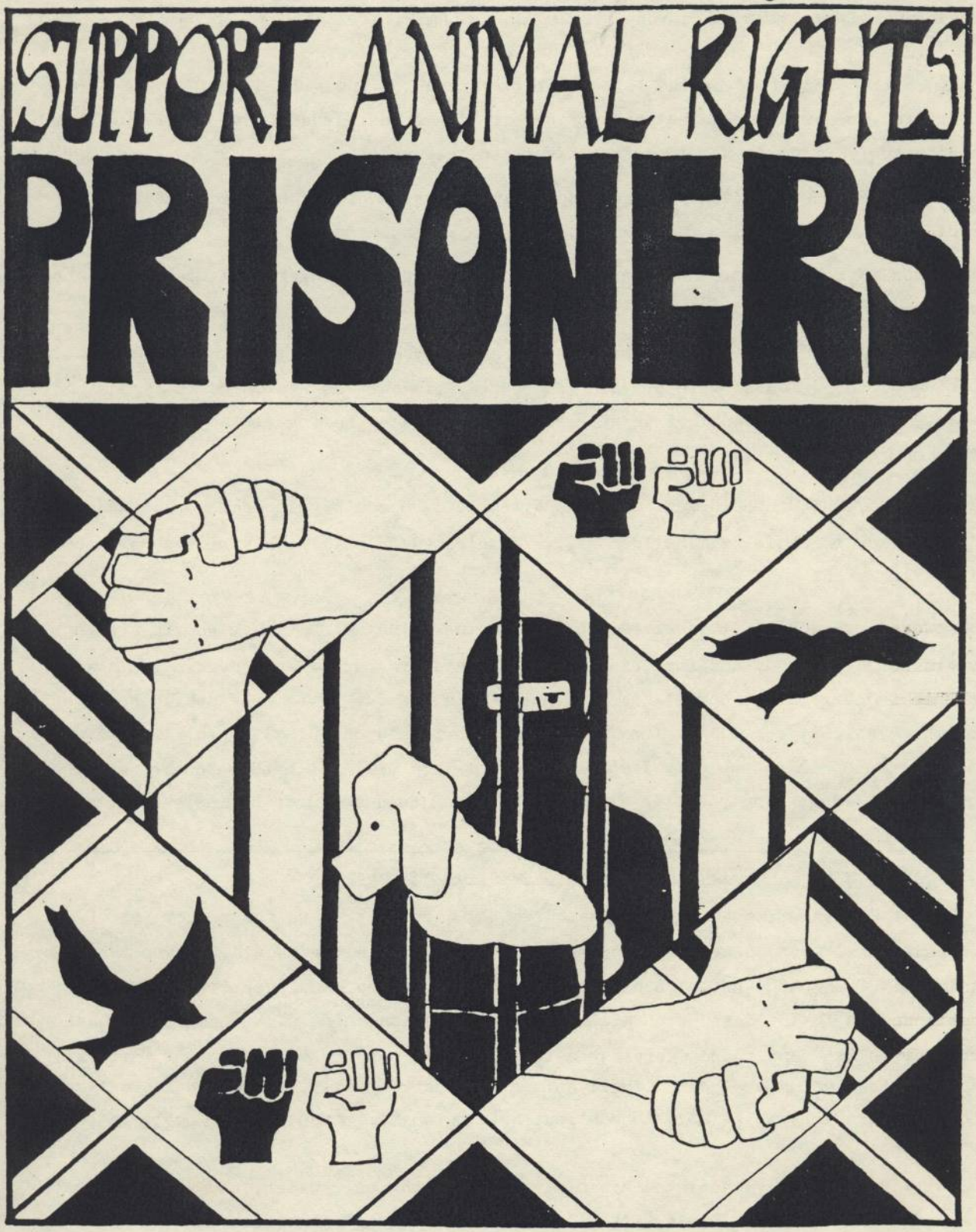
S.A.R.P. NEWSLETTER

May '92



They give their freedom...

S.A.R.P., P.O. BOX 96, NORTHAMPTON NN5 5JT.

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

Apologies for the lateness of this newsletter, this is due to financial problems. Unfortunately we must ask anyone wishing their name to be added to the mailing list in future to please send in a small donation.

Since the production of the last newsletter, many of you will no doubt have already heard the wonderful news that many prisoners have been released. Our congratulations and best wishes go to all those who have been released,

SIMON RUSSELL,serving a 4 year sentence for possession of incendiaries and poll tax riot, has been granted parole and is due to be released on May 8th.

JOHN CURTIN,serving 18 months for liberating animals from Interfauna breeding centre, was granted parole and released in Feb.

RHIAN THOMAS and ALISTAIR HOWSEN ,appeared at Derby crown court in Feb. Rhian was sentenced to 12 months with 6 months suspended,Alistair was sentenced to 15 months with 9 months suspended.They were released 5 days later having already served their time on remand.

MAX WATSON, RHIAN HOPKIN and JOHN MORGAN,remanded in custody in Dec. 91,charged with 'Conspiracy to cause criminal damage',were released on bail with strict conditions in early March.

However, we have just received the very sad news that Ronnie Lee, who is serving 10 years for conspiracy and incitement, has just had his parole turned down yet again. Ronnie is nearing the end of his sentence and is now due to be released in November of this year. It seems that the State, which thrives upon animal abuse, is determined to hang onto him to the very last- but we know this will not bother Ronnie, whose courage, strength and positive attitude have long been a source of inpiration to others.

SPONSORED FAST FOR LABORATORY ANIMALS

Animal Rights prisoner Barry Horne,currently serving 3 years for possession of incendiaries, went on a hunger strike for the week preceding 'World Day for Laboratory Animals'-(18th-25th April),to highlight the barbaric and senseless cruelty which continues to be inflicted upon millions of defenceless animals. Sponsor forms have been circulated and people were asked to give their support by sponsoring Barry,all money raised going to the 'Saltwell Animal Sanctuary Appeal'.It will be a great morale booster for Barry to be able to continue helping animals even whilst incarcerated behind bars.

Barry successfully completed his 8 day fast, taking only water, and was said to be feeling well,though a little weak. Local media coverage was good,and it even got a mention on Radio One. Please send your donations to;Saltwell Animal Sanctuary,Wentnor,Bishops Castle, Shropshire SY9 5EJ.

"Anger as RSPCA man joins militants" declared the headlines at the end of October.

Wondering who was angry and how such a controversy had been triggered by me, I thought back to why I began fighting for animal rights. Some ten years ago I found myself working for an electronics company close to a slaughterhouse. One day I saw pigs being unloaded, heard their screams and smelt the stench of death. At home that night pork was served for dinner. I couldn't eat it. The blinds were torn from my eyes and I saw the dreadful suffering we inflict daily on living, breathing feeling creatures. It has continued to haunt me and I have avoided the use of all animal products since.

Recognizing that we do not have the right to abuse and exploit other beings merely because we have the power to do so, anymore than we had the 'right' to use those of a different race as slaves, hurled me into the campaign for animal rights...the ultimate liberation struggle.

It soon became clear to me that, although I believed each individual creature merited equal consideration and respect for its 'being', liberation was a long way off. The animals are suffering now, today. They cannot wait. The individual animal's suffering is of desperate urgency to them, they can't wait for their decendants to be free in 500 years.

So,'welfare' was the answer to alleviate some of the suffering immediately, whilst not losing sight of the final goal...full liberation.

I joined a number of animal welfare organizations and it soon became clear to me that the RSPCA alone had the potential to achieve major change. Maturity, expertise, a sound financial base and the ear of the 'Establishment'. U I wanted to help rekindle the early radical campaigning spirit of the Society's founders.

Meanwhile, I still felt a strong bond with those brave souls who risked their freedom to follow moral principals. It was once a crime to help a slave to escape. It was also a crime to damage concentration camps. Who would now say that such actions were wrong? I believe that history will show that it was equally justifiable to follow the higher moral law in pursuit of the alleviation, and eventual ending, of animal suffering.

However, I perceived that the RSPCA could not support or condone unlawful activities. Arguing, for example, that the Inspectorate works with and within the law I made it clear that the Society, as its employers, could not be seen to take this equivocal view. None of this, in my opinion, prevents one from trying to understand what drives some people to break unjust laws in urgent pursuit of a rightful cause.

Time passed and the Animal Liberation Front's co-founder and press officer, Ronnie Lee, was arrested in March '86 and subsequently gaoled. His successor, Robin Lane, was arrested in May '87 and also served a prison sentence. Since then the ALF has had no official spokesperson to explain its methods and philosophies to the public.

During 1991, at demonstrations and public meetings, various groups of animal rights activists and ex-activists discussed the need for a press officer. My name was raised as one who, it was thought, could present the ALF's policies in a responsible manner. I took legal advice to avoid the 'mstakes' of my predecessors and assumed the voluntary position of ALF press officer on Wed. 31st Oct. 91.

Now I could explain that the 'terrorists' and 'extremists' were the animal abusers. Castrating young piglets without anaesthetic, stitching up the eyelids of kittens to deprive them of sight, ripping baby calves from their mothers side to steal the milk and condemn them to a short life in a European veal crate. Surely those who wish to end such atrocities are guilty of compassion and nothing more?

I thought that there would be no conflict of interest so long as I always made it clear whether I was speaking on behalf of the ALF or RSPCA, as I had made it clear in the past when speaking for Animal Aid, Compassion in World Farming or the League Against Cruel Sports. The only firm policy the RSPCA had was against animal rights groups whose actions "endangered life". As the ALF had never harmed a human and, during all its 15 years, had taken every care not to endanger life of any kind I thought I could promote both. Not unreasonably, as many in public life or charitable work wear several 'hats' with ease. I considered that all non-violent work on behalf of our brothers and sisters of other species was praiseworthy.

Alas, it was not to be. Those members of the RSPCA Council who seem content to eat the objects of their compassion did not want me in their midst. On the other hand, I have been swamped with messages of support from ordinary RSPCA members...the people who elected me to office.

The Officers of Council arranged to have a resolution placed on the agenda for the December meeting of Council that I be removed from office. Thinking I had a strong case a defence was prepared. However, the night before the meeting I was telephoned by the Society's Director of Legal Services and told that the Chairman, Joan Felthouse, had ruled that I could not call witnesses. Faced with such injustice, and aware that if the resolution succeeded, I could not stand for office for 3 years, I resigned. By so doing I intend to offer myself for election next year thus allowing the membership to decide whether I should continue to represent them and, more importantly, the animals.

The animals need the RSPCA to work effectively in easing the horrors of the nightmare world in which they live. They also need the ALF who should not be branded 'criminals' for rescuing creatures from suffering or destroying equipment used to inflict pain and death.

Animal liberation will be achieved and both the ALF and the RSPCA will have played a part. The dream will become a reality that much quicker if we all work together. Anything less is a betrayal of the animals we profess to represent.

Robin Webb.

ALF Press Office

WHAT DOES THE PRESS OFFICE DO?

The press office has three basic functions, all of which are designed to explain why the ALF does what it does, how it does it and how non-human species are treated by humans.

Any anonymous information received by the press office which details ALF-style actions will be communicated to the media. Whether the spread is local, regional, national or international depends on the scale and type of action. Even a broken window is likely to be reported in the local press if the ALF's national Press Officer has contacted the local newspaper.

When an action occurs which appears to be Animal Liberation related the media often contact the Press Office to ask whether it would appear to be an official ALF action. The Press Office can confirm if such actions fall within ALF policy, and explain the suffering that necessitates such actions.

The Press Officer, as the 'public face' of the ALF, can appear on TV documentaries and news programmes, participate in radio 'phone-ins', offer 'in-depth' interviews to magazines and newspapers and speak at public demonstrations, rallies and group and open meetings.

HOW DOES THE PRESS OFFICE WORK?

The Press Office has two telephone lines and an office address. The British Telecom number is 0954 30542 and will be answered either by the Press Officer if available or by an answering machine. Any messages left are automatically deleted after being taken. The mobile telephone number is 0836 310763 and will be answered either by the Press Officer or a Messenger Service. The Messenger Service will page the press officer when the mobile is either switched on or comes within radio communication range again. As with the BT service, any messages left will automatically be deleted once they have been taken. The Press Office address is ALF Press Office, BM 4400, London, WC1N 3XX.

If an individual or cell has undertaken an ALF type action and wants the Press Office to publicise it then they should phone the press office with as much information as possible. For example, the name and address of the establishment affected, why it was chosen, what has been done (liberation/damage/etc), how it was done (cut through the roof/fence/floor/etc), what animals (if any) were liberated, how many took part, information to prove the claim is genuine (vehicle registration numbers of vehicles/type of doors forced/etc), time of action (eg 11.00pm 23rd Feb- 2.00am 24th Feb).Don't forget, the Press Office has received an anonymous call and can't ring back for further information! The Press Office will then contact the media as necessary to get the maximum possible coverage.

If photographs or video film has been taken of the action it is essential that they be sent to the Press Office as a matter of urgency. Remember, 24 hours is a long time to the media. Ask the Press Officer the quickest way to get such information to them, it could be special next-day postal delivery, deposit in a left-luggage locker or something else. Don't wait to develop photographic film. If the media contact the Press Office about a suspected ALF action then the Press Officer will give an opinion on whether or not the action falls within ALF policy and why it would have been carried out. It is regognised that, for security reasons, many cells and individuals would be reluctant to contact the Press Office by telephone themselves. In such cases it is helpful for record purposes if a written action report can be sent to the Press Office, however small the incident may be. Such information is useful when, for example, the media ask how widespread ALF actions are.

Animal Rights groups are encouraged to invite a Press Office representative to speak at a group or public meeting, demonstration or rally. Such occasions enable the ALF Press Officer to explain the need for the ALF and dispel any misconceptions. Such talks also often attract new members to the local group concerned with organising the event, even if they came originally out of curiosity.

ALF Press Office, BM4400, London, WC1N 3XX.

Donations towards the vital work of the ALF Press Office are urgenly needed. Please make cheques or postal orders payable to 'ALF Press Office'.

LONDON BOOTS ACTION GROUP

C/O ALARA, 50 SEVEN SISTERS RD, N7 6AA

If you are living in the London area please join the LBAG in their campaign against Boots the vivisectors.

meetings- 6 Endsleigh St, WC1, 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

20th June- Nationwide Day of Action against Boots to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the first ALF raid against their labs. LBAG, in conjunction with Nottingham Animal Rights Confederation and the ALIU, are calling on groups everywhere to picket their local Boots stores. For more information contact LBAG.



Total Animal Liberation - PO Box 2345 - New York, NY 10108

MAIL TO :

PARLAMENT DE CATALUNYA
Parc Ciutadella s/n
08003, Barcelona, Spain

SPAIN "EXPO 92" and their OLYMPIC GAMES plan to sell to the world that exploiting children and the poor to bring in profits, amusement and (false) prestige by using animal suffering is "Spanish Culture".

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WE ARE BOYCOTTING SPAIN EXPO 92 AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES, AS WELL AS ALL IMPORTED SPANISH GOODS AND SHOWS, AND HAVE STOPPED ALL TRAVEL TO SPAIN TILL THESE HIDEOUS ACTS ARE TERMINATED IN YOUR OTHERWISE GREAT COUNTRY!



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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 this year.

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 incendiaries.

MARK POWER,
HP0606,
HM PRISON,
WINSON GREEN RD,
BIRMINGHAM, B18 4AS.

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

HASSEN SADELLI,
PRISON ST PAUL,
33 ERS SUCHET,
69272,
LYON,
FRANCE.

Hassen has recently been sentenced to 2 years in prison for setting fire to 11 butchers shops in Lyon.

REMAND PRISONERS

KEITH HANN,
NE0316,
HM PRISON,
HORNBY RD,
WALTON,
LIVERPOOL, L9 3DF.

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

Keith and Vivien were arrested in Kent in Oct. 91, and were remanded in custody charged with 'conspiracy to commit arson'. Keith also has additional charges; 2 of incitement to cause criminal damage and arson, 3 of conspiracy and 1 of criminal damage.

DAVE NELSON,
A8030,
B2, HM PRISON,
CRUMLIN RD,
BELFAST, BT14 6AE.

Dave was arrested in Oct. 91, and remanded in custody on 2 charges of planting incendiaries, 1 of planting a petrol bomb, 5 of arson and 1 of criminal damage.

SUPPORTING PRISONERS

WRITING

Prison isolates people from the outside world. Writing to prisoners helps 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 counts. 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.

DEFENDANTS

UPDATE ON HUDDERSFIELD FOUR

In August 91, Helen Denise Booth, Daryl Cavenagh, Richard Anderson and Gavin Robinson were arrested on the premises of Rafiq's poultry farm in Holmfirth.The arrests came about as a result of Operation Fox, a joint operation by West Yorkshire 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 police dog Jake and one of the four had a snipers rifle placed against his head by a camoflauged police officer. The trusted West Yorks police helicopter was also present.

Initial charges for the four were burglary, going equipped and possessing items for criminal damage.Over the last 7 months these have been added to with various conspiracy charges.

On the 24th March, all four defendants were 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 later in the year. All four defendant were granted bail after a week on remand. Bail conditions have been relaxed, although three are still on curfew.

It came to light that the police had bugged the homes of the defendants for at -

DEFENDANTS (Continued..)

least three weeks.. A defence campaign is being set up to publicise the innocence of the four and to expose the real issues. Further details to follow.

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 at Thames Magistrates on 2nd April, charged with 'Conspiracy to commit burglary', 'Criminal damage' and 'Theft of security cards'.

The Crown Prosecution Service have decided, some 9 months later, to charge Nancy Phipps in connection with the raid. She is charged with 'Conspiracy to burgle' and 'Forgery' She will appear in court at Thames magistrates on May 12th.

LAUNDRY FARM

Angela Hamp is charged with burglary and various driving offences following an ALIU inspection of Laundry Farm breeding centre. The case is now to be heard at the beginning of April at Norwich crown court.
CAMPAIGN TO CLOSE LAUNDRY FARM, c/o SGBCM, 1160, London.

SWALESMOOR FUR FARM

Following a demonstration outside a mink farm last Oct.34 people were charged with various public order offences. During a court appearance on Dec 11th, 26 of them accepted bindovers,with the remaining 8 being committed to trial. At their trial five of them were aquitted and bound over, the other 3 will appeal. 5 people are now facing charges, and their committal will take place on June 19th, 22nd and 23rd at Halifax magistrates.

LIVERPOOL

Rhian Thomas, Sam Remmington and Alex Sneldon, charged with criminal damage to windows at Liverpool Medical School, are on trial at Liverpool magistrates on July 3rd.

IRELAND

In Northern Ireland, in Oct. 91, 9 people were arrested and charged with various offences (25 charges in all) ranging from arson, planting incendiaries and criminal damage. All were granted bail apart from Dave Nelson (see prisoners list). Afew weeks later, another person was arrested and charged with criminal damage to a hare coursing fence and breaking a window.
Please send donations to; ANIMAL BUST FUND, PO BOX 148 ,BELFAST BT1 2F?

MANCHESTER

Eight people; Claire Rush, Max Watson, John Marnell, Rhian Hopkin, John Morgan, Keith Mann, Terry Helsby and John Hughes have all been charged with 'conspiring to pursue the aims and purposes of the Animal Liberation Front by causing criminal damage'. They appeared at Manchester magistrates on 11th March. All served time on remand, and with the exception of Keith Mann, are now on bail with very strict conditions.

DEFENDANTS - continued...

NORTHAMPTON

Annette Tibbles, Angela Hamp and Richard Duriez are charged with 'conspiracy to cause criminal damage between May and August 91.' After their arrest they spent several weeks in custody before being released on bail. They were committed for trial on 27th March at Northampton magistrates.

DODDLESTON

On 27th April at Mold crown court, what was supposed to be the first of two, 4 week trials for 'Riot' at the Cheshire beagles hunt kennels got underway, in a manner, it seems, peculiar only to 'animal rights' cases. No sooner than had the defendants for the first trial sat down in the dock, were the defence to learn of the Crown Prosecution's new interpretation of 'trial by jury' .

As the morning unfolded it became clear the 'trial' was to be conducted exactly the way the CPS / Police wanted it, innocent people being manipulated by all the instruments of power and control the system allows the CPS to use against us, to its own devices, aiming to imprison as many people as possible - justice taking a back seat, just for a change. The trial was thus turned into little more than a 'bargaining package' with the CPS playing the only hand.

All but one of the defendants in the first hearing were offered guilty pleas to Section 2 (Violent Disorder), with the prospect of being sentenced that afternoon ! Thus, the CPS's master card had been dealt at the earliest opportunity, confronting people with long term prison sentences that day, clearly designed to turn the day into a confusing and frightening experience. Defendants were given one hectic and understandably highly emoticnal day to decide how they should plea, taking into account not only their own interests, but the implications their decisions might have for their fellow defendants, with the help of ill-advised, over pressured barristers. Eventually only 4 of the defendants were prepared to accept a S2, on the advice of their barristers, who seemed confident that the four would be found guilty of S1 by trial, taking into account not only the prosecution evidence against them, but other factors played against them purposely by the prosecution. ie the hearings being held at Mold crown court - probably the worst location in the country for a hunt saboteurs'-related trial to be held, and an even more unsympathetic judge, who incedentally, had booked his holidays for May! Not suprisingly, the CPS weren't satisfied with forcing only four people to accept 2 - 3 years imprisonment and demanded that a further 3 named defendants should plead guilty, or all would face trial under S2. Dirty trick no.2 had now been played, forcing two more people to play into the hands of the prosecution and plead guilty to a serious offence they had previously intended to fight in the courts.

The seventh named defendant must have had a premonition of the dirty tricks the CPS had in store, and decided to do a runner from the inevitable consequences of the system's idea of 'justice'.
All the other defendants pleaded not guilty to S2, apart for one who was despite the harsh evidence against her offered a S4. It seems the CPS had an alterior motive hidden behind this 'generous' offer in that the defendant is a respectable, middle-aged , animal welfare campaigner whom the CPS would not have wanted sitting alongside the other defendants for fear of the jury seeing those in the dock as a group of innocent, ordinary people as opposed to the image the CPS will obviously try to impress upon the jury, namely a 'mob' of young, scruffy trouble-makers.
By the end of the second day 6 people already knew they were facing a long time in prison, 1 person had pleaded guilty to S4, and 4 others faced trial for S2 in a court which had already shown its true face, and whose side it was really on.
The second trial planned for June was brought forward to the friday of the same week, and towed the same line as the first. 9 people were offered guilty pleas to S2, 4 people guilty pleas to S4, 1 person received a 2 year bind - over to the sum of £250, and 1 person acquitted.
Fortunately, the S2 defendants had had the week to make their decisions and the intimidation tactics adopted by the prosecution fell to pieces.
All 9 defendants offered S2's pleaded not guilty, 3 of the 4 defendants offered S4's pleaded guilty, the other decided to refuse a S4.
As a result 13 people are due to appear before Hold crown court on 18th May charged with S2 .... for a few smashed windows.
Let's hope, with the prescence of a jury, some justice might at least this time creep into the courtroom and fight for the defendants.

Written by one of the defendants..

BOOTS- HUDDERSFIELD

On 26th Feb, Daryl Cavanagh had a case of criminal damage to a Boots window worth £1,200, dismissed due to lack of evidence, when the only prosecution witness failed to turn up at court.

BOOTS- LONDON

Geoff Sheppard was bound over for 6 months for obstruction during a picket outside Boots by the London Boots Action Group.

HUNT BALL- MANCHESTER

8 people were arrested at the Holcombe Hunt Ball at the Midland Hotel in Manchester in Jan, and charged with S4, S5 and police obstruction offences. All were recently found guilty at Manchester magistrates, and given fines or conditional discharges. It is interseting to note that all the arrests took place within 5 minutes of the arrival of the G. Manchester police force's 'Tactical Aid Unit',after the demo had passed without arrests for 2 hours.

DEFENDANTS (Continued)

HUNT BALL - LONDON

Two people were arrested and charged with Affray during a Hunt Ball demo at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, in early March. They appeared in court on 26th March at Great Marlborough St magistrates.

CHICKENS FREED

Three people were arrested and cautioned on 15th March during a demo against the chicken slaughterhouse at Petticoat Lane Market. During the demo some of the protesters entered the slaughterhouse and liberated four chickens - happily they were not recovered.

GUILDFORD 9

Nine North Downs sabs, charged with 'violent disorder' and 'affray', after a confrontation with the Surrey Union hunt last January, were cleared at their trial on 13th March at Guildford crown court, when the prosecution offered no evidence against them.

**** STOP PRESS**** IRELAND

We have just received news that the ALF case in Ireland has recently been dealt with. All have been found guilty and the results are as follows; Dave Nelson - 3½ years, Alistair Mullan - 2 years, Graeme Campbell - 2 years, Kerry McKee - 1 year suspended, Chris Roberts - 150 hours community service, Michael Kerr - 150 hours community service. Gavin Gourley is still awaiting sentence.

Please write letters of support to;
DAVE NELSON, A8030, H M Prison, Crumlin Rd, Belfast, BT14 6AE.

Alistair MULLAN ,8028, HM Prison, Crumlin Rd, Belfast, BT14 6AE.

Graeme Campbell does not at present wish to be on the prisoners list.

To help support these prisoners the ANIMAL BUST FUND urgently needs financial support. Please send a donation to;

ANIMAL BUST FUND,
P.O. BOX 148,
BELFAST, BT1 2FP.

Animal lovers' copy style of the IRA

ALF arsonists are cool, ruthless and professional.

By PATRICK O'FLYNN
The Birmingham Post

Members of the Animal Liberation Front are no longer regarded as naive amateurs by police and bomb disposal experts.

Over the past ten years the ALF has become the cutting edge of an increasingly militant animal rights lobby, emerging as a small but ruthless organisation capable of life-threatening acts of destruction.

It has adopted the language and tactics of the IRA, speaking of "legitimate targets" and copying the Provos' "cell" structure to make detection by the police and infiltration far more difficult.

Flashback: Police dog handlers at the scene of the Snelsons abattoir fire in November

HUNGER STRIKE

By ANDY FORD

JAILED Northampton animal campaigner Barry Horne was on hunger strike in Wellingbo Prison.

Horne has refused food for the last s a protest over live animal laboratory t

Refuse worker Horne, formerly of San Northampton, is serving a three-year ser session of explosives.

He was convicted at Northampton Cr November after police found him and possession of homemade bombs.

The trial heard they were on their a Huntingdon research centre.

The hunger strike coincides wit tion Society's Black Armband We London rally and protest on Satur

Horne's friend, animal campaigner said: "He

Huntsman 'rode over saboteur'

A HUNT master twice rode his horse over a saboteur crouching in a hole to stop a fox being dug out, a court heard yesterday.

Victim Andrew Tuck was repeatedly trampled under the horse's hooves which struck him on the skull, face, back and legs, it was alleged.

But huntsman John Funnell denied charges of assault and affray at Guildford Crown Court yesterday.

The jury heard how trouble flared when saboteurs gathered in a copse at Farley Heath, near Godalming, Surrey, to stop the fox being dug out

Hole

Mr Tuck, a member of the Brixton Hunt Saboteurs, refused to budge from a hole when 30 followers of the Surrey Union Hunt arrived to flush the animal out.

Urged on by Mrs Prudence Goodchild, the joint master, Mr Funnell rode his horse at the saboteur...

Animal credit

SHOPPERS can now fight back, against cruelty to animals — and won't cost them a penny.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare, the pressure group which stopped the sickening seal massacre in Canada, has teamed up with the Bank of Scotland to offer a new fundraising credit card.

The fund will get £5 every time a new customer signs up with the credit card. And once the cardholder has spent £100, the IFAW gets 25p for every £100 spent.

...SS MEAT PLEASE, WE'RE BRITISH

...SPCA to tackle ... over activist's post

...PCA leaders meet tomorrow to discuss the appointment of council member to an Animal Liberation Front ...ost, writes GREG NEALE, Environment Correspondent.

...Mr Robin Webb, 46, who has been appointed ALF press ...fficer, said yesterday he would remain on the ...council. The RSPCA has repudiated law-breaking, ...whereas the ALF has attacked butchers shops and meat ...lorries, fire-bombed fur stores, released animals used in ...testing and has wrecked laboratories.

The RSPCA's four senior officers, led by Mrs Joan Felthouse, the chairman, will discuss Mr Webb's voluntary post with the ALF in view of his council position.

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