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OPEN SEASON ON THE FUR TRADE



rod coronado arrested * 1994's record year of actions * action report from finland * prisoner support, press clippings, news, and more!

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We're proud to say that the Militant Vegan has reached issue seven; it has far surpassed anyone's initial expectations. At the outset, only twenty-five copies were produced. Now the Militant Vegan is distributed to a number of countries around the world, well beyond the scope of its humble beginnings. The far reaching circulation of this magazine is due not to the comparatively small mailing we give it following production, but because of the amount of recirculation you give it. Keep up the good work! By xeroxing the Militant Vegan and distributing it at demos, shows, and through the mail, you get the word out to thousands of people. Feel free to sell copies as a fundraiser for your group, as many people have done. As long as more people know about the plight of the animals and know that there is something they can do about it, the better off the animals will be!

If you want to take the most important step to save animals and are wondering about veganism, we suggest you pick up Diet for a New America by John Robbins and contact any one of a number of groups devoted to the issue of veganism. One such group is PETA (P.O. Box 42516 Washington DC 90015,) which is more than willing to send you recipes and information on veganism. Literature on vegan cooking and nutrition can be found, and easily copied, at most bookstores and nearly all health food stores. You can avoid the high prices at health food stores by shopping at Asian and Indian groceries.

When the Militant Vegan was started there was a void in terms of magazines focusing on direct action on behalf of animals. Now, however, there are other good sources of this information available. If you are interested in the active defence of animals we recommend you look at the newsletter of the North American ALF supporters group, "Underground," which you can get for $3 from the NA-ALFSG (P.O. Box 8673, Victoria, BC, Canada V8W 3S2, e-mail: un028@freenet.victoria.bc.ca). They also run a literature distribution from which you can order lots of great booklets and magazines (including back issues of the Militant Vegan.) The ALFSG also badly needs donations for prisoner support.

Note: The Militant Vegan is a news magazine that reports the known facts about direct action for animals. We do not intend to encourage crime against animal torturers and killers. Thismagazine is for information only.



He Knows If You've Been Bad or Good

The Militant Vegan is not an ALF support group, so we make no contact with illegal units. This is to guarantee that we are able to continue reporting the good news of animal liberation. If you see any articles about direct action or are a member of an ALF cell, send clippings or an untraceable report of your actions to the NA-ALFSG. You might also want to send information to the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT, P.O. Box 40641, Memphis, TN, 38174.)

The English ALFSG is at BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX, England, and they print a quarterly magazine for prisoner support ($20 a year), sell t-shirts and other items, and take donations for ALF prisoners. A separate ALF Press Office takes action reports and acts as a media spokesperson after raids. They can be contacted at ALF Press Office, BM 4400, London WC1N 3XX, England. The Swedish ALFSG is at DBF - Animal Avengers, P.O. Box 2051, S-265 02, Astorp2, Sweden. The Spanish: APDO, 50390, 28080 Madrid, Spain. The Israeli: P.O. Box 6023, Tel Aviv 6 1060, Israel. The Polish: P.O. Box 223, 86-30 Grudziadz 1, Poland.

A good way to keep up with the movement is to subscribe to "Arkangel," the best animal liberation magazine around, at BCM 9240, London, WC1N 3XX, England ($15 a year, they take U.S. cash). Don't forget "Underground" for keeping abreast as well (address above).

If this issue of the Militant Vegan is as enjoyable as the last please pass it along to your friends. Remember, you can make a difference!

NEWS AND COMMENT

Rod Coronado, perhaps the North American movement's best known spokesperson, was arrested on the Pascua Yaqui reservation on September 28th. Rod was charged on connection with fires set at Michigan State in 1992, and has evaded capture for the fourteen months since the issue of a warrant for his arrest. Please refer to page 4 for more information on Rod, and write him at: Rod Coronado F4445, Newaygo County Jail, PO Box 845,White Cloud, MI 49349. A group has formed to support him at :Rod Coronado Support Committee, PO Box 1891, Tucson, AZ 85702.

Lise Olsen, accused of attempting to burn a fur billboard in July of 1992 in Chicago, was recently convicted and sentenced to two years in jail. Because she suffers from chronic fatigue syndrome, there is an appeal to have her classified as minimum security. Anyone wishing to write on her behalf should send letters to Howard Peters III, Director, Illinois Department of Corrections, 1301 Concordia Court PO Box 19277, Springfield, IL 62794 9277. Letters to Lise should be sent to: Lise Olsen, B48426, PO Box 5001, Dwight, IL 60420, or write to the NA-ALFSG (address on facing page).

Darren Thurston, convicted for ALF actions in Edmonton in 1991 and 1992, is serving a four year sentence following a March appeal by the Crown. Write to him at: Darren Thurston, Fort Saskatchewan Correctional Facility, Bag 10, 7802-101 St., Fort Saskatchewan, AB, T8L 2P3, Canada.

David Barbarash has been released after being arrested on the same charges.

Kim Trimiew and Deb Stout have also been released after being held for refusing to testify before a Washington grand jury.

Gurjeet Aujla was charged in early June with"conspiracy to cause explosions." Write him at: Gurjeet Aujla, HMP Birmingham, Winston Green Road, Birmingham, B18 4AS, England; 011-44-021-554-3838.

Terry Helsby, Allison Mckeon, and Max Watson have been convicted earlier this year for vandalizing butchers' shops and a zoo. Write them at, respectively: Terry Helsby EF0761, HMP Risley, Warrington Road, Risley, Warrington, Cheshire, WA3 6BP, England; Allison Mckeon RE2370, HMP Askham Grange, Askham, Richard York, Y02 3PT, England; and Max Watson BJ2477, HMP Haverigg, Haverigg Camp, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 4NA, England.

Annette Tibbles is serving four years on a "conspiracy to commit arson" conviction. Write her at: Annette Tibbles TT2215, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, Holloway, London, N7 0NU, England.



Angie Hamp and Keith Mann,underground ALF activists, were arrested at an animal sanctuary in the spring of 1994. They can receive mail at, respectively: Angie Hamp TW1687, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, Holloway, London, N7 0NU, England; and Keith Mann, HMP Manchester, 1 Southall Street, Manchester, M60 9 AH, England.

Vivien Smith, the longtime English ALF activist who escaped from prison earlier this year, remains underground.

Six Hunt Sabs were arrested in England in early November. The arrests have occurred under section 68 of the new Criminal Justice Act of 1994, which aims to stop the success of hunt sabbing in shutting down hunts across the U.K. For more information, write: Hunt Saboteurs Association, PO Box 1, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 2JY, England.

Two *legal* blows to the fur industry. The November 9th elections in Arizona saw the banning of commercial trapping on public land through the passage of Proposition 201. Voters in Oregon approved Ballot Measure 18 which bans the hunting of bearsover bait and the hunting of bears and cougars with hounds. Hopefully we'll soon see propositions to ban fur farming!

Pressure pays off, judging by the number of businesses that have decided not to handle fur any more. In Memphis, Tennessee, Jack Lewis Furs has gone out of business after years of actions. In New York, the Limited, Fontana, and Campaign have decided not to line the collars of their coats with fur following ALF activity in that city. Think of what could be accomplished if more people got out there and did something about these animal exploiters!

Fur Free Friday is November 25th, and the National Activist Network and Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade plan to turn up the pressure with CD actions in at least 15 cities.

The North American ALFSG office in Victoria was recently broken into, with their computer and other equipment stolen. Fortunately, they had backup discs and no information was lost. However, they are more than ever in need of large donations, so please send them whatever you can.

California Hunt Sabs will be back in action November 18-20 in the northern part of the state to stop black bear hunting.

Canadian hunt sabs recently stopped a goose hunt by using air horn to scare the flock from the hunters.

This summer, five activists in Syracuse, New York were arrested in a CD outside a fur store, and a CD was held outside a fur store in Minneapolis as well. Arkansas saw its first radical protests ever as well this summer, with fur store owners having to lock their doors to keep out the demonstrators.

Hunt sab support is going on right now in Minneapolis for fifteen activists recently arrested in a sab. They're scheduled to go to trial on December 5th and are in need of donations for their legal defense. Anyone interested in contributing should contact SOAR 235 CMU, 300 Washington Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN, 55455. SOAR has also had several members arrested at recent CD's at fur stores and a McDonalds.

ROD CORONADO ARRESTED



On September 28, 1994, longtime activist Rod Coronado was arrested in Tucson, Arizona, where he was living under an assumed name on the Yaqui tribal reservation. Charged with the February 28, 1992 ALF raid on Michigan State University fur farm researcher Richard Aulerich, Coronado was extradited to Michigan and will be held under charges that could put him in jail for 50 years. As the target of a nationwide manhunt by the FBI and the BATF and five federal grad juries, Rod's arrest will undoubtedly be held as a victory by those who slaughter animals and destroy the environment.

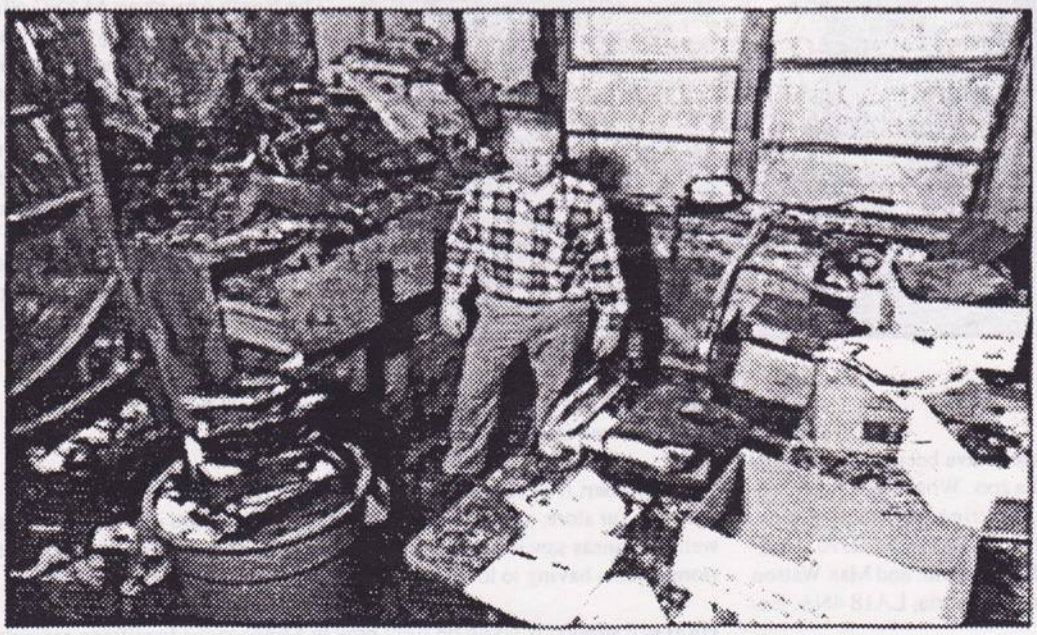
But how did the 28 year old activist come to be such an important figure in the movement? As many are aware, his long years of hard work and seemingly heroic deeds have been an inspiration to fight harder and longer for animals and the earth. Rod Coronado grew up in Morgan Hill, California, just south of San Jose. Even as a child, he loved animals, sculpting whales and "taking special care of the family pets," according to his father. A 1986 San Francisco Chronicle article described how he sent $150, "his entire savings account," to Greenpeace and other environmental groups. After graduating from high school, he joined the Sea Shepherds in Vancouver, Canada and was soon sailing on missions in defense of whales. In a spectacular attack in November 1986, Coronado and a friend went to Iceland undercover and on one night sunk two whaling ships, half the nation's fleet, and smashed the whale processing plant's equipment and computers to the tune of two million dollars damage. Iceland has never resumed whaling since that day.

After another Sea Shepherd anti-whaling campaign which got him banned from the Faroe Islands, Rod and two fellow activists formed an ALF cell to hit fur stores in Vancouver. Smashing windows and throwing paint all over the furs, the numerous attacks forced two stores out of business. Unfortunately, a passerby one night saw the ALF activists' van and they were arrested. Coronado jumped bail, and there is still a Canadian warrant for his arrest for this incident. His dedication at this time period can be shown in a March 1988 article in the Santa Clara Valley Metro, where he describes the animal liberation and environmental movements as the same and explains, "It's war," to a reporter's question about ALF actions. For the next two years, he continued to serve on Sea Shepherd campaigns, but decided to quit mainstream groups in 1990 for a new project.

In a front cover article for the EF! Journal in 1991, "Freedom for Fur Farm Prisoners," Rod described his campaign with his Coalition Against Fur Farms where he infiltrated the fur farm industry, giving the movement valuable information on that filthy trade. Posing as someone interested in learning the ways of the industry, he filmed a fur farmer breaking a mink's neck; this footage was used by CBS's 60 Minutes program and was seen by millions of viewers. After buying a fur farm ranch from a farmer, he and fellow activists spent long months rehabilitating the fur farm animals, and successfully re-introduced them into the wild. This action was an important step in the growing cooperation between the radical environmental and animal liberation movements.

In June 1991, the ALF began a devastating campaign against the fur farm industry, beginning with an arson attack on the Experimental Fur Farm at Oregon State University. The farm closed forever and records on fur farmers were taken. Five days later, a million dollar blaze hit a mink foods cooperative in Edmonds, Washington, a major player in the ability of fur farmers to increase their yields and genetically alter the wildlife they imprison and slaughter. Two months later, Washington State was raided by the ALF, with numerous animals liberated and a fur farm researcher's data destroyed in a pool of acid on his office floor. In December, a $119,000 blaze destroyed the mink processing plant of a fur farm in Yamhill, Oregon. Then in February, over $100,000 damage was done at Michigan State and 30 years of research was destroyed. Aulerich is a major ally of the fur trade, and at this point the FBI and BATF stepped up their efforts to defeat the ALF. In May, the BATF sent a helicopter with an armed squad to Coronado's cabin in southern Oregon, but Rod went underground and was not found for over two years despite the manhunt. He was targeted for the raids because he wrote the press release for the WSU attack; Rod says he was acting only as spokesperson for the ALF. Despite the grand juries impaneled to stop the ALF, Utah State's Animal Damage Control Program research lab was hit in October 1992, with coyotes liberated, the field station set on fire, the head researcher's office bombed, and proof of illegal dumping of radioactive animal corpses revealed to the public. The government blamed Rod for this raid as well.

When he was caught, Coronado was acting as a guide for troubled Native American youth on the reservation, taking them on trips to the wilderness. During his years underground, his many press releases and articles inspired many activists and were partly responsible for the new animal liberation/environmental activism around the country. Rod needs all the support he can get during his trial, so we encourage everyone out there to write him c/o the North American ALFSG with letters of support and donations for his trial. As far as we at the Militant Vegan are concerned, Rod Coronado is as great an American hero as Martin Luther King Jr. and he deserves as much support as possible.



Up in smoke. *Aulerich surveys the damage.*

Rod Coronado #F4445
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BOMB SCENE: A policeman guards the wrecked Boots shop

Militants' terror trail

By KATHRYN LISTER

ANIMAL rights campaigners have been more active in the past 12 months than any other time in their 18-year history.

And none more so than the Animal Liberation Front, which caused £15 million worth of damage last year.

Scotland Yard says the group has made more than 400 incendiary attacks since the late 80s.

The ALF has even produced a manual describing how to make timed incendiary devices and petrol bombs, and how best to damage vehicles, locks and telephone lines.

The 2,000-strong group was founded by Ronnie Lee in 1976 after he was released from a three-year jail sentence for arson. Lee — freed again from prison two years ago for plotting fire-raising attacks on department stores — described animal laboratories and factory farms as "the concentration camps of the human Reich".

The group's toll of havoc includes £20,000 of damage when members attacked vehicles at a Bristol dairy.

Firebombs also caused £65,000 damage at a meat depot in Bournemouth and £100,000-worth at a pork pie factory in Reading. In the West Midlands a meat company lost 10 refrigerated lorries worth £500,000.

Ten years ago the ALF claimed to have poisoned Mars bars in protest at tooth-decay experiments on monkeys — a hoax which cost the manufacturers more than £3 million.

Police find three shop fire bombs

By Colin Wright

POLICE investigating five early morning fires at stores and shops in Harrogate and York recovered three incendiary devices which, it is believed, were planted by animal rights militants.

Two Boots stores and an outlet of Fads — DIY subsidiary of the company — were damaged along with a gun shop and an Imperial Cancer Research shop between 1 am and 4 am yesterday.

Devices were recovered from the Boots and Fads outlets in York and from the Imperial Cancer Research shop in Harrogate. They were being examined last night.

North Yorkshire police have contacted Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, which maintains a database of animal rights groups. The force was also liaising with police in Hampshire, Thames Valley and Cambridge, where in recent months there have been similar fires for which animal rights groups have admitted responsibility.

A police spokesman said last night that no group had admitted blame for the five fires which caused considerable damage to two outlets.

The Boots store in Harrogate suffered significant damage to its first floor although the outlet in York was not badly affected and opened for business.

The most serious threat was posed by the fire at Fads where hundreds of gallons of paint and inflammable material are kept. The store was badly damaged.

Boots has been a target of several animal rights attacks since last year and incendiary devices have been recovered from fire-damaged outlets throughout the country.

A company spokesman said: "We have suffered attacks recently for which animal rights activists have claimed responsibility."



NEWS photo Cindy Goodman

RED PAINT is cleaned from the exterior of a North Vancouver house. A business selling furs was the target of anti-fur forces. The vandalism resulted in extensive cleaning work.

Animal protesters send five bombs

MARY BRAID

ANIMAL rights extremists are believed to be responsible for parcel bomb attacks yesterday on four companies associated with the meat trade. Three people suffered minor injuries.

After the incidents in Kent, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Edinburgh, a fifth bomb was made safe at a London branch of Boots, the chemist. The attacks all occurred within two hours.

Scotland Yard said anti-terrorist officers were involved in investigations. Robin Webb, spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front, said he believed the bombings were the work of the Justice Department, the newest and most violent animal rights group, which has claimed responsibility for 32 bombs sent to laboratories, meat trade employees and hunt supporters since October. Before Christmas, the group sent 13 parcel bombs to scientists and suppliers of animals to laboratories. Two exploded and 11 were made safe.

In the first explosion yesterday a 12-inch cylindrical package blew up at Graham Gilder, a haulage firm, in Elmstone Hardwicke, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. A second parcel bomb was found at Peter Gilder Haulage, 16 miles away at Bourton-on-the-Water. Later, a device exploded at the headquarters of the ferry operators Stena Sealink, in Ashford, Kent. A secretary suffered minor cuts. The companies are involved in the transportation of animals.

A man suffered injuries at the Pig Improvement Company, Fyfield Wick, near Abingdon, when a poster tube exploded, and another man received hospital treatment after a package exploded at Ross Breeders, a chicken breeding plant at Newbridge, Edinburgh.

£2m animal fire attacks

Oxford disrupted by firebombers

ANIMAL rights activists disrupted the centre of Oxford yesterday when two incendiary devices they planted in city centre stores went off. Three others failed to ignite.

Detectives confirmed that the attacks on stores selling leather and woollen goods had the hallmarks of animal rights activists. They came after three similar attacks in Cambridge recently where the Animal Rights Militia attacked a leather shop, Boots the Chemist and a woollens shop. The first floor of Boots was severely damaged by a device believed to be the size of an audio cassette.

A spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front said yesterday: "The Animal Rights Militia claimed responsibility for the Cambridge attacks and said it was the beginning of a campaign in towns and cities across England against all forms of animal abuse. This could be the second wave of a new campaign." Police were alerted early yesterday when a blast was heard at C H Brown and Son, a leather shop in Oxford's covered market.

The explosion started a fire in the ground floor of the shop and caused heavy smoke in nearby stores. The workshop was flooded, causing thousands of pounds of damage, after a sprinkler system was activated. Two more devices were later discovered, at a furrier and a leather shop.

Shortly before 8am another device was found at West World and two hours later staff at the Edinburgh Wool Shop raised the alarm after a fire broke out. At one stage a large area of the city centre was sealed off but was reopened during the rush hour.

Chief Inspector Laurie Fray, of Thames Valley Police, said: "All the indications are that some animal rights activist group are behind this. We do not know who because no-one has claimed responsibility."

Activist pledges attacks will be continued

BACKGROUND

By CLIVE SIMPSON
The News

Firebombs on the Isle of Wight last night are the latest in a series of terror campaign attacks by animal rights campaigners to hit the south.

Detectives are probing the involvement of activists in the series of blazes, Hampshire police said today.

Portsmouth animal rights campaigner Lin Sandell said today the attacks would continue.

"The reason it is done is because we are all against vivisection," she said.

"We want it to stop and we have to take direct action because the government is doing nothing."

Arsonist sought in horse buggy blazes

Carriage firm out of business

By Darryl Fears
STAFF WRITER

Fire officials are still searching for the arsonist who torched five horse-drawn carriages at a southwest Atlanta company Monday.

Fire Department spokesman Tim Szymanski declined to speculate on whether the 4:51 a.m. blaze at Capitol City Carriage Co. at 319 Walker St. was randomly set, or the work of animal rights activists, or competitors.

Atlanta's controversial horse-and-buggy industry has long been under fire from area animal protectionists, who say the horses are treated poorly.

Five white carriages were destroyed under the tin roof barn at Capitol City Carriages, which sits on the same block as the Inshirah Horse Drawn Carriage Co. at 313 Walker St. The fire put Capitol City owners Edward Gates and Will Johnson out of business.

"There was a diversion created to occupy the guard dogs," Szymanski said. "A fire was set in each carriage." No horses were injured.

Four years ago, the Atlanta Equestrian Society reported that horse-and-buggy owners feed, train and maintain their horses poorly, prompting legislation that placed carriage horses under the authority of veterinarians in the state Department of Agriculture.

Five buggy companies operate about 25 carriages in the city, according to Atlanta's Bureau of Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire, which regulates the trade for the city.

Capitol City Carriages, started 10 years ago by Gates and Johnson, accounted for a fifth of the 10 buggies that operate on Downtown streets and hotels each weekend.

Animal Lib attack on lab

Vandals daub red paint on workers' homes

BY KAREN MARTIN



Rabbit farm shutdown forced by rights groups

A CHESHIRE rabbit farm is ceasing trading because of the activities of animal rights groups.

Hylyne Rabbits is going into voluntary liquidation following a series of actions by the Animal Liberation Front and other animal rights groups.

The farm at Statham, Lymm, recently suffered £25,000 worth of damage in an arson attack, a parcel bomb has been sent to it and rabbits have been stolen in raids.

Hylyne director Edwin Sutton said: "You can't carry on when you've got to keep looking under your car to see if there's a bomb.

"We haven't gone bankrupt," said Mr Sutton. "We've got plenty of money. I'm just not prepared to put my staff through all this.

"It is an absolute disaster, but we can't carry on.

It was the continuing threats of ALF action and the spiralling insurance costs which prompted Mr Sutton's decision to go into liquidation.

Animal rights groups are jubilant.

A spokesman for the ALF called it a "victory for the rabbits".

The ALF claimed responsibility for the raids last May and September and for the arson attack last month.

Responsibility for the parcel bomb was claimed by the Justice Department, a very extreme group which, unlike the ALF, says it does not care about the risk of injury to people through its actions.

ALF spokesman Robin Webb said: "I'm delighted for the rabbits.

"We've had butchers and fur shops put out of business before, but this is the first time I can recall a venture of this type going into liquidation.

"I'm sure this will encourage activists everywhere."

Mr Webb said he had no sympathy for those who would lose their jobs as a result of the decision.

For the newly-formed Hylyne Action Group, a Manchester-based organisation which was planning a series of demonstrations against the farm, yesterday's news was a victory before they had even started their campaign.

Its spokesman said: "This is really a victory for the ALF."

The rabbit farm, a family business, was started in 1955 with an initial capital of only six shillings.

It grew rapidly to become known world-wide for its breeding techniques and breeders from all over the world came to study its methods.

Mr Sutton worked in the business with his wife and eight part-time staff.

Local councillor Sheila Woodyatt said: "My impression has always been that this was a well-run and well respected company.

'You can't keep looking for bombs under cars'

By David Banks
Daily Post Staff

DIRECT ACTION FOR ANIMALS Part 2

fighting the fur industry! with

Wendy & Ramona

This comic is for entertainment only. It is not intended to encourage crime.

One Saturday in December...

Hey! You got plans today?

No, why? Let's go downtown!

DEMO

Yeah!

SHOES

AMEBIX

Gosh Ramona! No-one would recognize you! It's perfect!

Let's Go!

GLOVES

METROPOLITAN VIGILANTE TIP #1: Try to avoid wearing anything that would make you stand out from a crowd.

We fit right in!

Ha!

'Tis The Season...

Merry

#2: Pick the busiest shopping day possible.

Spare some change for food, ma'm?

Milton! Make this...vermin stop harassing me!

This makes my day...

PAINT

In Here! Gruncher's DEPARTMENT STORE

FUR!

VEGAN

Act nonchalant, but keep both eyes open! Check (maybe on a separate trip) for security cameras!

Is this on sale?

SEDUCE HER WITH THE GIFT OF FUR

Razor blade

Umm... what luxury!

I know! Did you see this one, "Sandra?"

We'll smash them oneday...

tiny pocket scissors hidden in sleeve

SNIP!

Don't drop bits of fur on the floor! Put them in a bag & flush them down the ladies room toilet!

Uh... didn't you want to look for a necktie to give your dad...?

HOISERY

Stay Aware! Leave before you draw too much attention to yourself!

Many stores later...

We got so much accomplished today! It was worth having to touch those gruesome coats!

And I've got one last sticker. I'll put it on this payphone

While we're here, let's call some fur business's 800 numbers!

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Back at Ramona's...

Well, you two sure are dressed up! Where the heck did you go, a funeral?

CHORES

MELVINS

ALF Strikes Again

Don't tell anyone how you spent the day, except to anonymously and safely claim your actions!

Oh, we went downtown, saw glamourous people, went to glamourous stores, tried on glamourous clothes...

Good God- what's got into you? Must be the holiday spirit.

Huh! Sounds dangerous. Let's just say it's not for the faint of heart.

ALF Strikes Again

Stay tuned for more adventures!

♡ Happy Holidays!

REPORTS FROM FINLAND

Fighting the Finnish Fur Trade

Finland is widely known from its strong fur industry. While there are around 500 fur farms in the US, the number is 2000 in Finland. Over half of the fox pelts in the world are produced here and the number of minks murdered is 1.5 million annually.

Another sad fact is that while the fur industry is on the decline in almost every western country, it's getting stronger here. During the summer, furriers announced that 1993 was the first profit making year in a long time. Their newest report claims that the increasing demand for Finnish fur pelts gives them the opportunity to raise fox farming by twenty percent and mink farming by three.

One of the biggest fur auction houses is located here in Helsinki. There are several international pelt auctions held every year. The auction houses are considered the weakest link of the fur industry as only a few of them remain here in Europe. Others are located in Copenhagen, Denmark and Oslo, Norway.

So far, activism against the furriers has been quite low due mainly to the policy of our only national group, Animalia. But there's light at the end of the tunnel- radicalism and the general will to do more than ever before are definitely on the increase. In the latest fur trade publication, they mention their fears of the growing movement in Finland, saying, "we have to be prepared for immoral attacks from anti-fur groups."

This has created a need for a new group, a new group which is totally uncompromising and which supports any type of action for furbearing animals. This group will organize aggressive protests (the kind of activity we haven't seen in Finland yet,) and maybe even Civil Disobedience protests aginst the fur auctions. The group will serve as a mouthpiece for illegal direct actions and explain to the public why this type of activity occurs.

This new group will only concentrate on the issue of fur, simply because it is a cruel form of animal abuse which can be defeated. For far too long, the Finnish furriers have collected obscene profits without interference from animal rights activists. The time has come to put an end to this.

Please write care of Vegan Resistance.

Vegan Resistance

During the past couple of years, the Finnish animal rights movement has seen a dramatic growth of radicalism. Twenty years of legal work by the only Finnish national group, Animalia, has accomplished no real change in the fur trade for which Finland is famous as one of the world's biggest producers. Animalia's work, although important, is best known for it's moderate stance.

The failure of legal campaigning and lobbying has contributed to increased sales of furs. New fur consuming counrtries (like South Korea, China, and especially Hong Kong) have driven the growth of fur farming. The anger and frustration of seeing that happen led to the first direct actions a couple of years ago in Helsinki. After the first hit, windows have been smashed, locks glued and walls spraypainted with slogans several times a year. Slowly the actions have begun in other cities as well. Turku, Tampere, Lahti, Mikkeli and others saw their first actions this year. The first animal rights related arrest happened this summer, when a man, not part of the ALF was arrested at the scene after vandalizing a fur store with paint.

Animalia's policy of *totally* non-radical and non-confrontational work has resulted in the the formation of the first radical and uncompromising animal rights group, Vegan Resistance. The group's purpose is to spread veganism / radical direct action for animals on the grassroots level.

Usually Finland tends to trail a few years behind Sweden, but looking at the radical actions in Sweden now, the furure looks promising...

Vegan Resistance, PO Box 1, 00691, Helsinki, Finland

WHO'S BEHIND THE MASK?

A letter from Darren Thurston, written September 5.

.....Early one morning I lay very still; I was under a pine tree, my whole body pressed into the earth. I'd been there for six hours already, watching the Ellerslie Research Station, a University of Alberta animal laboratory. All of a sudden a field mouse ran over my hand and stopped to stare at me, this strange one lying under a tree with binoculars and a radio to his ear. It talked but a short moment and went back on its way; needless to say I didn't understand what it said but it moved me. It made me think again of my commitment to the earth and just why I'd been lying under a pine tree eight hours a night for seven days straight. Later that week I helped liberate 29 cats and damage equipment at that laboratory.

Unfortunately not all stories end up happy-nineteen days later I was arrested by the RCMP. Fortunately 29 cats are still out there, living their lives in loving and caring homes. I spent 15 months locked up awaiting trial, and finally in September 1993, I was given a suspended sentence, two years probation, and ordered to pay $73,725 restitution. The state was not impressed. They wanted blood-oops, I mean three more years' prison time, and immediately appealed the judge's sentence. On May 12, 1994, after I was free for a very short eight months, the Alberta Court of Appeals issued a written decision sentencing me to an additional two years less a day. On Friday the 13th, after saying many tearful goodbyes, I took the long walk and turned myself in.

I'm well into my government vacation now and I've just recently been transferred to "the fort," which is definitely nicer than the last two government resorts. Not to say it's been all fun; I'm not too happy to be back inside after only eight months out, but I've gotten used to my temporary home. I think of it as a strengthening process, one where we can harden ourselves in our struggle. For the battle has begun and it is not going to be easy. More people will go underground. And more people will go to prison-in England activists are serving four, six, ten year sentences. Yet actions continue there unabated. Sisters and brothers (mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts, and even second removed cousins,) earth and animal warriors, we must join hands with others fighting for their own liberation. You must realize that we all have tremendous power-it takes but one person to cost them millions. When you see the pictures of a masked liberator, stop asking who's behind the mask and look in the mirror!

Many thanks to all those who have written me during my time inside. It sure helps me survive. And to the few people who have traveled thousands of miles and put hundreds of hours into my support, a huge thank you. To those on the front lines, stay strong, stay free, and keep fighting the good fight.

Clenched Fist Salutations,
Darren Thurston



Diary of Actions — 1994

Please Note: The Diary of Actions is intended to report news of illegal actions to save animals, not to encourage crime. All reports come from movement and opposition publications, internet bulletin boards, mainstream media, and local 'zines. There is probably a lot that we've missed, and probably more actions that were never reported in the press. We have more info for the early months of the year than this fall because it takes us months to find about reported actions. To help get out the news of direct action, please send news clippings or reports to the North American ALF Support Group at PO Box 8673/ Victoria, BC/ CANADA V8W 3S2.

1994: A Record Year For Direct Action

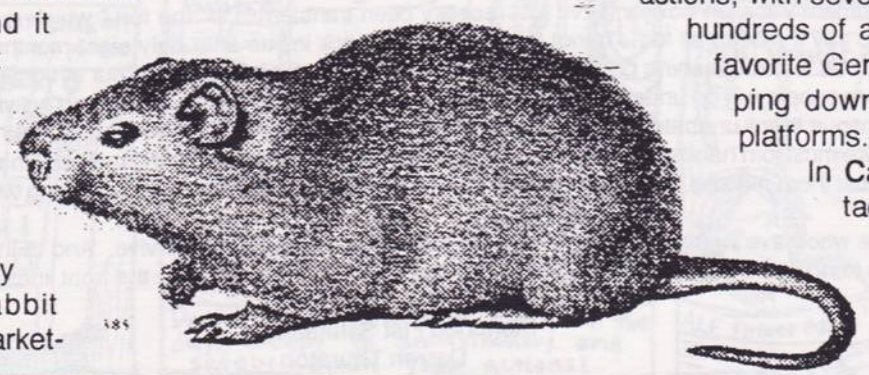
Both here in the U.S. and across Europe, 1994 so far has seen record levels of direct action. During the 1980's, U.S. actions peaked in 1987-88 with a record of 52 actions in one year, according to the *Report to Congress on the ALF*. These years were characterized by high-profile lab raids and were mostly limited to California and the east coast.

Starting in mid-1993, ALF actions saw a furious increase across the country, including many states which have never seen action before. The patterns of the past year seem to suggest that the ALF has changed course from the 80's and is now concentrating on widespread but low-level attacks and firebombings of fur and meat industry targets. Ironically, the increase in action happened right after the 1993 *Report to Congress* portrayed the ALF as in decline and the federal grand juries starting in 1992 were supposed to break the back of direct action in the U.S. The following report lists the major actions in Europe this year and every report we've found for the U.S.

International Actions

In **England,** thousand of actions happen every year, and it would be impossible to list them all, especially as this year has been the biggest ever in the 22 year history of direct action for animals. The **ALF** scored a big victory against the major rabbit breeder Hyline and its marketing company, forcing them out of business with rabbit liberations and effective firebomb attacks. A lab raid in Surrey in April liberated over 200 animals, just a few days after a dairy was trashed in Fareham. Another dairy was severely damaged in Torquay in August. Just some of the live liberations this year include six cats in the North West, ten puppies in Garetmar, three sheep at Leeds University, 100 guinea pigs in Essex, eleven cats in Cheshire, 100 hens in West Sussex, 82 hens in Long Buckby, and so on...**The Animal Rights Militia** caused over two million pounds of damage in Cambridge on July 6 with incendiary attacks at leather and wool shops, and in August both Oxford and the Isle of Wight saw similar multiple firebomb attacks with many animal abusers burnt out and many more millions of pounds of damage done. The **Justice Department** continues their controversial and violent campaign, sending a spate of letter bombs to meat packers and other animal abusers, injuring several animal abusers. They have also bombed a livestock company with 12 powerful incendiaries, and firebombed several other animal abusing businesses. Other letters primed with booby traps or explosives have been sent out, making the total of **JD** actions close to 100 over the last year. The **Poultry Liberation Organization** continued their campaign with another major contamination hoax, and the **Hunt Retribution Squad** has been active this year as well. We don't even have space to list all the English arson attacks and liberations, much less the thousands of glued locks, smashed windows, etc...

Sweden has seen a major increase in action this year, with animals liberated, meat trucks burnt out, and fur and butcher shops smashed up. One attack in May caused over $180,000 in damages. The **DBF** and the **Djurens Hamnars** are the responsible groups....



Germany has also seen a big increase in actions, with several big lab raids and hundreds of animals liberated. A favorite German action is chopping down scores of hunting platforms...

In **Canada**, the **ALF** attacked fur stores and a meat wholesaler in Vancouver in August.

In Finland, A

fur wholesale trader was trashed in July in Lahti, nine meat trucks were damaged in August in Lahti, and there have been numerous hits on the 30 fur stores in Helsinki. The **ALF** has claimed the attacks.

Spain, **Holland**, **Switzerland**, **Australia**, **Poland**, **Norway**, **Italy**, and **Northern Ireland** have all seen action as well in 1994.

United States

Dates Unknown-Beverly Hills, CA-Somper's Furs was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. *ALF Southland Unit*

Studio City, CA-Red Lobster was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. *ALF Southland Unit*

Woodland Hills, CA-Woodland Hills Furriers and Fashion Furs were hit nine times, once making local tv news. *ALF Southland Unit*

Calabasas, CA-Honeybaked Hams had its front windows blown out with explosives as well as its locks glued. *ALF Southland Unit*

Van Nuys, CA-The Leather Factory was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. *ALF Southland Unit*

Sherman Oaks, CA-Winnicks Furs was hit three times. *ALF Southland Unit*

Reseda, CA-Burger King got glued locks and painted slogans. *ALF Southland Unit*

Chatsworth, CA-Vitello's Italian Restaurant was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. *ALF Southland Unit*

Encino, CA-Angelo's Italian Restaurant was hit with glued locks and painted slogans. *ALF Southland Unit*

Reseda, CA-Tandy Leather was hit with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit

Sherman Oaks, CA-Mr. Kosher Meats was hit three times with glued locks and painted slogans. *ALF Southland Unit*

Tarzana, CA-Taco Bell was hit with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit

CA-A veal restaurant had its windows smashed. *ALF Southland Unit*

Santa Monica, CA-Cafe Reni's, which serves veal, was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. *ALF Southland Unit*

CA-A building owned by Procter & Gamble was spraypainted with slogans and had its locks glued. *ALF Southland Unit*

CA-A Burger King was hit with glued locks and painted slogans. *ALF Southland Unit*

CA-A "B" dealer had his walls, gates, and driveway spraypainted. *ALF Southland Unit*

Reseda, CA-A store selling hunting equipment was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. *ALF Southland Unit*

Woodland Hills, CA-A Sheepskin store was hit twice with glued locks. *ALF Southland Unit*

Santa Cruz, CA-A McDonald's billboard was altered to read "Over One Billion Slaughtered" and "ALF." *ALF Southland Unit*

New York, NY-A fur store had its windows smashed by a brick. *ALF Southland Unit*

January-OH-Unspecified action against animal abusers.

January 5-San Jose, CA-Tarlow's Furs had several windows smeared with etching fluid. *ALF*

January 7-Stockton, CA-Mansoor Furs, the only furrier in the city, had its lock glued and slogans spray-painted. A Chuck E. Cheese restaurant received similar treatment. *ALF*

January 8- Seattle, WA-In the second such incident, and Eddie Bauer store received $5,000 damage from slashed merchandise after refusing to stop selling clothing with fur trim.

January 13-Tillamook County, OR-Survey stakes were pulled up at a clear-cut site in an action to sabotage those who destroy wildlife habitat. *ALF*

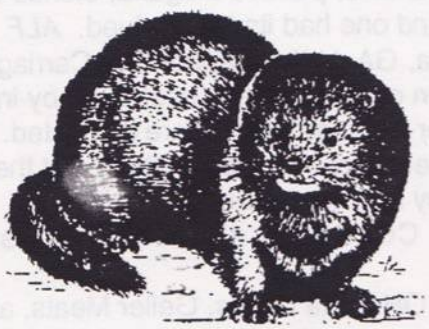
January 15-Beverly Hills, CA-Display window of American Express smashed to protest promotion of fur. *ALF Nov. 26 Cell*

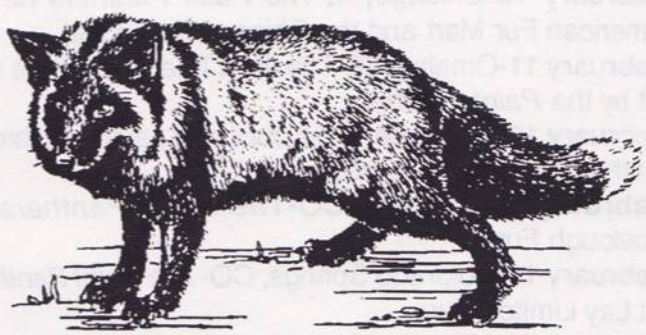
January 16-San Francisco, CA-Activists not part of ALF threw red paint on Robert's Furs.

January 17-Oakland, CA-Middent's Furs had its windows etched, locks glued, and canvas awning torn to shreds. *ALF*

January 22-San Francisco, CA-Kane's Furs had a lock glued, slogans painted, and holes put in the windows. *ALF*

January 27-Beverly Hills and Santa Monica, CA-Display





window of Somper Furs smashed. Display window of Adrienne (furs) smashed. An escalation if planned for the succeeding months. *ALF Nov. 26 Cell*

January 27-San Francisco, CA-Nagano Furs had its windows etched. *ALF*

January 28-San Diego, CA-Two vans belonging to the San Diego Meat Company were set on fire. *Farm Animal Revenge Militia*

January 29-San Francisco, CA-Kane's Furs had holes put through its windows. *ALF*

January 30-San Diego, CA-The *Farm Animal Revenge Militia* broke into the San Diego Meat Company through a boarded-over window and set the building on fire. Damages were $75,000 and "F.A.R.M." and "Meat is Murder" were spraypainted on the walls.

February-Oakland, CA-At least 2 Hormel meat chili billboards were spraypainted with slogans like "Go Vegan."

February-Detroit area, MI-Locks are glued at fur stores week after week.

February-Philadelphia area, PA-Paint filled ornaments were thrown at Ham Sweet Ham and the lock was glued. Other animal abusers have also been attacked.

February 5-San Francisco, CA-Kane's Furs had locks glued, slogans painted, and neon sign smashed. Herbert's Furs had its door etched and lock glued. A veal restaurant had its windows etched. *ALF*

February 8-Pittsburgh, PA-*Paint Panthers* hit Abraville Furriers.



February 9-Columbus, OH-*Paint Panthers* hit at least one fur store.

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February 10-Chicago, IL-*The Paint Panthers* hit the American Fur Mart and the Chicago Fur Outlet.

February 11-Omaha, NE-The Julia Talent Fur Store was hit by the *Paint Panthers*.

February 12-Syracuse, NY-A bucket of paint was thrown on the front of a fur store.

February 14-Denver, CO-*The Paint Panthers* hit Koslough Furs.

February 14-Colorado Springs, CO-*The Paint Panthers* hit Lay Limited Furs.

February 15-Kansas City, MO-*The Paint Panthers* hit Genhardt Furs and Sident Furs.

February 16-St. Louis, MO-The St. Louis Fur and Leather Gallery was hit by the *Paint Panthers*.

February 19-Pleasant Hill, CA-The ALF liberated 6 rabbits from Diablo Valley College. Students told the ALF of a professor who killed a rabbit by snapping its neck and then bragged about it. The animals were taken from the Horticulture garden and were placed in a caring, permanent home to guarantee that they will live out their lives in safety. *ALF*

February 20-Oakland and Walnut Creek, CA-Middent's Furs had locks glued, windows smashed, and paint bombs thrown inside. J.E. Harl Furs had locks glued and exterior painted. *ALF*

February 21-New York, NY-*Paint Panthers* hit Elizabeth Arden Furs and Fendi Furs.

Late February-Louisville, KY-At a bowhunting trade show, an elaborate fake bomb was left that contained a note saying that a real bomb was hidden in the building. Five thousand convention goers had to be evacuated for hours.

March-New Jersey-Unspecified actions against animal abusers.

March?-Woodbridge, NJ-A fur billboard was splattered with red paint three times.

March-San Francisco Bay Area, CA-Kanes Furs received glued locks, a sign partially smashed, and slogans painted in front of the store. A Honey Baked Hams received a glued front lock, glass etch on the windows, and slogans all over the store front. A butcher shop received glass etch on the windows and spraypainted slogans. A milk ad on the street was smashed. A McDonald's received a smashed window. A sheep skin store received two broken windows. Robert's Furs received a glued lock and painted slogans. The Harris Steak House received glued locks, painted slogans, and etched windows. Two trucks at Robert's Corned Beef received slashed tires, painted slogans, etched or broken windows, and one had its locks glued. *ALF*

March 7-Atlanta, GA-At the Capitol City Carriage Co., five horse-drawn carriages were destroyed by incendiary devices after the guard dogs were distracted. Years of peaceful protest accomplished nothing, but the blaze put the company out of business.

April-Pueblo, CO-Animal abuse billboards were spraypainted.

April 4-Parma, OH-State Meats, Geiler Meats, and another butcher shop were heavily damaged and had slogans like "ALF" and "Meat is Murder" spray painted on walls and equipment. Despite security camera footage

of the masked activists and police questionings of area animal liberation supporters, no arrests were made. *ALF*

April 5-San Francisco, CA-A McDonald's had slogans spraypainted on its walls and smeared onto its windows with etching cream. *ALF*

April 23? (Earth Day)-San Jose and San Francisco, CA-Durham's Meat in and Columbus Sausage and Meat were hit in an effort to radicalize Earth Day. Four trucks were severely damaged at Durham's. *ALF*

April 25-Tempe, AZ-At Arizona State University, the doors of the psychology building were padlocked, the front gate of the Animal Care Program had its lock glued, and slogans were painted at both locations.

April 28-San Francisco, CA-A restaurant is hit because it serves live lobster. Windows etched, locks glued. *Crustacean Liberation Front*

May 1-West Hollywood, CA-Display window of Contemporary Hides smashed. *ALF Nov. 26 Cell*

May-Oakland, CA-Butchers and fish shops were attacked. *ALF*

May-Newtown, PA-Ham Sweet Ham had its windows shot out. *ALF*

May-Southampton, PA-A fur store had its windows shot out. *ALF*

May-Washington, D.C.-A fur store had a ball bearing shot through their display window. *ALF U.S. Congressional Cell*

May-Silver Spring, MD-A Gillette billboard was spraypainted with "Gillette Kills Animals" for their continued use of animals in product testing. *ALF U.S. Congressional Cell*

May 25-Santa Cruz, CA-Buildings were vivisection takes place on the UC campus were spraypainted with slogans including "ALF." *ALF*

May 31-Fond Du Lac, WI-A McDonald's had six windows shattered and "Meat is Murder" spraypainted on a wall. The local paper reported that there was a $700 reward offered for the attackers. *ALF*

June-Kensington, MD-A Roy Rogers/Hardees fast food restaurant had "Meat if Murder" spraypainted on their wall and a brick delivered through their window. "More to Come..." *ALF U.S. Congressional Cell*

June-Oakland, CA-A butcher shop had 'ALF" etched on its windows in very large letters. The shop, located in a crowded shopping district, has visible damage from previous attacks. *ALF*

???July-Miami, FL-33 primates were taken from a lab dealer. Was it a liberation raid???

July-MN-Outside the Twin Cities area, the meeting house for a pro-hunting group called "Hides for Habitat" was burned down in an arson attack.

July-South Dakota-3 teenage girls were arrested for splattering an anti-animal rights billboard with red paint, but soon afterwards two of the signs were cut down with a chainsaw. Unfortunately we have no more details, as this news came from a fur farmer who unknowingly spoke to an animal liberation infiltrator.

July 10-Memphis, TN-Especially Leather Furniture Shop and the Southern
Meat Market had their locks glued.

July 10-Little Rock, AR-Honey Baked Hams received a smashed window. *ALF*

July 11-Little Rock, AR-Specter Furs was paint bombed. *ALF*

August-Berkeley, CA-An animal abuse billboard was altered with animal liberation and vegan slogans.

August-Cleveland, OH-Animal abuse billboards were defaced with animal liberation slogans.

August-Pittsburgh, PA-Fur stores were attacked.

August-Indianapolis, IN-A fur store was attacked and a McDonald's billboard was defaced.

August-Eirie, PA-A local newspaper reported that numerous fur coats in a shop were vandalized.

Autumn months-Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN-We have unconfirmed rumors that fur stores have been attacked several times.

September-Washington, D.C.-Miller's Furs had slogans etched into the windows.

September-Syracuse, NY-A fur store was attacked with glued locks, etched windows, and spraypainted slogans on the sidewalks in front. *ALF*

September-Memphis, TN-Goldsmith's, which sells fur, had windows smashed, truck windshields smashed, slashed truck tires, and glued locks. $6,000 in damages. *ALF*

September 9-Syracuse, NY-A fur store was hit for the second time in a week; this time it was paintbombed and had more slogans spraypainted. *ALF*

September 17-New York, NY-Four stores received glued locks-Billy Martin Leather, Bally's Limited (fur,) and Elizabeth Arden (fur) had locks glued, and the front window at Rubin Furs was defaced with a glass cutter. *ALF*

September 27-Santa Cruz, CA-Several fast food restaurants had their locks glued and slogans spraypainted.



November 7-Memphis, TN-Before Jean Benham Furs moved, their new location was firebombed. The owner may now drop fur.

November 17-San Francisco, CA-Robert's Furs paintbombed and windows broken, other unspecified actions. Berkeley's Milk Board office paintbombed.



THE MILITANT VEGAN-Next issue out soon!

