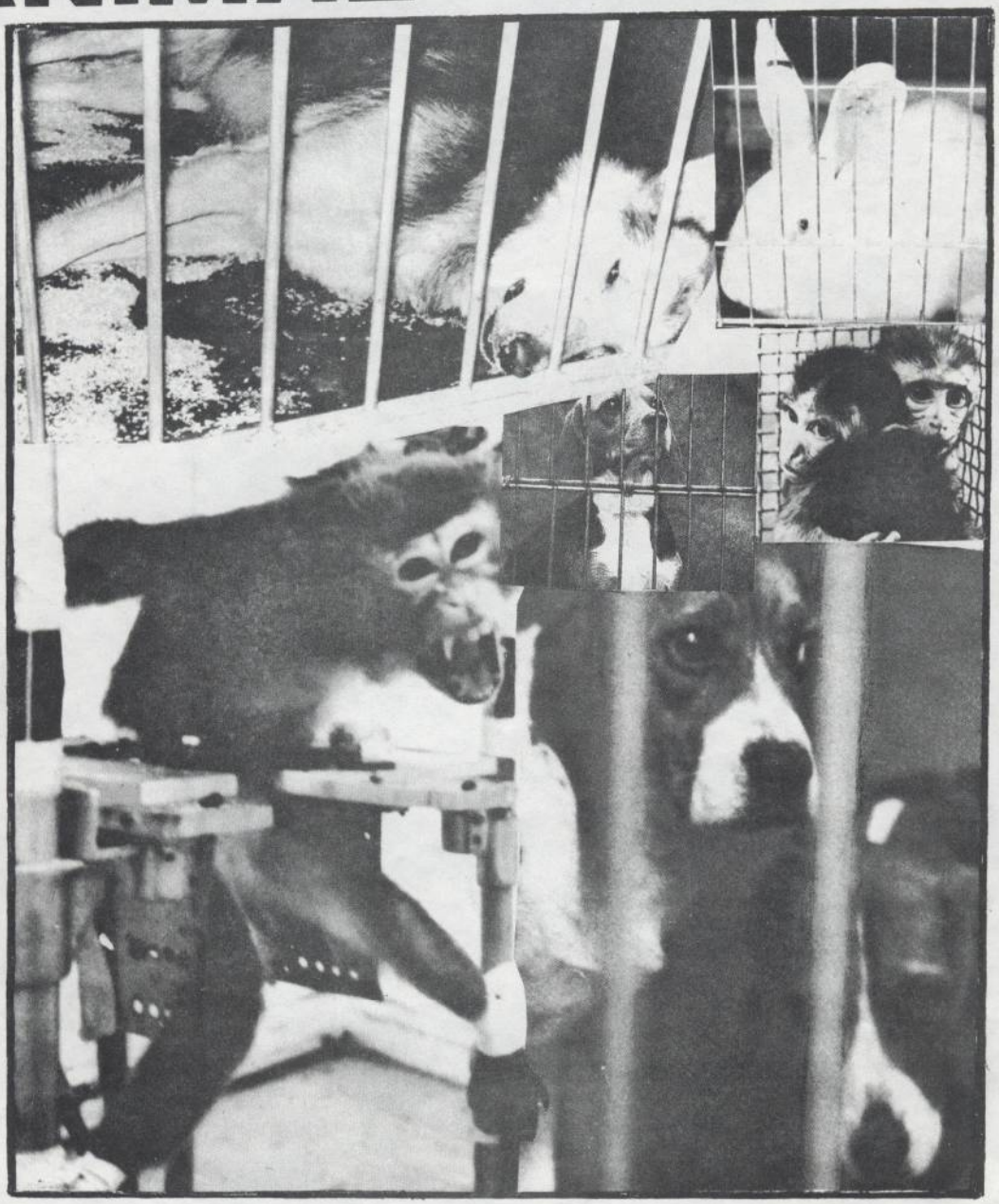
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There are those within the Animal Rights movement who constantly condemn all direct action,urging people to campaign peacefully within the law through Parliament.They say that Parliament listens to our arguments and if we can only desist from all other actions designed to help animals,then legislation will be passed to alleviate the suffering and death. They say that all fire-bomb attacks against animal abusers property is wrong, an act of 'terrorism' and puts the movement back IO, 20, IOO years (delete as applicable).They say petitions can achieve change,mass demonstrations can impress on the Government the feelings of the populace,and expensive campaigns aimed at persuading M.Ps to back animal causes can be effective.And finally, they say that Animal Rights occupies the 'moral high ground' and therefore, the rightness of our cause will see it eventually succeed.

We agree with them only on this last statement. Animal Rights does indeed occupy the 'moral high ground',but unlike them we do not see this as a reason why Animal Rights must always respect the legality of animal abuse or respect the property of the animal abuse industry. Their position on this is fatally flawed and to a large extent, so is their position on the other matters mentioned.

The world is ruled by that great God- Capitalism. Capitalism insists on unquestioning obedience to the means of making money. The animal abuse industry covering many fields, is by far the largest and richest industry in the world. This vast wealth equals power, the power to run this country and any other for the benefit of the animal abuse machine.The government cannot and will not disobey this vast powerfull industry just because the Animal Rights movement can prove,with petitions,etc.,that X thousands/millions of the population want it to .To think that a petition alone can achieve change through Parliament shows an incredible naivety,or worse, downright stupidity.

This is not to say that we believe petitions, demonstrations,parliamentary campaigns,etc.,are a complete waste of time- far from it, we believe all forms of protest have a part to play as does direct action in whatever form it takes from liberating animals to arson attacks.

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The drastic demise of the fur industry in this country is an excellent example of this.Peacefull campaigning through demonstrations, petitions and the work of LYNX built up public opposition to the barbaric industry,while direct action caused severe economic damage to many department stores and shops that stocked furs. At the same time, raids on fur farms saw many fur bearing animals liberated from the hell-holes and much filmed and documentary evidence was obtained and presented to the public to justify all aspects of the campaign.The fur trade has now virtually disappeared from the high streets of our towns, many places are now fur-free zones and fur products are increasingly difficult to obtain, usually from heavily guarded outlets.Fur farms have closed in vast numbers and are still on the decline.

All this was achieved through all sections of the movement working together albeit unwillingly. Just think how much we could achieve if we all worked together all the time and stopped wasting our time criticising other areas of action simply because it doesn't comply with our own imaginary rules.Certainly there is a place for the petition .This is an excellent gauge of public feeling, it gains their support when they think they are doing 'their bit' by signing. Mass demonstrations show the animal abuse industry our power and determination to defeat them. Parliamentary campaigns are only really usefull when used as a 'final push' after the public support has been shown through the petition and translated into the mass demonstration. However all these things will achieve nothing without the economic loss and disruption caused by direct action.

Those activists who risk their liberty by freeing animals and burning down the tools of animal abuse are the hard cutting edge that any successful movement must have. It is they who cause disruption and havoc by liberating the carefully bred laboratory animals,removing files and documents and filming the hell-holes to expose to the public the truth.It is they who cause the enormous economic damage to the animal abusers ,wiping out whole fleets of vehicles and raizing to the ground the torture houses.And it is they who will,almost certainly, find one day that their luck has run out and they are imprisoned.For their pains they are criticised by those in the movement who ought to know better.There is no prison sentence awaiting the executives of the national societies at the end of an expensive parliamentary campaign,often waged with documentary evidence taken from the labs by the activists.No prospect of spending several years in a lonely prison cell for them, and yet they condemn those activists on the grounds that direct action does not fit in with their vision of the way forward.

The term 'moral high ground' has often been used over the years to justify criticism of direct action .They say that because Animal Rights occupies this 'moral high ground' we must always remain above public criticism by confining our activities to non-voilent and legal actions and ,therefore,win by being morally superior. We say this is absurd and dangerous nonsense.

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Absurd because,if we are morally superior through our beliefs then any action carried out in the furtherance of those beliefs cannot be morally wrong. Dangerous, because it inhibits people from taking the action that they know to be justified and it can, therefore undo progress we have already made as a movement.

Animal Rights does occupy the 'moral high ground'because we remain true to our beliefs in the moral rightness of animal liberation.Any action we may take in the furtherance of that cause is right and justified because our motives are always pure and unsullied by thoughts of material reward or personal gain .No, our motives are always the same and we cannot be magically deposed from our position on the 'moral high ground' simply because we resort to arson attacks or similar.All actions are morally justifiable because they are carried out with one purpose in mind-the end of animal abuse.

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LEADING "WELFARIST" APPOINTED ALF PRESS OFFICER

RSPCA Council member Robin Webb was on Thursday 31st October 1991, announced as the new press officer for the Animal Liberation Front following a period of several years during which the position lay vacant, being considered by many as a threat to the holders freedom.As a council member of the RSPCA Robin Webb also sits on its five main standing committees, including vice-chair of the PR and campaigns committee, and is also a member of the Christian Consultative Council for the welfare of animals and former Assistant Director of Animal Aid, the Kent based national animal rights society.

Mr Webb is 46 years old and lives in Cambridgeshire with his wife and their family of rescued animals, at present three cats, three dogs and one rat. His early working life was spent in the electronics industry with his last job before becoming involved full-time as an animal rights campaigner being with the physically disabled.

Speaking from his home Robin Webb said "The Animal Liberation Front has undoubtedly saved many thousands of animals lives during its short history and deserves an opportunity to explain the philosophy followed and actions taken in an open and proper manner.It is animal abuse that should have to be a clandestine operation,not animal protection".

Affirming that he would remain on the RSPCA Council Mr Webb added "Surely all animal protection societies have similar aims, just different methods and tactics.

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We are all travelling the same road in the same direction with animal abuse being the common enemy".

I. Ronnie Lee, the ALF's founder member and first Press Officer, was arrested in March 1986 and is currently serving a 10 year prison sentence. Roger Yates, the Northern Press Officer, stood trial at the same time and subsequently also served a term in gaol. The next Press Officer, Robin Lane was arrested in May 1987 and was again incarcerated for his beliefs. Since that time good communications between the Animal Liberation Front and the media have, by necessity, been at best difficult and at worst impossible.

2. This announcement was intended to be a part of the ALF's first-ever press conference. However, due to the vast number of recent arrests and house searches, the event had to be cancelled. Even the draft copies of the press release announcing the intended press conference are now in police custody, together with several sets of Marigold household gloves, a tweed hat and some Elvis Presley video tapes! It is not yet clear how much of a threat to the animal abuse industries these items actually are.

3. The Animal Liberation Front exists to fight animal abuse by taking forms of direct action which, under the present political statutes, are unlawful. Actions include the liberation of animals from suffering or potential suffering (eg:factory farms, laboratories, dogfighters) and their placement in good homes or a natural environment, economic sabotage against equipment and property involved in the infliction or potential infliction of animal suffering (eg:monkey restraining devices, slaughterhouse lorries) and the publication, wherever possible, of the conditions found in those animal abuse establishments to which they gain access.



THE FLAMINGO LAND DOLPHIN CAMPAIGN

The Flamingo land campaign began with a national demonstration in York City on April 6th,I99I. York was chosen because it is the nearest city to Flamingo land, which is about 30 miles to the north, near the small tourist town of Pickering.

The march and demo, attended by I50 people, received favourable press and radio coverage. Flamingo did themselves no favours by refusing to comment. So, the campaign was launched with optimism, especially after the success of the Morecambe Dolphin Campaign. The Morecambe campaign culminated with the closure of Marineland- a dolphinarium and aquarium- and the rehoming of all the animals. Rocky the dolphin is now swimming freely in the ocean with the two Brighton dolphins after rehabilitation at a centre in the Turks and Caicos islands.

It was realised, though, that we were dealing with a different 'animal' in Flamingo land hierarchy, in contrast with Rob Houlton, owner of Marineland. Houlton proved merely to be an entrepeneur. We now found ourselves dealing with the likes of Peter Bloom, whose father Reg was also a dolphin exploiter. Dolphin Services (Bloom U.K.) still operates, probably still dealing in dolphin capture worldwide. Peter Bloom has, in the recent past, been commissioned to design the pool for, and supply the dolphins for a dolphinarium in the Phillipines

After April 6th the general plan was to picket Flamingo land as often as we could. Flamingo land 'fun park' also consists of a zoo and ride park. It was decided to try and drive a wedge between Bloom, who actually owns the dolphins and is contracted to supply them, and Robin Gibb- owner of Flamingo land.

Another aspect of the campaign was, and still is, to persuade Rydale district council not to grant a licence, under the Zoo Licencing Act, necessary for its operations. Flamingo land are, on several occasions, breaching the I98I Zoo Licensing Act. As has so often happened in the past, in this Summer's interim inspection they have been given several more years to comply with the law, before the act is again renewed in I995.

The campaign has also been lobbying the planning committee of Rydale District council, asking them not to grant permission for a new dolphin pool. By August, I993, Flamingo land must have a bigger pool, to comply with EEC legislation. It looked as if they would be building a new one. A recent rumour is that they may be moving the dolphins to Cleethorpes, where there is talk of Flamingo land opening a marine park.

The pickets have a very visual effect at the entrance to Flamingo land A testimony to the fact that that we are obviously disliked by the management is the attack they made on the I3 people on the May Bank Holiday Vigil. A private prosecution against Robin Gibb for his part in this is being prepared.

A disappointing side of the campaign is the lack of support it has had from the Northern animal rights groups. It is to the credit of the few campaigners seriously involved in trying to get freedom for the 3 imprisoned dolphins that, on a very low budget, a very professional job is being done.

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The pickets will continue and we hope that we can persuade more people to get involved and help us to close down Flamingo land.

If you would like more information, or to send a donation or to get involved in any way with the campaign then please get in touch at this address:

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KILROY

Many A.R. campaigners will remember how in the 60's & 70's the BBC were always thought of as biased against A.R. and on occasions positively hostile. Something to do with the 'old boy network'of hunters and assorted abusers who were involved at all levels of the corporation. Good evidence of this can be found in the excellent book, 'My Head Against The Wall' by Vera Sheppard from the early 70's,well worth reading if you can get hold of it.

Apparently old habits die hard in some areas of the BBC as anyone who viewed the 'Kilroy' debate on IIth Nov. will testify. The debate was supposed to be about whether the wearing of fur was morally justified, but degenerated into an attack on anti-fur protesters and at some points Animal Rights in general with Kilroy himself actively taking the part of those who see nothing wrong in wearing real fur. During the programme it was pointed out that the audience was made up of more pro-fur people than anti-fur people and Kilroy justified this by virtually admitting this was the case and had been done to produce a fair and equal sided debate! Right from the start Kilroy showed his bias by allowing strident pro-fur people to ramble on getting more and more ridiculously hysterical, while preventing the anti-fur people from interrupting or putting their side of the issue. When the situation was reversed he allowed the pro-fur people to interupt constantly and shout down any anti-fur arguments. He also ridiculed some anti-fur people and fired hostile questions at them while treating the pro-fur scum with the utmost respect. Apparently those who are happy to wear murdered animal fur on their backs are starting to crawl out of the woodwork again and have allies in powerful places (eg-Mr. Kilroy)

Recently a demo was held outside a high court in London by pro-fur scum as part of their 'fight back' against decency and for the right to wear what they please. More demos are planned by these scum,it would be interesting to discover the dates and locations so the anti-fur people can turn up and put their side of the argument. But perhaps this might smack too much of democracy to them and as the majority of the population in this country oppose the fur trade then obviously democracy cannot be allowed to rear its ugly head.

UNITY OR FOLLY?

Dear SARP,

Once again we see the call for unity within the (so-called) animal rights movement. It is surely time that we started to define our terms a little more precisely, because at the moment the phrase "unity within the movement" is as nonsensical as it is unlikely.

Broadly speaking we can categorise two main 'wings' of the animals movement. In the past these two wings have been defined as 'direct action' and the 'Nationals'. Unity has some likelihood of being regained if we 'place' a good of the direct action wing into the National's camp(or the other way around) to possibly facilitate the kind of unity the movement enjoyed in the early 80's (eg: the ALF office at the BUAV) Today this could only happen if:

a) Direct action is non-life threatening and media friendly (eg.animal recsue /theft);

b) Direct action is defined (as above) and directed by the Nationals;

c) c)Direct action remains small-scale, controllable by the Nationals and useful for their own publicity.

The above, I am sure you will agree, is unlikely. Not only that, it is, I would argue, dangerous.

A problem soon arises. Potentially some of the direct-action wing accepts the above for the sake of 'unity' but some most certainly would not. Those who do not would probably split into two main camps: radical animal activists who could not accept the restraint imposed by the Nationals and did not accept the need for National groups anyhow; and the small number of groups and individuals (eg; London Greenpeace and my own group WARFARE),who wish to link animal rights with the anti-industrial, anti-capitalist struggle believing that to abuse animals equally with humans within this society is not liberation. Indeed acceptance of this industrial society undercuts animal rights and makes liberation an impossibility. The Nationals seek to perpetuate (animal abusing) capitalist society thus they are a part of the problem not the solution.

Despite the fact, then, that some groups, such as my own, think that 'unity' is actually going to do a lot more harm than good (because it would mean uniting with people wanting to follow mutually exclusive paths),unity is also impossible given its own logic: where is it to come from? The movement could not possibly hope to unite the political reformism of CIWF with the radicalism of SARP; Animal Aid are perpetually desperate to condemn direct action, how could they unite with the ALF SC?

Does SARP actually mean: "lets stop condemning each other and get on with campaigning"? If so,then they are actually calling for an end to debate. As a radical vegan group WARFARE found CIWF's 'carcass trade' only campaign immoral and counter-productive. We thought that as a piece of propaganda it

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harmed the pro-animal cause. CIWF are in our opinion a group the pro-animal movement could well do without. This is not petty infighting but important tactical debate. Unity is an illusory grail- please, ignore it and fight for animal liberation and against those who would seek to perpetuate that abuse even if they say they are pro-animal.

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Dear SARP,

Although you made the point in the Sept. issue I feel it necessary to stress again, the fact that the police are making arrests doesn't mean we are being beaten. The police in all but two cases of recent arrests have simply been either lucky, or on 'fishing trips' when they've made arrests.In those two cases, due to the scale of activity and massive damage being caused, known activists have become the subject of police surveillance and subsequent arrests. In any war there will be casualties, especially in ours when you consider we are fighting animal abusers who hold a lot of power,(hunters, meat traders and vivisectors). Lessons are still being learned. The police and animal abusers know that the ALF is now more dangerous and well organised than ever before and have caused major damage to the profits and property of more animal abusers than at any other time! So naturally more resources are going to be put into stopping the activists. If the ALF weren't having an impact they wouldn't be interested! It should be noted that when people who have been arrested manage to get bail very strict conditions are being attached, they are also making a point of impounding cars used in the commission of a crime, and currently are holding I0 cars.

As part of the current campaign they have also found it necessary to seize all Arkangel and ALF SG material, no doubt in the hope that they can prevent the support these two publications give to ALF activists (in the case of Arkangel simply reporting everything positive the A.R. movement has done), from continuing, even though it is totally within the law. In fact all they have done is tell us how important those mags are, and delayed them, and at the end of which they will be bigger and better than before. On top of the general mass of A.R. activity, Arkangel was due to report on the biggest UK liberation raid to date, the total destruction of over 80 meat transporters in different parts of the country, the smashing of over I000 windows in the North west and fires at slaughter-houses, laboratories, butchers,Boots and poultry farms etc etc, all causing millions of ££ worth of damage; all of which they see as being inciting to others. The powers that be are wrong to believe that the ALF need to hear about other actions before they act; they miss the point that is is animal abuse which angers them and incites action.We won't end animal abuse overnight but we will end it, and the more we all do now the sooner that will be.

'STAN LAUREL'

CORRUPTION AT NORTHAMPTON CROWN COURT

Dear SARP,

I sat through the trial of Barry Horne, Michael Shanahan and Gari Allen at Northampton Crown Court and was apalled by the quality of evidence given by the Police Officers. Their corruption was so blatant that I concluded that the recent reputation of the Police in the midlands has been grossly understated.

That, of course, does not help Barry or Michael who got three years each but it does raise a question in my mind about the stance adopted by the jury. They, after all, accepted evidence that was tainted and deeply suspect and they did so in the face of cogent counter evidence offered by the defence. If ever a jury deserved the same accusations of corruption, bias and misrepresentation which were put to the Police then it was this one.

How can we ever expect Police Officers to correct their corrupt behaviour when a jury condones it by returning guilty verdicts? When are they going to wake up to the fact that until they start throwing cases such as this one out of court the Police will see the result as justification of their methods and continue down their corrupt path.

In Gari's case, the bumbling procedure and obvious corruption on the part of the Police in an attempt to fit him up through spurious identification, was even too much for the prosecutor and the judge to stomach, and was thrown out. Thankfully the jury were not allowed to hear this, for as it turned out it looks like they would have believed anything so long as it came from the establishment. Even worse, the prosecutor and the judge, who SHOULD know better allowed the case against Gari to continue even though there was insufficient evidence, and that the evidence that did exist did not even qualify to be called evidence.

In Michael and Barry's case I saw the spectacle of Police Officers blaming each other in what became a farce concerning an absolutely vital piece of prosecution evidence, namely a bomb makers list.This list mysteriously appeared after six weeks of investigation by the Police. Every other shred of evidence had been logged and documented except this one. Gloves, dust, hairs etc, (all which proved nothing against Michael and Barry) were all meticulously recorded in various police documents during the first few days after the arrests. Howevwe the LIST which was central in proving the crowns case was somehow missed and not only missed but was DISCOVERED in Barry's vehicle, which was of course very convenient for the prosecution since it tied Michael and Barry into the charges.

It was the only item of a mountain of non-essential evidence that was NOT recorded by the officer responsible for gathering and recording all the evidence. It was eventually recorded, not by the officer responsible, but by the officer in charge of the case and even then it was recorded six weeks after all the other evidence had been logged and in the wrong book and out of date sequence. The jury were expected to believe that nonsense AND THEY DID. The question is why? And the

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answer is that our whole system of justice is rotten and the jury are just on small part of it.

My contention is that if corrupt evidence such as this is produced in court by the police then the case should be thrown out. It is irrelevant whether Michael and Barry were guilty or not. They should have been freed in tne interests of justice.

Police forces only reflect the society they operate in. That is NOT an apology for the Police for they have the same choice as the jury- LET JUSTICE AND THE RULES OF EVIDENCE DECIDE THE CASE.

I hope that Michael and Barry appeal and are released but I must be realistic. Appeal judges have shown recently that they are just as biased and callous as any jury. History will judge this society and I know it will be condemned for its cruel treatment of animals and those who defend them.

In the meantime Michael and Barry have to suffer a conviction found on lies and corruption and although there is not much we can do about the deep rooted sickness embedded in this society we can at least support its victims.

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I don't see anything morally wrong in what we're doing, as long as we kill them humanely.

THE BRAMPTON THREE TRIAL

On Oct. 28th, 1990, Michael Shanahan and Barry Horne were arrested in a street in Brampton near Huntingdon. When police arrived at the scene on a routine patrol Michael was in an Allegro along with two other people. Two 2.5 litres of paraffin and oil and a pet carrier containing six incendiary devices were also found in the car. In the subsequent confusion, two people escaped from the allegro, and Michael was arrested. 25 yards away, Barry was at his escort van and was also arrested, despite nothing being found in his van.

The following day Gari Allen was arrested at his home in Coventry and all 3 were charged with 'Possesion of Explosives' and remanded in custody. Police scare stories ranged from a proposed attack on nearby RAF Brampton,to an attack on Huntingdon Police Headquarters! They were released on bail 3 months later and spent the next 9 months on strict curfew and signing conditions.

The trial began on 4th Nov 91, at Northampton Crown Court with Judge Julian Hall presiding over the case. When the jury were selected ,one was forced to drop out after declaring himself to be a farmer and therefore biased. After the prosecution opening speech ,prosecution witnesses were called.The two police officers at the scene of the arrest gave evidence, both providing some light relief, due to their ineptness and contradictory evidence. Witness one, a sergeant, informed the court that he was reading from his two notebooks made out 3 hours after the arrests of Michael and Barry. He was later forced to admit that,in fact, the notes in the second notebook were made out a full one and a half months after the arrests! He then further covered himself in glory by mixing up the two men in the rear of the allegro, as during his evidence they apparently changed places without actually moving. The second officer was even more confused. He made a total of 4 statements ,and the 2 in the rear of the allegro changed places several times , depending on which statement you happened to be reading.

He explained this by saying he hadn't been in the force very long and must have made a mistake!

The second day was mostly taken up with legal arguments, followed by the 3rd prosecution witness. He turned out to be another poor witness, a fine upstanding citizen who lives in the street where Michael and Barry were arrested. He had made a statement to police that he had seen Barry's escort van parked outside his house on 4 occasions during the 2 weeks prior to the arrests. In the box he changed his story to say he had seen the van only twice, and that it had been parked there at 4pm and 6.30pm that night despite the fact that the police didn't arrest Barry and Michael until 8.45pm. Under cross-examination he was forced to admit he was mistaken after all. He said he recognised the van because the windows were blacked out; another mistake on his part.

The day ended with the prosecution, amazingly, calling the secretary of Huntingdon Animal Concern, who also lives in Brampton. She was a hostile witness and subsequently said nothing of any value to the prosecution, speaking mainly of her

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of her work for HAC and her opposition to animal experiments. She was actually out of the country at the time of the arrests so one can only guess what the prosecution hoped to gain from this.

This was followed by a succession of prosecution witnesses and exhibits. The exhibits officer appeared in the box and made such a mess of things that the officer in charge of the case had to be called back ,to retrieve the situation .The only evidence linking Barry with the incendiary devices was an incredible 'shopping list'the police claimed to have found in his van, which listed items for making 'bombs'. Very convenient! It turned out that while every other piece of evidence was booked and labelled exhibits within 2 days of the arrests,this 'shopping list' and a diary were not booked in as exhibits until over 4 weeks later! Under cross-examination, the exhibits officer admitted that the officer in charge had had the shopping list and diary for all that time and it must have been booked in as evidence against Barry on Nov 30th, over a month after his arrest. Later, the officer in charge asserted that he had booked it in as evidence on Oct.3Ist, despite the fact that the exhibits officer had booked in the previous four exhibits on Nov 29th; Very confusing! He declared that he had been in the force for 27 years and didn't need to go in for planting evidence. Interestingly, that was the first time such a suggestion had been made. The prosecution ended on this disasterous note!

Michael became the first witness for the defence.He was in the box all morning and Ihr in the afternoon. He gave a very good account of himself. He answered all questions put to him and came across as what he is, a sincere and genuine person who is deeply concerned about the terrible suffering inflicted on animals. He was able to come across with several good points against animal abuse, including the notorius HRC. Under cross-examination he refused to get ruffled and kept his cool under pressure from the prosecution. After two character witnesses on his behalf,the barristers representing Barry and Gari stated that neither would be giving evidence. It was to be left to the prosecution to prove their cases for themselves. The evidence was particularly weak in the case of Gari Allen, in fact it was more or less non-existent. The police hadn't even made any kind of a positive identification of him!

The jury of II were out for approximately 5 hours before they decided on their verdicts;Michael and Barry were both found guilty by a majority of IO to I. Gari was found not guilty unanimously.

Michael and Barry both were sentenced to 3years each. The jury had passed on a message to the judge, stating that although they found them guilty, they believed that they had not intended to endanger life- only property.

All in all, the whole police operation was a shambles. Between them they made countless unprofessional blunders, committed perjury and were proved to have planted vital evidence. If this is the way that the police normally conduct themselves then so much for British justice!

PRISONERS AND DEFENDANTS

CONVICTED PRISONERS

RONNIE LEE
V02682,
LB2 CLYDE,
HMP CHANNINGS WOOD,
DENBURY,
NEWTON ABBOT,
DEVON, TQI2 6DW.

Ronnie has now served over 5 years of a I0 year sentence for two charges of conspiracy and one of incitement.

SIMON RUSSELL,
NDI666 ,
LAKES WING,
HMP THE MOUNT,
BOVINGDON,
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD,
HERTS. HP3 ONZ

Simon is currently serving a 4 year sentence imposed earlier this year for possession of incendiary devices (30 months) and an offence committed on a poll tax demo (I8 months).

DANNY ATTWOOD,
JC0306,
HMP SUDBURY,
SUDBURY,
DERBYSHIRE,
DE6 5HW.

JOHN CURTIN,
JC0305,
HMP STOCKEN,
STOCKEN HALL ROAD,
STRETTON, Nr. OAKHAM,
LEICESTERSHIRE, LEI5 7RD.

Danny was sentenced to 9 months and John to I8 months for their part in a raid on the Interfauna breeding centre in I990 during which over I00 animals were liberated. Danny is due to be released very shortly.

MICHAEL SHANAHAN,
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HMP STOCKEN,
STOCKEN HALL ROAD,
STRETTON, Nr. OAKHAM,
LEICESTERSHIRE, LEI5 7RD.

BARRY HORNE
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MILLERS PARK,
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WELLINGBOROUGH, NN82NH

Michael and Barry were convicted on I3-II-9I for possesion of incendiary devices. Both are serving 3 years.

REMAND PRISONERS

KEITH MANN,
NE0316,
HMP
HORNBY RD,
WALTON,
LIVERPOOL.

VIVIEN SMITH,
TT2743,
HMP,
PARKHURST ROAD,
HOLLOWAY,
LONDON, N7 ONU.

Keith and Vivien were arrested in the Folkestone area on October 14th and have been remanded in custody on a charge of 'conspiracy to commit arson'. Keith is expecting to be moved very soon, back to : HMP, Longport, Canterbury, Kent.

RHIAN THOMAS,
FV2387,
HM DETENTION CENTRE,
NEW HALL,
DIAL WOOD,
FLOCKTON,
WAKEFIELD,
WEST YORKSHIRE.

ALISTAIR HOWSEN,
REMAND PRISONER,
HOME OFFICE CELLS,
POLICE STATION,
BEECHWELL ST,
CHESTERFIELD,
DERBYSHIRE.

Rhian and Alistair were arrested on the evening of October 22nd in Derbyshire and charged with three counts of 'criminal damage' and one of 'going equipped to commit criminal damage' (5 charges in all). They appeared in court on October 30th and were further remanded. They have since been turned down twice for bail.

JOHN HUGHES,
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LIVERPOOL.
L9 3DF.

John is on two different charges; 'criminal damage' and 'conspiracy to cause criminal damage'. He has been committed to Southport Magistrates for the 'criminal damage' and the case will be heard on feb 11th. The 'conspiracy ' case will be heard at Liverpool Crown Court.

Two people, Mark Power and Dilgit Billing, were arrested in Smethwick in October and charged with 'conspiracy to cause arson ' to a butchers shop. Both were remanded in custody, and Dilgit has since been released on bail. However, Mark wishes it to be known that he does NOT want any support from, or connection with the animal rights movement at all.

IRELAND

Six people have been arrested in Ireland, five have been bailed, and one has been remanded in custody, charged with 'conspiracy to cause criminal damage with incendiaries'.

DAVID NELSON
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HM PRISON,
CRUMLIN ROAD,
BELFAST,
IRELAND.

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 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. Don't expect a reply to your letter as prisoners are restricted as to how many letters they can write each week.

VISITING

Many animal rights on remand have a visiting rota organised by friends, so please don't just 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.

Rules regarding what prisoners are or are not allowed tend to vary from prison to prison. So, if you are sending or taking in money, stamps, cigarettes or magazines for example, it is usually best to check with the prisoner first.

DEFENDANTS

The best way of supporting defendants is to turn up at the court to let them know you support them. This is particularly helpful where the defendants are facing possible prison sentences, it is a real morale booster for them to see a full public gallery supporting them.

ALAN COOPER

Alan is on trial soon on a totally ridiculous charge concerning a dolphin. Alan is a totally dedicated campaigner for animal rights and this trial is absurd. His trial begins on DECEMBER 9th at NEWCASTLE CROWN COURT.

DEFENDANTS -continued..

DODDLESTONE

28 of the 3I people charged with riot at Doddlestone earlier this year,were committed for trial to CHESTER CROWN COURT . The other 3 were aquitted.

BEDFORD

Annette Tibbles, Angela Hamp and Richard Duriez are all charged with 'conspiracy to commit criminal damage', and are next due to appear in court on I6th December for committal, at Northampton magistrates court.

SWALES MOOR FUR FARM

Following an incident outside this fur farm near Halifax on Oct. 5th,43 people were arrested .39 people were eventually charged with various public order offences. They are due to appear in court on December IIth.

LIVERPOOL

3 people charged with criminal damage to windows are due to appear in court on 6th Jan 92, for trial at Liverpool Magistrates.

BOOTS DEMO

In July, I8 people were arrested at a demo at Boots in Birmingham. IO were charged with 'breach of the peace', and were bound over for a year by magistrates on 23rd Sept. The remaining 8, charged with obstruction, are up for trial on I5th, I6th, and I7th of January at Birmingham magistrates court.

LAUNDRY FARM

Following a ALIU inspection of Laundry Farm breeding centre in Cambridge earlier this year, Angela Hamp was arrested and charged with burglary and various driving offences. This month the case was committed to be heard at Cambridge crown court.

ROYAL LONDON HOSPITAL

Following a raid on the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel, in which I000 mice and 8 beagles were liberated, and years worth of vivisectors'work' destroyed, Adam Spare has been charged with 'conspiracy to commit burglary' (mice worth over one million pounds!) and theft of security cards, and criminal damage.
He has been given bail on the condition he does not take part in any animal rights activity.

MORE NEWS....

LUCOZADE

On 13th November, 10 people from Northampton, Coventry, Manchester and Hastings were arrested on suspicion of intending to contaminate Lucozade. All have been released on police bail without charge.

ARKANGEL

Following numerous arrests and police raids up and down the country, the latest edition of ARKANGEL and its subscription has been seized. If you subscribe to ARKANGEL please get in touch with them to let them know.

ARKANGEL intends and will still promote unity, respect and co-operation within the movement for animal welfare/protection/rights/liberation.

ARKANGEL,
BCM 9240,
LONDON, WCIN 3XX.

ALF SUPPORTERS GROUP

Following house searches and arrests, the mailing lists for the SG is now in police custody. If you subscribe to them please get in touch,and continue to support them in the fight for animal liberation, and imprisoned activists.

Please send information, news, donations etc. or contact the Press Officer on 0836 310763.

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LONDON, WCIN 3XX.

SARP

Unfortunately, SARP mailing lists and other details were also seized recently by police. If you have written to SARP recently and not yet received a reply, please get in touch with us again.

IMPORTANT

1/ From now on, the SARP magazine will be produced once every 2 months. The next issue will be out at the end of January '92.

2/ However, because prisoners details change so frequently, an up-to -date prisoners list will still be available EVERY MONTH, upon request. This list will NOT be sent out to all groups automatically, so if you wish to be put on the mailing list for this you must write to let us know, or fill in the attached form.

3/ SARP continues to be a free information service the animal rights/liberation movement,however in the interests of saving valuable time and money, if you or your group does not wish to be on our mailing list please let us know. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you wish to continue receiving our magazine. Alternatively, if you or your group are not on the mailing list, and wish to be, then again please let us know.

If you have a point of view you would like to express, or any news, please feel

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free to send in any articles for the next issue. We also welcome any constructive criticism or suggestions!

Tick Box

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Please return to: S.A.R.P., PO BOX 96, NORTHAMPTON, NN5 5JT.



STOP PRESS!! STOP PRESS!!

Daniel Attwood was released from prison on 28th November.

26 protesters were arrested on 28th Nov. at the Hunt Ball in Cheltenham. 15 were released without charge, rest charged with 'violent disorder' and other offences. 3 Hunt Ball guests were also arrested.

The activists prepared to break the law

Evening Telegraph Staff

HE Animal Liberation Front has supporters *nd* activists, says Robin Webb.

The supporters number about 2,500 and act within the law. They pay subscriptions which osts of helping

those of another cell and there is no formal structure.

He estimated that there were approximately 2,500 activists nationally, with Coventry and Warwickshire regarded as a "quite active" region.

The ALF has its roots in the hunt saboteurs, which spawned the Band of Mercy, a small direct action group prepared to break the law.

One of its leading members served a prison sentence. When he was released he found ... Band of Mercy had snowballed and coi... phrase Animal Liberation Front to de...

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wholesalers. Early yesterday, eight lorries worth £500,000 were destroyed by incendiary devices at an abattoir. It was the third similar attack in three months.

Webb's reaction: "The laws protecting animals are inadequate so breaking the law to ensure they receive

the proper protection is justifiable."

His association with the ALF has acutely embarrassed the RSPCA. Other animal rights groups have isolated themselves from him, the ALF and the terror tactics he supports.

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SCOTLAND YARD HOAXED IN £5M LUCOZADE SCARE

...: Cell ...smashed by police

From Page One

By PETER BOND

SCOTLAND Yard was conned in las' week's Lucozade poison scare, it w... claimed yesterday.

And the blunder cost the manufac... more than £5 million as stocks of the ... energy drink were poured down t...

Senior Yard men fell for a gigantic hoax. They thought animal rights campaigners were plotting to poison Lucozade in shops and supermarkets all over Britain.

But the Animal Liberation Front just wanted to get Lucozade off the shelves, to damage the image of manufacturer SmithKline Beecham. ... the police int... ... job for...

shelves of shops and supermarkets yesterday.

Immediately the plot was discovered, Lucozade makers SmithKline Beecham ordered every shop in the country to remove all bottles.

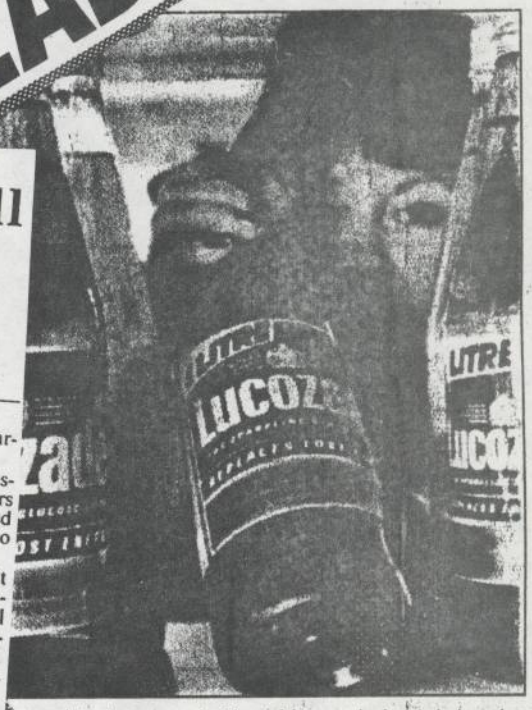
A company spokesman said it appeared to have been targetted because its pharmaceutical arm used animals in experiments.

Last night the Animal Liberation Front admitted responsibility for the plot.

ALF spokesman Mr Robin Webb said it had planned to warn people but was preempted by police action.

He said: "Inflicting economic harm on a company that uses animals in tests is legitimate."

But other animal rights cam-



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Waging war 'on behalf of animals'

STEVE CHILTON

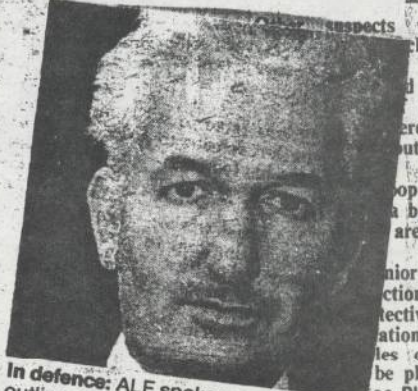
Feature Writer

HE spokesman for the Animal ...iberation Front has described its ...mpaign as "...

denied that the ALF put lives in danger, including those of firemen.

He said: "I ...

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In defence: ALF spokesman Robin Wel... outlines the organisation's aim...