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HANDBOOK OF LEEDS ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

HELLO

We felt that this publication was neccessary for a number of reasons:

1/ To provide alternative information away from what the authorities tell us. There have been quite a few successful attacks in the Leeds area over the past few months on targets connected with animal abuse.These are catologued in the following pages to let you know what has been happening and why - as many of them go unreported by the media,and if reported,are often distorted

2/ To hopefully provide a catalyst for more actions of this kind on a wider scale.YOU'RE NOT ON YOUR OWN - SO GO OUT AND DO IT.

3/To pass on some of our experiences/the things we've learned (and are still learning) ie precautions,planning,tactics etc.

4/ To stress how easy it is to take direct action against centres of animal abuse.

5/ But overall to say

get out and do it!!

LEEDS ALF xxx



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communicate . . . . . .

Okay, so there have been no arrests for quite a time now,and quite a few things have happened - BUT NOT NEARLY AS MANY AS SHOULD HAPPEN,AND SOONER OR LATER ACTIVISTS ARE GOING TO BE ARRESTED. It is no longer enough to sit back,safe in the knowledge that someone else is doing the work,it's up to you to make sure that the pressure on animal abusers stays on the increase and that there are always activists ready to take the place of the unlucky ones.Unless enough of us are prepared to reject their immoral,profiteering laws and fight for what we KNOW is morally right,we will never change anything. Yes,stepping outside the filthy laws of this society involves risks - but what are they,when compared to the suffering of many people and animals on this planet? NOTHING. If you are not prepared to step outside of your own false security and act -ask yourself why. It had better be a good reason.

If you know or hear of any actions against animal abusers in the Leeds area, please send them in to the address at the bottom of this page. Likewise,please let us know any information you might have about abuse of animals in the area. Send letters anonymously if neccessary,and avoid hand-writing and finger-prints on the paper,envelope etc.

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«My First Window»

Heart pounding like mad, I walk past the butchers shop.

"No one around – now's the time to do it....."

Then, out of the corner of my eye, I see somebody coming down the road.

Round the block again!

This time the coast is clear – "Go on, throw it!"

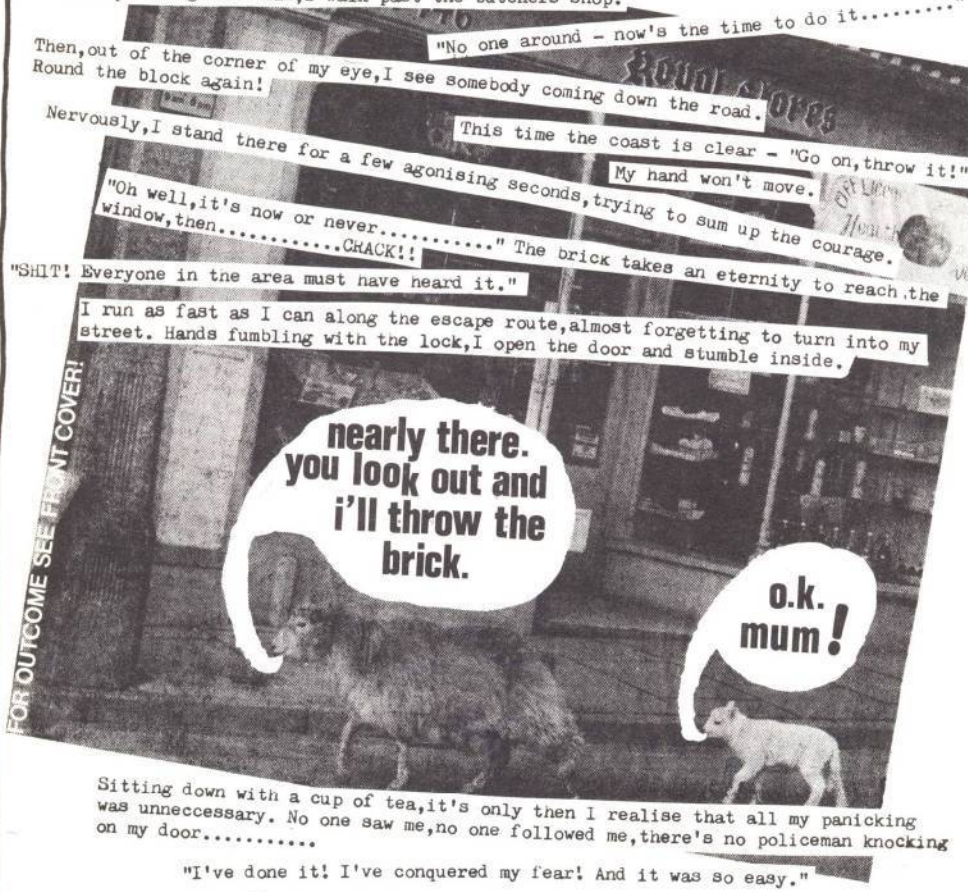
Nervously, I stand there for a few agonising seconds, trying to sum up the courage.

My hand won't move.

"Oh well, it's now or never....." The brick takes an eternity to reach the window, then.....CRACK!!

"SHIT! Everyone in the area must have heard it."

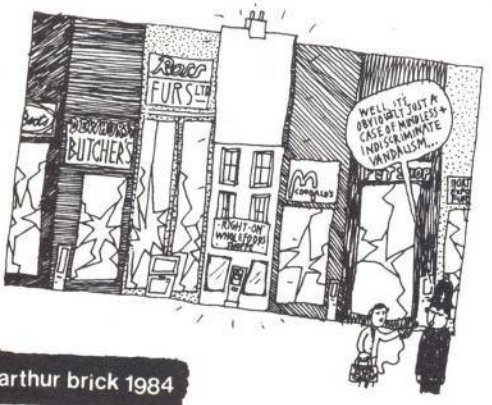
I run as fast as I can along the escape route, almost forgetting to turn into my street. Hands fumbling with the lock, I open the door and stumble inside.

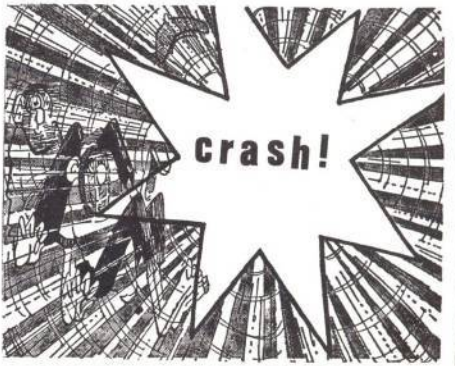


Sitting down with a cup of tea, it's only then I realise that all my panicking was unneccessary. No one saw me, no one followed me, there's no policeman knocking on my door.....

"I've done it! I've conquered my fear! And it was so easy."

Next time, I'll be so much more prepared.....





arthur brick 1984

TAKE BACK THE INITIATIVE.....

Fed up of crawling on your hands and knees,asking for concessions here, concessions there...laying yourself down as cannon fodder at demonstrations... giving the state a chance to photograph and keep a file on you...wasting money on pointless coach-fares to non-starter events...AND STILL GETTING HARDLY ANYWHERE ?

That's not to say that all demonstrations are pointless,of course.Some can be,and are,very effective in making animal abusers aware of the extent of opposition to what they are doing.They also serve as a vehicle through which we can communicate with people, and make them look up and take notice of what we are saying. The sort of demonstrations which are pointless,are the sort where everyone trudges around London,has a good time, listens to a few speakers and then goes back home to the armchair again.

And meanwhile,the murdering and exploiting bastards throughout the world sit back sipping champagne...

"That wasn't too bad was it? Who was it this week?"

"CND I think,or it could have been those animal rights people"

"O well,it was fairly quiet,no trouble,a nice demonstration - just what we like to see.I hear that there were also lots of arrests,so that's a few more people too occupied with the courts to be able to do anything really threatening."

"Yes - people should be able to vent their feelings in a peaceful way,as long as they go through the right channels. Afterall,what would we do for a living if these people got too out of hand? And they don't honestly think that the government is going to listen to them do they?!"

All that energy,time and money wasted - and STILL animals are suffering and dying,no nearer to freedom.

Imagine two laboratory dogs talking,

"Did you see those thousands of people in London today speaking out for us? Good wasn't it!"

"Yes!But just imagine what could have been if they'd all split up into small groups,and come for us and smashed up property instead!"

So - where do we go from here?

The answer lies in taking back the initiative. You do the calling,don't sit back and wait for the police to come for you,or for the next demonstration to be called.Take up the offensive and force the oppressors on to the defensive.If you think that these people will give up what they have got by us asking nicely,I pity your naivety.For god's sake - WISE UP!

Where money is involved,people won't give up until they are FORCED to give up, until they can see that their dirty business is NOT going to profit them,and that people are going to pick up their shit and throw it back...Harder.

This is war - and I make no apologies for the terminology.It is a war with a difference,a war built out of compassion and respect for our fellow living-beings.They cannot wait hundreds of years for the next reform.They are dying in their thousands NOW. Our inaction is their condemnation. Furthermore,we are not going to get animal liberation through parliament - PARLIAMENT IS PART OF THE WHOLE PROBLEM.

The whole political system is interwoven with,and propped up by big business.Political parties are funded by big companies and multinationals,and in return,you can bet that politicians look after the interests of these companies.Infact,many M.P.s and politicians have shares in these companies or the prospect of a good job after leaving the political arena...

Every time we acknowledge such people by asking them to do something for us in the mode of reform (through letters,petitions, Mobilisation For Laboratory Animals etc),we increase their power over us by giving them the belief that they have some power over us and can act on our behalf.And,every action which reinforces a politicians power, reinforces the laws of this land and lets them stay there just a little bit longer - THE SAME LAWS WHICH CONDEMN PEOPLE AND ANIMALS IN THEIR THOUSANDS.

We cannot rid ourselves of the effect by ignoring the cause.

Reforms have the effect of pacifying people, deflecting them from the real issues at stake,and giving the impression that politicians really do care.But of course they care...care for what?..

This.....

Police end fox protest

Mounted police twice charged into animal rights protesters trying to get near pens where arctic blue foxes are bred for the fur trade at Cocksparrow Farm, near Coleshill, Warwickshire, yesterday.

The 18-mounted police rounded up protesters and herded them back across fields.

Then when protesters threatened to break through crash barriers near the fox pens mounted police charged into the crowd.

Demonstration organisers had called for a non-violent protest. There were 25 arrests.

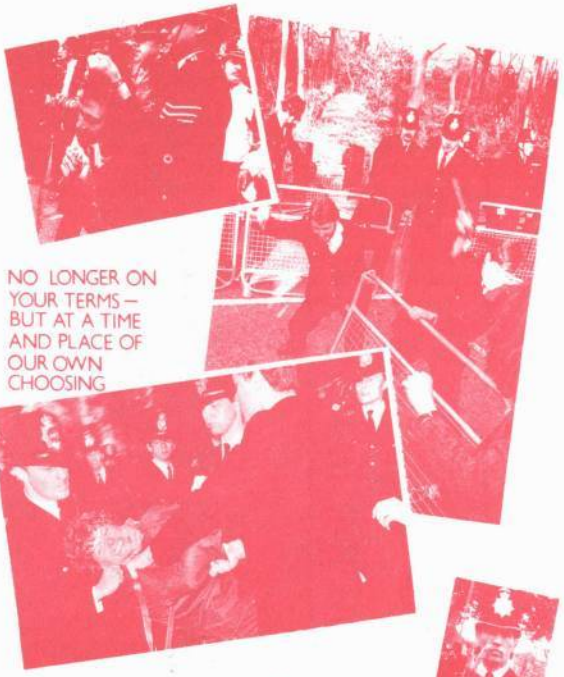
or this?

The hunters became the hunted today when 26 beagles from the Ecclesfield Beagle Hunt were stolen from their kennels at Townend, Ecclesfield, Sheffield.

How the thieves removed the dogs without being spotted or using what vehicle, was still a mystery today. It is thought the theft occurred sometime between 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 8.40 a.m. yesterday.

More votes of course.And what better bandwagon to jump on than the ever-increasing animal rights movement? So let's take our actions,demonstrations pickets,leaflets and boycotts to the very doors of the animal abusers,and make them look up and realise what they are doing is wrong,and that people won't stand for it anymore.
Be original,be unpredictable,but above all - TAKE BACK THE INITIATIVE YOURSELF, AND DON'T GIVE UP UNTIL EVERY LAST ANIMAL IS FREE OF EXPLOITATION.





NO LONGER ON YOUR TERMS – BUT AT A TIME AND PLACE OF OUR OWN CHOOSING



One Struggle ONE FIGHT

Human and animal rights,and freedom and peace go hand in hand.It has to be said,that animal liberation is just one more brick in that wall,and although it is an aspect in itself,it must also be remembered that to create true freedom and peace we must all pull together. Supporting each other with words and actions.

Only when all the crimes and evils caused by the governments etc are attacked,is there hope for us all.

By putting into action a campaign of economic sabotage,the ALF is successful in its own way, but not as a whole.....much more can and must be done if anything is to change.

Nuclear weapons,sexism,multinational bastards,apartheid,and the rest of the endless list... ONE STRUGGLE,ONE FIGHT.

Unity is strength. Unity in diverity.
United we stand - Down! The wall will fall if we all push hard enough,together.

Do not walk behind me,for I will not lead.
Do not walk in front of me,for I will not follow.
Walk beside me and be my equal.
No gods,no masters.
No shepherds without sheep.

THE RADICAL RAT.

ALTHOUGH REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO ANIMALS – THIS BULLETIN CAN BE INTERPRETED IN MANY OTHER WALKS OF LIFE.

GO ON – USE YOUR IMAGINATION!!

Animal rights' group raid lab

Animal rights' campaigners today claimed responsibility for a raid on a Leeds animal laboratory where more than 50 animals were taken.

A woman claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Front telephoned the YEP and said animals at Quarry Dene veterinary investigation centre, Weetwood Lane, Leeds, had been "liberated" in a raid last night.

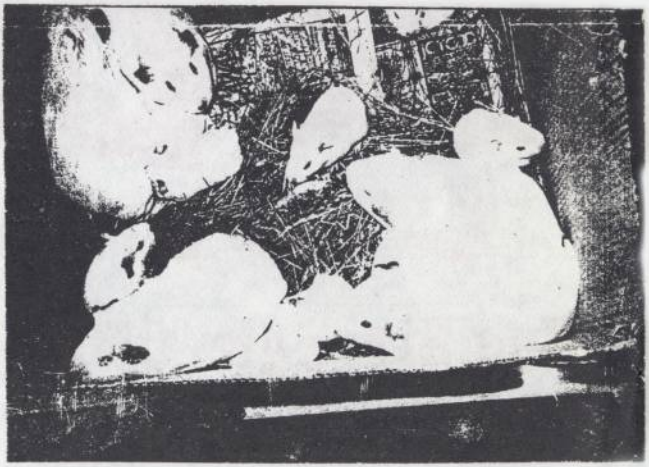
Police today confirmed they were investigating the break-in.

The anonymous caller said 35 guinea pigs, 11 mice, four chickens and three rabbits had been removed and were now being cared for in good homes.

Staff said the Quarry Dene centre, run by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, had been subjected to a series of raids since Christmas.

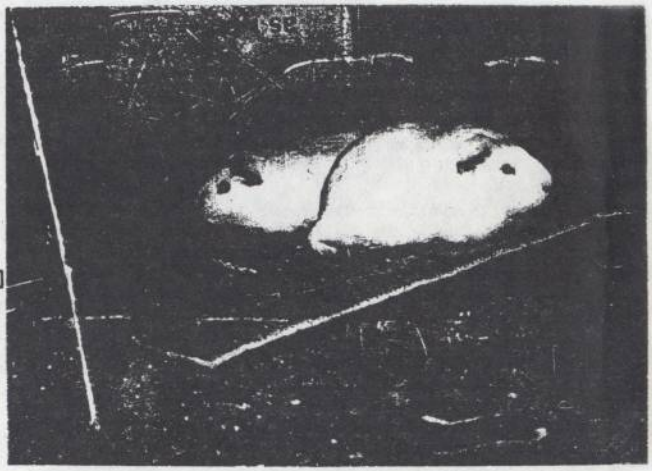
But they denied that any animal experimentation took place at Quarry Dene.





SOME OF THE RESCUED ANIMALS

THE RAID ON MAFF



31/5/85

989

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

No. of Animal ..... Box or Pen .....

Date of Inoculation .....

Disease LABEFIELD STREP 5

Nature of Experiment ANTISERA PRODUCTION

Method of Infection I/V

Reference .....

V.O. .....

Date	Temp. Morn.	Temp. Even.	Observations
19/11/84		0.5ml	
21/11/84		1.0ml	
27/11/84		1.0ml	
30/11/84		1.0ml	
5/12/84		1.0ml	
Fri 12.84		1.0ml	
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14.12.84		1.0ml	
17.12.84		1.0ml	
18.12.84		1.0ml	
Test bleed		19/12/84	
29.12.84		1.0ml	

Form VL 66

Contrary to the lies spouted by MAFF Officials to the press after the raid, experiments do take place on living animals at Quarry Dene.
The documents on this page which were taken in this raid prove this. The last date recorded is only nine days before the raid.
Incidentally, 'strep' probably stands for 'streptococcus' which is a disease producing bacteria. Not very pleasant is it?

Date	Temp. Morn.	Temp. Even.	Observations
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8.1.85		1.0ml	
Test bleed		9/1/85	
14.1.85		1.0ml	
22.1.85		1.0ml	
1/2/85		1.0ml	
2/2		1.0ml	
8/3		1.0ml	
12/3		1.0ml	
18/3		1.0ml	
19/3		1.0ml	
21/3		1.0ml	
Test bleed			
1/4		1.0ml	
17/4		1.0ml	
26/4		1.0ml	
29/5		1.0ml	
12/5		Test bleed	

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If a fish and chip shop cooks in beef dripping, what is there in it which isn't dead animal? (We've thought of the mushy pea peas!)

why don't you..?

Sitting at home watching TV,
Talking, planning and sipping tea,
You say it's wrong, you know it's wrong,
So why not get out of that chair and go along.
Smash it, trash it, do what you can,
Rescue them, liberate them, get them away,
Cause in the end it's the abusers who'll pay.
Act now, if you have to, do it on your own,
Don't be like the millions of other clones,
You don't need to be a member or part of a group,
Two's company, three's a crowd (get the idea?)
Now's the time to come from under that shroud.
They're relying on you, they've got no one else,
GET UP, GET OUT, ACT NOW!



radicalise the RSPCA.
He has made no secret of his view that the RSPCA should not be investing any of its estimated £17 million working fund in companies engaged in animal experiments.

Animal fund raisers

HUNDREDS of animal lovers turned out for a barbecue at the RSPCA cats and dogs' home in Heath last night bearing gifts to sell at the annual auction.

The guests brought with them articles to sell at the auction this Sunday at the Claverton Downs home. As well as the toys, games, clothes, and bric-a-brac stalls there will be Shire horses, vintage cars on show and a display by majorettes.

All the money raised will go towards the cost of looking after the animals at the home.

Above: Sonia Fletcher is waited on by Andy Smith (left) and Ron Fletcher.

KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT

If you are arrested or taken in for questioning by the police - DO NOT SAY ANYTHING.Keep your mouth shut.The only information they are entitled to is your name,address and date of birth.If they ask any other questions reply "NO COMMENT" or "I DON'T WISH TO SAY ANYTHING" and STICK TO THAT ANSWER.

The police may appear concerned,
"That was a silly thing to do was'nt it?"
"NO COMMENT."
They may be angry,
"Tell us what we want to know or we'll break every bone in your body."
"NO COMMENT."
They may appear friendly,
"Now if you just tell us what you did and why you did it,we'll forget about the charges."
"NO COMMENT."
They may try to glean other information from you,
"Do you know anything about so and so?"
"NO COMMENT."
They'll often tell lies,
"All your friends have confessed and have now been released.You're on your own now,and they've told us all about your involvement in it,so you might as well tell us yourself."
"NO COMMENT."

If they threaten to keep you in for longer if you refuse to make a statement, don't listen to them - THEY ARE LYING.You will undoubtedly be kept in for longer if you DO make a statement,as once they have found that they can crack you,they will push for more and more information.

Remember - THESE BASTARDS HAVE BEEN TRAINING FOR YEARS IN THE ART OF EXTRACTING INFORMATION FROM PEOPLE.ANY MOOD OR FEELING THEY PUT OVER IS TOTALLY CONTRIVED,AND AIMED TOWARDS GETTING YOU TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

DON'T SIGN ANYTHING whilst you are in there,as your signature can be added to the bottom of a false statement.ANY STATEMENT IS INVALID WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE. If you have to sign for belongings,it is better to walk out without them.Claiming ownership of certain objects can incriminate you i.e. shoes (footprints),cameras. If you are taking part in any action,it is therefore wise to empty your pockets of all non-essentials beforehand.

When a solicitor eventually arrives,you do not have to say anything to him. He is there merely to check if you are alright and to try and get you bail.The police have been known to fix people up with a solicitor to try and glean information from them.

Many activists who are arrested,incriminate themselves and others FROM OUT OF THEIR OWN MOUTHS.Even if someone else grasses you up,you cannot be found guilty on their evidence if they themselves are found guilty.SO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AT ALL TIMES.

Helping the animals extends far beyond damaging and liberating - it includes keeping your mouth shut in the police station.AN IMPRISIONED ACTIVIST IS A USELESS ACTIVIST.Every time you open your mouth,another animal dies because there is one less activist to save it.You are therefore doing the movement more harm than good.

REMEMBER THIS WHEN YOU ARE TAKEN IN.

NO COMMENT.....NO COMMENT.....NO FUCKING COMMENT.

Animal libbers in store attacks



WOMEN

Last year a number of windows at the Leeds store were smashed and an active women's group was pin-pointed as being responsible, said Mr. Cox.

He added: "We shall not be coerced by these attacks. These people do themselves no good by causing such damage."

A West Yorkshire Police spokesman in Leeds said that a similar call claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Movement had been received in Wakefield.

Meanwhile seven display windows were smashed at Binns.

Police believe that animal rights protesters were behind the attack.

A store spokesman said: "It is just plain vandalism — nothing has been stolen.

"I do not think it is linked to animal rights protesters. We stopped selling furs 18 months ago and the fur shop over the road is undamaged.

"It is not for us to speculate if someone has a grudge against the store. That is a matter for the police."

A North Yorkshire police spokesman said, however, that animal liberation people were suspected of causing the damage.

It is believed to be one of a series of incidents involving shops or stores at Blackpool and in South and West Yorkshire.

The damage in Harrogate was discovered by patrolling police. The town centre was searched for suspects, but nobody was arrested.

Animal rights protesters smashed the windows of Yorkshire stores in an apparently co-ordinated outbreak of vandalism which caused thousands of pounds damage.

Lewis's department store in the Headrow, Leeds, was hit, along with Binns in James Street, Harrogate.

A man claiming to represent the Animal Liberation Movement rang the YEP today and claimed responsibility for smashing seven windows at Lewis's last night.

He said that furs had been on display and that if the store continued to sell such goods the attack would be repeated.

Mr. David Cox, Lewis's sales director, said however, that although the store sells furs, none of the display areas had contained such items.

They had, he added, contained a selection of toys, video equipment and other electrics' equipment.

Abattoir arson

THE Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the arson attack on Leeds abattoir in the early hours of Saturday morning.

"It was an attack on the meat industry generally," LOP was told.

After the fire Councillor Gregory Moakes, Municipal Services chief, said that animals are treated humanely at the Pontefract Lane abattoir.

"Death is not humane," the ALF told LOP.

POLICE PROBE EARLY-MORNING BLAZES AT LEEDS ABATTOIR

We started fires—Animal group

Animal rights campaigners have claimed responsibility for a series of fires which hit Leeds Abattoir early today.

A woman claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Front telephoned the Yorkshire Evening Post and said the group had started the fires and turned off the abattoir's cooling system.

Police confirmed that they were treating the blazes at the council-owned abattoir in Pontefract Lane as arson.

The city's Municipal Services Committee chairman, Coun. Greg Moakes, appealed to animal rights campaigners to come and speak to him, rather than attacking public buildings, and insisted that all animals at the abattoir were treated humanely.

Firemen from Gipton were first called out at 4.30 a.m. when a fire was discovered in a Milk Marking Board caravan behind the abattoir.

While dealing with that blaze, they received a message that fire had been smelled in the abattoir itself. They discovered a blaze in a store at the rear of a kitchen.

Smoke-logged

Firemen wearing breathing apparatus put out the fire and ventilated the smoke-logged building.

They then discovered that a number of fires had apparently been started against doors outside the building.

Coun. Moakes said: "I am sorry these people are acting this way and I wish they would come and speak to me. They are hitting at the residents of Leeds.

"I don't know what they are trying to do. Animals are treated very humanely there."

To treat Leeds Abbatoir as a reform issue is both blind and stupid. It is also the fault of animal rights groups who campaign for reforms (through parliament) and still use the phrase humane slaughter. There is no such thing as humane slaughter, and there never will be. THAT is why Leeds Abbatoir was attacked, and it will continue to be a potential target for as long as it is there.

CONFIDENCE



The need for self-confidence and confidence in a group is of importance if an action is going to work successfully, and if unpredictable events are to be overcome.

- Confidence in your abilities, and the relience upon others is essential before and during an action.

It is important not to panic, even if the situation may get out of hand. You must think and react quickly. It is your life and future, and those of the group, and of the animals that are at stake.....So you must be prepared for the worst.



- Build your confidence. Be encouraged by success, but not foolhardy, or frightened by failure.

It is up to <u>you</u> to decide if you are prepared, and can cope with what is involved. Never take part in something you're not 'happy' about.

- It will work.

Great year for the vandals.

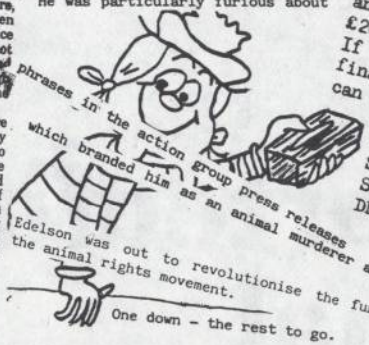
This has been a wonderful year for the "animal lib" campaigners. According to reports they have vandalised property, "liberated" blood-thirsty mink into the wild, put bleach into baby products and poison into Mars bars, thrown stones at fishermen and threatened mob violence to huntsmen and furriers, not to mention the continued abuse to shoppers on the high streets up and down the country.

It's all very sad. Now more and more decent, ordinary people are beginning to associate animal welfare with the mindless spite and monotonous parrot-cries of those concerned more with egos than animals. Sympathy is ebbing and, in the end, the only losers will be the dumb victims.

Michael Edelson,
Stanley Road,
Whitefield,
Manchester.

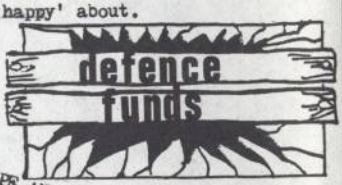
EDELSON BANKRUPT- 5 years of actions

He was particularly furious about phrases in the action group press releases which branded him as an animal murderer and animal abuser.



Edelson was out to revolutionise the fur trade, however he underestimated the animal rights movement.

One down - the rest to go.



SCUNTHORPE ANIMAL RIGHTS DEFENCE FUND

May 1985 saw the arrests of 19 people, after approximately 15-20 butchers windows were smashed. Of these 19, 6 people were charged, and later fined. Damage was estimated at £20,000.

If anybody would like to help these people financially, then please send any money you can spare to:

Craig.
46 Byfield Road
Scunthorpe
South Humberside
DN17 1RL.

HUDDERSFIELD ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT SUPPORT GROUP.



In the early hours of the 27th April, 13 people were arrested in Huddersfield town centre for allegedly causing criminal damage to various shops involved in animal abuse, such as fur shops. These people were held for two days without access to a solicitor, or anyone on the outside. All 13 are now on bail to appear at a later date and may receive heavy fines if found guilty (very likely).

Four people were also arrested last year at Unilever and are awaiting trial.

The support group is opposed to all forms of animal abuse. We have set up a defense fund and are desperatly in need of donations Any money raised and not used will go to animal rights organisations.

Please send further donations to:

Hudds A.L.F. Support Group,
P.O. Box B 9
HUDDERSFIELD.

Toilets are good targets,and all the equipment you need is already there.First, gain access to the cistern and block up or break the over-flow pipe leading from it. Then,bend or break the ballcock so that the water flows constantly into the cistern With no over-flow outlet,the water will flow over the top of the cistern and flood everywhere.If the toilet bowl is also blocked up,the water flooding cannot be prevented by flushing the toilet.
P.S.Look out for stop taps in the toilet, and put these out of action if possible.

This method of sabotage can be very effective if done properly,and requires the person doing it to undergo little risk.It can all be done within the privacy of the cubicle,and the cistern doesn't fill up right away,giving the activist time to leave unnoticed.

P.S.Look out for any stop taps in the toilet building,and put those out of action if possible.

Obtain a sparkplug and a matchbox.
Smash the porcelain portion off by putting the sparkplug in a plastic bag and beating it with a hammer.
Place the splintered porcelain in the matchbox.
Find a car or shop window etc.
Half open the matchbox and fling vigorously at the window.
Vola!One shattered window with no noise or mess.
(This is as yet untried,but if it works it could be ideal for town-centres).

Heres some good little tips for revenge on yer least favourite people. Just find out their names and adresses and start sending them anything anything you can from mail order catalogues.
Or how about a lifetimes subscription to "The Plain Truth"?
Stick a note in their empty milkbottles, "Twenty extra pints and a carton of yoghurt".
Or order them a fire engine, fleets of taxis, a hearse, squads of Po-Lice cars. Use your imagination and you can make their lives a complete misery!

COOKERY



A plastic or thin metal strip (even a credit card in some cases) can be used to force a spring loaded bolt back in most cheap door locks.



ETCHING FLUID

ALF activists have discovered a new 'weapon' which has successfully been used in some areas and will soon doubtless catch on in others.
Sheffield ALF initiated the idea when they squirted 'etching fluid' over more than fifty windows in the city in a continuation of their campaign against House of Fraser stores which have Edelson Fur depts. The stores attacked were Rackhams and Cole Bros. The fluid eats into the glass.
Following the stir that this caused, the ALF in Merseyside used etching fluid on travel agencies where tickets were on sale for circuses using animals and the windows had to be replaced. There was also success with it in Stirling in Scotland when the windows of two bloodsports shops and a fur shop had to be renewed after slogans were written on them with the etching fluid. Then a dairy van had its windscreen doused with the fluid in London. The windscreens are particularly good targets, since they have to be replaced before the vehicles can be driven.
Glass etching fluid is available from craft and fine art shops. A small bottle costs about £3 but the expense is well worth it when one considers the reduction of risk to an activist using it - there is none of the noise that a catapult or brick creates.

Laura Etchley

CORNER

Get hold of some toilet cleaner in crystal form (eg Jeyes).Throw as much of it as you want onto the paintwork of the nearest nasty bastard's car on a rainy night.When it gets wet,it will start to fizz,damaging the paintwork.

FORENSIC HINTS

THIS is going to be an article, that explains the basic precautions that you should take if you intend to burn anything down. The filth have a wealth of scientific know how at their disposal, and if they consider it important enough, they will use it. But remember, they can only use it if they have a victim to hang the crime on, so obviously your first priority is not to get caught, or even come under suspicion. If, for example, you are the only militant in a small town, and already well known to the local fuzz, its best to do your dirty deeds elsewhere.

Next, and very importantly, is the people you do it with. Only go with good friends, who can be guaranteed to keep their mouths shut. NEVER get involved with someone you neither know or trust. All you are doing is lighting one small match, but if caught, you could go down for eight years.....think about it. Your planning has to be very meticulous, but never write anything down. NEVER use telephones. Make sure everyone in the group knows exactly what is going on, and what they have to do, especially if something goes wrong.

Firstly, pick your target. Make sure no-one lives their, unless you want to face a charge of attemted (or actual) murder. Make sure that any fire will not be able to spread to neighbouring buildings, and that combustible chemicals are store there, that could explode or give noxious fumes, thus endangering the immediate area.

Pick your method of entry, and make sure that it is out of sight. DON'T take stupid risks. If you use tools to break in, remember that items such as bolt-cutters, crowbars, screwdrivess etc, leave identifying traces, just like the marks on a bullet. Throw them away immediately afterwards. If any glass is smashed, tiny fragments will DEFINITELY lodge in your clothing. If paint or any chemical, such as petrol is used, traces of them will DEFINITELY end up on your clothes. For this reason destroy every thing that you have been wearing immediately afterwards. Traces of chemicals will also adhere to your skin, and especially under your nails, so have a very good shower, and get the nailbrush out.

Some Miscellaneous Notes**********

Don't smoke. As well as being able to identify the brand, the cops can also identify your blood type from the spit on the butt. They can also take identifyable prints off the butt.

Wear a hat. As well as hiding part of your face, it should prevent hair falling about. A hair sample in a lab can only prove that you were NOT involved. Make sure your house is clean. If you are raided, you don't want to be nicked for your grass plants.

Responsibility notes....are a bit of an ego trip, and just gives the filth more forensics to work on.

Finally, forensics only serve to positively identify you, if you are caught. Don't let that happen. If the job comes off, you will want to boast about your success, and it could soon get out of hand. Don't take the risk...keep shtumm and stay that way.

This article is only a summarry, and no substitute for common sense. For more detailed information, try and get hold of a copy of "Without a Trace", which is now unfortunately out of print.

Happy Hunting and Good Luck,

Moriarty,

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TAKEN FROM BRIXTON'S CROWBAR

I remember the case of a lion who attacked and killed its keeper in the zoo where it was kept prisoner when I was younger.True to form,it was branded as dangerous in the outcry that followed,and subsequently put down.Yet its only crime was to fight back against its cruel oppressors - those who saw fit to imprison it for life in an alien enviroment,so that we could stare at it and they could make lots of money from the process.NO WONDER IT WAS ANGRY,AND WE (myself included) MUST BEAR THE BLAME,NOT THE POOR LION.

Why do you think guard-dogs are often vicious towards humans? BECAUSE WE TEACH THEM TO BE THAT WAY.And perhaps there is anger there as well - ANGER AT THE WAY THEY ARE CHAINED AND CONFINED.

The bull in the picture below has just escaped from a market - but what sort of market? A market where it will be roughly herded about to be bought by some bastard who will treat it like shit,keep it in confinement,and eventually send it to the slaughterhouse to die a horrible death.All just a continuation of the suffering it has already gone through.NO WONDER IT IS FRIGHTENED,CONFUSED AND SCARED.....AND IF I WAS THE BULL,I WOULD BE JUST A LITTLE ANGRY AS WELL.

Wait a minute.....I'm not the bull,but I'm angry.Very angry.

ANGRY that human(un)kind can treat animals like this in the name of profit,and get away with it.

But I'm also ashamed.

ASHAMED to belong to a race of such uncaring people.People who can enforce their vicious, murderous characteristics on to animals,and then condemn them for showing them.

HYPOCRITES.

angry

BEES' AIR RAID ON RAF

A GIANT swarm of bees closed a top-security RAF base for three hours yesterday. They invaded the control tower at RAF Pembrey, in Dyfed, Wales, sending workers fleeing for safety. No planes took off until a team of exterminators cleared them out.

In Aberdeen (below), a bullock is caught after escaping from a market and panicking shoppers, damaging cars, and smashing a shop window.



Trail of destruction

BARCELONA: One million live snails were ready to be prepared for a traditional fiesta in Lerida. But during the night, two days before the banquet, thousands of snails escaped and now two weeks later, have caused so much damage that local gardeners are suing the fiesta organisers.

ACTIONS IN LEEDS

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Over the following 2 days members of Djurens Befrielsefront (Swedish ALF) broke the windows of 4 furshops in Stockholm and daubed and glued another.

On July 30 the Scottish ALF was active damaging butchers shops in [illegible]

SOMETIME EARLY THIS YEAR - CITY CENTRE

ROSS FURRIERS: Slogans painted in red paint ("Blood money" etc).
NORTHERN EXPORT FURRIERS: Red slogans painted. Plastic blinds slashed up and ruined. Burnt fur coat left hanging outside. In a separate attack, the blinds were again slashed, and the shop was redecorated.

with slogans in Rugby on July 30th (for the 2nd time in 4 weeks) and two days later, in the same town, a [illegible] van received the same [illegible] night, a few miles [illegible] butchers van was p[illegible] On Aug 10th in Sou[illegible] van was paintstri[illegible] windows smashed and the windscr[illegible]

30 MARCH - WIMPY IN THE CITY CENTRE

Window smashed.

Tough Luck for Tuck.

ALF activists carried out yet another raid on Tuck and Sons laboratory breeding centre on July 18th. The firm, which supplies pate[illegible] and guinea pi[illegible]

30 APRIL - CITY CENTRE

As part of "Stop Business As Usual" Day, we went for a night on the town.....
NORTHERN EXPORT FURRIERS: Security blinds glued up, plastic blinds slashed.
ROSS FURRIERS: Door locks glued up, shop painted.
DYSONS FURRIERS: Painted, door locks glued, window scratched with a glass cutter.
BOOTS: Window attack with glass cutter. Red slogans painted ("Blood money" "Beagle Murderers" etc).
WIMPY: Painted, locks glued, window smashed.

[illegible] letters to [illegible] business clients.

Circus Shops Attacked.

[illegible] Humberside [illegible] smashed because they [illegible] for Roberts Bros circus. The following night one of these was attacked again, when a window and the glass door were broken.

£50,000 For The Guy.

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Ditton Grange [illegible] Surrey and Burstow foxhunt. With these matters in mind an ALF unit paid a midnight visit to [illegible]

[illegible] continued its policy of carrying out attacks on the homes of animal abusers with two recent actions.

The first was on July 26th when activists paid a late-night visit to the plush Toff-[illegible]idge (North London) home of ritual poultry [illegible]wner Joseph Cole. Cole's [illegible]overed with red paint and [illegible]his drive damaged with

Then on Aug 1st the Chequers pub in Potters Bar, Herts, home of

Late July. Central London - offices of Cancer Research Campaign splattered with paint.

Since these attacks, Northern Export has failed to replace its blinds and they look extremely unsightly, hanging there as if someone had just slashed them up. There seems to be more security now around "Death Corner" (Wimpy, MacDonalds, Pizza Hut etc), so keep your wits about you if you are going to do anything - ANY TAKERS?

REPORTS NEEDED.

[illegible] keep the movement accurately [illegible] action doesn't get into the [illegible] please send us an anonomous report.
ALF. BCM Box 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.

ALF ACTION

II MAY - LEEDS ABBATOIR

At 2am the abbatoir premises were suddenly a flurry of activity as activists checked the place out.

Several fires were started in doorways and paraffin was poured through an open window into a kitchen and set alight.A store-room door was forced and the inside doused with paraffin.This fire took hold quickly and a through door leading to another area of the abbatoir was damaged - the store room itself was completely gutted.

Entry was forced into a milk marketing board caravan/mobile office which was burnt out.

Several lorries were damaged,brake cables cut,tyres slashed and sand put in petrol tanks.Refridgerated lorries were turned off,as was the main refridgeration system.However,the mistake was made that the refridgeration system was merely turned off and not smashed - therefore it was a simple task to turn it on again,thus preventing an estimated million pounds worth of meat being lost through defrosting.

Stacks of animal skins at the rear of the abbatoir were damaged with diesel oil.

Rumours have been circulated(no doubt to discredit the movement)that I2 bullocks were left on the premises on the night of the arson.This is a complete lie,as all buildings were thoroughly searched beforehand.

Estimated damage resulting from this action was at least £I0,000.

MAY 3I - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,FISHERIES AND FOOD;WEETWOOD LANE

On arriving,we nearly all backtracked after seeing an office light left on. However,one of the team into army manouveres donned a balaclava,belly-crawled up to the window,peered in and gave the okay hoot.The members of the team appointed to enter the lab began their drill.

On entering the building,each room was checked out.Sacks in hand,each activist went about their 'job' which was made easy by the fact that the animals recognised us as their saviours and joyfully jumped into the open sacks.Y team members then carefully carried the sacks to awaiting transport where X team members received them and quickly made the animals comfortable by dispensing food,water and bedding.They then made their getaway using a preselected route.All were conveyed to safe,free and loving homes.

Meanwhile back at the lab,the remainder of our group made their way to the improvised landing pad where our helicopter awaited us,whirring impatiently.We then zoomed off into the unknown.

The end result of this action was 57 animals rescued from that hell-hole. All can now feel grass under their feet,can eat real food and will be free from pain and suffering caused by our evil kind.

35 GUINEA PIGS (MANY BABIES)
I5 MICE (SOME BEARING YOUNG)
4 CHICKENS
and 3 RABBITS

ARE NOW IN LOVING HOMES.

On July 16th in Leighton Buzzard, Beds, 7 butchers shops received the glue and slogan treatment and

Christchurch, Dorset,

his stall with slogans and causing £500 damage to 2 fish delivery vans.

with passers

SOMETIME IN JUNE - HYDE PARK

Both windows at the Fish Plaice (fucking sick name) smashed,as was a window in the butchers next door.

16 JUNE - LEWIS'S IN THE CITY CENTRE

As part of a Northern ALF night of action against House Of Fraser Stores (due to their policy of stocking fur), seven plate glass windows were smashed. Damage ran into several thousand pounds.

SOMETIME IN JUNE - KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN, ARMLEY.

All of the nice big windows in this nasty place were smashed.

SOMETIME IN JUNE - HEADINGLEY ANGLING CENTRE

A corner of the front window had already been boarded over for sometime after a brick was thrown through it. Rumours were that the owner hadn't got any insurance and therefore couldn't afford to get it replaced. On hearing this, someone decided to finish the job, and another brick was thrown through the window, smashing it completely. The whole front was then boarded over for several weeks, before being replaced with lots of little ones.

FIRST WEEK IN JULY - WIMPY IN THE CITY CENTRE

Window smashed for the third time in just over three months when a concrete block was thrown through it.

23 AUGUST - KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN IN HEADINGLEY

Huge plate glass window smashed. It has now been replaced with two smaller ones.

1 SEPTEMBER - SITE OF THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

The site office portacabin belonging to Shepherd Construction was set alight causing a few thousand pounds worth of damage. The initial blast ripped the side of the cabin away from the roof. Activists got into the cabin by clipping through a metal grid and smashing a window, thus ensuring that the three shelves full of files were well covered with petrol. The replacement portacabin has since had the insides of its windows boarded up and the doors strengthened.

A bear being kept in bad conditions in a small cage was rescued in Paris on July 11th by a group calling itself 'Victor Hugo'.

On July 30th [illegible] damaging butchers shops in Johnstone, Kilbarchan and Bridge of Weir, where a frozen meat centre and a tannery were also daubed.

[illegible] night, a few miles away in Coventry, a halal butchers [illegible] On Aug [illegible] van was [illegible] windows [illegible]

Tough Luck

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Circ[illegible]

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[illegible] thanks to [illegible] no doubt, of obtaining [illegible] against them). Furthermore it was discovered that the manager of the Thames Ditton branch was a member of the Old [illegible]xhunt.

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[illegible]n [illegible]ed,

July 16. Shrewley Common, Warwicks - slogans daubed on sheds at broiler unit.

July 16. Manchester - 2 vans belonging to a pet shop daubed with slogans.

Late July. Central London - offices of Cancer Research Campaign splattered with [illegible]

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action doesn't get [illegible] please send us an anonomous report. ALF, BCM Box 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.

2 OCTOBER - BOOTS IN HEADINGLEY

After having its windows consistently smashed a few months back, Boots bricked one window up and replaced the remaining(!) windows with extremely thick glass. Attempts to break the windows after this lead to the bricks bouncing off, so an activist decided to pay them a visit with a hammer. Two of the windows were completely shattered (one needing four blows!).



I NOVEMBER - LEEDS ABBATOIR

The refridgeration system was turned off at around 8pm on the Friday night, as it was a distinct possibility that it would remain undetected until Sunday morning (the abbatoir is closed on Saturdays), therefore causing complete defrostation of an absolute fortune in meat. We don't know whether this action was successful or not - but if it was, the abbatoir wouldn't have been able to sell any of this useless meat.....or would they?

5 NOVEMBER - NO BUSINESS AS USUAL

A van belonging to meat wholesalers Michael Steel Ltd had its windscreen smashed, slogans sprayed on it and a windscreen wiper broken outside their Head Office near Clayton Wood.
Butchers shop belonging to K.Stephens in Meanwood had its window smashed.
Refridgeration system turned off again at the abbatoir, whilst being powerless to help the frightened cattle nearby.

26 NOVEMBER - UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Two site portacabins belonging to Shepherd Construction were redecorated with slogans (ALF will revenge etc).

4 DECEMBER - KIRKSTALL ROAD

The front window and the window in the door of a meat freezer centre belonging to A.Brook were smashed.
Also, the side of a cooked meats delivery van was sprayed with "Murder-ALF" whilst it was parked outside a butcher's shop.

8 DECEMBER - CITY CENTRE

George Street Racing, a betting shop which makes money from the exploitation and flogging to death of horses, had both of its windows liberated from the rest of the shop.

IO DECEMBER - LEE KAYE SHEEPSKINS, STANNINGLEY ROAD

Their sign and name-plate were sprayed, as was the front of the building.

9 DECEMBER - KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN IN STANNINGLEY ROAD

All four windows were again smashed, one of the bricks also smashing the neon sign inside.

16 DECEMBER - A BATTERY UNIT NEAR THE OTLEY ROAD

Two people responsible for opening the gate and acting as lookouts were dropped off near the side of the sheds. After a few horrifying moments when it refused to move, the gate was opened and the van pulled in. A padlock was clipped to gain access to one of the sheds. Once inside, cages were opened up and hens from each prison were placed into sacks of 5/4. This bagging up was horrendously noisy with the hens making a hell of a row which we felt sure could be heard down at nearby Weetwood Police Station. It was only afterwards that our lookout told us that we had been really quiet and that he/she couldn't hear a thing from inside the sheds!
Only 58 hens were taken, because that was the number we had good homes for.
"Merry Xmas From Leeds ALF" was sprayed in artificial snow on one of the outbuildings.

24 DECEMBER

5 butchers shops and a fish and chip shop had their locks glued up in the Hawksworth, Woodside and Horsforth areas of Leeds.

1 JANUARY - ROBERT BARKER AND SONS, FELLMONGERS IN MEANWOOD

The massive factory complex looked very forbidding as we entered the grounds. Our group entered a small outbuilding and wrecked an expensive water-flow counter:-wires were cut, cylinders bent, paper ripped out and covered in ink, a couple of electical wires were cut and then the door was locked with our own padlock.
Meanwhile the second group had broken into the factory, checking it out to make sure it was empty. We then opened another door at the far side of the factory with our trusty old boltcroppers, to ensure a quick getaway if neccessary.
A nearby lorry was paint-strippered, had glue and matches put into its locks, and its windscreen wipers broken.
The back of an industrial weighing machine was unscrewed and the weighing mechanism rendered useless.
Around 200 sacks containing powdered calcium hydroxide were slashed, along with an estimated 700 dead animal skins. Many more would have been damaged, but unfortunately our spray can refused to work.
A thick hosepipe was cut in half.
Fear of causing too much noise prevented us causing any more damage. So, feeling that we'd done enough for one night, we left as quietly as we had come in.....happily in the falling snow.

10 JANUARY - TERRY M. BOWE MEAT WHOLESALERS, BURLEY

Activists climbed over a shed roof to gain access to 5 vans in the back yard. These were then attacked with paintstripper, had their windscreen wipers bent, all four locks on each van were clogged with plastic padding, and sugar was put into 3 petrol tanks. Slogans were sprayed on each van and on the back of the building; and a few mirrors, lights, indicators, windscreens, number plates and van logos were touched up with spray paint. The back door to the premises was also glued. Before leaving, the activists glued up the front door to the premises and sprayed "ALF" on it.

13/14 JANUARY

A dairy van near the town centre had its tyres and canopy slashed, a windscreen wiper bent, and its windscreen cracked.
A Rentokil van in Meanwood had two tyres slashed.

10 windows at 9 butchers' shops in Burley, Chapletown, Headingley, Horsforth, Hyde Park, Pudsey And Woodhouse have been broken over the last year and a bit, as well. Also, Kentucky in Headingley was covered in paint on November 5.

Good news

On going to put Beta Skincraft's window through in Chapeltown, we noticed that it was no longer in existence, and that a fish and poultry place in the same road had also closed. Also, Wimpy in the Merrion Centre has closed down (not due to us!) HOT IN PISS - BASTARDS.

LEEDS OTHER PAPER - 20/12/85

Run free range

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LEEDS Animal Liberation Front, pictured here, "rescued" 58 hens from a battery unit near Otley Road on Monday this week. The raid took place at 2.00am. Leeds ALF say they have "good homes" for the 58 birds.

MERRY XMAS FROM LEEDS A.L.F.





UNINVITED GUESTS (The 3 O'clock knock)



•DOn'T gEt CAuGht•

Below are some precautions to bear in mind if you are going out on an action.It is by no means a definative list,and precautions used obviously depend on the type of action being undertaken and the conditions at the time.It is simply a list of things which have been brought to our attention during our experiences. Don't let the extent of the list put you off - much of it is commonsense,and for that there is no substitute.

I - Always wear gloves to avoid leaving incriminating fingerprints.Wipe clean all equipment to be used beforehand,even if you don't intend leaving it,as things can be forgotten or dropped in the heat off the moment.

2 - If equipment is easily replaceable(hammer,paint etc),it may be better to leave it at the scene of the action(non-fingerprinted of course),rather than risk being stopped with it on the way home.

3 - Dress to suit the occasion. Don't go out with ALF sprayed on your back!



4 - Try to avoid carrying equipment late at night. If possible,hide it near the target(s) before-hand.Somewhere where no one will find it and wait for you to pick it up.

5 - Avoid telling everybody within a three mile radius what you are going to do!

6 - Think carefully about the time it is to be done.Bear in mind pub closing hours, security patrols etc.

7 - Be on the lookout for cameras(i.e.town centre,major roads,large premises).If you are to be in their gaze,dress in unidentifiable clothing(destroy them after if neccessary) and cover your face.

8 - Always prepare an escape route,and know it well.Alternatives are also a good idea,in case anything goes wrong.If you can,check that your escape route is clear beforehand.

9 - Depending on the target,it may be advisable to do a dummy run(without equipment) to check that no one has got wind of what you are going to do and is waiting to catch you red-handed.For example,this was done before smashing the windows at Lewis's in June.Because of the scale of the action(northern ALF hit in several cities),there was always the possibility that the police would get hold of what was happening - so one of the activists went up and rattled the doors beforehand.

I0 - Empty yourself of unneccessary items before you go out,the less there is to drop the better.Avoid carrying I.D.

II - It is advisable to have a story ready,in case you are stopped before or afterwards.

I2 - Wash or destroy any clothing which may hold valuable forensic evidence after the action,i.e.glass splinters,paint,paraffin,animal hairs.

I3 - It also pays to be prepared for bad weather,utilise it to your own benefit. Fog is ideal.Rain can muffle sound,diminish visibility,and give you an excuse if caught running away ("I don't want to get drenched,officer.")

I4 - Don't be predictable.

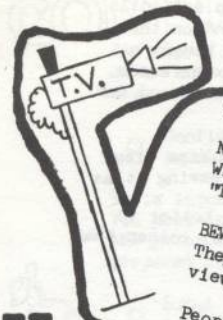
I5 - Make sure your house is clear before you go out.

I6 - If you are going to do a press release,make sure that you disguise your voice over the phone,and don't stay on it too long.If you send in a letter, make sure it is untraceable to you(fingerprints,writing,postmark etc).

After saying all this,the majority of direct action is successful,and many of the above precautions prove to be unneccessary.Still,better safe than sorry?

Good luck and don't get caught.

THE WATCHING BIG BROTHER PAGE



PART ONE: BEWARE BE—AWARE

Caution..Danger..Eyes right..Look left..Behind..Listen..Stop..Look.

Now,have you checked the sky?..What??..Peer upwards at those lamposts. What are those CAMERAS doing up there?

"Traffic control,my dear."..."Oh".

BEWARE! - Traffic control or security,the cameras record what they see. They see you. Be aware of their location,direction and probable range of view.

People have been caught almost red-handed (not literally!),as well as escaping. Therefore an escape route must bear in mind the possibilities of crossing their deadly gaze.

Be on the lookout for possible secretly hidden cameras.

Cameras on tall buildings.

Cameras on tall or short posts on or by the road-side.....

ALFIE APPLE xxx

PART TWO: POLICE WATCH

In Leeds,many police car registration numbers are in blocks.The newest ones are: A9— KWT or A8— KWT.

B— SUB.

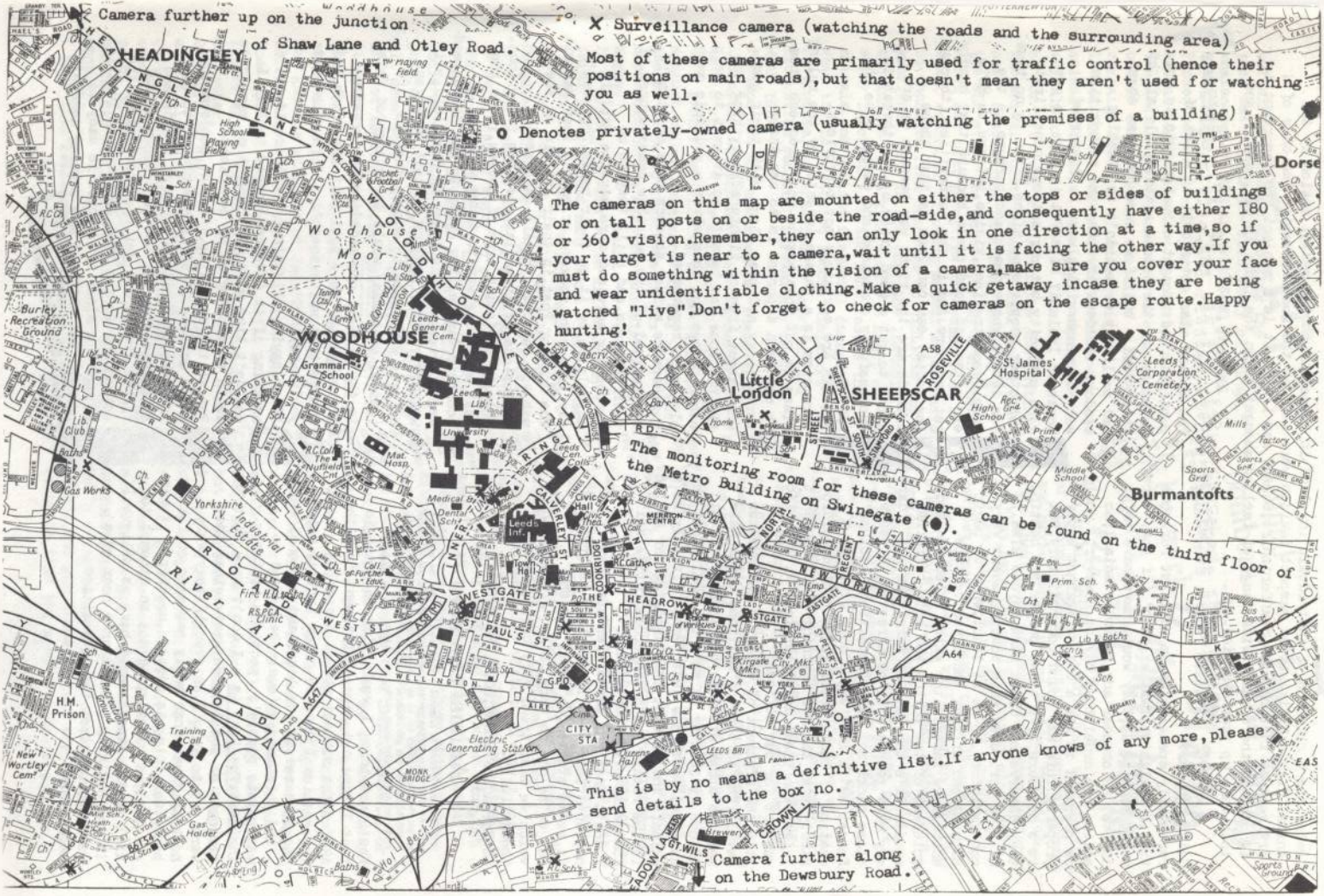
A— NUM.

Many of these are ordinary marked police cars,but beware of any unmarked car with a registration number in the above two categories.

Some unmarked car numbers that we know of are:

A936 KWT
A854 KWT - Ford Fiesta
A908 KWT
A930 KWT
A924 KWT - Ford
A816 KWT - Ford
A200 NUM
VUA 610X - Green Morris Van
A666 NUM
PNW 552W - Orange Hillman Avenger
CNW 368Y - Vauxhall Chevette (Watch out for CNW)
A600 NUM
NNX 196X - VAN
CLM 567Y

These are only the tip of the iceberg of course.If anyone has any additional numbers/info,please let us know.


Camera further up on the junction of Shaw Lane and Otley Road.
X Surveillance camera (watching the roads and the surrounding area)
Most of these cameras are primarily used for traffic control (hence their positions on main roads), but that doesn't mean they aren't used for watching you as well.
O Denotes privately-owned camera (usually watching the premises of a building)
The cameras on this map are mounted on either the tops or sides of buildings or on tall posts on or beside the road-side, and consequently have either 180 or 360° vision. Remember, they can only look in one direction at a time, so if your target is near to a camera, wait until it is facing the other way. If you must do something within the vision of a camera, make sure you cover your face and wear unidentifiable clothing. Make a quick getaway incase they are being watched "live". Don't forget to check for cameras on the escape route. Happy hunting!
The monitoring room for these cameras can be found on the third floor of the Metro Building on Swinegate (●).
This is by no means a definitive list. If anyone knows of any more, please send details to the box no.
Camera further along on the Dewsbury Road.
HEADINGLEY
WOODHOUSE
Little London
SHEEPSCAR
Burmantofts
Woodhouse Moor
Burley Recreation Ground
Grammar School
Leeds General Infirmary
Leeds Inf.
Civic Hall
Town Hall
MERRION CENTRE
HEADROW
WESTGATE
NEW YORK ROAD
ST PAUL'S ST.
WEST ST.
INNER RING ROAD
River Aire
Yorkshire TV
Industrial Estate
H.M. Prison
New Wortley Cem.
Electric Generating Station
MONK BRIDGE
CITY STA
Leeds Bri
Gas Works
Gas Holder
Training Coll.
Fire HQ
Mat. Hosp.
St James's Hospital
Leeds Corporation Cemetery
Middle School
Sports Grd.
Lib & Baths
Bus Depot
A58
A64
A61
A647
ROSEVILLE
CROWN
GT. WILS

Below are 4 opinions of individuals involved in Leeds ALF on the recent action by the Animal Rights Militia, when suspect devices were left at the homes or under the cars of 4 vivisectors in Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Sussex and London. It is a subject too important to ignore, and there was a wide range of feeling amongst us on the issue. Anyway, read on, and then make up your own mind.....

Going too far?

Personally speaking, as an activist for some time, I wouldn't plant a 'bomb' (If they were meant to blow up, they would have, have no doubts) on or near any human or animal; no matter how cruel they may be. However, I would be prepared to use a device against empty property. This may sound contradictory, but it's not. Sure, give these people the beating they deserve, but don't harm anyone else. To kill or seriously maim someone seems very contradictory, to me at least. When we begin maiming and killing those who torture animals, we inherit the extra attention and interest of the police and anti-terrorist squads. It's too late to turn back, and I dare say many people will be arrested, unless we close ranks and take precautions etc. Don't forget media lies which only gives us a coating of bad press. I guess public opinion hardly ever changes anything - but wouldn't I feel confident and determined with public support for our actions?

It's the argument of which is the greater 'evil'. The torture of millions of animals and the abuse of human health, or the death of one vivisector to save our health and the animals. 'Just' one death would directly save animals and prevent them damaging our health in the future (with dangerous, futile and contradictory experiments).

I don't know the answer. Perhaps what happened last week is the only way. This is it, we've started, so we'll finish.

But we're now on very dodgy ground, upon which we must tread very carefully and thoughtfully.

LOVE, PEACE, FREEDOM, HOPE, THE FUTURE.

Animal crackers

AFTER the planting of suspected explosive devices in various places around the country, there can be no doubt of the need for the recently-established special police squad which [illegible]

small wonder that the police and authorities generally take a serious view of this development. The public would react sharply and with alarm if they did not.

The first thing I would like to state is that I have not seen a statement from the ARM on the subject yet, so the only information I have to go on is that which has appeared in the local and national media - and this has obviously been used to manipulate people's reactions to the incident. The fact is - I don't know what the strength of the devices was, whether they were set to go off, or even if they were nothing other than empty packages or fake bombs. One thing is certain however - it was obviously a warning, and not an attempt to kill as the papers would have us believe. If it was anything other than a hoax or a warning, why alert the authorities beforehand?

The action also got a hell of a lot of publicity and brought animal rights to the forefront of the debate again. Nearly all of it was bad - but if we were bothered about bad publicity we wouldn't be smashing windows would we? Anything the authorities want to crush will always be distorted - Northern Ireland? Riots? It is nice to get good publicity, but our actions come first, not other people's opinions. There is no time for debate where death and torture is the case. Demonstrations, vigils, letters to MP's etc often get good press because they hardly get anywhere. And if the authorities (through the media) can convince us that these methods are the right way because we are going to get a good write up, the threat is successfully contained and sucked into the system.

The ARM are certainly not terrorists. Terrorism is a phrase invented by the ruling class to put down anyone who threatens them. To use such a phrase is to use their terminology, and play along with their game. What about freedom fighters? Everything the ARM has done has been in an attempt to help other beings, not themselves - and this must always be remembered.

Furthermore, animal abusers have constantly been warned of the possible consequences of their actions, and <u>still</u> they go on perfecting more and more ways to exploit animals. So be it on their heads. They can't say they were unaware or hadn't been warned. The Morning Post, in their article on the subject, say that the ALF have used explosions or incendiary devices in actions. This is perfectly true of course, it is the most effective way to cause a lot of economic damage. They refer to the Birkenhead meat factory and Rackhams in Sheffield, but WHAT THEY DON'T MENTION is that stringent efforts were made to ensure that no life (animal or human) would be endangered. This is the kind of one-sided gutter press we are subjected to - tell half the truth, and ignore that which doesn't fit in with what you're saying.

After saying all this, I myself could not do anything if it involved danger to life. I couldn't live with the thought of someone's death or maiming on my conscience.

But, at the same time, I do not condemn the ARM's actions. To do this would be to fall into the authorities' trap of divide and rule. Interview all the well-known animal rights groups and get them to condemn the action, and we are then left with a lunatic fringe - a minor ty - which is easy to condemn. And while we are arguing amongst

ourselves ,we are forgetting the things that matter,and are absolutely no threat whatsoever.WE ARE ALL FIGHTING FOR THE SAME THINGS.

"These people are trying to make the Animal Rights movement the next thing to the IRA in Britain and they are causing untold damage to our campaign" - Mark Gold, campaign director of Animal Aid.

If you really said this Mark,since when has animal liberation been <u>your</u> campaign?Do the animals know this?

As for all this crap about the ARM putting the animal rights movement back years,the same accusations have been levelled at the ALF since the early 70's by a movement which had been going for 106 years with a track record of allowing animal experiments to increase from hundreds to MILLIONS per year.When this is the case,the logical conclusion is to kick down the doors of every laboratory in the land,rescue the animals,and inflict financial damage.But when the laboratories become miniature fortresses,the experiments carry on,and liberation becomes increasingly harder, WHAT THEN???

Perhaps the ARM are ahead of their time... Again,the abusers have been warned.They have a choice - the animals don't.More and more people are willing to use violence against animal abusers every day - and who are we to be so righteous in our condemnation?I'm sure the animals wouldn't argue.

If a vivisector was to be killed,I don't think I would shed many tears - so how can I crush those inner feelings and condemn it?If you torture or kill animals,you deserve nothing other than a good kicking. If I saw someone hurting an animal,I would be sufficiently angry to physically attack the person in question in order to stop it, or if someone attacked me physically I would defend myself.But,I couldn't <u>plan</u> a physical attack on a vivisector <u>yet</u>.Yet we all know what they do to animals when we are not looking.....Our justified anger is diluted by distance from the torture and pain.Would you be so quick to condemn someone who attacked a nazi responsible for gassing millions of Jews?To claim a difference between the two is not only a load of crap,but speciest as well.

You're either on one side of the fence or the other.

One further quibble with the papers - animal liberation is not as simple as (to quote the Morning Post) "intolerance of opposing points of view" - for the opposing point of view is a murderous one.

MURDER CAN NOT BE TOLERATED - IT HAS TO BE STOPPED.

I hope this redresses the balance slightly.

Animal bombers hunted by crack squad

Yorks 'bomb' alert at lab chief's home

You've all probably heard about the planting of 'bombs' outside certain murderers' houses and maybe jumped up and shouted,"Terrific, it's about time somebody blew these bastards up!"But,have you really thought about what you are saying?OK,we don't yet know if the devices were big enough to do damage,or if it was just a hoax - we'll hear in time from other newsletters.But if these things were designed to kill somebody or seriously injure somebody for life,can these people really justify what they are doing?

Now,if I was in a lab raid,and we came across some scientists holding down an animal about to be injected or whatever,I would damn well have a good go at tearing their bloody limbs off.They might even end up in hospital and they would deserve it, because that's a natural angry reaction at the heat of the moment,nothing planned. Something what just sparks inside you and sends you into a rage,and if somebody got killed in that incident,I would sympathise with the person who attacked the vivisector. But,when you sit at home having a cup of tea and planning to end someone's life,or with the intention of doing so,that's something quite different.It's them who joke over their lunch-break about what so-and-so monkey did when they tortured it,and it's them that take life without giving s shit. They are evil (a few of them might think they're doing some good for human kind,but some,I'm sure,get some sort of sadistic pleasure when they hear those animals cry. Either that,or they've no emotions.)

But we're different,we do care,we respect life - that's why we risk imprisionment for what we believe in.But to go out and murder somebody - is that not the same evil?

I'm sure people are going to get killed in the years to come,whether in a fight when somebody wants to stop what they're doing,or whether it's in a fire or explosion when somebody gets caught in it.It may be an activist,security guard or a lab assistant - but I certainly dread those days to come,and I hope I'm personally not a part of it.

When a vivisector dies,he'll be replaced,and it will go on like that forever - they'll just have more security.Money is their motive,we've got to make animal abuse unprofitable.

Let's stick to destroying property,not people,and get those callous murderers where it hurts them the most - in their pockets.

The recent campaign by the ARM certainly caused a stir and got animal rights back into the media.The targets are notorious for their evil,sadistic practices,and until they are stopped,the animals unlucky enough to be their victims will go on suffering terror and agony.If they were known to be vivisecting people,there would be a public outcry to bring back hanging for the evil tormenters.However,animal abuse is in many ways acceptable in our society.This is not because they don't suffer,there is no doubt that they do.Animals are weak and defenceless,and advantage is taken of this fact.People don't complain because they are afraid to rock the status quo.
If these bastards were torturing babies, would you agree with blowing them up?If they were your children,you might be angry enough to do so.If they were black babies out somewhere in Africa,you probably wouldn't be. You might not be surprised if their own parents took such action however.Why should we wait until the horror comes so close to home?We may not feel close to animals,or feel any love for them,but we should never turn our backs on their suffering.

But,there are other ways of stopping these people and saving animals.Destroying property and exposing cruelty is effective. I personally feel it is wrong to plan to kill someone.It may solve some problems in the short term,but in the end it only reinforces people's idea of force and muscle being the answer.Most people are too ready to flex their muscles,and violence is always likely to escalate.Of course,another reason not to use violence is the heavy sentences likely.
Were the bombs meant to kill anyone -which seems unlikely - perhaps to have used these bombs to actually destroy buildings would have been more effective?

Houses on an exclusive Harrogate housing estate were evacuated today while an army bomb-disposal team investigated and blew up a suspect package found in the door-way of the home of a laboratory director.

The alarm was raised after police received a report that animal-rights supporters had planted five devices in towns throughout the UK.

Police immediately checked out Harleton Laboratories, in Otley Road, Harrogate, and the homes of members of the staff.

A suspect package was found in the doorway of the large detached house of Dr Alan Armitage, chief toxicologist and science director at the laboratories, who lives in Almsford Avenue, off Leeds Road.

YORKSHIRE EVENING POST

'Militia' claim

People from eight nearby houses were evacuated while the bomb-disposal team used a remote controlled robot to investigate the package.

Part of the road was sealed off as the machine was steered through snow automatically to the doorway of the house. A few minutes later there was a loud bang as the Army exploded the package.

And there was then a long wait before one of the team wearing special protective clothing went to investigate.

A police spokesman said Dr Armitage had gone to work as usual.

He said two other suspect packages were discovered, one in Sussex and one in London.

Earlier today the area around the controversial Harleton Laboratories was searched but nothing suspicious was found.

A North Yorkshire Police spokesman said the Animal Rights Militia had claimed responsibility for the packages.

By Andrew Rawnsley

SCOTLAND YARD anti-terrorist squad officers have joined the hunt for animal rights militants who planted explosive devices in London, Staffordshire and Sussex, Yorkshire yesterday.

The Animal Rights Militia claimed responsibility for planting the devices outside the homes of four people involved in animal experimentation. The four devices were detonated by army bomb disposal teams, through controlled explosions, after the militia telephoned warnings to national newspapers.

Mr David Mellor, a Home Office minister, later said the bomb planting was being treated as serious crime and will be vigorously investigated.

The crude devices were being examined by forensic scientists last night.

The first, a plastic container containing three butane gas cylinders, a battery and a clock, was found in Steyning, West Sussex, under a car belonging to Mr Peter Savage, sales director of Shamrock Farms, a firm which imports monkeys and breeds them for sale to research laboratories.

A second device was discovered in Dulwich, London, under the car of Dr Brian Meldrum, who last year headed a team using baboons for research into epilepsy at the Institute of Psychiatry. Further suspect packages were destroyed in Yorkshire and Staffordshire.

One was found on the front porch of the Harrogate home of Dr Alan Armitage, scientific director of the near-by Harleton Research Laboratories. The other was discovered on the doorstep of Professor Ted Evans, head of neuro-science at the University of Keele, Staffordshire.

Detective Chief Superintendent Malcolm Bevington, head of Staffordshire CID, said: "It was certainly an anti-personnel device and if any innocent person had been near the house this morning and the thing had gone off, then at the very least they would have sustained serious injuries."

Animal welfare groups joined in the condemnation of the attacks. Ms Diana Jones for the RSPCA said the society "regards this sort of action, as will all sane and sensible people, as an utter abomination.

The biggest of the animal liberation groups, the Animal Liberation Front, said it would not adopt the militia's tactics and would continue to concentrate on non-violent direct action by attacking property and raiding laboratories. But the ALF refused to condemn the militia. Ms Emma Fox, a press officer, said: "As ALF members would totally agree with these tactics. I wouldn't be at all concerned if a vivisector was killed, compared with the death and suffering they cause to millions of animals."

GUARDIAN

RICHARD DONKIN looks into the world of people prepared to send bombs in the name of advancing their cause

Animal rights group strikes from shadow

MORNING POST

THE Animal Rights Militia, which claimed to have triggered yesterday's bomb alerts at the homes of people working in the field of vivisection, almost certainly exists in name only with no identifiable leader, spokesman, or membership structure.

The name has been adopted to identify those animal rights activists prepared to go to the most extreme lengths to advance their cause.

The only person who appears to have any working knowledge of the militia is Mr. Ronnie Lee, spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front, which has been at the forefront of attacks against the fur trade, vivisectionists and hunters.

"I don't know what they are," Mr. Lee said yesterday before outlining a list of militia actions since the militia first emerged in 1982 when it claimed responsibility for a crude letter bomb sent to 10, Downing Street.

The following February more letter bombs were sent to vivisectionists and fur shop owners but none of the devices exploded. The campaign led to a fierce backlash from other campaigning animal rights groups anxious to distance themselves from any terrorist activities.

The militia label was next used in Christmas 1984 when a claim was made that turkeys had been injected with mercury poisoning, later admitted to be a hoax.

Mercury was injected, however, into hens' eggs at a battery farm in Kent early last year and again the militia was implicated.

It also claimed to be responsible for petrol bombing the homes of vivisectionists and last September it admitted planting two explosive devices causing damage to cars owned by vivisectionists in Carshalton, Surrey.

Mr. Lee said he was informed of militia attacks in a communique sent for publication in the ALF news sheet, but bearing no identifiable marks. His own reaction to the attacks treads a fine line between disapproval and applause.

He said: "We are certainly not against people damaging property belonging to those who practice cruelty on animals. We wouldn't even be against the use of explosives but, depending on the circumstances, we would not be in favour of any incident where someone was hurt."

He added: "I think these particular devices might have been designed to frighten the vivisectionists. None appears to have gone off of its own accord. I would say that this has been more of a warning.

"Up to now the animal rights movement has been incredibly restrained with the vivisectionists but I think there may be those who want to get at these people more personally.

"There is a relatively small but increasing number of people who would be prepared to injure and perhaps even kill, those who abuse animals. How many people it involves I don't know."

Mr. Lee is always careful to distance himself from the organisations he represents so that he can avoid charges of conspiracy, but he continues to issue guidelines on policy in the ALF news sheet.

He is a founder member of the direct action movement which dates back to the early 1970s when he was among a group of people who started to sabotage hunts.

They formed the Band of Mercy, taking the name of a 19th century radical youth section of the RSPCA. Membership had risen to about 30 by 1976 and the group, realising that direct action could be used against other areas of animal abuse, adopted a new name, The Animal Liberation Front.

Mr. Lee became spokesman and figurehead after serving prison sentences in the mid-1970s. In 1974 he was sentenced to three years prison for offences of causing damage totalling £60,000 to animal establishments. In 1977 he served eight months of a 12-month sentence imposed for the burglary of laboratory mice.

The ALF grew in membership and notoriety after attacking national attention in November 1984 when it claimed to have poisoned Mars bars.

Since then it has claimed responsibility for an increasing number of actions ranging from smashing windows in butchers' shops to arson attacks causing damage in the hundreds of thousands of pounds. Membership of a supporters branch is said to be around 1,300 but the front claims to have an even higher number of activists.



Mr. Ronnie Lee

Although Mr. Lee says that the ALF is primarily concerned with causing maximum financial damage to people who exploit animals, it has also been prepared to use crude bombs.

A simple bomb was used in an attack on a meat factory in Birkenhead last April and an incendiary device was used against a Rackhams store in Sheffield last month.

The ugly side of the ALF was also demonstrated when a crossbow was used in attacks on butchers' shops and a fishing tackle shop in Sheffield in May last year.

Police forces throughout the country can draw on a national file of animal rights activities compiled by the intelligence unit C11 at Scotland Yard and some forces have been reporting increasing successes in the last year.

One senior police officer said: "These people call themselves many names but we call them the ALF. They are one and the same."

The extremists were condemned yesterday by Mr. Mark Gold, campaign director of Animal Aid, an 8,000 strong movement which supports some direct action. He said: "Even if no one has been physically hurt these people have used the same sort of psychological violence that we have condemned in vivisectionists.

"It is an attempt to terrorise people, and we must oppose that. These people are trying to make the Animal Rights movement the next thing to the IRA in Britain and they are causing untold damage to our campaign."

IS THERE ANYBODY THERE?

When you've finished reading this small handbook of ours,I hope you're not going to put it down and say to yourself,

"Well I support what they're doing,and I'd like to help,but I don't know anybody active, and I don't know the first thing about getting into places and smashing them up or getting animals out."

Well,you see,neither did the thousand or so other activists up and down the country. Friends just started getting together,buying a few tools,being very careful and hey presto! Look where it's got us - millions and millions of pounds worth of damage done (hopefully those morons will begin to see that animal abuse is no longer the easy profit it once was), and thousands of our animal friends enjoying a peaceful life.

Now don't start saying,

"They seem to be getting on along fine with the numbers they have got already,"

because at this rate we'll get nowhere,as there are thousands of places which deal with animals.You see,we're not superhuman,and we haven't got ten pairs of hands,we're just ordinary people like you.

So,if you agree with the ALF views,and want to stop animal abuse,get up off your backside,go and see a like-minded friend (one you know very well and can trust) and go and buy a hammer etc etc...If you don't know anyone,do it on your own.



It is a bit pricey at first,but if you care about animals and their plight it's well worth it. Go and check out a place (the variety seems endless),and do it.

If you think it's worth it,get someone to ring the papers - the numbers in the book.They may tape you or try to trace you,so disguise your voice and don't stay on too long.

It can be harder recuing animals - but if I can help do it,so can you.Don't forget to make sure you have homes first.I don't want to say too much about that,as you don't know whose beady eyes are reading this.Use your common-sense - we're all born with it.Likewise,don't give anything away to the papers,just where and what, because the last thing we want is more security.

3 people have been known to rescue over 60 animals!

The ALF is not an army,with squads and a leader travelling around the country,and telling people where to hit next,and if there is,god help him/her if they come to Leeds.There are hardly any big groups (big groups can be easy to crack anyway).Stay small and safe,and keep your mouth shut to other friends.Don't waste your money on army jackets and trousers and then parade around the streets,because then you're just asking for the blue boot-boys to come knocking on your door,and you'll get no sympathy from me.And don't waste time thinking up stupid,posy fucking names like White Fox.For an ALF article OK,but not for the papers.This is no joking matter,it is serious business.So let's not mess about - let's just get on with it.

I hope I've convinced some of you at least.How are you going to spend tonight???

WELL, IS THERE?

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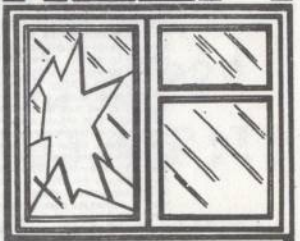
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A PLEA FOR HELP

Yes, that nasty little thing rears its ugly little head again...
LEEDS ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT DESPARATELY NEEDS FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
So far, all of our actions have been self-financed, and obviously this limits our effectiveness with what we can achieve. Without money readily available, it means saving up for an action, rather than being able to go out and do it when and where it is possible, any time we're ready...
It costs a hell of a lot in petrol to suss out a place, and on the night itself. Materials (paint, glue, paraffin, paint-stripper etc) need to be constantly bought, and we also use expensive tools and equipment (boltcutters, hammers(lots!), drills, CBs etc). This is not forgetting the cost of food, housing and vetinary attention for rescued animals (it doesn't stop with the raid). It all adds up.
Without sufficient funds, actions will be confined to breaking windows and blocking laboratory phone lines (something which everybody should be doing anyway), instead of entering buildings, rescuing animals, and destroying torturing equipment.
Don't just sit at home reading the latest BUAV paper, or sending £5 conscience money to the RSPCA- WE NEED MONEY TO CONTINUE DIRECT ACTION NOW.
The animals can't wait 5 years for parliament (as if anything would change there anyway), the time is now.
If you can't go out and do it yourself, send us a donation now and help us to help the animals.

CHEQUES/POSTAL ORDERS (PREFERABLY LARGE)!! PAYABLE PLEASE TO Leeds Animal Liberation Front- Supporters Group.
℅ BOX 8, 59 COOKRIDGE STREET, LEEDS LS2 3AW.

Activists should never involve themselves in the work that non-activists should be doing because, to sum up, a) thats all time and energy spent that should be used for planning and carrying out more raids, b) the greatest morale booster for the prisoners is to know that their colleagues are doubling, not halving, the actions and c) activists are exposing themselves to an unnecessary security risk.

The back up support work for the ALF however is a very essential part of the campaign and this is the job of the Supporters Group. If the activists see that the welfare of their imprisoned friends is not being adequately catered for, if their supporters aren't there in court and at the police stations, if they don't see letters going into the local papers, if they don't see people leafletting and fund raising it is little wonder that they themselves feel forced to do these things.

If Supporters Group members want to see more ALF actions taking place, they must take the rest of the work off the activists backs and let them get on with it.

YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE?

In issue 14 of the newsletter there was a request for ALF supporters to contact us if they are willing to get involved with setting up local ALF Support Groups. Does the lack of response mean that the majority of ALF Supporters Group members think that, by sending the equivalent of £2 a month, their contribution to the war against a world of animal suffering is enough?

The Supporters Group is a collection of people who realise the need for direct action but who, for a very good reason, cannot take part in ALF raids. Being old or physically handicapped is a very good reason. Not being prepared to take the risk of getting arrested because it would jeopardize your job promotion prospects/mortgage/plans for a world cruise is just a selfish and gutless cop-out.

There are those who express to us genuine frustration and even feelings of guilt that, because they are too old etc., they cannot take part in ALF actions. Instead, they give out our leaflets, they write letters in our defence/support to their local papers and they organise fund-raising jumble sales. It is important to point out to these people that their hard work in a 'supportive' capacity makes them every bit as valuable in our struggle as the activists themselves. But we are talking about only a small percentage of the Supporters Group that actually does work hard. That small percentage can ignore the rest of this article.

For the others, we are wondering i: their subscription money is in fact 'conscience' money - a token gesture from people who 'sympathise' with what we're doing but, when it comes to the crunch, would rather spend their own time doing something else.

There are three very important reasons why the involvement of non-activists is vital. Firstly, if you don't help in a practical way you are actually responsible for reducing the amount of actions that can take place. Activists are prepared to break the law, damage property, rescue animals and risk imprisonment. If they have less time to spend looking at new targets, planning and carrying out raids, thats less actions and less animals saved than could otherwise be. An activist recently commented that if he had to spend a few weeks on trial he would certainly not appreciate his active colleagues turning up at court every day in some gesture of support. They can't help him by sitting in court, they're just wasting their valuable time. The activist said he'd feel happier in court seeing supporters present and knowing that the activists were not there because they were out planning the next raid, totally unaffected by his trial.

The second point is that when visiting prisoners, the first thing they always want to be told about is the action. Thats what keeps them going and, in many cases, thats all they really care about. While activists are in prison they need to know constantly that their active friends outside are smashing their way into yet more labs. etc. They do not want to know that the latest raid had to be cancelled because everyone was running round organising collections for the Defence Fund, when thats what the supporters should have been doing.

Thirdly, theres the security aspect. Say a group of four activists took part in a raid and three of those were caught and arrested and the other one managed to escape. One would have thought that the escaped person would have to be a total fool to turn up at the police station a few hours later with vegan food for the other three, pretending to be an innocent friend who had just heard about the arrests. Yet there have been actual cases where activists have been arrested when they have gone to the police station to enquire about their colleagues. 'Well-meaning' citizens who saw them running away have given descriptions to the police and then those very people who perfectly fit those descriptions go strolling into the police station where their fellow raiders are being held. Activists have actually been arrested when they've turned up at court to support their friends in the dock! Its just such damned unprofessional behaviour to say the least. Activists shouldn't do anything to draw attention to themselves. The authorities are bound to take an interest in whoever turns up at the courts and police stations. They probably even take photographs, particularly if they haven't yet caught everybody involved in the raids in question. Don't think that this is giving the police ideas. Some of them are not idiots and they know that some of us are. They know that theres a chance that the activist who escaped might just be stupid enough to turn up at the court case of those who didn't. It has happened.

from alf supporters group bulletin, as is the article on the next page

I find myself writing this reply wondering whether Hilly Beavan actually misunderstood my article in issue 15 of the SG newsletter (Time for Change) or whether she chose to misrepresent it - either way she got things wrong throughout.

I see in the first part of her article that Hilly lists the benefits to the movement of the national organizations: They publish literature, they organise demos.. they are central for the press to ring and then the big one folks! they print lists of activists in trouble in defence funds - which basically means that they are prepared to beg the movement for money for activists because one things for sure, they aren't going to give them any.

Activists remember, the nationals want reports of your newsworthy actions, any photos, the odd video and some internal laboratory documents wouldn't be sneezed at either - but if you go and get yourself arrested, don't go running to them because they are too busy opening the latest package from the next suckers.

But back to this impressive list: doesn't it make your pulse race when you read it? And all this for only a few hundreds of thousands of pounds every year. My article questioned the present system which allows a few campaigners to hold the purse strings of the movement - and whilst I fully appreciate that finances cannot be handed out willy-nilly, I don't see why the small local groups, the backbone of the movement, have to go cap-in-hand to the nationals to ask for part of the funds they helped to create in the first place.

Also, I believe that seeing as the activists take all the very real risks as part of their work the movement should - has a duty to - fully support them, make what they do as easy as possible for them. If the support work of direct action was done by others maybe activists would be freer to organise actions more efficiently. Those who complain that the ALF liberate too few animals should realise that this is the most difficult aspect of campaigning and they should help by organising and finding safe animal homes and holding units. It frankly amazes me that by far the most difficult and dangerous campaigning is left to run on a shoe-string basis. I share the views of the activist who wrote in the last SG about the view that all types of campaigning are of equal importance: Clearly the most effective campaigns are the most important but even if people did take the other view, is it not reasonable to ask that every type of campaign be equally well funded?

Give a million pounds to direct action campaigning and a million to political campaigning and compare the benefits to animals, long and short term. Hilly Beavan says that actions are more important than money - I say that one without the other is useless. The more finances the activists have at their disposal, the more capable they are of better planned and more frequent actions. Furthermore, if direct action groups were not broke they could really sue about the industries that ruthlessly exploit animals: indeed, those who abuse animals are already severely affected by what the ALF is doing to their respective trades - just consider how many could be finished off if they were being hit ten times harder and thirty times more often!

There are still so many people who are relatively unaware of the terrible plight of animals - we must show them the truth again and again and direct action and local campaigning are undoubtedly recognised as our finest weapons in this fight. I must say again that, to be good, these aspects of campaigning have to be well financed. The walls of laboratories and factory farms are not made of glass - the idea is to stop the public from seeing inside - we must punch holes through the walls of animal abuse and lead the public in.

Hilly Beavans advice is that if you don't like what you see, do your own thing - I've already explained in my first article how 'doing your own thing' benefits the national groups. And this idea certainly wasn't in the minds of the people who launched the radicalisation of the BUAV. One of the main reasons why the BUAV was such a temptation then was that they were sitting on many thousands of pounds while animals were suffering. And what was the effect of the BUAVs radicalisation?: the creation of a massive spark throughout the entire animal rights movement: the most intense, exciting campaigning for animals ever seen - and why? - because those with radical views found themselves in a financial position to campaign as they wanted.

I remember simple things like the production of the 'Animals don't...' leaflets - perhaps it doesn't seem much now but they were the first animal rights (not welfare) literature available to the public. Other things followed - 'Liberate Laboratory Animals 'Every Six Seconds..', a massive fly-posting campaign, the first large scale animal rights demos, and then the BUAVs finest hour - Porton Down - then the BUAV were really leading the movement, not a crodible claim now. All this coincided with the NALLs Babraham raid and the foundation of daylight raids, the Hunt Saboteurs were riding on the crest of this 'new wave', the Animals Film was soon to be launched and the ALF were growing from strength to strength.

Sadly that spark has now died, the BUAV are desperately trying to moderate while continuing to pay lip service to direct action through their pseudo support for the SEALL - Hilly Beavan says that the SEALL couldn't have afforded the Royal College of Surgeons court case - of course they couldn't, how could they when the BUAV have got all their money?

I believe time has progressed and the national groups have now outgrown their use to the movement - if the huge finances they hold were distributed throughout the country the second intense animal rights campaigning wave could be sparked. All those who are in local groups, just consider your recent campaigns - just think about the campaigning potential in your area if you weren't scraping around to pay the phone bill. There are thousands of animal abuse centres in the country, there are tens of thousands of campaigners - let's give them the tools to smash animal exploitation. Let us provide all that is missing - real support for direct action, payment of fines, campaigning finances, typewriters, printing machines - whatever is needed, the movement has the money, let's put it to use. You can't campaign against multi-national companies without the necessary campaigning facilities.

Who has the right to sit on thousands of pounds when currently groups are begging for money because they can't even afford a vehicle to go out sabbing in? The present situation is even worse for the ALF - each group of activists should have many vehicles for their activities, enough good CBs, all the tools they need, animal holding units, homes for animals and the knowledge that if they get nicked the movement will do more than stick their names in defence funds.

The most effective campaigning should be concentrated upon: Come on political campaigners, be honest, can you really see parliament, the bastion of vested interests, legislating to help animals? Most MPs don't give a damn about people, let alone animals. Let's put our hands on our hearts and sort out the useless campaigning from the good. If people want to write letters to MPs, fine, but that's as far as it should go - let's concentrate on public education, direct action and local campaigns.

Maybe in the future political campaigning will be productive but that time is way off yet - politicians are followers, not leaders, animal abuse will have to be much weaker and politicians much less connected with animal exploitation before we can influence parliament. This is certainly true in the case of both factory farming and animal experimentation, where we haven't got one single cuddly seal to point to. At present we are asking for too much, we are treading on too many political toes. Give the MPs a miss until the majority of the population is boycotting the meat industry, until direct action makes vivisection impossible and then they'll legislate.

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