F. consists of small autonomous groups of people all over the world who take direct action according to these guidelines.

E-mail 2 Prisoners Project

The E-mail 2 Prisoners project allows anyone who has access to the internet to send e-mail to animal liberation prisoners.

E-mail 2 Prisoners is simple:

Send your letter to **<alf-pows@envirolink.org>** with the prisoner that you would like it directed to in the subject line. A.L.F.S.G. members will forward your messages on to the respective prisoners!

Important considerations before you write:

-All E-mail 2 Prisoners letters will be confidential, but please realize e-mail is not secure and can possibly be read by third parties.

-All incoming mail to prisons is read and inspected by prison authorities.

-Please be sure to include a regular postal address in your letter if you want a prisoner to reply -- the prisoners are not on e-mail! Please do not expect a reply through the internet.

What are you waiting for? send some E-mail 2 Prisoners today!

This project is coordinated by:

North American A.L.F. Supporters Group
Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St.
Willowdale, Ont. Canada M2M 4K3
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More Actions...

was no damage. There were no injuries. The county bomb squad spent four hours searching the facility. The devices consisted of light bulbs, batteries and plastic bottles filled with a flammable liquid. The light bulbs were supposed to ignite paper that would set off the liquid. Flammable liquid was also poured on items scattered throughout the building. The device that was triggered failed to ignite the paper. The plant processes up to 140,000 chickens a week from a ranch located across the street.

12/25/99; Monmouth, OR - The Earth Liberation Front (E.L.F.) has claimed credit for a Christmas fire which destroyed Boise Cascade's regional headquarters. Damages estimated at 1 million dollars.

12/31/99; Lansing, MI - The ELF takes credit for a fire at Michigan State University. Offices were doused with gasoline and set afire. According to local newspapers, the fire caused some $400,000 in damage.

1/2/00; Miami County, OH - 2 dogs rescued from abusive owners and placed in a good home. Owner's house had windows smashed.

1/3/00; Petaluma, CA - Fire damaged 3 separate buildings at Rancho Veal Corp. meatpacking plant. Although they were spotted early, the fires — one in an office, one in a truck depot and a third in a storage building — caused about $250,000 in damage and partially destroyed 3 company trucks. The fires were about 75 feet apart and all started around the same time, a spokesperson said. "If the fires hadn't been noticed, the whole place could have been destroyed." The plant was closed for one day following the fire. The case comes two weeks after a highly sophisticated, but failed, arson attempt at Fulton Processors Inc., a chicken processing plant on River Road. In that attempt, four homemade explosive devices were lined up the walls and floors of the plant with cardboard and paper soaked in flammable liquid. In 1997, the company was the target of an attack in which Molotov cocktails fuel-filled bottles — were placed near a truck used to transport veal calves and dairy cows. - A.L.F.

1/5/00; Stanwood, WA - Third raid against vivisection in Washington state in as many months. 23 rabbits liberated by the A.L.F. from R&R Research and Rabbitry,the northwest's largest breeder of rabbits for vivisection and a research facility experimenting on over a thousand rabbits and guinea pigs each year. An entire shed containing the next day's shipment of rabbits to research laboratories was emptied. The rabbits were placed in loving homes.

1/13/00; Salt Lake City, UT - 2 restaurants have windows smashed and slogans spray-painted. Claimed by A.L.F.

1/15/00; Petaluma, CA - An unpublicized arson attack carried out against Petaluma Farms, an egg farm in Sonoma county. Two delivery trucks were set ablaze. There was no damage estimate but one truck was a total loss and the second heavily damaged. The arson attack is the third in Sonoma county in one month. All actions have as of yet gone unclaimed.

IF NOT YOU . . . WHO? - IF NOT NOW . . . WHEN?

Animal Rights Commentary

Sexism in the Movement

I am a womyn, a warrior, a peaceful voice for the revolutionary change. An intelligent, experienced organizer. I am compassionate and courageous. Sensitive and delicate, demanding and controlling.

I am a womyn, and that matters. It matters to me, and it matters to you, too. We've been raised in a society where that matters, and we can't ignore that.

Sexism exists. Here. And also in the wise-use movement, in the evil corporate world, in our schools, in our families. I shouldn't need to explain this to you. If you don't see it, maybe you should stop and look for it. Learn to recognize it. Just because you don't see it doesn't mean it's not there.

We need to learn to listen. If someone voices a concern about power or oppression, it needs to be taken seriously. It should not be denied. Laughed at. Disregarded. We all have different levels of consciousness. Sensitivities. Experiences.

We need to respect each other, and ourselves. If you think something is offensive to you or others, you need to address that with the speaker or the group.

We need to understand we aren't perfect. No one has a monopoly on the truth. This means understanding that we'll all say things that are offensive. *Prejudiced. Biased. Wrong.* We need to learn to accept criticism. We need to learn how to give criticism. And we need to learn to force ourselves to be heard.

Womyn- We need to learn to support each other. We need to recognize that some of us are lucky, but many of us carry scars of abuse. Pains from violations. Rage from being forgotten. Devalued. Degraded. Betrayed. We need to understand our different backgrounds. Different views of what a womyn is or how a womyn should look, act, or be. We need to see that although we are all incredibly STRONG, sometimes it comes out in different ways. Our strength comes from fighting, but also from loving. Listening. Surviving.

Men- If you feel threatened, attacked, or placed in a category you don't enjoy, well, now you know how it feels. But, that is not my intention. I want this movement to grow. In order to make that happen, the womyn as well as the men need to be empowered.

We need to learn to question ourselves and others who might dominate discussion, meetings, media, conferences, e-mail lists. Are others being left out? Does everyone understand what is being discussed? Could newer activists have some creative ideas? What can I do to make everyone included? Has everyone spoken? Who is speaking for the group, and who is speaking at the conferences? How can I change in order to make everyone feel empowered?

Thinking or talking about these issues doesn't divide the movement. The movement has already been divided by these issues, whether people realized it or not. Now we are using our voices to work towards uniting again. These discussions may challenge us, and may be difficult for us and our egos.

However, the challenge is necessary and the difficulty shows us that we are having passionate discussions. Constantly working through these issues will only strengthen our movement and save more lives.

I am a womyn. I will not be silent.

Saving Animals Can't Be Postponed

by Antigone

It seems apparent that the world did not end at the stroke of midnight on January first, nor did the lights' ability to function ever falter. What upsets me about all the Y2K hype is the way that some activists looked at it.

On New Year's Eve, I was in the presence of dozens of vegans throughout the night. There seemed to be a consensus among them that if, at the dawn of the new year, the power went out, they would bravely go forth and smash the windows of fur stores, visit vivisection labs, or make a few stops at fur farms. These so-called animal-lovers tried to look tough by bragging of what they would do so courageously, if only the Y2K bug set in.

I have one thought for people like that: Consider all those who have not waited for the lights to go out. Saving animals can't be postponed for power outages.

I'm sure that this situation is not isolated to activists in my area, but generally represents many people involved with animal rights. It is one thing to write "Free the animals A.L.F." on one's canvas sneakers and talk big. It is another to actually take the risk and make a difference in the lives of innocent creatures slated to die. Which type of person do you think a mink would want outside of his cage when the time comes?

This is **your forum** - the section of the newspaper where you get to have your say. We try to print everything we receive provided it is related to animal liberation and is not intended to further some other goal - personal, political or otherwise. The articles here DO NOT necessarily represent the views of *No Compromise*. **Submissions should be sent to:**

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Animal Liberation Through Trade Unions?

Most people are forced to use most of their active time working, selling their labor to bosses. Many times even that is not enough to maintain even a decent level of life. If we use the term class, these people are called working class (that is, people who don't own anything else other than their labor, which they have to sell to whomever wants to buy it). The vast majority of animal rights activists come from working class backgrounds.

If we look at the world as a whole, wealth is extraordinarily unequally distributed. For instance, only 355 of the world's richest people own as much cumulatively as all of the poorest 47% of the whole world combined. So called "first world" countries consume dozens of times more natural resources per capita than in the poor South. According to the UN, the gap between wealthy and poor nations is widening all the time as the rich get richer and the poor countries remain stuck in poverty.

In this context the animal rights message might sound elitist, something reserved for privileged middle and upper class kids. For many people, the struggle for everyday survival and the frequent feeling of powerlessness over one's personal life creates a distance from themes like GM-food or animal issues.

Trade unions were historically formed to empower working people and to defend their rights against the boss class. Via mass struggle, strikes, pickets, boycotts and sabotage, the workers have won everything we today recognize in labor rights, welfare, public healthcare, better salaries, education, shorter working hours, abolition of racist legislation etc. Without these workers' mass movements, our societies would be quite different and animal liberation or rights wouldn't be on anyone's agenda.

But so much is still to be won. Certainly the animal liberation movement will gain victories as a single issue, non-class movement. But paving the way to a real animal- friendly society needs way more than these minor victories. Some people argue that as long as there is capitalism (the systematic exploitation of other people's desperate situation as a class who doesnít own anything other than their labor, the practice of putting profits over human, animal or nature's rights, etc.), there can't be animal liberation.

Trade unions for animal liberation?

The liberation of the working class is the aim of the radical Trade unions. For instance, IWW in the US aims to abolish wage slavery altogether. But along the road, they intend to empower the workers and inspire them to take more control of their lives both personally and at their place of work, liberating them from the exploitative position under the ruling class.

The IWW is also teaching the working class to be aware of their power. Here is where animal liberation movement should be working together with the workers' movement. This does not necessarily mean that we need to work together as groups, but rather that the animal liberation movement recognizes the necessity of other social movements and at the same time attempts to raise the trade unionsí awareness of animal issues.

Look at Seattle for instance, the marginal animal and earth movements couldn ít have made their impact without the workers' movement and the farmers.

Words into practice

Promoting animal liberation via trade unions is a two way street.

First, in campaigns we can try to get the workers involved rather than turn our anger and frustration against them (and hence getting them against us). For instance, campaigns against Burlington Coat Factory or other fur selling companies would be much stronger if they had the backing of the organized workforce. The trade unions have organized numerous strikes and other industrial actions for environmental reasons worldwide. I can't wait to see the first one done for the animals.

Second, by joining trade unions and getting more control of our lives in the work place, we can make this world a better place for ourselves and for our fellow workers. Only in society where individuals feel empowered, respected and have their basic needs met, may animal liberation advance.

Industrial Workers of the World

For the uncompromising and radical animal activist, the most natural choice for a trade union would be IWW. IWW is a union based on syndicalism and anarchist ideas, and hence it is in the total control of the members unlike other unions. It aims to liberate people from wage slavery, not just slight reforms like other bigger unions and uses direct action to get the goods.

Check out IWW on the web and judge for yourself: **http://www.iww.org/**

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Why Trust What The U.S. Government Says About HIV?

Question AIDS Research!

Human Liberation, Animal Liberation

ACT UP San Francisco opposes all animal testing, including tests on humans. Whether it is by abusing chimpanzees in laboratories or exploiting humans enrolled in clinical trials, there has been nothing but failure on the part of the AIDS industry in their efforts to "find a cure." Chimpanzees have been inoculated over and over with the so-called HIV virus and never developed AIDS, precisely because HIV does not cause AIDS. Motivated solely by profit, the Food and Drug Administration's approval process for AIDS drugs is corrupt and easily manipulated by pharmaceutical companies who release toxic drugs like protease inhibitors and AZT regardless of how they fare in animal tests.

The truth is that people aren't dying of AIDS. People are getting sick and dying from hormone-contaminated meat, carcinogenic car fumes, the overuse of antibiotics, and numerous other immunosuppressive aspects of everyday life in our toxic, fur-worshipping, ozone-depleting, money-driven, consumerist society.

As hard as it is for some to believe, the federal government is lying to the public about HIV and AIDS. Of course, this is the same government that continues to lie about vivisection, tried to cover up the 1940s Tuskegeee medical experiments conducted on African American men, denied the use of agent orange in Vietnam and gave us the atomic bomb, cloning, and genetic engineering. This is the genocidal U.S. government that fought the Indian Wars, funds the war on drugs, supports the war on the Zapatistas, and orchestrated the assassinations of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. Why should we now trust federal researchers to tell the truth about what,s really going on with AIDS?

Who says AIDS is an epidemic?

For nearly two decades our government, media and medical establishment have been relentless in promoting a new plague called AIDS. We are told no one is safe, that numbers are growing, and that drugs and vaccines offer our only hope for salvation. However, a careful examination of the facts suggests that the public has been misled. What we have experienced for twenty years is not a sexually transmitted epidemic but a tragic medical mistake.

Do HIV Antibody Tests Work?

HIV tests do not identify HIV virus and cannot diagnose AIDS or predict illness. Instead, these tests detect antibodies found in the blood.

Although viewed as infallible, HIV antibody tests are non-specific, non-standardized and highly unreliable. In fact, everyone tests positive on the ELISA HIV antibody test unless their blood is diluted 400 times. Over 70 factors can react "false positive" on the test, including flu vaccines, pregnancy, and normal blood proteins.

Is HIV the cause of AIDS?

There is no proof that HIV causes AIDS or any other illness. The belief that AIDS is caused by a virus is an unproven hypothesis, not a fact. Since the 1984 announcement of a viral cause for immune suppression, more than 100,000 papers have been published on HIV. Not one of these papers has been able to effectively prove that HIV can cause AIDS. A good hypothesis is defined by its ability to solve problems, make accurate predictions and produce results. The HIV hypothesis has failed to meet any of these criteria.

ACT UP San Francisco is a militant, direct action organization committed to ending the AIDS fraud. ACT UP general body meetings are held every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at 1884 Market Street. The San Francisco chapter of Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT) meets every third Sunday of the month from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Radio Free ACT UP broadcasts every other Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Liberation Radio 93.7 FM and our medical marijuana dispensary is open 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Get involved. Join ACT UP! End the abuse of AIDS.

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Letters From Our Readers

Hello,

I just wanted to write a quick note. I know the weak words I am about to use will not change anything but I would still like for you to read what I have to say as I have read what you have to say off of your web site. I, like you, believe that all animals should have certain rights. However, I think the method that you use to attain the results that you want are wrong.

If you want to stop testing on animals (which now most hair cleaners advertise that they do not test on animals which I think is great and is probably a success due to groups like yours) then you should try to stop the companies who sell these animals for testing purposes.

But again, I must stress that violent acts like what I just witnessed on "Real TV" are not good at all. When people see that they only see the bad side of you and it turns public opinion. When I saw your group destroying property of a State funded college, my first thoughts were "they started out with good intentions but now they are just being destructive." Because of your acts the state government had to pay to replace everything that your group destroyed which means you know what. Tax raise!

Those animals did nothing to be tested on just like the people of the state did nothing to be penalized for your criminal acts. I know if I were from that state and my taxes were raised due to your childish behavior I would seriously consider an attack against your facilities the way you do to so many other people.

You must think when you do something like that and decide who you are really penalizing when you do such a thoughtless act. Because of things like this people hate people like you. Personally I think this kind of group was started with good intentions but it has now gotten way out of hand and should be handled by the government.

Protesting is legal but when you commit criminal acts as a form of protest then I think you should serve time in jail. You should be subject to the laws everyone else is subject to. If I did something like that at a local business I would be arrested and get a criminal charge. You should too. Exercise your right to protest but do it peacefully like Ghandi demonstrated! I'd love to get a response from you!

Sincerely,
Rob Holub

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I will keep this short.

I admire your initiative; I am reassured that, at least, a few people are actually thinking further than their feet and big car.

I do have a little suggestion, however, about some actions... I will take the Animal Liberation Front as an example:

The problem is not that some people are performing criminal behaviours, but rather that most of us witness it without "blinking an eye," which, therefore, implies that we all perform criminal behaviours.

Blowing up a "fast-food restaurant" sends a clear message, but it does not help much. It pollutes, it is dangerous, and allows those guys to build a new and bigger one. PEOPLE ARE STILL GOING THERE! The problem must be eradicated to the root, which is the hidden pleasure of people to maintain their habits despite the fact that it implies slaughtering animals, making barely-born children work, or impoverishing already-way-too-poor-to-be-livable countries.

The criminal is not so much the guy who does the crime than THE PUBLIC who approves it by its silence...

Try to dispose huge posters (on recycled paper) showing animals getting ripped apart and stating: "WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEM IS Y-O-U-R FAULT," in front of those "restaurants" (this could be done in front of different companies: clothing, for putting kids at work, multinationals, for destroying little businesses...).

Kids might not let their parents bring them there any more, because they are way more responsible than adults; people know that those companies are guilty for horrible crimes, but once it will be on their face, they will have to justify the fact that they still remain passive. Please, try it, all over the world, every day, show people that the responsibility is THEIRS.

When the human machine goes insane, we all are responsible for it. Thank you a lot for your attention and your courage.

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Subject: Lock picking: Amateur to professional

Ha.

Got you with the subject line, didn't I?

You fucking psychopath. I'm not for mink etc...but people like you make me want to vomit violently over my cornflakes.

Can you not accept that certain forms of medicine, designed to save human lives, need to be tested? Or is your "care" for the lives of animals so deep it runs to a total disregard for those of your fellow species?

A concerned former anti-fur guy (still anti fur but not if it means being associated with fuckwits like you guys)

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Dear A.L.F.,

Please forgive me if you already know what I am about to say. I overheard a student vivisectionist talking about "places where they store many deadly diseases" and if an animal rights group destroyed one of these "containers of fatal pathogens" that they would become very sick and die a miserable death like the animals used in lab experiments.

From the articles I have read about your handy work you usually ransack computers, walls, floors of "medical labs" and liberate the animals. So it seems to me that you are experts at what you are doing and know to stay away from suspicious storage units that may contain biohazards. I just wanted to make sure that nobody gets hurt especially the animals and their liberators. Thank you for not compromising with cruelty.

Sincerely,
Allison Pang

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Subject: I want to donate

Donate a fact!

The overused and misapplied qoutes [sic] littered on your website do not supply the sick minds and motives of your group any cover of the true nature of your misguided and self-defeating logic of your Klan. I would like to break into all of your houses, set derangedly [sic] randomly placed torturous traps and terrorize your kids and families with real and fake biological, poisonous, and voilent [sic] attacks against the cause you lead. Of course, I am not a SICK FUCK like you and yours. Best regards,

Yourworstnightmareifyoueverfuckedwith melikeyoudonondeservingscientists

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Yeah keep up the good work you fucking pussies. I really hate you psycho A.L.F. duche [sic] bags. Do you really think you do any good in your actions. All you fucking numb nuts do is make us non-violent animal rights activists look bad. I hate animal testing but I don't go out and destroy property to get my point across.

Someday you are all going to grow up and stop feeling this need for constant attention. Because we all know that is why you do it. You love the adventure and the attention. Well, I am saying knock it off now. If I ever saw a A.L.F. activist in action I swear I would stop them and turn then [sic] in without a seconds hesitation. You people make me sick!!!

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Hello all Activists!

I'm a total opponent to organized religion, but I can't help thinking that it would be to our benefit if we had "the church" behind us, in order to gain public acceptance and support. After all, this is the most conservative country in the western world with more Catholics than Italy and Spain combined.

It is said to be the most righteous act to protect the vulnerable creatures; and as long as we aren't hurting people, I can't see how the church could condemn us. If we had "religious" support, the majority of the American public might take another look at our activities.

I'm just wondering if anyone has ever considered this, cuz we need all the support we can get. And what's wrong with using the "church" for the purpose of saving "god's" creatures? The "church" has been using us for centuries for far less righteous reasons.

To all of you out there on the front, may "god" (or whatever you call it) be with you!

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Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine is looking for volunteers around the nation to take part in our campaign to persuade the March of Dimes to stop funding disturbing experiments on animals, and to focus on more responsible and productive research and programs to address birth defects.

Since 1996, activists from around the country have participated in an educational effort to inform WalkAmerica participants of the senseless experiments being funded with the money they raise. Last year, activists distributed fliers at the WalkAmerica events in 100 cities across the U.S. The message took to the skies as well, with airplane banners flying over 6 cities reading: "March of Dimes: Stop Animal Experiments." Efforts in the air and on the ground captured media attention and shined a spotlight on animal experiments.

Please get involved in this important campaign. Most of the events take place in late April, and the leafleting effort should only take an hour or two of your time. With your help, March of Dimes will stop funding animal experiments, and other charities will follow.

To get involved, call **(202) 686-2210**, ext. **316** or write to **charities@pcrm.org**.

Sincerely,

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Charities Campaign Coordinator

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FUR TRADE REPORTS

WATCHING THE INTERNATIONAL DECLINE OF THE BLOODY FUR INDUSTRY

Openings, Closings and Bankruptcies

Lipsitz Furs of Amherst, NY has closed. This leaves just two fur stores in the Buffalo area.

Alexandros, a New York City fur manufacturer, has opened its third retail outlet.

Parmentier van Meulebeke, a fur company in Belgium, is opening its fourth shop. This one will be in Brussels.

Drazen Furs of Binghamton, NY has closed. This store closed a year ago but we did not receive the information until now.

Tom Mohoric of Ohio has closed his fur farm. Mohoric was a major mink rancher and was heavily involved in pro-fur activism.

Jean Benham Furs of Memphis, TN has gone out of business.

Harrisis Furs of Dallas has closed. This Texas furrier had lost his storefront years ago, but continued to sell fur out of his home. He has finally disconnected his business line and left the fur trade.

Nelson Furs of Rutherford, NJ and Patchin Furs (also of New Jersey) have gone out of business. This leaves 43 fur stores in New Jersey. Twelve fur stores have closed in that state since January 1998.

In Finland, a fur store in the city of Tampere, called Turkismakasiini has announced closure. Another fur and leather company in the town has closed as well.

The Sam's Club was holding fur sales in 10 Chicago area stores. After receiving letters from outraged customers, the sales have been canceled.

Steve Corn Furs is closing their New York City location. However, the company still has a store in New Jersey and leased departments in several specialty stores.

Skin Prices to Go Up

Expect skin prices to go up this year. Japan and Korea are both seeing improved economic conditions, and this will lead to an increase in fur sales. Asian countries, as well as Russia, are the real movers in the international fur industry now.

However, if consumers in North America and Western Europe shun fur, other countries may follow.

Industry Strategy

SAGA Furs, the international marketing firm, is working to get fur into more department stores and women's clothing stores. SAGA admits that fur stores are losing market share, and that the future for fur lies in getting the product into mainstream stores.

They are doing this through the heavy promotion of fur trim. SAGA hopes to get a little fur trim into a bunch of women's clothing stores. This, they reason, will lead to wider acceptance of fur.

Animal rights groups must be vigilant and campaign to get fur trim, even small amounts, out of mainstream stores.

British Columbia Bans 1080 Poison

The controversial poison known as Compound 1080 may not be used in British Columbia anymore. The last license to use this agent, which is used to kill predators such as the coyote, has expired and will not be renewed.

Compound 1080 was banned in California, along with leg-hold traps, in a ballot initiative in November of 1998. Oregon also banned this poison through an administrative move by the governor.

British Fur Trade Caught In Lie

The British Fur Trade Federation was forced to issue an apology after the Advertising Standards Authority objected to the content of one of their ads.

Facing a ban on fur farming, BFTF ran an ad claiming that the proposed legislation would ban sheep farming if wool prices went to higher price levels than meat from the same animals.

The ASA recognized this as deceptive, political spin and ruled against the fur industry.

Fur Farmer Fined for Water Pollution

Animal waste run off, from the Dale Marr mink farm in Washington, has contaminated local water sources according to the Washington Dept. of Ecology. Marr was fined $24,000 for the damage his farm had caused.

Fur industry PR hacks continue to claim the fur industry is environmentally friendly, despite the animal waste disposal problem.

Swedish Fur Trade Dying

A recent news article in Sweden reported that few, if any, young people want furs in Sweden, and that the industry is dying. There were 200 fur stores in that country 10 years ago, but only 120 today.

CT Suspends Trapping on State Land

In Connecticut state land is made available to trappers through a bidding system. Last year, animal rights activists acquired many of the lots of land, effectively stopping trapping in those areas.

This year, the CT DEP (agency that administers hunting and trapping seasons) modified regulations to prevent activists from acquiring land rights. Friends of Animals sued, and the DEP has been forced to cancel the entire trapping season for state owned lands until this matter is settled in court.

Controversial Radio Ad Banned

Dozens of radio stations banned a controversial radio ad produced by Last Chance for Animals and the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, which features the screams of mink while their necks are being broken at a Montana fur farm.

To protest the ban the Howard Stern Show ran the ad twice, while condemning censorship of advocacy ads. The Stern show reaches 15 million listeners.

Other radio stations eventually ran the paid spot. One Chicago station dedicated a half-hour of radio time to discussing the ad.

Evans Furs Bankrupt

Evans Furs, the United States' largest fur company, has gone bankrupt. The company has been liquidated, and their 6 freestanding stores in Chicago are closing. Their department store leases are going to Birger Christenson, a company that controls 85% of the US department store fur salons.

Fur Advertising Blitz

The Fur Council of Canada has just concluded a $1 million advertising blitz in that country. This is expected to boost fur sales in Canada. The only active anti-fur campaign is in Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The main fur markets, Toronto and Montreal, have no active anti-fur campaigns. Industry observers believe that a massive advertising blitz, with no active resistance, will boost fur sales.

For more updates and information on the fur industry, contact Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade. See Trenches, page 33.

Animal Legislative Action Network

When your activism causes you to question "acting up" and "acting out," contact us.

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Activist Resources

BOOKS

Free The Animals - Ingrid Newkirk (available from PETA, address at right)

Earth First Direct Action Manual (available from *NC*, p. 30)

Ecodefense - Dave Foreman and Bill Haywood (available from *EF! Journal* - see ad p. 28 - and http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore/)

Earth Force - Paul Watson (available from AK Press*)

War At Home - Brian Glick (available from *NC*, p. 30)

Agents of Repression - Ward Churchill and J. Vander Wall (available from *NC*, p. 30)

Animal Liberation - Peter Singer (available from http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore/)

Vegan: The New Ethics of Eating - Erik Marcus (available from AK Press*)

Vegan Handbook - Debra Wasserman and Reed Mangels (available from AK Press*)

Animal Ingredients A to Z (available from AK Press*)

An Unnatural Order - Jim Mason (available from http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore/)

The Dreaded Comparison - Marjorie Spiegal (from http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore/)

The Sexual Politics of Meat - Carol Adams (available from AK Press*)

Pacifisim as Pathology - Ward Churchill (available from AK Press*)

The New Farm Vegetarian Cookbook (available from AK Press*)

DIRECT ACTION BOOKLETS

The Final Nail #2 (available from the North American ALF Supporters Group - see Trenches, p. 30 - or on-line at http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/finalnail)

Memories of Freedom (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 34)

Against All Odds (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 34)

Keep Fighting: Three Interviews with Britain's ALF Press Officers (available from *NC*, p. 30)

Animal Liberation Primer (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 34 - or on-line at http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/library/alprimer.html)

RESOURCE GROUPS

Vegan Outreach - *'Why Vegan?'*; 211 Indian Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15238, Phone: (412) 968-0268, e-mail: vegan@veganoutreach.org, URL: http://www.veganoutreach.org/

In Defense of Animals - Great graphic anti-fur posters, anti-fur cards, P&G flyers, etc.; 131 Camino Alto, Suite E, Mill Valley, CA 94941, Phone: (415) 388-9641, Fax: (415) 388-0388, URL: http://www.idausa.org

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals - great 'WEARING FUR' and anti-McDeath stickers, graphic posters, etc.; 501 Front St., Norfolk, VA 23510, Phone: (757) 622-7382, Fax: (757) 628-0784, URL: http://www.peta.com

The Fund for Animals - Hunting factsheets, articles and videos, etc.; 8121 Georgia Ave Ste 301, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Phone: (301) 585-2591, Fax: (301) 585-2595

Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine - Nutrition and anti-vivisection info, a "Guide to Cruelty-Free Giving", etc.; 5100 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 404, Washington, DC, 20016 Phone: (202) 686-2210, x300, Fax: (202) 686-2216, e-mail: pcrm@pcrm.org, URL: http://www.pcrm.org

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EF! Journal (see ad, p. 28)

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UPDATE: ADAPTT's compassionate ruckus has been gaining momentum. Our second billboard in less than 90 days went up on The Lodge Freeway during November '99. The anti-fur display showed an authentic photograph of a bloodied, skinned fox with the tag line - "Here's the rest of your fur coat. Have a nice day while she bleeds to death." More than 50,000 motorists every day were given the opportunity to think about the animal-skin death trade known as fur.

But even more remarkably, the ad caught the attention of an inquisitive WXYZ-TV salesman who suggested commercials to further our message. So, after a few days of negotiations with the ABC affiliate, ADAPTT became the first U.S. group to convince a major media outlet to air graphic anti-fur TV commercials. At a cost of $2,000, six, 30-second spots aired on WXYZ from December 23-27 during Good Morning America, Regis and Kathie Lee, Martha Stewart, The View and the 6 o'clock news.

The commercials showed caged minks exhibiting screwneck, caged foxes pacing neurotically, and wild animals writhing around in steel jaw leghold traps. Here's the text of the ad: "The fur industry profits from their misery. Every year millions of animals are confined in *tiny cages* and killed by anal and genital electrocutions, gassings and neck-breakings. Sometimes they're even skinned alive. These methods are so violent that we can't even show them to you on camera. Wild animals languish and die slowly in steel jaw leghold traps. Companies like Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue profit from this insanity. Contact the following animal groups to help make a difference."

Yourofsky, a charismatic orator and convicted A.L.F. warrior, is available for speaking engagements at high schools and universities. He has given more than 35 lectures over the last two years.

ANIMAL COMMANDOS

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http://msnhomepages.talkcity.com/nonprofitblvd/ooveganoo/animalcommandos.html

UPDATE: Animal Commandos fights animal experimentation, animal abuse and neglect. We combat animal misery with, among other methods, at least once or twice a week pickets against animal laboratories, fur salons, the circus, disease charities, and "meat markets" like McDonalds.

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The Animal Defense League

The ADL is an internationally-active grassroots organization. The ADL is pro-CD, pro-direct action and pro-A.L.F. Please contact a local chapter if you would like to get involved or would like to start a chapter in your area.

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UPDATE: Brooklyn ADL has continued our campaigns against Macy's and McDonald's.

We participated in the International Day of Protest Against McDonalds with a Grim Reaper-themed street theater and protest at a McDonalds at the Fulton Mall in downtown Brooklyn.

In October, we entered the controversy around the Sensation exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum of Art. We were concerned with the work of Damien Hirst, whose "art" includes mutilated and preserved sharks, sheep, pigs, and cows. While we openly stated our opposition to censorship of the arts, we also stated our opposition to the killing of animals in the name of art and of public funding for such "art." Murder is NOT free expression! We did over 50 media interviews for newspapers, TV stations, radio stations, news websites, documentary films and student papers from around the world! At this protest, we attempted to connect the disgusting waste of life in Hirst's work with the disgusting waste of life in its source, the meat industry. We told museum goers that if the sliced up animals in Hirst's work disgusted them, then they should get animals off their dinner plates.

We continue to hold Macy's protests, in-store disruptions, and street theater at the stores at the Fulton Mall and Kings Plaza. At our most recent Macy's protest, activists dressed as stereotypical fur wearers (complete with spiked heels) "writhed" in "blood" while "caught" in numerous leghold and Conibear traps in front of a banner that read "Animals Trapped by Macy's Greed." After the demonstration, we entered the store and protested in front of the fur salon, spoke out, and chanted until we were removed from the store, chanting and speaking out all the way.

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UPDATE: ADL Chicago has been very busy! ADL members have continued their weekly demonstrations at Neiman Marcus (737 N. Michigan Ave.) and have collected thousands of petition signatures in an effort to get Neiman Marcus to stop selling fur. ADL has hosted / co-hosted: protests at Gengle Fur Farm, McDonalds, Nordstroms and Ringling Brothers, a forum on Civil Disobedience, and a forum on the A.L.F.

ADL hosted FUR FREE CHRISTMAS 1999 in Chicago with a week of protests at Neiman Marcus and a lock down on Sunday, December 19th that resulted in the arrests of 20 activists *(see p. 4)*. Police response was violent and excessive. Several arrestees were hurt and everyone with cameras, video cameras, or bullhorns was arrested. Fortunately, ADL was able to raise awareness since the local NBC, ABC & CBS affiliates as well as stations in other markets covered the lockdown and arrests for two days.

More recently, ADL organized a weekend of protests at the 2000 International Mink Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Members of SOAR, as well as local Milwaukee animal rights groups joined ADL. On Sunday, January 16th, following the last convention protest, 14 activists were arrested after visiting a recently closed fur farm and feed co-op - the targets of a successful A.L.F. raid in August. The activists fasted to protest their wrongful arrests for "Disorderly conduct while wearing a Mask" and were released on bail after four days in jail. Media coverage was extensive for the weekend protests as well as the arrests *(see p. 5)*.

RESOURCES: Civil Disobedience Training Workshops; Customized Buttons / Pins (anti-fur, VEGAN, etc.); Misc. Literature.

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UPDATE: We have been continuing our campaign against Macy's, and with great response to the public. In a recent protest we burned an effigy of a Macy's Credit card, and six media outlets covered the action. We have held numerous actions in Poughkeepsie, NY with VARC (Vassar Animal Rights Coalition) which included demos against McDonalds, Puppy Mills, Circuses and Burlington Coat Factory. We also participated in a hunt sabotage.

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UPDATE: Bloomingdale's campaign running hard at two locations, with demonstrations twice a week. Numerous legal victories have revitalized the group, and massive press coverage has been the rule. Upcoming civil cases against several circuses and law enforcement agencies will fill our coffers for use against animal abusers.

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UPDATE: The ADL-NJ has been busy continuing the campaign to see the end of the fur industry in the Garden State. Protests at the notorious Furs by Guarino are held every Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We have retained an experienced lawyer to fight the RICO suit brought by Guarino and other furriers against the ADL-NJ, and our expectations for victory are high. We hold tabling events once to twice a week to gain support and educate the public. Our campaign against the sale of fur and fur trim in the Lew Magram mail-order catalog continues, and activists have begun regularly tabling at a local pet supply store to gather petition signatures and get the word out.

During the autumn and early winter months, members were hard at work in central NJ assuring wearing fur was seen as the shameful thing it should be - to a great success. The ADL-NJ's Fur Free New Jersey Tour has just gotten underway *(see p. 5)*. During this tour, each of the 43 fur stores in the state will be protested, one every two weeks. The response has been wonderful, and we feel this tour is reigniting the energy of this group.

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UPDATE: ADL has been focusing on our campaign against Macy's and the fur district in NYC. On December 26, approximately 30 activists participated in a sit in at Macy's, which caused a major disruption and generated great media. If you are interested in helping out, get in touch!

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UPDATE: ALT organized several actions against Ringling Bros. Our presence at Ringling Bros. sparked very favorable new coverage, which successfully informed the public about the cruelty involved in animal acts.

ALT has carefully strategized our campaign outline for the 1999 fur season. Our plan implemented the most effective tactics possible to fight against Neiman Marcus. Our organization distributed door hanger/leaflets/posters, ads, organized protests, meetings, phone-ins, which made our campaign effective this fur season. To kick off the season, two ALT activists locked themselves to the front doors of Neiman Marcus on November 13, 1999 *(see p. 4)*. Three TV stations and the Associated Press covered this action.

ALT helped secure co-sponsors for federal legislation that will ban the transportation of birds bred for fighting over state lines. We are continuing our efforts to obtain support for this legislation.

ALT will be focusing a great deal of time fighting against the government agency Animal Damage Control "Wildlife Services". We are distributing information in support of the upcoming legislation that proposes to cut Animal Damage Control's budget and limit lethal predator control. We will be touring Texas, concentrating on the major media markets, to help bring awareness to this issue. We are organizing meetings with legislators for support and providing a web page dedicated to this issue.

RESOURCES: ALT distributes and helps other organizations with leaflets, brochures and other forms to avoid duplication of our efforts.

ALT has available for distribution, information that helped us obtain victories on such campaigns as: promoting alternatives to Avitrol bird poison, banning pigeon shoots and an extensive file on the Animal Damage Control.

ALT also has a variety of animal rights t-shirts, bumper stickers, books, patches on sale to help promote our campaigns.

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UPDATE: We are continuing to raise money for activists' legal defenses. If you want to contribute to this fund, just mark "defense fund" on your check or money order. ARA is implementing a new program, whereby people can specify that their donation be used to fight a particular abuse, then ARA will do the research and give the donation to the groups who, in our opinion, are doing the most with their limited resources.

We are looking for people to submit animal liberation designs we can turn into lapel pins that can be worn at times when buttons aren't appropriate. Please send ideas to the address above. The designer of the one selected will get a free pin.

RESOURCES: Information available on forming a group, incorporating, getting non-profit status, civil disobedience, defending yourself in court, writing effective press releases and more. We have anti-fur brochures that can be imprinted with your own group's name and info, as well as info about a specific campaign.



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UPDATE: CAFT continues to hold demonstrations at Jacques Ferber Furs at 1708 Walnut St. in center city Philadelphia. CAFT has also been expanding it's operations to include protests at Macy's in Cherry Hill and King of Prussia, Neiman Marcus in King of Prussia and Burlington Coat Factory in Burlinton, NJ. On January 8th CAFT held a walk-through at Macy's in Cherry Hill. CAFT has also been participating in call-ins to Macy's, Neiman Marcus, and BCF. One final note, the RICO suit Jacques Ferber Furs filed against CAFT and the ADL chapters of Philadelphia and NJ has been suspended.

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UPDATE: CAFT SF is continuing our campaign against Neiman Marcus after they refused to meet with CAFT SF representatives regarding the sale of fur. We hold weekly protests and educational meetings the third Sunday of every month. Please contact us to get involved. To escalate our campaign, on December 18th and 19th, we organized a mass sit in at the Union Square Store where 76 people were arrested *(see p. 5)*.

We are in great need of a video camera to videotape our weekly demos and actions as well as donations to fund our actions.

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UPDATE: Since the last issue of *NC*, COK has relentlessly campaigned to convince Neiman Marcus to close its fur departments *(see p. 4)*. A few of the tools we've used this anti-fur season have included countless protests, several acts of civil disobedience, call-in days, promotion of the boycott, leafleting, and our parody web site.

COK is now gearing up to continue our vegan promotion campaign. We will again be organizing Freedom for Farmed Animals marches, feed-ins, speak-outs, and will also be initiating our new Vegan-Friendly-DC campaign, intended to convince more DC-area restaurants to serve and advertise vegan options.

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UPDATE: Defenders Coalition for Animal Liberation (formerly Vegan Militant Movement) is a not-for-profit grassroots organization campaigning for animal liberation. Shared with common beliefs and goals, we have formed this coalition for a worldwide effort to free all oppressed beings.

There are NO leaders in DCAL and we oppose senseless politics within. We are pro-education, pro-civil disobedience, pro-direct action and pro-A.L.F. Our current campaigns are against Burlington Coat Factory, Neiman Carcass, Saks Filthy Ave. and Mitsubishi. Contact us for more info.

RESOURCES: We offer a variety of publications such as: Vegan Vittles, Diet For A New America, Vegan: The New Ethics of Eating, Undergrounds, Strong Hearts (1-4), Primers, A Declaration of War, Memories of Freedom, Against All Odds, and more! We also have a variety of shirts and music. Write for a FREE catalog or visit our website.

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UPDATE: SOAR has been very active as of late. We've been focusing our energy on two main issues this year. Animal Research at the University of Minnesota and Neiman Marcus. We've been in front of Neimans everyday for over a month passing out leaflets encouraging people not to shop there as long as they sell fur, and getting signatures for a petition, as well as a few hundred dollars for donations.

On Dec. 12-13, we did a demo with three skinned beavers *(see p. 4)*. Very effective at getting the truth behind fur out there. We just had 3000 door hangers printed up as part of our campaign against Neimans - we intend to distribute them in Neimans customer target areas.

SOAR has for the last few years been targeting drug addiction researcher Marilyn Carroll. Activists have recently turned up the heat in the campaign by visiting her home to educate her neighbors as well as to ask her to stop the torture. Three activists recently went on a 91-hour hunger fast in solidarity with the 91 plus primates used in research at the U.

Also, two activists have done two separate banner hangs off of research buildings to highlight animal torture. We are planning a debate to crush the myth that animals are necessary in research, as well as countless protests and tablings to educate the public.

RESOURCES: We have a wide variety of pro-A.L.F. merchandise for sale like t-shirts, videos, and magazines. We also have a wide variety of animal liberation informational resources.

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UPDATE: We continue our joint campaigning with NYC ADL, recently assisting in Fur Free Friday '99, the Macy's mass sit-in, the presentation of anti-Macy's petitions on a giant "fox", and the Brooklyn ADL "trapped by greed" action.

To challenge Home Depot's sale of old-growth rainforest wood, we strung a 90-foot banner on the wall of a local store, which read, "The Home Depot Kills Ancient Forests." Directly under a banner inside the store claiming that Home Depot was pro-environment, two activists u-locked their necks to a rack of ladders and held a banner, which read, "The Home Depot Destroys the Environment."

In preparation for the Battle of Seattle, Wetlands organized a series of forums on the impacts of globalization and the World Trade Organization on animals, the environment and human rights. This culminated in a rally, march, and speakout, protesting the WTO, sweatshop labor exploitation by Disney and Gap, Inc., and redwood forest destruction by a company owned by the same family as Gap, Inc. Over 100 protesters assembled at the Gap store at Times Square. We marched from The Gap to a Manhattan sweatshop where we spoke out against sweatshop conditions, as the workers cheered us on from the factory windows.

Finally we marched back to Times Square, and attempted to enter the Disney Store en masse. We were stopped by security guards and police, but the attempt energized the demo. With energy high, speakers addressed sweatshop exploitation We have held numerous other anti-Gap demos, including one featuring Santas and a "We'd Rather Go Naked Than Wear Gap" demo.

RESOURCES: Every Tuesday night at 7PM Wetlands hosts weekly activist forums featuring expert speakers, videos, and announcement of activists events around the region on a wide range of issues. Our Earthstation Information Center, located in the Wetlands Preserve nightclub, is a space for educational displays, posters, petitions, flyers, and a bulletin board of upcoming events. Our activist resource center houses activist books, videos, flyers, and bulk quantities of activist literature available free of charge.

We have greatly expanded and improved our internship program, through which students can receive academic credit for activist work and receive training from veteran activists.

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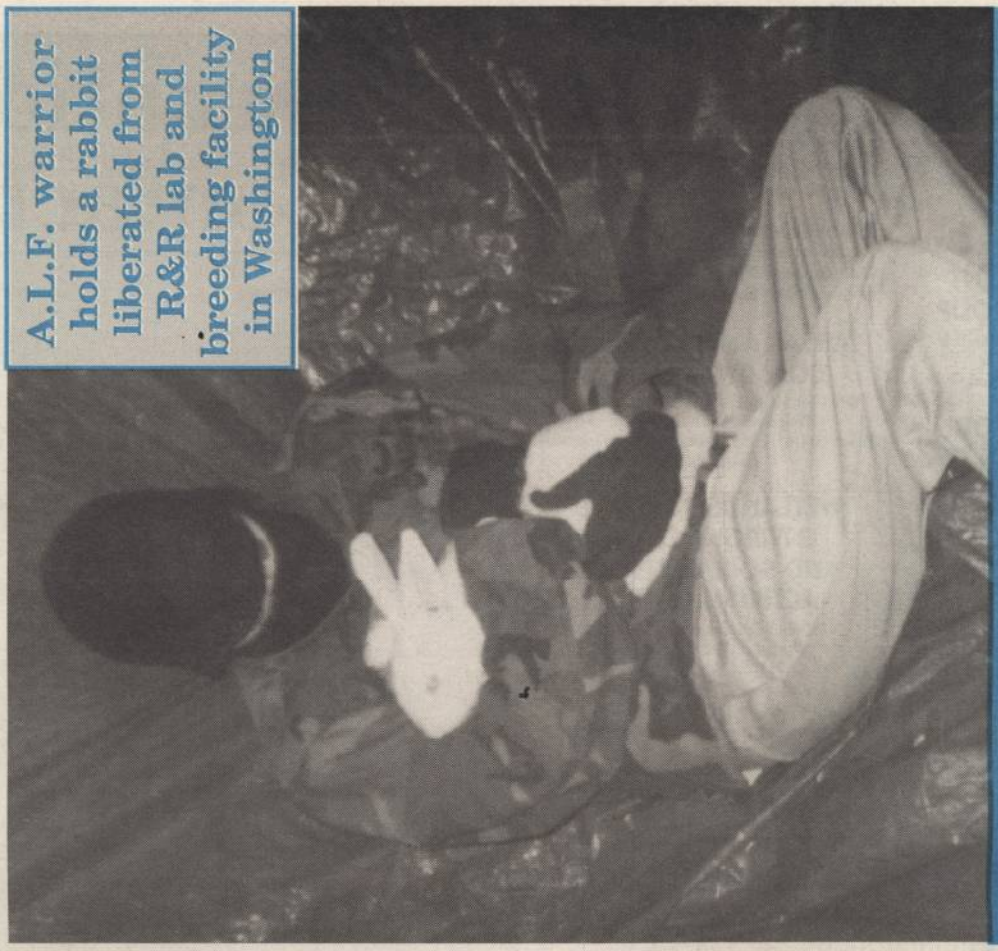
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