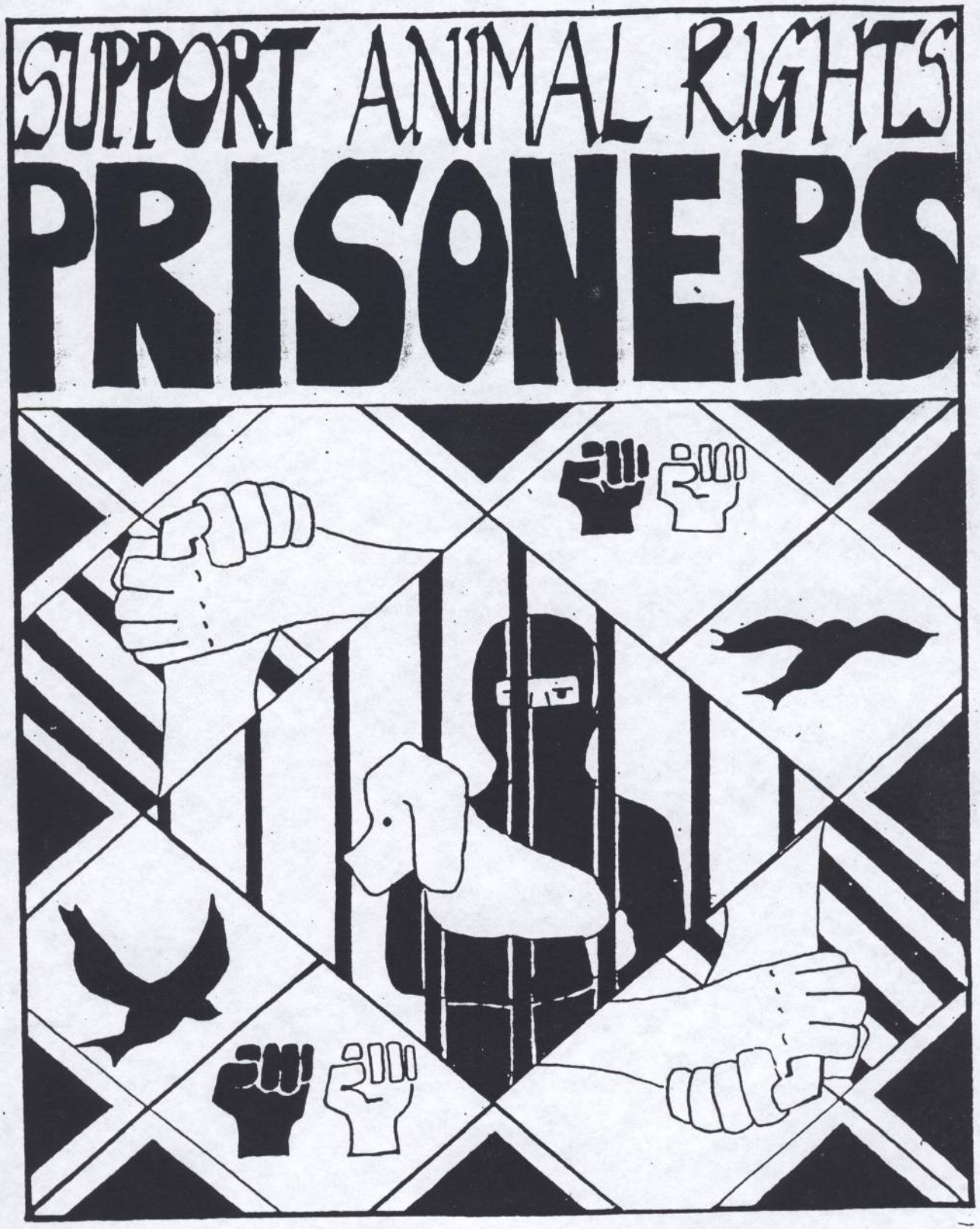
S.A.R.P. NEWSLETTER

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They give their freedom...

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This newsletter is produced by SARP and distributed to a large number of animal right groups and concerned individuals. A copy of this newsletter is also sent free to all animal rights prisoners and defendants, where known.

The road to animal liberation is certainly not a smooth one and it is inevitable that each day will bring setbacks as well as victories. In our last issue we were able to bring good news of the release of many animal rights prisoners. Sadly, in this issue , you will see that the prisoners list is longer than ever. Many of you will have already been shocked to hear of the outrageous sentence of 6 years passed upon an ALF activist for 'attempted arson' to meat lorries. Or of the six people imprisoned for taking part in a demonstration outside the house of animal abuser Alan Summersgill who, only 2 days earlier,had murdered a hunt saboteur. The demonstration was an angry one, and quite rightly so,and though the sentences were described as 'fair' it is totally outrageous that people who demonstrate against the murderer of their friend are put behind bars, while the murderer still walks free and is unrepentant.

But for the sake of the animals we must not feel discouraged by these sentences. We must channel our anger in positive ways and use it to work harder than ever for the animals.

LETTER FROM A PRISONER

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Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been writing in with letters of support to Dave and myself, they are very much appreciated.

After spending two weeks in the Crumlin Road prison we were both transferred to HMP Maze and have been sharing a cell since being sentenced.

Here it is a lot more relaxed and open than in the Crum. We are working in the prison kitchen six days a week, but only for half the day. During the afternoon and evening we are allowed to move about in our wing.

There is TV, video, snooker and an exercise room with the opportunity to play football basketball or tennis in the yard, so all in all it is fairly pleasing as prisons go. Unfortunately Graeme was sent to the YOC in Belfast and may be especially in need of support as he is on his own.

As always we will try to reply to all letters but please don't be disappionted if you don't get a reply. Dave and I are both keeping our spirits up and shall continue the fight for animal liberation as soon as we are able again.

Alistair.

GENERAL MOTORS - CAR BOYCOTT

The large American auto company GENERAL MOTORS kills animals in tests. This has been going on for decades. GENERAL MOTORS has killed pigs, ferrets, guinea pigs, mice, rats, rabbits, primates and dogs. The animals head, chests and stomachs are smashed with a flat metal disc driven by compressed air.

GENERAL MOTORS is the only auto company in thw world who use animals in experiments.

In the years between 1981 and 1990 (facts and figures from 1985 are missing) GENERAL MOTORS killed 18 957 animals and they are going on killing.

EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINEHUNDERED and FIFTYSEVEN KILLED ANIMALS !

It´s now time for a GM car boycott !

We urge you to write letters of protests to GM in USA: Mr Robert Stempel, GENERAL MOTORS CORP. 3044 WEST GRAND BLVD. GM BUILDING, DETROIT, MI 48202, USA. Also write to various GM car dealers in your country.

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PLEASE COPY THIS AND SEND/GIVE TO OTHERS URGING THEM TO BOYCOTT GM CARS AND TO WRITE LETTERS OF PROTESTS !

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THANKS FOR CARING !



PRISONERS AND DEFENDANTS

CONVICTED PRISONERS

RONNIE LEE,
V02682,
LB2 CLYDE,
HMP CHANNINGS WOOD,
DENBURY,
NEWTON ABBOT,
DEVON TQ12 6DW

Ronnie is serving a 10 year sentence for two charges of conspiracy and one of incitement. He is due to be released in November of this year.

VIVIEN SMITH,
TT2743,
HM PRISON,
PARKHURST RD,
HOLLOWAY,
LONDON, N7 ONU.

KEITH MANN,
NE0316,
HM PRISON,
SOUTHALL ST,
MANCHESTER M60 9AH.

Vivien and Keith appeared at Maidstone crown court on 30th June and both pleaded guilty to 'attempted arson', to meat transporters at Stoneygate Farm in Kent. Vivien was sentenced to six years in prison. Keith, who is facing further charges in Manchester, will be sentenced at a later date.

MICHAEL SHANAHAN,
HD2664,
HMP STOCKEN,
STOCKEN HALL RD,
STRETTON, Nr. OAKHAM,
LEICS. LE15 7RD.

BARRY HORNE,
HD2665,
HMP MILLERS PARK,
DODDINGTON RD,
WELLINGBOROUGH,
NORTHANTS, NN8 2NH.

Michael and Barry are both serving 3 years for possession of incendiary devices, both have been granted parole and will be released on August 10th.

ALISTAIR MULLAN,
A8028,
A WING, H6,
HMP MAZE,
LISBURN,
Co. ANTRIM,
N. IRELAND, BT27 5RF.

DAVE NELSON,
A8030,
A WING, H6,
HMP MAZE,
LISBURN,
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GRAEME CAMPBELL,
A8029,
HMYOC HYDEBANK WOOD,
HOSPITAL RD,
BELFAST,
N. IRELAND BT8 8NA

In Oct. '91, 6 people were arrested and charged with various offences including criminal damage and arson to battery sheds and bloodsports targets .At their trial on 18th May, Dave Nelson received a 3½ year sentence, Alistair Mullan received 2 years, and Graeme Campbell received 2 years.

MARK POWER,
HP0606,
HM PRISON,
SUDBURY,
DERBYSHIRE, DE6 5HW.

Mark was recently sentenced to 4 years in prison for various charges of criminal damage, arson, and going equipped to cause arson.

CONVICTED PRISONERS- continued.

NEIL CROUCHER, DV1515	12 months	
MARTIN EGGLETON, DV1518	12 months	HM PRISON,
GRAEME WOOD, DX0976	12 months	HORNBY RD,
JOHN CURTIN, DX0978	12 months	WALTON,
DAVE BLENKINSOP, DV1530	15 months	LIVERPOOL, L9 3DF

Neil, Martin, Graeme, John and Dave were all found guilty at the Doddleston trial of section 2 of the POA, at Knutsford Crown Court on 16th July.

HASSEN SADELLI,
33 COURS SUCHET,
69272 LYON PERRACHE
FRANCE.

Hassen was sentenced to 2 years in prison for setting fire to 11 butchers shops in Lyon, France. Letters of support in French only please.

SUPPORTING PRISONERS

WRITING

Prison isolates people from the outside world. Writing to prisoners helps to break down that isolation, so that the prisoner does not feel forgotten. If you can't think of much to write, then just send a card wishing them well, it is the fact that you have bothered to write that matters. If you know a prisoner personally it is especially important to write as obviously contact from old friends is valued. Please remember that ALL letters are opened and censored so don't write anything that could jeopardise future actions or someones freedom.

Many prisoners on remand are allowed to receive SAE's but if not please don't expect a reply as these will be restricted.

VISITING

Many animal rights prisoners on remand have a visiting rota organised by friends so please don't turn up to visit without checking first. This is useful to ensure that the prisoner gets a visit every day, and also that two people don't turn up on the same day at different times, as only the first visitor will be allowed in.

If sending in money to prisoners it is better to send a postal order rather than cheque or cash. Apart from money, rules regarding what prisoners are or are not allowed tend to vary from prison to prison. So, if sending in stamps, books or magazines, for example, it is usually best to check with the prisoner first.

DODDLESTON

On February 9th 1991 whilst sabotaging the Cheshire Beagles Mike Hill was killed by the deliberate malice of Alan Summersgill, the huntsman of the Cheshire Beagles. Two days later upwards of 120 people attended the hunt kennels and home of Summersgill at Dodleston in Cheshire along with the nations media, to hold a silent vigil and, if they dared, prevent them from hunting.

As a result of this gathering 41 people were charged with riot because a minimal amount of damage was caused to the kennels and vehicles. This ridiculous saga finally came to a head in May/June, at Mold Crown Court.

After a silent and seemingly pointless hour outside the kennels a few people decided to occupy the garden around the kennels. As the crowd pushed past the 7 or 8 attending police officers a handful attacked the house in understandable anger at Summersgill not being charged with killing Mike. Some demonstrators took it upon themselves to obstruct press photographers and TV cameras (who were originally called by the demonstrators) from taking photographs of the people responsible for the damage. Just one person was arrested at the kennels and a vanful a couple of hours later as it left Cheshire. Thanks to the ever helpful Granada TV and press photographers the rest of the 41 were later identified by police "intelligence" (files kept by the Animal Rights National Index), arrested and charged with riot. Most were held on remand pending the clearance of £1,000 sureties and when released were banned from entering Clwyd, the Wirral and Cheshire (Beagles hunt country).

The prosecution case was to rely on photographic identification of defendants. In the run up to the trial the evidence against 21 people was disputed and their cases dropped. The trial was split into two due to the large number of defendants and the most serious offenders (those most obviously photographed in the garden) were put into the first trial. At court on 27th April the prosecution started to play games with peoples lives by offering to reduce all charges to Section Two - violent disorder - on condition that some people pleaded guilty to Section Two. The prospect of being found guilty of riot which carries 10 years in prison was too much to risk so six people agreed to sacrifice themselves. Four people were offered Threatening Behaviour charges (Section Four,maximum sentence six months) and accepted and the rest who refused to deal were put onto the second trial booked for the 18th May.

Fourteen people went on trial at Mold on 18th May. One woman failed to appear and has had a warrant issued for her arrest. Of the remainder three were acquitted after the defence barristers argued no case to answer leaving ten,

none of whom who were accused of causing any damage to the house: three were accused of balking photographers, three for shouting in the garden, three for being in the garden and one for organising the demonstration!

Although the evidence against the defendants were press photographers the only proof of identification was that of police officers who had looked at the pictures (of over 100 people) and said"That's...."; some very dubious identifications were made - one woman who wasn't even there was aressted and charged. There was no timing on any of the pictures and no evidence of who took them or when. By the end of the defence and prosecution summing up there was little chance anyone would be convicted by a fair jury. However, the judge then did his summing up, which is supposed to be a breakdown of the evidence, and went out of his way to direct the jury to convict.

After two weeks on trial the jury retired on Thursday 4th June. They had the choice of finding the defendants not guilty, guilty of section 2, or guilty of section 4. By Thursday night they'd still failed to reach verdicts so were sent to a hotel for the night. They hadn't returned verdicts by Friday dinner time so were called back to court to be given the majority verdict option (10 - 2 either way). When they announced they had reached one unanimous verdict they decided Keith Mann wouldn't have been as stupid as police suggested and organised the riot and then do a television interview just before it began - not guilty on both counts. It began to look like the jury had listened to the evidence and not the biased judge.

As the afternoon progressed a further four (Ian Pugh, Sian Roberts, Kathreen Leech, Alexandra Warr) were acquitted, four (Chris Munton, Kevin Barr, Steven Betteridge, Paul Kingdon) were found guilty of Section Four and just one person (Dave Blenkinsop) guilty of Section Two.
Considering the police began with 41 people charged with Section One - Riot -they and the hunt (indeed, one and the same) don't have much to celebrate; seven guilty of Section 2 and 8 guilty of Section 4. The guilty will be sentenced on 16th/17th July. It is unlikely that those on Section 4 will go to prison but the Section 2's will get about 12 months. And Summersgill... he never went on trial: not for killing hares, not for killing Mike, not even for driving away from the scene of the offence. Four weeks after a few windows were smashed in his house it was raised to the ground, but he was out. He's never been punished. The private prosecution being brought against him has been continually hampered by wrong addresses issued for Summersgill, and by numerous court adjournments. If all goes well, he should be in court by the end of the summer, facing charges of Failing to Stop at the Scene of an Accident, and Driving Without Due Care and Consideration to Other Road Users, that is if the

court or the Crown Prosecution don't dismiss the case beforehand.
Lessons have hopefully been learnt from the Dodleston incident: the press will always go out of their way to help the police, they can not be trusted. More care needs to be taken to avoid being identified at demonstations; had the house not been attacked the police were equipped to film all those present - one can only wonder why! As fate would have it the police video camera was stolen during the confusion. Maybe we also need to avoid such criminal activity in the presence of the police and media.

.. This article was written by an animal rights prisoner who was also a defendant during the Doddlestone trial.

The Doddleston defendants appeared at Knutsford crown court on 16th July for sentencing. The six people who were found guilty of section 2 of the Public Order Act all received prison sentences. Five of them received 12 months and one person received 15 months- (see prisoners list). The remaining defendants who were found guilty of section 4 all received 3 months suspended prison sentences and were ordered to pay £250. court costs.

Six jailed for rock attack on kennels master's home

SIX men were jailed for between 12 and 15 months yesterday for their part in a rock-throwing attack by blood sport saboteurs on the home of the Cheshire Beagle Hunt's kennels master.

Eight others were given suspended three-month prison sentences at Knutsford crown court and ordered to pay £250 costs for threatening behaviour.

The incident took place on February 11, 1991 — two days after the death of a teenage saboteur, Mike Hill, who fell off a pick-up trailer being driven by kennels master Alan Summersgill, and was run over.

All those jailed admitted or were convicted of violent disorder.

Judge Elgan Edwards told them: "Everyone is entitled to views — correct views or wrong views as the case may be. But no one is entitled in this country to seek to impose their views on other people by the use of violence or the threat of violence.

"The courts will not tolerate this kind of behaviour."

He told the other eight: "What made this whole incident so frightening was the fact so many people were involved. All of you contributed substantially to making this incident as terrifying as it was."

Police were "outnumbered and overwhelmed" when the wooden bungalow home of Mr Summersgill and his wife Lyn in Dodleston, near Chester, was attacked, said David Hale, prosecuting counsel. The couple were terrified.

"The invasion began when a hunting horn was sounded. A large number of people barged past the police and into the garden. Rocks and sticks were used to break windows. Virtually every window in the house was broken."

Mr Summersgill told police later: "I was petrified. I was convinced the protesters were going to drag us out of the house and murder us."

John Curtin, aged 29, who had a number of animal rights-related convictions, was allegedly "the leading light" in the protest. The court heard he was jailed in 1986 for attempting to dig up the body of the Duke of Beaufort, a leading huntsman.

His counsel, Ben Emerson, told the court yesterday that Mr Curtin now bitterly regretted the Dodleston incident, and believed it had "done nothing but harm for the cause he espoused". Mr Curtin and another accused, David Blenkinsop, aged 25, had been deeply grieving the death of Mr Hill, aged 18.

Mr Blenkinsop's counsel said he had been riding on the pick-up from which Mr Hill fell to his death. "He watched Mr Hill become terrified. He saw him fall off and felt him go under the wheels."

Those before the court yesterday were:
Paul Kingdon, 24, Steven Betteridge, 24, Christopher Munton, 23, Duncan Smith, 22, and Martin Eggleton, 22, all of Wolverhampton; David Blenkinsop, 25, Matthew Welsh, 22, and Graeme Wood, 30, of Liverpool; John Curtin, 29, and Lesley Tarleton, 43, of Ince Blundell, Lancashire; Kevin Barr, 27, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire; Annette Tibbles, 27, of Northampton; Neil Croucher, 23, of Droitwich; and Alistair Howson, 25, of Stockport.

Mr Blenkinsop, who was convicted of violent disorder at an earlier hearing, was jailed for 15 months.

Mr Kingdon, Mr Betteridge, Mr Barr and Mr Munton, who had been convicted of threatening behaviour, received suspended three-month prison sentences and were ordered to pay £250 costs.

Mr Smith, Mr Welsh, Ms Tibbles and Ms Tarleton earlier admitted threatening behaviour. All received suspended three-month prison sentences and were ordered to pay £250 costs.

Mr Curtin, Mr Croucher, Mr Eggleton, Mr Howson and Mr Wood admitted violent disorder. All were jailed for 12 months.

Simon Powell, 21, of Hereford, who had pleaded guilty to violent disorder, failed to appear in court yesterday. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

DEFENDANTS..

HUDDERSFIELD FOUR

In Aug. '91, Benise Booth, Daryl Cavenagh, Richard Anderson and Gavin Robinson were arrested at a halal poultry farm in Holmfirth. The arrests came about as a result of 'Operation Fox', a joint operation by West Yorks. and Greater Manchester police forces. The circumstances of arrest involved the punching in the face of one of the defendants, another was truncheoned four times, one person was badly bitten by a police dog and another had a snipers rifle placed against his head by a camoflauged police officer. A police helicopter was also present. All four defendants were granted bail after a week on remand.

They have now been committed to trial on 3 charges; Conspiracy to cause criminal damage, conspiracy to steal, conspiracy to cause damage by fire.
The trial will take place at Leeds crown court on 9th November.

ROYAL LONDON HOSPITAL

Following a raid on the Royal London Hospital, in which 1000 mice and 4 beagles were liberated and years worth of vivisectors 'work' destroyed, Adam Spare has been committed for trial and is currently awaiting a trial date.He is charged with 'Conspiracy to burgle', 'Criminal damage' and 'Theft of security cards'. The raid allegedly took place while Adam was working under cover for an anti vivisection sec society.

Nine months after the raid the CPS decided to charge Nancy Phipps in connection with it, she is also charged with 'Conspiracy to burgle' and has an additional charge of 'Forgery'. She is due to appear at Thames Magistrates on 4th August.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

Rhian Thomas, Sam Remmington and Alex Seldon appeared in court at Liverpool Magistra on July 3rd, and were found guilty of criminal damage to windows at Liverpool Medical School . All three received a Conditional Discharge for 2 years and were ordered to each pay compensation of £250.

SWALESMOOR FUR FARM

Following a demonstration outside a mink farm last Oct, 34 people were charged with various public order offences. 29 of those people were bound over at various court appearances. The remaining 5 people are still facing charges and have been committed for trial.

NORTHAMPTON

Annette Tibbles, Richard Duriez and Angela Hamp are charged with 'conspiracy to cause criminal damage between May and August '91' After their arrest last August they spent several weeks in custody before being released on bail. They have been committed for trial and are currently awaiting a date, which is expected to be early next year.

MANCHESTER CONSPIRACY

Ten people are now charged with 'conspiring to pursue the aims and purposes of the Animal Liberation Front by causing criminal damage'.
They were committed for trial on 15th July at Manchester magistrates.

McDONALDS

Chris Tucker was arrested in London in May for allegedly throwing a smoke bomb into McDonalds. He was charged with affray and remanded in custody for two weeks before being granted bail.



GREENACRES ANIMAL RESCUE APPEAL

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Gwynedd · LL55 2DZ
Tel: 076 · 686 · 392

REGISTERED CHARITY: 1011425

THIS APPEAL WAS LAUNCHED IN FEBRUARY 1991 TO RAISE FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN A NEW, AND VERY MUCH NEEDED, ANIMAL RESCUE CENTRE.

ONCE ESTABLISHED, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO STRAYS, MISTREATED ANIMALS AND THOSE WHOSE OWNERS HAVE DIED. NO HEALTHY ANIMAL SHALL BE DESTROYED AND EACH ANIMAL SHALL BE GIVEN ANY VETERINARY ATTENTION NEEDED, FOR THE REST OF ITS LIFE WITH THEM, OR UNTIL IT IS FOUND A SUITABLE ADOPTIVE HOME.

THEY HAVE OPENED A CHARITY SHOP AT 60 POOL ST, CAERNARFON.
PLEASE CAN THEY HAVE YOUR UNWANTED BRIC-A-BRAC, CLOTHES, BOOKS, RECORDS AND TOYS ETC?
ANY DONATIONS WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.
ALSO NEEDED ARE ENTHUSIATIC AND RESPONSIBLE FUND RAISING PEOPLE.
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

