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A.L.F. Goes On Offensive in Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- A series of daring actions by the Animal Liberation Front has animal abusers across the Bay Area feeling the heat and running for cover. The A.L.F. counterattack, which has drawn intense media attention to animal rights issues, began in December of 1999 and has continued into the new year. Using arson and other property destruction techniques, the Bay Area A.L.F. cell has so far caused more than $500,000 in damage to businesses that exploit animals and forced one lab supply company to move out of California.

The offensive began with firebomb attacks on two meat-processing plants and an egg farm in Sonoma County, a heavy agricultural community north of San Francisco.

Several incendiary devices planted in the offices of Fulton Poultry on December 20, 1999 failed to ignite properly, though the slaughterhouse was shut down for hours the next morning while arson investigators did their work. But, on January 2, 2000, the A.L.F. had more success at Rancho Veal in Petaluma, where an arson attack caused thousands of dollars in damage to the slaughterhouse facility, in which workers kill more than 100 animals a day. A January 15, 2000 attack on Petaluma Farms caused an unknown amount of fire damage to several company trucks.

The A.L.F. wasn't ignoring the plight of animals in laboratories. In January, the A.L.F set its sights on Primate Products, a Redwood City company that supplies animals and restraint devices to labs. The media initially reported that an arson attempt on Primate Products had failed. But above-ground activists who visited the site in April reported that the company's empty offices showed signs of significant fire damage. Neighbors in the building told activists that Primate Products had moved to Florida after the attack.

On February 25, 2000, the group firebombed trucks at B&K Universal, a European company with offices in Fremont that supplies animals and equipment to vivisectors. In April, above-ground activists demonstrated at B&K's office and caught the manager outside. After expressing fear and anger over the arson attack, he quickly retreated behind the safety of a locked door and a line of cops.

The A.L.F. struck again on February 27, 2000, this time dealing a surprise blow to the fur industry. In a daring early-morning action in the heart of downtown San Francisco, the group smashed 29 windows at Neiman Marcus in Union Square. The attack caused more than $100,000 in damage to the upscale department store, part of a Dallas-based chain that continues to sell fur coats in defiance of a nationwide campaign.



A.L.F. firestorm sweeps Bay Area - torched truck at Petaluma Farms, one of 5 arson attacks against California animal abusers in 3 months

The situation grew more intense the next day when activists from the San Francisco chapter of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade arrived for a regular Sunday demonstration outside Neiman Marcus. After the news cameras left, the police arrested two activists and charged them with the crime. But after both the accused passed a lie detector test, the case was dropped in May.

Following several months of silence, the Animal Liberation Front took credit for all of the above actions through the North American A.L.F. Press Office. The admission attracted a firestorm of media attention, including articles in the San Francisco Chronicle and stories on CNN. One local TV news show produced a remarkable two-part series on the A.L.F. that offered an overwhelmingly positive view of the organization's efforts to achieve animal liberation.

Two other Bay Area actions were not claimed by the A.L.F. In March, 250 mice were taken from a lab at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont reportedly

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32 Hour Blockade at University of Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, UT -- Animal rights activists have been targeting vivisection at the University of Utah in a campaign throughout the month of March. While other groups wrote polite letters and debated with medical students, activists from the Animal Defense League (ADL) fought the University's animal exploitation at its source: the Animal Resource Center (ARC). ADL protested at the homes of animal abusers, as well as at the ARC, and brought their "March Against Vivisection" focus to a head on Tuesday, April 4, with a 32-hour civil disobedience at the ARC.

At 4:30am, 6 ADL activists locked themselves together at the entrance of the ARC, prepared to go to jail within a matter of hours.

They used lockboxes made from steel pipes wrapped in various saw-jamming materials, such as slinkies and yarn, and covered in duct tape. Activists attached their arms with chains and carabiners to rebars welded at the center.

University police assessed the situation at the ARC. After some discussion, University officials decided to let the civil disobedience continue, telling the media that they did not want to interfere with the "marketplace of ideas," and would kindly let the protesters stay. Actually, they did not want attention drawn to vivisection being done at the ARC.

Too little, too late. All local TV stations covered the lockdown, along with several newspapers and a radio station. Despite the University's effort, media coverage exceeded most other campaigns. Animal rights events in Salt Lake have not seen so much publicity since the days of shutting down the fur section in ZCMI (a department store) with red paint dumps, naked protesters, and a near-riot one Fur Free Friday.

The immobilized activists, David Browning Rice, Craig Manville, Melanie Thomas, Sabrina Forsey, John Forshew, and Danny Hansen, were watched over by supporters who brought them water, scratched itchy noses, and shaded them from the 78-degree weather. One of the caretakers, Autumn Wagner, said, "I was in awe that 6 people were willing to give up so many comforts, such as the basic comfort of simply going to the

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Dear *NC* Readers,

In the last issue of *No Compromise*, we highlighted the surge of Animal Liberation Front lab raids in the past year. This issue we're saluting the A.L.F.'s long term fur farm campaign with a "Blast from the Past" on the raid at Oregon State University's Experimental Fur Farm (part of Operation BiteBack) which permanently closed the lab *(page 15)* as well as our Shadow Activist answering questions about raiding fur farms *(page 16)* and more!

We're seeing a dramatic increase in government harassment in the Northwest and with all the wonderful A.L.F. and E.L.F. actions continuing in that area, we can only guess that the worst is yet to come. Above ground activists have been subpoenaed to or indicted by two separate federal grand juries, been subject to surveillance and false arrests and all the usual COINTELPRO tactics.

No Compromise interviewed Craig Rosebraugh who faces the threat of an indefinite jail stay (up to 18 months) as he is repeatedly subpoenaed to the federal grand jury convened in Portland, Oregon and repeatedly refuses to cooperate *(see interview on page 3 and news story on page 8)*.

The same grand jury has also subpoenaed Josh Harper who has defied it by not appearing at all. Josh was served the subpoena by the U.S. Coast Guard when they boarded his vessel as he fought the Makah's attempts to kill another whale in Neah Bay, Washington. Josh and Jake Conroy have been named "violent and dangerous" by a task force, consisting of local police, Coast Guard and FBI, assigned to monitor anti-whaling activities.

Another activist, Nathan Brasfield, has cooperated with a subpoena to the extended federal grand jury in Wisconsin which indicted Seattle activists Justin Samuel (recently extradited to the U.S. from Belgium and still in custody as of press time) and Peter Young (still at large) on charges relating to five mink liberations in the Midwest. The effects of Nathan's testimony remain to be seen. *(see page 7)*

It is now more important than ever to understand the possible effects of government repression, be prepared to challenge it and support our comrades who are already under fire. *You* could be next. If we sit back and do nothing, the authorities will surely destroy the animal liberation movement to which we've all devoted ourselves. Do not make it easy for them. If you are contacted by law enforcement, do **NOT** speak to them at all. Do **NOT** cooperate with grand juries or any investigations of animal liberation activities. Contact *No Compromise* immediately for help.

Educate yourself by reading "Agents of Repression", "If an Agent Knocks" and "War at Home" (all available from *NC - see page 27*). Organize workshops in your area to educate others in your community (contact us if you need assistance, speakers, etc.!). Possibly most importantly, reach out to those who already are (and will be) subject to intimidation and jail and do anything you possibly can to support them in whatever way(s) they need.

Of course you can also support prisoners by writing them letters in jail and by donating to our new A.L.F. Defense Fund to help activists accused of illegal direct action with bail and legal costs. Please see page 18 for more information.

Lastly, we'd like to apologize to Jack Cohen-Joppa for some errors in last issue's interview. Jack wrote to clarify that he does not consider himself a "Plowshares activist" as the heading indicated. While he does support these activists, he has never actually participated in such an action. We also mispelled his name and his contact info which should read: **c/o the Nuclear Resister, PO Box 43383, Tucson, AZ 85733 / (520) 323-8697 / nukeresister@igc.org**. Sorry Jack and thanks for the interview!

The true gauge of our effectiveness is how far they go to stop us. As our resistance rises, so does theirs. *NC* is about *our* resistance. In a war where 10 billion casualties fall on our side each year, there is no place for anything less than total non-compromise(?). With this resistance, we will continue to see their grand juries fail, their investigations dead-end and their chambers of hell go up in flames. Here's to that resistance.

Until Every Cage is Empty,
NC Steering Committee

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Interview with Craig Rosebraugh

ELF Spokesperson targeted by Oregon Grand Jury

The FBI, ATF and local law enforcement agencies have made a habit of harassing Craig Rosebraugh, long-time animal liberation and social justice activist. Craig has acted as spokesperson for the Earth Liberation Front (and, at times, the Animal Liberation Front) which has made him a popular target for agents of repression.

Craig has been subpoenaed to a federal grand jury in Portland eight times, has had his home raided, has been put under physical surveillance and endured a variety of other intimidation tactics *(see news story, p. 8)*. **Through it all, Craig has proven to be a pillar of strength. He has refused to cooperate on any level with authorities, has not backed down and has continued his important work undeterred.**

Craig spoke with *NC* about the importance of standing firm in the face of government harassment and supporting direct action.

NC: Why are you choosing not to cooperate with this grand jury?

CRAIG: First and foremost, I am refusing to cooperate because this is an investigation into A.L.F. and E.L.F. activity during the last three years, activity that I strongly support. Secondly, the grand jury system is incredibly oppressive. Not only is a witness not allowed representation inside the proceedings in federal grand juries, but a witness does not have the right to take the Fifth Amendment [which states that one may refuse to testify on the grounds that it may tend to be self-incriminating] unchallenged. If a witness does take the Fifth and remains silent, that individual can be imprisoned on contempt charges for up to 18 months or the remaining length of the grand jury. This is only if civil contempt is declared. The state still has the ability to file criminal contempt against a witness that can result in many years imprisonment. Grand juries, which came from England, were abolished there in 1933 on the grounds that they were a waste of resources and unjust. Yet in the US we still have them today. And they are no less oppressive.



Craig Rosebraugh protesting government harassment

NC: How has the community responded to your situation?

CRAIG: The local community in Portland has been fairly supportive of my stand against the grand jury system. At each recent grand jury date there have been protests outside the federal courthouse with some 100-150 people in attendance. Through the gaining publicity, we have been able to educate more and more people on the validity, success, and need for underground direct action. It is pleasing to know, too, that protests against this grand jury investigation and in support of the E.L.F. and A.L.F. have been increasing around the country.

NC: How has the grand jury been used in an attempt to suppress support for the A.L.F. and E.L.F. and/or drive a wedge between above ground and underground movements?

CRAIG: Of course the state repression that the grand jury system is a part of has as one of its motives the breaking up of successful social movements. This has been and continues to be done in a variety of ways. From creating rifts within organizations to spreading misinformation. to labeling groups and individuals thereby creating negative stigmas, to constant harassment, the successful direct action movement is being hit with a growing amount of repression. Many in the environmental community despise the E.L.F. and its tactics out of some learned hypocritical white liberalism.

The Vail case is a good example. Immediately after the fire (which some sources indicate was more successful economically than first thought: $24 million in damages instead of $12 million), many organizations came out vocally against the action claiming that it was the worst thing that has ever happened to the movement. Yet the action itself was not the worst thing that has happened to the movement (arguably it may have been one of the best), the act of speaking out against it was.

What these groups, including the Sierra Club (who in fact has been working with the FBI to solve the Vail case) *[ed. note: Sierra Club officials denied this claim when contacted by NC]*, did was do the state's work for them by creating a major division in the environmental movement. Those who support direct action vs. those who are afraid to as they may stand to lose some monetary donations.

The fact of the matter is that no one can honestly state that the popular environmental and animal movements in the US are winning. The environment is worse off and there are arguably more animals killed and exploited today than ever. It is clear that the classic state-sanctioned means of social change are not working. It is time for something more. It is time for a dramatic increase in underground direct action.

NC: Why is it so important to speak out about the actions of the A.L.F. and E.L.F.?

CRAIG: It is of extreme importance. Speaking out about the E.L.F. and A.L.F. actions gives the underground organizations a public means of expressing their ideologies to a wider audience. Many of the actions that have gone on in the last few years in the US may have only received scarce press attention limited to the immediate applicable geographic area. With the work of press officers, the

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The High Price of Pacifism

by Rod Coronado

I don't know how it happened, but this past Spring at the Environmental Law Conference in Eugene, Oregon I found myself on a workshop panel on police brutality. I have been on the receiving end of police brutality before, but in general, I avoid direct confrontations with law enforcement authorities and do not believe in confronting a militarily stronger opponent face to face. That is why I personally engaged in A.L.F. activity, because when it comes to fighting an enemy much larger than yourself, the hit and run tactics of guerrilla warfare can create an advantage impossible in conventional warfare.

Too often I hear of nonviolent protesters becoming the victims of violence when they place themselves in the path of opponents who demonstrate a total disregard for their adherence to Ghandian principles of nonviolence. So as I listened to each panel member recounting the instances when police terrorized them and the subsequent legal battles they became encumbered with as a result, I couldn't help but feel that it was sometimes strategically unwise to pursue this avenue of action.

I am not a pacifist. Yet at the E-Law Conference I got the feeling that the majority of attendees believed more in passive nonviolence than aggressive self-defense. So I knew it wouldn't be with wide support for me to say what I believed about my misgiving towards nonviolence in the political climate we find ourselves in today. I told the folks in Eugene that I came from a long line of cop killers. I told them that, had it not been for my ancestors' willingness to kill their oppressors I might not be alive today.

In the 1800s and early 1900s to not take up arms against the Spanish and then Mexican military often meant the loss of your land, liberty, cultural identity, and even your life. A Yaqui seen was a Yaqui killed, imprisoned, raped or deported and without a willingness to defend yourself, you surrendered control over your own life and that of your family to your oppressor. In a similar fashion, albeit a lot less extreme, I see activists doing the same thing when we religiously adhere to nonviolence and the tactics of civil disobedience in the face of increasingly violent attacks by police.

Don't get me wrong, I prefer the path of nonviolence and it saddens me to see societal attention and change primarily in response only to aggression, but unfortunately, we don't make the rules, we just play the game. Governments rarely respond to whispers, but almost always hear a scream. In such times it becomes necessary for political struggles to re-evaluate their tactics and strategies and choose those that result in the least amount of physical violence, not only against our opposition, but equally against ourselves.

To not adapt strategy to changing times becomes counterproductive and when we fail to do so we become partially responsible for the violence that occurs when our nonviolent protesters are encouraged to place themselves in the path of violent prone police. No matter how many nonviolent training sessions you go to or how many books on Gandhi you read, nothing is going to change this police state's policy of using violence against peaceful protesters when they know they have the law on their side and will always get away with it.

Which leads to my next point. If we do continue to use nonviolent civil disobedience as a tactic, then we should react appropriately when that tactic is

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Direct Action News From North America

News Briefs

LONG ISLAND, NY — On the night of February 2nd, two activists from the ADL were pulled over and arrested. They were not informed as to what they were being charged with until their bail hearing the following day. Later the District Attorney stated that the two were witnessed breaking windows of a local fur shop, and that they admitted to being members of the A.L.F. However, activists in the area say that it is obvious that they are being used as scapegoats and are being wrongfully accused as the Suffolk County Police Department wishes to blame anyone affiliated with animal rights for the A.L.F. actions.

WATSONVILLE, CA — It was reported on February 3rd that a group of five to ten people, calling themselves the Fragaria Freedom Farmers uprooted rows of genetically modified strawberries. The group uprooted the fruiting fragarias - commonly called strawberries - in a string of international protests against the widespread cultivation of crops that have had their genetic material changed in a laboratory.

TAMPA, FLA — On February 5th Kenya, an 18-year-old, 4,500-pound female African elephant was found dead in what Hillsborough county Sheriff's suspect is foul play. Just weeks before, Kenya stomped a person to death after she broke free of her chains where she was being kept by a traveling circus.

ROANOKE, VA — It was reported on February 8th that two activists were scheduled to be tried on misdemeanor charges of obstructing access of Henri Kessler Furs during a demonstration outside the Campbell Avenue business. However, after several witnesses, including store owner Carl Rosen, failed to show up for a hearing in the court, all charges were dropped.

SEATTLE, WA — It was reported on February 9th that presidential candidate Al Gore's 25-minute speech was interrupted repeatedly by anti-whaling demonstrators, who contend the government did nothing to halt last year's gray-whale hunt by the Makah.

LOS ANGELES, CA — In what could be the first lawsuit of its kind, a multi-million dollar civil rights complaint has been filed in Los Angeles Superior Court against Kaiser Foundation Hospitals by a former worker whose employment was illegally terminated because of discrimination based on his ethical belief not to harm animals. It was reported on Febrary 10th that the former contract worker at Kaiser alleged that his contract was canceled and a full-time work offer was rescinded in April of 1998 when he refused to take a mumps vaccination which contains animal products.

6 Arrested at Circus Protest

by Chelsea Lincoln and Lucas Spiegel

EUGENE, OR -- On March 20, police arrested six activists at an ADL-Eugene sponsored protest of Circus Gatti at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Police were present during an earlier protest and warned the protesters of future arrests, but took no action. When protesters showed up for the second show of the circus, police had installed barricades blocking protesters from access to the public with their information and signs.

One womyn approached the police line and stated, "We are on public property and I am a tax payer" and "you can't arrest us. Someone has to stand up for the rights of the circus animals." When she refused to leave, she was arrested.

Four other womyn approached the circus entrance from another direction, noticing the police barricades and increased police presence. When they saw an arrest being made they sat down with their literature and signs. After officers informed the activists that they were "trespassing," they grabbed one of the womyn as she read information on her legal right to protest at that location. She went limp. Police used hand and neck pain holds, hair pulling, and more tactics to get her to stand, but without success. The officers then carried the womyn, choking her by her sweatshirt and continuing to pull her hair.

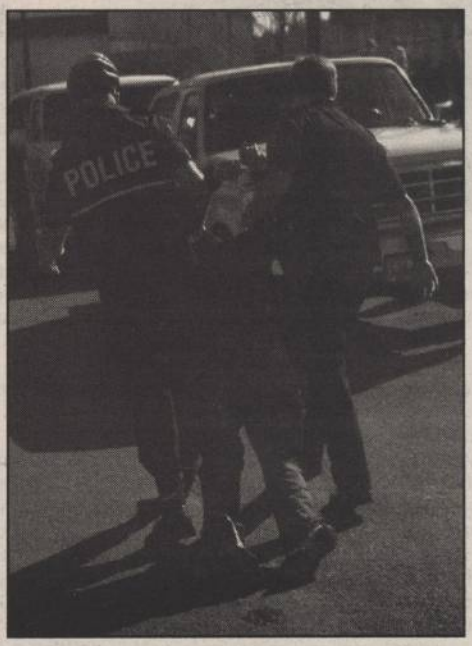
Police went down the line of protesters, forced to carry them all as they went limp. All five womyn were charged with criminal trespassing.

Moments later, police grabbed and identified an individual for wearing a bandanna over his face. After seeing the police repeatedly violate protesters' rights, another activist lost his temper and screamed to the cops that they were "Fucking Fascists." He was arrested immediately for interfering with an officer. The police dragged him to a patrol car in a pain hold, bruising his wrist and saying, "I'm not going to hurt my back carrying you." The police later added a second count of interfering, disorderly conduct, and trespassing. Bail was set at $45,000 and he spent two nights in jail before getting out on third-party release.

One year ago at the same circus, two activists holding a sign and distributing literature were charged with trespassing. They were acquitted and are pursuing a civil suit. One of these individuals was among those arrested this year. "You need to call Judge Carp. He dismissed charges against me for this last year," she said, and warned of the civil suit to come. This year's arrests will be added to her civil suit.

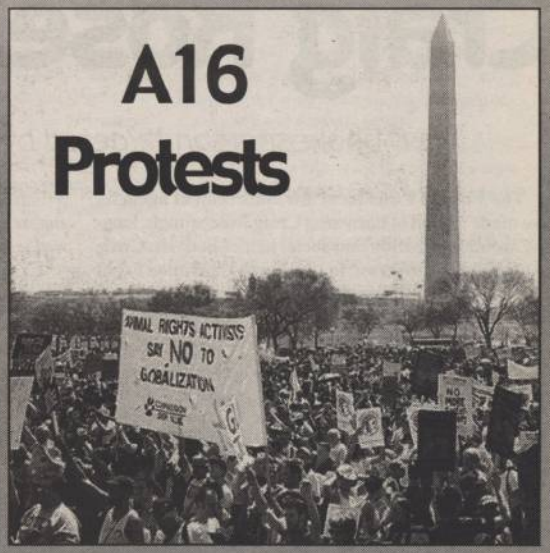
Recently, a petitioner who was arrested at Fred Meyer and repeatedly found not guilty was awarded nearly $2 million in a civil suit for wrongful arrest and violation of constitutional rights. In Oregon, and many other states, courts have ruled that even on private property, if it is used as a public gathering space (such as a mall, circus, Fred Meyer, etc.), that people have their constitutional rights protected. This includes adequate access to the public while exercising freedom of speech.

Police continue to ignore these rulings and arrest people simply for educating the public. Civil suits will continue to be filed and won until the police stop this fascist behavior.



Lisa is dragged to an awaiting police car

A16 Protests



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Animal liberation activists joined environmentalists, labor union members, and others in protesting the IMF/World Bank meeting here the week of April 16th. Activists marched through the streets carrying a huge banner which read "ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS SAY NO TO GLOBALIZATION," participated in blockades, street take-overs and other actions in an effort to call attention to policies which place profits ahead of all other concerns whether they be environmental, social justice or animal rights.

13 COK Activists Occupy Neiman's

by Paul Shapiro

WASHINGTON, DC -- In the campaign to convince Neiman Marcus to close its fur departments, D.C.-based Compassion Over Killing (COK) has been fighting hard. In addition to dozens of public protests, some including more than 300 activists, scores of COK activists have risked their freedom at NM to promote freedom for fur-bearing animals.

While many acts of civil disobedience have been committed at the D.C. NM, perhaps the most exciting was on February 19, 2000 when 13 activists occupied NM's fur department for nearly an hour, causing the entire second floor to shut down. As the activists chanted, "No more cages, no more traps; no more fur on Neiman's racks," the employees took notice and did just that: removed all fur from the racks!

All 13 were charged with misdemeanor "unlawful entry" and held in jail for more than two days waiting to be arraigned. After a week-long trial, 11 of the activists were found guilty of misdemeanor "unlawful entry" on May 26.

Defendants received a variety of sentences including fines, probation, community service and stay-away orders from the inside of Neiman Marcus.

For more information on the NM campaign, visit: **http://www.neimans.org**.

A.L.F. Liberates 212 Chickens!

BURLINGTON, WA -- The A.L.F. raids continue in Washington state, with the most recent on May 7th when the Animal Liberation Front rescued 212 chickens from Dai-Zen egg farm one hour north of Seattle. This raid is the second on an egg farm in Burlington; 11 chickens were liberated from Broadview Egg Farms in 1998. The raid also follows a 6-month period of A.L.F. hyperactivity in Washington state, including 2 lab raids, one raid on a lab animal breeder, and a mink release. All totaled the A.L.F. has liberated 336 animals in the state from hellish lives and certain death in their Northwest liberation crusade.

The A.L.F. communiqué following the rescue stated the raid was carried out in response to a recent highly publicized case in which several thousand chickens were left to starve to death at Amberson Egg Farms, near Seattle. The case received extensive media coverage in the northwest and gave much of the public its first glimpse inside the horror of modern day egg production.



Following the starved chicken media exposure surrounding Amberson Egg Farms, a Seattle animal rights group challenged Northwest egg farms to open their doors and show the public that the situation at Amberson - filthy conditions and chickens crammed 5 to a cage - was an isolated case and not the industry standard. No farms responded. Their smug silence was answered on May 7th when an A.L.F. squad broke into sheds at Dai-Zen farms - which imprisons 30,000 chickens - took extensive video footage of the atrocious conditions inside, cut open cages, and rescued 212 animals.

According to the communiqué, all rescued chickens were placed in loving homes.

A week later, the A.L.F. released a video of the raid, which shows activists cutting cages and loading animals into carriers. Also documented were the hellish conditions on the farm - chickens forced to live in darkness, packed 4 or 5 to a filthy cage, and surrounded by rats and feces.

From the communiqué - "This raid was carried out by a small cell of compassionate individuals whose decision to cross the line was motivated by a reverence for life - what have these sentient creatures done to deserve such torture?"

16 Activists Arrested by Abusive Police Officers at Anti-Fur Demonstration

INDIANAPOLIS, IN -- Sixteen activists were arrested after an anti-fur protest at the Castleton Mall Lazarus on Saturday, March 4th. About 40 protesters entered the shopping center at 2:00pm and marched to the entrance of Lazarus. Protesters formed a line in front of the doorway and 7 members of the Bloomington-based group Speak Out For Animals sat down in the entrance and locked arms.

The demonstration lasted for at least 30 minutes and over 300 leaflets were passed out while the group held signs and chanted. A large crowd formed around the activists despite dispersal efforts by mall security personnel. No matter how hard the security guards tried, they could not prevent activists from educating passers-by about the unconscionable cruelty of the fur industry.

This would have been a routine educational effort had the Marion County Sheriff's Department not grossly overreacted. Sheriff's deputies used pain holds while arresting the seated activists. Althea Stamps of Bloomington was hospitalized due to injuries sustained from one of these holds and from being dropped on her face. Mrs. Stamps said, "It comes as no surprise that somebody protecting the interests of an industry that kills 40 million animals a year would willfully injure me for protesting this mass slaughter."

The protesters who were not seated willingly left the mall when warned that they would be arrested if they did not comply. The activists' peaceable demeanor did not stop the police from arresting 11 of them on the flimsy charge of "Obstructing Traffic" as they left mall property. The authorities also threatened many with unprovoked physical violence. Clearly, this charge is being used to harass innocent protesters being that many of them were on neither the road nor mall property when the arrests were made.

Kara Beaver of the Lafayette based group Students In Defense of Animals said, "The Marion County Sheriff's Department needs to take a look at what they are supposed to protect and serve: innocent people such as myself or the blood-soaked profits of murderers like Lazarus."

These abuses of police power pale in comparison to the injustice inflicted on Benjamin Zurkel of Lafayette. Benjamin, a quiet and reserved young man, with a deep-seated concern for the lives of fur-bearing creatures, remained peaceful throughout the entire protest. But the police arrested him for "rioting."

Saturday's demonstration was a peaceful one and this charge is obviously being leveled against Mr. Zurkel as a means of intimidating other activists. "Ben did nothing wrong. The real criminals here are the cops who think they can go around unjustly punishing innocent people for exercising their rights," commented Allison Yee of Bloomington.

Lazarus was the target of this demonstration because of their pivotal role in the fur trade. They are part of the Federated department store chain, which is the largest retailer of fur in America. The fur industry produces cruel and unnecessary products for the vanity of the wealthy at the expense of millions of animals and the environment.

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SEATTLE, WA — It was reported on February 14th, that the full City Council held a vote on the legislation to ban the display of exotic animals on property owned or operated by the City of Seattle. The Council voted to not pass the Exotic Animals performance ban for City property, by a vote of 5 to 4.

DALLAS, TX — The bloody carcass of a raccoon, minus its fur, greeted shoppers at the front entrance to Neiman Marcus in downtown on February 25th as part of a national campaign to convince the store to stop selling fur. Anti-fur activists said the dramatic protest was necessary so that consumers will know the real "face of fur."

NEW YORK, NY — Chrissie Hynde led protests at Gap stores on every stop on her tour and was arrested along with three other PETA activists after taking over the display window at Gap's New York flagship store and allegedly ripping up leather items valued at $1,000 on March 9th. A spokesperson said, "Our aim with this protest is to pressure Gap into taking responsibility for the illegal and cruel products that they're selling." The charges against Hynde and the others will be dropped provided they stay out of "trouble" for the next six months.

CALAVERAS, CA — Five animal rights activists were found *not guilty* of hunter harassment on March 13th after a three day trial. The judge could not find the protesters guilty of interfering with a lawful hunt because the prosecution hadn't proved that the hunters were hunting legally. The charges stemmed from a hunt sab 18 months earlier when about 20 activists accompanied hunters on opening day of the deer season. Tensions ran high throughout the day and there were many confrontations before law enforcement officers detained all activists for nearly four hours while they searched their vehicles, seized "evidence" and paraded the saboteurs in front of the hunters to be identified.

EVERETT, WA — On March 14th the charges were unexpectedly dropped against the three juveniles caught during the daylight raid on Brainard's mink farm a year before. The three activists were due to go back to court in April and would have been likely to spend some time in custody because they hadn't complied with the court's order to pay restitution. The activists were ordered to pay $7,000, even though Brainard reported that actual damage to the farm was more than $65,000. One activist had this to say, "when I first heard of my charges being dropped I jumped up and down with joy. Not only did Brainard not get a cent from anyone, but animals are still running free and no one has been convicted - this is a victory for the animals!"

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ITHACA, NY — A Cornell student, facing possible expulsion for trying to document what was described as animal abuse at the university, was found not guilty of all charges (including harassment and endangerment) on March 16th at a disciplinary hearing on campus. All of the charges stem from his being in a classroom for less than 90 seconds with a video camera to observe students experimenting on animals.

SHEBOYGAN, WI — On March 17th, in a totally unexpected move, a Judge dismissed all charges against eight animal rights activists on trial for disorderly conduct while wearing a mask, on the day the trial was expected to go to the jury. The judge made the decision based on the motion of the county prosecutor, who admitted he could not prove who wore masks and who did not. The charges stemmed from a demonstration in January in front of a Plymouth fur farm, near the site of a $1.5 million fire that destroyed a mink farm food supply business the year before. To the surprise of the prosecutor, his own witnesses testified that the demonstrators were not disorderly.

SACRAMENTO, CA — Reported on April 4th, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer confirmed that "It is a violation of the state's animal cruelty laws to conduct a 'pigeon shoot' at which domestic pigeons are released from cages and shot for purposes of sport and amusement." Heidi Prescott of The Fund for Animals stated, "Pigeon shoots are now practiced in only three states - Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Texas - and all three have pending litigation to halt pigeon shoots under state animal cruelty laws."

NEW YORK, NY — Reported on April 7th, a new study shows that a vegan diet may reduce blood levels of an amino acid linked with heart disease.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On April 11th, a federal judge struck down a government decision to allow the use of the "dolphin safe" label on cans of tuna even when these fish have been trapped with huge encircling nets which often harm dolphins.

ENGLEWOOD, CO — On April 13th, the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) agreed to settle a lawsuit filed by Rocky Mountain Animal Defense, The Fund for Animals and Sinapu. This lawsuit was filed as a result of a massive prairie dog poisoning at a federal prison here. The terms of the settlement specify that the BOP must prepare a prairie dog management plan, an environmental assessment report for this plan which will include public involvement, and the serious consideration of non-lethal alternatives to killing these animals.

Back-to-Back Fur Protests Disrupt Fashion Week

by Alison Green, PETA Staff Writer

NEW YORK, NY -- Non-stop disruptions of the fall fashion shows during fashion's biggest week in the U.S. put the anti-fur message on the runway day after day.

Despite increased security at 7th on Sixth, as the week of fall collections is known, PETA was able to derail runway shows featuring fur three days in a row, resulting in unparalleled coverage and a renewed national media focus on the suffering of animals in the fur trade.

At the Oscar de la Renta show, activists Robyn Wesley and Karla Waples stormed the runway with "Fur Shame" banners. Footage of the protest was run-and rerun many times nationally and abroad..

The next day, event organizers at the celebrity-packed Michael Kors show stationed security guards in every aisle to guard against anti-fur protesters, but to no avail. As Kors bowed at the end of his fur-heavy show, activist Kristie Sigmon threw a tofu cream pie from the audience.

Images of the designer cleaning tofu cream off himself ran on news stations around the country. Newscasters and columnists began publicly speculating on which designer would be fur protesters' next target.

On the third day, with tension running high and security dramatically increased, PETA struck again, this time at the Randolph Duke show. When a model dressed in fur came sashaying out, activist Bruce Friedrich appeared at the front of the runway chanting "Fur is Dead!" As he began pouring red paint over himself two burly security guards tackled him, turning a small protest into a much bigger show as the paint went flying. Fur-clad Vogue editor Anna Wintour, who was sitting in the front row during the commotion, made a hasty exit.

CNN's style show host Elsa Klench pointed out that civil disobedience is an important part of our history: "Women got the vote because suffragettes chained themselves to doors," she told the New York Times.

Footage on E! News Daily showed an obviously shaken Duke watching the disruption from a backstage monitor.

The protests caused "endless debate in the 7th on Sixth fashion tents," wrote the Chicago Sun Times. Judy Collinson, the general merchandising manager of Barneys New York, told the Times, "We have to be sensitive to the issue... It will to a certain extent guide our decision making."



protester tackled by security after disrupting fashions show

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destroying a 70 year genetic research project. That same month, someone ransacked the offices of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau shortly after that organization offered a $50,000 reward in connection with the arson attacks on local slaughterhouses.

The A.L.F. actions provoked a fairly predictable response from both law enforcement and animal abusers. The police promised swift arrests, and the targeted businesses offered huge rewards. The San Francisco Police Department has dedicated two investigators to animal rights "crimes," and above-ground activists have been interrogated and intimidated. One officer even went so far as to offer a substantial bribe to an activist for information.

Sonoma County ranchers and farmers have apparently become extremely frustrated and fearful since the attacks, reportedly resorting to patrolling their properties with guns, vowing to shoot trespassers. Reaction from above-ground animal rights groups has been mixed. One Bay Area-based national organization went so far as to condemn the actions. But grassroots activists from three groups - the Freedom Offensive, the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, and Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition - conducted a series of demonstrations in support of the A.L.F. that attracted significant media attention.

Meanwhile, despite all the efforts of law enforcement, the A.L.F. appears to have pulled off a devastating series of actions and escaped capture. No one knows what to expect next, but one thing is certain: Bay Area animal abusers are looking over their shoulders, fearing the worst.

Anti-Ringling Campaign Hits Another Landmark

by Paul Shapiro

WASHINGTON, DC -- Each year since 1997, D.C.-based animal rights group Compassion Over Killing (COK) has made the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus feel extremely unwelcome when it brings its traveling slave show into the District.

In 1997, five COK activists used steel pipe lockboxes to blockade the sole animal entrance to the D.C. Armory for two hours. In 1998, another five COK activists used kryptonite bike locks to attach their necks together, taking over center ring at the MCI Center, delaying the beginning of Ringling's performance for nearly 30 minutes. And, in 1999, two COK activists locked themselves to the underside of a car to block the only animal entrance to D.C. Armory, preventing the circus from forcing the Bengal tigers to perform.

In 2000, the campaign hit another landmark on March 23, when two COK activists scaled the MCI Center and dropped a 50-foot long banner reading, "RINGLING KILLS ANIMALS" *(see cover)*. For three hours, they remained more than 100 feet above ground, letting the world know how Ringling's routine beatings and psychological deprivation of animals has literally caused many animals to die.

Both activists were arrested, held overnight, and charged with unlawful entry. At their arraignment the next day, all charges were dropped.

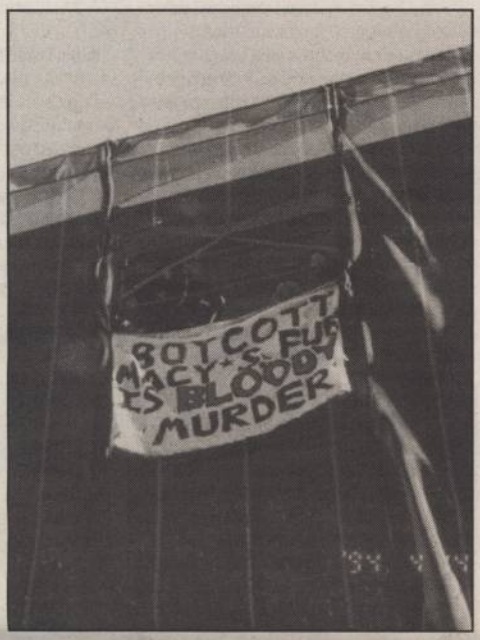
In just a two-year period, Ringling Bros. circus has been cited by the USDA for 65 noncompliances with the Animal Welfare Act. On January 7, 1998, a Ringling Bros. trainer shot Arnie, a caged tiger, five times, killing him, after he had attacked another trainer earlier that day. On January 24, 1998, Kenny, a baby endangered Asian elephant died after being forced to perform for Ringling while sick. Ringling Bros. agreed to pay a $20,000 fine in order to avoid an actual conviction. And, on February 23, 1999, Sabre, a horse being used by Ringling Bros., collapsed and died in front of a crowd of onlookers in the street in Norfolk, VA, just before a performance.

When not performing, animals in the circus are kept in chains and travel almost nonstop, up to 12,000 miles each year. When animals outlive their "usefulness," they are often sold by circuses to exotic game farms to be shot for a fee, or they languish in cramped cages at roadside zoos for the remainder of their lives.

'Fur Is Bloody Murder' at 70 feet above ground!

by Chris Ward
CAFT-Boston

BOSTON, MA -- On February 12, CAFT-Boston decided to take elevated action against Macy's East. At approximately 1:20pm, two Boston activists, Shon Mahoney and I, climbed 70 feet up the scaffolding outside of Macy's Downtown Crossing store and dropped a banner reading "BOYCOTT MACY'S FUR IS BLOODY MURDER!" from an opening in the mesh veil that enveloped the steel structure. As a bloody fur coat giveaway and massive support protest transpired on the ground, we then U-locked our necks - and the banner - to the scaffolding and began chanting in conjunction with the substantial gathering below.



CAFT-Boston takes their protest against Macy's East to new heights - 70 feet above the ground

Boston police were dumbfounded. They had not even been aware of the situation until we were halfway up the scaffolding, prepared to expose the truth about Macy's and fur in an exhilarating fashion. After two hours of bewilderment, police managed to remove us from our perch, but not before about 150 people had congregated on the ground to witness the remarkable scene. The fire department was forced to use the rescue bucket of a fire engine to lower us, which generated even more attention! The raging protest continued after we were driven away as everyone proceeded to the station to begin support.

Media coverage on the action was amazing. The story appeared on all the local news stations and both Boston newspapers - The Herald and The Globe - covered the action in their Sunday editions.

For the action, we were charged with trespassing, disturbing the peace, and willful and malicious destruction of property over $250. We were subsequently detained for 40 hours after refusing bail and are awaiting trial in early summer.

Thanks to everyone who helped with planning, media and support for this significant action dedicated to the animals.

The fact is that millions of innocent creatures are slaughtered for ignorance and fashion every year, and we will continue our uncompromising campaign against Macy's until it ends its reprehensible participation in the bloody fur industry!

Activist Testifies to Wisconsin Grand Jury

MADISON, WI - A grand jury that handed down indictments against two Seattle activists in 1998 has reconvened here. This is the latest twist in the case of Justin Samuel and Peter Young, who face 82 years in prison for their alleged role in five mink releases in which 12,000 mink were freed. Seattle-area activists have reported that Nathan Brasfield, a local activist there, was flown to Madison in April to testify before the Grand Jury and gave his full cooperation in the case. This raises serious concerns about Nathan's trustworthiness, yet he remains active with Seattle-area groups.

Cooperating with authorities in these types of investigations is extremely dangerous. Even the most innocent of comments can be distorted and land someone in jail for an extended period of time. With Justin and Peter facing the outrageous possibility of spending 82 years imprisoned for allegedly *saving the lives of animals*, it is imperative that we refuse to cooperate with this federal witch-hunt in any way. Under no circumstances is it ever justifiable to give statements to the authorities about anyone other than yourself.

The intended purpose of the grand jury extension is unknown, but questions reportedly pertained to the whereabouts of Peter as well as the whereabouts of another Seattle activist whose vehicle Peter and Justin were allegedly driving when it was confiscated in Sheboygan, WI during October 1997. It appears likely this third activist will be indicted by the Grand Jury as well.

If approached by law enforcement in cases such as this activists are urged to immediately contact *No Compromise* for assistance in finding good legal advice and support to resist government harassment.

JUSTIN SAMUEL SUPPORT FUND

Incarcerated animal rights 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 sat in a Belgium jail from September '99 until early June when he was finally extradited to Madison, Wiconsin.

As we go to press, he was awaiting a bail hearing and ask that no address be distributed until it is known whether or not he will remain in custody. Check the website for updates as they come in.

Justin's trial is certain to be 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
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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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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Two PETA members were arrested April 13th after dumping a truckload of manure (about four tons worth) in front of the World Bank building as part of the A16 protest against economic globalization. PETA's action was designed to draw attention to the non-sustainable, unethical promotion of animal agriculture in "developing" countries.

NEW YORK, NY — It was reported on April 18th, that after two months of protests outside Gap stores, Gap Inc., the United States' second largest clothing retailer, has agreed to stop using leather from animals killed in India, where the animals are considered sacred but are cruelly slaughtered in an illegal black market. While all leather is cruel, PETA targeted India because it's one of the largest leather manufacturers in the world, and its leather trade is one of the cruelest.

NEAH BAY, WA — On April 20th Erin Abbott, an activist involved with Ocean Defense International (ODI), which was monitoring the whale hunt by the Makah whale hunters, was taken to Port Angeles Hospital after being run over by a U.S. Coast Guard boat. Witnesses were shocked that Erin escaped death but did suffer a broken shoulder and several cracked ribs. According to ODI, she was on a jet ski when the Makah harpooned a gray whale. During the confusion, the harpoon was dislodged and the whale escaped.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — On April 21st, after demos at animal research facilities, activists protested at UCSF researcher Steven Cheung's house. While they chanted in the street, more than 30 police arrived and abruptly arrested six for no apparent reason. The activists were charged with "disturbing the peace" and were later released.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — Three activists demonstrating against the Portland Grand Jury were arrested on April 24th, on a little-known city ordinance about "concealing your identity" after the police claimed that the folks in black bloc were "scaring" federal employees.

DES MOINES, IA — On April 26th the National Pork Producers Council (NPCC) announced a new marketing effort designed to change the way people think about eating dead pigs. Their new advertising campaign will focus on the word "other" in their "The Other White Meat" slogan, trying to portray the flesh of these animals as some kind of remedy to "mealtime boredom." The NPPC has set aside $26 million over the next year to try to convince consumers to buy and eat pig corpses.

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ATLANTA, GA — Two anti-vivisection protesters were unexpectedly arrested on April 29th while protesting the treatment of animals at Emory University's Yerkes Regional Primate Center. Police swooped in without warning and for no apparent reason, to seize the two activists (it was later learned that they were both arrested on warrants resulting from a previous protest). In recent years hundreds of people have been arrested while protesting the blatant mistreatment and abuse of animals at Yerkes.

LAS VEGAS, NV — Bobby Berosini, who was secretly caught on videotape beating and punching the orangutans he used in his headline act at the Stardust in 1989, lost another round in his battle with PETA on May 4th. Attorneys for the beleaguered and unemployed entertainer, who once paraded baby orangutans up and down the strip in his fleet of Rolls Royces, gave a PETA attorney a check for $340,230 to cover costs and interest incurred by PETA for legal fees in defending themselves against a defamation suit filed by Berosini in 1990. This suit was later thrown out by the Nevada Supreme Court.

SAN DIEGO, CA — It was reported on the 13th of May that an activist from Los Angeles has won a lawsuit against the San Diego Police Department for using excessive force and causing severe injuries to her during an ant-fur protest at Neiman Marcus two years ago. During the action, which took place at Neiman Marcus in Fashion Valley in July of 1998, the police were extremely aggressive in their arrests of five anti-fur protesters, especially in the case of Lael Glasser, who sustained serious, possibly permanent injuries to her wrists. Ms. Glasser's suit is a victory against the police's misuse of power and blatant disregard for the civil rights of demonstrators.

CAMDEN COUNTY, NC — On May 15th, two pig farmers pled guilty to animal cruelty charges for the treatment of pigs on their farm. These charges result from an undercover investigation by PETA which documented workers bludgeoning sows with pipe wrenches and poles, and dismembering and skinning them while they were fully conscious.

SEATTLE, WA — On May 16th, after facing protests against fur and sweatshop labor conditions at Nordstrom's annual shareholder's meeting, Nordstrom CEO John Whitacre admitted his unease over selling fur garments, but insisted that the stores would continue to carry fur products as long as there was a market for them.

Rosebraugh, Harper vs. Portland Grand Jury

PORTLAND, OR -- On February 2nd, 2000, agents from the FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and US Forest Service raided the home, vehicle and former office of Earth Liberation Front spokesperson Craig Rosebraugh *(see Interview, p. 3)*. Craig has worked as a spokesperson for the ELF and for other underground organizations for the last three years (he is also known for his former work with the local Liberation Collective), receiving anonymous communiques from the groups and distributing them and their message to the media and public nationwide.

A virtual truckload of equipment and personal items was seized for the investigation into actions of economic sabotage against those who profit from the destruction of the natural environment. At the time of the search, Craig was served a subpoena to testify before a federal grand jury convened in Portland to investigate multiple actions of both the Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front. In addition, he received notice on February 18th that he was an official target of the grand jury which intends to indict him on federal charges.

Craig appeared before the grand jury on February 29th and plead the Fifth Amendment to every question except his name. He was then granted immunity (which means that he's not allowed to take the Fifth and faces jail time if he continues to not answer questions) and was ordered to reappear at a later date. In a statement read to supporters at a protest outside the federal building, Craig said, "As you know, the federal grand jury which has convened in Portland is not just an attack on me but an attack on everyone who cares about justice, freedom, and making the world a better place for every form of life to exist."

He appeared before the grand jury again on April 25th where he again took the Fifth Amendment to most questions and experienced a memory lapse with regard to others. To everyone's surprise, he was released, *once again*, and commanded to reappear, *once again*, on May 24th.

In addition, Josh Harper, a longtime dedicated activist, has also been subpoenaed to this grand jury on the same day. He was served the subpoena when three US Coast Guard vessels surrounded and boarded a boat that he was on while attempting to stop the Makah's spring whale hunt in Neah Bay, Washington.

Craig and others in Portland who struggle on the side of the natural environment have faced massive repression in the form of grand jury subpoenas (May 24th will be Craig's 8th appearance before the grand jury), false arrests and serious injury at the hands of local police, surveillance, vandalism, harassing phone calls and death threats, "chance meetings" and home visits by federal agents, and a suspicious amount of infighting.

This grand jury is specifically investigating the actions of the Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front from 1997 through the present. Since 1997, both groups have been responsible for inflicting over $16 million on entities that profit from the destruction of the environment and exploitation of life. The grand jury seeks information regarding the release of 10,000 mink from a fur farm in Mt. Angel, Oregon, the fire which completely destroyed Cavel West Horse Slaughterhouse in Redmond, Oregon, the $12 million dollar blaze that crippled Vail resort's expansion into prime lynx habitat in Colorado, and the Christmas torching of the Northwest headquarters of Boise Cascade, among others.

Since the FBI has been unable to make any progress in catching the individuals who participated in these actions, they've decided to go after those who support them instead. Grand juries have time and time again been misused by malicious prosecutors intent on squelching movements that begin to threaten corporate profits. By going after aboveground activists, they hope to divide us and turn us against our comrades. Resistance to this sort of state repression is crucial for the health of our movement. By standing firm, we can and we will overcome.

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bathroom in private." The protesters were also on a hunger strike while locked down, making them weak and nauseated.

"It goes without saying that we were never really comfortable," commented John Forshew, one of the participants. "Just thinking of the untold atrocities the animals would have to endure for the rest of their lives was enough to keep me from griping. My day and a half was nothing."

The two goals of the action were to put a spotlight on research involving animals at the ARC, along with stopping shipments of animals into the ARC. The protests were more successful than planned, not only raising public awareness but also inconveniencing the ARC and halting deliveries.

As day two of the lockdown passed, ADL members decided that they had done all that could be done, as animal shipments only take place on Tuesdays. Unprepared to stay a week and satisfied with what they accomplished for the animals, activists struggled out of their lockboxes and broke the fast with vegan breadsticks.

Surprisingly, those who locked down were all relatively new activists, involved for only a year or less. "After a slow period of both campaigning and A.L.F. activity, the animal rights scene in Salt Lake is on the rise," said Sabrina Forsey. "I meet people every day who are horrified at what is happening to animals and want to take action. ADL will be there to help them make their voices heard."



ADL-Salt Lake is now working on A.L.F. education, informing the public as well as other activists about the value of the A.L.F. and non-violent direct action groups. They have already demonstrated at targets of the A.L.F., such as Honey Baked Hams and Diamond Lil's Steakhouse.

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As we go to press, it has been reported that Craig's subpoena was withdrawn the day before his scheduled appearance on May 24th.

Josh chose to defy the subpoena altogether by not showing up at all. A statement from Josh was handed out to a 100-person strong support protest at the Federal Courthouse in Portland.

Josh wrote (in part): "My life is my own, my thoughts are my own, and what I decide to do will not be dictated to me by judges, attorneys, and their lackeys with guns. If they want me, let them come and get me. They can drag me to the grand jury room, but they can never make me speak.

"To the A.L.F. and E.L.F. I do not know you, but I send you my endless admiration - perhaps someday you can remove the masks so that we may celebrate victory together. Until then, let us all remain in utter defiance of those who would try to stop us."



Lockdown at Macy's Yields 4 Arrests

ALBANY, NY -- On Saturday, May 29, the Albany Animal Defense League launched an offensive against the "fur vault" at our local Macy's department store. Four activists with lockboxes sat down in the vault chanting while a dozen or so supporters marched around the store distributing literature and asking people to boycott Macy's until they end their role in the bloody fur trade.

Police and security personnel surrounded the demonstrators and at first began negotiating. Then they began applying pain holds to the lockdowners and swatting down and blocking our camcorders from documenting this. The police picked up all of the activists, still locked together, and carried them out an employee entrance. The support group followed, causing quite a ruckus in the store.

When we saw that the activists were being led outside, we ran out the doors and greeted them as they were being hauled into the cop cars. About 50 demonstrators continued to assemble outside by the road, and we stayed there for another couple of hours while a small group went to the jail for support.

Judge Peter Crummey held the nonviolent activists on a whopping $1500 bail each. They refused to eat and went on hungerstrike. Jail support continued throughout the weekend as we tried every means possible to contact the judge.

At the court date the following Monday, he cut a deal with the activists whereby they pled guilty to trespass, a violation commensurate with a traffic ticket in severity and had the resisting arrest and disorderly conduct charges dropped. The two women had been in jail the whole time and were released, but the two men had been bailed out without their knowledge and against their will by non-movement people that same day. Their bail was returned.

The Macy's campaign will continue, culminating in an Albany stop this August during the national anti-Macy's tour.

Activist Convicted Despite Lack of Evidence

by James McCrory

PHILADELPHIA, PA -- A court here has found an animal rights activist guilty of a felony that could send him to jail for up to eight years despite alibi witnesses, pictures, and video that all support his claim that he did not commit the crime.

In February 10, 2000 Joe Bateman, a member of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, went to trial for charges stemming from two separate incidents. On August 22, 1998 he was arrested during a peaceful demon-stration at Jacques Ferber Furs (1708 Walnut St.) for violating a protection order of which he had not been made aware. He was found guilty of four misdemeanors, including defiant trespass, disorderly conduct, obstructing the highway, and contempt.

Joe appealed the judge's decision. When it was brought to trial again, a former district attorney who worked on one of Joe's previous trials took the stand and said she was "a little over 80% sure" that she sent him a copy of the protection order.

Also taking the stand for the prosecution was Ferber Furs employee Alan Becker, who claimed he called the police upon seeing Joe outside his store. He testified that he believes that Joe is the "ringleader" of the grassroots group. The previous judge's decision was overturned and Joe was found not guilty of the four misdemeanors.

Joe was also charged with felony criminal mischief and another misdemeanor, possession of an "instrument of crime." These charges were from April 24, 1999 when the front window of Ferber Furs was smashed, during the Millions for Mumia rally in center city Philadelphia. Joe attended the rally carrying a homemade banner that read "Vegans for Mumia." Twice during the rally, a group of animal rights activists broke away and held demonstrations at the Ferbers' store while Joe stayed at the rally with the banner.

A video taken by the store's owner Andre Ferber, Jr. at the first demo showed a person wearing camouflage pants, a ski mask, and a hood, covering the whole face except the eyes and forehead. This person was later identified as the window-breaker. It should be noted that the prosecutor had said the video would not be used because Joe was clearly not in it. Pictures of Joe taken the same day at the Mumia rally show him wearing a red T-shirt and cut-off khaki shorts.

Florence Murray, a Ferber Furs employee, testified that she saw a man wearing a mask throw a rock through the window and that she just "knows" it was Joe under the mask. Andre Ferber testified that he couldn't actually see what happened because other activists blocked his view.

Janelle Soto took the stand saying she was with Joe the whole day and that they stayed at the Mumia rally the whole time with their sign. Brett Wyker said Joe has not been to Ferber's since August 29, 1998. The two witnesses along with two others who came from New York were asked to look at a picture and explain why the person under the mask was *NOT* Joe (guilty until proven innocent?). They pointed out physical characteristics like Joe's "widow's peak" hairline and the masked man's lack of one as well as the difference in complexions.

District Attorney Robert Bershed suggested that Bateman changed clothes and ran five blocks to Ferber Furs to join everyone else at the protest, leaving his banner behind. After the window was broken and the demonstrators ran, he then continued that Joe ran back to the meeting point ahead of the others, having already changed clothes again.

In his closing statements Bershed also stated that animal rights activists use their First Amendment rights for "childish, selfish, political reasons" and should be convicted. This is clearly an attempt to put a limit on free speech. Joe is being used as an example to other activists to make them scared to stand up against injustice.

Joe was found guilty of criminal mischief and possession of an "instrument of crime." He faces up to eight years in prison. Sentencing has been postponed a number of times and is currently scheduled for May 9th.

The defense is asking that the court admit new evidence further proving Joe's innocence, and is moving for a retrial. The new evidence includes an anthropologist's testimony. In the best interests of justice, it is unforeseeable why the court will not admit this evidence.

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WOODLAND, CA — On May 23rd the District Attorney's office ordered all charges be dropped against four Bay Area activists who were arrested at last June's UC Davis stop of the Primate Freedom Tour.

LEWISBURG, PA — It was reported on May 24th that a U.S. District Court Judge had ordered a federal penitentiary to provide soy milk to a vegan inmate. Citing the prison's limited alternatives to meat and dairy products, Judge Emmet G. Sullivan wrote in his ruling, "It is common knowledge that a diet lacking vital nutrients and sufficient calories can adversely affect the body in multiple and sometimes irreversible ways." He added, "[I]t does not appear to be overly burdensome for [the Lewisburg facility] to provide soy milk as a menu choice."

WALLULA, WA — On May 24th, KING-5 TV ran an expose on the treatment of cows at an IBP plant here. Video of the treatment of these cows was provided to the Humane Farming Association by a worker at the plant. The footage shows fallen cows being trampled and dragged, others tortured with electric prods. One cow had fallen and workers stuck an electric prod on her head, then shoved the prod down her mouth. Still other cows were hung on chains, fully conscious, blinking and kicking.

NEW YORK, NY — The Fur Free Macy's Tour kicked off May 27th with a three-hour protest at the Macy's flagship store, continuing with two consecutive protests throughout the Memorial Day weekend. Well over a hundred protestors attended this first demonstration, highlights of which included 17 cages set up outside with protestors inside to draw attention to the cramped conditions in which animals on fur farms are raised, and ending the weekend with an 8-person walk through of the store. This protest was just the first in a three-month-long series of demonstrations against Macy's stores throughout the North-East.

ESCALANTE, UT — Two Escalante Wilderness Project (EWP) activists were released from jail May 30th. They had been arrested over Memorial Day weekend for tabling near the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Visitor Center at the Escalante National Monument (a federal park) and distributing information critical of allowing the grazing of cattle on public lands. "BLM has tried to criminalize free speech on grazing when our detailed research of BLM files is finding the Monument's grazing program does not comply with laws and regulations to protect natural resources." said Tori Woodard, EWP co-founder.

Direct Action News From Around the World

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TOKYO, JAPAN — It was reported on February 5th that an environmental group issued protests against the destruction by injection of a Bengal tiger that mauled a part-time worker to death the previous day. In its appeal, All Life In a Viable Environment (ALIVE) said, "The tiger itself was not at fault. We strongly question the killing of the tiger, a rare species that should have been protected, before the facts of the case were made clear." The statement was presented to the Environment Agency and the Tokyo metropolitan government.

LONDON, ENGLAND — On February 15th fur protestors broke into a film studio in Islington, north London, the venue for Alexander McQueen's catwalk show, and daubed anti-fur slogans on the special designed backdrops. They were also reported to have tried to "booby-trap" the stage. This was the first sabotage attempt to take place during London Fashion Week, but follows three recent attempts by PETA during the recent New York shows *(see p. 6)*.

MOSCOW, RUSSIA — It was reported on March 12th that an animal protection center organized a demonstration to support a new animal protection law. About 50 activists showed up in support of the new law and, according to participants at the demo, the younger generation has decided to become active with a large proportion of youth at the event.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA — On March 26th three activists unfurled a banner reading "Circus Animals Suffer," when the elephant with the Austrian National Circus was being forced to perform her tricks. Employees of this circus have attacked activists in the past and destroyed their personal property.

FINLAND — It was reported on March 29th that the charges of attempted arson and criminal damage against two activists were dropped. The prosecution wanted the two men caught carrying incendiary devices to be sent to prison for 10 months (which is quite severe in Finnish standards), however, the court ruled in favor of the defense.

NODDY BAY, NEWFOUNDLAND — The annual seal hunt began here March 31st, but its future is unclear due to rising costs and low prices being offered for the pelts of the slaughtered seals. Continued pressure from animal activists has taken it's toll and this year's top seal pelt prices range from $12 to $13 as compared to $25 last year. Seal-killers say this price is barely enough to break even, and some may not even bother joining this year's hunt.

UK Fur Farm Ban Closer Than Ever



BRITAIN -- The end of fur farming here is now closer than it has ever been, but now is the time to increase the pressure rather than sit back and think we've won. The Government Bill to end the trade has now had its Second Reading in Parliament, although it has two further stages in the House of Commons before being passed to the Lords. Conservative MPs are still opposing the Bill, but they did not try and disrupt the proceedings too much this time. Rather than being seen as a sign that they've given in, it should be seen as something sinister they are simply holding off their dirty tricks for a later date.

The fur industry has been working hard to oppose the Bill and has persuaded several countries - Finland, Denmark, Spain, Italy and France - to complain to the European Commission about it, pretending their opposition is based on a supposed threat to free trade. Meanwhile, the Dutch Government has also written to the EC, but in support of the UK position. The EC will make an announcement in June on whether it feels the UK ban breaches European policy, and Holland is waiting to see the outcome before pressing ahead with its own ban on mink farming. Many Finnish MPs and Ministers have been outraged at its governments' opposition to this Bill, claiming it has nothing to do with Finland. One Minister asked what signal it gives to campaigners legally fighting for animals if the UK Bill were blocked because of interference from other countries.

Fur farmers meanwhile want the ban to go through so that they can close and get compensation. It is clear that they are extremely annoyed at the rest of the fur industry for delaying and trying to stop the Bill.

CAFT-UK feels that this Bill is extremely important, not just to animals suffering in the UK but to all animals worldwide. We believe that the issue must always remain in the public eye and that people must continually remind the government of their promise to ban fur farming. We cannot let this issue slip away quietly. Since CAFT-UK set up in 1997, we have tried to ensure that fur farming has remained constantly in the news (and most importantly in the media close to the fur farms). Everyone now knows about fur farming and these hellholes are no longer kept secret.

In May, three days of national actions were held, timed to coincide with the birth of mink kits. The actions were planned to concentrate on the failure of the government to reintroduce the Bill since its blocking in January. To our surprise, the government announced the Bill would re-enter Parliament on May 15, the day after our demos finished. This resulted in even more media coverage exposing the fact that mink were being born now who would be gassed in 6 months time. Protests were held at six fur farms around the country while other campaigners held information stalls in town and city centers to educate the public. A mass of radio and newspaper items resulted.

One unfortunate act to come out of the days of action was the arson attack on the car of prominent anti-fur activists. The campaigners had been at a demo at a fur farm before traveling to another farm to carry out some filming. While there, they were arrested by police on trumped up charges and held overnight. The police refused to move the campaigners' car from nearby the farm. When released in the early hours of the morning, they were told their car had been set on fire and was completely wrecked. Personal belongings and some excellent and expensive campaign materials were lost in the fire.

If anyone would like to make a contribution towards replacing these items, please send a check to CAFT enclosing a note that it be passed on to these activists.

Factory Farming Under Attack in Aotearoa

by Mark and Suzy

NEW ZEALAND -- The Pork Expo and World Pork Conference drew hundreds of pig farmers and factory farming industry representatives to the Ellerslie Convention Centre in Auckland this week (week of May 2nd). Animal rights activists held protests on all three days of the conference, which received sympathetic media coverage and attracted a lot of new people into the movement.

After the first demo at the opening of the conference, activist Ben Griffiths started a 48-hour vigil inside a sow crate on the main street of Auckland. At the same time about 20 activists made a surprise visit to the warehouse and head office of Top Hat Bacon Company. We took over the office and totally deafened the management with our drums and loudhailers. We offered to debate the management about animal abuse but they declined. After about twenty minutes we got sick of waiting for the police to arrive so we left.

On the second day, national animal rights group SAFE (Save Animals From Exploitation) launched a series of protests inside supermarkets, loading up trolleys of pork products and generally disrupting things until they got thrown out.

In the evening, 30 people from Auckland Animal Action gatecrashed the posh hotel where the pork executives were having their gala dinner. While the main group with banners and drums gathered at the front doors, four activists slipped through a side door into the dinner itself, yelling and screaming and generally disrupting the gala. Security threw them out quickly and they rejoined the main demo. Then all of the protesters tried to get through 10 security guards and into the main doors. That's when everything got a bit chaotic.

Four guards jumped on one teenage girl, and then everyone jumped on them. We managed to pull the girl out from under the guards, and in the process one guard dislocated a protester's thumb. The protester responded by taking his name, literally; the guard now has a hole in his shirt where his name badge used to be!

During all this, one woman got past the guards and ran into the dinner. She was carried out by four security guards. The head of security replaced the original guards with fresh ones and held us back for another half an hour until three van loads of cops arrived. At that point, we decided to retreat back to the street and continue the demo there for a while.

The next morning was the final session of the pork conference. Ben finished his 48-hour vigil and joined us for the final demo at the pork conference. Security was very tight at the conference center, but three carloads of protesters

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Another UK Lab Supplier Closes Down!!

ENGLAND -- I never thought I'd be writing so soon to tell you that Shamrock Monkey Farm had closed down. The night before they issued a press release announcing their closure, we were busy planning the next phase of the campaign. A national protest outside the farm was planned for that Sunday and the numbers were going to be huge. What was going to be a strong demo with many surprises became a massive party instead.

On March 10, Shamrock announced that it would be "permanently closing their primate facility," and that the closure date would depend on the time it would take to "humanely rehome the monkeys."

Shamrock refused to say where the monkeys were going. But a sympathetic MP, Norman Baker, took the Home Office to task and asked in the House of Commons where Shamrock's monkeys were going. The answer is disappointing but not surprising. All of the monkeys at are being sold to labs.

As heartbreaking as it is to know what these monkeys now face, we must remember how many more monkeys we have saved by closing Shamrock down. We are chipping away at the vivisection industry with every supplier that we close down. The more difficult and costly we make it for labs to get their hands on animals, the fewer animals they will use. Profits motivate them. It's that simple.

Shamrock will close its doors for good when the last of the monkeys have completed their quarantine. Thanks again for all of your actions against Shamrock farm. We beat them together, and we'll keep fighting until we close every last lab and supplier down!! Stay Strong.

Campaign Launched Against Swedish Dog Breeders

ORBYHUS, SWEDEN -- In April 1999 the Swedish A.L.F. raided Wema-hund AB, a company that has a permit to breed 300 dogs for animal experimentation every year. They managed to rescue four dogs and sent out a press release reading, "We now urge animal rights campaigners to start a campaign against that hell-hole and save those we had to leave behind."



protesters face line of riot cops at protest against Wema, vivisection breeders

In December 1999, after months of research and hard work, activists launched a campaign called "Save the Wema-dogs" and sent out a press release and campaign report to groups and activists all over the country. Since then, activists have distributed thousands of leaflets and posters and mailed protest letters, to name just a couple tactics.

To make sure the owners, Weiler and Marianne Sandberg, understood the pressure they would face for the rest of their lives if they continued to breed dogs, a small group of animal rights activists visited them on January 2. With a banner and some signs, they walked up to the dog-breeding farm. Marianne spotted them immediately and released five private dogs on the activists, including two very big barking ones. After only a few more minutes, her husband, Weiler, came out with a gun and threatened to kill the animal rights campaigners if they did not leave. He also hit one activist in the chest with the gun.

The activists left after this attack, only to be arrested out on the road. The owner falsely claimed the dogs had been released and a road sign stolen. The protesters filed a complaint against him for threatening them. The incident with the gun was recorded on video and will be used as evidence.

This campaign has continued to grow. Several times people have put up posters, passed out leaflets and talked with locals. There has been lots of community support and many even suggested the owners should be shot! The campaign has attracted lots of new people to the animal rights movement.

The first direct action against Wema was carried out in April 1999 when the A.L.F. managed to rescue four beagle dogs during a daylight raid at the breeder. All the dogs were placed in caring homes. Further, according to press releases, someone has placed nails that will puncture car tires on the only road leading to Wema.

Only two days into the campaign the Sandbergs changed their phone number after many people called them to express what they think about people that abuse animals. It is also reported that the Sandbergs are drowning in junk mail and are receiving many products from companies where you order first and pay later. According to more reports, they have ordered lots and lots of taxis lately.

Over 150 people from all over Sweden and Finland gathered with some local people in Orbyhus on April 23 and set off on a 4-kilometer march out to Wema. The police were present with a helicopter flying above.

Out at the farm, the protesters took down the police barriers and made some attempts to storm the breeding facility. The fence around the farm was dismantled, and two people were arrested for trespassing but later released. The owners talked with two campaign people and offered to sell the remaining dogs, only 40, and then close operations. This occurred after the first national demonstration at the place.

Activists responded that they would soon be back to close it down. A permanent camp is planned to be set up in June, and animal rights campaigners from all over the world are welcome to come and stay.

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www.come.to/wema

In Other News

In January 1999, activists smashed windows at SMI vivisection lab, threw acid inside and painted slogans. Four people were arrested and three were jailed for 15 days.

In February 2000, all four went to trial (one was also accused of stealing four guinea pigs from the lab). Three were given two years parole and one has to report to police regularly. They also must pay compensation, collectively of 80,000 Swedish krona, which is around $10,000 US.

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CHINA -- On April 5th it was reported that the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) had released the results of a two-year undercover study of bear bile farms here. The report documents how thousands of bears are treated in hundreds of farms across China. WSPA found that the bears were surgically mutilated, often by untrained workers with no veterinary skills, and "milked" each day for their gall bile. Many of the bears were wounded and scarred due to the friction caused by being kept in tiny metal cages, only large enough for them to fit into, but where they are unable to stand straight. Bears suffered a constant stream of bile seeping from their stomachs, where an open wound allowed workers to insert a tube or piece of metal to "tap" the bile, the report states.

TOKYO, JAPAN — The last of five Japanese ships returned from their yearly whaling expedition with the corpses of 439 slaughtered minke whales on April 6th. Ever since the IWC banned commercial whaling Japanese whalers have engaged in what they claim are "scientific" whaling expeditions. Flesh from the bodies of the whales will be sold for food in Japan this summer, despite the supposed "scientific" nature of these annual slaughters.

THE NETHERLANDS — The Dutch multinational Unilever bought out Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream company for $326 million April 12th. Unilever manufactures brands that include Popsicle, Close-up toothpaste, and Wisk and Surf detergents. Unilever is infamous for its part in the vivisection industry and now owns a corporation which sold $237 million worth of dairy products in 1999.

GERMANY — An attempt to broaden the constitution to include protection of animals was narrowly defeated April 13th due to the opposition of the Christian Democrat Party.

BRAZIL — On April 27th the Minister of the Environment declared that the display of Marine Mammals for entertainment would henceforward be deemed unlawful.

ENGLAND — On May 30th it was reported that a British government-backed advertising campaign to promote eating pigs may be backfiring. The campaign features ads showing a sow suckling her piglets, the message is: 'After she's fed them, she could be fed to them.' This is meant to portray the forced animal cannibalism still arranged in many countries where pigs are fed meat products from other pigs. The practice is banned in Britain as an anti-BSE measure. Supermarket chains expressed concerns that the ad might backfire and "put consumers off meat altogether."

Targeting HLS Shareholders at Home

by Niel Hansen

The last few weeks have seen the start of a new stage in the campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) taking our message to the 1,700 individual shareholders in the company.

The BUAV Reform Group wrote to each shareholder, enclosing a copy of a fact sheet by Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty. Appreciating that many individual shareholders would have made their investment purely on financial considerations, blissfully unaware of the cruelty they were inadvertently supporting, the letter was careful to make clear that we had no quarrel with any shareholder who, once they were aware of the facts, sold their investment.

The letter gave shareholders two weeks to sell up and warned that a "campaign tour" would follow, with surprise 24-hour demos outside the homes of those who had not sold by the deadline.

Even when feeling at our most optimistic, we could not have predicted the consequences of that letter. The reaction in the national press, some of it on the front pages, can only be described as hysterical. Worried financial journalists warned our action could lead to a "new trend" in campaigning that could encourage all kinds of political groups to take similar action against all kinds of dodgy companies, with serious consequences for the city. We can only hope they're right .

The campaign attracted not just national but international news coverage for days. Media in France, Ireland, Germany, Finland and even South Africa covered the story.

Within 24 hours of the news breaking, Huntingdon's share price plummeted from 20p to 12p, wiping a full 40% off the value of the company. Huntingdon responded by writing to the Government, calling for the details of shareholders and directors to be kept confidential, and for a new police unit to deal with activists.

Any shareholder concerned by the original letter hardly received reassurance from HLS themselves. The company wrote to every investor, calling for anti-terrorist legislation emphasizing and urging shareholders to dial 999 (911) at the first sign of protesters.

More than 250 shareholders replied to the Reform Group letter, confirming they had sold in the region of a million shares between them. One elderly woman phoned in tears, saying she'd always been vegetarian and had no idea she had been supporting cruelty. Like many others, she was hugely grateful to have been enlightened.

The publicity, incredibly, had only just started. With the first of the 24-hour protests, reporters, photographers and cameramen easily outnumbered the dozen or so campaigners. David Braybrook, a retired businessman holding 20,000 shares, found himself plastered over the nation's press. After the umpteenth reporter had knocked on his door, he snapped, saying he was "more pissed off with all the media than with the protesters."

Other shareholders must have been taking note as the share price, which had managed a slight recovery, closed down 1.5p on the day leaving Braybrook's shares worth £300 less by the end of the protest than they had been at the beginning!

The police were clearly at a loss as to how to act. While Cambridgeshire police appeared on BBC television news confirming that our action was lawful, some newspapers suggested the police were "investigating" the BUAV Reform Group, while various police sources said that shareholders had complained to them after receiving the mailout.

Some four weeks later, the author of the letters was arrested on suspicion of blackmail. Although his home and office were raided, he was released without charge and it seems clear that the police action was simply harassment and an attempt to intimidate campaigners into dropping the home visits. Our response is simply that if we have worried them that much, we must be doing something right!

Two further protests have been held outside the homes of shareholders, resulting in more publicity and putting further pressure on Huntingdon's share price, and this stage of the campaign will be followed by a series of public meetings in towns and cities across the country.

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 institutionalized violence against and oppression of non-human animals in our societies and who oppose all forms of oppressive structures and practice in general.

For updates and more info, please contact:

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NEW URL:
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Roof Occupation to Protest Fur Closes German Department Store



BERLIN -- We recently began a campaign against German department store chain C&A, which has reintroduced fur into their racks (and are still expanding their fur departments). Activists have held demos inside several C&A stores since the beginning of the year.

On February 20th Tegel held a demo inside the C&A in Berlin, with banners, shouting and hundreds of flyers. Ten activists entered the store, but were removed after only about 10 minutes. In the meantime three activists climbed onto the front roof above the entrance. These three held banners, shouted slogans, blew whistles, and threw leaflets down to educate the public.

The police arrived with several riot vans and arrested some of the activists who entered the store. They were not able to get onto the roof at first as their ladder was too short. After the activists refused to come down the police called the fire brigade. The occupation lasted one hour, until the activists were bundled up and put into the riot vans. What the cops particularly did not like was that the activists continued shouting slogans, even while they were being forcefully arrested. It was a busy Saturday and many people were reached. Additionally the C&A was empty for one hour as they had closed all their entrances during the roof occupation.

Animal Rights in Israel

Monkey Business

Readers of *NC* know already about the successful campaign to prevent establishing a breeding facility for monkeys destined for laboratories in Kibutz Or Haner. More good news here: the existing infrastructure for the facility was destroyed, and the company that was supposed to run the place was formally erased.

An ongoing campaign to close another monkey breeding facility has caused headaches for the owners, including pushing them to give up their shares in another problematic facility, "the Monkeys Park of Ben Shemen." The monkeys haven't experienced any change, yet.

Force Feeding of Geese and Ducks

An appeal is pending in the Israeli Supreme Court to ban the force-feeding of geese and ducks. (The appellant is Noah Israel's animal welfare coalition). About 500,000 geese are force-fed in Israel every year, making it one of the leading countries in this cruel industry. A tube is forced into the ducks' throats 3-5 times a day, and cornmeal mush is forced through it to their stomachs. The quantity, 1.5kg to a 4.5kg goose, is equivalent to 20kg of spaghetti for a human being per day.

Force-feeding is intended to cause a disease in the birds: a pathologically swollen and fat liver. The liver presses other organs, making breathing difficult. The force feeding also causes injuries to the throat and stomach. The farmers send the geese to slaughter shortly before their condition would become fatal. An Anonymous activist that documented the process in a few facilities saw frightened geese trying desperately to avoid the farmer and the force-feeding tube.

Force-feeding is already banned in Germany, Austria, Poland, Scandinavian countries, the UK and apparently in Russia.

Anonymous for Animal Rights is continuing its campaign to ban force-feeding in Israel, and to convince the public to stop buying foie gras. For two weeks in April, we had a protest tent in Tel-Aviv that focused on this issue. The tent also housed an exhibition showing the cruelty of animal products (chicken, eggs, milk and beef).

To help this campaign, please write to: **Mr. Hayim Oron, The Ministry of Agriculture, 14 Arania St., Hakirya, Tel-Aviv, Israel. E-mail: sar@moag.gov.il or fax: 972-3-9485835.**

Circus

The Italian circus "Mederano" is again in Israel. Our previous campaigns convinced the authorities not to let it bring wild animals (i.e., lions and elephants). But a circus is also not the place for dogs and horses. Dogs are kept in cages about 20 hours per day (according to the conditions of the license, and assuming that the circus obeys them) and horses are tied in their small stalls all day except during show times. Activists of Anonymous have followed the circus for weeks, sitting 24 hours a day in small cages in front of the circus. A number of singers and actors have also joined this campaign for cruelty-free entertainment.

Just as the circus was arriving, the State decided to bring charges against 5 Anonymous activists who participated in a demonstration against the circus 2 years ago. In court the attorney for the state said that there are pressures to speed up the trial. During the present campaign, we have already filed a few complaints against the police, who disturb our lawful vigils and (so we found) get free tickets to the circus.

The Anonymous Center

Anonymous for Animal Rights has moved! Our new, larger center is in 93 Dizengoff St. in mid Tel-Aviv. The new center allows more activity, giving us more office space and more space for meetings and lectures. We have lectures (plus vegan food) every week or two, which attract as many as 50 people.

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drove through a golf course on the far side and managed to get through a back entrance without being seen. We drove right up to the lawn in front of the windows of the center and jumped out for a quick but noisy demo. We lasted about 10 minutes before the cops arrived and threatened to arrest us and impound our cars for trespass. We continued the protest at the main gate.

That afternoon, after all the advertised protests, a group of us gathered in a park opposite Auckland University, where we had learned that Auckland area vivisectors were having a private meeting to discuss the recent changes to the new animal welfare laws here. This had nothing at all to do with the pork conference but we couldn't let a bunch of vivisectors have a private meeting in town while there were so many activists in the area.

We mingled with the students until we were nearly at the entrance to the meeting building, then security guards spotted us and we charged. After three days of protests, everyone was in the mood for trouble, so when security tried to close the doors, the crowd knocked them down. The guards went absolutely nuts and a huge fight started.

Several people got into the room where the vivisectors were. Papers and boxes were thrown everywhere and several stinkbombs were thrown into the room. One security guard saw the bandaged arm of the guy who had his thumb dislocated, and decided to grab the thumb and twist it. This was not a good idea as he also had his name taken (torn off his shirt!), and then someone apparently punched him in the nose as well. The guards were outnumbered so they locked all the doors so we couldn't get out.

We decided to leave at this point as the smell of the stink bombs was overpowering and the police were on their way. Although we broke all our placards while convincing the guards to open the doors again, everyone did get out. The police chased a few people through the park and eventually arrested three people for disorderly behavior. One of them was also charged with assaulting a security guard. Three people face charges, and the guy with the sore thumb now has a collection of security guard name badges.

Everyone agreed it was a good week. The campaign against factory farming is gaining momentum in New Zealand and the government is almost certain to give in to some of our demands. Sow crates will be outlawed in NZ and the battery cage will be the next target of our campaign. Ultimately we won't stop until all animal cruelty is stopped.

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".

Bloodsports Watch (UK Hunt News Briefs)

by A. Fox of Bloodsports Watch

Where Have All the Hounds Gone?

In February 2000, 25 hounds were stolen from a Limerick foxhunt in Ireland. Also a dog pound in Kilkenny was broken into, the dogs were released and the walls daubed with red paint.

Blame the Victim

On the 18th of February it was revealed that a hunt saboteur awarded £52,000 in damages after his skull was fractured by a baseball bat, has had the money taken away. An appeal court ruled that farmer William Kirkby, 55, acted in self-defense when he hit Harry Cross on the side of the head.

Since the attack, Harry has suffered from epileptic fits. Lord Justice Beldam, the judge who took away the compensation said that Harry's fractured skull and consequent medical problems were a result of his own "criminal and unlawful" acts (i.e. trying to save a defenseless animal).

Scum in Court

On the 10th of March Javid Iqbal, of St. Benedicts Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, appeared at the city's magistrates' court charged with four offenses contrary to the 1952 Cockfighting Act and one contrary to the 1911 Protection of Animals Act. Iqbal pleaded "Not Guilty" and was bailed until early April.

Cop Bashed

On the 11th of March a group of hunt supporters attacked a Police Inspector whilst he attended a hunt. Approximately four thugs beat and kicked the cop, Roy Apps, causing him to suffer arm and rib injuries.

Following the attack the cop was rushed to hospital, though his injuries are not believed to be life threatening. A police spokesperson later told the media that they are treating the attack as "serious".

Direct Action, You Can Bet on it

At the end of March a betting shop in Wanstead, London, had its windows smashed.

A.L.F. Responds

On the night of the 6th of April, to avenge the deaths of the horses killed at Aintree racecourse, the A.L.F. targeted betting shops in Whitechapel, Bethnal Green, Holloway Road, Forest Gate and Leyton. All the shops had their windows smashed and locks glued.

Please Leave Our Traps Alone

In late April a Scottish newspaper revealed that a large number of Larsen and crow traps have been destroyed by people who don't like to see wild birds trapped. The number of destroyed traps has become so high that the Scottish police and the Scottish Gamekeepers Association are joining force and putting up signs to deter the traps, destruction.

The newspaper quoted Wildlife liaison officer, Constable Dave Mackinnon, as saying "Larsen or crow traps are quite legal as long as they are used properly. People may not like the sight of birds caught in these traps but they are humane, selective and safe. These information signs explain why the traps are used and their legal status. We hope they will prevent needless damage and encourage the public to understand the need for legal pest control."

However, Scottish Animal Liberation Front activists have declared their full intention to continue destroying any traps they see.

Bloodsports Watch's Co-Founder Targeted

A well known hunt sab, Neal from Dorchester, has been targeted again. Over Easter, persons unknown (hunt scum) slashed the tyres of a van parked outside his house. A second van had metal tracks put under its tyres. Both vehicles are used by Neal for work.

What's Wrong With Angling?

Imagine someone sticking a barbed hook in your throat or mouth and then promptly dragging you by it! Well, that is what happens to millions of fish every year in the name of pleasure. To make things worse, they are violently pulled from their natural environment and handled and stressed before they are thrown back in, if they are lucky. The ineptitude of anglers also takes its toll, as the prolonged efforts at unhooking and the tearing of the gills when being held up for a photo regularly demonstrate. Many fish are caught again and again bearing the scars left by the anglers. Others die from the stress or from infections

Nobody would tolerate it being done to any other animal, so why should we tolerate it being done to fish? Science has already shown that fish have the ability to feel pain and suffer just as much as any other vertebrate. People who call themselves vegetarian but continue to eat fish are hypocrites. Angling is often the forgotten bloodsport, but it is just as cruel and even more destructive than any other sport.

It is not just the fish who suffer and die. In just six months of 1995, a survey of RSPCA inspectors turned up 1,141 birds and other animals injured as a result of fishing litter. In addition, there are the demands made to slaughter cormorants, seals and sea-lions as they are "stealing" the anglers' fish.

Fishers are responsible for destruction of delicate riverside environments, as they crush flora and scare off other endangered animals such as otters who are struggling to re-establish their species. They discard large amounts of litter as well as tackle. They resist all changes vital to the conservation of fish—even if those changes are vital to the continued existence of the fish, as in the case of salmon whose population have dwindled to critical numbers.

There are three main types of angling:

Coarse Fishing is the most popular form of angling. Coarse fish include barbel, bream, carp, chub, perch, pike, and roach and are mostly inedible. Coarse fishing can be subdivided into specimen angling (catching large fish of a particular species), pleasure angling (supposedly for relaxation), and match fishing where anglers compete to catch the most weight of fish in a given time. During the match, the fish are confined in a keepnet.

Sea Fishing is practised from piers, beaches, rocks, harbour walls, and boats. Most of the fish caught are commonly eaten and are rarely released. In matches, sea fish are weighed at dead weight. Fish targeted include shark, cod, conger eel, turbot, plaice, and dogfish. Licences are not required though charges may be made for the use of the pier, etc. There is no closed season for sea fishing.

In **Game Fishing**, freshwater anglers catch salmon, trout, and grayling. Game fish are usually killed by use of a stick, stone, or "priest" (a special club), which are smashed on the animal's head. Only undersized, non-migratory trout and salmon parr are spared. Artificial flies are used to deceive the fish into impaling themselves on the hook.

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Tips for Sabbing Anglers

MATCH ANGLING

At matches, the section of bankside to be fished is divided into "pegs," at least 15 yards apart. Some waters have permanent pegs, whereas others are marked out and numbered the night before or the morning of the match. The anglers arrive one to two hours before the match to draw for peg numbers, and then go to their allocated peg to set up. The match is started and ended by a signal, usually a whistle. The anglers fish for three to five hours to catch the highest weight of fish who are retained in a keepnet. At the end of the match, the fish are weighed then released. The winner receives a prize—money and possibly a trophy.

Finding the ma

Check out the following resources to find out about upcoming matches:

- Flip through angling magazines.
- Fishing tackle shops may have posters or noticeboards and lists of local club fixtures, usually given out on request.
- Some local newspapers and radio stations have angling features.

Before the match:

i) Ring up the organiser and book a peg. You could ask for directions to the venue or, to sound more convincing, ask about bait bans (e.g., bloodworm, joker, wasp grub).

ii) Remove or change around the peg numbers on the morning of or the night before the match to cause confusion and maybe confrontation amongst the anglers.

iii) Wire up access gates to the water (especially ideal for venues with long tracks to reach them).

iv) Talk to local anglers on the same water or in tackle shops to find out the best day, weather conditions, and stretch of water to fish from so you will know when and where to concentrate your sabbing.

During the match:

i) Blow a whistle 10 to 15 minutes before the start of the match is due to begin. Some anglers may start fishing and be disqualified. Blow a whistle again near the end of the match. Some anglers may pack up early.

ii) Row up and down the river in a canoe or boat to prevent the anglers from casting or make them reel in. Go near to the line/float and disturb the surface of the water with the paddle to scare fish away.

iii) Swimming, wading, or splashing your feet in the water (wetsuits, waders, wellies advisable depending on weather conditions!) stops anglers from casting and scares away the fish. If you can, remove lines from the water, but be very careful not to break it or damage any other tackle.

iv) Making noise in the water by submerging metal objects (e.g., dustbin lid and spanner) and banging them together will scare away fish. Equally, make noise above the water with whistles, shouting, airhorns, hunting horns, etc. This has the added bonus of annoying the angler and detracting from the enjoyment of the "sport."

v) Talking to anglers may disturb their concentration. Get factsheets from CAA to be able to argue against them. (Not difficult!)

vi) Standing behind anglers can make casting more difficult and your shadow on the water may scare away the fish, especially when the water is clear and still.

vii) Use poles (e.g., long bamboo canes) to disturb the float and/or line. Try to lift the float and/or line out of the water, but, again, be careful not to break the line or damage the float.

viii) Use high-powered water pistols aimed at the anglers' float/line to encourage them to remove the tackle from the water.

ix) Empty keepnets, ideally with two people who are in the water. Some keepnets have removable bottoms held on with clips, while others have only one way in or out, usually at the top. Ensure that the fish will exit the net downstream. Keep the net submerged at all times and do not touch the fish. Move the keepnet in such a way as to encourage the fish to swim out without touching the mesh. If in doubt, do not attempt it, as keepnets can do a great deal of damage to fish.

SPECIMEN & PLEASURE ANGLING

Pleasure anglers are easier to sab as they may be present in smaller numbers and are more likely to pack up, as they are out for relaxation, peace, and quiet. Use the tactics shown above plus, when you first arrive, explain to the anglers why you are there to make them aware of your purpose. Also, erect "No Fishing—Contaminated Water" signs or something similar. Make them look as professional as possible with the name and address of the regional river authority.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Be sure to clean up any litter and discarded fishing tackle. If left, this could injure or kill fish, birds, and other animals.
- Take a camera with you to get pictures of dead fish, poor handling of fish, tackle victims, discarded tackle in the river, trees, etc., and poor emptying of keepnets. They could be good evidence to be used in a campaign to get a local ban or restriction.

For more info, support, leaflets, stickers, etc.:

Campaign for the Abolition of Angling
BM Fish, London, WC1N 3XX, U.K.
Tel [U.K.]: 01792 464 176
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Warning!

DO NOT take dogs or other companion animals to the bankside. They are in danger from hooks, line and discarded tackle.

DO NOT pre-feed. Putting food in the water attracts the fish. Furthermore, any food not eaten would rot and pollute the water.

DO NOT throw tackle in the water. It is a danger to fish, birds, and other animals. Maggots will drown in the water.

DO NOT break fishing line for the same reasons.

DO NOT throw large stones in the water as there is the tiny risk of actually hitting a fish. Small pebbles also shouldn't be used as fish may confuse them with the ground bait anglers use to attract fish.

DO NOT allow fish to be released from fish farms into the wild. It is bad for all concerned unless it is done by experts over a length of time.

Blast from the Past: Operation BiteBack

Our "Blast from the Past" column highlights a specific action or campaign from the history of the animal rights movement that may be useful to newer, younger grassroots activists.

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

In Spring of 1991 some friends and I decided it was time for a direct action campaign against the U.S. fur farm industry. We had been contacted about animal research being conducted at Oregon State University that was funded by the Mink Farmers Research Foundation, an organization that collects a tax on mink pelts at the auction house and funds research to benefit fur farmers.

An undercover investigation funded by Friends of Animals had exposed the vulnerable links in the fur farm industry, specifically in research and development. Through only a handful of universities the MFRF financed research that was aimed at lowering the overhead costs to raise mink and prevent the spread of disease among mink in captivity.

By the end of February 1992 all but one recipient of MFRF funds had felt the bite of the A.L.F. Besides OSU, Washington State University in Pullman. Michigan State University in East Lansing, the Fur-Breeders Cooperative in Edmonds, Washington and Malecky Mink Ranch in Oregon had been raided. This is the story of the first raid of what would become known as Operation Bite Back.

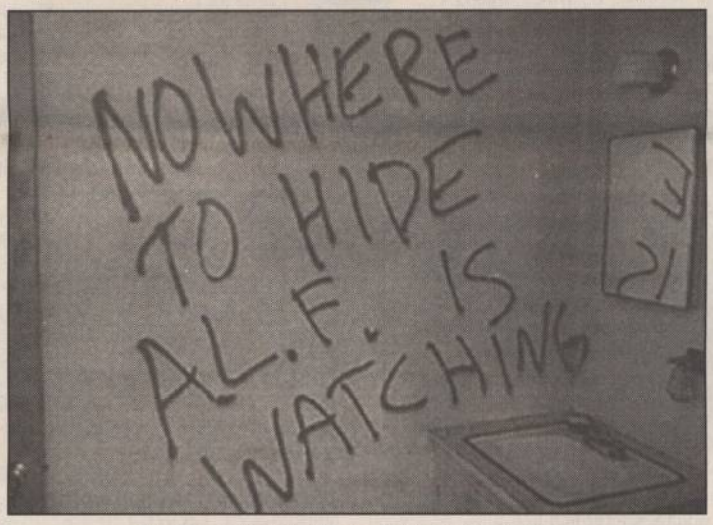
We rode up to Corvallis, Oregon on our mountain bikes surveying the outlying areas of campus until we located the long barns of the Experimental Fur Farm. Ditching our bikes in the brush we approached along Oak Creek, a waterway that wound along the fur farm right up to its property boundary. Everywhere were the tracks of mink that had escaped from the farm. Having never been the target of even protests, let alone a direct action attack, the farm's security consisted of little more than outdoor lighting, fences and a caretaker's quarters.

After a few hours in the brush watching for security activity, we ventured over the fence onto the property where we surveyed each building until we felt we had identified the general layout of the station. Besides the mink barns there were storage buildings for farm equipment, a workshop, the experimental feed building, a laboratory, the caretaker's house, and offices of the head researcher, Ron Scott.

Next we hopped over the five-foot fence surrounding the mink barns which was topped with an electric wire, the type used to pen in horses, choosing not to open the gate should it be alarmed. A few of the sheds were empty of mink and one small female roamed freely within the confines of the actual farm. Checking the gate for an alarm, we wedged the door open and watched as the female who had followed us bolted to freedom. Just then, we looked above the gate to the adjoining research laboratory and noticed a window to a bathroom that was left unlatched.

We opened the window and then closed it again and retreated off the property to the creek to watch for any response should the window be alarmed. There was no noticeable activity. Next we ventured onto the roof where we could view the entire field station. It was an extreme rarity to conduct a first time reconnaissance and feel confident enough to conclude that an action was possible, but that is exactly what we did.

We knew that the type of action we planned would bring down a wave of repression on animal rights activists, but we believed it was time the fur farm industry was targeted by the A.L.F. and OSU, as the number one recipient of MFRF funds seemed the logical first strike. If successful, in one attack we could neutralize over six research projects that, if concluded, would result in innovative developments in captive mink raising. OSU's Experimental Fur Farm had been established by the US Department of Agriculture in 1926. At 65 years of age it was high time for its retirement.



A.L.F.'s calling card left on the walls of OSU - words that fill the nightmares of animal abusers everywhere

Now came the recruitment stage of the action. Rather than draw from already suspected A.L.F. activists, it was decided to approach people completely unknown to law enforcement authorities. A handful of trusted activists who had proved their commitment in other campaigns were contacted, only in person and talked to only outside of their homes. Not one declined the invitation to become a member of what would be called the Western Wildlife Unit of the A.L.F.

On our second recon mission we were armed with topographical, county and state maps for the entire region. Roads were driven to establish escape paths should we be detected during the raid and drop-off and pick-up points were established. We avoided stopping at any shops and stores in the area and filled up on gas far from the target. When the raid happened and if we became suspects because of our above-ground activism, we knew our pictures would be shown to local merchants so it was wise to not be seen in the area.

Our group began to get to know the strengths and weaknesses of one another and crafted our roles for the raid based on them. Some people were better drivers, others more observant and vigilant. In that way we delegated who was to drive, be lookouts and lead the entry team. We conducted all night surveillance on the day of the week we planned the raid and became intimately familiar with the normal activity during that time.

With the confidence that only competent A.L.F. operatives and thorough planning can create, we next discussed tactics. We wanted to shut the farm down, not necessarily win public support. Arson became the logical tactic as well as confiscation and destruction of vital research documentation and genetic records for the mink.

The primary experiments being conducted at the time involved tests of experimental feeds. We decided that the experimental feed building where the feed was mixed and stored would be targeted for an incendiary device attack. The building was a safe distance from the mink barns and downwind from the caretaker's home. Next we decided on removing all the identification cards from the mink cages and seizing all records of the mink in the head researcher's office.

With the open bathroom window we were able to enter the main laboratory numerous times before the raid which aided in not only locating vital records, it also afforded us the opportunity to read letters and memos that detailed the relationship the station had to area fur farms and the MFRF. We were even able to remove documents on recon missions, photocopy them and return them the same night. By the night of the action we already had our own records of every research project at the station and the names and addresses of literally every fur farm and supplier in the Northwest.

The long awaited day finally came when justice would be done for the Mink Nation. Operatives gathered in a not so distant city and from the morning onward we rehearsed our roles and reviewed surveillance maps, photos, videos and notes until even those who did not participate in surveillance missions were familiar with our target. No one was allowed to wear their own shoes or clothing and everything we intended to use on the raid would be disposable. New tools had been purchased and incendiary devices assembled and tested. The routes we would take were driven and checked for unusual activity and the vehicles gassed up and checked for burnt out lights or other signs that would attract police. The previous night a final reconnaissance mission was conducted and the conclusion made that all was a go for action.

Finally came that time when anticipation was the hardest part of an action. Plans had been reviewed, batteries in flashlights checked, day packs loaded. Darkness is all we awaited. Two separate vehicles were loaded with operatives and gear and we broke off into two groups. In

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SHADOW ACTIVIST ON FUR FARM RAIDS

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) the Shadow Activist will answer questions about how intrepid activists on the frontlines are making direct action work for the animals.

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How do you find out where fur farms are located?

The most valuable resource for locating fur farms is a booklet titled "The Final Nail". It is a comprehensive list of known mink, fox and lynx farms, including addresses. It is available from *No Compromise* (see merchandise ad, p. 27).

There is a huge gap between the number of farms listed in the "Final Nail" and the actual number of farms known to exist. This means the location of a large number of farms remains unknown. This is where detective work comes in. Often fur farmers will take out "help wanted" ads in local newspapers. Check the paper in rural areas where other fur farms are known to exist. An address can easily be obtained from a phone number using the Internet.

College libraries often have extensive map collections, including agricultural survey maps pinpointing the locations of various types of "agriculture", including mink. Ask a university librarian. Search maps for "Mink Rd.", "Fur Farm Rd." or similar street names. These roads either host operating fur farms or did at one time.

Another method is to obtain the delivery lists of a region's fur feed co-op. Delivery lists are likely to be found in delivery trucks parked outside, and if not, inside the co-op's offices. Getting into the trucks and offices is up to you. Addresses of fur feed co-ops are in the "Final Nail".

Libraries carry books listing all known publications, magazines, industry journals, etc. by title and subject. Obtain the addresses of industry publications such as "Fur Rancher" and write for a free sample copy or subscription. Farm addresses can be found in these magazines. CD Roms such as "American Business Disc" contain lists of millions of businesses under hundreds of categories. Many farms not listed in the "Final Nail" can be found here. Also, search under "fur" in phone books of rural areas of states where fur farms are common.

An often-overlooked method of finding fur farms is Terraserver, found at www.terraserver.com. Terraserver catalogs thousands of satellite images of nearly every region in the country. You can visually search any town for which satellite images are available by zooming in and scanning closely for the rows of sheds characteristic to fur farms. Images are often indistinct, but when searching regions with high concentrations of fur farms, you can often pinpoint undiscovered farms. Remember, fur farms are often clustered together. This is also effective for finding farms in the "Final Nail" for which a town is known but only a "rural route" address is given.

What kind of reconnaissance needs to be done before hitting a fur farm?

One visit previous to the raid is usually sufficient. Look for favorable features (see below) and take note of every detail. Remember, fur farms rarely (if ever) have overnight security or patrols, and as such extensive recon is usually not necessary.

What favorable features should one look for in choosing a target?

The most important feature to look for in choosing a fur farm target is the proximity of the farmer's house to the sheds. Once several hundred mink are released, they become extremely noisy. Choose a target in which the farmer's house is a safe distance away from the sheds if you are going to release mink.

Look closely for alarms as described below.



An easily-cut fence can make the difference between saving several hundred mink or several thousand. Cutting fences can take 15 minutes or several hours depending on the design. Determine in advance what is needed to remove the fence, or portions of it. Cutting the fence where it is attached to the fenceposts is the best method for removing large sections of fence quickly. The best farms (other than those that have no fence at all) are those with a thin single layer wire fence fastened to fenceposts with staples or wire. By clipping around the staple with wire cutters or snipping the wire holding the fence down one can pull down large portions of fence without cutting the entire length of it. Another feature to look for is a safe, discreet place to park. Watch your tire tracks.

How does one gain access to a fur farm?

Simply cutting away the fence and bypassing possible alarms. The cages themselves can be opened a number of ways. Designs vary and how the cages of a particular farm open must be determined on site. Most have only a simple latch. Others require the nesting box to be lifted and removed. Some even have a wire ring on each cage, which must be snipped individually. Bring wire cutters.

When is the best time of year to release mink from their concentration camps?

Mink are releasable between May and December (though they are often killed in November so arrive before then if at all possible). Fox are releasable between June and December and lynx between April and pelting time which varies.

Should mink be released even when you know some will be killed by cars or other animals, since they're all going to be killed anyhow?

All mink on fur farms will eventually be slaughtered, most in their first year of life. When mink are released from fur farms, even near roads, they at least have a fighting chance. But you can be sure the media will exploit the accidental deaths of any released mink in order to discredit the liberationists. It becomes undeniably part of the responsibility of the liberators to insure that any released mink have the best chance of survival possible, unless your goal is simply to deny the fur farmer the money he'd make on the released mink's pelt.

Is there any chance that captive-bred mink will transmit disease to wild mink?

This is possible if mink are infected, but modern mink farmers are quick to isolate suspected disease carriers and are most likely to label them as such. You should never release mink that are obviously separated from the majority of the herd. Outbreaks of disease on fur farms are known to wipe out an entire herd so it's vital for fur farmers to identify disease threats immediately and eliminate them.

Are mink dangerous to handle?

Yes. Mink are ferocious predators who will bite. Unfortunately, the only way to truly protect yourself if handling mink is necessary is with thick leather welding gloves purchased at a thrift store. Often heavy gloves are lying around the farm if you take the time to look.

How can one do maximum damage to the fur farm in addition to saving individual lives?

The destruction of breeding records is the single most damaging thing you can do to a farm. Breeding records are crucial for a farmer to breed the next year's stock and continue operation after pelting out every fall/winter. Most often breeder cards can be found clipped above the cages of the breeding stock. These should be torn up and scattered first thing, or kept and discarded off site after the raid.

Each fur farm has its prize breeder mink so it's always best to release or preferably remove these mink from the fur farm first. Breeders can be worth thousands of dollars and often are the product of years of selective breeding. Releasing the breeders mixes up the stock to where the farmer cannot determine which is which and must build another pelting stock from scratch. A farm in Tomahawk, WI visited by activists in October 1997 suffered a $200,000 loss and subsequently shut down despite having only 800 mink released. The mink were breeding stock.

When is it appropriate to use arson on a fur farm raid?

Only when it is guaranteed that no animal or human stands even the remotest chance of being injured. Never when wind is blowing towards non-target buildings or grass or other material is near that might carry the fire. Empty mink barns after pelting season in late Fall are good targets as are the pelting sheds and feed barns. Large mink farms often dry their own pelts in large rooms with extractor fans to keep the humidity low. These areas make excellent targets when you know they are filled with pelts.

What kinds of security measures are likely to be found on fur farms and what can be done to bypass them?

Motion sensor alarms and infrared sensors are not uncommon. These are mostly seen in the high security farms of the Northwest and Utah. Moving more inland, many farms can be found which lack even fences. Video cameras are sometimes used but are of little concern to a masked activist. A farm with guard dogs can be hit by giving the dogs tranquilizers mixed into food. Just ask your vet for some saying you intend to take your large dog on a cross-country trip and want him to sleep most of the way. A barking dog is most likely the threat you will encounter rather than a biting dog.

Activists scouting some fur farms have reported encountering trip wires in the fields leading up to the actual sheds. These

invisible wires are not actual alarms but can impede a speedy getaway.

The most common alarms can be identified as small boxes fixed on posts inside the fence near the corners. Most motion sensor and infrared alarms rely on a primitive wiring which can be taken advantage of to render them inoperable in under 30 seconds. If you can gain access to a farm during the daylight hours while the alarms are turned off, a simple manipulation of wires can disable them in such a way that they still appear to be functioning. Detailed "how-to" manuals on bypassing alarms are available from Loompanics and Paladin Press (specifically applicable is: "How to Circumvent a Security Alarm in 10 Seconds or Less").

A common alarm found on fur farms called an "Electronic Eye" emit a beam between two boxes fixed on posts. When the beam is crossed, the alarm is sounded. These are easily bypassed by dropping and rolling under the beam. Not all motion sensitive alarms emit this beam. Some emit an invisible motion sensitive fan-shaped area of coverage. These are more troublesome to avoid and distinguishing between the two can be difficult, but Electronic Eyes are identified as always having two adjacent boxes-one to emit the beam and one to recieve it.

Individual sheds can also be alarmed. Cutting into the shed from the side can often circumvent these. Inspect the perimeter of farms closely as gaps in security often exist.

Before attempting any bypassing of alarms, it is important to visit the farm before the raid and do a dry run, entering the farm and retreating to wait for any possible response. Alarms are often silent. It all sounds tricky but keep in mind that alarmed fur farms are, at this point, the exception.

Remember, alarms can be bypassed. Do not be deterred by weak alarm systems, which rely more on visual intimidation than any actual protective features. One farm in Mt. Angel, Oregon has a one hundred thousand dollar alarm system, but this did not deter activists in 1997 from releasing 10,000 mink, the biggest mink raid in history. Activists must not be deterred by alarms, they must circumvent them.

What equipment is needed to raid a mink farm raid?

Heavy gloves, disposable clothes, wire cutters, small bolt cutters, flashlights with red lenses, and scanner/ radios (optional).

Many listings in the "Final Nail" give only a rural route. How can I determine the specific street address for these farms?

Rural routes exist for mailing purposes only and can be difficult to find. The "Final Nail" lists the owner of each farm, and a more specific address can often be found by looking up the farmer's name in the phone book of his town. This can also be done on the Internet and phone book CD roms.

Phone numbers of farms are also given in the "Final Nail" and this is where a little social engineering can be useful. For example, call the farmer and pose as a phone or electric company representative. Ask about an "overdue bill", and when the farmer expresses confusion, ask him to verify some information, such as his name and, of course, his address. Write it down, apologize for the mix-up and hang up.

Keep in mind that if you call from a payphone, it might register "payphone" on their called id (if they have it) and

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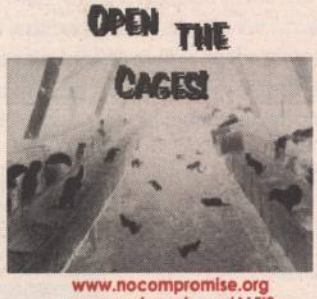
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1. July ?, 1986, Oregon - unknown fur farm, 66 silver foxes liberated
2. August 13, 1995, Annendale, MN - Davidson Fur Farm, 1 coyote liberated
3. October 24, 1995, Chilliwack, BC - Dargatz's Fur Farm, 2400 mink liberated
4. November 14, 1995, Aldergrove, BC - Rippin Fur Farm, 5000 mink liberated
5. November 16, 1995, Olympia, WA - Jordan Mink Farm, 400 mink liberated
6. November 16, 1995, Pleasant View, TN - Mac Ellis Fox Farm, 30 fox liberated
7. January 15, 1996, Sheboygan, WI - Zimbal Minkery, 400 mink liberated
8. April 4, 1996, Victor, NY - L.W. Bennet Fur Farm, 1700 mink liberated
9. June ?, 1996, Snohomish, WA - Brainard Fur Farm, 80 mink liberated
10. June 7, 1996, Sandy, UT - Fur Breeders Agricultural Co-Op, 75 mink liberated
11. June 21, 1996, Riverton, UT - Riverton Fur Farm, 1000 mink liberated
12. July 4, 1996, Howard Lake, MN - Latzig Mink Ranch, 1000 mink liberated
13. July 4, 1996, Langley, BC - Akagami Mink Ranch, 400 mink liberated
14. July 17, 1996, South Jordan, UT - Holt Mink Ranch, 5000 mink liberated
15. August 9, 1996, Hinsdale, MA - Carmel Mink Ranch, 1000 mink liberated
16. August 12, 1996, Alliance, OH - Jorney Mink Ranch, 2500 mink liberated
17. September 28, 1996, Alliance, OH - Jorney Mink Ranch, 8000 mink liberated
18. October 2, 1996, Salem, UT - Paul Westwood Fur Farm, 1500 mink liberated
19. October 5, 1996, Lindboro, NH - Gauthier Fur Farm, 35 fox and 100 mink liberated
20. October 11, 1996, Hinsdale, MA - Carmel Mink Ranch, 75 mink liberated
21. October 23, 1996, Lebanon, OR - Arnold Krohl Fur Farm, 2000 mink liberated
22. October 25, 1996, Coalville, UT - Reese Fur Farm, 1500-2000 mink and 150-200 fox liberated
23. October 29, 1996, Victor, NY - Bennett Fur Farm, 46 fox liberated
24. December 14, 1996, Snohomish, WA - Brainard Fur Farm, 50 mink liberated
25. December 25, 1996, Bath, MI - Jack Brower Fur Farm, 150 mink liberated
26. March 15, 1997, Blenheim, Ont. - Eberts Fur Farm, 240 mink liberated
27. March 30, 1997, Blenheim, Ont. - Eberts Fur Farm, 1500 mink liberated
28. April 9, 1997, DeBerry, TX - Kelly Fur Farm, 10 chinchilla liberated
29. May 11, 1997, Salisbury, MD - Parson's Mink Farm, 500 mink liberated
30. May 28, 1997, Lebanon, OR - Lou Masog Mink Farm, 80 mink liberated
31. May 30, 1997, Mt. Angel, OR - Amtola Mink Farm, 10,000 mink liberated
32. July 4, 1997, Cle Elum, WA - David Smith Mink Farm, 4000 mink liberated
33. July 8, 1997, Medina, OH - Tom Mohoric Mink Farm, 41 mink liberated
34. July ?, 1997, Alliance, OH - Jorney Mink Ranch, 500 mink liberated (unconfirmed)
35. September 1, 1997, Downers Grove, IL - Ides Mink Farm, 3500 mink liberated
36. September 20, 1997, Anderson, IN - Adams Fox Farm, 200 fox liberated
37. October 5, 1997, Crystal Lake, IL - Frye Mink Farm, 5000 mink liberated
38. October 6, 1997, Preston, ID - Palmer Mink Farm, 5000 mink liberated
39. October 16, 1997, Sioux City, IA - Circle K Fur Farm, 5000 mink and 100 fox liberated
40. October 17, 1997, Watertown, SD - Turbak Mink Farm, 3000 mink liberated
41. October weekend of the 24th, 1997, Independence, WI - Smieja Fur Farm, 800 mink liberated
42. October weekend of the 24th, 1997, Tomahawk, WI - Ott's Mink Farm, 300 mink liberated
43. October weekend of the 24th, 1997, Medford, WI - Jack Dittrich Minkery, 3000 mink liberated
44. October 29, 1997, Hebo, OR - Glen Kellow's former mink farm, 6 rabbits liberated
45. November 5, 1997, Ft. Wayne, IN - Blaine Leffers Fox Farm, 125 foxes liberated
46. November 28, 1997, Hinsdale, MA - Carmel Mink Farm, 12 mink liberated
47. July 3, 1998, Middleton, WI - United Vaccines Research Ranch, 310 mink liberated
48. July 29, 1998, Sandy, UT - Furbreeders Co-op, 6 mink liberated
49. July 30, 1998, Sandy, UT - Furbreeders Co-op, 2 mink liberated
50. August 18, 1998, St. Cloud, MN - Mueller Fur Farm, 4000 mink liberated
51. August 20, 1998, Guttenburg, IA - Hidden Valley Fur Farms, 330 fox liberated
52. August 21 1998, Jewell, IA - Isebrand Fur Farm, 3000 mink liberated
53. August 27, 1998, Beloit, WI - Brown Mink Farm, 3000 mink liberated
54. August 28, 1998, Rochester, MN - Zumbro River Fur Farm, 3000 mink liberated
55. October 26, 1998, Powers, MI - Pipkorn, Inc., 5000 mink liberated
56. December 2, 1998, Anderson, IN - Adams Fox Farm, 150 foxes liberated
57. February 13, 1999, Annendale, MN - Davidson's Fur Farm, 6 foxes liberated
58. Februrary 17, 1999, Richmond, UT - Nivison Mink Ranch, 9 mink liberated
59. February 23, 1999, Snohomish, WA - Brainard Fur Farm, 150 mink liberated
60. August 3, 1999, Bristol, WI - Krieger Fur Farm, 3000 mink liberated
61. August 8, 1999, Plymouth, WI - Gene Meyer Mink Farm, 2500 mink liberated
62. August 14, 1999, Salisbury, MD - Frank Parson's Mink Ranch, 20 mink liberated
63. September 12, 1999, Chandler, MN - Calvin Gunnink Fur Farm, 100 fox liberated
64. October 1, 1999, Montpelier, IN - Owl Creek Fox Farm, 30 fox henna-dyed
65. October 25, 1999, Chandler, MN - Calvin Gunnink Fur Farm, 5 lynx liberated
66. November 13, 1999, South Jordan, UT - Beckstead Mink Ranch, unknown number of mink liberated
67. January 29, 2000, Snohomish, WA - Brainard Fur Farm, 60 mink liberated (unconfirmed)

NEW! Fur Farm Raid T-shirts!!

Show your support for the A.L.F. by wearing our new fur farm raid commemorative t-shirt. Though the artwork for the front of the shirt was not finalized at press time, the working design is shown here. The back says "North American A.L.F. Freedom Tour - Over 100,000 Animals Freed! (and counting)" with the list of known raids (at right) and "coming to a fur farm near YOU..."



www.nocompromise.org
www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS

To order, fill out the form on our merchandise ad (page 27) entering "fur farm raid shirt". $12 each, specify size: medium, large, x-large.

Proceeds will go to the A.L.F. Defense Fund to benefit Justin Samuel.

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the first group one operative set out on bike to establish the look-out position. This person would monitor a police scanner programmed with the frequencies for city, state and county police and should they respond to any suspicious activity at the station. Their job was to identify the police codes and inform the rest of the team immediately. Radio silence was to be maintained unless something was amiss. This way any communication would be deemed urgent instead of frequent radio communication, which eventually becomes distracting.

evacuation from the property commenced and all operatives were called off the action. From the lookout's vantage point the two joined the third and surmised that, though the light had been triggered, detection had not occurred. With the knowledge that without the destruction of the experimental feed building the station and research projects might be able to continue, the two operatives opted to return. All other operatives were withdrawn, except the lookout and the incendiary devices left behind were set up and activated with a 50 minute timed delay. The two warriors piled

Washington was making feed donations that made experiments at the station possible. Without such support, the station would not be able to conclude its feed experiments. Before the week would end a fire would rip through the Cooperative causing $400,000 in damages and destroying half of the facility. Six months later OSU would announce the permanent closure of its Experimental Fur Farm citing in part the lack of state and private funds to continue research. An A.L.F. press release issued on the fur farm's own letter head accepting responsibility for the raid promised more attacks and ended with the vow that Operation Bite Back would not end... "Until the last fur farm is burned to the ground."

In the name of all fur farm prisoners, this was and is only the beginning.

Operation BiteBack Timeline

May 1991 - arson attack on Oregon State University Experimental Mink Farm. Lab permanently closed!

June 15, 1991 - Northwest Fur Breeder's Co-Op (Washington) arson attack. $500,000 damage; site closed.

August 21, 1991 - 7 coyotes, 6 mink and 10 mice liberated from Washington State University Experimental Fur Farm. Office of John Gorham (leading fur industry researcher) broken into and trashed; $50,000 damage.

Late 1991 - attempted arson attack on Rocky Mountain Fur Company (Hamilton Montana).

February 28, 1992 - Michigan State University fur industry researcher Richard Aulerich's lab subject of an arson attack. 32 years of research destroyed; 2 mink released.

October 24, 1992 - 33 coyotes freed from USDA Animal Damage Control Predator Research Facility (Logan, Utah). 2 fires set at fur researcher Fred Knowlton's office and a USDA predator research facility; $150,000 damage.

One team approached from the creek and immediately entered the fenced in mink barn area and began stripping identification cards from cages. Another two-person team climbed through the bathroom window and moved directly into offices and labs with targeted documents and began loading empty packs with the material. All other research material was spilled out onto the floor and a water line broken to flood the building. Any equipment of value was taken into a sound-insulated room and smashed. With the main laboratory trashed and flooded and all documents either destroyed or seized, the trademark red spray-paint was pulled out and messages for the researchers left in three-foot letters. Of them all the most telling would be, "A.L.F., MORE TO COME...THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING."

Every tool and paint can used in the lab was wrapped in plastic garbage bags and loaded back into the packs. By now the amount of documents seized was easily over 75 pounds. One operative's sole duty would be to carry them out. A more direct escape route than that taken into the station was chosen and the break from our original plan revealed immediately an overlooked hole in our security. As the operative crossed in front of the caretaker's house a motion detecting light was activated and their presence revealed. Luckily they were able to take cover before anyone could see them but to the lookout it appeared that we had been detected.

At that very moment two other operatives inside the experimental feed barn were setting up incendiary devices. When the alert came over the radio an

nesting boxes and skinning boards around the devices, which were placed centrally in the wood building, and then called in over the radio for pick-up.

Once in the vehicles, with all seized documents off in a separate vehicle where they would be taken for review, the remainder of the Western Wildlife Unit stripped off all clothing worn during the raid and wrapped it in more plastic garbage bags. These and all other disposable items were deposited by separate individuals in separate garbage receptacles. No tools were disposed of with clothing and we chose dumpsters and trash cans where it was unlikely anyone would be rummaging through.

With the adrenaline rush fading with the evening darkness, exhaustion crept over the team members. As we headed south on the interstate at the speed limit, the sun began to rise over the horizon. Today would be a new day for the Mink Nation. Never again would fur farmers feel secure in their bloody business. It would still be hours before news reports would confirm that a fire had swept OSU's Experimental Fur Farm, destroying its feed building, but still those of us on this action knew our efforts had been successful. We didn't need anyone to tell us our actions were justified. The look in the mink's eyes the previous night said enough.

Already documents seized in the raid were being reviewed by still action-ready warriors. Of particular interests was letters stating that the Northwest Fur-Breeders Cooperative in Edmonds,

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tip off the farmer to be on the lookout for suspicious activity. Also, if the farmer thinks the call is suspicious, you should wait awhile before taking action.

What are the likely consequences should I be caught releasing mink from a fur farm?

If you've crossed state lines, federal criminal statutes can be used against you. Most states now have laws that specifically target A.L.F.-type actions. Also, the federal Animal Enterprise Protection Act is presently being used against Justin Samuel and Peter Young *(see page 7)*.

Still, as long as fire was not a tactic and you do not have a criminal record, mink releasing shouldn't net you the jail time that more serious actions like arson would. It is always best that you research the punishment for the crime you intend to commit and be prepared to do it.

Further Recommended Reading:

- "Final Nail", available from *NC* (see Merchandise ad, p. 27)
- Memories of Freedom, available from *NC* (see Merchandise ad, p. 27)
- Rod's "Open the Cages" (see *NC* #4)
- "A Fighting Chance" (see *NC* #8)

***No Compromise* is happy to introduce our new**

A.L.F. Defense Fund

The defense of earth and animals is dependent on those empowered and willing to defend them. Whether Animal Liberation Front, Earth Liberation Front or other warriors in this centuries-old resistance, those individuals brave enough to break free from obedience to immoral and unjust laws deserve our larger movement's support. Their very survival as the earth and animal peoples' frontline defenders depends on it.

The U.S. Department of Justice, FBI and ATF know the unconquerable power of direct action, and its power to effect positive change. They also know in order to crush our resistance they must make examples of our captured warriors. We must take care of the earth and animals' warriors who have sacrificed and risked their own freedom to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

The A.L.F. Defense Fund exists to provide support to victims of government repression who are targeted for their actions in defense of our sacred earth mother and her animal nations. Please do your part to help our people in the direct action contingent. Demonstrate your support for the liberation of prisoners of war and action to impede the slaughter of our animal relations. The fund exists to help those accused of any illegal actions for animals.

For the Animals,

Rod Coronado
former A.L.F. prisoner

Please be as generous as you possibly can to support our persecuted comrades in their time of need..... Send donations (earmarked "for A.L.F. Defense Fund") to:

No Compromise
PO Box 1440
Santa Cruz, CA
95061-1440

If you or someone you know is arrested or charged with illegal direct action, contact NC at:

(831) 425-3007
and/or NoComp@waste.org

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publicity has gone nationwide and international, and it is growing. It is also crucial to publicize the actions to let the message reach as many people as possible, the message being that the E.L.F. and A.L.F. actions are growing and they are made up of individuals that could be anyone. The E.L.F. and A.L.F. could, should, and needs to be your friends, your neighbors and **YOU**.

NC: Do you think the government fears support for the A.L.F. and E.L.F. growing when there is public representation of their actions through spokespeople such as yourself?

CRAIG: Yes, definitely. I feel one, if not the, major goal of the federal grand jury investigation in Portland is to shut me up. During the raid on my home, vehicle, and former office on February 2, the ATF, FBI, and US Forest Service seized hundreds of items of property. This was an obvious attempt to stop me from publicizing E.L.F. actions. Furthermore, the constant grand jury and federal agent harassment is meant to break me, to pressure me into stopping the necessary work I do.

NC: How do you think we can put an end to the corrupt grand jury system?

CRAIG: There needs to be a strong support network in this country for anyone facing government harassment resulting from their work against this oppressive capitalist ideology. This means anytime anyone under this category is faced with a grand jury, or indicted on charges, every attempt must be made to show massive support in the way of protests, public education, and underground direct action.

In addition, grand juries operate under the assumption that they can get people to give them information to aid in their investigation. If this does not occur, if people refuse to give information, the grand jury system will be ineffective.

To fully understand the grand jury system, one has to fully understand state repression and its history in the US of targeting successful social movements. Once this information is obtained and processed, it becomes clear that to stop it means to work to stop the entire corrupt system. And to do that is going to take an extreme amount of direct action. It's time to get to work.

NC: In what other ways have authorities tried to intimidate you?

CRAIG: There has been a mixture of methods over the last three years. There has been the monitoring, both obvious and not so obvious, continually. My home, vehicle, and former office were raided, and virtually everything I used on a daily basis was stolen by authorities. I have not received one piece of my property back.

I have also been targeted locally with police violence. Last year the Portland police severely broke my arm during a protest in support of Mumia Abu Jamal. In addition, other methods have been present here as well, including death threats and the spreading of misinformation.

NC: How has all of the repression you've faced affected your health/mental state?

CRAIG: You have to first realize that one of the goals of state repression is to wear you down, to break you and to force you into submission. Realizing this, it is a lot easier to remain in a calm mental state. Sure I suffer from anxiety and stress, but I am positive I suffer far less than if I had a wife, 3.5 children, a new house in the suburbs, a new BMW, and I was stressing over whether to get the red SUV or blue one.

NC: What keeps you going through all of this harassment?

CRAIG: The realization that what the E.L.F. and A.L.F. are doing is correct. The realization that I support underground direct action aimed at destroying the capitalist ideology, and I want it to increase, dramatically. The realization that in my conscience I know that I am doing what is right.

NC: What advice would you give to others facing government repression?

CRAIG: First, it needs to be exposed and support needs to be gained. Exposing the vicious thugs who serve the state greatly weakens their tactics. Second, look deep within yourself and realize that what you are doing is correct and the state cannot take away your spirit. Then organize as much as possible against the repression.

NC: How did you get involved in the animal rights movement? What kind of activities have you participated in?

CRAIG: I became involved in 1990 after writing a research paper on vivisection. The more I read, the more I could not believe the insanity that is tolerated particularly in the US. I then became involved in a local animal rights group in Portland. In 1996, I co-founded Liberation Collective in Portland who I worked with until January 2000.

I have been involved in various activities including organizing conferences and national tours against vivisection, lecturing at schools and conferences nationwide, participating in civil disobedience actions against Sak's, Seattle Fur Exchange, various primate centers, and more.

In addition, I have organized numerous multi-issue campaigns and protests locally. And, of course, I have worked to publicize actions of the E.L.F. and at times the A.L.F. from 1997 through the present.

NC: It's possible that you will spend quite a bit of time in jail - how do you feel about that and how are you preparing yourself?

CRAIG: It doesn't please me, but obviously I don't think anyone is pleased by the thought of imprisonment. I make every attempt to keep it all in perspective though. Again, I know that what I am doing is correct. My spirit cannot be damaged as long as I do not let it be. I also realize that jail is just a more obvious example of the oppression that already exists in society.

For most Americans, living inside this country is a sort of prison, just a little more hidden. Unless you are a wealthy white capitalist male, most likely there are bars around you. These bars become more apparent as your perceived threat to the state grows. This could occur from you merely being poor, non-white, or working against the idea that profits come before life.

NC: What direction would you like to see the movement head?

CRAIG: I would like to see people around the country realize that a dramatic increase in underground direct action is needed to further today's social movements. This is obvious as we are going up against corporate rule, the capitalist ideology, and state violence and repression on a day to day basis.

I would also like people to realize that you don't need to be a tactical expert to become involved in underground groups and movements. The realization that is needed is that economic sabotage works, is working, and will ultimately aid tremendously in advancing social movements. Believe in the classic phrase, **IF NOT YOU, WHO?...IF NOT NOW, WHEN?**

NC: What do you think are the most effective tactics to use in this war against the status quo?

CRAIG: Heavy underground direct action mixed with an above ground base of public support.

Craig can be contacted through the North American E.L.F. Press Office, found in our Trenches listing on page 31.

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responded to violently. What I mean is self-defense. There is nothing immoral, unethical or wrong with defending oneself. It is the most instinctual response in the natural world. It's genetically built into most every animal and plant and the only thing that prevents us from using it is an institutionalized belief that all physical violence is bad.

Each time we allow violent attacks on us to happen without defensive action we give strength to a dangerous precedent that tells the police that they can get away with literal murder. You need only see what happened to Earth First!er David Chain to believe that. The Pacific Lumber employee who felled a redwood tree on David was never even arrested for the death of this nonviolent forest defender, let alone spend one night in jail like so many nonviolent protesters.

In the 1980s while sabotaging fox hunts in Britain our group was attacked by hunt supporters. I thought I was a pacifist, but when I saw hunt saboteurs defending themselves and the effect it had in showing our attackers that we would not passively take a beating, I abandoned that philosophy for a more pragmatic belief that allowed self defense. When the hunt supporters realized that we'd fight fire with fire, they retreated. Their power over us was dependent on our refusal to defend ourselves.

Likewise, whether it be during a protest against the World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund or any other target within the evil empire, when police take advantage of our commitment to nonviolence and victimize innocent young activists exercising their supposed constitutional right to protest, we must retaliate. Maybe not when such a response would further endanger activists, but whenever peaceful protesters are beaten, pepper sprayed, and their civil and human rights violated, we have every right to demonstrate our right of self defense and target the property of our attackers.

Every time a protester is beaten cop cars should burn. Every time an activist is pepper sprayed tires should be slashed and windows of the offending agencies should be broken. These agencies obviously have a total disregard for life, but they sure as hell care about their property. In such a way we are able to preserve our belief in the sacredness of all life while still retaining the ability to defend ourselves.

We must demonstrate our own power instead of always witnessing theirs being used against us and all of natural creation. Even Gandhi said that nonviolence was only appropriate when used against an opponent who respects it. In Northern Ireland it was state violence against nonviolent protesters that forced the resurgence in the Irish Republican Army. In South Africa it was state violence that forced the African National Congress to form the guerrilla army, Spear of the Nation, and in the United States it was state violence that encouraged the growth of the Black Panthers. As Malcolm X said, nonviolence is appropriate with nonviolent people, but if someone attacks you, self-defense is justifiable.

The struggle for animal liberation and environmental defense is about preserving the lives and rights of others, it's not about our own morality, it's about ending a war. To apply tactics that result in long and costly court battles that serve only to divert attention away from animals in labs, fur farms, circuses and the wild and instead see us defending our own rights are strategically a failure. We must only engage in tactics and strategies that focus attention on the truly oppressed, the animal people and their natural homelands.

It's not about feeling good while preserving our privileged philosophies that further separate us from other humans resisting oppression by all means necessary, this fight is about stopping the wholesale slaughter of billions of innocent beings who depend on us for their survival. Let's get over our moral hang-ups and recognize that the fate of the earth and all life upon it calls on a continued escalation in direct action.

Under the Big Top

Circuses are desperate to hide the fact that the animals perform unnatural acts solely out of fear. In contrast to the glitter often associated with circuses, the life of most animals forced to perform is little more than a dismal and utterly pathetic existence.

Tigers and lions usually live and travel in cages which are a mere 4 feet by 6 feet by 5 feet. Bears may have their noses broken while being trained or have their paws burned to force them to stand on their hind legs.

Most trainers rely on chains and fear to make elephants obey - some spend almost their whole lives in chains. Many elephants die prematurely of disease and the stress of confinement.

Here are some important points to remember about circuses when protesting local circus appearances, creating literature, talking to the media, educating family and friends, etc.

• Out of the 244 elephants traveling with circuses and "entertainment" venues, 221 were torn away from their families and homelands (documentation from industry source available). These are animals who once knew freedom and now can only dream about it.

• Circus animals live their entire lives in tiny cages with barely enough room to stand up or lie down.

• When not in the ring, elephants are usually chained by two feet unable to take even one step forward or back. They constantly sway back and forth to ease their psychological stress and frustration.

• Circus animals are forced to perform unnatural and sometimes painful tricks under the constant threat of punishment.

• The circus claims its animals are treated like family. Yet it tears babies away from their mothers, keeps them in leg shackles the majority of their lives, confines them for hours and even days in box cars and travel trailers, all for the circus' financial gain. Hardly how decent people would treat their family.

• If children could see behind the scenes of the big top and how sad the animals' lives are, they would have to be dragged kicking and screaming to the circus.

What You Can Do:

1. Look into existing local legislation for opportunities to protect animals in circuses and even prevent such exhibits from coming to town.

2. Network with other agencies including the fire dept., police, and city zoning commission to check whether the circus is in compliance with local regulations.

3. Educate your community about the miserable life of animals in circuses by writing letters to the editor.

4. If a local organization or company sponsors the circus, urge it to support only animal-free circuses in the future.

5. Tear down posters and fliers advertising the circus, or place "cancelled" stickers over them.

6. Work with your local legislators to enact legislation to prohibit the exhibition of exotic animals.

7. Educate the public about the animal abuse going on at the circus through protests, civil disobedience actions, leafleting, creating media events, speaking at local schools and churches, etc.

8. Maintain a continuing presence at the circus throughout its stay in your area (and always bring a video camera). While animal activists are present to document it, circus workers are much less likely to abuse animals.

9. Keep the show from going on! The animals can be given a rest through innovative CD actions that force the circus management to cancel shows.

10. Some underground activists take things a step further and use economic sabotage against circuses. Circus vehicles are a popular target and frequently are disabled by attacks on the engine, tires or gas tank. Arson has been used at times as well, but this can only be done when there is absolutely no risk the fire will spread to anywhere near the animals.

To get involved, contact your local animal rights group (see Trenches, p. 29) and be sure to check out www.circuses.com.

Also, PETA has a variety of useful supplies available including: CANCELLED stickers, coloring books, fliers about Elephants in Spanish, Circus Cruelty Checklists, the video "Cheap Tricks," and Animal Display Ban Packs. See Resources on p. 28 for contact information for PETA.

Circus Addresses & Info

Big Apple Circus
http://www.mssm.edu/peds/big-appl/big-a-c.html
Animals: elephants, house cats, dogs, horses

The A.L.F. claimed responsibility for setting fire to six vehicles used by the Big Apple Circus on March 27th, 1999. The communique stated that two cabs with trailers were completely destroyed and that three flatbed trucks carrying equipment and one small vehicle were severely damaged.

Carson & Barnes Circus
Box J, Hugo, OK 74743
Phone: (580) 326-3173 / Fax: (580) 326-7466
E-mail: alfrieda_wilkins@monterey.edu
http://www.carsonbarnescircus.com
USDA License #73-C-0001
Animals: elephants, bears, baby giraffe, big cats, etc.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cited Carson & Barnes for failure to provide shelter from the elements, for unsound fencing that failed to protect both spectators and the animals, for rusty animal cages, for giving animals unclean water, and for failure to keep records for animal care. Further, Carson and Barnes employees have stabbed elephants with knives and vigorously beaten elephants with bullhooks. This circus travels with more animals than any other circus.

Circus Flora
634 N. Grand Blvd., Suite 1029, St. Louis, MO 63103
Phone: (314) 531-6273, USDA license #43-C-101
Animals: one elephant (scheduled for retirement May 26, 2000) and horses



photo: Albuquerque Animal Services

King Royal Circus caused the death of this baby elephant named Heather (see listing on page for details)

Circus Gatti
34321 Simpson Rd., Hemet, CA 92545
513 E. First St., Tustin, CA 92780
Phone: (714) 730-9033 or (714) 997-0751
USDA License #93-C-0091

The USDA has cited Circus Gatti for repeatedly failing to provide structurally sound enclosures. Circus trainers have tied up ponies and beat them so violently that the sound of the cracking whip could be heard from the stands. Circus representatives have stated they use electricity to "clean up" the difficult animals.

Circus Pages
P.O. Box 303, Myakka City, FL 34251
9925 Wauchula Rd, Myakka City, FL 34251
Phone: (941) 322-9501
USDA License #58-C-0440
Animals: two elephants, big cats, etc.

The USDA has cited Circus Pages for failure to have records of veterinary care, and for failure to provide animals with sufficient space and appropriate food. Circus Pages travels with several animals, including two African elephants who were captured in the wild in 1974.

Circus Vargas
2437 Grand Ave. #150, Ventura Vista, CA 93003
USDA License #93-C-057
Animals: two elephants, "petting zoo type" animals

The USDA has cited Circus Vargas numerous times for failing to provide shelter from the elements, veterinary care, medical records, and safe travel trailers. Two elephants who were leased from the Hawthorn Corporation to give rides to children died of a human strain of tuberculosis.

Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus
P.O. Box 127, Deland, FL 32721
1038 Martin St., Deland, FL 32720
Phone: (904) 736-0071
USDA License #58-C-0080
Animals: elephants, big cats, etc.

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CIRCUS ADDRESSES & INFO CONTINUED

In April 1999, the USDA filed formal charges of AWA violations against Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. because the elephants showed signs of being abused with sharp metal bullhooks. They were charged with animal cruelty in August 1999 by a New Jersey humane society for overloading and overworking an elephant. Two elephants, who were described as malnourished and neglected, died suddenly within a two-week period in August 1999. In five separate incidents, Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. elephants have killed two spectators, injured more than a dozen others, and rampaged during performances, which caused tens of thousands of dollars in property damage.

As recently as February, the USDA cited CB-CB with failure to handle two elephants in a manner that prevents trauma or physical harm and failure to provide adequate veterinary care.

Culpepper & Merriweather

2928 E. Ocotillo Rd., Queen Creek, AZ 85242
(480) 987-3811
USDA License #86-C-0024
Animals: two elephants, camel, horses

The USDA has cited Culpepper & Merriweather several times for failure to provide animals with shelter from the elements, enough space to make normal postural adjustments, and proper veterinary care.

Franzen Brothers

P.O. Box 1005, Webster, FL 33597
USDA License #58-C-447

Franzen now rents animals out to other circuses and does not appear under the name Franzen Brothers. In 1998, San Bernardino, CA animal control officers seized 8 horses belonging to Brian Franzen after the horses were found to be malnourished and sick.

George Carden Circus International

Rte. 20, Box 2023, Springfield, MO 65803
USDA License #43-C-0025
Animals: elephants, big cats, etc.

The USDA has cited George Carden Circus numerous times for failing to provide shelter from the elements, proper veterinary care, adequate and safe enclosures, and for failure to properly handle animals. Trainers have been observed beating elephants and tigers repeatedly to force them to perform.

Great European Circus (Tabak, Bela)

8980 Ogleby Creek Rd., Myakka City, FL 34251
USDA License #58-C-0243
Animals: peacocks, dogs, etc.

The USDA has cited Tabak for failure to provide proper handling, veterinary care, environmental enhancement, adequate shelter from the elements, adequate enclosures, and clean water. Tabak was videotaped beating a baby elephant during a September 17, 1994 performance in Lebanon, Oregon. The 15-month-old elephant collapsed, screaming and bleeding. In February of 1998, this circus was cited for failing to provide adequate care for a 9-month-old monkey who was found dead in his cage.

Hanneford Family Circus

3291 W. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311
USDA License #58-C-0126
Animals: elephants

The USDA has cited Hanneford Family Circus several times for failure to provide proper food, veterinary care records, and secure enclosures.

Hawthorn Corporation (Cuneo, John)

9819 N. Solon Rd., Richmond, IL 60071
USDA License #33-C-0053
Animals: elephants and big cats

The USDA has cited Hawthorn Corporation numerous times for failure to provide veterinary care, adequate shelter from the elements, and proper food and water, as well as failure to handle animals in a manner that prevents trauma and harm and ensures public safety. Hawthorn has accumulated $72,500 in USDA penalties and has twice had its license suspended. Four of Hawthorn's elephants died from a human strain of tuberculosis. In January 1997, Hawthorn's herd of 18 elephants was restricted from traveling during tuberculosis treatment. Hawthorn's elephants have rampaged, causing death, injury, and property damage. Hawthorn leases animals to facilities and circuses around the world, including Jordan World Circus, Circus Vargas, Shrine Circuses, Walker Bros. Circus, Royal Palace Circus, George Carden Circus, Hanneford Circus, Hamid Circus, Alain Zerbini, and Tarzan Zerbini.

Jordan World Circus

4040 S. Pearl St., Las Vegas, NV 89121
USDA License #88-C-0062
Animals: elephants, tigers, lions, etc.

The USDA has cited Jordan World Circus numerous times for failing to provide proper veterinary care, proper handling, nutritious food and clean water, shelter from the elements, and exercise and for inadequate and unsafe enclosures. Jordan waited a month to seek treatment for a malnourished tiger with a fractured leg, and it forced another sick tiger to perform. Jordan has left its tigers and lions in small travel cages for up to 11 days without exercise.

Kelly Miller Circus

P.O. Box 829, Hugo, OK 74743
501 E Jackson St., Hugo, OK 74743
Phone: (580) 326-9229
USDA License #73-C-0021
Animals: elephants, bears, etc.

The USDA has cited Kelly Miller Circus for failure to handle animals in a manner that is safe to the animals and to the public, failure to provide veterinary records, and failure to provide structurally sound enclosures. Kelly Miller Circus leases animals from its sister circus, Carson & Barnes.

King Royal Circus

(now traveling in Canada under the name Starr Bros.)
P.O. Box 683, Von Ormy, TX 78073
USDA License #74-C-205
Animals: elephants, llamas, etc.

The USDA has cited King Royal Circus numerous times for failing to provide proper veterinary care and appropriate space, and failing to handle animals humanely. On August 6, 1997 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, King Royal Circus crammed 3 elephants and 8 llamas into a poorly ventilated trailer, which resulted in the death of one baby elephant, named Heather *(see photo, facing page)*. Police estimated the temperature inside the trailer to be approximately 120 degrees. They have been fined over $200,000 and had their license suspended several times for violations of animal cruelty laws.

Liebel Circus

1432 Adair Rd., Davenport, FL 33837
USDA License #58-C-0288
Animals: two elephants and other smaller animals

The USDA has cited Liebel Circus for failure to provide veterinary care, proper food, water, environmental enrichment for primates, structurally sound enclosures, and shelter.

Lydia Elephant Rides (Tesch, David)

3882 Lake Buffum Rd. E., Ft. Meade, FL 33841
USDA License #58-C-0413

The USDA has cited Tesch for failing to provide veterinary care, shelter from the elements, adequate ventilation in the transport trailer, and proper food storage, and for failure to maintain enclosures. Lydia is considered potentially dangerous by the USDA and has attacked four elephants, killing two and crippling two. She is chained inside the truck for up to 30 hours at one time without being taken out or cared for.

Oscarian Bros. Circus (Ramos, Manuel)

12123 Bay Tree Dr., Riverview, FL 33569
USDA License #58-C-0193
Animals: big cats, elephants, etc.



photo: PETA

The USDA has cited Ramos for failure to provide veterinary care, proper handling, sanitary conditions, structurally sound enclosures, adequate shelter from the elements, and clean water, and for failure to comply with food storage and feeding standards. Four big cats died after Ramos administered de-worming medication without veterinary supervision. An African elephant named Kenya was found dead a few days after she attacked and killed a circus worker. The USDA has suspended Ramos' license and issued a penalty for AWA violations. Florida Fish and Wildlife has charged Ramos with unsafe and unsupervised handling of an elephant and failure to meet minimum caging requirements.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey

8607 Westwood Center Dr., Vienna, VA 22182
http://www.ringling.com
USDA License #58-C-0137 (formerly #58-C-0106)
Animals: elephants, tigers, horses, dogs, zebras, camels, llamas, etc.

The USDA has cited Ringling for failure to provide veterinary care to a dying baby elephant, maintain records of veterinary care, and provide animals with sufficient space and exercise. In fewer than two years, two baby elephants died, a caged tiger was shot to death, a horse who was used despite a chronic medical condition died during Ringling's traditional animal march, and a wild-caught sea lion was found dead in her transport container.

Roberts Bros. Circus

5619 Antoinette St., Sarasota, FL 34232
USDA License #58-C-0236
Animals: one elephant, other animals

The USDA has cited Roberts Bros. Circus for failure to provide sufficient veterinary care, safe enclosures, an exercise plan for animals, and adequate shelter. Roberts Bros. keeps one solitary elephant. Elephants are herd animals who experience stress when they are deprived of the companionship of other elephants.

Royal Hanneford Circus

2250 Gulf Gate Dr., Sarasota, FL 34231
USDA License #58-C-0035
Animals: elephants, etc.

The USDA has cited Royal Hanneford numerous times for failure to provide veterinary care and failure to meet minimum space requirements. An elephant with Royal Hanneford rampaged during a performance, causing spectators to run for safety. Elephants were recently quarantined due to TB.

Sterling & Reid Bros. Circus

2345 Bee Ridge Rd., Ste. 2,
Sarasota, FL 34239
505 Sarasota Quay, Sarasota, FL 34236
Phone: (941) 365-7511
USDA License #58-C-0644
Animals: elephants, bears, horses, sharks, wild cats

This circus is one of the worst. It uses bears who are forced to ride horses and wild-caught sharks kept in a traveling tank! The USDA has cited Sterling & Reid for failure to provide vet care, adequate shelter, cages that meet minimum space requirements, and fencing that protects both spectators and animals, as well as for giving animals feces-contaminated food and water.

From January through May 1999, USDA inspectors noted 46 items noncompliant with the AWA. An inspector witnessed exotic cats being struck repeatedly with jagged sticks and a tiger escaping from a tent. They were charged with cruelty to animals after humane inspectors found malnourished ponies in a filthy trailer. They were charged five times in four months for failing to provide animals with a vet-approved diet.

Tarzan Zerbini Circus

Rte. 2, Box 195, Webb City, MO 64870
2317 S. Hall St., Webb City, MO 64870
Phone: (417) 781-4883
USDA License #43-C-0012

The USDA has cited Tarzan Zerbini for failure to provide a vet care program and medical records, and failure to properly maintain transport vehicles. Animals used by Tarzan Zerbini Circus have caused serious injury to children.

Walker Bros. Circus

410 Houle Ave. Sarasota, FL 34232
USDA License #58-C-110
Animals: several elephants, chimps

Walker Bros. Circus has been charged with operating without a license, failing to maintain proper records of animal acquisition, disposition and identification, failing to maintain programs of disease control and prevention, and euthanasia, and failing to provide adequate veterinary care under the supervision and assistance of a doctor of veterinary medicine.



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 (2/01/00). 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**

Australia

3/8/2000; Brisbane - about 100 genetically modified pineapples being grown in a trial crop were uprooted by Free Seed Liberation. Activists breached a two-and-a-half meter high barbed wire fence to carry out the late night raid on Queensland Department of Primary Industries.

Austria

2/4/2000; Vienna - butcher shop in Berggasse had all windows smashed.
2/19/2000; Vienna - 2 windows of the fur shop Foggensteiner smashed. Foggensteiner is located on the Opernring in Vienna. At the end of last year, an AR protester was attacked and beaten outside the shop.
2/19/2000; Vienna - 2 fur wearing women sprayed with paint on the Kaerntnerstrasse in Vienna city center.
3/5/2000; Lower Austria - 30 hens liberated from a battery unit.
3/16/2000; Lower Austria - hunting platform cut down.
3/29/2000; Vienna - a butyric acid attack was carried out against a shop selling stuffed animal corpses in the 5th district, Diehlgasse. A window was smashed and a small bottle of butyric acid was thrown in.

Belgium

4/27/2000; Zele - in a communique to an independent newspaper *De Morgen*, the A.L.F. claimed responsibility for burning 2 loaded meat trucks and a slaughterhouse belonging to the company Euro Vlees in Zele. Damage is about 30 million Belgian franks or about 1 million pounds.

Canada

2/17/2000; Vancouver, B.C. - the Lorax, an underground environmental group, officially claimed credit for spiking hundreds of trees in the Elaho Valley, about three hours north of Vancouver. "The purpose of the tree spiking is to protect grizzly bear habitat and to deter International Forest Products (Interfor) from clearcutting this ancient coastal rainforest," stated the communique.
3/23/2000; Saanich, B.C. - a group calling itself the "Ministry of Forest Defense" destroyed hundreds of coniferous test trees at the British Columbia Ministry of Forests "Tree Improvement Branch" facilities. The activists felled those trees which were specifically marked as transgenic.

Denmark

3/2000 - Two fur stores were attacked with bricks and paint. At one store, the attack caused damage at 200.000 DKr (nearly £20.000). In addition, a fur farm had three empty rows and cages burnt down; the fourth contained living animals, all of which were unharmed.

England

3/13/2000; London - Cornucopia, a shop in Victoria that had previously assured London activists that it would never again trade in second-hand fur, was found to have resumed this disgusting business. In the early hours of Monday, March 13, a visit was paid. 3 large windows were smashed and a calling card posted through the letterbox. The situation will be monitored in case further visits prove necessary.
3/20/2000; Wanstead - windows have been smashed at the following businesses: NatWest bank, betting shop, and butcher's shop. In addition windows have been smashed at NatWest banks in the following places: Chiswick, Woodford Green, Chingford.
3/late/2000; London - Natwest bank and cashpoint in Leytonstone adorned with white paint; windows smashed at: a Gants Hill butcher shop, a Mcdonalds and a meat shop in Ilford, Camden kebab shop, a Grange Park butcher shop, New Cross Gate kebab shop, 3 butcher shops in Hackney, and a Shoreditch leather factory.
4/2000; London - Calmanlinks fur shop, Knightsbridge: window smashed and paint stripper poured over the paintwork. Hockleyís fur shop, West End: windows and door smashed.
4/7/2000; London - windows smashed at Holloway Road Kebab Shop, a butcherís shop, and a pizza shop. Mile End; windows smashed at a fish shop. Forest Gate; windows smashed at a butcher's shop. Stratford; windows smashed at a butcher's shop.
4/7/2000; London - after the needless deaths of 4 horses on the first day of the Aintree Race Meetings, windows were smashed and locks were glued at the following betting shops: Whitechapel, Bethnal Green, Holloway Road, Forest Gate, and Leyton.
4/10/2000; London - A.L.F. carried out direct action in Ilford over the weekend, smashing windows at the following premises: leather coat shop, leather shoe shop, leather sofa shop, meat shop, fish shop, betting shop, and NatWest bank.
4/2000; London - over the Easter weekend, actions were carried out at the following animal abusers: windows smashed at 3 meat shops in Upton Park; window smashed at Burger Bar, Islington; in Wanstead, a window smashed at a fish shop; windows smashed at NatWest Bank, Old Street; window smashed at butcher's shop, Walthamstow; in Hackney, a butcher's van was paint stripped and sloganised. window smashed at a butcher's shop in Stamford Hill; in Tottenham, windows smashed at a butcher's shop; window smashed at butcher's shop, Ilford.
4/26/00; Somerset - an explosion occurred inside a Kebab shop resulting in a number of neighboring buildings losing their windows. The kebab shop was entirely gutted by the resulting fire. Unclaimed.
5/2000; London - windows have been smashed at these businesses: betting shop, East Ham; 3 meat shops, Mile End; 2 shops displaying circus posters, Hounslow; 3 meat shops, leather shop and betting shop, Wanstead; 3 meat shops, Finsbury Park; betting shop, Manor House; butcher's shop, Forest Gate.
5/16/2000; Huntingdon - four cars belonging to staff at Huntingdon Life Sciences (Europe's biggest contract vivisection laboratory) were burned up.
5/21/2000; Oxfordshire - an incendiary device ignited under a lorry at Mutchmeats Ltd. in Witney and completely burned it up. Army bomb disposal officers attended the scene and found 9 more devices planted under other vehicles. There were no injuries. The Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for this action.
5/21/2000; Surrey - unspecified attack on Regal Rabbits (breeders for vivisection). "Activists avoided external and internal alarms by drilling through an outer wall and smashed through the ventilation system," an A.L.F. spokesman said.

Finland

3/first week/2000; Helsinki - at Rallis Fur a door window and the display window were smashed. Saturday: door window and the display window smashed again. Monday: door window and the display window smashed yet again Wednesday: door window scratched and the display window got another smashing.

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.

A.L.F. Claims Responsibility for 6 Major Actions in the San Francisco Bay Area



We, members of the Animal Liberation Front, claim full responsibility for the following actions of animal defense:

* Fulton Poultry Processors, Fulton - 4 incendiary devices - Dec. 20, 1999

* Rancho Veal Corp., Petaluma - 5 incendiary devices (office, storage, trucks) - Jan. 03, 2000

* Petaluma Farms, Petaluma - 5 incendiary devices (office and trucks) - Jan. 15, 2000

* Primate Products, Redwood City - flammable material placed through mail slot - Jan., 2000

* B & K Universal, Fremont - 4 incendiary devices (trucks) - Feb. 25, 2000

* Neiman Marcus, San Francisco - 29 windows smashed - Feb. 27, 2000

There will be no stopping us. Our war for the end of animal abuse has begun. No amount of blood money will save them from us. We will not stop until their industries of rape, enslavement, torture, and murder are destroyed.

A.L.F.

(also see cover story)

Germany

1/25/200; Willich-Schiefbahn - a molotov-cocktail was thrown onto the premises of mink farmer Manfred Rossberger. From the communique: "No rest, no peace as long as this farm is operating!!!"
1/31/2000; Munich - windows were smashed and a fake bomb was planted (apparently it was a packet with ticking sounds coming out of it) in the building of Essex Pharma (www.essex.de). The building was evacuated and the bomb squad found that the ticking sounds came from a kitchen timer. (unclaimed).
2/17/2000; Berlin - more than 25 windows of the hunt shop Eduard Kettner in the Otto-Braun Street were smashed by TBF (German A.L.F.). The front door was smashed in as well. Anti-fur slogans were sprayed on the advertisements for the shop. On the same night, the window of a fur shop in the Warschauer Street, which was still cracked from a previous attack, was sprayed with tar paint. Additionally, three windows of a fur shop in the Hermannstreet were smashed.
3/11/2000; Berlin - according to the media, 3 trucks and delivery vans, and 4 other vehicles belonging to the meat and sausage factory "Mago" were burned up in a fire. All were fully loaded to deliver the following day. The fire broke out at 1:50 am. After the fire brigade had extinguished the fire, a second fire started at 6:00 am. According to the article the reason for that fire was an incendiary device which was not noticed by the fire brigade earlier. Damage done varied in the articles. The lowest estimate was 250,000 DM ($125,000 US), the highest 500,000 DM ($250,000 US).
4/15/2000; Alpen - 100,000 eggs and machinery for sorting eggs were destroyed on a chicken farm in Niederrhein. The damage is estimated at 500,000 DM ($250.000 US).
4/mid/2000; Willich-Schiefbahn - 48 mink released from Manfred Rossberger's mink farm.
4/17/2000; Rietberg (Westfalen) - 2 trucks from a chicken farm were burned down. 160,000 eggs were destroyed by the fire. The cabin of a third truck had been destroyed. Damage is estimated at 100,000 DM ($50,000 US).
4/late/2000; Duesseldorf - a hunting shop was attacked with butyric acid.

Holland

2/10/2000; Heino - The DBF (Dieren Bevrijdings Front), Dutch A.L.F. claimed responsibility for an arson attack in which 3 trucks burned up and four others were damaged at meat transport company "Slotman and v/d Vegt."
2/24/2000; Overijssel - 3 veal farmers in the Dutch town of Deventer received warning letters. Excerpts from the letter include: "A few members of our organization must regrettably inform you that the manner in which you are keeping your calves is unacceptable." The letter refers to the "lonely imprisonment" of veal calves in "veal crates" and threatens further action. "Heino is just the beginning." This refers to the recent burning of three transport trucks at a meat company in the Dutch town of Heino that was claimed by the DBF.
2/27/2000; Putten - the A.L.F. claims to have opened cages and destroyed breeding cards at a mink breeding facility at the Halvinkerhuizenweg. "We dug out and removed part of the fencing, after which we proceeded to open the back gate of the farm. We also sprayed the slogans DBF (Dutch A.L.F.) and YOU'RE GUILTY - DBF."
3/3/2000; Barchem - the A.L.F. visited a mink farm in Barchem. A total of 2000 to 3000 mink are said to have been liberated (between this and the previous raid in Putten). The communique ends with "While you sleep, A.L.F. destroys your world. Dieren Bevrijdings Front - Barry Horne Brigade."

Ireland

2/early/2000; Limerick - 25 hounds were stolen from a hunt.
2/early/2000; Kilkenny - a dog pound was broken into, the dogs were released and the walls daubed with red paint.

New Zealand

5/25/2000; Auckland - *No Compromise* received the following information: the A.L.F. smashed and/or spray-painted Bobís Meatmarket, Butcher Jack's, 3 other butcheries in Takapuna & Devenport, one beef restaurant, and one chemist. These actions were taken in solidarity with the arrest and upcoming trial of Suzan and Antony in Wellington.

Norway

1/25/2000; Oslo - windows smashed at Pelsmakeriet (fur shop). This was the 5th attack against the store and one man was arrested for it.
3/2000; Stavanger - 9 mink released from a mink farm.

Spain

2/mid/2000; Guadalajara - 40 hunting dogs rescued in a daylight raid by the Frente de Liberacion Animal (Spanish A.L.F.).
4/28/2000; Durango - according to an anonymous communique, the Frente de Liberacion Animal (A.L.F.) carried out an action against the meat industry. In this action, they burned down one meat lorry parked in the Matadero Comarcal (regional slaughterhouse) de Durango, a famous town in the Basque Country.

Sweden

2/5/2000; Helsingborg - 6 windows smashed at a slaughterhouse.
2/14/2000; Lund - windows smashed at a fur shop.
2/24/2000; Bredaryd - according to the Swedish A.L.F. SG, a raid was carried out against Furukulls rabbit farm and slaughterhouse. Three rabbits liberated.
4/7/2000; Halmstad - in a communique to Swedish A.L.F. SG, the A.L.F. claim responsibility for liberating 30 hens from a battery farm.
4/11/2000; Vasteras - windows were smashed at KGV fur shop, and bottles of butyric acid were poured over the furs causing a great deal of economic damage. "Fur is murder" was sprayed on the walls.
4/19/2000; Malmo - according to some Swedish newspapers, about 40 windows were smashed at the animal department building at Malmo Hospital. Slogans such as "Stop animal experiments" and "A.L.F." were found.
5/4/2000; Fargeland - activists from the Swedish A.L.F. (DBF) rescued 108 hens from a battery farm.

USA

10/23/99; Eatontown, NJ - "Fur Kills" spraypainted on Macy's storefront facing Rt. 35 at the Monmouth Mall. Actions like this will continue until Macy's stops selling fur. - A.L.F. ▶

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 hand-write 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 - finger-prints 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 any-thing on or in your report that will incriminate you or others.

SUPPORT
ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

BEL GIUM

Justin Samuel

After 9 months in a Belgian prison, Justin was just extradited to the U.S. where he faces charges relating to 5 mink farm liberations. At press time, we were awaiting word on whether or not Justin would receive bail and did not have a current address for him. Please check the Justin Support website for current info:

www.nocompromise.org/justin

importance of prisoner support

While others talk about it, the Animal Liberation Front is making animal libertion a reality today. Around the country and the world, selfless vegans put themselves on the line for animals by liberating animals from places of abuse and indirectly saving lives through property damage.

Sometimes they get caught. Without a solid support network for imprisoned animals liberators, the A.L.F. will not do what they do. Underground resistance is 1/4 direct action and 3/4 above ground support. There is no A.L.F. without this support.

The A.L.F. has stepped up it's efforts to become more of a threat then ever and the feds want blood. With activists facing 82 years for freeing animals it's getting serious, and prisoner support is more crucial now then ever before. The activists listed above are in a desperate situation - either enduring a lonely prison life or facing long prison sentences in an upcoming trial. These people need your support. We cannot support the liberation of animals and abandon those who make it happen.

Prisoner support has many components. It is writing letters to activists in prison whose only joy is a letter of support from the ouside. It is monetary support for activists facing upcoming trials. Prisoner support is making flyers, setting up benefit shows, and sending out press releses. At it's most base level prisoner support is letting these activists know they are not forgotten.

Wearing a t-shirt is not enough. Supporting the A.L.F. is reaching out in any way you can to these people whose only crime was bridging the gap between thought and action.

ENGL AND

Mel Broughton DJ8216
HMP The Mount, Molyneaux Avenue
Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead
Herts, HP3 0NZ, England
Sentenced on February 25 to 4 years for conspiracy to cause explosions. Arrested December 23rd after eluding authorities for over a year.

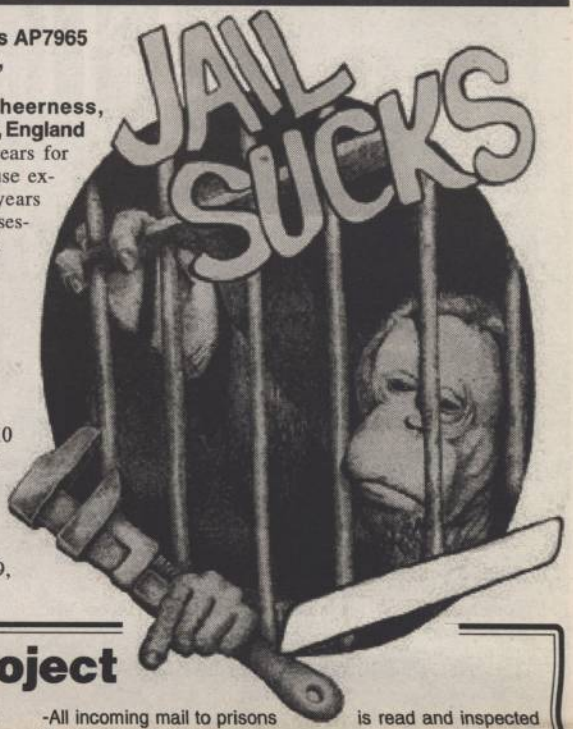
Darren Cole FN4694
HMP Blakenhurst, Howell Lane
Redditch, Worcs, BN7 6QS, England
On Remand for an anti-live exports bomb hoax at Dover Docks.

Barry Horne VC2141
HMP Belmarsh, Western Way,
Thamesmead, London
SE28 0EB, England
Sentenced to a total of 18 years for arson at several vivisection premises on the Isle of Wight and attempted arson in Bristol.

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.

NORW AY

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



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:

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More Actions...

10/29/99; Woodbridge, NJ - "A.L.F." was etched into one large display window and the glass door at Woodbridge Furs. -A.L.F.

12/20/1999; Fulton, CA - in an attempt to burn down Fulton Poultry Processors, a chicken slaughterhouse killing 30,000 chickens a week. Four incendiary devices were placed inside, but all failed to ignite except for one, which caused little damage. *(see cover story)*

1/3/2000; Petaluma, CA - Rancho Veal Corp. was targeted with five incendiary devices placed in offices, storage facilities, and trucks. These devices ignited successfully and caused an estimated $250,000 in damages. Rancho Veal was previously targeted in 1997 by the A.L.F. Rancho Veal slaughters at least 200 cows every day. *(see cover story)*

1/-/2000; Redwood City, CA - A.L.F. activists attempted to burn down Primate Products in Redwood City by depositing a flammable material through the mail slot. Primate Products are makers and distributors of equipment used to torture animals in laboratories, such as stereotaxic devices, electric prods and collars, as well as breeders of primates for vivisection. *(see cover story)*

1/15/2000; Petaluma, CA - Petaluma Farms had five incendiary devices placed in offices and trucks. Two trucks were totally destroyed by fire after the devices successfully ignited. Petaluma Farms enslaves chickens for their eggs. *(see cover story)*

1/21/2000; Watsonville, CA - the Fragaria Freedom Farmers, have uprooted a field of genetically modified strawberries at Plant Sciences Inc.'s research facilities.

1/29/2000; Snohomish, WA - unclaimed, unverified raid on Brainard's Fur Farm, 60 mink released.

2/9/2000; Chestnut Hill, MA - unclaimed, five alarm inferno consumed the building at 200 Boylston Street. Tennants of the building included the furrier Jay Lannad Furs.

2/9/2000; St. Paul, MN - the Earth Liberation Front targeted transgenic oat research crops at the Universtiy of Minnesota. All the oats found in the greenhouse were destroyed, messages were spray painted, and the locks were glued.

2/12/00; Flemington, Burlington and North Brunswick, NJ - approximately $2000 worth of merchandise in Burlington Coat Factory stores was slashed with a razor. From the A.L.F.'s communique: "If there is fur on the racks, everything gets slashed!!!"

2/25/2000; Fremont, CA - the A.L.F. set four incendiary devices inside two trucks at B & K Universal. The trucks were successfully burned. B & K breeds rats for a fate of torture and death in labs at two U.S. sites (CA & WA) and numerous other countries. *(see cover story)*

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

Even More Diary of Actions!

2/27/2000; San Francisco, CA - the same A.L.F. cell struck in San Francisco smashing 29 windows at Neiman Marcus causing $100,000 in damages. Neiman Marcus has long been a target because of its promotion of cruelty to animals through the sale of fur products. Two above ground animal rights activists were erroneously arrested and charged for this action while attending a protest outside the store the following day. The combined reward money for these actions has reached $150,000. *(see cover story)*

3/early/2000; Oregon - a Potlatch hybrid poplar tree plantation in eastern Oregon was targeted for its role in genetic engineering trees for pulp wood. Around 300 saplings were killed and extensive damage was done to irrigation systems which pump toxic fertilizers into the ground.

3/12/2000; Washington, D.C. - Miller's Furs had its lock glued.

3/12/2000; Washington, D.C. - Andriana Furs had its lock glued and had "FUR KILLS" spray painted on the wall.

3/13/2000; Viraquo, WI - the Animal Liberation Front pay a visit to Kickapoo Fur Foods. According to an anonymous communique received by the North American A.L.F. Press Office, timed incendiary devices were placed inside the business, effectively burning the building down. Kickapoo Fur Foods Inc. was an integral part of the fur farming industry. A phone call to Kickapoo Fur Foods confirms via a tape-recorded message that the business has been shut down.

3/mid/2000; Washington, D.C. - fire inspectors say that around midnight someone threw a container filled with a flammable substance at the display window of Andriana Furs.

3/15/2000; Bay Area, CA - in an anonymous communique received by the North American A.L.F. Press Office, a single cell of the underground Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for six major actions against animal abuse industries in the San Francisco Bay region. The actions span a two month period and have focused on the meat, vivisection and fur industries, causing an estimated $500,000 minimum in damages. *(see cover story)*

3/17/2000; Santa Rosa, CA - two days after the underground Animal Liberation Front officially took responsibility for setting a series of fires in the bay area, including attacks on three Sonoma County animal abuse industries, the Sonoma County Farm Bureau was targeted in an apparent related attack on its premises. According to media reports, the Farm Bureau was broken into and "trashed." The extent of the damage is not known. According to Richard Oluff, the bureau's president, he saw the kicked-in doors, broken glass, toppled desk drawers and files strewn all over the floor.

3/17/2000; Belmont, CA - 250 mice liberated from a lab at the College of Notre Dame. Nothing else was taken. Newspapers reported that this action destoryed a 70 year genetic research project. Unclaimed.



AFTER A.L.F.: chickens liberated from Dai Zen take their first steps



BEFORE A.L.F.: a hen's worst fate - Dai-Zen battery egg farm

3/19/2000; Staten Island, NY - locks glued at L furs. - A.L.F.

3/24/2000; Washington, D.C. - Andriana Furs had one window broken.

4/24/2000; Minnesota - sabotage done to vehicles that were used for construction of the highway 55 reroute in Minneapolis. 4 machines had wires and hoses cut; dirt and sand were poured into gas tanks, oil tubes, and exhaust pipes; engine parts were smashed; and messages were left. Survey stakes were also removed and destroyed, which has happened several times before and gone unreported. Also on 3 separate occasions, large amounts of rock and table salt were mixed into the sand piles being used for cement. The piles are now gone and it is assumed that they were used in the cement building the land tunnel. This is being told because salt will weaken the integrity of cement. "The road is not nearly done, and neither are we. Earth Liberation Front."

4/early/2000; Hartford, CT - Ramon's furs had it's front window spiderwebbed and Connecticut Furriers in New Britian had it's gate u-locked and glued shut, and spray painted, and four side windows smashed.

4/8/2000; Sonoma County, CA - anti-biotech activist group Petaluma Pruners destroyed grape plants grown by the biotechnology corporation Vinifera.

4/10/2000; Salt Lake City, UT - media reported that the A.L.F. vandalized two more fast food restaurants including a Burger King.

4/21/2000; New York City, NY - locks glued at V+S Furs, Dimitirious Furs, Samuel Bauer Furrier Supply, B+F Furs, and 333 and 347 7th Avenue - both of which house numerous fur stores. - A.L.F.

4/22/2000; San Diego, CA - the A.L.F. claims responsibility for spraypainting slogans on the sidewalks in front of Neiman Marcus and for smashing 18 windows including 4 doors. "This action was taken in solidarity with the San Francisco attacks and we encourage others to attack Neiman Marcus until they stop exploiting animals."

4/23/2000; Staten Island, NY - locks glued at L Furs. -A.L.F.

4/23/2000; northern New Jersey - locks glued at Fleischman Furs, Queen Anne Furs, Gold Furs, Acroplis Furs, and David A. Furs. - A.L.F.

4/29/2000; San Diego, CA - A.L.F. activists smashed several windows and spraypainted slogans on Furs By Graf.

4/30/2000; Bloomington, IN - road construction and logging equipment at a highway development site sabotaged by E.L.F. Damage estimates have already soared to over $500,000.

5/7/2000; Olympia, WA - a group calling itself ROTT - Revenge Of The Trees - has officially claimed credit for the fire that gutted the offices of Holbrook, Inc., and CITIFOR, Inc. (timber companies).

5/8/2000; Burlington, WA - the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the liberation of 212 egg-laying hens from Dai-Zen Eggs *(see story, p. 5 and photos at left)*. In a communique sent to the A.L.F. Press Office the activists say that "the horrific conditions inside were documented on video (video to be released shortly) showing the life of these birds that is worse than death." All the liberated hens have been placed into loving homes. A video of the raid was released a week later showing the horrendous conditions inside the farm and masked liberators loading 212 chickens into carriers. Dai-Zen Eggs is the second Burlington area egg farm to be raided by the A.L.F., Broadview Egg Farms was raided on Sept. 19, 1998. Eleven chickens were liberated in that raid, and video footage documenting the horrendous conditions and the liberation was released to the media.

5/9/2000; Kauai, HI - anti-biotech activists calling themselves the Menehune destroyed GE crops and research at the Novartis Research and Parent Seed Center.

5/23-24/2000; Woodland, CA - anti-biotechnology direct action activists "harvested" GE crops in greenhouses at the Seminis Vegetable Seeds Research Center.

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.

Animal Rights Commentary

The Case Against Arson

Animal rights activists have been known to go to great lengths to speak out on behalf of our non-human brothers and sisters whose voices are not being heard. Thousands of times activists have put their freedom on the line to defend animals when the "system" fails them. The current trend is toward more direct forms of action: demos at the homes of the animal abusers, live animal liberations, and acts of economic sabotage. There is also a growing trend toward the use of arson as a tool for animal liberation.

In this brief article I will present my case against the use of arson in the animal liberation movement and I hope to do it in such a way that after you read it, you will agree that arson is never an acceptable tool to use.

Make no mistake - arson is perhaps the most devastating force that can be used against the oppressors. There is nothing that can both strike fear in the hearts of the abusers and inflict such heavy damage to their businesses on such a grand scale as arson can. When an arson attack comes off as planned, the results are the total destruction of the intended target. No amount of etching fluid, spray-paint, butyric acid or superglue can equal the amount of damage that a fire can do. Fire can put an animal abuser out of business forever. It is the one thing more than anything else that the animal-abuse industries fear.

Use of this powerful weapon does not come without a heavy price tag attached. Whenever fire is used to destroy a building or a vehicle, there is a real possibility that animals, be they insects or small mammals, are going to be killed. It is my position that no amount of damage done to the abusers is worth taking the life of a single animal who has not volunteered to give up her life for the cause.

At this point, there have been no known fatalities due to arson attacks. How many unknown fatalities have there been? I have heard activists try to explain to me that arson is justified because there is no way of knowing if any animals are going to be killed during an action. This explanation falls flat on its face when countered with the argument that there is no way of knowing for certain that no animals will be killed during an arson attack.

Other activists have said that animals "know better" and are able to escape a fire. Really? How do these activists know this for certain? What if there is a mother rat living inside a building and she must carry her babies one by one to safety? What if this rat has five babies to save? She must make five trips in and out of this burning building/vehicle/other target to get them all out. Will the last baby survive the increasing temperatures? Will the last baby survive the smoke inhalation that is more likely to occur as the fire progresses?

Face it, folks, not all the animals who are living in a building that has been hit by an arson attack will survive the fire. Many will be killed. When supporters of arson accept this fact but still want to cling to their beliefs that arson is acceptable, they will sometimes posit arguments much like the following. "By walking down the street we are stepping on and killing insects." While this is true, it is an unavoidable reality of life that some insects are killed when we unintentionally step on them. The deaths in an arson attack are wholly avoidable. Activists do not need to torch a building in the same way that they need to walk. By making statements such as this, the arson-defending activists are trying to deflect attention away from the questions that may soon arise but they are unable to answer, notably, why do they support actions that they know will result in the deaths of animals?

Since it is certain that some animals will be killed in fires, the activist who has set the fire must necessarily believe that the ends (the destruction of the target) justify the means (the fire used to bring about that destruction), that the total destruction of the target is more valuable than the lives of an unknown number of insects and other small animals who are living there. This should offend our very nature as activists.

I am not willing to trade the lives of animals for the destruction of property. Haven't we all defended acts of direct action (paint bombings, glued locks, punctured tires, etc.) by saying that the lives of the animals are more valuable than the property of the abusers?

Haven't we all argued against vivisection by saying that the lives of the individual animals are more valuable than the goal sought by the vivisectors? Vivisectors constantly say that they are "sacrificing" the lives of animals to cure human disease. We always reply that we do not care how many diseases they could cure with their animal research, we would not support it. Though we understand that vivisection is fraudulent science and will never lead to a cure for human disease, we are still against vivisection on a moral basis because it is wrong to exploit one being to potentially help another.

Yet by supporting the use of arson by animal liberationists, we are doing precisely that. We are justifying the murder of a few to bring about the desired result. Any way you look at it, that is what is happening.

For arson to be an acceptable tool to use in the war for animal liberation, the activist setting the fire must be absolutely certain that no animal, either human or non-human, will be harmed. If the activist does not check behind every wall of a building, or between every nook and cranny in a truck, s/he cannot be absolutely certain that no animals will be harmed in the fire that s/he may set.

You may choose to think otherwise, but you are fooling yourself. Arson always kills animals and therefore should never be used as a tool for activists, regardless of the amount of damage that can be done to the animal abusing industry. If torching a building and killing one mouse would bring about the total destruction of the fur industry, I would still be against arson just as all of us would still be against vivisection if experimenting on one mouse would bring about the total end of cancer and AIDS. To think otherwise is inconsistent.

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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The Effectiveness of Arson

This issue we're spotlighting the debate over whether or not arson is a viable tactic for our movement. This is a hot topic amongst the radical grassroots activists so we've tried to fairly and accurately present both sides of the issue here. The points in favor of arson are made by Rod Coronado and Joe Miele argues against it.

A debate on the merits of arson as a tactic of the guerrilla fighter is a non-issue. The more appropriate question would be: Are we as a movement ready to engage in the tactics necessary to impede or prevent the destruction of the natural world and all of its animal kind? I say yes.

As part of a struggle that opposes the legalized slaughter of billions of animals annually, we cannot fail to recognize the limitations placed on us by a legal system that serves and protects the economic interests engaged in the destruction of all that we love.

If we lived in a truly democratic society, then the vast majority of the population, who oppose animal cruelty and abuse, would see that concern translated into legal action to prevent it. But a large part of the world's economy profits from animal abuse and there's simply too much money being made for it to be banned. And, as is often the case, politicians responsible for legislative change are financially supported by the industries we ask them to oppose. Hence, we are left with the realization that to prevent institutionalized animal abuse, we ourselves must engage in illegal action.

In the mid-80s, when the tide of direct action animal liberation activity was first sweeping this country, groups like the A.L.F. predominantly focused on the liberation of abused animals, public exposure of the abuse and limited property destruction.

It didn't take the A.L.F. long to realize that while these kinds of actions garnered a reasonable degree of public support, they often did little to actually stop the abuse. Liberated lab animals would be easily replaced, spray-painted slogans painted over, and the torture continued.

The A.L.F. and E.L.F. are committed to preventing animal abuse and environmental destruction by all means, whether publicly supported or not. What matters most is not that people feel good about A.L.F. or E.L.F. actions, but whether those engaged in institutionalized animal and earth abuse are impeded or prevented from carrying out their acts of terrorism.

Tactically, this means it is much more effective to physically destroy the torture chambers rather than just rescue its victims. Surely no one would argue that it would not have been advantageous to destroy Auschwitz and Dachau concentration camps when they were empty rather than simply attempt to rescue a few prisoners. This is the rationale of the A.L.F. and E.L.F. guerrilla when utilizing arson as a tactic. The first priority is always maximum destruction to the weapons used in the exploitation of our animal relations and their homelands, not minimum damage or public relations.

As members of a revolutionary struggle, we must remember that this fight is not about advancing our own agendas or not upsetting our moral sensibilities. It's about preventing institutional violence. It's about not being restrained by a society's immoral laws that prevent us from achieving this through legal means. It's about empowering oneself on an individual level to regain a sense of effectiveness when faced with overwhelming odds. It's about accomplishing this by utilizing every tactic available as long as it does not result in the loss or injury of life.

The strategy and tactics employed to defend earth and her animal nations must not be determined by our opponents' acceptance, but simply by our ability to save lives while inflicting maximum economic damage without causing suffering or casualties. That means we care more about our constituents, whose lives depend on us, than we care about how people respond to the tactics we use to save them.

Historically we can look back at the resistance to slavery in this country or against Nazism in Europe and find broad consensual support for all who fought against these evils, whether they did so nonviolently or not. What matters is that we recognize that both injustices were evils that necessitated an aggressive response that was at the time illegal yet today is seen as heroic.

The use of arson is extreme. But it is an extreme response to an extremely perilous situation that calls on all individuals aware of hidden truth to take whatever action is necessary to not only expose it, but also to ultimately stop it. Arson, as a weapon of the A.L.F. and E.L.F., is proven to be an effective tool to accomplish both. It is a tool that our opponents cannot control and that strikes fear in their blackened hearts. It hurts them where it hurts the most - in their profit margins.

Fire as a weapon against oppression has also been used for centuries. Whether burning down the military forts of an occupational army, a slave owner's plantation, or an animal research lab, arson in this country is a historic weapon of the guerrilla fighter and a tactic that we should accept as much as protesting or letter-writing.

In a struggle against all odds, we cannot afford to limit ourselves to tactics that deny us the element of surprise and instead guarantee our comfortable position in this corrupt society. In any true struggle for freedom there are no guarantees, only risk and sacrifice for those we love. There is only a sincere commitment to do whatever is necessary to prevent injustice and suffering regardless of who are the victims or what race or species they are.

Animal research labs, fur shops, slaughterhouses, factory and fur farms do not burn down by themselves. They need a little help from you.

Letters From Our Readers

To All Concerned,

I am a former elephant trainer from the San Diego Wild Animal Park and I have written a book detailing my experiences about how elephants are trained and cared for in captivity. It centers around all of the things that happened in the elephant department which eventually led to the beating of Dunda* and the subsequent hearings concerning how elephants are handled.

It is called *Keepers of the Ark* and is available through xlibris.com, amazon.com, and barnes&noble.com. If you pick one up, please feel free to give me your comments at RJRyan56@hotmail.com. Hopefully, this might help in the quest to get elephants out of zoos and circuses.

Ray Ryan

** Dunda was an elephant who was tied down and beat to death upon arrival at the San Diego Zoo. Shortly thereafter, on October 15, 1988, three trainers involved in the beating had their homes paint-bombed and their cars paint-strippered by the A.L.F. Slogans included "Dunda's Revenge". — ed.*

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Dear Anti-Bullfighting Friends,

With the Pepsi/bullfight campaign behind us, SHARK now moves to the next phase of our anti-bullfighting effort. Corona is a major bullring sponsor. I sent Corona an e-mail some weeks back. I respectfully explained our position on bullfighting, and our belief that it is in Corona's best interest to follow Pepsi's lead in dropping its sponsorship of bullrings. I asked for a dialogue. Corona has refused to give even the professional courtesy of a reply. Now it is time for action.

Behind us, we have a victory over Pepsi as proof of what we can attain if we all work together. In front of us we have the possibility of Corona pulling out of bullrings. This will send incredible reverberations throughout Mexican and Spanish businesses. The message will be that bullring sponsorship is a recipe for failure.

Every company to pull out of bullrings further deprives the torturers of desperately needed sponsorship and advertising money, and will force many bullrings out of existence. In the process we will show millions of people the truth about the cruelty and cowardice of bullfighting.

I implore you to write and call Corona and let them know that they are headed for worldwide condemnation and boycott:

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(The main US distributor for Corona)
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Corona must experience the full power of compassion. I ask that you send the message throughout the animal advocacy movement that Corona and its parent company Grupo Modelo are unapologetic supporters of animal torture and murder. Let us demonstrate to Corona in no uncertain terms that we are unapologetic and dedicated supporters of compassion.

I look forward to working with every caring individual and organization in the continuing fight to eliminate the scourge of bullfighting from the planet.

Now, please contact Corona and, if you get a chance, let me know how the conversation went!

Sincerely,
Steve Hindi

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FUR TRADE REPORTS

WATCHING THE INTERNATIONAL DECLINE OF THE BLOODY FUR INDUSTRY

by Joe Miele
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This report is a compilation of information taken from fur trade journals, trapping magazines, industry press releases, newspaper articles, interviews and private correspondence. Sources can be supplied upon request. For more info contact Joe Miele at the NJARA office (732) 446-6808 or through e-mail at veegman@erols.com.

Openings and Closings

Rosendorf-Evans of Washington, DC is closing one of their three stores. The two remaining stores plan to stay open.

Fashion Furs and Outerwear of Northfield, NJ has gone out of business. This leaves only two stores operating in the Atlantic City area. This is the 13th NJ fur store to go out of business since 1998. A new fur store, Summit Furs, has opened in Summit, NJ.

Russek's of Tucson, Arizona closed down forever on April 2, 2000. The building will be sold.

In the US, an internet clothing company called Bluefly.com has just agreed to stop selling fur trim.

Palsmaster, a fur shop in Gothenburg, Sweden, is closing after a campaign by CAFT Sweden took its toll on business. Three Gothenburg stores have closed. Another store, PälsAndersson, will no longer sell any fur products. This decision comes after repeated sabotage actions by the Animal Liberation Front. "Customers are more interested in fake fur products nowadays," said the owner of the store. Nine fur stores remain in Gothenburg.

Two stores are closing in Stockholm, Sweden and two in Helsinki, Finland.

Industry News Briefs

Though no sales figures were reported, January sales are said to be ahead of January 1999's tallies. "Going Out of Business" sales have done much to increase sales in 2000. Even so, Nordstrom's does not think that fur will be a big seller come Fall 2000. "There are so many other exciting new ways to do things (than working in fur)," says Ms. Patneaude, a spokesperson for the upscale department store.

Poor profit prospects have discouraged furriers at virtually all levels of the industry from bringing their children into the business. At the same time, their own advancing age and dwindling resources are speeding their retirement plans. Clearly, the future for the fur trade is bleak.

Trapping

Depressed prices for animal skins caused the number of animals killed by trappers as well as the number of trappers to drop drastically this past winter. North American trappers killed fewer muskrats this past year than any other in the last 100. Raccoon, muskrat, fox, and trapped mink skins are most often used in the trim trade.

Massachusetts "Question One" outlawed the use of Conibear traps by recreational trappers. There has been a movement to repeal Question One, and it is being debated in the state legislature. The Massachusetts Senate recently passed a bill that allows restricted use of Conibear traps under strict guidelines.

A "non-target" animal is any animal caught in a trap other than the species for whom the trapper deliberately set the trap, and non-targets are a reality when it comes to trapping. To put a positive spin on trapping, trappers have re-classified animals so that only animals without valuable pelts are now considered non-target. Look for trappers to boast about their reduction of non-target catches in the very near future.

Factory Farming

Worldwide, fur factory-farmers killed about 10% fewer mink in 1999 (about three million), which brought the total down to about 25.7 million killed (about nine million less), about 25% fewer than they killed in 1998. Similarly, the number of foxes raised by factory-farmers has dropped by 23% to fewer than 3.7 million pelts.

According to the USDA, 2.94 million mink skins were produced in 1998. Utah has the most fur factory-farms (115) in the US, followed by Wisconsin (94) and Minnesota (44). Wisconsin produced the most skins in 1998 (800,500).

The Minnesota Post-Bulletin reports that fur factory-farmers are going out of business due to the pressure being put on them by the A.L.F.. One factory-farmer who refused to give his name was quoted as saying, "What they are doing is working...They are getting a lot more serious. I don't know what they are capable of. But it has reached a scary level and I don't know what's next."

Some factory-farmers that had been considering closing down their operations and retiring are likely to do so at this time. A 1997 survey indicated that 23% of fur factory-farmers were over the age of 60. This does not bode well for the industry as it indicates that fewer young people are taking over the macabre profession than before.

Other pressures on the fur industry are the increasing enforcement of water and land pollution controls. Compliance with modern pollution standards can be very costly and can greatly increase the prices ranchers need to sell animal skins to merely break even.

International Updates

The Japanese and Korean fur markets continue to grow despite sluggish economies. Another Asian market, China, is already a huge consumer of furs, mostly for trim. There are no official figures, but by some estimates China and Korea together use two-thirds or more of the world's factory-farmed mink. European furriers have been enjoying a better retail season than they had last year. Business improved in France, Italy and Spain. Sales of fur-trimmed garments are said to be up in Germany. Reports from Russia are favorable for the fur trade, although Russia still does not have nearly the buying power that they wielded two years ago.

Opinion polls show that although the majority of English people want fur farming to be banned, that ban may not be coming as soon as expected. Angela Smith, a member of English Parliament asked Mrs. Beckett, the Leader of the House of Commons, when the bill banning fur farming will be brought back to the floor of Parliament. Mrs. Beckett replied that no date for the third reading has been set.

If a legal settlement is reached that forbids raising mink for fur purposes, English factory-farmers will look for other ways to keep their factory farms active. A Belgian chef has suggested mink be raised for food, thereby making mink fur a byproduct of mink meat production and ensuring that mink factory-farming would continue. On June 12, European courts will decide if the proposed British fur factory-farm ban is legal as it is currently drafted.

As in the US, Finland's fur farmers are growing older. According to a study done by PSTK, a fur farmers association, the average age for fur farmers in Finland is now over 50. 70% of farmers over 60 do not have anyone to take over their farms when they retire. The number of fur farms has fallen 60% to 850 during the last decade.

While another step has been made, it is still not certain mink farming in the Netherlands (the world's second largest mink killing nation) will be prohibited. The Dutch government decided to stop the growth of the number of mink farms, but not to limit the number of animals each farm may raise. While the number of mink farms in Holland has been declining (236 in 1991 and 192 in 1999) the number of breeding females has been increasing (465,735 in 1993 and 575,830 in 1999).

According to the German Fur Association, there was an increase in the sales of garments that included fur in 1999, although the value of those sales dipped an estimated 1.6%. This indicates the sales were mostly of fur-trimmed garments and not those made entirely of fur.

Activist Resources

BOOKS

Free The Animals - Ingrid Newkirk (available from PETA, address at right)
Earth First Direct Action Manual (available from *NC*, p. 27)
Ecodefense - Dave Foreman and Bill Haywood (available from *EF! Journal* - see ad p. 30 - and http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore)
Earth Force - Paul Watson (available from AK Press*)
War At Home - Brian Glick (available from *NC*, p. 27)
Agents of Repression - Ward Churchill and J. Vander Wall (available from *NC*, p. 27)
Animal Liberation - Peter Singer (available from http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore/)
Vegan: The New Ethics of Eating - Erik Marcus (available from *NC*, p. 27)
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. 31)
Against All Odds (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 31)
Keep Fighting: Three Interviews with Britain's ALF Press Officers (available from *NC*, p. 27)
Animal Liberation Primer (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 31 - 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

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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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UPDATE: We are continuing our regular demonstrations at Rich's department store that has received good response from the public. We are preparing for the Federated Shareholders meeting which will be held in Atlanta on May 19th. We have also been working with several other Atlanta-area groups for WWAIL at Yerkes Regional Primate Center at Emory University.

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UPDATE: In December CAFT/ADL underwent restructuring and is now a consensus based organization. Participation has increased and we are now able to expand our campaigns.

In January, ADL traveled to Worcester, MA to protest the Bud Light Bull riding competition that lasted two days.

In February, ADL members disrupted an animal "research" propaganda seminar that targeted the public in Worcester, MA where speakers were bombarded with anti-animal "research" facts to which they had no real reply. The conference Q&A session ended abruptly and left spectators questioning the seminar.

On March 18th, ADL revived its Harvard/NERPRC anti-vivisection campaign with a massive regional demonstration and coalition building weekend, which received great public attention. ADL also held tabling/outreach events for the Meatout and Global Day of Action against P&G.

ADL was also present at the Biodevastation March where we represented the animal liberation community. We held signs supporting the A.L.F., E.L.F. and vegan resistance to GE. The Animal Defense League also took part in a Biodevastation workshop.

ADL employed innovative tactics to confront Big Apple Circus during their four-week stay here in Boston.

For WWAIL, pictures of experiments leaked out by MIT were exposed to the press during a press conference and were publicized during WWAIL as well. We held daily events against Harvard/NERPRC. Four activists were caged for 100 hours in solidarity with the 1500+ tortured primates at the NERPRC compound and at the Harvard Medical School. At this time we are trying to put together a regional network to pressure Harvard/NERPRC, so if you are looking to get involved in the anti-vivisection movement in the Northeast, we need you! Please contact us via e-mail.

RESOURCES: There are a number of t-shirts available from ADL-Boston, including: "Harvard Tortures Primates," "Boycott Macy's, Fur is Murder," "Support the Animal Liberation Front" (with picture), "Human Liberation, Animal Liberation" (with picture of a paw and fist), "Go Vegan You Cow Sucking Pervert" (with picture).

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UPDATE: We have persisted in our efforts to eliminate fur here on the island. Through our distribution of vegan foods and literature, we have also helped to educate the public about the horrors of factory dairy and meat farming. We have anti-fur demos twice a month at independent fur retailers. And we have joined efforts with many other groups in the hope that Macy's East discontinues their sales of fur as soon as possible. Our Macy's campaigning has included 24-hour demos, press conferences, candlelight vigils, and a civil disobedience that closed the Walt Whitman Macy's for a period of three hours.

Unfortunately, police pressure and harassment is at an all time high. At one demonstration there were 18 unlawful arrests. At some events, protesters are arrested for picketing, questioned about A.L.F. activities, and then released. Like all other ADL chapters, we fully support the A.L.F., and at times ADL members will do local TV news interviews to address the media's questions about recent actions. We have maintained a steady involvement with politics and have helped to introduce legislation banning pigeon poisoning in New York State. We have also helped to appropriate 40 million dollars towards the cleanup of our dying Long Island Sound. We hope that by learning from our efforts and mistakes in the introduction of the legislation banning pigeon poisoning, we can look forward to introducing legislation banning the use of the steel jawed leghold trap in the state as well! We will continue to hold militant demos at our local fur stores, and we will continue to target conglomerates such as Federated, particularly Macy's, until they discontinue their sale of fur.

With that in mind, please attend our Fur Free Macy's Tour Protest on Sunday, June 11. Call (631) 340-4708 for details or visit the Tour's web site. Activists from all over the Northeast will be convening on Long Island for another huge day of protest against Macy's!!!!!

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UPDATE: We are winding down our Bloomingdale's campaign for the season and concentrating on circuses and rodeos. Although we have had several arrests lately, activists are more determined than ever. We are on the verge of winning civil cases against two circuses. Also, community support and press coverage has been great lately. We have been staging protests every week with good turnouts. We expect this to be an exciting circus season!

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UPDATE: ADL-NJ continues the struggle against the fur industry. The Fur Free New Jersey Tour is in full swing and gaining momentum. During this tour, protests are being held at each of the state's fur retailers. That number has now shrunk to 41, as Gil's Furrier has gone out of business. The ADL-NJ held a protest campaign against the store for nine months, and recently visited with the FFNJ Tour.

The campaign against Lew Magram, a mail-order catalog selling fur and fur trim, has taken an unexpected turn. This is due to the recent finding that the $50 million-a-year company has declared bankruptcy, has been bought out by Federated Department stores, and will be moving to Connecticut. A new major campaign will be underway once the move is complete.

Protests at Furs by Gearing in East Brunswick continue every Thursday evening from 7 to 9pm.

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UPDATE: The Animal Defense league has been maintaining our regular protests against Macy's and the Fur District in NYC. Since Macy's still seems to be deciding about continuing to participate in the barbaric fur trade, we are escalating the campaign. We are announcing the launch of the Boycott Macy's Tour on May 27 at the Flagship store. That holiday weekend, we will host 3 demos in Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn.

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STOP HUNTINGDON ANIMAL CRUELTY!

In November 1999, England's Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) was launched and has already brought Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) to its knees.

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UPDATE: We finished off our hard-hitting fur campaign against Neiman's with some minor victories with our secondary fur campaigns. With our assistance, a local company called "Fuff Cats" stopped selling toy cat figurines that were made with real fur.

In the past few months we have seen some more progress in the Dallas area. Harass Furs, Larry Tate Furs and Alaskan Fur Exchange all closed their businesses. Two major Dallas furriers lost their leases, and another consolidated two stores into one new location.

Negotiations are in the works with several other retailers with hopes of removing fur from their inventory.

At present we have three major efforts underway. First and foremost, we are working hard to fight against the Animal Damage Control "Wildlife Services" to save wildlife and tax dollars. Second, we have created an exciting and efficient Circus Campaign 2000 to create a foundation to remove animals from circuses! Third, we will continue our fight to close down Dallas furriers as quickly as possible.

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

RESOURCES: ALT has available for distribution information that helped us obtain victories on such campaigns as promoting alternatives to Avitrol bird poison and 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, and 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 can contribute to this fund, just mark "defense fund" on your check or money order. ARA has implemented a new program whereby people can specify that their donation be used to fight a particular abuse, and then we will do the research and give the donation to the groups who, in our opinion, are doing the most with their limited resources.

RESOURCES: Information available on forming a group, incorporating, getting non-profit status, civil disobedience, defending yourself in court, writing effective press releases, and more.

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UPDATE: We have worked on a lot of fur, circus, vegan, hunting, and animal experimentation issues in the past. With members from several animal rights groups (Vassar, New Paltz, Bard) at the college level and with members throughout the area, we hope to grow into an open-minded and established group. Please contact us so we can work together. Anyone is welcome and we need help as always.



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UPDATE: In December CAFT began demonstrating at Macy's Downtown Crossing three times a week. Six of the eleven activists that took part in the December 5th sit-in took the "no compromise" stance, and the charges were eventually dropped.

In January, CAFT began a series of walk-through tours throughout the 8 Macy's in Massachusetts, which disrupted business and caused a great ruckus. The 20+ participants of each walk-through were eventually forced out by security and there were no arrests.

The banner-drop performed on February 11 at Macy's Downtown Crossing *(see story, p. 7)* proved to be a great recruitment tool. Pressure from constant action at Macy's was so immense that Macy's filed a lawsuit for a permanent injunction against us. Macy's subsequently dropped the suit two weeks later. We currently continue to have three demonstrations a week at Macy's Downtown Crossing and employ monthly walk-through tours.

CAFT-Boston has begun a new campaign against Klaff furs of Brookline, MA. Protests at the beginning of each month are generating favorable public support and media coverage.

RESOURCES: For anyone interested in video footage from Macy's walk-through tours, contact us. We also have a new selection of general anti-fur literature.

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UPDATE: Here in the bay area, CAFT San Francisco is still focusing our efforts on getting fur removed from Neiman Marcus. Their flagship store in Union Square continues to be the site of weekly demonstrations. Hundreds of people accept leaflets every weekend and the response overall continues to be positive.

We have generated several very positive stories in Bay Area magazines and newspapers, with a combined readership of almost 1.5 million people. San Francisco Magazine printed a 2-page story about our campaign and the decline of the fur trade in its May issue. This was especially good because the magazine targets many of the same people who may shop at Neiman's (it claims that 1/3 of their readers are millionaires).

Additionally, since the February 27th arrest of two CAFT-SF members during a protest following the smashing of 29 of Neiman Marcus's windows by the A.L.F. *(see story, p. 1)*, there have been many TV stories and newsprint articles. Charges are still pending, but will most likely be dropped due to a complete lack of evidence. CAFT-SF is a vocal supporter of the A.L.F. and members did countless interviews with media around the country after this action.

Most recently, seven activists were arrested on April 1st for attempting to hang a 1000 square foot banner reading "BOYCOTT NEIMAN MARCUS FUR IS MURDER WWW.BANFUR.COM" from a billboard next to Neiman Marcus. Unfortunately, the activists were spotted by police as they climbed up the fire escape to the roof of the building. One activist was nearly killed after a firefighter attempted to push her off the scaffolding while she was u-locked to it.

If you planning on making a trip to the area, please join us any Sunday from 2-4pm at Neiman Marcus in Union Square.

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UPDATE: COK's Neiman Marcus campaign has intensified since the last issue of *NC*. In addition to regular protests, national and local call-in days, anti-fur marches, promotion of the boycott, leafleting, neighborhood doorhangering, and maintenance of our parody web site, COK activists have again and again stepped up the pressure by participating in mass protests and nonviolent acts of civil disobedience in attempts to convince the corporation to stop selling fur.

During the National Conference on Civil Disobedience, more than 250 protesters demonstrated in front of the D.C. store, and the most significant CD action to date was when 13 activists took over the D.C. store's fur department, effectively shutting it down for more than an hour. *(see story, p. 4)*

Shoppers stood by as the activists chanted, protested, and held graphic posters while they marched throughout the upper level of the store.

Additionally, we've been working on vegan outreach to the D.C. community by holding Freedom for Farmed Animals marches, feed-ins, speak-outs, and demonstrations.

COK hit Ringling Bros. Circus hard for the fourth year in a row when the traveling slave animal act made its way to D.C. Activists disrupted Ringling's march through the city, leafleted and protested at every single performance, and scaled the MCI Center in downtown D.C., hanging a 50-foot banner reading: RINGLING KILLS ANIMALS. *(see story, p. 6)*

COK was active in the IMF/World Bank protests, participating in blockades and street take-overs, while marching under a huge banner reading: ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS SAY NO TO GLOBALIZATION.

RESOURCES: COK offers extensive literature on various animal rights issues as well as videos and t-shirts. Please check out our web site for more information.

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UPDATE: The North American E.L.F. Press Office is a legal, above-ground news service dedicated to exposing the political and social motives behind the covert direct actions of the underground E.L.F. The Press Office receives anonymous communications from the E.L.F. and distributes the information to media outlets throughout North America.

The Press Office continues to be targeted by a federal grand jury in Portland, which is investigating actions of the E.L.F. and A.L.F. from 1997 through the present *(see story, p. 8)*.

RESOURCES: The E.L.F. Press Office provides background information on the North American actions of the Earth Liberation Front. Literature is also available supporting E.L.F. activity and direct action.

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UPDATE: Current campaigns include Procter & Gamble, McDonalds, "Free Range" myth.

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UPDATE: The Northwest Animal Rights Network recently ran a blunt and aggressive ad campaign under the name of the Consistency in Compassion Campaign in weeklies nationwide. Details available at www.stopeatinganimals.org. If interested about running the ad in your area, contact us. We fought for the narrowly defeated exotic animal circus ban in Seattle, are working on a statewide trapping ban, running slaughterhouse footage on public access (extremely effective!!), opposing animal research at the University of Washington, fur demos, providing help to oppose the Makah whale hunt, and tabling like hell.

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UPDATE: Speak Out for Animals is a non-profit organization dedicated to actively promoting the ethical treatment of animals. SOA focuses energy on education, direct action, legislation, and research & investigation.

SOA is currently conducting an anti-fur campaign focused on ending Lazarus Department Stores' support of the bloody fur trade. We are also working towards enacting an exotic animal display ban within Bloomington City limits, which would effectively stop circuses still featuring exploitative animal acts from performing in our town.

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UPDATE: SHAC is an international coalition of activists united for one goal: to close Huntingdon Life Sciences down for good! This is a new chapter that will deal with Huntingdon Life Sciences, lab in Princeton, NJ and against the financial pillars that hold them up in the U.S.: The Bank of New York and Oracle Partners. We are planning several actions, and we could certainly use all the help we can get, as this will be a big campaign. So please get in touch! Hillgrove, Consort, and Shamrock Farms are all closed now thanks to a united effort against them. Let's make HLS next!

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UPDATE: VARC has been working hard to pass a Choice Policy to animal use in all Biology and Psychology courses. Currently, about 25% of the campus signed on to a support petition, we have gained the student government's official support, and we are working to convince the faculty and administration. We have done a lot of tabling in the community, held protests against fur and the circus, and always strive to get the vegan message out.

RESOURCES: We have videos, literature about almost any imaginable animal rights topic, and we are willing to work with others to start campaigns in their colleges. Please get in touch.

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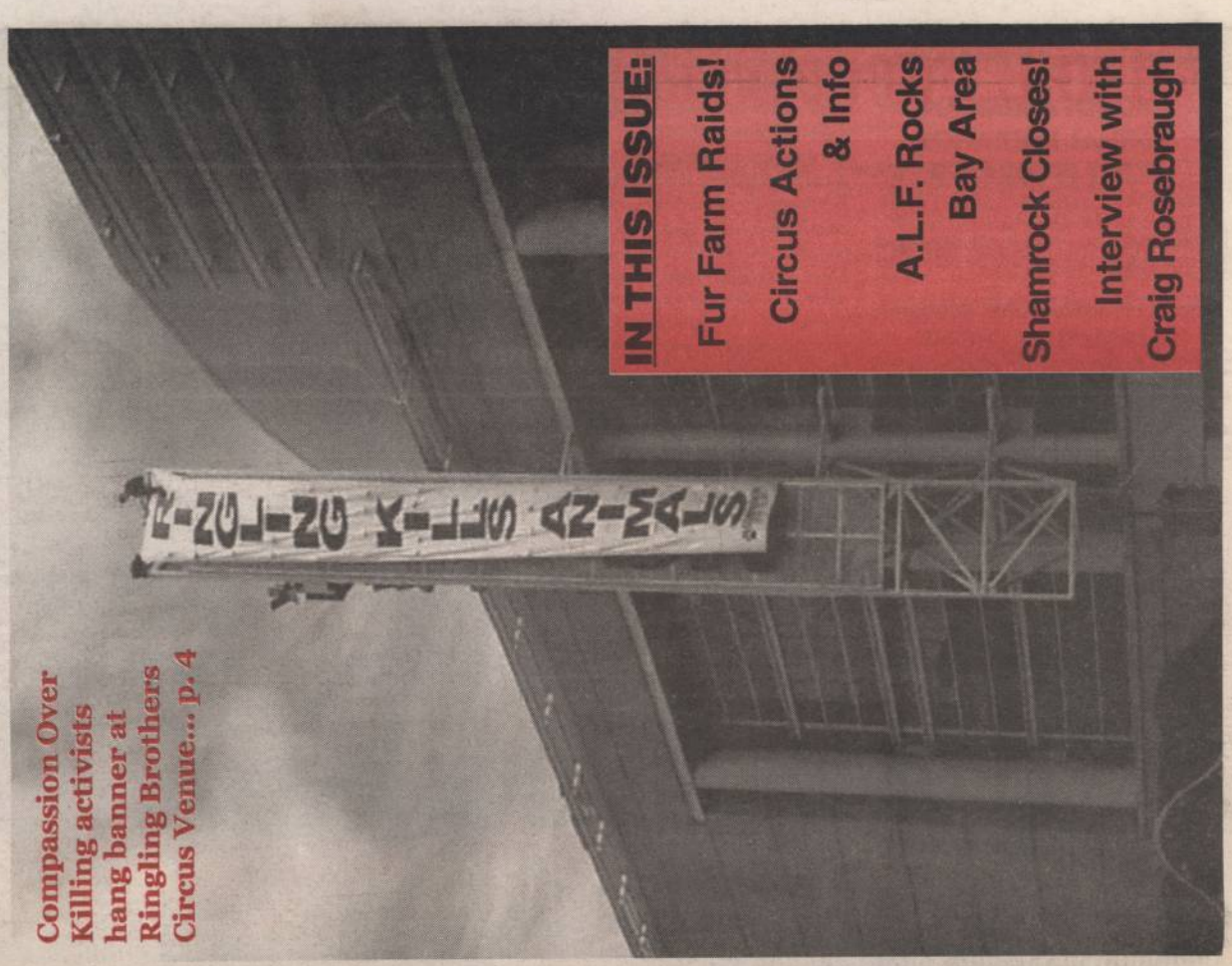
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