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This newsletter is produced by SARP and distributed to a large number of animal rights and concerned individuals. A copy of this newletter is also sent to all animal rights prisoners and defendants, where known. If you know of someone who should be receiving a copy and isn't then get in touch. If you or your group would like to be included on the mailing list then get in touch. SARP is a free service that relies on donation and independent funding for its continued existence.

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THE FUTURE OF SARP

The future of SARP ? At present this seems very bleak due to a combination of problems; the major one being, as always, finance, or rather the lack of it. In theory a free service, such as SARP, seems like a good idea as long as the people involved are prepared to work hard and make it happen. SARP has survived for almost two years now due to the financial support that people within the movement have kindly donated, but mainly because the volunteers directly involved with the group have worked long thankless hours to ensure its success and donate their time and expertise to keeping SARP afloat. But nothing last forever and the effort needed to keep SARP operating has sapped the enthusiasm and comitment of many people in that two years and they have moved on, handing SARP onto other people of similar beliefs. Unfortunately the number of people directly involved in the group has dwindled alarminly over those two years, meaning that more and more effort has been needed from those remaining, effort that can no longer be subtained effectively.

The SARP newsletter failed to appear in January simply because there was no money left to produce one. Increased fund-raising has ensured that this issue (February) was possible but there are no plans to produce a March issue. Without finance SARP currently has no future beyond April, two months away. Fund-raising up to then should ensure the production of the April newsletter but that will at present be the last and SARP will then close down for good. That may sound a little dramatic but it is unfortunately a true picture of SARP's current position. Too few people are now directly involved with SARP and this has meant that it has become increasingly difficult to operate SARP on a day to day basis, produce a regular newsletter and find the necessary time to fund-raise to finance it all. Donations have never met the costs of running SARP and independent fund-raising by volunteers has always been vital for SARP to survive. The stark situation now is that there are too few people to do that fund-raising with the result that SARP will be forced to close down if the situation continues as it is. It is for this reason that we are now making an urgent appeal for people to fund-raise on behalf of SARP, to do one stall every so often and send the proceeds to SARP, to make a donation of some kind and keep SARP operating on behalf of prisoners and the movement. Many people have donated money to SARP over those two years and to them we say a heart felt thankyou. Many people are unable to donate anything through financial problems of their own and we would not ask them to. But we are sure there are many more people who take advantage of the free SARP information service and newsletter who can afford to send a donation or organise a fund-raising stall or event for SARP and to these we appeal for help now. We believe SARP has always tried to do the best it can for the animals, the movement and the prisoners, and is therfore worth saving. Don't let SARP die through apathy or a little part of our movement will die with it. WE ALL have until April to save SARP, after that it will be too late.

SARP COMMENT

This issue of the newsletter coinsides with the second anniversary of Mike Hills death. Much has been spoken and written about Mike and no doubt much more will be said now and in the future. Unfortunately most of it will miss the one basic inescapable fact about his death-the truth. The bottom line is that he didn't just die because he was a hunt sab or because he was an activist or because of Summersgill or the Cheshire beagles hunt. He died because of animal abuse, because the law of the land deems it to be lawful for animals to be treated as mere commodities to be bought and sold, as mere instruments of research to be tortured and murdered, as mere play-things of perverted men and women, to be used, abused and killed without reason or compassion. Mike was murdered by the cowardly hunt thugs both on foot and horse-back that day, but Summersgill's guilt in the action must be viewed in the context

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of why the Cheshire beagles were hunting at all. The real blame lies with the money, greed and corruption of a system of government devoid of morality and humanity, too blind to ever understand that perhaps money isn't everything and that maybe, just maybe, life can be better for everyone and everything if we care for life rather than kill it. Capitalism and animal abuse go hand in hand and for them there is no profit in life, only in death, no fast buck to be made from understanding instead of destroying, no financial killing to be made from peace and compassion when money comes from suffering, pain and war. It would be for us to believe, as some do, that because we care and are right that we will inevitably win one day. Too easy to simply say that the guilt of murder and suffering is theirs, on their conscience and they will one day pay in full. Much too easy to turn away and do nothing. Life is never easy like that, never easy for those who care about the animals and who know that they have to do something NOW, those who know we cannot wait for animal liberation - the animals can't wait, animal liberation must be won NOW, not waited for at some distant mythical date. Every day of every month in every year, people like Mike Hill turn away from the easy and safe decisions of life and instead take the hard thankless barren road to animal liberation. The road with many twists and turns and pitfalls that is direct action for animal liberation. The long road to victory that they know is the only one that can end the suffering and stop the killing. And by the suffering and dedication of the activists who make that decision the road grows shorter, victory comes closer and the animal liberation movement grows stronger, our strength and determination increasing as the animal abusers grow more afraid of our power and resolute belief in victory.

Many have been imprisoned for the cause and inevitably others will join them but always new activists volunteer to fill their shoes, to continue the war and free the animals. Prison and all it stands forcan never be a detterant for us, we have been there and grown stronger and will never be broken by its dark concrete walls. Our belief in the cause makes us stronger than anything they can ever do to us. Others have given all they had and been unable to continue, the visions of horror glimpsed in the labs and factory farms finally proving too much for them, drifting away overcome with too much compassion for the suffering creatures. Afraid to cry for fear or ridicule and yet having no other emotion to relieve their own inner turmoil. But noone should ever be afraid to shed tears for our animal brethen, there is no shame in caring too much, only in caring too little. Show us your tears and discover that we also secretly weep for the animals who suffer and die.

And then there are the ones like Mike Hill who die. Victims of selfish and uncaring violators of life. Mike died on active service, in the front line in the war, others have in loneliness and frustration and others in desperation, all giving their lives in the knowledge that animal abuse must be defeated and animal liberation must win. And to secure that victory it is inevitablethat young women and men, like Mike, will become activists and take part in direct action, be it as a hunt sab or in other areas. For the one basic truth is that without direct action victory will become just a distant hope. Thanks to the activists that liberate and destroy we now know that we will win. Mike Hill died for animal liberation and we must never forget him, but let us ensure we honour his memory in the best way we can. Let us make sure that they don't get away with murder, redouble our efforts and fight to win. Thanks to Mike animal liberation is one step closer, we are winning and victory is inevitable.

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Unsung Heroes

No bugles sound, no gathered crowd
Forever wrapped in deaths sweet shroud,
No lips to murmer pious prayers
Just good friends left to stand and stare.

Thoughts are numbered but time will mend
For justice is their eternal friend,
And the body that lies in its final stage
Lends fuel, to fire their burning rage.

No leaders have to call their name
Their deeds turn stirring words to shame,
As they try to stem the crimson flood
Of an animals world awash with blood.

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They will not live or die in vain
For they know they can achieve their aim,
It's liberation that's in their sights
And not the dream of animal rights.

They scorn the fight for legislation
For the state absorbs the castigation,
Of those who shout and rant and haver
While the movement drowns in reams of paper.

And so they act, this band of heroes,
They've no desire to act like Nero,
No fiddle plays to fen their flames
While abusers torture, kill and maim.

They don't pretend to shed false tears
To them it's just a way of hiding fears,
Of prison walls and cloistered life
While millions die by bolt and knife.

The choice is theirs, they seek no glory
And risk their freedom with each foray,
Seek not the sop of weekly wages
Their life's fulfilled by empty cages.

Thats their reward, to know they did it
They felt the same but never hid it,
Conquered their fear, took direct action
A courageous, determined fraction.

Don't think their efforts count for nought
For freedom's something dearly bought,
They knew that animals held in fetters
Would not be freed by writing letters.

Oft-times they're caught and put away
But they knew the price they'd have to pay,
And with no regrets they'll do their time
For to fight injustice is not a crime.

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Dear SARP,

I was saddend and made to feel real disgust and anger on reading your article about David Barr. For one so young to be so badly treated by friends and society that they are driven to take their own life, (seen as murder in my eyes), isn't something people should turn their back on and forget about. I did not know David and, I must shamefully admit, I hadn't even heard the name until this article was published. But now it has been brought to my attention I feel to know that we as a "movement of animal liberators" could just turn our backs on one who did so much for the animals, and one who obviosly felt so alone, turned away by so called friends. Because David took his own life it doesn't mean he was a waste, it meant he needed friends support (which wasn't given to him by many). These people will have to live with David's death, and it should be on all of society's consciences, for we are all guilty. Hearing about David has made me more determined, but has also made me realise just how much the "animal rights" movement has split and turned against each other. Animal liberators should never be made to feel isolated or unwanted as we are all liberators in one way or another. We need to work as one. David you will not be forgotten by all.

Yours for Animal Liberation,

Lina D'tsposito.

PERSONAL OPINION

OPTIMISM, EFFORT AND ANIMAL LIBERATION

Another year has past and we know what that means in terms of animal abuse: the torture and death of countless numbers of animals worldwide. We can easily feel like our efforts are futile, or to feel depressed about the future: this is oftenreflected in peoples writings. However, lets remember the successes. Nearly all forms of animal abuse have people acting against them, whether from vivisection to animals in entertainment, or from meat and animal products for food industries to the almost finished fur producers. Pickets, boycotts, demos, marches, stalls, cruelty-free fairs, investigations, hunt sabbing, civil disobedience, undercover infiltrations, campaigns of all kind, and illegal direct action (in the form of economic sabotage - millions of pounds each year - and thousands of animals being rescued) are all having effect. While some animal abusers are becoming defensive (e.g. McDonalds propaganda leaflets) others are actually on the run (Colin Blakemore regretting his choice of career). This is a start. But there's a long, long way to go. Animal liberation is not just a phiosophical theory, it is a realistic possibility, it is ACHIEVABLE: but only if we all decide to put in as much effort and time as possible - total dedication for total liberation. We should constantly look to improve ourselves on behalf of the animals. If anyone really thinks they lack the knowledge to be involved in the previously mentioned activities, groups like veggies, Co-ordinating animal welfare, and the ALIU can all offer assistance. We're not personally rewarded for our efforts, but we must get stength and determination from Mike Hill's death, and the imprisonment of other animal rights activists. We've got to show the scum that we'll fight animal abuse full-time, and as efficiently as THEY perpetrate it. Don't dwell on the misery of animal abuse, spend the time fighting it.

Towards Animal Liberation,

Max Watson.

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THE NATIONAL LINK - A SEARC PUBLICATION

The policy of the National Link is to maximise the use of the written word, in every legitimate way possible, as a contribution towards the establishment and maintenance, without comprimise, of basic rights for all sentient creatures. The fundimental purpose of the journal is to inform. The National Link will provide a comprehensive monthly summary of news items of intrest that pertain to that purpose. Beyond that; readers will find that copy is drawn from a wide diversity of the most reliable media. The subscription rate is £5.00 per six issues inc. postage. Multiple orders - one address delivery of a mutiple of any single issue - 75p per copy; £4.50 per six issues. Cheques should be made payable to SEARC, and sent to; SEARC(South East Animal Rights Coalition) 19a, Amherst Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex. TN40 1QH.

A free copy is available upon receipt of a A4 SAE.

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THE NATIONAL ANTI-HUNT PETITION

Following on from last years well-organised anti-hunt campaign, Hertfordshire Animal Rights have launched a new initiative in the fight to end bloodsports in this country. The new campaign is aimed at putting pressure on parliment to introduce legislation outlawing hunting and HARC are asking people to write to their M.P's with this aim in mind. A new National Anti-hunt petition will also be running and copies can be obtained from; HARC, P.O. Box 66, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6LU.

HARC are also planning a national march, rally and exhibition against hunting and this will take place on saturday 6th August 1994. Meet 12.00 noon at Reformers Tree, Hyde park.

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ARKANGEL

The next issue of Arkangel (no.9) will be available towards the end of February. Copies cost £1.80 each (4 for £7.20, £6 unemployed rate). 10 or more copies are available for £1.30 each p&p included.

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ALF lays claim to Utah raid

PULLMAN — The Animal Liberation Front is claiming responsibility for torching two offices and freeing 16 coyotes at Utah State University Oct. 24, ending nearly four weeks of silence that left investigators puzzling over the culprit.

ALF normally sends a press release or videotape to media within hours of raids it claims responsibility for, as it did with the August 1991 raid at Washington State University. Raiders usually leave the ALF acronym in blood-red paint at the site of the raid.

Only a spiral design with four feathers was found painted on a wall at Utah.

ALF sent a press release to the *Daily News* this week saying it set fires at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Predator Research Facility in Millville, Utah, and at project leader Frederick Knowlton's university office in Logan. "Today the ALF will release files confiscated during the raid, exposing federally funded research at the Predator Research Facility where coyotes are intentionally starved and force-fed radioactive and toxic poisons," the press release said.

It is not clear who may have those files. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals says it often "receives a news release and either files or information uncovered from the raids," spokeswoman Amy Bertsch said. But it has received nothing related to this raid.

The USDA facility studies coyote behavior to help sheep and cattle growers. The press release says Utah State students alerted ALF that researchers were intentionally starving coyotes and force-feeding them radioactive and toxic poisons.

"Coyotes were seen in pens bleeding, vomiting, choking and caught in leg-hold traps set by researchers," the press release read.

ALF first released 29 coyotes and set fires in the Predator Research Facility after discovering photos of dead and dying coyotes, the release says. ALF then went to USU offices in search of predator research data.

"Upon discovery of illegal dumping of three tons of radioactive coyote and sheep carcasses, ALF decided to return to Fred Knowlton's office to destroy coyote and wolf-control research with another fire," the press release said. The fires did an estimated $100,000 damage.

Of the 16 coyotes which escaped through holes cut in pens, 13 have been recaptured, two have been killed and one is unaccounted for.

ALF also charges that USU was developing leg-hold traps for endangered timber wolves, was killing kit foxes by the dozens, and has allowed radioactive goats and sheep to escape into wilderness areas. "Over the last 70 years, the ADC has maintained a relentless and ruthless war against native predators," the press release said.

Researcher Knowlton is on the road and could not be reached for comment. But USDA spokesman Stuart McDonald, in Denver, said he doubted the ALF claims. "It sounds like something out of science fiction," McDonald said.

"It's a behavioral study, if you met Dr. Knowlton, you would know he's not capable of that kind of experimentation," McDonald said.

Cache County, Utah, Sheriff Sid Groll, the only law enforcement officer authorized to speak about the raid, could not be reached for comment.

But PETA, which often issues press releases on behalf of ALF, says the raid "clearly demonstrates that federal legislation and judicial attempts to silence the defenders of animal rights have failed."

Recent government actions — such as jailing Jonathan Paul in Spokane for refusing to testify to a grand jury investigating ALF raids — "only add fuel to the fire of militant activism," PETA spokesman Bertsch said.

LISE OLSEN.

On the 18th of November 92 I was arrested on the charge of arson relating to an anti fur protest action that had taken place on July 4th 92.The action involved placing a 30 foot freedom of information act banner, coloured red white and blue to chime in with independence day, over a huge pro-fur ad painted on a railway overpass.Which made the claim that wearing fur helped the environment.The furrier to whom the Chicago and Northwestern Transportation Company rents advertising space is Keim Furs.The banner was to be illuminated with 20 homemade lanterns, painted red and blue and secured in metal holders that would prevent any hazard.Unfortunately I only managed to light one of the lanterns which stayed alight for 5 minutes until all the fuel was consumed. This homemade display failed to do anything other than leave my fingerprints on one of the lanterns.The prints were matched 4 months later in a police record that I had got when arrested the previous year for allegedly attempting to remove cats from a research lab. Although those former charges against me were dropped and my record supposedly destroyed, obviosly it wasnt since a record of my prints were still on file. The railway is maintaining that the lanterns were "molotov cocktails" capable Of exploding the whole overpass and derailling trains, although nothing happened at all.

I am out on bail awaiting a trial date, my attorney thinks legal proceedings will take a year.The prosecutor is an erpert on explosives.

PRISONERS AND DEFENDANTS

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

SAM REMMINGTON,
HMP,
FORBURY ROAD,
READING.

ED SHEPPARD,
HMP BULLINGTON,
PO BOX 50,
BICESTER,
OXFORD.
OX6 OPR.

Three people were arrested on the 2nd february and charged with "Conspiracy to cause criminal damage by fire". They have been remanded until next month.

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KEITH MANN,
NE0316,
C/O ALIU,
PO 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-defendent in that trial is now serving a six year sentence. Keith's sentencing has been delayed as he is currently involved in other trials around the country.

As Keith gets moved regulary, (at the time of writing he has been in six prisons and over ten police stations), letters of support can go amiss. Therefore letters should be sent care of the Animal Liberationation Investigation Unit (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.
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Dave and alistair were both convicted in May of last year for criminal damage and arson to battery sheds and bloodsports targets. Dave recieved 3½ years and Alistair 2 years.

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MARK POWER,
HP0606,
HMP FOSTON HALL,
FOSTON,
DERBYSHIRE.
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Mark is currently serving a four year sentence for various charges of criminal damage, arson and going equipped to cause arson.

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CHRIS TUCKER,
RR1914,
HMP BRIXTON,
JEBB AVENUE,
LONDON.
SW2 5XF.

On Friday 18th November at Southwark 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 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.

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DARREN THURSTON,
EDMONTON REMAND CENTRE,
9660-104 AVE,
EDMONTON,
ALBERTA.
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CANADA.

Darren has been on remand since June of 92, charged with "Break and enter, mischeif 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 was done. Whilst in custody Darrens flat was raided for a second time and as a result of this raid Darren now faces a further charge of "possession of a device to steal telecomunications." Darrens preliminary trial is set for 11 - 14 January 1993 with the main trial likely to be a couple of months after that.

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

On November 3rd, 1992 Jonathan Paul was jailed by a federal judge for refusing to testify at a secretive grand jury in Spokane, Wash. The grand jury is "investigating" the successful activities of the ALF and is one of several which has been subpoenaing witnesses in Washington, Oregan and Michigan states. Jonathan Paul, an enviromental/animal liberation activist, invoked his fifth ammaendment rights when he was asked questions about other activists at the hearing. A federal judge granted him imunity from self-incrimination - a tactic to encourage witnesses to talk. When Jonathan 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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All the Doddleston prisoners have now been released. SARP would like to wish them all the best for the future.

MANCHESTER CONSPIRACY.

10 people have recieved a date for trial, Sept 20, the case stems from the surveillence and bugging of a flat in Manchester durring 91, arrests took place of the defendants over a 6 month period up until the 10th of December. Most are charged seperately but 9 are all charged with "conspiring to persue 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 3 months.

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NORTHAMPTON

Annette Tibbles, Richard Duriez and Angie Hamp are charged with "Conspiracy to cause criminal damage between May and August 1991".After their arrest in August 91 they spent several weeks in custody before being released on bail. They are now expected to stand trial in April of this year.

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NOTTINGHAM BOOTS DEMO.

Two men were arrested and charged durring the national anti-boots demonastration in Nottingham on November the 7th. Durring the demo. at Boots HQ in Pennyfoot street, Nottingham, 2 men were arrested after allegedly climbing onto a balcony, breaking a door and entering the building. They have been charged with "Entering with intent to cause criminal damage" and were hed in police custody for 2 days. They are currently awaiting a trial date.

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ROYAL LONDON HOSPITAL

Following a raid on the Royal London Hospital in which 1,000 mice and 4 beagles were liberated and many years of vivisectors work was destroyed, Adam Spare has been committed for trial and is currently awaiting a trial date. He is charged with Conspiracy to Burgle, Criminal Damage and theft of security cards. The raid allegedly took place while Adam was working undercover for an anti-vivisection society. Nine months after the raid the CPS decided to charge Nancy Phipps in connection with it. She was originally charged with Conspiracy to Burgle and with Forgery. At her committal on September 30th the charge of Conspiracy to Burgle was thrown out and Nancy was committed on the charge of Forgery only. Like Adam she is now awaiting a trial date.

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SWALESMOOR FUR FARM.

Five people are facing charges of section 2 and 3 of the Public Order Act after an inspection at Swalesmo or fur farm. Their trial has been listed for mid February of this year.

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ESSEX.

Following violent attacks on sabs by stewards in Essex around 200 hunt sabs attended a hunt there on January the 23rd. The stewards from Estate Management Services proceeded to launch an unprovoked attack on the sabs durring which injuries were sustained on both sides, it ended when the stewards were forced to withdraw, beaten.On seeing this the impartial police present then proceeded to attack the sabs and in the melee that followed 26 sabs were arrested and charged with "conspiracy to cause section 2". Durring this textbook exercise in impartial policing a sab vehicle had its windows smashed by a police officer with his truncheon.

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FITZWILLIAM HUNT.

3 people were arrested following alleged incidents on a cubhunt of the Fitzwilliam hunt in September of last year. The 3 sabs have been charged with GBH and are expecting to go to trial in February this year.

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LONDON ZOO.

8 people are now charged with section 4,5 and vagrancy! After an inspection on the offices of London Zoo on September the 30th of last year.They have a 3 day hearing due to start on the 24th of February.

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COTSWOLD VALE FARMERS HUNT BALL.

Several people were arrsted after alleged incidents at this hunt ball on the 26th of November at Cheltenh am Town Hall. All have been bailed.

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AMERICA.

3 men are currently on bail following an alleged paint spraying incident at a fur store in Memphis, Tennessee, in August of last year. No trial date has yet been set but it is expected to be within the next couple of months.
Also in America, Lise Olsen was arrested on the 18th November '92 and charged with arson relating to an anti-fur protest. She has been bailed. Refer to this issue of SARP for further details.

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NOTIFYING SARP OF ARRESTS

It is of vital importance that as much information as possible on any Animal Liberation related arrests is sent to either SARP or the ALF SG as soon as possible after the arrest(S). This ensures that support is forthcoming should the arrest result in remand to prison or so that the arrest can be publicised fully should bail not be granted. Should arrests occur where no pulicity/support is wanted then SARP will comply with that request, but the information should still be passed on to us for future reference should the situation change. This applies to all Animal Liberation related arrests including for hunt sabbing.

Don't leave it to someone else, if you know, then let us know.

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Extremists hit at local shops

ANIMAL rights extremists have launched a pre-Christmas campaign of violence targeting chemists and butchers.

Three cells of up to 10 people in North West London have been smashing up store windows and splashing them with slogans written in acid, in a bid to force them to close.

Five butchers shops were hit in Preston Road, Wembley, on November 20 in the latest of a string of attacks which have already caused tens of thousands of pounds of damage.

CB Meats, Mashallah Halal Meat, Gordon Lane, a Kosher meat shop, and another butcher had their windows smashed and locks superglued.

Their owners have already replaced the glass and are furious at the prospect of having to spend hundreds more on shutters to deter further violence.

Boots Plc and pet stores have also been vandalised and "Meat is Murder" and "ALF" – animal liberation front – daubed in acid on their windows.

Shops have been targeted by the extremists based in North West London because security is now so tight at the labs run by the Medical Research Council, at Harrow's Northwick Park Hospital and in Mill Hill, plus the Public Health Laboratories in Colindale.

An ALF member said: "It would be foolhardy to try to hit any of them."

He added: "We have more going on here than ever before. There has been an ongoing campaign in the area for some weeks. Christmas is a tough time for animals and we hope this will, in however small a way, help them.

"We don't suppose it will stop shops from the kind of trade which affects animals, but we might stop insurance companies wanting to cover them."

One butcher, who did not want to be named, said: "This is the first time we have been hit and I have been here for years. It is very upsetting."

Wembley Police said they had only been told about one of the attacks. The criminal activities of the ALF are probed by Scotland Yard's Special Branch and logged nationally on an index kept by its detectives. A police spokesman said the attacks would be investigated.

Charity shop hit in Animal Lib attack

ANIMAL rights activists are targeting cancer charity shops, chemists and butchers in a Christmas campaign.

Protesters have smashed store windows across North-west London, splashing them with slogans written in acid.

The Animal Liberation Front claims Boots, Imperial Cancer Research shops, Dewhurst, and pet stores have been hit in a wave of attacks.

Prices Meats in Edgware is the latest victim. Activists glued door locks, daubed the shop window with the words 'Animal abuse', poured a corrosive substance over a van, broke windscreen wipers, and let down its tyres. The High Street butchers now faces a repair bill of £4,000.

The Imperial Cancer Research shop in Station Road, Edgware, also had its window smashed recently. "We do not sell furs. We only breed mice and rats for experiments and they are just vermin," said a spokeswoman for the charity.

"These protesters who cause all this damage are hypocrites. I am sure they wear leather belts, leather jackets and leather shoes."

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"Christmas is a tough time for animals. We hope this will, in however small a way, help them. We don't suppose it will stop shops from the kind of trade which affects animals. But we might stop insurance companies wanting to cover them."

A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers said there had been no noticeable increase in insurance claims from businesses targeted by the ALF.

"Naturally, if one particular shop put in a number of claims for damage caused by animal rights activists the policy price would definitely increase," he explained.

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The Animal Liberation Front claims Boots, Imperial Cancer Research shops, Dewhurst, and pet stores have been hit in a wave of attacks.

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The Imperial Cancer Research shop in Station Road, Edgware, also had its window smashed recently. "We do not sell furs. We only breed mice and rats for experiments and they are just vermin," said a spokeswoman for the charity.

"These protesters who cause all this damage are hypocrites. I am sure they wear leather belts, leather jackets and leather shoes."

An ALF member said: "There has been a campaign in the area for some weeks.

"Christmas is a tough time for animals. We hope this will, in however small a way, help them. We don't suppose it will stop shops from the kind of trade which affects animals. But we might stop insurance companies wanting to cover them."

A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers said there had been no noticeable increase in insurance claims from businesses targeted by the ALF.

"Naturally, if one particular shop put in a number of claims for damage caused by animal rights activists the policy price would definitely increase," he explained.

HUDDERSFIELD FOUR

On August 11 4 people were arrested at a halal chicken slaughterhouse in Holmirth near Huddersfield. Durring these arrests one of them was bitten several times by a police dog,one was punched in the face,another was beaten with a truncheon and the fourth one was arrested at gunpoint.After a week on remand they were all released on bail with strict conditions after numerous appearances at magistrates court they were commited to crown court on 3 conspiracy charges; "to commit criminal damage by fire, to burgle and to commit criminal damage".The trial started on the 9th of November 92 and lasted for 4½ weeks.The prosecution decided to just persue the arson charge in front of the jury, leaving the other 2 charges "on file".

The prosecution alleged that the 4 defendants and unknown persons had conspired together to burn down property at the slaughterhouse by use of incendiary devices.No such devices were found at the scene or at any of the defendants homes.The prosecution were relying upon taped evidence from bugs planted in 2 of the defendants home.

The defence was based upon section 3 of the criminal law act, which it states that :A person may use such reasonable as is necessary to prevent a crime taking place.In this case this basically meant that it was reasonable to burn down the slaughterhouse to prevent the owners breaking the law.

Durring the trial the full extent of the owners barbaric and criminal record came to light.The owner had a total of 42 different convictions collected over a period of years.These included causing unnecessary suffering to birds awaiting slaughter, failing to provide adequate ventilation for the birds, running an illegal slaughterhouse for 9 years, and breaking many food & health regulations.The jury was provided the full gory details of halal slaughter and the disgusting conditions of the farm complete with colour photographs.

The jury were out deliberating for 2 days but could still not come to a majority verdict, so the judge dismissed them.It would be normal at this stage for the prosecution to go for a retrial, however they offered the defendants a deal instead-if they pleaded guilty to the conspiracy to commit criminal damage, then there would be no retrial on the arson charge.The 4 defendants accepted this deal and were released on unconditional bail whilst pre-sentence reports were written.Not guilty verdicts were recorded on the 2 other charges.

On the 23rd of December 92 all 4 were sentenced to do 120 hours community service.

The Huddersfield 4 would like to thank all those who supported them durring their time in custody and on bail.

Animal rights four ordered to aid community

FOUR animal rights activists who drugged two guard dogs with doped sausages as part of a plot for an illegal visit to a chicken slaughterhouse have all been ordered to do community service work.

Sir Jonah Walker-Smith, representing one of the quartet, told Leeds Crown Court yesterday that they had been acting out of the "worthiest of motives."

He said Denise Booth and the other three were motivated by concern for the welfare of animals, in this case to see if the abuse of chickens was continuing at Rafiq's slaughterhouse in Dover Lane, Holmfirth.

They were aware that there had already been three prosecutions of him by Kirklees Council and had wanted to check for themselves whether conditions were still "as vile" as they had been on the last occasion which led to a prosecution..

He said that, apart from the temporary tranquillising of the two guard dogs, the four had planned only to gain access to check conditions for themselves, so that they could subsequently make them public.

Booth, 25, Gavin Robinson, 25, both of Lowergate, Paddock, Huddersfield; Darryl Cavanagh, 22, of May Street, Huddersfield; and Richard Anderson, 22, of Gotts Park Avenue, Armley, Leeds, were all ordered to do 120 hours community service after admitting conspiracy to commit damage at the premises.

Roger Scott, prosecuting, said tools found after the four were arrested at the slaughterhouse could have been used for spiking tyres and cutting wire.

Peter Hall, for Cavanagh, told the court the damage contemplated had only been that necessary to effect an inspection of the premises with the idea of publicising conditions. He said that, although the council had prosecuted the premises in the past, the law had continued to be broken there.

Judge David Savill QC, sentencing the four, said: "I accept that you were strongly motivated and that your views about the treatment of animals is sincerely held but, although it may be praiseworthy to have ideals, other people have rights too, and those rights will be upheld by the law."

FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION ?

In view of the fact that as a race we are becoming healthier and more health conscious with time, paying particular attention to diet, exercise, etc, and taking into consideration the fact that meat is becoming more and more dangerous to health (B.S.E., salmonella, listeria), surely the time is fast approaching when we should seriously consider eating our own species. Of course it will take a fair bit of psychological education and mind altering to blank out the fact that you are sitting down to casseroled granny or a REAL shepherd pie but remember, farming folk have managed to do it with their pet turkeys at xmas time and throughout the rest of the year with their pet lambs, cows, sheep, etc, so its a short step from that to eating your favourite human. Also, there are those that wail and gnash their teeth at the thought of animal suffering then go off and lay down their placards and tuck into the very animals they were protesting about, with the same gnashing teeth. They are halfway there already, so you see it is not such a mind boggling idea after all. I'm sure that with a little practice in redirecting certain thought processes we could quite easily enjoy tucking into each other. Just think - human kebabs, curried human and chips, yum-yum. I'm beginning to feel quite peckish at the thought, and into the bargin there would be less risk of disease since generally speaking the only diseased part of a human not found in animals is the mind. And you can't eat that can you ?

Now before you reject the idea out of hand, pause, and consider the benifits. All that land wasted on graveyards could be used for more homes for those that can afford a mortgage and lets face it - most people can, can't they ? Think of all the ready made supplies of protein we can get from road accidents. We could even change the law so that drunk driving was no longer an offence and reap the benefits. Of course ambulances would have to be refridgerated and strict checks in order to prevent choice cuts being pilfered by ambulance staff, doctors and nurses. Then there are wars. Just think of it. Most of the dead in the Iran-Iraq war would have been a real bonanza for third world countries. I say most since the ones Saddam finished off with chemicals would not be fit for human consumption. Of course in the last war Hiroshima and Nagaski would have been a dead loss (excuse the pun) due to all the radiation. Getting the picture ? Just think, instead of being glued to our T.V. screens in the hope ofseeing a loved one (or even someone you don't like in the hope that he/she steps on a mine) we could be rivetted to our armchairs as we watch young, succulent allied troops parade about deliciously dressed up in combat gear. A bit like your old cattle market of today. They could have numbers painted on them or their ears tagged so that you could order in advance of any action where they might be done in. Of course some of them would have to be used for the troops that survive but considering that there are always more that are maimed than killed then there will be no shortage of bits and peices so the survivers will have plenty and could even get the option of eating their own legs or arms. The potential is astounding.

Of course there are also natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, airplane crashes (looters of choice cuts to be severely punished), natural deaths and of course cot deaths. Any child under, say, 16 weeks would be a deicacy and pretty pricey. Suicide stations could be set up much like our present slaughterhouses, though there might be a problem convincing prospective punters that the Halal and Shishita methods are quite painless.

All meat, of course, would have to be precisely labelled to define race, sex, religion, age, etc. Old folk, cripples, insane and certain colours of skin that don't fit into relevant societies could of course be used as dog food. I myself quite like chinese food but certainly don't fancy eating a chinese person. Each to their own, I say.

At times like xmas when there are shortages (unlikely, I know, due to modern precission bombing), families could draw lots to see who goes turkey. Much more exciting than pinning the tail on the donkey or watching a James Bond movie. It could revolutionise after dinner conversation. Old movies could be remade with titles such as "Guess who's cooking for dinner", "Rocky - gas mark 8" and "Honey, I just ate the kids". The name family butchers would take on a new meaning. Think of the joy there could be in a family at the death of a loved one. Instead of all that mourning and crying there could be real joy at the thought of all those free meals.

Toilets could become holy shrines where the expression "seeing ones friends off to coast" would take on a new meaning. Catholics could of course use holy water in their cisterns and toilet paper could be specially blessed in job lots by the pope. At present practices of eating unusual meat such as tiger steaks and the like there would be similar paralels in the human meat trade in the event of timely deaths coming to pop stars. Just think of the queues to get peices of Madonna, Jason Donovan and Cliff Richard and Tina Turner for the older generation. Also comedians such as Les Dawson and Vic Reeves (who ?), the mind boggles. The left over bones could be turned into glue so that our younger generation who could not afford to see the stars in life could at least get a sniff of them in death. Of course actors such as Roger Moore and Al Pacino could be sold as choice ham. In conclusion I would like to be sure that I don't give you the wrong idea. Animals will still have their own uses in society, after all, being dead and eaten by other people is one thing but it is an entirely different matter to be used in experiments, where you could be burned, shot, roasted, poisoned, electrodes planted in ones brains, mutilated and so on, while alive and kicking. No way Hose' there will always be a place for animals. I sincerely hope that noone has found this article offensive since I imagine that some super sesitive people could be a bit upset at the concept of eating human beings instead of other animals. If I have indeed offended anyone then I would like to say - GOOD.

Man won't talk to ALF grand jury

Jonathan Paul arrested, threatens hunger strike

SPOKANE — A Portland, Ore. man was jailed for refusing to testify before a federal grand jury investigating the Animal Liberation Front raid at Washington State University.

Jonathan Paul, 26, said he not will not eat again until he is released or dies. "If you send me a care package, send water," Paul told his older sisters who accompanied him to the hearing Tuesday.

Paul is officially charged with contempt of court for his refusal to answer questions. He can be imprisoned for the duration of the 18-month term of the grand jury, meaning he could spend a year behind bars. Paul told the court he felt it was a free country and on those grounds he had the right not to testify.

Minor bedlam broke out in the courtroom shortly before Paul was taken to jail about 5:30 p.m. When Judge Freeming Nielsen ordered U.S. Marshals to take Paul to jail, his sister, Caroline, jumped up and shouted, "no, that's not right... this is a free country... you can't do that."

Guards immediately grabbed Caroline and, after a brief struggle, handcuffed her. Paul told his sister not to get angry. They were allowed to briefly kiss goodbye and both were led away.

Caroline was released a short time later.

Paul, who is studying to become an environmental private investigator, is one of more than two dozen people subpoenaed to grand juries in Spokane, Oregon and Michigan. These proceedings — secret by law — are probing five ALF raids in three states.

Federal investigators appear to be concentrating on an animal rights activist named Rod Coronado, who sent a press release to the Associated Press in Spokane following the WSU raid but says he had nothing to do with the raid. Coronado and Paul were roommates nearly three years ago.

Paul answered questions about his personal life, but when federal prosecutor Frank Wilson started showing him photos and asking him questions about other people, he invoked his Fifth Amendment rights, Paul said in an interview between hearings.

A federal judge was immediately called in to give Paul forced immunity, which is designed to get witnesses to stop invoking their Fifth Amendment rights. Paul continued to refuse to testify and a smiling federal prosecutor told him to reappear before the federal judge in an hour.

"I know nothing about the actions and they know I wasn't involved," Paul said, chain-smoking hand-rolled cigarettes outside of the federal building during his last hour of freedom. Still, "I will not feed information to this government that wants to destroy political movements.

"I don't want to go to jail, I don't want to go on a hunger strike, but I believe in the sanctity of life and I will do what I can to protect it," Paul said.

Federal officials, who are not allowed to talk about specific grand jury hearings, say they only wanted a little information from Paul. But Paul and his family say his imprisonment is America's wake-up call about the abusive power of the grand jury system.

"I am angry that on election day, of all days, someone could get taken away for invoking his rights," Caroline Paul said. "The idea that they narrow the choices so much in this system that in order to protect yourself you have to throw someone else to the dogs I didn't think was an American idea."

Paul is the first person to be imprisoned in connection with the current grand jury investigations into ALF raids. No one has been arrested for actually pulling off the raids, which started in June 1991 with a fire at Oregon State University.

He is at least the third person to go to jail for refusing to testify before ALF-related grand juries. Debra Ann Young was sent to jail by a grand jury investigating a 1987 fire at University of California at Davis that the ALF claimed it set. Henry Hutto spent 45 days behind bars on contempt of court charges for not talking to a grand jury investigating a 1986 University of Oregon raid where 150 live animals were taken.

Paul will remain in jail until a judge decides to release him.

An ALF timeline

This is a chronology of the most recent incidents the Animal Liberation Front has taken credit for or is suspected in perpetrating:

- **June 10, 1991:** Arsonists torch a barn and offices used with the mink research program at Oregon State University in Corvallis. Damage estimated at $125,00.
- **June 15, 1991:** Arsonists torch a warehouse at the Northwest Food Farm Cooperative in Edmonds, Wash., an operation supplying feed to mink farmers. Damage estimated at $800,000.
- **Aug. 13, 1991:** Raiders vandalize two WSU research offices and liberate seven coyotes, six mink and 10 mice from USDA research facilities. Damage is estimated at $50,000 to $100,000.
- **Dec. 21, 1991:** Arsonists torch buildings at the inactive Malecky Mink Ranch near Yamhill, Ore. Damage is estimated at $125,000.
- **Feb. 28, 1992:** Arsonists torch two research offices and vandalize a mink farm at Michigan State University. Two mink are liberated.
- **Oct. 24, 1992:** Arsonists torch two USDA research offices connected to a Utah State University predator research center. About a dozen coyotes were liberated. Damage is estimated at $100,000.

FBI Targets ALF Activists

The ALF Campaign against the Fur Farm Industry

by Rod Coronado, Coalition Against Fur Farms (and EF!Journal wire reports)

Over the last year, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) has raided five major fur farm facilities in the United States. These actions have cost the industry over two million dollars, destroyed research and development data least.

The ALF is no stranger to the fur trade. In Britain, ALF have liberated thousands of mink, fox, and rabbits from fur farms and, with a vigorous campaign in '88, forced every major department store to stop carrying furs.

Here in the U.S., the ALF has focused its campaign mainly at a retail level. Last year the ALF began "Operation Bite Back" in western states. Activists across the country have vandalized fur shops, burned down a pelt processing facility and a feed distributing business, rescued animals and destroyed important research experiments conducted for the fur farm industry. The Northwest is an appropriate target area, as Oregon and Washington rank fifth and sixth in fur production in the U.S., with 95 farms slaughtering 750,000 mink annually.

Operation Bite Back's greatest impact has been on the research and development end of the fur industry. Today, at a time of depressed pelt values, any scientific advancement that lowers overhead is vital, as the industry is suffering overproduction and facing growing social unacceptance. On average, a mink farmer spends between $16 and $29 per animal before pelting. The average price paid per pelt at auction is just $25.50. The industry is walking a fine line between profit and bankruptcy, and ALF may be just the element to push it over the edge.

ALF BITES BACK.....

#1: Corvallis, Oregon, June 10, 1991

Oregon State University's Experimental Fur Farm is raided by the ALF. Damage was estimated at $150,000. However, the greatest blow to the researcher was the loss of records, logbooks and data. Immunization records detailing the genetic history of the mink were removed, leaving researchers with little evidence to continue experimentation. At the completion of these experiments the mink are gassed. Their pelts are then sold through the Seattle Fur Exchange with proceeds going back into further experimentation.

In a press release issued after the raid, the ALF stated, "This action is in direct response to the exploitation and environmental terrorism committed daily by the fur industry. As long as the electrocution, gassing and enslavement of animals continues, similar actions by the ALF will continue, until the last fur farm is burnt to the ground. Expect to hear from us...."

#2: Edmonds, Washington, June 15, 1991

Using information obtained form the OSU break-in, the ALF strikes the Northwest Fur-Breeders Cooperative, igniting a three-alarm fire that destroys one quarter of the facility and causes $800,000 in damages. The facility acts as a distribution center for newly developed mink diets that have proven cost effective. By striking the Cooperative, the ALF interfered with the most crucial element of mink and fox farming — diet.

3: Pullman, Wahington, August 12, 1991

THE ALF claims responsibility for a multi-building break-in at Washington State University. Twenty-three mink, coyotes and mice are rescued from the USDA's Fur Animal Research Facility, where experiments are being conducted on native wildlife. WSU serves the industry as a fur animal disease research unit. Documents, including photographs and experimental records, are seized, computers smashed and sulfuric acid is sprayed over the entire data base, causing serious damage.

An ALF communique issued to the press after the raid states, "We believe that coyotes, mink, beaver, otter, marten and fisher have the right to live unmolested in their native habitat without the fear of exploitation by the fur and livestock industries. Until coyotes and other animals live free from the tortuous hand of humankind, no industry or individual is safe from fur animal liberation. The ALF has just begun to fight."

#4: Yamhill, Oregon, December 21, 1991

A blaze rips through a mink processing plant at Malecky Mink Ranch. The farm, when in full operation, killed from 4-5,000 mink annually before processing their skins to sell to a New York company. The building that owner Hyneck Malecky describes as the heart of his operation, containing a pelt drying room, feed mixing equipment, skinning racks, drying drums, fleshing machines, freezers and a workshop, is destroyed. There were no injuries. An anonymous caller to KGW-TV, Portland, says the ALF accepts responsibility for the destruction

#5: East Lansing, Michigan, February 27, 1992

In the first action of its kind in Michigan, the ALF raids Michigan State University's Experimental Fur Farm and breaks into the office of head researcher Richard Aulerich. Two mink are rescued and later released. An incendiary device ignites the offices of the Fur Animal Research Unit. Over thirty two years of research data compiled for the fur farm industry, some yet to be published, is lost in the blaze, causing $125,000 in damage.

The ALF distributed a press release condemning fur animal research. "If ALF is considered terrorists due to our prioritizing of life over profit and property, then we accept that label with pride. But ALF sees terrorism as the forced ingestion of toxic substances into innocent victims, gas chambers operated for vanity and the continued environmental destruction by chemical companies ready to poison the earth and its inhabitants for money.... We have just begun to fight!"

By targeting the main recipients of mink industry funding, the ALF not only destroyed valuable data, but also created a media wave that resulted in public exposure of the fur farm issue. It is now up to the rest of us to follow the call of the wild and fight back against animal exploitation.

Following the ALF actions at OSU and the Northwest Fur Breeders, industry and law enforcement agencies began to search for the ALF members responsible. A $35,000 reward was posted by the Fur Breeders for ALF, and the state Senate in Oregon passed a bill making it a crime to rescue animals and damage vivisection labs. The state of Washington quickly followed suit and state lawmakers passed a bill outlawing the rescue of animals on fur farms and in laboratories. In a letter to the U.S. Attorney General, the National Board of Fur Farm Organizations (NBFFO) asked for priority attention from the FBI, saying, "only the FBI has the authority, expertise and technical support to put an end to the ALF's violence."

The ALF has long been a subject of interest to the FBI. Over 100 raids on animal research labs in the U.S. have been documented over the last 10 years, but not one injury has occurred, and not one activist has been convicted. In further attempts to drive a wedge between the ALF and above-ground groups, the Fur Farm Animal Welfare Coalition, a fur industry front group, held a press conference in Seattle calling on "legitimate" animal groups to condemn the ALF's actions against its industry and also called for a boycott of those groups which did not do so. The Progressive Animal Welfare Society's (PAWS) Mitchell Fox responded, "We will not change our mission statement according to desperate industry flacks whose careers depend on propping up cruel and unnecessary suffering." The Coalition Against Fur Farms issued a statement in support of ALF saying that we would rather be criminals who free native animals than law-abiding citizens who break their necks. FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), began investigations. In October '91, the FBI visited my parents' home saying they were suspicious of my involvment with ALF and CAFF. They made the unfounded accusation that I was working with explosives and was therefore a threat to society. However, this is not the first time I have been a target of FBI harassment. Since '86, I have spoken in favor of non-violent direct action and have accepted responsibility for sinking whaling ships, destroying whale processing and research equipment, smashing fur shops, sabotaging trophy hunts and, most recently, the purchase, rehabilitation and illegal release of mink, bobcats and lynx from a fur farm.

In November, I was featured in a news story about the ALF on KGW-TV in Portland. Following the broadcast, WSU police concluded that, based on my statements, I must be responsible for the ALF raid on WSU. Backing these accusations with the speculation that I resembled a composite sketch, the Spokane FBI decided they now had a candidate for prosecution.

Following the MSU raid, an FBI document reveals that "Special Agent Houston stated that the Animal Liberation Front, in particular Rodney Adam Coronado, was responsible for the destruction of animal research facilities at Washington State University."

Then, in the first week of May this year, a helicopter landed in the Siskiyou mountains of Oregon loaded with federal agents with automatic weapons. Stating they had a warrant for my arrest, they searched my recently vacated cabin and other areas in the region and harassed activists in nearby Ashland, former headquarters of CAFF. However, the BATF and FBI refuse to acknowledge whether there is indeed a warrant for me, and deny any attempts to apprehend me.

As the investigation continues, many activists have been hauled before the grand jury, interrogated, harassed, and put under surveillance. Seven employees from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) have been subpoenaed to appear before the Michigan grand jury. Two PETA employees have also had to give handwriting samples. Along with the Michigan grand jury, other grand juries meeting over the ALF actions include ones in Washington, Oregon, and Maryland. It is unknown how many activists have been subpoenaed to these grand juries. If the Michigan grand jury is any indication, we can assume anywhere from 30 to 60.

-PRESS RELEASE-
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 1, 1992

Animal Liberation Front (ALF) spokesperson, Rod Coronado, who has been hiding due to threats against his life from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the fur industry, is willing to surrender to federal authorities under the following conditions;

1) That all grizzly bears held hostage as experimental subjects by Washington State University (WSU) be released to a wildlife rehabilitation centre approved by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA 301-770-8969) and Earth First (406-728-8114), with the intent of returning the bears to their native homeland from which they were removed.

2) That WSU issue a public statement promising never to capture or acquire more endangered species as research subjects or for any other purposes.

3) That all tax-payer supported research being conducted on mink, coyotes and otters by Washington State University, Oregon State University, Michigan State university and Utah State University be suspended.

Although the Coalition Against Fur Farms (CAFF) and the ALF do not approve of the incarceration of any native wildlife, Rod Coronado believes that the hostage exchange of one species for another is a reasonable alternative. If these three conditions are agreed to, and met and negotiated through PETA and Earth First, I, Ron Coronado, will turn myself in to federal authorities in Montana at the tribal headquarters of the Blackfoot Nation. As part of the agreement I, Rod Coronado, swear to cooperate fully with Grand Jury Inquisitions into ALF activity that I am suspected in, relating to the defense of native wildlife and the environment. I swear to testify, and answer all questions relating to my role as a spokesperson on behalf of the ALF, and as the coordinator of the Coalition Against Fur Farms. I, Rod Coronado, believe that my non-violent actions in defence of the earth, are innocent acts to protect the ecological integrity of this country's natural heritage. This statement of conditions of surrender is in no way an admission of guilt to charges laid by the United States government, or any other lawenforcement agency. It is my belief that with a fair trial, the citizens of this country will recognise that the real acts of terrorism commited on university campuses in the last eighteen months, are those carried out by Oregon State researcher - Ron Scott, Washington State researcher - John Gorham, Michigan State researcher - Richard Auerich, and Utah State researcher - Frederick Knowlton.

Recent attemps by the FBI to portray me as a fugitive evading arrest are standard practises by the US government to convince the public that I am guilty and that I am a violant criminal - the first steps in justifying the assasinations of Native American activists who choose to maintain their cultural and religious beliefs.

Through the example of US history, it is my understanding that if i was to continue my defense of Native American wildlife and lands, that I would be murdered by the FBI or people within the fur industry. The FBI, while questioning David Howitt in June 1992, acknowledged a threat against my life. In May 1992 when the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) raided my mountain home in southern Oregon, the presence of automatic weaponry in my attempted arrest is a testament of the US governments willingness to use deadly force to squash my representation of Native American wildlife, and those who defend them.

In over ten years of non-violent resitance to the destruction of native wildlife and lands, I have never caused an injury or loss to any living being. Through my obligation as a citizen of the earth, I have only ever targeted the implements of life's destrution, i.e. whaling ships in Iceland. I have never, nor will I ever carry or use firearms or explosives in my defence of my earth mother. My religious beliefs recognise the sanctity of all life and would never allow me to justify a violant act that would result in the loss of life. It is only because of the FBI's record of violence against Native Americans such as Anna Mae, Leonard Peltier, Tina Trudell, Pedro Bisonette and other American Indian Movement (415-552-1992) activists that I avoid contact with the US government by living life in hiding.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse,

Rod Coronado.
Coordinator, Coalition Against Fur Farms.
Spokesperson, Animal Liberation Front.

WHAT'S COOKING....

On Sunday the 15th November an incendiary attack was carried out on the delivery fleet of lorries at T. Sloane & son at Middleton-on-the-Wolds near Driffield on Humberside. On the same night an attack was also carried out on the offices of J.S.R. pig breeders a short distance away. Around £100,000 worth of damage was caused to the pig farm offices and all seven vehicles attacked at Sloanes were written off - some beyond recognition - causing around £250,000 damage.

The local media - radio, T.V. and newspapers - covered the attacks extensiveley noting that one of the lorries contained three and a half tonnes of chickens, chickens which by virtue of the fact they were stored in the refridgerator, were well and truly out of it : DEAD. The owner of the fleet, Clive Sloanes, consoled himself by saying, "only one of the vehicles was loaded with... (three and a half tonnes)... of dead chickens, so we have not lost a lot of stock."

The local dibble did their best to discredit by suggesting the attacks could have "a political connotation". Nowt to do with the unacceptable way hens are turned into chicken, of course. He was with that comment trying to suggest the attack was carried out as a direct result of general Leebeing released two days before. The authorities have for a long time been saying that the release of their A.L.F. leader would inspire people to once again fight for animal liberation. What nonsense. There has been over the equivalent of one attack a month of this nature over the last three years.

More nonsense was splurted the next day in the pages of the "Today" rag: "A.L.F. Tortures Chickens" ran the headlines "A lorry load of chickens were burned alive" by the "Animal rights extremists". They also suggested "A political connection".

It isn't that they don't know the truth they just choose to ignore it. Like the press release sent by the A.L.F. press officer was ignored. It isn't just them being liberal with the truth; its them making up their own story that tells a tale. They know that too many people are asking questions and voicing support for the A.L.F. and about its credences. And that isn't healthy.

There are always going to be people who believe everything the gutter press makes up. People who don't know or who don't want to know the truth. Unfortunatley, its apparent there are even some proper people who know well of the A.L.F. who still tend to believe what's written in the tabloids or what the investigating officer on the T.V. "suspects or believes".

Anyone who has any knowledge of the poultry/meat industry would be aware of the difference between a live animal/bird transporter and a refridgeration unit. Both sorts get regularly set on fire but none has ever had "live stock" on board. One simply doesn't set fire to a vehicle if there is even the remotest chance animals will be at risk; in as much the same way one would know if a human creature were asleep in the front and one would know if the other sort were on the back. One imagines.

KEITH MANN.

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LAUGH ALONG WITH A.L.F. No.2



Darren Thurston
December 24th 1992.

To my friends,

I know this isn't the most personal letter, but I am so behind in letter writing, I figured this was the only way. Thankyou all so much for your letters of support, cards, etc. They help me feel up when I'm down, and let me know I'm not alone when I feel lonely.

Well it's been just over six months now, locked up for my beliefs. I've been denied bail five times now on the grounds that I am "a threat to society". Threat to who ? Who's a threat ? "Justice" system? I've now been charged with a total of thirteen charges stemming from six Animal Liberation Front actions in 91/92. The crown prosecuter has stated they wish a sentence in the range of six years.

So here I sit caged up, much like my animal brothers and sisters. Been trying to keep my sanity, the first couple of months were tough. Never having been imprisoned before it was a shock to my system. it was rough to put it lightly. Everyone is so sexist/racist/homophobic/etc, it's sad. Over six months I've grown used to the system, it doesn't make it that much easier maybe a little smoother though.

I've been keeping as busy as possible in here. Working 8 hours a day doing laundry, writing, reading and doing exercises is all in a normal day. My so called "vegan" meals consist of overcooked veggies, bread and occasionally fresh vegetables, fruit and beans. The highlight of the day is mailcall.

Only two weeks left until my priliminary trial, finally. I'll also be trying to get bail again. Without bail if I go to trial I may be here until next fall.

Seized along with my files when I was arrested was all of the ALF support group files, newsletters, mailing lists, correspondence, etc. making it very difficult for the SG to operate. The SG is working on support for me and my co-accused exclusively. Consisting of close personal support and raising finances to pay legal fees. Contributions are still desperately needed, as we've raised approx. 1500 of the 5000 we need for legal fees. If anyone is able to donate, it should go to the SG; "ALF SG CANADA", PO BOX 75029, RITCHIE P.O., EDMONTON, AB, T6E 6K1. CANADA.

I'd like to thank the people that have and continue to give their support (you know who you are) thanks tremendously, you are true activists. I was never all that interested in prisoner support work, but I have learned all too quickly how important it is. A special greeting to all my comrades that have been forced to live wild or die, keep up the pressure and stay strong.

Dream back the bison, sing back the swan.

Darren.

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SKELETONS OF SOCIETY

Somtimes it feels I'm just a lost voice in the wilderness of their lives.

I'm waiting for you to come.
The endless clock is ticking on.
Now that you have arrived
Why don't you stay awhile.
I promise you I won't keep you long.
The endless clock is ticking on.

Man is the victim.
Man is the culprit.
Man is the judge.
Man is the jury.
A vivisectors dream of fame and glory.

People put you on a pedestal, an act that's so blind.
Searching for the answers that you shall never find.
From the depths of a mind insane.
Fantasy and reality are the same.

You cannot wind the face of death.
Growing rich on endless blood.
No disguise can hide your factory of lies.
The animals chained in the sickle of society.
Waiting for daylight to die.
A pawn in your recurring nightmare, WHY ?

Just another skeleton of our society.

By Lee Culley.

AND NOW SOME GOOD NEWS.....

CRUEL FARMER JAILED.

Colin French, the Buckinghamshire farmer with over 100 convictions for cruelty to animals has finally been jailed. Sentenced to 3 months in prison in the latter half of December last year. He can be found at: HMP WOODHILL, TATTENHOE STREET, MILTON KEYNES, MK4 4DA. His number is BT0910.

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KIM STARKS.

And yet another animal abuser bites the dust! Kim Starks of Thrapston, Northants was jailed for 3 months on February 2nd by Kettering magistrates in a prosecution brought by the RSPCA. The conviction followed a visit to Starks house in the summer of 92 where they found he had gone away on holiday and left 25 dogs to run wild in atrocious conditions without water. Two rabbits, one of which had recently given birth, were discovered in a outhouse again in disgusting condiitions and several horses, which were also found to have no access to any water.An unrepent Stark was stunned to be sentenced to prison and banned from keeping animals for 10 years.

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COTTESMORE FOX HUNT.

On the 26th of March several sabs needed hospital treatment for injuries caused by hunt riders, supporter s and the police. 3 sabs were arrested and charged with section 2 and ABH. The CPS have dropped all charges against the sabs, the sabs are now persuing a case against the police for wrongful arrest and malicious wounding. Meanwhile the CPS are continuing their case against former huntsman captain brian fanshawe and the farmer who injured one of the sabs.

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GROVE AND RUFFORD FOX HUNT.

At the midweek hunt at the Grove and Rufford in Autumn 92 all 9 sabs were arrested for standing on a road. The CPS have dropped all charges against the driver although the other 8 are still charged with section 5.

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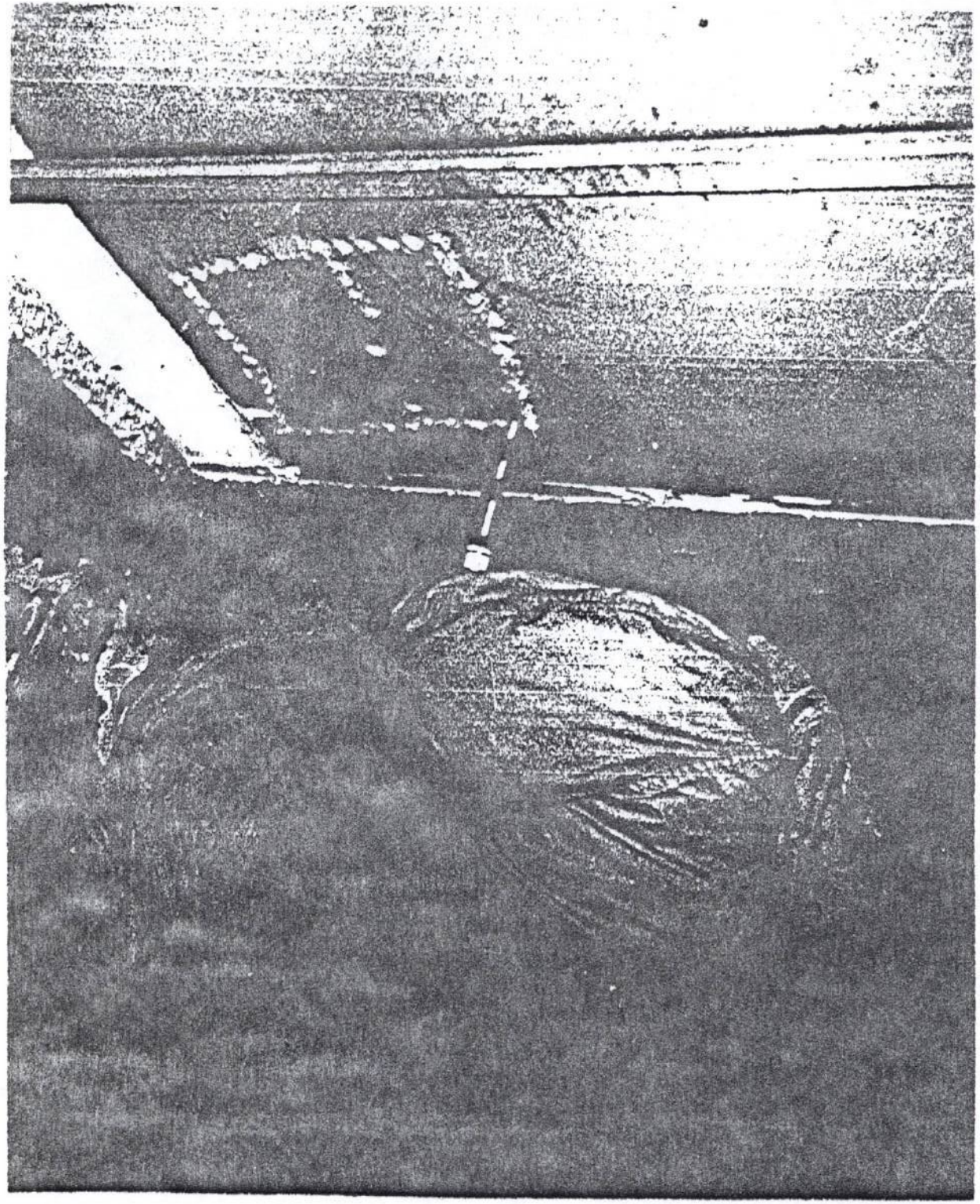
SWALESMOOR FUR FARM.

5 people appealed against convictions of section 5, 2 had their bindovers upheld whilst the other 3 had their convictions dismissed on condition they accepted a bindover they can now take an action against the police.

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PUCKERIDGE FOX HUNT.

On the 17th of October 15 sabs were arrested after an incident in which a hunt thug was allegedly hospitalised. They were given police bail pending further enquiries, after 2 months 3 of the 15 were told the CPS were looking at the evidence against them. The other 12 being cleared. In mid January all three recieved letters from the police to the effect that no action would be taken against them.



WHICKHAM

In the early hours of 19th June, 4 activists of the ALF entered Torbay Farm, to establish whether beagles were being breed there for research. However, over 30 police officers, 3 tracker dogs and 1 explosive sniffer dog were waiting for them at the farm. This completely over the top and expensive police operation followed information given to them by a women claiming to be an animal rights campaigner. After being held for 18 hours, and having their homes ransacked, the four were subsequent charged with conspiracy to cause criminal damage. On November 27th the four defendants, Sally Jenkins, Trevor Liddle, Mark Hogben and Kevin Hardy, were found guilty. The men received 100 hours community service and Sally received 60 hours. The so-called animal rights campaigner, **June Baily** of Westergate, Chicester, is still about so real animal rights people are warned to avoid this grass like the plague. With such people even on the edges of our movement putting laws above animals lives we are in a sad state. Shortly after the trial Whickham was awarded a £100,000 contract from a local health authority for experiments on rabbits. No doubt part of this will be spent on extra security for Torbay farm. Mark Hogben has since been convicted of assault on a local huntsman while on a sab which resulted in a fine and more legal fees. All defendants had to pay a proportion of their legal fees and so are out of pocket by a fair amount. Any donations would be gratefully received and can be sent via the ALF SG BCM box number. Please make out any cheque to Torbay Defence fund.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 27th FEBRUARY	Animal Rights Coalition (ARC), natical local groups day of action against cancer research. Leaflets available at £6 per 1000 plus postage. Contact: ARC, PO BOX 155, MANCHESTER. M60 1FT. Tel: 061 953 4039.
SATURDAY 6th MARCH	The Coalition Against The Fur Trade march and rally. Assemble 12 noon at Reforms Tree, Hyde, Park, London. Contacts: Vivien Clifford, TEL: 081 348 9911 (evenings). And Sylvia O'Brien, TEL: 0843 293291.
THURSDAY 11th MARCH	SEARC Campaign To Stop Sealink Exporting Live Animals. Assemble 11am at the roundabout to the Eastern Dock, Dover. Also from 8pm onwards a torchlight vigil will take place at the same venue. For more details contact SEARC on 0424 730154.
SUNDAY 4th APRIL	Flamingoland Dolphin Campaign national demo. Meet 12 noon at Eastgate car park, Pickering Town Centre, North Yorkshire.

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
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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 hould be accompanied by cheque/P.O. made out to "SARP".

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HUNTSMAN ALAN SUMMERSGILL. FOR KILLING INNOCENT WILDLIFE AND THEN SOMEONE WHO TRIED TO STOP HIM.

MIKE HILL WAS MURDERED WHILST SAVING LIVES BY SOMEBODY WHO COULDNT HAVE BEEN SO OPPOSITE, BY SOMEBODY WHO DIDNT DESERVE THE LIFE THEY WERE GIVEN. MIKE COULD ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS THE MOST AMIABLE PERSON YOU COULD EVER HOPE TO MEET, A YOUNG MAN TO WHOM LIFE SEEMED SO PRECIOUS. A YOUNG MAN WITH THE BELIEF OF COMPASSION INSTEAD OF CRUELTY, SENSITIVITY OPPOSED TO SENSELESSNESS, MURDERED WITH THE FULL BLESSING OF THE LAW. ALAAN SUMMERSGILL AND HIS LIKE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM A SYSTEM THAT PROTECTS THE BARBARIC AND ATTACKS THE COMPASSIONATE. YOU MUST LOOK TO YOURSELVES FOR JUSTICE FOR IT SHALL COME FROM NO OTHER SOURCE!