S.A.R.P.

NEWSLETTER

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THE RIGHT TO REPLY ?

In late March Robin Webb (ALF Press Officer) contacted S.A.R.P. to say he had acquired a copy of an anonymous letter that criticised his handling of a contamination action against Boots that had occured in December of 1992. A representative of SARP met Robin to discuss this situation, and at that meeting Robin duly handed over a copy of that anonymous letter and explained to SARP his side of the story. We hereby reprint that anonymous letter in full.

THE PRE-CHRISTMAS BOOTS CONTAMINATION WAS NOT A HOAX - MANY ITEMS WERE HEAVILY CONTAMINATED AND RETURNED TO STORE SHELVES THROUGHOUT A LARGE AREA OF THE SOUTH!

During the afternoon of Friday 4 December 1992 a number of Boots stores had goods, implanted with glass slivers and paint stripper, returned to their shelves. The goods affected were from the following ranges:

Skin Kindly
Natural Collection
Oil of Evening Primrose

(Some other ranges were also contaminated but were not targeted in such numbers as the three listed ranges.)

Stores included:

Wokingham
Henley on Thames
High Wycombe
Aylesbury
Reading
Slough
Windsor
Maidenhead
Marlow
Beaconsfield
Bracknell

(Most of the stores were in the Bucks/Berks/Wilts 'circle' but some were beyond with a number being in the Northampton area)

Later that evening, when most of the stores had closed, a comprehensive telephone message, detailing product ranges and most affected stores, was given directly to Robin Webb. It was requested that he immediately alert Boots and the media.

The intention was to cause maximum confusion on a pre-Christmas Saturday - during the three weeks prior to Christmas Boots takings are known to equal the 'rest of the year'.

By Sunday 6 December 1992 no press report had been noted; Robin Webb was again telephoned - his reply was roughly as follows:

> Contamination with glass and paint-stripper was considered to be too dangerous to purchasers to be considered suitable as an ALF action. Robin had conferred with his 'predecessor' (Ronnie Lee) and together they had decided not to claim the action on behalf of the ALF.

In consequence, Robin had telephoned the police and Boots, (had given the police a description of the original caller's voice) and had not contacted the media.

Robin suggested that if butter had been used as the contaminant this would not have constituted a real danger to purchasers and would thereby have been considered a suitable ALF action!

Would Boots really have bothered to clear thousands of pounds worth of goods from the shelves if butter were the contaminant?

Brief details were therafter given to a tabloid newspaper; the reporter was disinclined to believe the story because it had not been officially claimed by the ALF.

At that point the action was claimed by an Animal Rights Militia group situated in Northants.

To date, no police attention has been awarded to any of the activists involved in this action.

The action will be repeated, with the same contaminants, at a future date. The action will be claimed by the ARM and will be reported directly to the media. Robin has failed us - yet again.

It should not be his role to sit in judgement over our actions - in the latest SG newsletter he states his support for activists taking risks to attack Boots - how real is that support? To those involved in this particular action it has a very hollow ring.

In view of the contents of that letter and the criticisms contained in it, SARP would like to make the following statement :

Boots must be viewed as a legitimate target forbaction by both the ALF and the ARM because of their involvement in the vivisection industry. Both the ALF and the ARM might reasonably view a contamination action against Boots as a legitimate action to take. There, however, the two groups might differ in their methods. The ALF's policy of non-violence would ensure that its activists did not carry out the contamination in a way that posed any risk of injury to the general public. The ARM might possibly have no qualms on that score and might be prepared to risk face-cream or similar containing broken glass or paintstripper being bought by a member of the public and actually used. Robin Webb's assertion that this particular action could not be claimed as an ALF action would certainly seem to be correct, the danger to the public of broken glass in face-cream being a very real one, and therefore not falling within the ALF's policy of non-violence. This action could however have reasonably been claimed by the Animal Rights Militia, so it is a little puzzling why it was originally claimed as an ALF action and why Robin Webb was asked to contact the media and claim it as such.

In line with our own policy, SARP recognises the legitimacy of a contamination action against Boots and offers no criticism of the contaminant used. An action such as this, if successful, can see the company involved lose millions of pounds in lost products and sales and can only have been carried out with the intention of causing economis loss to a known animal abuser. SARP supports all actions carried out with this intention in mind and therfore supports the activists

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Robin Webb in such a way as to offer him no right to reply. Robin Webb, in his role as ALF Press Officer, is not above criticism and he would be the first to agree on that score. He should, however, be allowed the right to reply to any criticisms and state his side of the story, if he were to be denied that right then what kind of a movement are we? SARP does not seek to defend Robin Webb in these pages, for that is not our job, we can say though that after discussions with Robin, SARP is satisfied that he carried out his job as Press Officer correctly and acted in full accord with the ALF's current policies. Robin Webb has no say over the ALF's policy but has to carry out his role as PressOfficer within the guidelines of those policies. As the anonymous letter states, in this instance Robin conferred with a previous Press Officer before the decision was made.

SARP would like to appeal to the activists involved in this action to use the pages of this newsletter to air any grievances they may have. This would, of course, be done anonymously but would then afford Robin Webb the right to reply. SARP would also like to question the wisdom of claiming an action 'by an Animal Rights Militia group situated in Northants.' On the one hand, why tell the police where your ARM cell is situated ? On the other hand if this was a ploy to divert attention from the real location of your cell, then it begs the question - why bother to name a location at all ? For any activists who may be operating from Northants this police attention cannot be really helpful, far better to claim ARM actions simply as the Animal Rights Militia and nothing else.

This statement is not intended as a criticism of the activists involved or of the Animal Rights Militia but merely to try and resolve any disagreements and divisions and to ensure greater unity for the future.

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CLOSE DOWN

LEYDEN STREET CHICKEN SLAUGHTER HOUSE

THE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES...



In the early hours of Sunday, 14 February, 1993, eight animal liberationists raided Leyden Street Slaughter House in London. In the words of an activist, this is what they found.

Once the side door had been opened by use of bolt cutters, we entered to find a scene of pure horror. In front of us lay 20-30, 11" x 33" crates stacked on top of each other, four to five high in rows. In each crate 12-14 ex-battery hens were crammed in so tight that they could not move. Looking at the hens' condition, they obviously had been there for some time without food or water. They were stacked outside exposed to all weather conditions and would have been slaughtered the next day when fully conscious by having their throats slit open, bleeding to death. First we took as many crates that our van would carry - 13 in all - that's 150 hens. The next job was to put the slaughter house out of action for as long as possible. We did this by throwing old engine oil and creosote over the walls and work tops, blocking up the sinks and turning on all the taps to cause water damage, and taking away the slaughter man's tools of death. The raid will have cost Mr. Cole over £1000 in property taken (even though hens are not property and are now free and living out the rest of their lives in peace and safety). We do not know the cost of the damage but believe it to be quite considerable.

The ALF have now carried out three attacks on this hell hole, taking to safety 227 hens and causing a lot of damage in less than a year. The ALF can only do so much, so please come along to the demonstrations on 7 March and every first Sunday of the month, meeting at Liverpool Street underground/British Rail Mainline Station at the main entrance between 10:45-11:00 a.m.

Please show your solidarity and support for the chickens and for the animal liberationists who risk their freedom to help make a better world for us all by turning up and showing your anger and disgust at this barbaric crime.

GENERAL MOTORS

Following on from last years shock disclosures concerning Vauxhall's American parent company General Motors and their widespread use of animals in crash and other tests the campaign against them has, apparantly, succeeded, if the letter printed here is anything to go by. If true, then General Motors capitulation is spectacular as we remember them asserting at the time that they had no plans to stop using animals in tests. Hopefully, it is true.

17 February 1993

VAUXHALL

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Dear

Thank you for your letter, to which I have been asked to reply, and I hope that this response will help to clarify the position for you.

First, animals have not been used in research by Vauxhall Motors, or by our related European operations.

Second, we have expressed our concern about this research to General Motors in the United States who have provided the following position:

> General Motors no longer has an animal trauma research activity, has not conducted any animal trauma testing for the past year, and does not plan to do any trauma testing in the future.
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> Earlier trauma research was vital to the development of the anthropomorphic dummies and computer models developed by GM and now used by all manufacturers. The research was humanely conducted, caused no pain and complied fully with US Government regulations. Animals were not used in vehicle crash tests.
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> The results of this research were widely published in medical literature and freely accessible to and used by all manufacturers for the development of vehicles offering high levels of occupant safety.

I hope this proves helpful.

Yours sincerely

TOM DOBBYN
Manager, Corporate & Business Affairs

To Viv

Being stuck in Holloway
Is really quite an awful way
To spend your time.
Especially
When what you've done
Just aint a crime.

But don't you despair
It's just cause you care
That you're banged up in jail.
For it's no transgression
To fight state oppression
And you didn't fail.

Six years for compassion
For your unbridled passion
Was so harsh and unfair.
But don't get depressed
You're one of our best
And we love you and care.

Life's an uphill race
At a downhill pace
And just as quickly your sentence will end.
So we do what we must
And in each other trust
That through strangers --
WE'RE BEST FRIENDS.

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CANCER RESEARCH : SUPER FRAUD

In the United Kingdom alone, the Cancer Research Fund-raising Syndicate are now clawing in over £100 million per year.

An army of commission-paid agents, old ladies with their life savings, schoolchildren, posers walking in the Alps with elephants, marathon runners, tin-wavers and the rest of the comatose volunteers have helped to create by far the most successful fraud in history.

One in three, and rising, of the population have, or will develop, cancer. The vast majority will choose the drug/radiation/surgery package produced by the vivisection laboratories and over half will be dead within two years.

According to America's leading cancer statistition the orthodox onslaught kills the patient up to four times faster than the disease does.

By all pointers - incidence, severity and death rate - the disease has long been out of control. The causes of cancer are too numerous to list fully, suffice to say that certain sections of society have been allowed a free hand to do as they wish with our food, drink, medicine and environment. The petrochemical industry and, particularly, iys pharmaceutical wing, the general practitioner, food processor, cigarette manufacteurer, farmer and radiologist can all stake their claim as cancer producers. An endless saturation of the environment with synthetic poisons; a million prescriptions for petro-derivative drugs, per day, from UK doctors; vaccination; fluoride waste-dumping in the water supply; cigarettes; x-radiation used as though it were sunshine; poisoned, adulterated food; have all pushed cancer past epidemic level, yet the attitude of the general public is to look the other way and hope the thing disappears.

The five year survival rates for the major cancers are ::

stomach 5%:

trachea, bronchus and lung 5%:

breast 50%:

oesophagus 5%:

large intestine 22%:

pancreas 4%:

liver 2%.

THE ORTHODOX CURE HOAX

The definition of cure in cancer is the restoration of health to the cancer patient: the restoration of the immune defence system and the elimination of cancer through this system. Detecting cancer early, attacking the tumour with the slash/burn/poison version of cancer therapy and then pronouncing 'cured' after the five year survival period has elapsed, has, of course, nothing remotely to do with the successful treatment of the disease.

Patients who die from the effects of chemo or radio 'therapy' after more than five years has elapsed are counted as cured. Being dead or dying does not exclude one from the figures of the cancer industry's creative statisticians. Claims, by the fund-raisers and their media lackeys, of "One third of cases can now be cured" and "80,000 cured per year" may have pushed cont-

tributions pass the golden £100,000,000 a year mark but these have only helped to ensure that the cancer holocaust continues to worsen.

The only 'breakthroughs' by the Cancer Business have been financial

Agencies vie with each other to relieve the public of their cash to find an endless stream of totally fraudulent research projects and keep an army of vivisectors, animal breeders and administrators in cigars and brandy and yachts and aeroplanes. The cancer industry is sustained by a policy of deliberately facing in the wrong direction as was accurately summed up by the American newsman Robert Houston and Gary Null - "A solution to cancer would mean the termination of research programs, the obsolescence of skills, the end of dreams of personal glory, triumph over cancer would dry up contributions to self-perpetuating charities... It would mortally threaten the present clinical establishments by rendering obsolete the expensive surgical, radiological and chemotherapeutic treatments in which so much money, training and equipment is invested... The new therapy must be disbelieved, denied, discouraged and disallowed at all costs, regardless of actual testing results and preferably without any testing at all".

The multitude of highly paid vivisectors, animal breeders, petrochemical drug interests, salesmen, prescribers, surgeons, radiation machine makers and operatives, equipment makers and the rest, aided and abetted by agents in government, health departments and the mass media, suppress or attempt to discredit all information on the safe, effective, inexpensive, rational approach to the disease.

Every 2-3 months the media agents announce a CANCER RESEARCH BREAKTHROUGH. A particularly good fund-raiser is to parade a 'cured' child on the television screen. Ignoring the mischievous cancer statisticians - "I wouldn't be surprised if they are curing a lot of leukaemia that never existed" - the lengthening of survival times ('cures') is down to the fact that less children are being killed within weeks or days through the effects of lethal, class six, super poisonous 8chemotherapy'. Whilst any lessening of the petrochemical drug lunacy is, of course, to be welcomed, the notion that these cases are steps on the road to the CONQUEST OF CANCER is too bizarre to warrant intelligent discussion.

Cancer is a chronic, metabolic disorder. As in the past with scurvey, pellagra, beri-beri, rickets etc. the only way to successfully treat cancer is with metabolic nutritional therapy. The medical orthodoxy resisted vitamin C as a cure for scurvey for over 200 years; the British Navy alone, lost over a million men before the academic blockheads could be persuaded to give up their search for mystery germs and wonder cures from the chemical industry and turn towards the "witch-doctor cures of ignorant savages".

All over the world, thousands or millions of people have been restored to health using naturopathic therapy. Cancer is not, and never has been incurable nor is it anything to do with bad luck. For over 200 years the inmates of the vivisection laboratory have tormented to death hundreds of millions of animals; over 800 ways of inducing tumours in animals have now been found, none of which are remotely related to a case of cancer in humans. Tumours are implanted under the skin, and then observed as the growth takes over the body, animals are radiated, limbs become gangrenous and fall off, force-feeding large amounts of toxic substances causes vomiting and fits until death intervenes.

Animal-based Cancer Research fund-raisers include:
THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND. THE CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN. THE LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH FUND. TENOVUS CANCER RESEARCH. THE YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN.

Essential reading; 'The Cancer Business', and 'Blood Poison-Vaccination Explained' - £1 each 2-£1.50 post paid. Video 'World Without Cancer' - Laetrile. Hire £3 plus £10 deposit (14 days).

Pat Rattigan, 294 West Parade, Lincoln, LN1 1NE.

TO SPEAK OR NOT TO SPEAK ?

In early February two representatives from SARP travelled to London at their own expense and called in at the headquarters of N.A.V.S. in Goldhawk Rd. The intention was to officially request that SARP should have a speaker at the rally for World Day on April 24th and with this aim in mind a meeting was requested with a representative of NAVS. This request was denied on the grounds that no-one was available to see our two people and meetings could only be arranged by appointment in advance. This seemed fair enough and so our two representatives wrote out the following request while they were there. We asked that SARP should be permitted to have a speaker at the rally and if this was unacceptable that as a compromise a representative from SARP should be allowed to read out messages from the prisoners at the rally. This written request was then handed in to NAVS. Four days later on 23rd February, SARP received the following reply from NAVS:

23rd February, 1993

Support Animal Rights Prisoners
(S.A.R.P.)
PO Box 96
Northampton
NN5 5JT

Dear S.A.R.P,

I am writing in reply to your request for a S.A.R.P. representative to speak at World Day for Laboratory Animals on 24th April.

Unfortunately, the programme for the day has already been set and the speakers already arranged and booked. Due to time constraints, we are not in a position to add extra speakers on the day.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Yours sincerely,

E Baxter

Elizabeth Baxter
Campaigns Administrator

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& Provincial Anti-Vivisection
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This seemed to ignore our request for prisoners messages to be read out and so on 8th March the following letter was sent by SARP to NAVS:

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Dear Ms Baxter, (Campaigns Administrator)

Thank you for your letter dated 23rd February 1993 regarding our request for a SARP representative to speak at the World Day For Laboratory Animals rally on the 24th April.

We understand and fully appreciate that your program for the day has already been set and the speakers already arranged and booked, and we are aware that due to time constraints you may not be in a position to add extra speakers on the day; and we do apologise for leaving our request until so late, but we hope that under the circumstances, a compromise could be reached.

What we would suggest is that, instead of a speech by SARP on prisoner support and the role of the aforesaid organisation, that the prisoners may each express (and there are only ten) a few lines of their own in support of World Day via a SARP representative, which would be considerably more time efficient than the former.

Alternatively, to cut time even more, a short 'block' message by the prisoners as a whole be spoken, which would enable those who have dedicated their very valuable time and freedom for the cause to, in some small way, participate.

Undoubtably, for the prisoners themselves, feelings of frustration run high, especially at this time of the year when so many are preparing campaigns on the run-up to World Day, and, as they themselves are prevented from contributing their effort to such causes in any practical sense, it would be appreciated by them, I know, to at least give voice to their support, if nothing else.

With this in mind, if it is at all possible for you to be slightly flexible on this occasion, we, on behalf of the prisoners, would be grateful.

Naturally, we would be prepared to make an appointment with you and to travel down for a meeting where we could discuss this further and produce the relevent message prepared for your viewing.

Yours Faithfully,

Melanie Arnold

For S.A.R.P.

As this newsletter goes to print we have received no reply by post to our request. Numerous phone calls to the offices of NAVS have also failed to elicit either a YES or a NO on this matter and we are therefore unable to say whether messages from the prisoners will be read out at the WORLD DAY rally this year. SARP makes no comment on this situation.

In 1992, an unofficial request was made to NAVS to allow messages from the prisoners to be read out at that years WORLD DAY rally. That request was denied by NAVS. This year SARP has again tried to include the prisoners in the belief that the activists who are imprisoned for Animal Liberation are an important part of the fight to achieve justice for the animals and therefore should be included at the largest event in the Animal Rights calender. SARP will continue to highlight the sacrifice of the prisoners and the important part they are playing in the fight for Animal Liberation.

McLIBEL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

AS McDONALD'S TRIES TO SILENCE ITS EVER MORE NUMEROUS CRITICS, A MAJOR PUBLIC TRIAL AGAINST LONDON GREENPEACE SUPPORTERS IS DUE THIS YEAR. A FREE SPEECH / DEFIANCE CAMPAIGN IS GATHERING MOMENTUM

Many people over the years have criticised and protested about McDonalds' practices. In 1985 London Greenpeace (a small, independent collective active since 1970) launched a general anti-McDonald's campaign to try to co-ordinate and strengthen opposition. This has been enormously successful, especially the world-wide annual Anti-McDonald's Day every October 16th (UN World Food Day), involving hundreds of local protests. A detailed, 6 - sided Factsheet: 'What's Wrong With McDonald's - Everything They Don't Want You To Know' - was produced by the group and was soon translated and taken up in dozens of countries.

McDonald's initially attempted to ignore such opposition, but then began to counter it. On one hand they massively stepped up their propaganda efforts (including producing their own 'McFact' cards), and they began to project a 'green, caring' image. On the other hand they began to use the legal system to try to suppress free speech. In Britain, a range of organisations and media bodies, from radical movements and from the establishment, were threatened with costly and time-consuming libel proceedings. They were forced to 'apologise' for daring to criticise this transnational corporation - (this has included the Scottish TUC, vegetarian and green groups, Labour research institutes, The Guardian, Channel 4 and many more). However, the grass-roots campaign continued to grow, and so in September 1990 individuals connected to London Greenpeace had writs served on them, alleging 'libel' in the group's Factsheet. The aim was to try to create a climate of intimidation against activists in order to censor the production and distribution of leaflets to the public.

FIGHTING FOR FREE SPEECH

Rather than halting protests, this threat to free speech has only served to further damage McDonald's reputation and to strengthen the determination of their critics. Helen Steel and Dave Morris, backed by London Greenpeace and the McLibel Support Campaign, have resolved to fight this major libel case to show that intimidation must never be allowed to succeed.

The defendants are unemployed, yet have been refused Legal Aid. Despite the enormous costs, the amount of work, the difficulties of doing international research and the legal complexities of the case, Helen and Dave have already attended and prepared for a number of preliminary court hearings, and are now preparing for the full public trial this autumn.

Libel laws are stacked in favour of the rich and powerful. However, the trial will be a public forum for the truth in front of the world's media - they will be able to publish, without fear of libel writs, the facts about McDonalds' practices presented to the jury. It should be a real eye opener for millions of people and a spur to further protests and boycotts. This is why the case must be fought.

Helen and Dave are unwaged and are up against the colossal resources of the McDonalds' empire. The McLibel Support Campaign was formed to give them the financial and practical backing, and the publicity and solidarity they need.

THE LEGAL NEWS SO FAR

The fast food giant has admitted that it's not their case that Helen and Dave actually even wrote or printed the Factsheet, but they've refused to drop the case claiming the defendants handed it out on a couple of occasions! Meanwhile the McLibel 2 have attended 6 preliminary High Court hearings, and drawn up (with informal legal advice) long and detailed documents of 'Defence', 'Further & Better Particulars', counter summonses etc. At the end of 1992 they forced McDonald's to reveal details exposing their spying techniques against London Greenpeace, including the use of an infiltrator.

McDonalds' tactics initially were to drag out the proceedings, hoping to exhaust or financially cripple the defendants. However, now that they realise the defendants' determination to fight the case, they are trying to rush through the present and most exhausting phase - 'interrogatories' - where all the relevant and available research, documents, expert and witness details need to be presented to the Court by the beginning of the summer. There will then be an order for 'directions for trial' (date, length and form etc). And they have applied for a trial without a jury - just what are they afraid of?! In December, the defendants took the British Government to the European Court of Human Rights for refusing Legal Aid to defend libel proceedings - an outrageously unfair and repressive situation.

RESEARCH - Contacts have been made in many countries, with a wide range of experts and campaigning groups. This is time-consuming and expensive, especially considering the detail required and the need for 'primary' evidence - (judges refuse to allow 'hearsay' evidence such as news cuttings, books, films etc - although all such items are essential for preparing the case).

SUPPORT - It's encouraging to discover just how much opposition world-wide there has been, and continues to be, against McDonald's. There have also been protests in support of the defendants, a day of McLibel Solidarity (with protests in a dozen countries) and a 5[illegible] demonstration in London. Local pickets continue every week. We thank the hundreds of people who've written letters, articles, passed resolutions and sent donations they've raised. As the trial approaches, it's vital that this [illegible] response to this threat to free speech is to redouble the local protests. (See below for leaflets)

dear friends and supporters,

On 2nd February in the High Court at a special pre-trial hearing, Helen and Dave were pitted against McDonalds' barrister. After 2 hours of wide-ranging legal arguments, Justice Drake ordered that the defendants must provide by the beginning of May at the latest, all the documentation, research, witness statements, expert reports and further details of the defence which they wish to use at the full trial. The McLibel 2 pointed out the totally unfair and oppressive burden of having to do such complex, time-consuming and expensive work in such a short time, with no Legal Aid. However, they are now making these preparations.

McDonald's made an outrageous application for a trial without a jury on the grounds that 'matters of nutrition, health and treatment of animals are too complex for members of the public'. This astonishingly arrogant statement is of course just propaganda to hide their fear of ordinary people. In fact, they know that people are becoming more and more aware of those very issues, and ever-more critical of the food industry in particular and multinationals in general. McDonald's application to scrap the jury was postponed to May, and will be fought. The full trial is expected around October 1993.

The best way to defend free speech is to exercise it. The best way to defeat political censorship is to defy it en masse. We call on activists everywhere to step up protests against McDonald's, and the publicity and support for the McLibel 2.

APPEAL

1. Please STEP UP THE PROTESTS against McDonald's. Send us reports. Leaflets in bulk from: Veggies, 180 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham - 0602 585666. Cost approx £9 per 1,000 + postage. Can be printed with your local group contact. Veggies also have Anti-Mac posters and badges.

2. CIRCULATE DETAILS OF THE CASE widely, and internationally. Copy this leaflet.

3. SEND US INFORMATION about McDonald's practices (news cuttings, research material, personal experiences etc).

4. Volunteer to HELP WITH RESEARCH. We need people to visit libraries, tap into specialist computer data sources, to contact groups in various countries etc.

5. We need TRANSLATORS (all languages).

6. Please RAISE MONEY. We need thousands of pounds to be able to do the basic work.

7. We need EQUIPMENT (donations, loans or access) : printing, photocopying, phone calls, faxes - free or cheap.

8. Please get your group, trade union or organisation to SEND MESSAGES OF SUPPORT and donations, and to put this leaflet in their mailouts / newspaper.

WE'RE CALLING FOR A WEEK OF LOCAL PROTESTS IN THE WEEK BEFORE THE TRIAL - WITH A DEMONSTRATION AT THE HIGH COURT ON THE FIRST DAY.

AND DON'T FORGET - WORLD ANTI-McDONALD'S DAY PROTESTS EVERYWHERE ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 16th . A NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION IS PLANNED.

I / We back the McLibel Support Campaign .....

Name ..... Name of Group .....

Address ..... Phone .....

I / We can help with: fundraising ..... , translations (lang.?) ..... , research ..... , spreading information in the following movements : trade unions / civil liberties / green / animal rights / socialist / anarchist / other .....
organising protests ..... , free/cheap printing/merchandise/phone/fax equipment/use (delete) .....

I / We enclose a Donation : £ ..... (cheques to 'McLibel Support Campaign').

McLibel Support Campaign c/o London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1. Ph Fax 071 837 7557

On Saturday 13th February at 3.15 Nina Wilson, the legal officer for the Northern Ireland Hunt Saboteurs Association, was standing at the information stall of the local animal rights group in Belfast city centre when she was surrounded by about 8 RUC officers armed with machine guns and two armoured vehicles. The police had been watching the stall all day but had waited until Nina was on her own on the stall to make their move. Nina was then arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, bundled into one of the armoured vehicles and driven to the notorious Castlereagh 'Holding' Centre.

Castlereagh is not an ordinary police station, its sole function is to hold and interrogate political suspects; non-political suspects are never taken there no matter how serious the offence. Suspects are not even charged there, they are taken to another station to be charged. The conditions and treatment of suspects at Castlereagh have been condemned by the European Commission on Human Rights, Amnesty International, the United Nations and numerous others. Amnesty had to issue an 'Urgent action appeal' last year to get a 17 year old youth released because he had been so badly beaten that they thought he'd die if he was kept there any longer.

The regime in Castlereagh is designed to isolate and disorientate people. There are no windows in the main building so there is no way of knowing what time it is. Suspects can be delayed access to a solicitor for up to 48 hours (Nina didn't see hers for 22 hours) and then are only allowed to see a solicitor once a day. They are not allowed to have a solicitor during interviews. Suspects can be held for up to 7 days and are interviewed from about 9am to midnight (although as Nina was ill the doctor ordered that she could only be questioned one hour on, one off). Interviews are not taped. The length of detention and questioning makes it impossible for suspects to remember everything which is said, therefore the written transcripts are often inaccurate and suspects are put under pressure to sign the transcripts. As there is no 'right to silence' in Northern Ireland anything which has not been said (or to be more precise written) during the interviews can not be used later in your defence.

During her three day detention Nina was held in 3 different cells and interviewed in around 10 different rooms. She was ill throughout this period and was physically sick twice. The result of this and the lack of a decent vegan diet meant that Ninas weight dropped to 6st 3lbs (from 6st 7lbs), her diet consisted mostly of toast. After 2 days Nina was taken to court and charged with attempted arson (placing an incendiary in a shop about 1 hour prior to her arrest). The police then took the unusual step of asking the court to remand her back into police custody for further questioning. She was then questioned for a further 1.5 days before being returned to the court building on the Tuesday evening. However she was not actually brought into court until the Wednesday afternoon. (This delayed the possibility of a bail hearing until the Friday). She was then remanded to prison without any further charges. Nina was held for a total of 11 days before being released on bail.

All these infringements of what are normally accepted civil rights are allowed because of the political nature of the offence and bear no relation to its seriousness. Someone suspected of smashing a window for political motives could face the same treatment, whereas a multiple murderer or drug-dealer would have all the normal rights guaranteed under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, as long as their offences were not of a political natyre. This legislation sets Britain apart from most developed countries in the world in automatically removing the rights of people simply because of their alleged politics. When Ninas case comes to court she will not even have a jury. Just one judge.

Nina is pleading not guilty to the offence and completely denied the allegations throughout questioning despite immense pressure put on her by the police to confess, including threats to charge her with organising terrorist (Animal Liberation Front) activities, something which carries a potential life-sentence. Nina feels she is being victimized because of her position as Legal Officer for the NI HSA. As the Legal Officer she advised members of

the HSA of their legal rights and also acts to safeguard them against any abuse of their rights. This has resulted in her making 3 complaints against hunt members to the police and 2 complaints against the police. Due to her bail conditions she has been forced to give up her involvement in animal rights.

The police have been following Nina closely each time she went into the town centre for about a year and she sought advice from a local civil rights group due to this harrassment about 9 months ago. On the day in question, they even knew which books she'd been looking at in the library; however they did not use their special powers available in Northern Ireland to search her until an hour after she allegedly left the shop despite the fact that she walked through the 'Control zone' surrounding the nearby police station and actually went into a shop next door to the police station.

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MAINTAIN MENTAL HEALTH FOR THEIR SAKE

At this present moment in time I am incarcerated at HM Reading YOI for alleged animal liberation related activity. I am 20 years and have been active within the AR movement for approximately 3 years. My alleged co-defendants are being detained at HM Bullingdon and HM Holloway and the three of us have been charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage by fire.

Despite the misfortune of landing in such a situation (this is my first stint in jail), the amount of support i've received has been tremendous. However, for those on the inside for their alleged 'crimes' against the abusers, mental stability can, at times, become difficult to continuously maintain, especially if the attitude towards vegans is hostile. If faced with such a situation some will show endurance but others may soon crack up. In my opinion however, any person who can face up to the horrific reality of animal persecution and fight it must somewhere possess the inner strength to remain firm against all odds. Their degrading system can often impose a sense of guilt upon a prisoner but what have imprisoned A.R. activists got to feel guilty about? We have no shame because our movement is geared towards preventing the crimes legally imposed upon defenceless creatures. We have no shame because history now admires the liberators of women, slaves, people.

Probably the most important reason for staying strong however is for their sakes. Let's not forget, upon release, the movement needs those who can continue with hunt sabotage, campaigning etc. It is an unfortunate fact of life within the animal rights movement that those who end up in jail for alleged nocturnal activity, usually have many other commitments that have to be abandoned. It is an outrage that those individuals are left to do everything as upon imprisonment many legitimate and vital campaigns are often neglected. This is not meant to be a pessimistic view but only the reality of an unacceptable situation. If everything collapses because no-one is there to hold it up how would you feel? Would you prefer to begin again at stage 1, or would you prefer to carry on upon release with the knowledge that those previous commitments have gone somewhere because someone took the effort to continue them in your absense? I hope we'd all look upon the second option as the better alternative both for the sake of the animals and the reassurance of those imprisoned and unable to participate.

As far as the movement in general is concerned,we must stand firm for the future and not linger too much in the past. We cannot bring back Mike Hill, Davy Barr or Sue Merrikin. We cannot change the outrageous sentence doled out to Ronnie Lee. We cannot bring back to life the murdered creatures that have perished in that dark past. But we can keep our heads together

now and learn to remain determined whether imprisoned or not. We can learn to confront the continuation of unjust laws and fight them any way we can. We can adapt and overcome the new tactics employed by the hunting fraternity whatever the consequences. Above all, we can win, because what this movement has achieved in its short history is unparalleled in any other struggle. Let's keep our act as efficient as it should be people, stick together and maintain that strength we know we've all got. For their sakes.

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APATHY KILLS

Have you ever thought of time in terms of animals lives? If you don't I'd guess it's about time you did because the party games are over. The clock ticks on as the silent suffering continues. Are you prepared to resist this persecution? Or will you simply witness it as if it were a tragic play and only shed tears to make up for your own inactivity?

Let's face it - apathy and self-importance deny the animals freedom they deserve time and time again, but when will it stop? Is Special Brew and rave your idea of taking responsibility for the crimes perpetrated by your own race? Are those who "Don't feel so strongly" merely adopting the easy route and lifting the burden to someone elses shoulders? Is 'doing your bit' a hangover impaired effort at the occasional demonstration? I think not, because animal liberation is about Action and not having a laugh at the animals expense.

There are also those who see fit to condone one liberation cause and fail to incorporate the emancipation of animals alongside it. They know who they are and they are only kidding themselves. People often prefer to switch off from the horror but as Cassius Clay once put it 'You can run but you can't hide'.

Many may regard my attitude as over the top but let's put it this way - if apathy was non-existent I wouldn't have had to bother with this article. The fact is, however, organisations such as SARP are threatened with closure as a result of this stupidity and many more will undoubtably follow unless we pull together and act.

To finish off with, I ask you, is it acceptable that there are those who care behind bars while those fortunate enough to possess their freedom waste it doing next to nothing? How much longer will this sad state of affairs continue? Their future is in our hands and we can change it. We don't need any more excuses, we know who the enemy is so let's act up and fight..... NOW.

Sam Remington.

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NEW REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

NEW REGIONAL NEWSLETTER LAUNCHED IN THE NORTH WEST

A new regional newsletter has been launched in the North West entitled Animals Campaigner. For details write to Animal Rescue, PO Box 233, Liverpool L69 7LF.

TOXICOL







THE HIDDEN STORY

At TOXICOL laboratories in Ledbury, thousands of animals are used in immoral and misleading experiments. Below are facts which TOXICOL would like to hide.

WHO ARE TOXICOLS CUSTOMERS?

Customers who have paid TOXICOL for animal tests include the following: SCHOLL (cosmetics),JOHNSON WAX (household products),SURGICRAFT (surgical implants),STERISEAL (probably opthalmics), and the WELLCOME FOUNDATION (drugs).

WHY ARE MICE USED AT TOXICOL?

More mice are used at TOXICOL than any other animal. NOT because they are a good model for humans, but because they are cheap to feed and house, they fulfill minimal legislative requirements, and their treatment never recieves much public outcry.

WHY ARE RABBITS USED AT TOXICOL?

Rabbits continue to have substances applied to their eyes, smeared onto and injected into their bodies in the pretence that the results actually mean something. They are used for eye tests because they have large eyes, are easily restrained and have no strong lobby to protect them from abuse.

WHAT ARE BEAGLES USED FOR AT TOXICOL?

In a typical experiment, one group of beagles will be fed drugs, with a control group being fed a plcebo. Eventually the drugged dogs are then killed. Side effects of drugs include nausea, stomach cramps, blurred vision, dizziness, headaches - how do we know which of these a dog is suffering from? How can we possibly know if we would then suffer from the same effects?
Again, tests on dogs could not avert the thalidomide tragedy.

PLEASE HELP

SATURDAY 24th APRIL, 11am, Demo outside TOXICOL in support of World Day for Laboatory Animals.

For more information contact: Peter Winter on 0905 794518 or
Ralph Cooke on 0222 794414..

or write to: WORCESTER CAMPAIGN FOR ETHICAL RESEARCH, P.O. BOX 39, DROITWICH, WORCS. WR9 8YA.

Friends and supporters,

Another semi-personal letter from me to keep you all informed of my situation. My preliminary trial took place Jan 11-14, four days of court involving 23+ witnesses that testified. The investigation which was co-ordinated between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)- National Security Investigative Services's Unit(NSIS) (Canada's Anti-TerroristUnit) and the Integrated Intelligence Unit(IIU) a RCMP- Edmonton city police joint unit, conducted 100's of hours of surveillance on me, my co-accused, other suspects, our residences and possible ALF targets. This included phone wire taps at both of our residences and a room probelbug in my residence. Even with all this 'over the top' intensive police surveillance nothing significant enough to bring up in court was learned.

The majority of law-enforcement officers who were cross-examined were very reluctant to answer questions about surveillance and involvement of US law-enforcement agents, they couldn't be sure of their answers, or could not remember, and one IIU officer even had his ALF invesigation note-book 'stolen' along with a jacket from his vehicle (?) and so could not remember much at all. We eventually found out that three U.S. law-enforcement agents (FBI Michigan, BATF Michigan, MSU police) travelled to Edmonton in early July. Here they were given photocopies of every file in the filing cabinet seized at my residence which contained my personal files and the ALF's Support Group files (correspondence/mailing lists/newsclippings etc.) They also accompanied IIU officers on a second search of my residence where they attempted to question my wife. This second search resulted in my 13th charge; Possession of a device to abtain telecommunications when a telephone test set was seized, this charge is being tried separately. They also attempted to question at least two other activists about the location of US and Canadian suspected ALF and EF activists. The secret taskforce of law enforcement agencies is truly North American wide, they are trying to share as much information as possible with each other in their attempt to crush the Animal Liberation Front.

My co-accused (who Nov 12/92 had his three charges stayed due to lack of evidence) was subpoenaed to testify. When called to swear oath, he refused, his attorney who was present made a statement for him saying that 'it did not matter to him if the judge locked him up for 8 days and another 8 days and another, he would not take the stand and testify.' The judge who had the option of jailing him for 8 days or until the pre-trial is adjourned, whichever is less, after deliberation he decided not to jail him but issued an order for him to appear at my trial (refusal at trial means he could be charged with contempt, which can carry a maximum 2 year sentence).

Overall, my pre-trial was very informative, the charge of attempted arson regarding an ALF action at Ovellette Packers was dropped and the three charges /counts of mischief under $1000 relating to damaged fur council of Canada billboards was changed to one charge / count of mischief under $1000 to three billboards. So three less charges overall. All the charges stemming from other ALF actions (added after I was charged with three charges relating to the University of Alberta ALF liberation of 29 cats) are held up by very weak 'circumstantial' evidence. In the end I was ordered to stand trial on all charges except the attempted arson and two charges of mischief under previously mentioned.

On Jan25 during a cell search guards seized a watch found in my cell, and then searched me seizing another watch. Both were not listed as inmate property when I arrived and were considered contraband. One watch I had traded a prisoner for and the other I found in the laundry where I worked. Charged with 'Possession of an unauthorised article ' I was strip-searched and taken to unit 6-D Administrative Segregation (more commonly known as the hole). The next day I went to wardens court where I was found guilty and given 10 days punishment. I was taken back to the hole, strip-searched, given a padded 'security' dress/jacket and a half sized blanket and put in a cell. Locked up 23 hours a day with one hour exercise a day (if you are well behaved). Your cell is searched daily for contraband. There are bright

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lights on in cell 16 + hours a day and the ventilation system blasts cold air in 24 hours a day making it feel like a fridge. No phone calls (except to your lawyer), no reading, cold food. Blah. Lots of shivering, not much sleep, some meditating, much thought. On Friday Jan 29 I was supposed to attend my queens bench bail application, when I asked about it I was told I was not on the court list and so I did not have court, end of story(I later learned I was on the court list). Sadly my bail was narrowly denied for the sixth time. On my 5th or 6th day of 'punishment' someone slipped me a smuggled book under my door. It was a childrens book with a story about space cats who came back to earth to rescue cats and a couple people because everyone on the earth was poisoning and killing their planet. I read it in about 4 hours that night, hiding it while the guards did their hourly checks, anything to relieve the boredom. The next morning I slipped it away for someone else to read. On Feb 4 I was released to a new unit happy just to be out of the 'hole' even though I was still in jail.

Since then I have been busy answering letters, reading, and writing some articles. My trial date is to be set some time this week. It's sounding the prosecutor 'Won't have time' in his schedule til October. If my trial is set for that late my attorney will be filing for a court order to get me released on bail because of undue / unnecessary delay of trial. So I'm hoping things go good either way.

To those of you that could donate dollars and did- thank you, the SG has raised enough money to pay for my legal fees. Thank You. Any additional money raised will be used by the SG to cover their expenses (postage/printing etc.) And also go into an activists defence fund to help other arrested activists with legal fees. The Support Group is still accepting any donations, made payable to ' ALFSG - CANADA' - SG, PO BOX 75029, RITCHIE PO, EDMONTON AB, T6E 6KI, CANADA.

Thank you all again for your letters, cards and support it has helped keep me going. A final note to all other activists who are 'underground' and those that are imprisoned. I hope you are well and keeping your spirits up. Don't ever feel beaten or alone, there are many people with you always. Keep up the pressure and stay strong.

Fighting the good fight, Darren

UPDATE:

At Darren's arraignment on February 10/93, His trial date was set for November 22/93 to December 03/93. Anew bail application and court order for release, due to unecessary delay of trial, were scheduled for early March.

Darren would like it known that for 'different reasons' i.e. mail in property/ 'loss' of his address book etc. and the fact that he still has mail from January that he has not yet seen, that he is sorry if he has not written replies but that he'll get back to you as soon as he can.

SOUTH EAST AND SEARC SABS FORCE EXTENSIVE POLICE PAY-OUT

Sussex police face a bill of up to £60,000 after being accused of using "miners strike tactics" against hunt saboteurs.

The force agreed to pay £16,200 in an out-of-court settlement with 28 people who were sueing for unlawful arrest. The police must also pay costs estimated at £40,000.

The settlement is the result of a two-and-a-half year legal battle following incidents at the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray hunt in 1990. The saboteurs say that they were unlawfully arrested and unfairly detained in nearby Chichester and Petworth police stations.

A police spokesman said the pay off was made now to save further legal costs. He denied the force was admitting guilt.

"Liability was not conceded. The settlement will have been decided after taking into account the substantial legal expenses certain to have been incurred by both sides in the event of a full hearing of the evidence."

But John Mackenzie, representing the saboteurs, said the police backed down because they realised they did not have a case.

He said;"Police tried to adapt miners strike tactics against the sabs at the hunt. They put cordons around almost every road near the hunt. They arrested people just because they thought it would be a good idea. You are not allowed to do that."

Saboteur spokesman Simon Wild, of West Sussex Wildlife Protection, said he was happy with the decision. He said "We have won going through the civil courts. Hopefully, this will be a warning to other police forces". The case between the police and the saboteurs was due to be held at Chichester County Court on Monday, February 8.

The Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray hunt are out several days a week. The incidents with the 28 saboteurs happened on different dates in 1990. Jeremy Whaley, one of the master of the hunt, declined to comment.

Mr Mackenzie has recovered £80,000 damages for 80 hunt saboteurs from ten police forces in the past 14 months.

(Taken from the NATIONAL LINK, newsletter of SEARC)

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THE LIVERPOOL ANIMAL MEETINGS

OVER 100 PEOPLE ATTEND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING COMING LAUNCH OF A NEW NATIONAL CAMPAIGN - LAMBS THE NEXT ANIMAL TO BE FACTORY FARMED -

On Tuesday 23 February over 100 people attended a public meeting in the Bluecoat Chambers, Liverpool city centre. The main subject was the work carried out by Animal Rescue over the last 12 months on the research being carried out to intensively produce and rear lambs. A national campaign is to be launched on monday 26th April when local groups will demonstrate outside the research centres around the country that have an interest in the intensively reared lamb, listed in the documents obtained by Animal Rescue investigators.

There were also speakers from the Campaign to End Vivisection At Liverpool University (CEVALU), Hunt Saboteurs and Liverpool Animal Concern.

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LONDON ZOO 8 GET WALK OUT

The 8 people facing charges in connection with an inspection at London Zoo in September of last year were all found 'Not Guilty' when magistrates dismissed the charges at a hearing in February. The 8 were facing section 4, section 5 and vagrancy charges following an inspection of the offices of London Zoo on September 30, 1992.

SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS
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This newsletter is produced by S.A.R.P. and distributed to a large number of Animal Rights groups and concerned individuals. A copy of this newsletter is also sent to all Animal Rights prisoners and defendants where known. If you know of someone who should be receiving a copy, and is'nt, get in touch. If your group would like to be included on the mailing list then get in touch. S.A.R.P. is a free service that relies on donations and independent fundraising for its continuing existence.

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S.A.R.P. FIGHTS ON

In the last issue of the newsletter (February), S.A.R.P. bared its soul, so to speak, and outlined the dire financial circumstances the group was then in. We pulled no punches and stated the true facts, i.e. that without urgent financial help from its supporters S.A.R.P. had no long-term future and would cease operations in April with the publication of its last newsletter. Happily the situation has improved since then and it is due entirely to the generiosity of people all over the country who have taken it upon themselves to financially support S.A.R.P. The situation is that S.A.R.P. is now able to continue for the forseeable future as a viable operation again. Donations are still urgently needed though and we again renew our appeal to everyone who cares about S.A.R.P. to fundraise for us. Remember, S.A.R.P. is not just a group, not just a newsletter, SARP is an integral part of the movement, SARP is an important part of the fight to acheive justice and freedom for the animals and to win Animal Liberation. SARP operates on behalf of the entire movement and for the animals SARP is everyone of us who cares.

To all those who have already sent donations from fundraising events and stalls, and to all who have sent individual and sometimes anonymous donations we say a truly heartfelt Thank You, without your support there would be no SARP. Because of your money we can continue, and because of your support we are determined to do our best and fight on.

SARP renews its commitment to Animal Liberation and pledges that it will continue to totally and unconditionally support all those arrested and/or imprisoned for Animal Liberation activity. SARP supports ALL actions carried out on behalf of the animals that are intended to alleviate the suffering of the animals and further the cause of winning Animal Liberation. SARP supports ALL activists involved in the war against animal abuse and recognises the legitimacy of all strategies and actions employed in that war.

Footnote - Further to the above statement, SARP cannot however, support any person who willingly gives information to the police that results in the arrest, conviction or imprisonment of any other activist. There is no excuse for this behaviour. Remember that if arrested, you are legally obliged to give your name, address and date-of-birth, nothing else. You are not obliged to answer any further questions and should remain silent or simply state 'No Comment' to all further questions. Quite often the police know nothing except what you tell them. So don't tell them anything, you know it makes sense.

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We have recently been experiencing problems with the mail, It seems that some letters are disapearing enroute. So, If anyone has written to SARP within the last 2 - 3 months and received no reply, It aint our fault, honest! Seriously though, If you have written and we havent replied its because your letter never reached us. To anyone who this applies to we'd appreciate it if you could drop us a line and tell us when you wrote so we can try and get some sort of complaint against the post office worked out, okay?

SARP COMMENT

For many people involved in the Animal Rights movement, the annual 'World Day' demonstration in April is something of a highlight in their year. Sure, there are other equally important demonstrations throughout the year, some would argue that these other events are more important than World Day, and on this issue SARP would not agree. We believe ALL demonstrations against animal abuse, be they of a few hundred or of several thousand, are of equal importance. They represent an opportunity for people to express their anger and opposition to the continuing and all encompassing exploitation of our animal brethren and noone should ever underestimate the importance of demonstrations as a measure of the determination and strength of our commitment. What makes the World Day demo stand out from the crowd is of course, its size. Last year, the estimated turn-out for World Day was 25,000, making it, by far, the largest demonstration against animal abuse in Britain. And, of course, there is no harm in looking forward to this annual extravaganza, no harm in enjoying the day out in London and no harm in demonstrating along with the thousands of others. When the sun shines it is good to meet old friends and renew aquaintances, to talk and laugh with fellow campaigners who we perhaps only ever see once a year and won't see again until next April. For this is the attraction for many people of World Day, once a year groups and individuals from every corner of the nation travel to London to help swell the attendance of the biggest event in the Animal Rights calendar. And, of course, there is no harm in this, but it has to be said, is there any good in it either?

SARP believes that all Animal Rights demos are important as an expression of our commitment to the animals, and an event such as World Day is a chance to express the sheer size of our commitment, many, many thousands strong. But more than that, an Animal Rights demo should always encourage and hearten those who attend; it should strengthen their resolute to the cause even more and when they leave to return home, they should take with them the anger born of animal abuse and the determination to 'do something' to end that animal abuse once and for all. For many people this will be an obvious thing to say, for they are the committed and caring people who already attend demos with determination and enthusiasm and indeed, do renew their commitment with each event. SARP would like to believe that each and every one of the 25,000 people who attend the World Day demo will be like this, we'd like to believe that each and every one of the 25,000 have each year determined to campaign vigorously for the rest of the year as a result of what they have seen and heard, determined to do whatever is necessary to achieve liberation and justice for the animals and with the resolute to never give up until we win. SARP would like to believe this - but cannot.

The majority of those 25,000 on the World Day demo will indeed be genuine, caring campaigners, there because they care and because they believe it is important to be there along with thousands of others to show solidarity with those who suffer and die in the name of profit. SARP salutes all those thousands of people and from their commitment we gain the strength to fight on in the belief that a movement as big as ours cannot be beaten. Along with those thousands, we too believe in the importance of the World Day demo and we too renew our commitment and resolve because of World Day. But along with them we understand that demos, no matter how big, will never defeat the evil of animal abuse on their own but only as part of a wider campaign, the enemy we fight is so large and so powerful that to win we have to make our war effort all-encompassing and far reaching, fighting on every possible avenue and opportunity. Demos are just one of those avenues and should never be seen as the beginning and end of our efforts. Because of our determination to win and resolve to fight whenever and wherever necessary we expose the inherent vulnerability of this large and powerful monster that is animal abuse. An enemy apparantly so rich and strong and unbeatable is shown to be nothing of the sort because we fight it with determination and undying commitment and we attack it on all levels at all times and in all ways. One of those ways is by demos against it, there are many other ways, all important and when waged in an united campaign, unbeatable.

SARP has stated in the past that victory is inevitable, but it should never be assumed that victory will be ours as of right. Victory is only inevitable if we want it to be, if we want it so much that we are prepared to fight all the way to win it. If we believe in our hearts that we must win for the animals and if our minds are filled with the strength and determination to go on no matter what, until we win, then victory is indeed inevitable. But that victory has to be won by each and every one of us. Animal abuse will never surrender to us until we make it; each and every one of us must fight to win. And we will, never doubt it. Each and every one of us must do whatever we are capable of from leafletting to liberating, from pickets to economic sabotage, whatever it takes we must do it. We have no choice, we must make victory inevitable and it will be. It can never be enough to attend demos and nothing else and it can certainly never be enough to attend an annual World Day demo and leave with no resolve to campaign and fight on.

On this World Day, as on every other one, a number of Animal Liberation activists are in prison, there because THEY cared, THEY did'nt give up and THEY did what they believed was necessary and sacrificed their freedom for the cause. SARP does not ask people to break the law and liberate and destroy, because that would leave us open to a charge of incitement by the state. All we ask is that each one of us recognises the commitment and sincerity of those imprisoned activists and then ask ourselves if we too, have that commitment and sincerity. Those imprisoned for Animal Liberation did what they believed was right and gave their all for the cause; SARP salutes that commitment and supports them totally. THAT commitment makes victory inevitable, and each one of us has to display that same commitment resolve and determination in all we do, against all odds - and no matter what.

Don't let this be just another World Day, let's look back in April 1994 and be able to see that we have progressed, we have fought as hard as we can and we have achieved successes. Let's make Victory - INEVITABLE.

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SARP would like to remind everyone once again of how important it is that any information available on arrests is passed onto either ourselves or the ALFSG as quickly as possible. Please don't assume that we can automatically know when arrest(s) have occured, as much as we'd like to be, we are not omnipresent and so we rely on our supporters to tell us. When an arrest occurs that results in an activist being remanded to prison then it is of vital importance that she/he receives immediate support, be it only a letter or note to the individuals to say we are aware of the situation. Support can be quickly arranged from then on.

Prison can be a lonely and frightening place when no-one knows you're there, but can be made bearable with support from the outside. Of course, many arrests result in the activists concerned being released on bail, but information on these arrests should still be passed on to us - quickly. SARP won't publicise peoples names if they don't want us to, we'll even not mention arrests at all if the people involved so wish, but SARP should still be informed regardless. We operate on behalf of all prisoners and defendants and need as much information as possible, as soon as possible, so let us know - ok?

DON'T LEAVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE - IF YOU KNOW -LET US KNOW.

PRISONERS AND DEFENDANTS

MARIANNE McDONALD,
TV2198,
HMP,
PARKHURST ROAD,
HOLLOWAY,
LONDON.
N7 ONU.

SAM REMMINGTON,
WW 2677,
C WING,
H.M. REMAND CENTRE,
FORBURY ROAD,
READING,
BERKSHIRE.

EDMUND SHEPHERD,
FB 1411,
B WING,
HMP BULLINGTON,
P.O. BOX 50,
ARNCOT - BICESTER,
OXON. OX6 OPR.

Marianne, Sam and Ed were all arrested on 2nd February this year and remanded to prison on a charge of ' Conspiracy to cause criminal damage by fire'. They appeared in court on March 18th and were further remanded.

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KEITH MANN,
NE0316,
C/O ALIU,
P.O. BOX 38,
MANCHESTER.
M60 1NX.

Keith Mann has been in police custody since his arrest in October 1991 after being arrested in Kent on arson charges. His co-defendant in that trial is now serving a six year sentence. Keiths sentencing has been delayed as he is currently involved in other trials around the country. Keith also faces charges of 'Conspiracy' and 'Incitement' and has now been told that along with others involved in the 'Manchester Conspiracy' he will face trial in September. However, the CPS have decided to split his charges and he will now only face the conspiracy charge in September and will be tried on the Incitement charge seperatelt next year.

As Keith gets moved regularly, letters of support can go amiss. Therefore, letters should be sent care of the ALIU, and they will be passed on to Keith - wherever he may be.

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DAVE NELSON,
A8030,
A WING, H6,
HMP MAZE,
LISBURN,
CO. ANTRIM,
N. IRELAND.
BT27 5RF.

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

Dave and Alistair were both convicted in May of last year for criminal damage and arson to battery sheds and bloodsports targets. Dave received 3½ years and Alistair 2 years. Both have been granted parole, Alistair will be released in May and Dave in July.

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CHRIS TUCKER,
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LONDON.
SW2 5XF.

On Friday 18th November at Southwalk court, Chris Tucker was convicted of 'Affray' by judge Workman and sentenced to 15 months imprisonment. This resulted from an incident when a smoke device was activated inside a McDonalds causing several thousand pounds worth of smoke damage. Chris spent a short time on remand but was released on bail. He has been sent to Brixton prison where he will spend his entire sentence.

PAUL SMITH,
WN1294,
DORMITORY 5,
HMP HEWELL GRANGE,
TARNEBRIDGE,
REDDITCH,
WORCS.
B97 6QQ.

Paul was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment in December of last year for a contamination hoax against Boots.

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THOMAS FRAMPTON,
ER0761,
HMP HIDOWN,
HOUSE BLOCK 2,
HOSPITAL ROAD,
SUTTON LANE,
SURREY.
SM2 5PJ.

Thomas, known as Joe Tax, was convicted last month of ABH and sentenced to 3 months in prison. This followed an incident on the Surrey Union hunt. Thomas is due for release on April 30th.

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CANADA

DARREN THURSTON,
EDMONTON REMAND CENTRE,
9660 - 104 AVENUE,
EDMONTON,
ALBERTA,
T5H 4B6,
CANADA.

Darren has been on remand since June of 92, charged with 'Break and enter, mischief over $1000', in connection with an ALF action at the University of Alberta Bio animals kennels, where 29 cats were liberated and $100,000 damage was done on June 1st 1992. He also faces one charge of arson regarding an incident on the 15th December 1991 at Billingsgate fish company where 3 delivery trucks were destroyed causing $100,000 damage. Darren has been given a trial date of November 22nd 1993 and will be making another application for bail in March.

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AMERICA

JOHNATHAN PAUL,
SPOKANE COUNTY JAIL,
1100 W. MALLON,
SPOKANE,
WA. 99260.
AMERICA.

On November 3rd 1992, Johnathan Paul was jailed by a federal judge for refusing to testify at a secretive grand jury in Spokane Wash. The grand jury is 'invesigating' the successful activities of the ALF and is one of several which has been subpoenaing witnesses in Washington, Oregon and Michigan states. Johnathan Paul, an environmental / animal liberation activist, invoked his 5th Amendment rights when he was asked questions about other activists at the hearing. A federal judge granted him immunity from self-incrimination - a tactic to encourage witnesses to talk. When Johnathan maintained his right to remain silent, he was cited for contempt of court and jailed. He will remain in jail until the judge decides to release him, or until this particular grand jury is over in December of 1993.

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NORTHAMPTON

The trial of Annette Tibbles, Richard Duriez and Angela Hamp is due to begin this month. All three are charged with 'Conspiracy to cause criminal damage between May and August 1991'. After their arrest in August 1991 they spent several weeks in custody before being released on bail.

At present the whereabouts of Angela Hamp is unknown and it seems likely that Annette and Richard will stand trial alone. Wherever you are Angie, good luck!

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ROYAL LONDON HOSPITAL

The second trial due to begin this month is that involving Adam Spare and Nancy Phipps. Both face charges connected with a raid on the Royal London Hospital in July of 1991 when 1400 mice and 4 beagles were liberated and many years of vivisectors work was destroyed. The raid allegedly took place while Adam was working undercover for an anti-vivisection society and he is charged with 'Conspiracy to burgle', 'Theft' and 'Deception'. Nancy is charged with 'Forgery'.

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MANCHESTER CONSPIRACY

Ten people have recieved a date for trial, September 20, the case stems from the surveillance and bugging of a flat in Manchester during 1991, arrests took place of the defendants over a 6 month period up until the 10th of December, 1991. Most are charged seperately but 9 are all charged with 'Conspiring to pursue the aims of the Animal Liberation Front'. One is in custody (Keith Mann) and the other 9 all have bail with strict conditions. The trial is expected to last anything up to three months.

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PANT COACH PUPPY FARM

Four people have been arrested and charged with 'Burglary' in connection with a raid on a puppy farm at Pant Coach in Wales. All four were granted bail.

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1993 GRAND NATIONAL FIASCO

Fourteen people were arrested as a result of a demonstration at this years Grand National. All were later released by the police.
Due to a combination of factors the race was not run which was good news for the horses and the demonstrators but bad news, apparently, for the rest of the 'civilised' world (according to the newspapers!).

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AMERICA

Three men are currently on bail following an alleged paint spraying incident at a fur store in Memphis, Tennessee in August of last year. They still have no trial date but appeared in court again recently for another preliminary trial.

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MARK POWER

Mark Power has contacted SARP to say he no longer wishes to recieve letters of support. SARP has complied with his request and removed his details from the prisoners list. Mark has also asked SARP to state that he no longer supports the use of direct action to achieve Animal Liberation.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I could have whooped for joy when I read the article "Fit For Human Consumption". I am 74 years of age, and am a life-long animal rights supporter/worker, I tell you this so that I can lay claim to normality. I have always maintained that if the human race justified the killing and eating of animals for food, what could be more natural than the human race overspill, world population, and murderers etc, be used as food for animals and humans.

We are certainly not alone in this belief.

Yours Sincerely,
Thomas Male.

P.S. I am intrigued as to who wrote the article, he is a man after my own heart.

Not literally I hope - (Ed.)

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LETTERS TO PRISONERS OR A STATEMENT TO THE POLICE ?

While being questioned by the police recently I got a tiny bit of a shock. They started to read from a hand-written sheet of paper, held so that I would recognise the hand-writing if I knew it. After a short while it became clear to me that it had been written by one of three people and not by the police. As one of those three was arrested two days before me it sounded as if they'd been chatting away to the cops about everyone they did not like. As the cop said, "Why should you defend a grass who hates you?" For two reasons; firstly I don't hate them, and secondly, I'm innocent, so I'll stick to "No Comment" thanks all the same.

That sheet of paper was written by the person I thought wrote it. It was a copy of a letter from them to an ALF prisoner. It contained my full name and that of someone else, along with lots of information/misinformation about us. I don't really care much about this but if you must 'gossip' to the state via letters to prisoners, do not write other peoples names unless you tell them about it first. This is for everyone's good. Just because you are not writing about 'crimes', don't think this rule is less important, it's not.

An Urban Spaceman.

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BADGER PROTECTION

You may be aware of recent legislation which was passed to strengthen the protection of the badger setts. However, despite this, the digging continues - a lot of badger-diggers when arrested call upon the services of a Mr Barry Peachey (who writes for 'Shooting News magazine under the name of A G Fox) and a solicitor called Granville Rooney. This dreadful duo travel the length and breadth of the country to defend these thugs...

U.K. ANIMAL WATCH - PO BOX 220, WORCESTER, WR4 9UZ

This is the group that made the video which was shown at the previous meeting. They spend their time actually infiltrating the badger-diggers, gaining their confidence and videoing their activities. This information is then passed on to organizations who are able to prosecute the thugs involved. They also monitor a number of badger setts on a regular basis by patrolling in a micro-light aircraft. Obviously this can be an expensive and time-consuming occupation with a great deal of personal risk involved. These people are worthy of the greatest support. Write to their PO box and ask how you can help them. U.K.A.W. produce a regular newsletter of their activities which is available to people who pay an annual subscription.

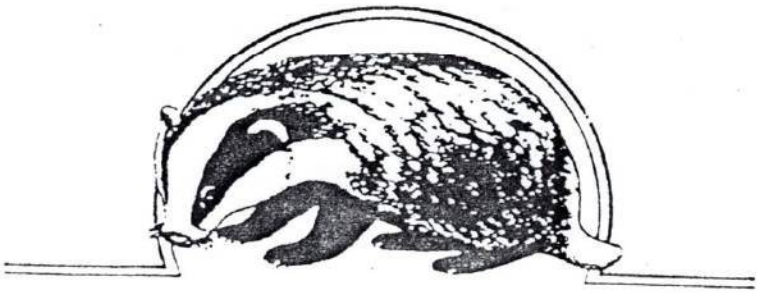
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WHAT YOU CAN DO :

a) Adopt a badger sett of 'your own'. Monitor it on a regular basis and feel free to supplement the badgers' food (by bringing scraps of food with you). It can be very rewarding to watch a badger family prosper and multiply.

b) Always be suspicious of any activity near a sett - (the obvious signs of diggers are men with terriers/lurchers and spades, etc.) - note down any suspicious vehicle numbers and keep records.

c) Finally, keep your ears open for any snippets of information - badger diggers are generally thick and loud-mouthed. So if you happen to hear anything - even if it's just gossip in a pub then please report it to - HSA, PO BOX 1, CARLTON, NOTTINGHAM.



SABOTEUR KILLED AT HUNT MEET

Hunt saboteur, Thomas Worby, was run over and killed by a hunt vehicle on Saturday 3rd of April. Thomas, aged 15 years, was out on his first sab at a meet of the Cambridgeshire Foxhounds when he was, apparantly, dragged under the wheels of a horse-box susutaining serious injuries from which he died.

No further details are available at present as police investigations are continuing and SARP does not wish to prejudice or hinder any possible legal proceedings which may be taken against the driver of the horse-box.

S.A.R.P. MERCHANDISE

S.A.R.P. is now able to offer the original SARP T-shirt at the low price of just £6.50 (inc P&P) / £7.50 (inc P&P) overseas. T-shirt has the SARP. logo on the front of two clenched fists and the prison bars and the words "SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS - THEY GIVE THEIR FREEDOM".

S.A.R.P. T-shirt available in white XL size - £6.50
£7.50 (overseas).

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Also at £6.50 (inc P&P)/£7.50 overseas, we have the "ALF NEEDS YOU" T-shirt. On the front "ALF NEEDS YOU - ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT" and on the back - "NO JUSTICE - NO PEACE".

ALF NEEDS YOU T-shirt available it white or grey XL size -
£6.50
£7.50 overseas.

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At £7.00 (inc P&P)/£8.00 overseas, we have the latest ALF on tour t-shirt FEAR HAUNTS THE ABBATTOIRS. Front has the words "FEAR HAUNTS THE ABBOTTOIRS", picture of burnt out meat truck and the words "ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT" back has the "ALF ON TOUR" list of selected ALF actions.

ALF ON TOUR T-shirt available in white XL size -
£7.00
£8.00 overseas

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DARKNESS BEFORE DAWN - THE BOOK OF SUFFERING, benefit tape produced in memory of Davy Barr, Animal Rights activist, died 16th March 1991, aged 24 years. Tape comes complete with booklet. Good music for a worthy cause to remember a sadly missed activist by. Tape only £3.50 (inc P&P)
£4.50 (inc P&P) overseas.

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Help SARP by sending an order today. All orders sent within 28 days and orders should be accompanied by cheque/P.O. made out to "SARP".

FOR WORLD DAY

The dark and cruel deception
Of animal suffering and pain,
That evil hearts use for protection
When all can see there is no gain.

The questions always left unanswered
The blacked-out windows hide the shame,
Of blood-stained hands that have murdered
Their lives are blood-stained just the same.

So face the world and tell us all
Of life and hope and needs,
And hide behind your high dark walls
To carry out your cowardly deeds.

For where is hope and where is life
Amid the blood and fear,
Where death comes from the bloody knife
And words of love they never hear.

Born into a world of darkness
Never knowing love or joy,
Abused and killed with coldness
As though they were just a toy.

And society, what of they?
Do they ever care?
They close their eyes and turn away
No love have they to share.

So who is really guilty now
Is it science or the state,
When people should be asking how
They left the animals to their fate.

The foul and bloody shame
Is societys alone,
But all they do is pass the blame
As their pathetic lives they bemoan.

They criticise our actions
When we risk our all to liberate,
The death labs are their creations
If all they can do is sit and wait.

Things never change by time alone
They only change when we make them,
If we don't act, then we condone
Our apathy becomes the problem.

Animal Freedom, Direct Action
Smash the labs and liberate,
Where death is now, we bring salvation
There is no time to sit and wait.

And in the death labs bring liberation
Our brothers and sisters can only wait,
For Direct Action they are dying
Don't hesitate - LIBERATE.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, 16th APRIL. - SEARC v SEALINK CAMPAIGN. Torchlight vigil at the roundabout leading to the eastern dock entrance, Dover. from 6.00 pm onwards. (please note early start). Bring wax torches (obtainable from garden centres) and candles in jars.
For more information contact SEARC, 19a, Amherst road, Bexhill, East Sussex. TN 40 1 QH. TEL: 0424 730154.

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SATURDAY, 24th APRIL. - DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE TOXICOL LABORATORIES, in Ledbury, Worcs. in support of World Day for Laboratory Animals. Starts at 11am. For more information contact:
Peter Winter on 0905 794518. or
Ralph Cooke on 0222 794414. or write to:
Worcester Campaign for Ethical Research, P.O. 39, Droitwich, Worcs. WR9 8YA.

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SATURDAY, 24th APRIL - WORLD DAY FOR LABORATORY ANIMALS. March and rally, assemble between 1 to 2 pm, Reformers tree, Hyde park, London. Organised by NAVS.

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TUESDAY, 27th APRIL - WELSH DAY FOR LABORATORY ANIMALS.
For more information, contact same as Toxicol demonstration on 24th April.

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SATURDAY, 8th May - NATIONAL MARCH and RALLY AGAINST LIVE EXPORTS. Assemble from 12.00 noon, march begins at 1.00 pm, at Reformers tree, Hyde park, London. For more information contact: NOW against Live Exports, St. Josephs, Souldern, Oxon, 9LA. Phone: 0869 345243.
(See enclosed leaflet)

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FRIDAY, 14th MAY - EARC v SEALINK CAMPAIGN. As 16th April.

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SATURDAY, 15th MAY - National demonstration, march and rally against WELLCOME LABORATORIES in Beckenham, Kent. Assemble 11.30am in Harvington Estate, South Eden Park road, Beckenham then march to Bromley town centre (approx. 2½ miles) for a rally. Speakers include Robin Webb and Terry Hill; food by London Vegans.
For directions and details contact:
Bromley Animal Defence Group (BADG), 081 4646035.

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