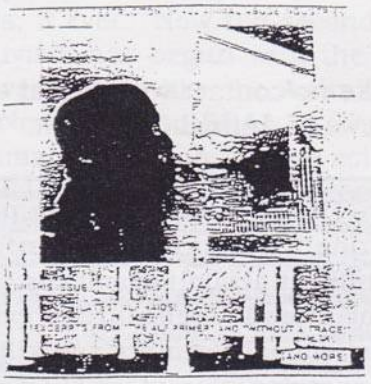
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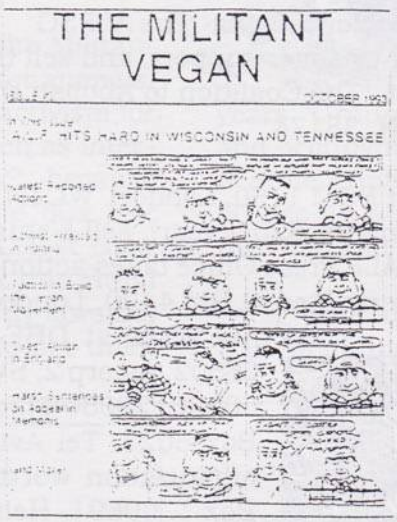
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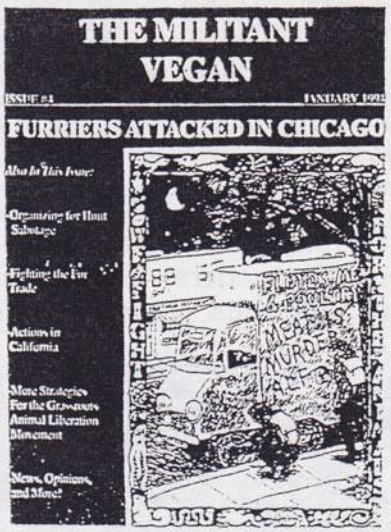
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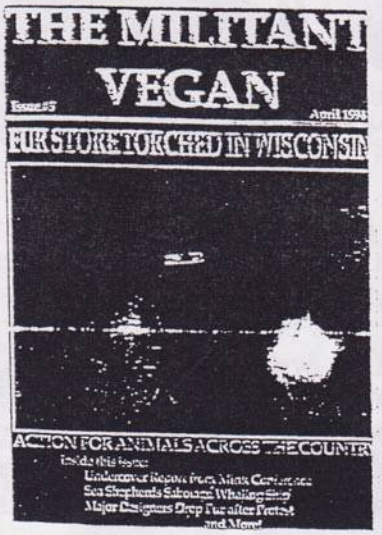


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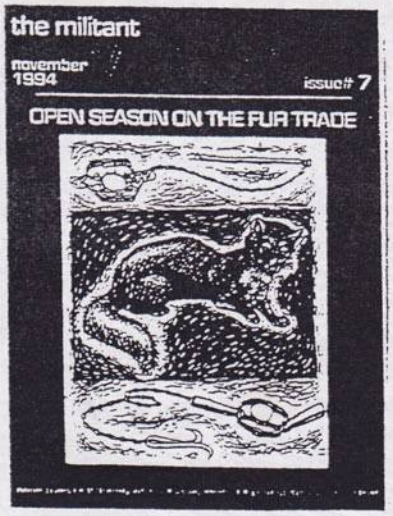












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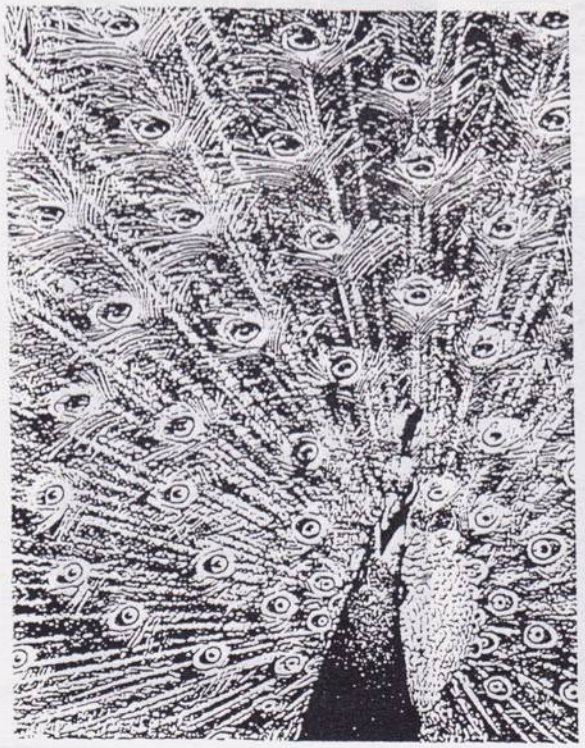
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Welcome to the Militant Vegan #8, our second anniversary issue. If you are new to vegan ideas and want to find out more, we suggest reading Diet for a New America by John Robbins and contacting PETA at PO Box 42516, Washington D.C. 90015 for information and recipes. You can easily copy recipes from cookbooks in libraries and bookstores, and you can get several well-done cookzines from Vegan Action at PO Box 4353, Berkeley, CA 94704-0353. Shop at Asian and Indian groceries to avoid the rip-off prices at health food stores.

The Militant Vegan is not an ALF support group, so we make no contact with illegal units. This is to guarantee that we can continue to publish the good news of animal liberation. Since many ALF units do not claim their actions, it can be difficult to get a complete picture of all the action out there. The North American ALF Support Group exists to publicize ALF actions and support activists arrested for protecting animals. If you see articles about direct action or are a member of an ALF cell, send the clippings or an anonymous report of your actions to the North American ALFSG at PO Box 8673, Victoria, BC, CANADA V8W 3S2. Their e-mail is un028@freenet.victoria. bc.ca The ALFSG is in need of large donations for prisoner support, and sell their magazine Underground for $4; they need all the money they can get. The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade also accepts action reports at PO Box 40641, Memphis, TN 38174.

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. This magazine is for information only.

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 BM 4400, London WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND. The Swedish ALFSG is at DBF-Dujurens Hamnars, PO Box 2051, S-26502, Astorp 2, SWEDEN. The Spanish ALFSG is at APDO, 50390, 28080 Madrid, SPAIN. The Israeli ALFSG is at PO Box 6023, Tel Aviv 6 1060, ISRAEL. Another European organization worth contacting is Vegan Resistance at PO Box 1, 00691, Helsinki, FINLAND.



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. It's $15 for four big issues and they take US cash.

Enjoy this issue, and pass it on to friends! This magazine is not intended to encourage crime, it's a newsmagazine only.

One last thing, we'd like to say than you to all our readers over the past two years, everyone who has distributed this magazine, and everyone who makes an effort for the animals. We're putting what would have been issue #8 over the internet, and this may well be the last one...

News and Comment

More than anything else, the story of the animal liberation movement over the past year has been the phenomenal growth of radicalism among young people across the country. New grassroots groups barely a year old like **Vegan Action, Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade**, and **SOAR** set the pace of the movement and have inspired a level of activity not seen since the mid '80s, if ever. Now the second wave of this new activism has begun with the formation of even newer groups like the **Animal Defense League** in New York and **SEAL** in Ohio. The interest in animal protection among college students and teenagers is skyrocketing, promising a brighter future for animals in the years to come. Far from the media-created stereotypes of young people as "slackers" and apathetic potheads, these new activists are among the best and brightest of our generation. And believe it, we've only just begun!

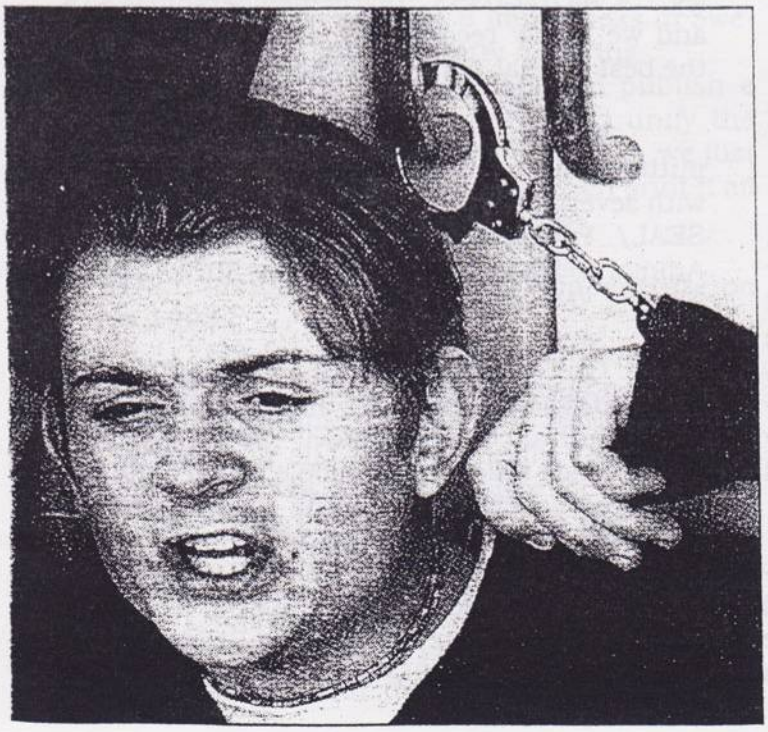
It's not our intention here at the Militant Vegan to cut down anyone who works for animals. But it has to be said that grassroots activism for animals declined in the early '90s, even as interest in animal rights increased. Why? because groups which led the movement in the '80s, like **Last Chance for Animals** and **IDA**, lost their sense of urgency and direction, sunk into ritual protests, spent too much time on costly lawsuits and neither-here-no-there issues like pet theft, and therefore ceased to attract and inspire the huge numbers of people who became concerned about animals. We can all learn from this, and keep our activism stylish, innovative, ever-creative, and committed to increasing the number of vegans and the number of activists.

We encourage everyone out there to write to and donate to these new groups, and learn from them how easy it is to set up an active group in your city or state. We've made a lot of progress, but many states will have no regular groups, protests, or actions. You and your friends can accomplish so much, so give it a try!



Fur Free Friday on November 25 saw the most radical day of protest against the fur trade yet, bringing new energy to a ritualistic event which has accomplished little in the past few years. Groups of people blocking store entrances and occupying fur salons were met with riot police, helicopters, and paddy wagons as around 50 people were arrested in about 25 actions in the U.S. and Canada.

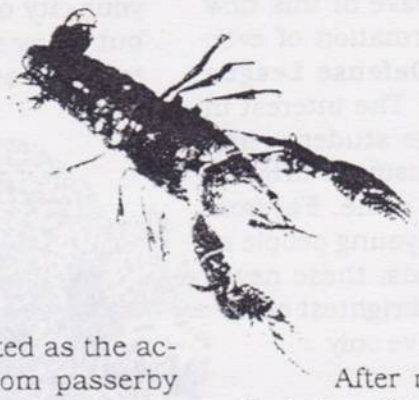
The arrests included 5 in San Francisco, 5 in Memphis, 4 in Atlanta, 7 in Minneapolis, 8



ANTI-FUR PROTESTERS BLOCK DEPARTMENT STORE ENTRANCE

An unidentified customer (above) outside Jacobson's at Keystone at the Crossing asks protesters why they're blocking the store's outside entrance. About 30 young people chanted and held signs Sunday to protest Jacobson's fur sales. Officers with the Marion County Sheriff's Department helped disperse the protesters after an hour-long demonstration. Sheriff's officials said there were no arrests, but that might not be the case next time. One protester, Seth Stevens (left), handcuffed himself to the front entrance of the store, forcing Washington Township firefighters to cut the handcuffs off with bolt cutters. Shannon Dakin, a spokeswoman for the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, said the group plans more protests.

in Washington, D.C., 3 in Virginia Beach (although they were not charged afterwards), 12 in Albany, NY, 1 in Columbus, OH, and 1 in New Orleans. Perhaps the most effective action was in Newport Beach, CA, where 48 people sat down in the fur salon of Nieman Marcus and blocked it for 30 minutes before the police arrived. Media coverage was heavy, including CNN. The event was sponsored by **CAFT** (see address on inside cover), the **National Activist Network** (PO Box 19515/ Sacramento/ Ca 95919), **Animal Defense League** (address below,) **SOAR** (235 CMU/ 300 Washington AVE. SE/ Minneapolis, MN 55455), **Orange County People for Animals**, and several others.



Three days later, activists in Minneapolis dumped animal carcasses outside Dayton's, which sells fur, to highlight the brutality of the fur trade. Two activists were arrested as the action brought shocked reactions from passerby and heavy media coverage.

A similar action was done by the **Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade** in Memphis on January 8 after **CAFT** members obtained skinned fox carcasses from an Arkansas fox farmer who went out of business. When activists arrived at Goldsmith's, a department store which sells fur, police were waiting in force. Three women who ran up and dumped foxes in front of the store were tackled by the police and arrested. Two others were cited, and protesters on the sidewalk showed two dead foxes to tv crews.

Activists from across the Midwest raided the International Mink Farmers' Convention in Madison, WI, on January 7. As a large crowd demonstrated outside, 30-40 activists stormed into the room where 60 fur farmers were meeting. The fur farmers attacked the crowd, and the two sides chanted back and forth at each other during the scuffling. Three activists who chained themselves to a stairwell were arrested, and one of them had her wrist fractured by the police, who violently dispersed the crowd. The disruption of the convention, which is the main yearly event for the fur farm industry, was sponsored by **Alliance for Animals**, **CAFT**, and **SOAR**.

Two hunt sabs from the **Fund for Animals** may be charged under the new federal "hunter harassment" law after a protest at the Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts in November. Mike Markarian and Todd MacDonald tried to convince hunters killing Chinese pheasants to stop, and Markarian was hit with a rifle butt and threatened. The activists will try to file charges against the hunter while they wait to see what they themselves will be charged under. Contact: Fund for Animals/ 850 Sligo Ave./ Silver Spring, MD 20910.

In a blatant protection of animal abuse, on January 9 the Supreme Court let the ruling of a Montana court stand in defense of that state's "hunter harassment" law, even though it bans speech on public lands by those who protest against hunting. With legal ways of protest shut off, activists may now find no other way to stop the killing than to sabotage hunting vehicles, shops, and equipment.

After months of work, **Vegan Action** in Berkeley, CA, got UC Berkeley to agree to serve vegan food at every dormitory meal. Berkeley is the first large university to adopt a vegan policy, and the victory reflects the enormous interest that young people have in animal issues and veganism. The campaign received heavy local news coverage last fall, and **Vegan Action** looks set to become the leading vegan issues group in North America. For information on running a campus campaign, information on going vegan, or a mail-order of diverse titles, send a SASE + 2 stamps to Vegan Action/ PO Box 4353/ Berkeley, CA 94704-0353. Yearly membership is $15, and we highly recommend donations to one of the best animal rights groups around.

Indiana and Ohio activists have been busy putting pressure on the fur and meat industries, with several militant protests a month. Contact: SEAL/ PO Box 2611/ Dayton, OH 45401, and Animal Defense League/ PO Box 30214/ Indianapolis, IN 46230.

On December 10, 6 members of the **Animal Defense League** were arrested while blocking the entrance to the Bonwit Teller department store, which sells fur. 24 people blocked the door until the police arrived. The **Animal Defense League** is one of the best up-and-coming groups, so contact them at PO Box 6845/ Syracuse, NY 13217 or at PO Box 66302/ Albany, NY 12206. Their excellent 'zine, Dressed in Black, is available from the Syracuse address for $1.50.

How did the Militant Vegan start?

In 1991-92 the Animal Liberation Front had done a series of raids on the fur trade, and they got little to no coverage in the movement or mainstream press. Also, those years were kind of a lull for the movement in general, and we wanted to help get things going again. Other movement magazines were doing a good job of trying to reach new people but there was no publication made for activists. The first one came out right after New Year's in 1993. It was a big success right away, so we've kept it up since then.

Why has every issue been so short?

Most of the distribution is done not by us, but by grassroots activists all over. The 12 page limit keeps xeroxing costs down. We do pack a lot of info in each one...

How do you manage that distribution?

We mail it out to groups and people who xerox copies and sell them to raise money for their groups, events, etc. It's gotten all over North America and into Europe as well.

So is this the last issue of the Militant Vegan?

It might be. The group of us that has done it are all leaving town, going to new places, so it would be hard to work together in the future. We'll all continue to be active in the movement, of course, but this may be the last issue. We feel pretty satisfied with what we've done; when we started, a "militant vegan" was unheard of but now radical veganism is the driving force behind all the new energy out there. A group called the "Militant Vegans' blew up 8 milk trucks in Sweden recently - that was pretty flattering.

Hopefully, new activists can publish a grassroots magazine to inform and unify the movement nationally. To get our news, we just call groups and talk to them and then print it all up. It's pretty easy.

What should the movement concentrate on in 1995?

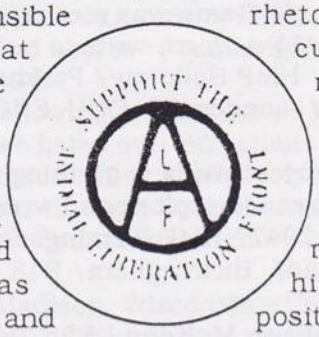
The fur trade must be confronted with more force, it's a battle that has gone on far too long and it's time to put a stop to their killings once and for all. More generally, the meat and dairy industries are responsible for most of the animal suffering in the U.S., so the pressure against those industries must continue to increase.

Internally, we're seeing the big groups from the '80s like PETA go mainstream, with huge memberships and increasing influence. We should all support that necessary aspect of the fight to save animals, but the real task for all of us is to strengthen the growing grassroots movement. Ideally, vegans in every city should set up a group that maintains contacts and coordinates campaigns with others around the country. Aggressive campaigns and stylish, innovative approaches can win over young activists and set the stage for more to come. The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, Vegan Action, and SOAR are all good examples of radical groups started in the past year.

Won't the government crack down on activists, like they did with Earth First!?

It is inevitable that the FBI, local police, and private security agencies will spy on, and in some cases seek to disrupt the movement. People should read books on the subject and be prepared. That said, most people will never be bothered and fear of the government must not be a damper on our actions to stop cruelty to animals.

Since you mentioned Earth First! as an example, we'd like to add our opinion that they sort of boxed themselves in for a crackdown and an internal collapse by a combination of infighting, irresponsible rhetoric, and an attitude that cut them off from the majority of people. If the animal liberation movement continues to support different levels of activity, and maintains its image as highly ethical, responsible, and positive, then we will have the numbers and public support to prevent or lessen the effects of FBI activity. The critical difference between positive radicalism that is inclusive and constructive and the anti-social nihilism of some movements is the difference between whether we remain in the fringes, like Earth First!, or succeed in making our radical message accepted, like the gay/lesbian movement has done over the past decade.



What about direct action and the ALF?

We can't encourage crime in this magazine, but it's possible that daily attacks on furriers along with well-directed strikes against key points in the industry could put the fur trade under, like the British ALF did in the late '80s. Actions against the meat trade increase awareness of the barbaric conditions farm animals suffer under and are a warning to the butchers of what will come in the future...

Prisoner Support

Rod Coronado was bailed out in December, and returned to the Yaqui reservation in Tucson. His trial will start in the spring for the February 1992 ALF raid at Michigan State, so send donations and write him at Rod Coronado Support Committee/ PO Box 1891/ Tucson, AZ 85702.

Lise Olsen has been moved to a new address. Write her at Lise Olsen B48426/ 2600 N. Brinton/ PO box 1200/ Dixon, IL 61021.

Darren Thurston was released from jail in Canada in January.

International prisoners would love to hear from you; two stamps will cover air mail.

Keith Mann was sentenced to 14 years in jail, the longest ever sentence for an ALF activist. See his statement later this issue and write him at Keith Mann EE3588/ HMP Wandsworth/ PO Box 757/ 23 Heathfield Road/ Wandsworth, London SW18 ENGLAND.

Angie Hamp was recently sentenced to 4 years for ALF actions, write to her at Angie Hamp TW1687/ HMP Holloway/ Parkhurst Road/ Holloway/ London N7 ONU ENGLAND.

Gurjeet Aujla is awaiting trial for "conspiracy to cause explosions," write him at Gurjeet Aujla HV 2047/ HMP Birmingham/ Winson Green Road/ Birmingham/ B18 4AS ENGLAND.

Allison McKeon RE2370/ HMP Askham Grange/ Askham Richard/ York/ Y02 3PT ENGLAND.

Max Watson BJ2477/ HMP Haverigg/ Haverigg Camp/ Millom/ Cumbria/ LA18 4NA ENGLAND

Dave Callender HV3314/ HMP Birmingham/ Winson Green Road/ Birmingham/ B18 4AS ENGLAND.

Greg Avery HV3313/ HMP Birmingham/ Winson Green Road/ Birmingham/ B18 4AS ENGLAND.

The above two are new prisoners awaiting charged of conspiracy to cause criminal damage. Two others, Colin Chatfield and Annette Tibbles, will be near release by the time you read this.

Restaurateurs at wit's end over veal protesters' tactics

going to become complete vegetarians

The basic rap against veal is this: The calves used in veal production are milk-fed in confined quarters under low light conditions. These conditions help limit the development of toughness in the meat and tends to make the animals' meat more tender and therefore more desirable to consumers.

Veal defenders say that virtually all consumer meat comes from animals raised for slaughter, and the youth of veal doesn't make it significantly different from other meat. In addition, confined feeding — tethering animals to limit their movement — is widely used in modern beef and pork production.

Protesters are striking out at other business interests as well. We've been seeing Meat is murder written at various locations," Bloomington Police Dept. Sgt. Joe Qualters noted. "A while back I know they hit Sam's Poultry pretty hard with graffiti. They even unplugged some of the refrigeration trucks.

"If you want to pick on veal, fine, at least I understand the argument," Qualters said. "But chicken to me is a little far much. I don't think there's any way in the world that people are

MIKE LEONARD
H-T Columnist

Frank and Leslie Worth recall the social activism of the '60s, the positive things that came out of it, and the occasional folly that sometimes accompanied the protest movement.

So they sat back and took it when anti-veal protesters thrice spray painted their protests on the windows of Leslie's Italian Villa, the downtown restaurant they co-own.

The latest act of vandalism has both restaurateurs at wit's end, however. Instead of spray painting the windows, someone used what appears to be an acid compound to etch the word, "veal," into the glass.

Eight door-sized windows across the front of the restaurant were damaged, apparently beyond repair. One window also was cracked. One estimate places the damage at more than $3,000.

that reason and I haven't eaten veal for 12 years," she said.

"But veal is indigenous to an Italian menu and I'm not going to sit in judgment of people who do want to eat it," she said. "It's something our customers want."

As social protests go, the anti-veal protesters do seem to be childish and vindictive. "Their only contact with us was one phone call in which a woman (unidentified) asked me if we served veal," Leslie recalled. "I said yes. She gave me a quick spiel on how the animals are raised and then she asked me if I would consider taking veal off the menu.

"I said no and that was it," Leslie said. "Nobody came in to speak with us. Nothing. It seems like they're more into hassling people than trying to educate anyone."

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DIARY OF ACTIONS

Please Note: The Diary of Actions is intended to report the news of direct action to save animals, not to encourage crime. All reports come from other publications, the internet, or communiqués sent to animal rights groups.

As we reported in the last issue, it seems that the Animal Liberation Front, which made headlines in the 1980s with scores of lab break-ins in California and the east coast, has changed tactics and spread to many other areas of the U.S.

Since around the middle of 1993, a flood of small actions concentrated against the meat and fur trades have taken place at the rate of 8-15 a month. A state/province breakdown for 1994 alone from reported actions is as follows:

Arizona: At least 1 actions. Unclaimed.
Arkansas: 2+. *Animal Liberation Front* active.
British Columbia: 6+. *ALF, Animal Rights Militia* active.
California: 77+. *ALF, ALF Stockton Unit, ALF Golden Gate Unit, ALF Southland Unit, ALF November 26 Cell, Crustacean Liberation Front, Farm Animal Revenge Militia* active.
Colorado: 3+. *Paint Panthers* active.
District of Columbia: 5+. *ALF* active.
Georgia: 1+. Unclaimed.
Illinois: 1+. *Paint Panthers* active.
Indiana: 3+. *ALF* active.
Kentucky: 1+. Unclaimed.
Maryland: 9+. *ALF* active.
Michigan: 1+. Unclaimed.
Minnesota: 7+. *ALF* active.
Missouri: 2+. *Paint Panthers* active.
Nebraska: 1+. *Paint Panthers* active.
New Jersey: 2+. Unclaimed.
New York: 10+. *ALF, Paint Panthers* active.
Ohio: 6+. *ALF, Paint Panthers* active.
Oregon: 1+. *ALF* active.
Pennsylvania: 6+. *ALF* active.
South Dakota: 2+. Unclaimed.
Tennessee: 11+. *ALF* active.
Utah: 3+. *Vegan Revolution* active.
Washington: 3+. *Paint Panthers* active.
Wisconsin: 5+. *ALF* active.
location unspecified: 2.
Totals: At least 171 actions in 23 states, D.C., and 1 province.



This increase in actions since mid 1993 corresponds to an increase in actions across Europe, which has seen numerous arsons, break-ins, and smaller attacks across the continent, and in England, where the already high levels of actions increased with tens of millions of pounds of damages and scores of bombings and arson attacks in 1994.

The following are actions we missed last issue when we listed over 80 actions from January to September 1994. Undoubtedly, this issue's list for October through December is also incomplete and we'll find out much more later.

February - Madison, Wisconsin - Herschlender's Furs "Fur Her" billboard paint bombed. Local papers reported $11,000 damage (!) and the sign was permanently removed. Savidusky's Furs had windows smashed. *ALF*
February 12 - Memphis, Tennessee - Hattaway Taxidermy: truck engine damaged. *ALF*
March - Rochester, New York - Rodeo trucks were damaged with smashed windows and paint. *ALF*
March 5 - Memphis, Tennessee - Jack Lewis Furs: paint bombed, locks glued. *ALF*
March 30 - Memphis, Tennessee - Jack Lewis Furs: locks glued. *ALF*
April - Madison, Wisconsin - A taxidermist was hit three times, with windows smashed. *ALF*
May 1 - Rochester, New York - Windows were smashed at a hunting store, and the display window of Lipsitz Furs was smashed. *ALF*
May 2 - Rochester, New York - Federal Meats had locks glued, windows smashed, and the building and sidewalk was spray painted. *ALF*
May 4 - Rochester, New York - Red paint was

1-800-LAB RATS

World Lab Animal Week is coming up this April 24. Sitting in my room late one night I had some wonderful ideas. What would happen if hundreds of activists from around the country decided to call 1-800-LAB RATS in celebration of would lab animal week? Would it be possible for them to not sell a single animal the entire week because dedicated animal rights activists called them from 8 to 5 and jammed their phone lines? Would Lab Rats have to permanently change their phone number because they could not deal with the constant harassment?
Maybe it's time we got answers to these questions.

Calling is easy. Just run down to your local pay phone (DO NOT CALL FROM HOME) and dial them up. Bang the phone or simply hang up after one of their ever-friendly operators answers. Repeat this process until your finger gets tired from dialing or they lock out all calls from your area code. If they lock you out, don't be discouraged, it's usually only for a day or so and you have a whole week to make them sick and tired of selling animals for profit. Keep trying.
If you call after 5, you can abuse their voice mail. *#2 will access the main menu and then you can play around and record as long a message as you want (NOT YOUR VOICE).
Some points of caution:
1) They have caller I.D. and this nasty program that dials you back and when you answer and hang up it calls you again and again and again. Don't call from your house / dorm / apartment / igloo. If they ring you back, pick it up and hang up again. If you get tired of this little game just leave the phone off the hook and walk away.
2) Do not leave your name or even your voice. These calls may be recorded. If you want to leave a message you could hum them verse after verse of that song you have had stuck in your head all day or pick a rude and/or disgusting noise to annoy them with and stick with it. Be creative.
3) This is most likely illegal so memorize the number (it's not *that* difficult) and pass on or destroy this flier.

The entire goal of this campaign is to give the animal abusers a glimpse of the hell that they cause the animals. Begin on Monday, April 24 and don't ever let up. Spread the word to your friends and copy and distribute this all over the US. This is an very easy action that could easily make a difference to the millions of animals they sell to research each year. Have fun.

thrown on the sidewalk and front windows of Federal Meats. *ALF* (Note - we also have rumors of activity in Buffalo, NY, in 1994).

June - San Francisco, California - The *Crustacean Liberation Front* hit several businesses which sell live lobster.

July - San Francisco, California - The *Crustacean Liberation Front* continued their campaign, getting coverage in three newspapers and local radio.

Summer - Minneapolis, Minnesota - A McDonald's was spray painted with slogans like "McDeath" and had its locks glued. A KFC had its walls sprayed with slogans like "ALF" and "Meat is Murder" and had its locks glued. A fish restaurant was spray painted with "stop raping the oceans," and its locks were glued and a screen door was ripped off. A butcher shop had its locks glued and had "veal is child abuse" and "Meat is murder" spray painted. *ALF*

Summer - Fond du Lac, Wisconsin - Many downtown restaurants were spray painted with vegan slogans. *ALF*

July - Olney, Maryland - Boston Chicken: "Meat is Murder" spray painted on a wall, brick thrown through a window. *ALF U.S. Congressional Cell*

July - Olney, Maryland - KFC: rock thrown through a window. *ALF U.S. Congressional Cell*

July - Washington, D.C. - Jennifer Leather ad displayed in the metro subway station destroyed. *ALF U.S. Congressional Cell*

July 29 - Madison, Wisconsin - ALFSG reports that three people were arrested after two pro-animal abuse billboards were cut down. We've been unable to confirm this with activists in Madison, so we await further details from the *ALFSG*.

August - Washington, D.C. - Another Jennifer Leather subway ad destroyed. *ALF U.S. Congressional Cell*

August - Washington, D.C. - DC 101 Annual Championship Barbeque ad "with two happy dancing pigs" in the subway was destroyed. *ALF U.S. Congressional Cell*

August - Southern California - A starving, emaciated goat was liberated from a county fair and "is now happily and healthily living on a spacious farm." Farm Animal Revenge Militia

August - Memphis, Tennessee - Goldsmith's, which sells fur, had windows smashed four times. *ALF*

August 6 - Memphis, Tennessee - Jack Lewis Furs: paint bombed, locks glued. *ALF*

August 8 - Vancouver, British Columbia - Western Freezer Meats: locks glued, van windows smashed, tires slashed. *ALF*

August 9 - Vancouver, British Columbia - Capilano Furs: tires slashed, paint bombed. Speiser Furs: locks glued, all windows etched. *ALF*

August 10 - Vancouver, British Columbia - Western Freezer Meats: locks glued, windows etched, truck tires slashed and windows etched, paint bombed. *ALF*

August 25 - Memphis, Tennessee - Jack Lewis Furs: paint bombed. *ALF*

August 31 - Memphis, Tennessee - Factory farm: pigs liberated. *ALF*

September 4 - Memphis, Tennessee - On the same night as the attack on Goldsmith's we listed

last issue, a McDonald's and a KFC has their windows smashed and Fur Fashions of Memphis had their locks glued. *ALF*

September 18 - Beverly Hills, California - Beverly Hills Fur Company: display windows smashed. "Every fur store in the area has now had some action performed against them. More to come." *ALF November 26 Cell*

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mid-October - Pleasant View, Tennessee - At the McEllis fur farm, cages holding 20-25 foxes were opened so the animals could escape. *ALF*

October 17 - Salt Lake County, Utah - Three windows worth $500 were smashed at a Honey Baked Hams. *Vegan Revolution*

October 18 - Sebastopol, California - Jose LaCalle, a chinchilla fur farmer facing cruelty charges for killing chinchillas with genital electrocution, had his office spray painted with anti-fur slogans.

October 26 - Salt Lake County, Utah - Honey Baked Hams was hit again and a window was smashed at Meier's Meat Market. *Vegan Revolution* activists left a note at Meier's saying "Murderers. Next time it won't be windows..."

October / November? - West Valley City, Utah - A pipe bomb was thrown through the window of Jordan Meat Co., causing about $1,500 in damages. *Vegan Revolution*

November - Spokane, Washington - Exclusifurs II was spray painted by the *Paint Panthers*.

November - Seattle, Washington - A Kentucky Fried Chicken was attacked. No details at this point.

November - Maryland - Thousands of dollars of fur coats had fake blood thrown on them at Best Kept Secrets. *ALF*

November - Olney, Maryland - A KFC was spray painted and had its windows smashed out. *ALF*

November - New York, New York - A large steel garbage can was thrown through the front picture window of a fur salon. *ALF*

November 7 - Memphis, Tennessee - The new location of Jean Benham Furs was firebombed before it opened. The BATF investigated, questioning nearby shop owners and trying to question at least one local activist, who refused to speak to them. It appears that the investigation has gone nowhere, but the fur store is now open for business. *ALF*

November 17 - San Francisco, California - Robert's Furs was hit, other actions. Berkeley's Milk Board was paint bombed. *ALF*

November 29 - Dayton, Ohio - A Lazarus Department Store, which sells fur, had a van spray painted with slogans. *ALF*

Late November - Mankato, Minnesota - A fur store had "Fur is Dead" spray painted on it. *ALF*

Nov./Dec. - location unspecified - Local grocery store continually has rodent glue traps thrown away and UPC reorder tags for them removed with the result that the store no longer sells them. *ALF*

December 2 - Bloomington and Indianapolis, Indiana - In an apparently coordinated attack, Lazarus Department Stores had windows smashed and were spray painted. *ALF*

December 6 - Madison, Wisconsin - McDonald's was paint bombed. *ALF*

December - Gaithersburg, Maryland - A McDonald's was extensively spray painted with a number of slogans and had its windows smashed out. *ALF*

December - Maryland - Hundreds of dollars worth of fur coats were splattered with fake blood at Best Kept Secrets. *ALF*

December - Maryland - Fur coats spray painted at a used clothing store. *ALF*

December - location unspecified - "Giant" grocery chain has a large number of semi-trucks with meat advertisements on them spray painted with "Meat Kills," "Meat is Murder," etc. *ALF*

December - Berkeley, California - A store had gum stuck in fur trim coats on display and fur trim hats were torn, smeared with red paint, and had slogans written on them. *ALF Golden Gate Unit*

December 16 - Berkeley, California - The Northwest Animal Facility at UC Berkeley was hit with six large Christmas ornaments filled with red paint. *ALF*

December 22 - 23 - Vancouver, British Columbia - After receiving letters saying that turkeys had been injected with rat poison, Safeway and Save-On-Foods chains pulled turkeys from the shelves of all their stores and offered refunds to customers. Tests showed no poison, and the action seems to follow on the often-used British tactic of a contamination hoax. The action caused over one million dollars in damages. *Animal Rights Militia*

December 23 - San Francisco, California - Locks were glued at Robert's Furs and Home Fine Sausage had locks glued and was paint bombed. *ALF Stockton Unit*

December 24 - Memphis, Tennessee - Two windows were smashed at Tandy Leather. *ALF*

December 25 - Oakland, California - Barney's Gourmet Hamburgers: front lock glued. *ALF Golden Gate Unit*

late 1994 or early 1995 - San Francisco, California - Herbert's Furs had "Fur Scum" burnt into their glass front door with acid during their going out of business sale. *ALF*

January 16 - Syracuse, New York - Georgios Furs was paint bombed. *ALF*

Spread Your Love Through Action

An open letter from Rod Coronado

On March 3, 1995, I pled guilty to aiding and abetting a fire at Michigan State University (MSU) that destroyed 32 years of research intended to benefit the fur farm industry. The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) claimed responsibility for the raid, the seventh in a series of actions dubbed "Operation Bite Back" which targeted fur farms and universities engaged in tax-payer supported research jointly funded by the fur trade. I also pled guilty to one count of theft of US Government property; in particular, a journal belonging to a 7th Cavalry Officer killed at the Little Bighorn near Crow Agency, Montana in 1876. This negotiated plea agreement is the result of a seven year investigation by the FBI into my activities, and the federal government's continued targeting of indigenous activists who assert their sovereignty and continue their fight for cultural survival. It is also the culmination of nine federal grand juries that have lasted over three years, subpoenaed over sixty political activists, jailed four for six months each, and harassed and intimidated countless others in the hunt for members of the ALF.

editors' note:
although rod's letter was not a part of the original material for mv8, we thought it was important enough to be included. take the time to read it and be inspired...

In return for the guilty pleas, the US government promises not to seek further prosecution of me in the remaining districts investigating the ALF, nor subpoena me to testify against others suspected of ALF activity. The price I pay for not testifying against my compatriots is a three to four year prison sentence.

Prior to the plea agreement, I was the sole defendant in a seven court indictment alleging that I was responsible for a nationwide coordinated effort to cripple fur farm research and development. With a lifetime commitment to protect the earth behind me and in front of me, I must choose carefully the battles in which I fight, and the arenas in which I fight them. Like most indigenous people, I am unable to match the limitless of the US government in their efforts to incarcerate me, nor am I able to adequately defend myself amidst laws that criminalize the preservation of our sacred earth mother.

This is only the latest attempt by the US Government to make an example of those who break free from the confines of legitimate protest. At a time when ecological and cultural destruction is common place and within the perimeter of the law, it sometimes becomes necessary to adhere to the highest laws of nature and morality rather than stand mute witness to the destruction of our land and people. I believe it to be the obligation of the earth warrior never to be ashamed of one's own actions to honor the sacred tradition of indigenous resistance. Therefore, I accept full responsibility for my actions and remain grateful to have had the honor of serving as a member of the ALF as their spokesperson and supporter.

With a record of over 300 animal liberation actions and rescues in the US without injury or loss of life, yet thousands of lives spared from the horrors of vivisection and fur farming, the women and men of the ALF remain to me some of the most respected of non-violent warriors in the struggle to save our planet. MY role in the MSU raid was a non-participant, acting as a conduit for the truth hidden behind locked laboratory doors. While in Ann Arbor, Michigan, awaiting instructions, I received a phone call from an anonymous ALF member detailing the raid for inclusion into a press release. Later, I received research materials and evidence seized during the raid. These documents would have exposed taxpayer sponsored research benefitting the fur farm industry, and experiments where mink and otters are forcefed toxins and other contaminates until they convulse and bleed to death. Accompanying these documents was a video tape of the cramped and unsanitary conditions mink and otter endure at MSU's research laboratories. My desire to release this information to the public was greater than my desire to protect myself from rabid investigations by the FBI and the ATF. Seventeen months later, I was indicted by the Michigan grand jury based on this evidence.

Earlier in the month of February, 1992 I was at the Little Bighorn River in Montana. I

went to the sight of the infamous battle and was shocked at this, the only monument I know of that glorifies the loser. In further disgrace to the warriors who lost their lives defending their families and homelands, the monument paints a one-sided story of the conquest of the indigenous peoples of the Great Plains by the US military. The truth remains that George Armstrong Custer and his 7th Cavalry were an illegal occupational force trespassing in clear violation of the Fort Laramie treaty of 1868 to attack peaceful encampments of noncambatants in the heart of the Lakota Nation. The theft of the Cavalryman's journal is a reminder of indigenous discontent with the treatment of our heritage and culture by the US Government.



Over the last ten years I have placed myself between the hunter and the hunted, the vivisector and the victim, the furrier and the fur bearer, and the whaler and the whale. These are my people, my constituency. It is them that I owe my life. I have chosen to continue the time honored tradition of resistance to the invading forces that are ravaging our homes and people. Many people have been tortured, murdered and imprisoned on this warrior's path, yet we must continue to stand tall against the tyranny that has befallen this continent in the last 503 years. As warriors we must accept that prison awaits those who are unwilling to compromise the earth and her people when we choose to remain allegiant to fellow warriors whose identiy remains unknown. We are all Subcommandante Marcos, Crazy Horse and the ALF. Never, ever, should we forget that in order to achieve the peace and liberation we strive for some sacrifice is necessary. This will not be the first time an indigenous person has gone to prison while upholding the obligation to protect our culture, homelands and people, and it most definitely will not be the last. It is with total love that I say good-bye to my earth mother for a little while to enter the concrete and steel prisons of US Government reserves for its discontent citizens. Such rewards await those who must give their lives and freedom to prevent destruction of the most beautiful planet in the universe, our life-support system our beloved mother earth.

To those who have fought besides me, you will always be my friends and familes and for you I will give up that which I love the most, my freedom. I will face prison rather than speak one word against those on the frontlines of the battle to protect earth. Our relationship is a sacred one, and in your freedom I pray that you spread your love through action that continues to rescue all that remains wild. Never surrender!

Though we may never see each other again in the trenches of the struggle for animal and earth liberation through illegal direct action, in my heart I will always hold you closest. Be patient my friends. I have not forgotten those already behind bars, those in the traps and in the rifle sights of man's ignorance and greed. It is time for me to hand over my role as a "hero" to the animal and environmental movement to others whose faces are not yet known.

To you I give the responsibility to preserve and protect what is left of the splintered nations of others we call animals. In your hands lie the future of this centuries-old struggle, in yourselves you must find heroes. Now you must take the risks rather than cheer on those who have walked before you. Carry her spirit well, and shower yourselves in her beauty when in need of true power. I have been brought back home to my people, the Yaqui Nation and it is to them that I now return to satisfy the restless spirits of my great grandmothers whose cries I must answer.

Sometimes we are forced to do things we do not like when we are warriors. On this land that I now live, where my ancestors are buried, the great warrior Geronimo sometimes found it necessary to surrender to the enemy in order to recruit young warriors for future battles. We are a patient people. Never forget the beauty, magic, love and life we fight so hard to protect and that others have given so much to defend. Our pain and sadness is very real but so is our happiness and joy as we witness the coming Spring. I will always be beside you and you may always find shelter in my home. I love you all, and in you I place the hopes for a rebirth and a rekindling of our sacred relations to all animal people and creation.

Forever in Your Honor and in Her Service,
Rod Coronado-Wiiko Yau Ura
Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Pork, please.
It's an important part of a well-balanced diet.

