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2 West Coast Labs Raided by ALF Warriors!!

This summer saw two daring raids on West Coast laboratories by the Animal Liberation Front freeing a total of 77 animals. These, along with last April's University of Minnesota raid mark the first lab liberations since the 80s.

First, in the early morning hours of August 29, Bio-Devices, a pacemaker manufacturing company in Orange County, California was entered by activists. Forty-six dogs (many injured from surgeries) were liberated. According to the communiqué, not one animal was left behind!

The communiqué stated that all dogs were seen by a veterinarian and "placed in good loving homes where they can live out the rest of their lives free from torture." Slogans such as "Animal Liberation" and "Vivisection is Fraud" were left to greet vivisectors when they arrived to work.

This action was dedicated to Alex Slack, "a true animal liberationist victimized by the federal government, who chose to take his own life rather than betray his friends and the animals" (see page 3).



Masked liberators hold two lucky rabbits rescued from Western Washington University

A few weeks later, a video was released to the media which showed the then-caged, now-liberated dogs (some with bandages) just days before the raid. But, there seemed to be a media blackout of this monumental event with very little, if any, coverage.

So, activists from around the state staged a protest in front of Bio-Devices on September 19 to show their support of the raid and solidarity with the ALF. An activist scouted out the premises prior to the demo and reported that all cages were still empty almost three weeks after the raid.

The second lab raid took place in Bellingham, Washington where the ALF struck psychology labs at Western Washington University on October 24. Brave warriors liberated three rabbits and 28 rats and destroyed two offices (see full text of communiqué on page 22).

Primate vivisector Merle Prim was the stated target of this action according to a communiqué received by the North American A.L.F. Press Office. "The entire contents of Prim's office - including all research papers and books on surgical technique were piled on the floor and soaked in two gallons of muriatic acid" according to the communiqué. "The office of the animal 'caretaker' was devastated and all documents related to animal torture destroyed."

The communiqué also warned vivisectors: "3 LAB RAIDS, 6 MONTHS, YOU'RE NEXT. This war - the revolution on behalf of animals continues" and declared solidarity with "above ground brothers and sisters who have been imprisoned by our unjust system, including jailed hunger striker Gina Lynn" [see page 8].

Video footage was taken and made available to the public/media.

Many have speculated that lab raids couldn't be done anymore due to increased security but these heroic rescue missions, as the Bio-Devices communiqué stated, "prove that animal liberations can still occur if people are willing and determined to empower themselves and take the steps necessary to free the animals."

Hegins Pigeon Massacre Canceled!

by Heidi Prescott

HEGINS, PA -- Spanning more than a decade, the campaign to ban live pigeon shoots in Pennsylvania has encompassed a variety of tactics and involved a host of groups, both grassroots and national. As this marathon campaign draws to a successful close, we are all asking ourselves: What finally worked? And can the lessons learned at Hegins help us end other forms of animal abuse elsewhere?

As many readers of *No Compromise* know, pigeons are massacred by the tens of thousands each year in Pennsylvania during live pigeon shooting contests. Although the shoots go on across the state, the most infamous, until it was canceled this fall after a 65-year run, was the annual shoot held in a picturesque Pennsylvania village called Hegins, In a single day, contest shooters would kill nearly 6,000 birds. The following description is from a recent opinion written by Chief

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Greetings *NC* Readers,

This has been a GREAT summer for animals all over the world. In the past few months we've seen the permanent closure of England's notorious Hillgrove Cat Farm (see p. 10), the acquittal of three animal rights activists accused of participating in the firebombing of Utah's Fur Breeder Co-Op (see p. 3), two spectacular ALF raids on West Coast labs (see cover), the cancelation of the barbaric Hegins Pigeon Shoot in Pennsylvania (see p. 1) and countless fur farm raids all overy the world!! *No Compromise* salutes all of the wonderful, hard-working activists that contributed to these victories for the animals! And, in order to make room to cover it all, we've expanded our news section for this issue by three pages (two domestic and one international).

Unfortunately, there's some bad news to report as well: one of our movement's finest comrades, Alex Slack, took his own life (see p. 3) and accused ALF activist Justin Samuel has been captured in Belgium (see News Briefs p. 6). While we all mourn the tragic loss of Alex, we encourage everyone to support Justin as he awaits extradition back to the US and faces a multiple count federal indictment by a Wisconsin grand jury.

Speaking of grand juries, one of our own editors/layout designers was recently jailed for 3 weeks by a federal grand jury convened in St. Louis (see p. 8) which partially explains the lateness of the issue. Another issue that set us behind schedule was the resignation of about half of our steering committee.

There were differences amongst members over the appropriatness of publishing certain articles in the focus section of *NC* #13. Unfortunately, we failed to reach concensus over several key issues involving content, future direction and the decision making process itself. Likewise, as you may have noticed, ARA is no longer the publisher of *No Compromise*.

While it is not uncommon for activists to disagree, all too often disagreements degenerate into hostility. We are pleased that, in this case, all parties still maintain respect for one another, even though we ultimately decided to part company. The remaining members of the *NC* steering committee sincerely and wholeheartedly thank Anne Crimaudo, Cathy Goeggel, Angi Metler and Miyun Park for all the hard work and energy they've put into the maintenance of *No Compromise* over the last few years and wish them the best in their current and future endeavors.

We would also like to officially welcome Rod Coronado to our steering committee. Though he has been a devoted contributor to *No Compromise* almost since its inception, it wasn't practical for him to participate in the regular business of the paper due to his imprisonment and subsequent halfway house situation. But, we're happy to report that Rod is finally free and clear from the confines of the government (except some additional unsupervised probation) and ready to be fully involved in the struggle once again!

While last issue we examined the role Direct Action plays in our movement, this issue we turn our attention to Political Action (see Focus Section, starting on p. 17). As always, the value of different types of tactics are strongly debated within our movement. Some argue that government itself is inherently oppressive and that we can never truly obtain animal liberation by working within such a compromised system. This viewpoint as well as that in favor of political action for the animals is explored in a debate in this issue's Commentary section (p. 28).

As usual, we encourage feedback, article submissions, questions, comments, criticisms and donations all of which can be directed to our new address:

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In Memoriam: Fallen Warrior Alex Slack



by JP Goodwin

On Tuesday, June 29, 1999 the animal rights movement lost a great warrior.

Alex Slack, of Salt Lake City, UT, ended his life after several years of extreme pain and suffering.

Alex was well known in the Utah animal rights movement and had been an FBI target for some time.

Years ago Alex was a major suspect in the firebombing of a Tandy Leather store. Alex was eventually charged in connection to several mink farm raids that led to the liberation of thousands of animals, and for an attack on a major mink feed plant.

Alex had a serious liver illness and was waiting for a transplant. To make matters worse, he had been injured in a car wreck and would be forced to spend the rest of his life in a wheel chair.

Faced with the liver illness, paralysis, and the prospect of spending years and years in jail, Alex decided to say good bye. Alex was a true hero for animal rights, and he will be missed. I am lucky in that I got to know him during his short time on Earth.

Interview with Ramona Africa

MOVE is a revolutionary organization that was started in the early 1970s by a black man named John Africa who brought together people from all backgrounds and denominations and truly made us a family. He was the glue of unity. He taught us one common belief that cannot be divided, and that is life: protecting life, putting nothing before life. And this one common belief has kept us united and kept us going. —Ramona Africa

No Compromise: *How long have you been a MOVE member? How did you get involved?*

Ramona Africa: I've been involved with MOVE for about 20 years. I had heard of them and knew who they were since January 1978, and in early 1978 I remember reading about the starvation blockade Rizzo was putting on MOVE. But, I didn't really care. I was a young, middle-class black girl, you know. I went to Catholic school, I was just about done with college and getting ready to start law school. I felt the system worked. MOVE didn't have anything to do with my life. I entered a work-study program at Temple and began working at a community legal services housing unit, and a particular activist who later became a senator, was a big advocate of direct action—disrupting city council and things like that. He really got people fired up. We started to put people in abandoned houses. And, as I got familiar with it and got active, I first met Merle Africa. I got a call asking if I wanted to attend a meeting of MOVE and I met supporters and sister Pam Africa. After hearing MOVE history, I was shocked and also encouraged to go see for myself. So I sat in on a MOVE trial and I was shocked; it kept me coming back. Seeing them, I was impressed at how they showed no fear or intimidation at the courtroom procedures. I was impressed by their strength. It was so true; I just couldn't turn my back and walk away. Never mind going to law school, I wanted to

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The Real Terrorists

by Rod Coronado

On September 9th a jury in federal court acquitted Adam Troy Peace, Andrew Bishop and Sean Gautschy of all charges related to the 1997 ALF attack on the Utah Fur-Breeders Co-operative in Sandy, Utah that caused $900,000 in damages and seriously disrupted fur farming in Utah and Idaho. For the past few years the media has portrayed Utah as an epicenter for animal liberation direct action with much law-enforcement harassment, many arrests, a few indictments and one death. One of the reasons for the federal attention in Utah is the presence of David Tubbs, special agent in charge of the FBI in Salt Lake City, who is also the former national chief of counter-terrorism for the FBI.

The criminal trial of alleged ALF operatives in the Fur-Breeders case was the culmination of federal investigations that were ordered by Director of the FBI, Louis Freeh, who in 1998 stated to a Senate subcommittee that "the most recognizable single issue terrorists at the present time are those involved in the violent animal rights, anti-abortion and environmental protection movements."

The basis of a terrorist threat to the United States Government is not physical maiming, torture or killing of innocent civilians (such as committed by U.S. military forces last Summer in Yugoslavia), but threats to the running of industrial operations dependent on environmental and animal exploitation for profit. In the early 1980s direct action groups, frustrated with the legal preferential treatment given to economic interests, responded to injustice by engaging in economic sabotage. The ALF - and Earth First! - inspired saboteurs struck directly at medical, agricultural and other industry targets that for decades had reaped the benefits of having friends in politically powerful places.

By the end of the '80s we had witnessed the case of Fran Trutt, an animal rights activist who was set-up by a private security firm to plant a pipe bomb at U.S. Surgical, an undercover FBI sting operation targeting Earth First!, and the car bombing of Earth First! activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney. All this in addition to several federal grand juries who, under the auspices of investigating ALF actions, harassed and compiled detailed records on animal rights and environmental activists. Now some years later, it is clear to see just what the federal government is doing.

Recognizing that U.S. citizens, unsedated by the hypocrisy of democracy, will rise up to challenge unregulated business interests, the U.S. government has once more launched a secret war against people believing in environmental preservation and animal liberation. The FBI's Counterintelligence Program (COINTELPRO) of the 1960s and 70s against Puerto Rican Independenistas, Black Panthers and the American Indian Movement showed the U.S. government that it must fight a cleaner war against domestic insurgents. More recently, the Branch Davidians at Waco and the Weaver Family at Ruby Ridge taught the ATF and FBI that before the government can eradicate and imprison a domestic threat, it must first vilify them in the media.

In Britain in the 1970s, '80s and '90s, journalists willing to portray the legitimate struggle against British occupation in Northern Ireland as terrorism were given widespread coverage by the mainstream corporate media. It wasn't the truth that mattered, not government-sponsored death squads, or children murdered by police plastic bullets. It was resistance to

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OREGON -- In June, Governor John Kitzhaber, in an effort to hinder environmental activists, pushed for a bill that would make it illegal to even be in a forest if a timber harvest may occur. Punishable by up to a year in jail and $5000 in fines, the bill also applies to animal rights activists as pertaining to agriculture and genetically engineered foods.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- Ten activists were arrested while protesting primate research at UCSF June 13th. According to police/media reports, 30 - 40 people broke a window and entered a room where squirrel monkeys are housed. Charges included Trespassing, Conspiracy, Vandalism, Malicious Destruction of Property, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and Resisting Arrest. All charges were later dropped.

PHILOMATH, OR -- Four activists were arrested July 9th while protesting the rodeo. Local police arrived while the four were leafleting outside the entrance and arrested the activists without warning.

ROY COUNTY, MO -- On July 13th two HorseAid volunteers were arrested as they were removing four ponies after the adopters failed to adhere to several conditions of general care and welfare. Both women were arrested and taken to jail (along with the two young children of one activist) when they refused to return the ponies to the abusive adopters. They were charged on multiple felony counts by the Prosecuting Attorney, who has a very poor record on animal abuse cases.

LOUISVILLE, KY -- Two workers at a Tyson chicken plant were killed July 22nd. James Dame fell into a vat of chicken parts while operating a motorized scoop and Michael Hallum died when overcome by methane gas while attempting to save Dame. The plant, which has been operating for roughly three years, has yet to receive a safety inspection.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT -- Four activists were arrested July 24th while engaging in a sit-in outside the "Days of '47 Rodeo." The protest was the climax of a week of protests against the rodeo and received extensive local media coverage.

SAN LUIS, CO -- Professional infiltrator wanna-be Barry Clausen was pied June 28th by the Biotic Baking Brigade after Clausen showed up at the Earth First! Round River Roundezvous. "Mr. Clausen, that's assault!" rang out as the charlatan was hit by three pies (Clausen includes pieing in his list of eco-terrorist actions, attempting to justify this by claiming that pieing a person is assault).

'99 Primate Freedom Tour Wakes the Nation

by Craig Rosebraugh

PORTLAND, OR -- Today is November 7, 1999, and as I sit here in my office, I can't help but to think back to the events of this past summer. As the national organizer for the 1999 Primate Freedom Tour, I can honestly state that I have encountered few tasks tougher in my life than the three straight months of activism against primate experimentation. Did it work? Was the tour successful? Has primate experimentation stopped in the United States? These are all questions that both participants and viewers of the primate tour should rightly ask.

I began work on the primate tour a year in advance, designing the propaganda that would promote, advertise, and interest people in the tour. A small handful of activists from Liberation Collective joined me and the Collective became the main organizing group of the tour. To begin to even attempt to discuss the tour in any detail in this article would be difficult.

You can imagine from a three month tour there is a lot to tell. As I need to keep this somewhat brief, I will review some of the highlights of the tour. Honestly, I did not know what to expect. I had worked with Rick Bogle in organizing the previous primate tour which occurred in 1997, but that was on a smaller scale and really involved few people. The 1999 tour consisted of a sixty foot long articulated city bus hauling an average of twenty-five activists across the country, stopping at 25 locations, for three months. It was quite a bit more work than I realistically anticipated.

From the 30,000 brochures on the tour that were sent around the world, I expected we would obtain more activists than we had space for on the vehicles. Yet, when June 1 rolled around, a mere 20 or so individuals were all that turned up to begin the ride. After a day full of introductions the tour kicked off with a needed bang. Activists took over the office of the president of the University of Washington, the host school for the Washington Regional Primate Research Center (WRPRC). Demanding a public form on what actual scientific and medical benefits applicable to human health have come out of the WRPRC since it opened in the 1960s, activists remained in the office for twenty hours before police finally moved in. Now comes the part where there would commonly be massive arrests as people refused to leave the premises. But during a last minute meeting inside the office, the activists agreed to leave. This was a decision not to give up or in to the police, but rather to place even more pressure directly on the president. So after leaving the office at 6:00am the tour bus traveled to the president's home where he was confronted in person. The media response to these actions was excellent. The rationale for leaving the office was simple; the original idea for the action was to target the president. If most of the activists were in jail that would have prevented further pressure on the actual subject matter.



photo: Lance Morosini

Lisa Lakeman gets dragged away from a UC Davis protest

Next we traveled to the Portland area where the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center resides. The Portland Police with their history of brutality (I write this as I sit here with a broken arm from them) (see News Briefs, p. 9) proved themselves once again, seriously injuring a tour participant and turning a peaceful march into a dangerous spectacle. Another office takeover was attempted at Oregon Health and Sciences University, but failed due to lack of planning. Yet, once again, a great amount of media coverage informed the public as to the fraudulent practices of the ORPRC. In California, pressure was applied to the California Regional Primate Research Center at UC Davis. Additionally, actions also targeted the sound blasting experiments at UC San Francisco.

One of the things I have learned in my 10 years of activism is that at times I have to follow my heart even if it is in conflict with popular opinion. Here I can only speak for myself but I will speak of a valuable lesson I learned playing soccer for 13 years. Those teams which play together for years grow and learn together. They are then able to count on each other, know each other, and work together amazingly more efficient than those teams which constantly switch players.

The strategy which was pushed on the tour was simple. We were together for three months and so learning and growing took place. The emphasis was on the group, to find the best options, strategies and activities which were decided on by and that best fit the group.

At the Coulston Foundation in Alamogordo, New Mexico, the tour organized a successful community picnic in which over 50 local residents, including workers from Coulston attended to hear the arguments. This stop also signaled the beginning of the cage sits which occurred on the tour. In over 100 degree heat, one activist who joined the tour from Israel, sat in a cage for four days just yards away from Coulston's front door.

The South was difficult. With temperatures occasionally over 110 degrees, the southern stops on the tour required stamina and a hell of a lot of water. In many of these areas little activism if any had been done on the issue and so much of the time was spent holding signs and sitting in cages in front of primate centers. Some of the greatest successes came from handing out literature to residents in small towns who drove by just to see what all the fuss was about. Many voiced their own anger at the primate centers with complaints ranging from working conditions to environmental pollution to animal issues.

In Atlanta, angered at the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center and the police state that surrounds it, 13 activists walked one by one crossing the police line making a statement to the area that the issue is much larger than societal laws which protect exploitative industries. Later in Madison, five activists successfully closed the Wisconsin Regional Primate Center by locking themselves in front of the main doorways.

Both of these actions received widespread media exposure.

When the tour arrived in Washington, D.C. increased pressure was applied to attempt to make the issue known to the country. For 100 hours straight a handful

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of activists sat in cages in front of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. Pressure was also applied to Harold Varmus, then director of NIH, by confronting him at his home repeatedly.

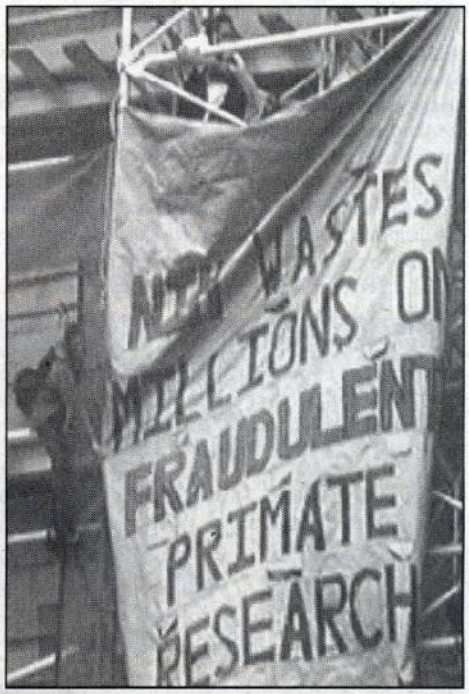
At a protest at the Department of Health and Human Services, an effigy of Donna Shalala was burned. This action alone gained international press over the issue. Then to top everything off, during the end rally at the Washington Monument, three activists scaled the monument hanging a banner that read "NIH Wastes Billions On Fraudulent Primate Research".

These were just a few of the highlights I can remember from the tour. Was it a success? Overall, yes. The goal of the tour was simply to create a national dialogue on the use of primates in experimentation. This goal was obviously achieved as hundreds of news stories ran throughout the country and internationally. Furthermore, the tour re-energized individuals and groups around the country. No, obviously the tour did not completely halt primate experimentation in the U.S. But it was a giant leap in that direction.

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Monkey Dealer Truck Torched

MIAMI, FL -- The Primate Freedom Tour was honored by the A.L.F. who claimed credit for the firebombing of a truck at Worldwide Primates, Inc., the business of modern-day slave trader/primate dealer Matthew Block and his family.



banner hangs from the Washington Monument

The Liberation of Annie

by Barbara Stagno

WEST ISLIP, NY -- Annie was known to many of the local residents as the dirty monkey who sat listlessly in a cage at the back of BTJ's Jungle Pet Shop for years. For most people, she was as easy to ignore as the bags of feed sold at the store. But many people looked at her and felt she deserved a better life. These people spoke out, only to learn that there wasn't really anybody to speak out to.

Decades of U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors came and went, writing reports that attested to the urine-soaked, feces-encrusted environment that Annie was forced to live in. At times, they cited the pet shop for failing to have an enrichment program for Annie. Then somebody might go outside and find a stick or a plank of wood and place it in her cage. That was her "enrichment."

Annie lived at BTJ's Jungle Pet Shop for 25 years, knowing nothing but boredom, isolation, filth, and humiliation. She came to them as a tiny newborn, and though they boasted of having bottle-fed her as an infant. It seems that once the novelty of the cute baby monkey wore off, they moved her to the back of the store where she sat alone and ignored.

An activist who had followed her circumstances for more than a decade, fighting with regulatory agencies to give her progressively larger enclosures brought Annie's plight to my attention. Little by little, Annie's circumstances improved very slightly, due to pressure from people who spoke out about her, and a growing acknowledgment on the part of society that primates are socially complex creatures who require more than a box and a banana.

When I first encountered Annie and her story, it became immediately clear to me that the only way I could make a significant difference in her life, a difference that she deserved after her years of deprivation, would be to appeal to her keepers to release her to a sanctuary, where she could live out her final years in freedom.

I never got beyond the preliminary discussions with Annie's owners because members of the Animal Liberation Front snuck in one morning and whisked her away to freedom. This was the best thing that could have possibly happened, a fairy tale ending to a real-life nightmare, since it's doubtful that Annie's owners would have ever agreed to allow her to go to a sanctuary.

They regarded me and my talk about Annie's need for freedom as some sort of anomaly. Though they listened quietly while I talked, I could tell they were convinced I had nothing to tell them about the monkey who sat listlessly in her cage. To them she was a commodity, an exhibit, alive in the most minimal sense. To confront the magnitude of Annie's true capacity for awareness would have meant confronting their own criminal role in depriving her from it and they were not about to do that.

After Annie's liberation, I got asked repeatedly by the media, and by many people ignorant about the Animal Liberation Front, how I could be so confident that Annie was okay now. I told them that anyone who does what the ALF does, who goes to the lengths to lead the sort of life that one must in order to live underground, who places one's own life and liberty on the line to ensure the freedom of others, would never do that without taking the necessary steps to protect that creature's newfound freedom.

Wherever Annie is now, I know she is in better condition than she was for the last 25 years. I know she's being given the things she needs most: love, companionship, cleanliness, ample food, dignity, respect, freedom, the things that all sentient creatures need to constitute a life, a real life, finally.

To those brave people who liberated Annie, wherever you are, I can only say, I love you. You embody the truest meaning of liberation.

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LOS ANGELES, CA -- An activist arrested during an anti-circus protest was injured by police August 2nd. Three television crews were on hand and provided good coverage of the protest.

WASHINGTON D.C. -- Last February, two COK activists closed down D.C.'s Neiman Marcus fur department for three hours. One of the activists performed community service, while the other went to trial. The activist was charged with unlawful entry and pled not guilty. On August 3rd it was reported that the activist's pro bono attorney was able to get the case dismissed because it had accidentally been mischarged.

NEWFIELD, NY -- Two activists were arrested on August 7th on charges of trespass for being on private land to protest a woodchuck killing contest. Activists were able to prevent the killing of any woodchucks for at least an hour while talking to the hunters. The protest became front-page news.

DETROIT, MI -- On August 10th an activist from ADAPTT [see Trenches, p. 33] locked himself under his car, blocking the front entrance to the Detroit Animal Control Center (DACC). ADAPTT staged this protest to draw attention to the fact that DACC still uses outdated and inhumane methods for killing stray dogs and cats, sells animals to Wayne State University for vivi-section and recently killed a chow and her puppies despite the fact that a local animal advocate wanted to adopt them.

BARBERS POINT, HI -- It was reported on August 10th that Animal Rights Hawaii had filed a complaint in Circuit Court in an effort to prevent the construction of a new slaughterhouse and processing plant here. The complaint challenges the USDA's Environmental Impact Report findings.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- Ten anti-fur activists were arrested outside Neiman Marcus following a walk-through of the store August 15th.

ROHNERT PARK, CA -- Three animal rights activists were arrested at a Burlington Coat Factory outlet and one more was arrested in Detroit, MI, on charges of trespass on August 21 as part of a national day of protest against the coat manufacturer. All four were released shortly after being arrested. After a "Dateline" story last year uncovered that the store was selling dog and cat fur, CAFT and Last Chance for Animals called for the day of action which saw demonstrations in over 30 cities.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- On August 28th, a federal appeals court overturned the convictions of 70 protesters, who were prosecuted for demonstrating at the Presidio of San Francisco without a permit, as an issue of protected free speech. The case stems from a March 9, 1997 demonstration by Religious Witness with Homeless People, an organization that was pressing to convert surplus military housing at the Presidio into apartments for homeless people. The group was arrested for not having a permit that the government would not issue.

WASHINGTON D.C. -- Revealed in late August, legislation drafted by the Department of Justice, called the Cyberspace Electronic Security Act, would enable investigators to get a sealed warrant signed by a judge permitting them to enter private property, search through computers for passwords and install devices that override encryption programs. The law would expand existing search warrant powers to allow agents to penetrate personal computers for the purpose of disabling encryption.

SAN DIEGO, CA -- A lawsuit filed by Fashion Valley Mall against animal rights activists backfired in late August when the judge declared the mall's policies on limiting expressive speech on their property were unconstitutional. The judge then dissolved the temporary restraining order [see "TROs, Injunctions and Stay-Aways", p. 26]. The suit, filed in December 1998, charged dozens of activists and various organizations with trespass. On August 29th, after the lawsuit was finalized, activists went back to Fashion Valley Mall to once again protest the barbaric, unnecessary killing of animals for fur.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN -- Five months after a raid by the Animal Liberation Front, an activist scaled Moos Towers at the University of MN September 7th and unfurled a 40-foot banner reading "Stop Animal Torture Now." The activist remained on a 20-foot perch for six days until the threat of hypothermia (following a rain storm) forced him down.

MILWAUKEE, WI -- On September 8th it was reported that Justin Samuel, a Washington state resident and suspect in several 1997 mink liberations, was caught in Belgium and will most likely be extradited to stand trial in Wisconsin. Samuel of Snohomish and Peter Young were both indicted by a federal grand jury in September 1998. Young is still at large. The animal rights movement wishes him luck in his endeavors.

A.L.F. Rocks Wisconsin

WISCONSIN -- As the summer of 1999 heated up, so did the ALF's campaign against the fur farm industry in Wisconsin, the third largest state for fur farming in America. In early August, ALF operatives first freed over 3,000 mink from one fur farm, opened every cage on another and then launched an arson attack on one of the nation's largest fur farm feed production facilities. These raids marked the latest level of direct action against the fur farm industry and the 60th attack on fur farms since 1995.



firefighters douse the blaze with powerful hoses

Between 0400 hours and 0500 hours on August 3rd, ALF operatives penetrated the security of Krieger's Fur Farm in Bristol and found 30,000 mink in filthy and overcrowded conditions with as many as six mink in each narrow 16-inch cage. "The conditions on Krieger's death camp were the worst we have ever seen. There was filth everywhere. The sheds were decrepit and unmaintained. Throughout the farm there were open ditches full of feces and urine. In several cages we saw the decomposing corpses of dead mink who were just left there to lie," states the ALF's communiqué released after the raid.

Once on the premises, ALF operatives began opening all the mink cages in four separate barns and destroying the breeding record cards for the released mink. The genetic history of each mink is stored on small cards above each cage and, by destroying them, the ALF ensures that even if the released mink are recaptured, their genetic identity will be impossible to determine. Without the knowledge of an individual mink's genetic and breeding history, fur farmers are unable to breed mink that will produce the level of pelt quality the market demands. For most fur farms, the tactic of destroying breeding records is the final nail in the coffin created by the ALF's direct action campaign.

Krieger's Fur Farm is one of Wisconsin's largest mink breeding operations, and they also supply pelts to Neiman-Marcus, according to the ALF. "This farm was targeted not only because of Krieger's exploitation of the mink nation (although that would be reason enough), but because his farm is a direct supplier for Neiman-Marcus Department Stores. Through their support of such a farm, Neiman-Marcus shows absolutely no regard for Life or the eco-system. It appears that Neiman-Marcus is allied with Krieger and his fellow murderous farmers in their love of profits and greed over Life and Freedom."

In this communiqué, the ALF reaffirms its commitment to prevent fur industry terrorism with the promise to continue its non-violent campaign. "The Animal Liberation Front declares an open invitation to anyone who would dare to stop these groups' sick reign of terror. Now is the time for direct action. The only terrorism is that which we allow to exist. Until all these death camps are closed, we will continue to liberate. In defense of the animal nations and Mother Earth, Animal Liberation Front." Local law enforcement and the FBI are investigating the attack, according to Teresa Platt, Executive Director of Fur Commission USA which represents U.S. mink and fox farmers.

Just five days after the successful raid on Krieger's Fur Farm, ALF operatives struck again in Wisconsin. At approximately 0300 hours on August 8th, the ALF entered Gene Myer's Fur Farm in Plymouth and released every mink on the farm. The impact of this raid was revealed by the mink farm's owner who admitted to local media that the ALF had forced his operation to shutdown. "We wait until they fur out and its history, I'm done," said fur farmer, Gene Myer.

As the mink on this fur farm ran free, at approximately 0345 hours, the ALF operatives moved on to Greenbush, home of United Feeds Inc., the largest fur farm feed producer and distributor in the state. The ALF swept the building from top to bottom in preparation for an arson attack, strategically placing four incendiary devices to ensure that the entire operation would be destroyed. The ensuing fire destroyed most of the structure and caused damages in excess of $1.5 million. It is believed that United Feeds will not reconstruct the operation on the premises.

In reference to Peter Young, an alleged ALF operative wanted by the FBI for raids on Wisconsin, Iowa and South Dakota fur farms in 1997, the ALF states in its communiqué following the fire, "This action is dedicated to our comrades on the run. You are not forgotten. More to come...ALF."



what's left of United Feeds, fur farm feed producer

Minnehaha Free State Campaign Continues

by Natalia

MINNEAPOLIS, MN -- The Minnehaha Free State is now the longest-running urban occupation in American history, at over a year, and shows no signs of slowing down. The rerouting of Highway 55 would bulldoze through prairie and parkland, historic and sacred sites, and a 10,000-year-old spring. We will not let this stand, so we are now running two camps on either side of the reroute corridor, a direct action encampment with tree-sits on the north side and a spiritual encampment with tree-sits on the south side.

After exhausting the last of the legal means available to us, construction on the north side of the corridor (a mile away from the original encampment) began in July. It didn't get off to an easy start for them, however. On the first day 9 people were arrested, on the second day 29 were arrested. As more trees were cut, more people kept coming. Eventually over 30 trees were cut, despite MN/DoT's promises to neighborhood groups that they only "had to" cut three.

The community had been lied to and was, in the words of one neighbor, "spitting mad." This was a wake-up call. Tree sits were set up in the remainder of the corridor, roving patrols were instituted, and although they had been publicly planning to come for the remainder of the trees within weeks, they backed off. The trees still stand as of press time, but we are on alert.

Many of the arrests were marked with vicious police brutality and denial of medical treatment. One woman was grabbed by the hair and had her head slammed several times on a railroad tie. She was denied medical treatment in police custody for 6 hours. She suffered a concussion, but when she was finally seen, she was simply told she "had a cut on her forehead."

A 13-year-old traditional Native dancer was punched in the face. Police tackled a 17-year-old girl and beat her severely. She was denied medical attention for so long that her bone tissue may have died, necessitating total hip replacement surgery. Doctors said that had she been administered care right away, surgery could have been prevented.

Of course, this is just the latest confrontation in a campaign with a history of brutality. In December '98, 802 cops stormed our peaceful encampment (see *NC* #12, p. 6). 38 activists were arrested. Months later, the last two with pending charges went before Judge Stephen Aldrich. He dropped their charges due to "outrageous police conduct," releasing an order comparing the activists' treatment with "state sanctioned torture" in Third World countries.

The powers that be were put on the defensive. Pissed, the city immediately appealed the decision to a higher court. The appeal is still pending, lawsuits are being filed for all those brutalized, and we won't rest until justice is served.

"End of the Road," an eco-anarchist conference, attracted many people to Minnehaha and inspired them to action. On the last day of the conference, 100 attendees took a trip to the State Capitol to put theory into practice. When they got there, they found four people locked down around a pillar with lockboxes and four people in a U-lock octopus sitting irreverently on the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota.

A spirited street party emerged and raged on inside the public building for over 3 hours before 150 state troopers closed it and the fire department cut the activists out. After some argument, media was allowed to stay. There was no brutality (moral of the story, kids: always have the press around!). The action was the most-used AP story of the day, making it as far as New York, Chicago and LA.

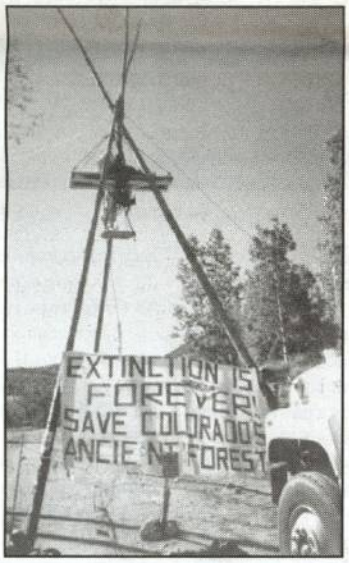
Everyone is always welcome (and needed!) to come out to Minneapolis and join the fight! Residents come from all walks of life and activism, and work on many other issues as well as the reroute.

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For further information, give us a call at (612) 879-8929 or check out: http://members.aol.com/noreroute/Highway_55_occupation.html

From the Embers at Vail

VAIL, CO -- The embers from the largest act of property destruction in the name of wildlife protection and environmental defense on US soil had barely dimmed, as



protester sits atop tripod

Vail Resorts (VRI) began to rip a devastating three mile road into the heart of the Southern Rockies critical lynx habitat. Despite the arson of a $12 million dollar lodge owned and operated by Vail resorts on our public lands, the Earth Liberation Front did not succeed in delaying the subsequent environmental atrocities committed by VRI. However, they did succeed in drawing international attention to this crime against the lynx and biodiversity. [See *NC* #11, p.1].

New information released last spring by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) proved irrefutably that the Two Elk Roadless area is vital to the continued survival of the lynx in its historic Southern Rockies range. The FWS Conference Opinion on Vail Resorts' 2,200 acre ski area expansion on the White River National Forest (20 square miles of which VRI already occupies and utilizes for industrial recreation) was that "only a few isolated areas in Colorado demonstrate such historic lynx presence which continues to the present day" and that "there is no question that lynx exist at Vail Ski Area and the surrounding mountains."

This report validated what animal rights activists and environmentalists had been saying all along, that this area of our public lands must be protected "on behalf of the lynx." The FWS opinion stated that Vail's expansion could lead to the ultimate "extirpation" of the lynx from the Southern Rockies ecosystem. However, the opinion concluded with a list of heinous and insufficient mitigation measures that only provide for "monitoring" of the area for lynx subsequent to Vail's expansion, and in no way provided for the continued viability of lynx.

The Vail area was determined by the FWS to be critical to the survival of the lynx in the Southern Rockies because it provides the only corridor for lynx to cross Interstate 70, a superhighway which cuts the state of Colorado in half. The I-70 corridor of the Southern Rockies is already severely fragmented and impacted by ski areas, growth, mining and logging. The severing of the Two Elk corridor by Vail's expansion will lead to two separate and thus non-viable lynx populations.

Construction in the Two Elk Roadless Area was scheduled to begin for the season

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ITHACA, NY -- Two Cornell students opposed to dissection stood trial on September 10th on trespassing charges resulting from a sit-in to oppose "mutilation and killing" for a biology lab exercise. The activists were painted as 'terrorists' by Cornell's head of animal usage, a man who is notorious, both for lying to students about their dissection choice options, and for feeding toxic substances to dogs in the name of "science."

SALT LAKE CITY, UT -- Three accused ALFers, Andrew Bishop, Sean Gautschy and Adam Troy Peace, were acquitted by a federal jury on September 9th. The activists were implicated by Joshua Ellerman, who claimed they participated in bombing a Utah mink-feed plant, in an attempt to lessen his sentence. The defendants all had alibis and there was no physical evidence linking them to any act alleged by the prosecution.

NAPERVILLE, IL -- Illinois Animal Action (IAA) made headlines September 10th for targeting local businesses supporting the Kelly Miller Circus. Police were called out to one business that falsely claimed they were being libeled and that activists were harassing customers. IAA was successful in getting several stores to remove the circus promotional poster.

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ -- It was reported on September 11th that ADL-NJ is being sued under federal Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organization (RICO) laws, originally designed to be used against Mafia-run businesses. The suit was filed by three NJ fur stores, upset at being the target of regular anti-fur protests.

OAKLAND, CA -- David Allen Chain and Cindy Allsbrooks, parents of anti-logging activist David "Gypsy" Chain who was killed when a tree fell on him in September 1998, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court September 10th of this year. The suit, which names Pacific Lumber Co., Salmon Creek Corporation and individual employees within said companies, alleges negligence, civil rights violations, wrongful death and negligent infliction of emotional distress. [see *NC* #11, page 3].

ARIZONA -- It was reported on September 13th, after receiving nearly 11,000 cards and letters calling for its cancellation, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission voted to totally ban contest hunts. This ends a year and a half-long campaign to stop the "Predator Hunt Extreme," which offered prizes for killing lions, bobcats, foxes and coyotes.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Smithsonian canceled a reception and taste-testing heralding foie gras as a "culinary delicacy" that had been scheduled for September 21st after several D.C. based animal rights groups held protests, and numerous individuals, including many celebrities, wrote letters asking for its cancellation. The cancellation made national headlines. A Smithsonian spokesperson said that officials canceled the sold out event because they were worried that "something untoward" might happen during a protest.

TACOMA, WA -- Four months after the initial arrests, federal charges were announced against six anti-whaling activists for interfering with the killing of a whale during the Makah whale hunt last Spring. The activists were part of a 3-boat "eco-fleet" sent out to protest the hunt. They were scheduled to appear in court October 1st.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On the morning of October 2nd, more than a dozen activists picketed and leafleted in front of McDonald's here. Approximately 15 minutes into the protest, two activists dropped a banner from the rooftop reading: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. -Gandhi. Boycott McMurder, Go Vegan"

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Supreme Court Monday, October 4, let stand the conviction of death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal, whose case has drawn widespread attention, for killing a Philadelphia police officer 18 years ago. The justices without comment or dissent rejected the political activist's appeal which claimed his constitutional rights were violated when he was not allowed to represent himself at trial as well as when he was removed from the courtroom.

SPRINGFIELD, OR -- After a bullet shattered his arm in a shooting at an Oregon high school last year, Richard Peek Jr. suggested a way to prevent such tragedies: "I'd make it harder for kids to get guns." Ironically, the 19-year-old escaped the deadly rampage only to die in a hunting accident October 5th, when he was shot in the head with a bullet fired by a fellow shooting survivor, his 17-year-old brother. Investigators said Robert Peek crouched to listen to a deer when the hammer on his cocked rifle either slipped or got caught on his clothing, firing off a round that killed his brother instantly.

Grand Jury Resister Jailed for 3 Weeks

ST. LOUIS, MO — On October 5, No Compromise volunteer staff and Steering Committee member Gina Lynn was jailed for refusing to cooperate with a Federal Grand Jury convened to investigate "threatening" letters sent to Anheuser-Busch (owns Sea World, headquartered here). Judge Rodney Sippel declared her in Contempt of Court and ordered her into the custody of the US Marshals for up to six months or the duration of the grand jury (scheduled to end in late January).

Gina immediately began a hunger strike in protest of her unjust imprisonment that lasted 22 days until she was unexpectedly released from the St. Claire County Jail in Illinois. During her three weeks in custody, she spent 5 days in solitary confinement (where she was not allowed phone calls, visits, etc.) for refusing to submit to a Tuberculosis test which contains animal derived ingredients. She was then moved to the Illinois facility from the St. Louis County Jail who literally kicked her out because they reportedly couldn't operate their normal business functions due to the protest calls the jail was receiving.



photo: Lindsay Parme

Gina is cuffed at home by FBI thug Greg Ferner

International days of action in support of Gina and against the corrupt grand jury system were called for October 24 and 25, with protests taking place at the jail, federal buildings, and Anheuser-Busch locations in dozens of cities around the world.

The following day, October 26, US Attorney David Rosen filed a Motion which stated that they had "obtained what they were looking for" and there was no need to hold Gina any longer. One can only guess that letters she sent from jail were intercepted and are being used for the handwriting comparison.

The harassment began in February of this year when the FBI started visiting Gina's home, repeatedly and unsuccessfully attempting to question her and serve her with a grand jury subpoena. It wasn't until July when Gina appeared in court for a previous animal rights-related arrest that she was actually served with the subpoena by FBI Special Agent of Repression Gregory Ferner (Oakland).

The subpoena asked for fingerprints, handprints and handwriting samples in lieu of her appearance before the Grand Jury in Missouri on July 29. In keeping with a strong policy of non-cooperation with attempts by law enforcement to bully activists into divulging information, Gina chose not to comply. After a Motion to Quash the subpoena (filed by a wonderful, all-volunteer attorney Jennifer Brewer) was swiftly denied, Gina declined to appear before the grand jury.

At about 8am on Friday, September 10, she was arrested at her home in California by four FBI agents on a federal warrant for contempt of a federal grand jury. Gina was too tired to answer the door so the armed thugs forcibly entered her home and took her into custody. She was held in an Oakland jail through the weekend and released by a federal magistrate on Monday morning on a promise to go to Missouri to fight the contempt charges if the government would pay her way.

A demonstration held in front of the federal courthouse before the first St. Louis hearing drew supporters from Minneapolis, Chicago and Kansas as well as Missouri. At this time, Judge Sippel put off the proceedings to allow Gina's lawyer and the US Attorney time to brief their positions on the Constitutionality of the subpoena. Gina was ordered to appear again on October 5, which saw another protest and courtroom full of supporters.

During these proceedings, the content of the "threatening letters" (previously believed to be bomb threats) was learned. The first, written in 1995 stated "...you will invite violence against those who keep [an orca] in captivity" and the second, written in 1996 asked "....can you handle terrorism, violence and injurious acts against your Sea World employees and/or yourself?"

For this, though no violence or terrorism has been inflicted on Anheuser-Busch, they called out the FBI, spent years investigating and interrogating activists, dragged Gina halfway across the country and threw her in jail.

The basis for all this harassment is that apparently, under heavy and suggestive questioning, a single animal rights activist allegedly told the FBI that it was possible that she might be capable of writing such a letter. There's no doubt that the person questioned didn't think that they were saying anything harmful or incriminating, but it was enough to get a fellow activist subpoenaed to a Federal Grand Jury, jailed for a total of 26 days, and fired from her job.

So, to reiterate what's already been said a million times, **NEVER** speak with law enforcement agents. They will twist your words and use them against yourself or others who are fighting hard for the animals. What may seem like a benign statement to you may result in exactly this kind of repression. If you are approached by an agent of repression simply say "No comment, talk to my lawyer" and walk away or shut the door. It is **IMPERATIVE** that ALL activists read *If An Agent Knocks: Federal Investigators and Your Rights* and *War at Home* (as well as *Agents of Repression* for even more extensive coverage of the issue) all available from *No Compromise* (see merchandise ad on p. 30).

Speculation about who may be doing (or is likely to do) underground actions is never appropriate. Even if comments are not made directly to individuals whom you know are law enforcement agents, or if comments are made merely in jest, they may later lead to unexpected repercussions for the named individual.

Gina is very happy to be home, 20 pounds lighter, with her beloved companion animals, and feeling stronger/more committed than ever. **A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped out - everyone's assistance was extremely valuable.

Primate Freedom Tour

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The main thing I feel is important to always remember is that a variety of tactics are needed to further any social movement. One's intelligence must be used at all moments to decide on what is the best tactic at the given time and location. From letter writing to direct action, we must realize and use whatever tactic we can to stop the exploitation of the earth and all species that cohabitate on it.

Now the exciting process of working on the next step after the primate tour has begun. In the year 2000, Liberation Collecitve will be unveiling a new campaign strategy, which will be the first of its kind in the country. And you can be sure it will be the greatest and most effective step in the history of the movement against animal research in the United States. Your help will be needed. Details coming soon.

A.L.F. Press Office Beats Minnesota Grand Jury

MINNEAPOLIS, MN -- After the May 5th FBI raid on his apartment and the May 7th subpoena issue, Kevin Kjonaas and the former Mpls-based NA-ALF PO had one month to organize and devise a defense strategy against the escalating level of state repression. Within that month, successful community mobilization and a legal defense was established that, to this point, has defeated the grand jury and quelled all further government harassment.

Peter Erlinder, the last president of the National Lawyer's Guild and a professor of law in the twin cities, took on the case for Kevin and assembled a legal team to successfully represent the ALF spokesperson and develop a strategy of resistance to the grand jury system. Meanwhile the Press Office, the Student Organization for Animal Rights, Earth First! and local social justice organizations formed "Citizens for Free Speech," to raise awareness about the abuses of grand juries and tactics the government has used to silence effective agitation.

The coalition created an information packet about Kevin's situation, including the names and numbers of all state legislators, as well as the contact information for the editorial departments for all local newspapers. The group organized two protests. One was held a week before the scheduled grand jury appearance in front of the campus police station (with whom the FBI has been working closely), and the other on the day of the grand jury in front of the Federal Courthouse in down-town Minneapolis.

At both demonstrations thirty to forty protestors carried pro-free speech signs. Many of the protest participants theatrically displayed their disdain for the grand jury system and the government's attempt to silence speech in support of the ALF, by putting upside-down amerikkan flag stickers over their mouths and tying themselves down to chairs. The demonstrations received positive press coverage, featuring interviews with Kevin's lawyer explaining the government's inappropriate use of the grand jury, and with Kevin's roommate, who detailed how the FBI violated her rights during the raid on their apartment.

On June 14th at 1pm Kevin went before a federal grand jury in Minneapolis regarding A.L.F. activity in Minnesota. He used the National Lawyer's Guild strategy of non-cooperation and only gave his name and address. After every question Kevin asserted his right to counsel by recording each question verbatim and then requesting permission to leave the grand jury room. Upon his return to the grand jury room he, on the advice of counsel, would assert his first amendment right to freedom of association and his fifth amendment right to be free from a compelled testimony, thereby giving no answers to any questions.

The disruption caused by Kevin's constant leaving of the grand jury and his refusal to answer any questions irritated the federal prosecutor. After approximately an hour and a half (of which time Kevin spent a total of no more than ten minutes in the grand jury room), the prosecutor told Kevin he had offended the grand jury and took the notebook in which he had been recording the questions. She informed him that she was going to litigate his right to counsel and first and fifth amendment rights would likely be seeing him again.

As of yet neither Kevin nor anyone else has been re-subpoenaed or contacted by the FBI [that is known of]. Motions are being filed by his legal defense team for the return of evidence and the disclosure of electronic surveillance. Since the time of the grand jury, Kevin and SOAR have continued to speak out in support of the A.L.F. and have educated others within the twin cities activist community about direct action and state repression.

After the busy summer the A.L.F. had in Minnesota and Wisconsin, an alliance was formed with the Madison Coalition for Animal Rights (WI) to promote awareness of security issues for all activists and to prepare for Justin Samuel's return.

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PORTLAND, OR -- After attending a peaceful protest in support of political prisoner Mumia Abu Jamal October 15th, six people were arrested. At least two Liberation Collective members suffered injuries at the hands of the Portland Police. Craig Rosebraugh had his arm broken and was trampled by a police horse. Elaine Close was forcefully pushed to the ground in the street full of moving vehicles. Both a bus and a car barely missed hitting her.

REDMOND, WA -- On October 19th, the City Council voted (unanimously) to ban circuses and other displays involving exotic animals, such as gorillas. The Seattle-based Citizens for Cruelty-Free Entertainment backed the city ordinance.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On October 23rd, two Compassion Over Killing (COK) activists locked down inside a Neiman Marcus fur salon. The activists handcuffed themselves around a pillar and chanted, "No More Cages, No More Traps! No More Fur on Neiman's Racks!"

LOS ANGELES, CA -- On October 25th, six female mice shipped from NIH to USC were intercepted by the ALF during courier route transit in Los Angeles. The mice were listed on attached paperwork to be free from infection and they were moved to a home where they won't ever be maimed, sliced, poked, prodded, or tortured by any other laboratory horror.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- Two Food Not Bombs (FNB) activists were arrested on October 26th by about eight SFPD officers. The activists were arrested for distributing free vegetarian soup and bread to hungry, low-income people in San Francisco's United Nations Plaza. There have been over 1,000 arrests of San Francisco FNB members since 1988 for their direct-action food distribution and protests against human rights violations in the USA.

ALAMOGORDO, NM -- It was reported on Thursday, Oct. 28 that twenty-one chimpanzee veterans of the space program are headed for retirement. They will be moved from a research laboratory in New Mexico to a sanctuary in Florida under a court settlement with the Air Force. The Center for Captive Chimpanzee Care, which is building the sanctuary for the animals, sued the Air Force after it turned over 111 chimps to the Coulston Foundation lab last year. In September, the Agriculture Department accused the Alamogordo, N.M., facility of mistreating its 650 chimpanzees and ordered it to give up 300 of them.

Freehold 9 Update

FREEHOLD, NJ -- Nine anti-fur activists were sentenced to very large fines and jail time ranging from 30-75 days as a result of a lockdown at the grand opening of a Macy's store in October 1898. After a nine month long series of court and trial dates, all were found guilty of riot, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and trespass.

Several of the protesters were denied a stay of sentence and sent straight to jail. Through the efforts of a strong support team, they were released one week later pending appeal. However, even though an attorney has agreed to take the case for all nine defendants at a reduced fee, the activists need help with legal expenses for the appeal or they will be taken back into custody to serve their time.

Donations can be sent to:
Freehold 9 Legal Defense Fund
c/o Animal Rights America (ARA)
PO Box 469
Caldwell, NJ 07006

Please make checks payable to ARA, with "Freehold" noted in the memo line

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on July 1st, 1999. Members of Ancient Forest Rescue, Rocky Mountain Animal Defense, and Earth First! converged on the front side of Vail Mountain for a direct action blockade. A 35-foot tripod blocked the main access road to construction until a cherry picker was brought in to remove the tripod and its occupant, "Bobcat." After the arrival of the cherrypicker, "Mooky," an EF! Activist, U-locked his neck to the axle of the truck, and another EF! activist locked herself to the basket of the cherry picker itself. For 6 days the Coalition of Forest Defenders held the front side of Vail Mountain as the "Cat III Free State". Early in the morning on July 6th, activists overturned an Audi on the back access road to Cat III, after which another activist, "Opey," locked into a cement dragon in the road, creating a beautiful "batmobile" which completely sealed Cat III from the hands of the rapist destroyers.

Forty law enforcement officers raided the site July 6th, dressed in camouflage and armed to the teeth. They proceeded to enact a federal closure around the area, and went to work extracting the locked down activists with massive machinery and saws. Six activists and a journalist were arrested at the Cat III Free State. The camouflaged thugs then turned their attention to dismantling the batmobile, and arresting Opey.

This winter, when the roar of chainsaws and bulldozers subsides, I imagine the lynx returning to this sacred land that has been their home for over 15,000 years. Bewildered they will trek through the destruction of downed trees and ripped up earth, now covered in deep snow. Where will they go, as bit by bit, they are forced off their lands into extinction and starvation.

Direct Action News From Around the World

A Decade of Economic Sabotage in the Netherlands

NETHERLANDS - The Dutch ALF has a long history. The late 70's up until the late 80's saw many high-profile liberations. The ALF had a gentle image then, and there were no arsons. In the 80's, when young activists were arrested for being caught in the act of liberation, their sentences were no higher than community service. The mid-90's saw the emergence of a new school of the Dutch ALF. The media image was harder. The focus was no longer on liberating animals but was on economic sabotage and lots of it.

The capture and imprisonment of two young ALF activists Frank and Erik for several successful arsons against the meat industry in March 1995 did not deter others from taking action. After their 1995 arrests, meat trucks continued to be torched. In solidarity with the two activists, a new Dutch animal liberation front supporters' group was formed after a decade of absence. Economic sabotage continued.

Now in 1999, as the new millennium draws closer, the tidal wave of arsons has not abated. Instead it has intensified and crossed borders to neighboring Belgium, where the ALF is younger but just as passionate. The Dutch ALF has also started liberating animals once again, after more than a decade of silence. In March 1999 thousands of captive mink in Meijel couldn't believe their luck when they suddenly found their cage latches open. Thus far there have been 6 mink liberations (Meijel, twice in Putten, Nootdorp, Zwammerdam and Barchem) in a country where fur farm security and the risk of getting caught is high. None of this has deterred the ALF.

Red Threat

Barneveld, Holland, January 1995, six transport lorries from poultry slaughterhouse BPC went up in flames. Damages totaled one million Dutch Guilders. 29 January 1997 and BPC's sister company in the town of Putten lost several more transport lorries in another arson attack. 2 January 1998 was not such a happy new year for Barneveld's BPC. Once again they lost nine more lorries costing them 4 million Dutch Guilders in lost profits. Dutch newspaper Nieuwsblad van het Noorden received a communique after the 1998 BPC slaughterhouse arson from an ALF cell calling itself Red Rooster. It claimed responsibility for the 1998 arson and promised to continue.

The cell kept its word, and in the past 10 months has claimed eight arson attacks against the meat industry in both Belgium and Holland. They always send out communiqus to the regional newspaper of the town where the arson has just taken place. A mink breeder Verboom in the town of Zwammerdam lost his living pelts when a cell calling itself Commando Roberto Duria released 4000-5000. On 12 September, 6000 more mink legged it out of a farm in the eastern Dutch town of Barchem. According to the fur farmer Hissink, over 700 successfully made it to freedom. All the mink liberations so far total about half a million Dutch guilders, and countless free mink!



torched live transport lorry at Lintor poultry slaughterhouse in Lint Belgium

So what will 2000 and the next decade bring? It's hard to tell when the Dutch ALF keeps on surprising everyone, especially the police. With the arrival of a new agricultural minister in Holland, there are new laws being implemented to reduce the massive animal factory farming industry in the Netherlands. But it's never enough. As long as there are fur farms, slaughterhouses and factory farms, there will be an ALF.

German Mink Raids

During the night of January 24, 1999 a mink farm in Borken was raided. The asbestos wall surrounding the farm was broken down. The winter was a mild one, and so 5,000 mink used for breeding were released. According to the speaker of the regional "Fur Breeders Association" the damage done was between 40.000 - 100.000 DM (US$25,000-62,500).

According to the farmer more than 3,000 mink were recaptured. He said that he couldn't use them for breeding anymore because the "danger" of inbreeding would be too high. Only one day after the raid, mink were sighted several kilometers away from the farm. The media never tired of repeating that the mink had no chance of survival because they never learned to hunt. At the same time they lamented the release of so many animals as an ecological catastrophe. The mink farmer nearly sobbed into the camera that his poor little animals must now sustain all that stress and that the liberation was surely no good deed for the animals. In the mainstream media it was of course not mentioned that, only 2 months earlier, the farmer murdered 20,000 mink on his farm.

The "Flinke Marder" released 120 mink from a farm in Waldfeucht-Selsen on the night of May 22. Fences were cut, cages destroyed and an alarm device, which was switched off, was stolen. On the night of July 3 the group "Nagezahn" damaged/destroyed 400 cages on the mink farm of Manfred Rossberger in Willich. Rossberger stated that he could not afford to buy new cages so he would try to repair them. Damage done was more than 10,000 DM (US$5,555). On the night of September 2, 1999, 7,000 mink were released from a farm in Rahden (Ostwestfalen).

The mink, who make up the largest number of animals on German 'fur farms', can easily survive in the European climate. It is simply a fallacy that the animals cannot survive because they never learned to hunt; a fallacy spread by animal exploiters whose bloody businesses have been disturbed. It has been shown, both here and in other countries, that mink, after being released, can survive in the wild.

However, not all are going to survive. Sadly, it may be that many of them will die. But to blame the liberators for that is a blatant, grotesque twisting of the facts. If the animals had not been released from their cages, not one mink would have survived.

In addition to this, these liberations have a preventative effect. The farmer suffers definite economic damage. The profit which is 'earned' on a mink farm is based on violence, exploitation and on an unthinkable scale of suffering. By inflicting economic damage, this profit is being narrowed or completely annihilated, therefore obstructing or interrupting the circle of murdering and exploiting.

At the bigger mink liberations that happened within the last twelve months, the press was completely biased. Humans who do not act deaf and blind to the screams of the animals, who prevent thousand fold suffering and murdering, are being called violent perpetrators while the real perpetrators, the mink breeders who live off the exploitation of others, are being called victims. Triumphantly the press reports animals who have been run over (in Holdorf these were only about 10 of 4,000 released) without even mentioning that all 4,000 animals, had they not been released, would have been gassed only a short while later on the farm. Reporters claimed that the animals would freeze to death, as if the mink, who are adapted to a cold climate, would have a heater installed in their wire prisons on the farm.

HILLGROVE CLOSED DOWN FOREVER!!

WHITNEY, ENGLAND -- The Hillgrove cat breeding farm has been closed forever at last! The good news was the culmination of a hard hitting, 2-year long campaign by activists country wide. All of the remaining 800 cats and kittens were moved during the night of August 12th to an animal shelter where they will be held for adoption.

Direct Action in Denmark

by Tone and Jan

Since we were asked to do this article about the Danish DBF/animal rights movement, maybe we should start by introducing ourselves and explaining our part in the AR scene here. The two of us, plus another friend, are running the support group to the DBF (the Danish/Swedish ALF). We're also trying to gather the AR concerned powers in Copenhagen and start a new organization.

The DBF (Dyrenes Befrielses Front) first started operating in January of this year. In early February the ALF guidelines were translated into Danish and published in a left-wing newsletter, along with the recent diary of DBF actions. The actions were, at that time, mainly attacks on butcher shops.

The next actions DBF carried out were attacks on furriers and fur stores, which didn't draw any attention. But in one week 11 butcher shops were attacked with bricks and paint, and this became "the big news story" for a few days. About a month later 350 minks were released from a fur farm.

Then a big mansion called Saga House, owned by Saga Furs and used to promote fur, was set on fire. This action received massive media coverage and carved the name DBF into people's minds. DBF was immediately compared to international animal rights groups, and the police started an exclusive department for catching animal rights activists.

The most recent big action was the release of 4,000 minks from their cages. Though most of the mink were [allegedly] recaptured, this action attracted the most media attention.

As the support group, we've been contacted daily for the past several weeks by all kinds of journalists. Of course the actions have received much criticism, but the attention has also created a debate. More and more people are interested in hearing what we have to say. There have been several "good" newspaper articles, and a big program about animal rights is coming up. So we have, without doubt, benefited from these actions.

As the media attention grew, the police became more frustrated. In the beginning the police advised the media to ignore the actions. But as the activity increased both in numbers and in strength, it became too good a story for them to pass up. From the beginning police were very serious about DBF. They stated that they would try to destroy it before it became too organized and spread. But they failed to do this.



DBF paint and brick job at Valby's meatshop

Not a single activist has been captured and the police have no evidence. So the latest news from the authorities is that they have formed a special group, most likely with the cooperation of the Swedish police, and they have put PET (the Danish intelligence service) on the case as well.

We've learned that fur farms here are not guarded at all; there's no security and no locks. The only problem is that instead of fences, walls surround the sheds. That way the only escape route for the released animals is through the opened gate(s). The fur farmers claim to be setting up more security and alarm systems now. But, apparently, no activists have encountered these measures yet.

At this point animal abusers in Denmark are expressing their worry about the increasing number of actions and activists. The most frequently asked question seems to be: "What more can we expect? How big will the actions get?" And to this the only answer is: "As long as there are slaughterhouses, there will be battle fields!"

For more DBF actions, see Crossing the Line, page 22.

Bloodsports Watch (UK Hunt News Briefs)

by A. Fox of Bloodsports Watch

SMASHING

On the 6th of July 1999, a betting shop in Dalston, East London, had its window smashed by the ALF.

THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT

On the 9th of July 1999 a group of about 15 masked activists paid a home visit to the Sussex home of two unidentified hunt Masters. The protesters surrounded the house and locked the hunters' gates before "harassing" the hunters inside. The group then went onto the home of Phillip Ghazala, the Deputy Chairman of a Sussex based hunt, where they became a little more zealous and hurled rocks through the window.

SCOTLAND TO REJECT ENGLISH FOX HUNTING?

On the 10th of July 1999, it was confirmed that the Scottish National Party, intends to introduce a bill before the Scottish Parliament which would outlaw fox hunting in Scotland.

CALL THAT JUSTICE? WE SAY HANG THE BASTARD!

On the 12th of July 1999, John Drummond, the gamekeeper for the Holker Estate in Cumbria, England, was jailed for 3 months having been found guilty of illegally trapping and killing badgers.

MORE LEGAL NEWS

On the 28th of July 1999, police officers raided the home of the founder of the militant anti-hunt group Urban Response and arrested him on a charge of Incitement to Riot. The charge relates to the June 18th protests in London.

FANTASTIC NEWS

On the 29th of July 1999 a jury at Portsmouth Crown Court found Nick Checketts and Martin Palmer (of "the Portsmouth Three") not guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Violent Disorder and not guilty of participating in Violent Disorder. Both charges related to an incident in Hampshire back in December 1997 when the Hunt Retribution Squad descended upon the Hursley Hambeldon Fox Hunt, smashed 16 hunters vehicles, and hospitalized three hunters before jumping back into their vehicles and fleeing the scene. The police randomly arrested 42 innocent hunt sabs, but ended up dropping charges against 39 of them.

HISTORIC FIRST

On the 31st of July 1999 Scotland saw its first ever mink hunt sab.

VICTORY!

On the 11th of August 1999 anti-bloodsports activist Anne Norton was found Not Guilty on two counts of assaulting hunt photographer Sophie Hill (Anne was alleged to have punched the scum in the ribs and poked her in the eye. However the only evidence on offer showed Anne wagging a finger at the scum).

SADDLE LIBERATION FRONT

On the nights of the 17th-18th of September 1999, anti-bloodsports activists broke into the kennels of the West Street & Tickham Fox Hunt and nicked all their saddles, equipment, etc.

HOAX SABOTEURS STOP VERY REAL SHOOT

On the 18th of September the NAHC revealed that their activists managed to pull off a hoax sab which resulted in the John Lewis Partnership canceling at least two of its shoots. However Bloodsports Watch can reveal both sets of information were in fact false and no sabs were actually planned for those days. On the 18th of September a rather irritated JLP gamekeeper confirmed the JLP haven't been able to shoot once so far this season thanks to the NAHC and their real & hoax sabs.

HUNT SCUM IN COURT

On the 20th of September five hunt supporters appeared in Court on various public order offences, ranging from Breach of the Peace to Actual Bodily Harm. The case relates to an incident at the Woodland Pytchley Foxhounds at Pipewell, Northants on 27th March when hunt saboteurs found themselves under attack from hunt supporters, with one attacking them with a pickaxe handle.

TONY BLAIR IN QUESTION TIME SHOCKER

Tony Blair, when replying to a question about fox hunting, announced to the world that he wanted to see an end to fox hunting before the next general election.

Direct Action News From Around the World

Swedish AR Activists Face Police Harassment

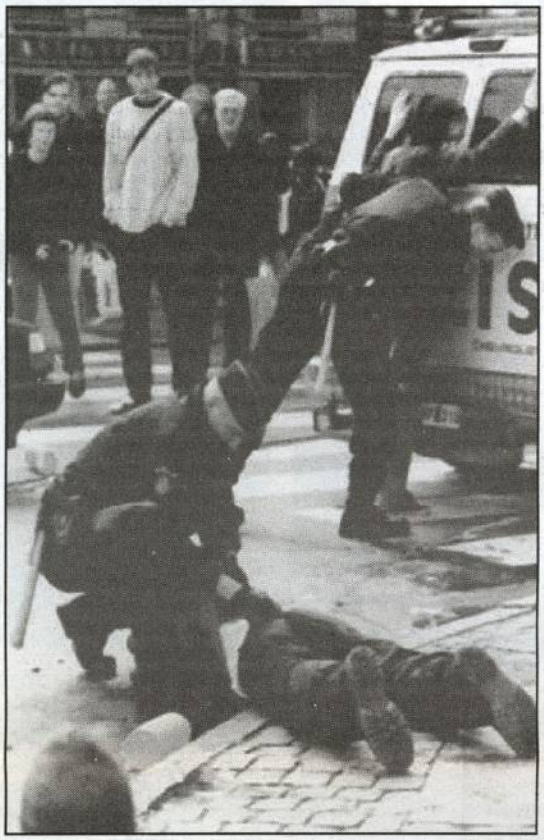
SWEDEN — Animal rights activists will probably be under more repression than before, because this summer the Swedish Security Police have come up with a national strategy against animal rights activists, environmental activists, and anti-fascists, among others.

The Security police want to stop these activists by these new methods:

All of Sweden's county police commissioners shall report about animal rights activities to the central police register. As soon as any criminality by animal rights activists is reported, the Security police will send a fresh threat-picture to the actual police authority. The police will work preventively, by forming contacts with people who are in the "risk-zone" for criminal animal rights activity.

The director of the Swedish Security Police insisted that animal rights activists do constitute a threat to state security. The criminality has now reached such proportions that it is a concrete threat against vital society interests. "It can't be ruled out that the actions will increase even more and be intensified," he said. In another interview he also claimed that animal rights activists pose a threat to distribution of electric energy, the infrastructure, and food supply.

According to the Security police the most serious aspect of the animal rights activities is the increase in personal attacks. For instance a researcher for the fur industry has had demonstrations outside his home twice. During the second protest two of his windows were smashed. After this, he decided to leave his job and retire. Newspapers have reported that three vivisectors have also resigned after receiving threats from animal rights activists. Their branch has also introduced a "veterinarian on duty", whose job is to help vivisectors who have received threats. They have received threatening phone calls, their cars have been repainted, and had their locks glued. One of them was visited by some building workers at his home who asked where they should put the little house that had been ordered and delivered. Another one received a funeral garland.



Four people are being prosecuted in connection with a demonstration at the home of a fur industry researcher, but they have not gone to trial yet. Another four people were caught throwing acid at the vivisection lab SMI in Stockholm this January, four people were arrested for smashing windows at a fur and skin shop last December, and four more people were arrested for liberating rabbits from a rabbit breeder in October 1998 - all are still awaiting trial later this year. There will also be a trial for three people arrested in raids on two fur farms in March 1998, and damages will be assessed. The fur farmers claimed $200,000 at first, but now the figure is down to $50,000.

Some other activists have also been arrested for animal rights activities, but these were mostly planned arrests, like plowshare activists. Their intention is to create a debate in the court. These activists have blockaded fur shops, meat counters, etc., and have also liberated hens from battery units and a dog from a laboratory in April. They've all been put on probation and received fines for their actions.

The Swedish A.L.F. Supporters Group has been more active recently than before and have released two issues of their newspaper. The Swedish A.L.F. S.G. was formed in late 1998 and is a combined support group and press office. One of the first press releases was made after 23 breeding rabbits were liberated from a rabbit breeder/slaughterhouse in July.

Just two weeks after the rabbit liberation, five beagle puppies were liberated from a dog breeder owned by Astra, where the dogs are bred for vivisection. Most media ignored this action. However, a person who was active in the Swedish A.L.F. in the eighties wrote an article about the liberation for an ordinary local newspaper. She had once been sentenced to four months for participating in a liberation from the same place!

On August 22nd the next press release was sent out. The A.L.F. claimed responsibility for placing 10 incendiary devices on a chicken company outside Katrineholm. Unfortunately only one of them ignited. The police got bomb experts and a bomb robot from Stockholm who disarmed the rest. One brand new transportation truck, worth around $200,000, was burned out. The company had said in the newspaper the same week that they were expanding their business, but hopefully those plans will not be carried out now.

HLS TRIAL

CHESHIRE, UK -- On July 5th, after a four-day crown court trial, two anti-vivisection campaigners were found not guilty of affray (using or threatening unlawful violence). The charge resulted from a protest outside Huntingdon Life Sciences laboratory at Wilmslow, Cheshire, UK, in June 1998.

The demo began as a usual protest to "welcome" vivisectors into work. However, Sergeant Cleworth, acted in a particularly heavy-handed manner. He arrested a person with a video camera who had tried to cross the road for alleged obstruction. As the protester was being taken towards the police van, he attempted to hand the camera to other protesters. A couple of people came over to take the camera, but they were blocked from doing so.

Protesters were pushed and pulled around between security and police, ending in almost everyone being forced against the lab gates. The police sergeant panicked, and without warning, pulled out his CS gas and sprayed a campaigner directly in the face at extremely close range. In the confusion someone managed to safely get the camera. The two protesters were handcuffed, while still coughing and spluttering from the effects of the gas, then put in a police van, and driven to the station.

Right from the start it was obvious that the affray charge was there only because the police had to cover up the fact that they had totally over-reacted to the situation and injured two protesters. The person who had been directly attacked by the gas suffered blistering to the face and damage to the eyes. He went to a hospital as soon as he was released from custody.

When the trail began, the prosecution called the three police officers and two security guards present at the scene. The prosecution claimed that the person filming the protest had been deliberately obstructive, swore at the sergeant, and when arrested, attempted to escape. Other protesters were said to have then intervened in an attempt to free the arrested person, and the sergeant, fearing for his safety, pulled out his CS gas, and sprayed at a person he says had pushed him in the shoulder. By his own admission the sergeant sprayed the gas "two and a half to three feet, possibly closer" to the campaigners face, in breach of Home Office.

It was not until the third day of the trial, when the accused took to the witness box, that the jury was told what the protest was about. The first defendant spoke about why he protested at the lab, mentioning the Channel 4 TV documentary that had secretly filmed staff at the HLS Cambridge (UK) lab punching and swearing at beagles during experiments. The two defense barristers summed up excellently. They referred to the cruelty exposed at HLS and pointed out their right to protest.

Despite the judge's bias against the defense, the twelve jurors came back with a unanimous verdict of not guilty for both defendants. The Police Complaints Authority is now investigating the use of CS gas in this incident. The not guilty verdicts clearly indicate that the use of gas was unreasonable and unnecessary. The two activists have now begun legal proceedings to sue the police for wrongful arrest and assault. The lab has closed down and protests will continue against other HLS facilities.

ISRAELI CAMPAIGN ENDS PLAN FOR 800-MONKEY BREEDING FARM

An Overview by Noam Lazarus

ISRAEL — Back in February 1990, some customs agents, working in Bangkok Airport Thailand, heard wailing noises coming out of wooden crates labeled "birds." Opening the crates, which had arrived from Indonesia and were headed for Moscow, the agents found sick baby orangutans. The babies were in a severe state of dehydration and malnutrition. They were so tightly cramped inside the crates that one of them was stuck upside down. Four of the sick babies died shortly after as a result of these harsh conditions.

Three years later Mathew Block, a primate dealer from Miami, FL, was convicted for smuggling these primates and served 13 months in prison. The American authorities also revoked Block's license for import/export of primates. In August 1997, seven and a half years after the discovery of the wooden crates, an organization for animals in Israel received information about an American investor named "Mathew." He was taking part in the foundation of a breeding farm for 800 monkeys, destined to be raised and sold for experiments, at the Or-Haner Kibbutz (a small communal township). Members of the Kibbutz were told he had inspected the construction of the cages, along with an Israeli initiator named Avisha Klain.

A rumor circulated inside the Kibbutz that most of the primates would die slow, painful deaths inside gas chambers. The members of the Israeli Organization for Animals contacted the International Primate Protection Organization, and asked them whether they knew a person by the name of Mathew. Within a short while, a thick envelope containing the accounts of Mathew Block arrived.

The Kibbutz spokesman confirmed that Block had indeed stayed in the Kibbutz, and that he was consulting on the project of the monkey breeding farm and selling equipment for it.

Or-Haner's plan to establish a monkey breeding facility was exposed in August 1997, a few months after Block's visit in Israel. Overnight the beautiful Green Kibbutz became a symbol of the victory of exploitation and profit over compassion and life. Anonymous for Animal Rights (Israel's AR organization) started a massive petitioning and letter writing campaign to the Kibbutz, as well as to the Israeli government. This campaign just ended successfully in 1999.

Activists distributed a leaflet to the entire community. We held demonstrations constantly at Klain's house, place of work, and at Miri Klain's school.

I convinced a fellow activist to wake up at four in the morning to hold a silent vigil in front of Klain's house. I finally saw him as he took his small daughter to school. He approached us, pointed his finger at a picture I was holding of a tortured monkey, and commented to his small daughter "how unfortunate he is."

That response took me by surprise, but I was already used to his manipulations. An hour later we found ourselves sitting in his house. For the next three hours we sat in his kitchen, arguing with him and his wife over tea.

He praised Mathew Block and said that experiments on primates actually save their lives since they have no place in the world with a natural habitat they can live in. He also said that primates in labs run happily to their restraint devices.

At the end of the meeting, I suggested another meeting a week later. I said that I would rather negotiate with him then fight against him.

A few days later, he called me, saying that he was willing to meet again only if we would advertise an apology for the leaflet we distributed in his hometown. The campaign continued with even more pressure!

We continued demonstrating and tabling in Yavne (Klain's town). We also demonstrated at Miri Klain's school, informing her students about the non-educational activities of their geography teacher. The students, who were angry at the acts of their teacher, refused to go inside her classes for a period of four months!



Israeli activists protest primate experimentation

In the meanwhile, Avisha Klain was also kicked out of the local party "our Yavne," where he had been in charge of environmental affairs.

In July 1998, Klain called me again asking for a meeting. At the meeting, he claimed that he was retiring from the project. He mourned the end the project, and showed us a video of how the farm should have been. The video was of Mathew Block's breeding farm in Florida.

In the months after that, we continued meeting with the IDE and still campaigned against Klain, who hasn't proved to us the project is over.

Last October, in my last meeting with Klain, he showed me papers saying that "Israel Primate Center" was going to be closed. He also said that Mathew Block would try to build the farm in another Mediterranean Country. So, we asked for The Primate Protection Organization's help in the international monitoring of any breeding farm which might be built in the Mediterranean area, and around the world.

Until March 1999, we negotiated with the IDE and the Kibbutz, asking them to destroy the infrastructure (two large cages, semi-built). Anonymous and the ISAV will continue to follow the case until the company that handled the project formally closes down and until the infrastructure in Or-Haner is destroyed.

This is a victory of compassion over money and those who benefit from animal suffering.

UK Fur Farm Ban - Still Waiting, Still Suffering

The long-awaited ban on fur farming in the UK never came about thanks to the efforts of three Conservative MPs and a government that seems keen to break all its pre-election promises. The Private Members Bill to ban all fur farming even gained the backing of ten of the eleven remaining fur farmers when they were offered compensation to get out of an industry that has seen increasing public hostility and falling pelt prices. There is still a chance that fur farming will be banned soon, but the Government seems reluctant to act for some unknown reason.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has shown their bias against activists in two ongoing cases concerning a North East fur farm. As some readers will be aware, the CPS has for some time been trying to prosecute an anti-fur campaigner for "harassment" under the "stalking law".

Northumbria CPS have taken campaigners to the High Court in anxious zeal to get a conviction after a magistrate acquitted them of the charge. Two High Court judges stated that one of the accused should be found guilty of harassing the fur farmer as she was specifically named on an injunction banning protests at the farm.

She is now appealing the case to the House of Lords (the UK's highest court) and plans to take the case to the European Court of Justice if necessary. The campaigner has the backing of civil liberties groups. MPs and, of course, animal rights groups.

However, CPS has now dropped the case against the same fur farmer after he attacked and hospitalized a CAFT UK investigator in November 1998 who had been secretly filming the gassing of mink. The grounds for dropping the case - the fact that the victim's witness is the same person that the CPS is persecuting for "harassment"!

CAFT has been obtaining legal advice on how to proceed with the case. One thing is certain-despite the attempts of the CPS, we don't intend to drop the matter. We feel that by dropping the case the CPS has given the farmer a green light to now attack anyone who enters his property, and may also send the same signal to other animal abusers who have injunctions against activists.

International Contacts

As usual, contact info for groups in any of the countries covered here, can be found on page 35 of "In the Trenches".

Blast from the Past: Silver Springs Monkeys

This is the second installment of our new column "Blast from the Past"! Each issue, we will highlight a specific action or campaign from the history of the animal rights movement that we think may be useful to newer, younger activists. We have much to learn from our own experience and hope that this feature fosters discussion and evaluation of various tactics.

by Kathy Guillermo

The stench was unbelievable.

As Alex Pacheco was led from the front offices toward the monkey colony in the rear of the building, the odor became almost unbearable, but even the stink of urine and animal waste didn't prepare him for what he would find on that sunny May morning in 1981. Not that his expectations were great. He applied for a job at the Institute for Behavioral Research in Silver Spring, Maryland, because he wanted to argue his case against animal experimentation from an informed position.

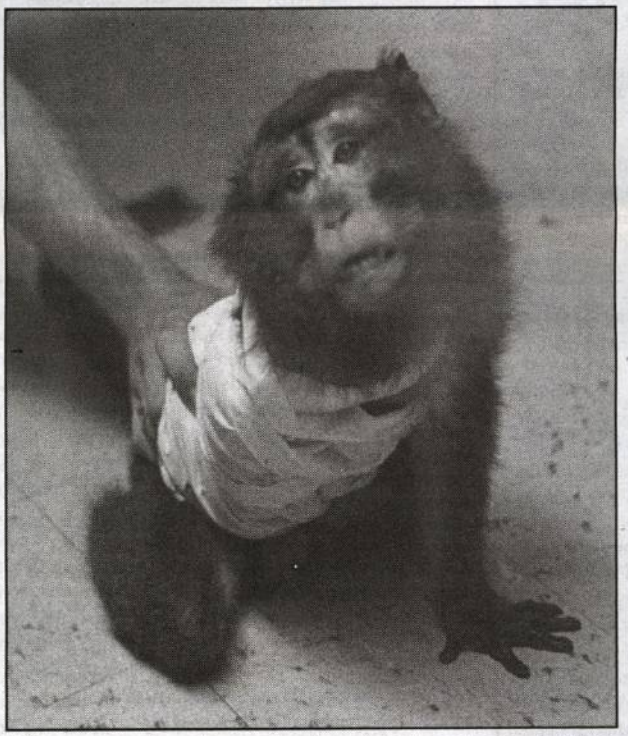
The deafening screams of 16 macaque monkeys and one rhesus monkey assaulted Pacheco as he crossed the threshold, but the sight overwhelmed him. Bloody stumps poked through the wire cages and it took him a moment to realize these had once been fingers. Oozing untreated wounds covered the limbs and torsos of many of the monkeys. Decaying bandages that appeared to have been applied weeks earlier hung in shreds from the arms and hands of others. He watched one monkey spin around and around in her barren cage, then stop abruptly and viciously rip at the flesh on her own foot.

Pacheco realized immediately that the room was unventilated, although someone had hand-cut a square of plasterboard from the ceiling and thumb-tacked a bit of screen over it. But this was only part of the reason for the stench. More than two dozen individual cages were crammed into the tiny square space measuring just 15 feet across and deep. Filth encrusted the wire walls and floors of the cages, and several inches of waste loaded the pans beneath. Pacheco noticed one of the monkeys digging in his own excrement through the wire floor. He watched as the monkey retrieved a urine-soaked food pellet and greedily stuffed it into his mouth; there were no food dishes to prevent the dry biscuits from falling through the wire grid.

The monkeys had flung blood and feces at the walls, which had dried into a kind of gruesome modern art, illuminated by the greenish light of an uncovered fluorescent bulb. There were no windows in the room.The chaos and suffering in the monkey room didn't seem to bother Pacheco's guide for the grim tour. Of course, Dr. Edward Taub, IBR's principal investigator, and his staff had created it.

Pacheco was a 22-year-old student in 1981. He had just finished his third year of college at George Washington University. Though his major subjects were political science and environmental studies, he had already decided his vocation was animal protection. Just the year before, he and a young woman named Ingrid Newkirk had formed a new organization they called People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Newkirk was chief of animal disease control for Washington, D.C.'s Commission on Public Health, the first woman and first non-veterinarian to hold this position. Only 31, Newkirk had already reformed the decaying Montgomery County, Md., and D.C. city pounds and instituted innovative programs to deal with the district's stray animal problem.

Newkirk and Pacheco agreed that a new grassroots organization was needed to expose what they believed was the institutionalized abuse of animals used for food production and experimentation. Soon after, with just a few members, PETA took its campaigns to the streets and before the year was out was regularly protesting fur, slaughterhouses, and the government agencies that oversee animal agriculture and research. Neither Pacheco nor Newkirk could guess that they had just stumbled on a situation that would bring the term "animal rights" into the American vocabulary.



Billy was transferred to another lab where he was experimented on until he was considered "useless" and then euthanized

Taub explained that his research involved a surgical procedure called deafferentation, cutting the dorsal roots of the spinal nerves that carry sensory input from the limbs to the central nervous system. The monkeys lost all feeling in the affected limbs and stopped using them, even though they were still physically capable of movement. The point of experiment was to learn more about the sensation and motor function in these damaged primates.

Taub did his first deafferentation study in 1957. Since 1970, he had received more than $1.5 million in government grants. Pacheco stepped over several piles of feces as he was led out of the colony toward the surgery area. Dirty clothes and discarded shoes littered the floor. Files were scattered across the operating table and counter tops. Even the rat droppings in the corners of the room and scrub sink hadn't been swept up.

In a storage room, Taub pointed out the shell of a refrigerator that had been converted into an immobilizing chamber with a Plexiglas chair. The researcher described the procedure used with this device: The monkey was placed securely in the seat with electrodes fastened to various points on his body. His crippled hand was placed around a small, fluid-filled bottle. If the monkey squeezed the bottle with his numb hand he could stop the electric shock that coursed through his body.

Dried blood coated the walls of the chamber.

During the weeks that followed, Pacheco gained the trust of Taub and came to know the monkeys: Chester, the self appointed leader of the colony; Domitian, who puckered his velvety brown lips as if asking for a kiss; Paul, grey-haired and elderly, who eventually chewed all the fingers from his deafferented limb; Sarah, the only female and the only one who had been born in captivity; Billy, the gentlest and most socialized of the monkey, who had undergone a bilateral surgery and was crippled in both arms; and all the others, each with his own personality.

Pacheco and Newkirk decided to document the conditions with written record, photographs, and film. Later, Pacheco received permission to work at night, and secretly brought in primate experts, who filed affidavits verifying the horrendous state of the laboratory and monkeys. After four months, the two presented their documentation to the Montgomery County police and the Maryland state district attorney, who agreed to obtain a warrant and seize the monkeys. These were the first animals legally seized from a lab in U.S. history.

Sergeant Richard Swain, an investigative supervisor for Silver Spring, who led the warrant team on September 11, 1981, later said, "I've served a lot of search warrants, and I've been in a lot of crummy scenes, because I'd spent some time in narcotics, but that place was so incredibly dirty and the conditions were so foul that for the first time I felt a real health risk just being in the building."

That evening, a shocked nation watched the ABC network coverage of police officers removing the Silver Spring Monkeys from IBR. They heard Pacheco describe the monkeys' self-mutilation. They saw the faces of the primates. For thousands of people, it was a turning point. Until then, most people had willingly looked the other way, not wanting to know exactly what happened to the 70 million rats, rabbits, dogs, mice, cats, pigs, birds, primates, and other species in laboratories. They believed experi-

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The Real Terrorists

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such injustice that was reported as evil so the public would accept such actions taken by their government.

This is the kind of strategy a government instigates when it wants to wage a war against the very people it is supposed to serve and protect. It's this type of strategy that the radical environmental and animal liberation now face.

In September, The Oregonian, a corporate newspaper in the heart of an area with a history of radical environmental and animal liberation activity, ran a four part feature story on "eco-terrorism" in the environmental and animal protection movements. This activist spent many hours with the feature's author, Brian Denson, discussing the history of our resistance, campaigns, victories, defeats and ultimately the victims.

> *"It's time to remind the world and each other who the real terrorists are... Never let anyone call us the real terrorists because we believe in the sanctity of life over profit."*
>
> -Rod Coronado

And when Denson wanted to talk about violence in our struggle, I recounted to him the long history of physical abuse of civil disobedience participants by police, hunters shooting over the heads of unarmed protesters, companion animals being killed, homes firebombed, physical threats and federal agents harassing elderly relatives of those activists under investigation. When a pipebomb nearly exploded in the mailbox of Forest Guardians last fall, I called Denson immediately. Surely such an obvious attempt to murder a legitimate environmentalist merited mention in articles about violence in the animal and earth preservation movements. Not a word was written.

When the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) attacked in Vail, Colorado, I spoke to Denson about the democratic processes we are supposed to have faith in and how they are subverted by big business. How the majority of residents in Vail opposed ski expansion, writing letters, giving public testimony, and holding as an example the government's own environmental laws which were not being enforced. How even the U.S. federal courts had ordered that the Canada lynx and its habitat should be immediately protected. Instead those public agencies entrusted to preserve the lynx sold out to the big money of the tourism and ski industry in Colorado at the lynx's expense.

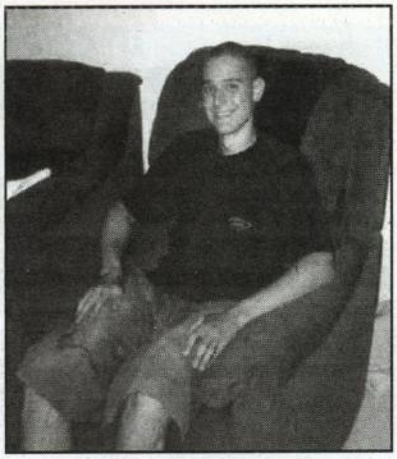
I told Denson that if the FBI, ATF and other law enforcement agencies truly wanted to put a stop to sabotage in the name of wildlife and wilderness, all they needed to do was make corporations like Vail Associates obey the same laws you and I are forced to obey. I told him the best strategy against the ALF and ELF would be for U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, U.S. Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agency and other government agencies simply to do their jobs and uphold environmental laws. In addition the U.S. Department of Agriculture should consider all sentient beings worthy of legal protection, including rats, mice and birds (rather than their present classification as "non-animals").

When interviewed about whether I expected to see human casualties in our struggle, I told Denson there have already been many, but only on our side. While not all died in the United States, but all were victims of the very same corporations and industries the animal liberation movement opposes today. I told Denson I was surprised more activists in America had not been killed considering the escalating incidences of excessive violence by law enforcement agents and environmental and animal abuse industry workers eager to protect their profits. These murders were not committed in the name of animals and the earth, but by those who already justify physical violence, the people who place pipe-bombs in cars and mailboxes, and fall trees on peaceful protesters like David Chain, people who have always rationalized violence when it means increasing their profits.

The hours I spent being interviewed amounted to nothing more in the article series than a few short quotes, which is what happens when we don't say what the media wants us to say. Instead the articles were filled with tabloid journalism that portrayed us, who (almost religiously) refrain from physical violence, as fanatics on the verge of embarking on campaigns of terror like that which has been directed against the natural world and us since the beginning of the United States of America.

The Oregonian feature does nothing to set the record straight on just who in this struggle engages in violence and who are the real victims of ecoterror, that is ecological terrorism. Instead it serves to create a climate both politically and covertly for police and vigilantes to be justified in the public's mind when they escalate their campaign of terror against nonviolent activists. This is just as it occurs in Northern Ireland, Chiapas or anywhere else where citizens are forced to defend themselves from state-sponsored terrorism.

The Utah trial and acquittal showed that 12 members of the public who sat on the jury did not believe the FBI and ATF's lies. But it is far from time for celebration. On September 5th, Justin Samuel, a 20-year-old pacifist, was arrested in Belgium on an international warrant, not for hijacking an airliner, blowing up a building or taking hostages, but for opening the cages of native wildlife soon to be slaughtered to make fur coats *[editor's note: Justin's address in prison can be found on page 24]*.



Prisoner of War Justin Samuel

That's what their definition of terrorism is, not the murders of billions of animals, the destruction of this planet's last pristine wilderness, or the murder of those who nonviolently fight it. That's what we're up against. It's time to remind the world and each other who the real terrorists are. And it's time to support the victims of the U.S. government's terrorist war against the animals, earth and us. Be there for Justin as he faces the court of the real terrorists' inquisitors. Be there for the Animal Nations who continue to be the victims of the US's longest running war. Never let anyone call us the real terrorists because we believe in the sanctity of life over profit.

Silver Springs Monkeys

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menters would do only what was necessary to help humans, and would cause a minimum of suffering. The Silver Spring Monkeys case shattered this trust. Within days, they would rally support for PETA, and within months, grassroots animal rights organizations would spring up in cities around the country.

Before long, animal experimenters would begin to organize against PETA and animal rights groups. Instead of rejecting Edward Taub as an aberration, they would eventually close their ranks about him, and just as the Silver Spring Monkeys would become the symbol of the new animal rights movement, Taub would be a constant reminder to researchers of their own vulnerability. By protecting him, they sought to protect themselves.

Edward Taub was charged and convicted before a judge on six counts of cruelty. He appealed, and in 1982 a jury convicted him on one count of cruelty after three days of deliberation. Again, Taub appealed, and in 1983, the Maryland Court of Appeals overturned his conviction, ruling that state law does not apply to federally funded research. The Maryland legislature was so outraged by this tactic that it changed the anti-cruelty statute to cover all research, including that funded by the federal government.

During the next decade, as the animal rights movement continued to grow in the U.S., PETA, backed by a majority in Congress, waged numerous court battles for custody of the monkeys, whom they hoped to place in a sanctuary to live out the remainder of their lives. Over and over again their case was thrown out of court. One aspect of the case reached the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled in PETA's favor, stating that PETA had the right to plead its custody case before a jury. In defiance of this ruling, the case was again dismissed by a lower court. The National Institutes of Health (NIH), which funds billions of dollars of animal experiments every year, could not stop the burgeoning animal rights movement, but they could keep the Silver Spring Monkeys in two-foot by two-foot cages.

In 1987, the San Diego Zoo offered a home to the five control monkeys who had not undergone deafferentation surgery, and these monkeys were allowed to escape the experimenters' clutches. The others were less fortunate; one by one they either died or were anesthetized, their brains prodded with electrodes in a sham experiment, and then killed. Today, only Sarah remains. She serves as a surrogate mother to younger rhesus monkeys in an outdoor enclosure at the federally funded Tulane Regional Primate Center in Louisiana.

NIH's vengeance for the Silver Spring Monkeys case has done nothing to stop the growth of animal rights. Since 1981, case after case of abuse and neglect in laboratories has emerged. The use of animals in experiments is mired in controversy, as more and more people denounce it as immoral. What began as the fight to free 17 abused primates grew into the most significant social movement of the time.

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be like MOVE, not the DA or the judge. I ended up clearly and truly understanding what law is.

NC: What events led MOVE to start carrying guns and what happened in the subsequent 1978 raid on the MOVE house?

RA: In May 1977, five or six babies born and unborn were killed by police who had attacked MOVE hundreds of times. On May 20, we took a stand and said, "No more! If the government wants to attack us, they have to do it in front of everyone." We'll defend ourselves. We're not pacifists. We don't believe in "turning the other cheek." We believe in self-defense. We're not masochists. Every species on earth defends itself.

In February 1978, Frank Rizzo, then-mayor of Philadelphia, got a court order to starve MOVE—and MOVE stood firm. Immediately, people bought cases of food and water for us and our dogs. And then when the blockade was up and they turned off the water, and it was illegal to help MOVE, people busted through the blockade and placed themselves between the police and MOVE to help.

Rizzo asked us what we wanted and we told him: we want our innocent sisters and brothers out of jail, our POW/political prisoners—who were innocent—home, and we want to be left alone. They released all MOVE political prisoners, but they didn't leave us alone. Rizzo was so mad that he was forced to back down that he said our house had violations and we had to leave. It was used as an excuse to bring hundreds of officers out to kill us, not for us to leave. But in their frenzy of killing, they killed their own but never blamed themselves. It's obvious from the trajectory, though. All MOVE members were in the basement and the [felled] officer was on the ground level. Ballistics showed that MOVE could not be at fault. It was a typical set-up, nothing new.



NC: Can you tell us a bit about the 1985, bombing of the MOVE house?

RA: The police came to our home on Mother's Day, May 12, and started setting up. Within 24 hours, the neighborhood was burned to the ground - 11 MOVE members were burned and four were shot by the police [All 15 died. Ramona and one child were the only survivers of this raid - *ed.*]. Warrants were used to try to legitimatize their attack which stemmed from an incident two weeks earlier when cops went around the back of our house and we responded by turning on our loudspeaker to let the community know. It was on very briefly. Two weeks later, plain-clothed cops walked up and knocked on our door, armed with warrants by then-Judge Lynn Abraham (now District Attorney). They alleged we had made threats on May 11. They were desperate to justify an attack conspired against MOVE, and that was the only thing they could come up with. Before my trial, every single charge listed in the warrant was dismissed as invalid. They had no legitimate reason to even be out there.

NC: Why were you jailed after the bombing of the MOVE house?

RA: I was convicted of "riot" by a jury. People wonder how innocent people end up in jail; how it is these people could convict people like me after knowing what happened on May 13. Well, the judge slanted it. He told the jury, "Don't worry about what the police did; they'll be held accountable later. Let's just deal with Ms. Africa." So, people think "if those officials will be held accountable and if police will be held accountable, then both [officials and MOVE] are to blame." That is the picture the judge and the DA painted for the jury. They couldn't acquit me of everything. But how did I riot? "Disorderly conduct" and "resisting arrest" made more sense, but they acquitted me of those charges!

No one has ever been held accountable [for the bombing and the deaths]. It took 11 years to go to trial and with only two individual defendants—the police and the fire commissioner. The Mayor, DA, cops, etc., were all given immunity and dismissed. After the trial, when the jury held them liable/guilty, the judge gave them immunity, prior to the verdict the jury issued. The bombing and murdering of my family has the city—the people— paying $1 a week for the next 11 years and the actions were nullified.

NC: In what types of events was MOVE involved that led to so much government harassment?

> *"Those who run this system realize they can't do anything and it will be accepted that people will rise up and fight back. People were complaining about our servants... we pay their salaries! What the hell are they doing oppressing us, acting like the boss? How did the tables get turned around?"*

RA: It seems incredible, but all MOVE did was talk and protest. We held protests at zoos, circuses, laboratories where they did ungodly experiments on animals; we had conferences on the energy crisis and confronted businessmen whom we held responsible. Allegedly, we had the right to do it, but we were beat up. Pregnant women were stomped and children were attacked. We were charged, tried, convicted and sent to jail. That's how we got into the legal system. When they waged war on us, attacked us, we went to their homes and demonstrated there.

NC: Is MOVE vegan and what is MOVE's view on animal liberation?

RA: John Africa coordinated a natural and raw food diet for US consisting of fruits, vegetables, raw nuts, roots and things of this nature. While John, Frank Africa and babies born into the organization have been able to follow this diet completely, the rest of us who came into it with years of "system-training," are still working toward it. Some people in MOVE might eat cheese or butter and we don't call ourselves vegan.

I want to clarify that the reason MOVE people moved away from eating meat was not because we see the chicken as being more alive than a head of cabbage. The reason we left is that we're not coordinated to eat meat from animals, with our teeth and digestive system structure. Of course we protest the slaughter of animals for profit, of course we are opposed to the suffering animals go through for humans. A lot of people say, "You shouldn't have to kill something to eat it," but we see life as one thing. If vegetables weren't alive, they wouldn't be able to sustain you.

NC: Does MOVE support the ALF and other groups that do illegal, clandestine action?

RA: First off, MOVE doesn't believe in legality. "Legal" has never meant right and "illegal" has never meant wrong. This is not our reference and it means nothing! If someone is taking action in defense of life, of animals, then we wholeheartedly support it. Legality means nothing to us.

NC: We often talk of the No Compromise approach to court cases in the sense of "no bail, do jail," etc. How did/does MOVE deal with the courts in their frequent arrests?

RA: As the only adult to survive the '85 bombing, I was arrested and had almost 30 charges. I was convicted of rioting and sentenced from 16 months to 7 years and held on $4.5 million bail in a state prison. After 11 months, I saw the parole board at the end of my minimum, and they said they would parole me if I agreed to leave MOVE and have no contact with MOVE. They told several sisters and brothers the same and no one even considered it. We served every day in jail. My sister Sue did 12 years, a Latino member did 13. Talk about "No Compromise"! We told them what they could do with their stipulations! We publicized it and made sure people knew what they were doing. MOVE members represent themselves in criminal court.

MOVE never stood up in court. During the pretrial of the MOVE 9, people were asking why MOVE members refused to stand. Initially, when MOVE would not stand, the judge told the sheriff to stand MOVE up and that led to confrontations. MOVE truly believes in equality—the judge doesn't stand for you so why should we stand for him? Judges don't deserve respect. People stopped standing after they heard our explanation. One judge issued an order that no one was allowed in the courtroom until after he took the bench so that it wouldn't be a problem.

NC: What is the best way to support the surviving members of the MOVE 9?

RA: Any way you can! Whatever action people take, it all works, all comes together. Keep information flowing. We have a video that you can purchase and schedule video showings. You can organize your university or community and give speeches on MOVE. Or you can get in touch with us and dive in. Write to Judge Ricardo Jackson who is presiding over post-conviction parole.

Our priority is getting our family out of prison. The important thing for people to remember is that the MOVE 9 are real people, not just an abstract name and entity. After almost 21 years of unjust imprisonment, people see the strength and unity of these people and it's impressive. People are so impressed by the strength felt by the MOVE 9. They're still uncompromising after all these years. I mean, people on the street get depressed, but here is this man who's been imprisoned for 21 years, lost his daughter (in the bombing), and he's still strong, motivated.

POLITICAL ACTION

• A No Compromise Special Focus Section •

Political Action & the Movement

by Rich McLellan, MD

It seems incongruous that a movement that seeks to establish rights for non-human animals has been so slow to embrace a political agenda. "Rights" from the times of the Greeks have always stemmed from a political rather than power perspective. In fact, although war and other violent acts may be seen as an extension of politics, in its purest form politics is meant to allow the assumption of acknowledged social guarantees, without resorting to the waste and suffering that characterize violence.

Our western concept of "Rights" derive more from the Magna Carta, written and adopted in Medieval England when nobles banded together to curtail the power of King John, than the slave revolt led by Spartacus against Imperial Rome. What has become more popular since the time of Gandhi is a moral appeal, using massive civil disobedience, to convince centers of power to relinquish rights. Although that is the political path closest to what the animal rights movement has undertaken since 1978, its failure has been in its inability to create the massive appeal that attended the non-violent liberation of India from the British Crown.

But there is another model for social reform, which was envisioned by the framers of the Constitution. They wanted society to evolve slowly, through debate and contemplation and the summation of the will of interested parties. They understood tyranny in the form of a king and in the form of a minority opinion. But they created a process that has allowed tremendous change since the 18th Century when it was formed. It rewards resolve, coalitions and concessions, and yes, cut my heart out, even compromise. It acknowledges that if you fail to obtain everything you want you still have the opportunity to return and try to achieve your agenda next year.

Obviously this approach does not appeal to those who need immediate gratification. But legislative change, when it comes, can affect thousands or millions of lives and prove very long lasting. Success today, however small, increases your chances of success tomorrow. You become a "player" and your power and prestige, if you study the game and are willing to learn from your mistakes, increases with time.

If the modern movement had heeded the lessons learned from studying the Animal Rights Movement of the 19th Century, we would have discovered that when the initial public outrage was channeled into political achieved legislation, the anti-cruelty statutes were created. When public interest turned away from concern for the treatment of animals to other social issues, and the 19th Century movement evaporated, the anti-cruelty statutes had been adopted by all the states. They are still the only legal rights (protections) that animals enjoy today.

In spite of all the energy and resources that have been expended this century on behalf of animals, not only have we achieved no additional protections, but we have seen an actual erosion in the protections once given to food animals.

If one is a nihilist and places no faith in the future, then liberation is the way to alleviate animal suffering, and it should be done with all of our attention and available resources. But if the collapse of human society is uncertain or lies too many years in the future, then the tremendously demanding efforts at liberation leave an awfully large number of animals unrelieved from their torment.

I have heard activists ridiculing political action, but know none who have actually taken the time to participate in it. Like many efforts for the animals, denial of the importance of a movement-wide political agenda comes more from a lack of understanding of politics and a desire to perform activities more enjoyable to the individual, than from a realistic appraisal of the possible gains from such an agenda.

The stark facts are that every successful social interest group in America places the majority of their expendable resources into political action. Those who are exploiting animals certainly do. Most frequently their interests go unopposed because animal advocates are not present in the political arena. Our failures this century are failures of vision and omission.

Not since 1978 has there been more interest in switching some of our energies and resources into politics. HSUS-sponsored state initiatives have been very successful. The Beverly Hills Fur Labeling Initiative failed to pass, but created media exposure from which the fur industry may never recover. This is very encouraging and, I believe, will lead to the movement growing up and gaining greater public acceptance as a legitimate social justice interest. My only caution is that we learn as much as we can about the politics before our passion propels us head long into the process. It will save time and resources, and will achieve relief for the animals much more quickly.

Knowledge and wisdom are as important in politics as in any other field of endeavor. Come join us, we have a lot to accomplish. The animals are waiting.



Leghold Trap Ban Amendment

by JP Goodwin

On July 14th, animal rights activists won a major political victory over the fur trapping industry. In the first Congressional floor vote ever to take place over a trapping issue, the US House of Representatives voted 259 to 166 to ban the commercial and recreational use of leghold traps and neck snares on National Wildlife Refuges.

Both Republicans and Democrats supported this legislation, known as the Farr Amendment to the Interior Appropriations bill. In fact, 62 members of the pro-hunting Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus took a stand against cruel fur trapping.

During the debate, Republican Don Young of Alaska (a fur trapper himself) blew up and even made an obscene hand gesture at another member of Congress. This was televised nationally on C-SPAN.

Since we won by a landslide in the House, as long as we come close in the Senate we have a decent chance to still get the anti-trapping amendment added in conference committee. Still it is preferable that we win the vote in the Senate as the outcome of the conference committee is not guaranteed.

To help ensure victory, we are planning rallies outside the offices of certain senators. Polls show that 88% of the American public supports a ban on cruel traps in National Wildlife Refuges. By putting this issue in the public eye, we will make it difficult for the senator in question to vote against us. When no one knows the vote is occurring, a lawmaker can vote whichever way will appease the group who is exerting the most "behind the scenes" pressure.

When it becomes a public issue that the media is watching, a lawmaker becomes much more sensitive to public opinion. With many animal issues the public is on our side. It is time for us to galvanize that public support and turn it into political gain.

UPDATE: On September 8th the Senate voted to table the Torricelli Amendment, effectively killing the bill in the Senate. Because the House and Senate voted differently on the matter, the subject will be resolved in a conference committee as the Fiscal Year 2000 Interior Appropriations Act moves toward final passage. To see how your senator voted see:

http://www.hsus.org/whatnew/torr091399.html

NEGATIVE CAMPAIGNING

For decades animal advocates have attempted to bring about change through the legislative system. At one point, it was said that animal rights issues were generating more letters to Congress than anything else was. To date, little has been accomplished.

Some have blamed this on the "failings of the legislative system." However, I would refer to it not as the failings of the legislative system, but rather the failings of the animal rights movement.

The animal rights movement represents a majority of Americans who oppose trapping, the fur trade, certain types of animal experiments, types of hunting, and many other forms of animal abuse. Up to this point, the movement has generally failed to galvanize this public support and turn it into political gain. So far we have achieved our legislative goals only occasionally, through advancing ballot initiatives to restrict trapping, cockfighting and bear hunting practices.

While most of our ballot initiatives have won, there are limitations to this type of legislation. First, it is extremely difficult to advance more than one animal initiative in one state during one election cycle. By developing influence in the state legislature and in Washington, DC, we can push multiple bills at the same time. Secondly, ballot initiatives are expensive. It would be much cheaper to pass legislation through the state legislative bodies or in Washington, DC.

The question then is, how do we develop that influence? The animal rights movement can't compete with the big money donations from the American Medical Association or the NRA. We certainly can't buy our influence.

We can, however, earn that influence by impacting the outcome of elections. The one thing that matters more to politicians than getting big campaign contributions is winning elections. They know that if they don't win the election, there will be no more contributions.

In the 1998 elections, our group in Dallas ran a negative campaign against Congressman Pete Sessions who was up for re-election. Sessions had voted in favor of using tax money to kill coyotes, supposedly to protect livestock.

We formed the Campaign for the Protection of American Wildlife and held a news conference announcing that we were targeting Sessions for defeat in the next election. We believed that since Sessions had never voted with us, we risked nothing by targeting him.

If we succeeded, then a lawmaker who had supported cruelty and exploitation would be out of Congress. If we lost, we would still show politicians that there are consequences to supporting cruelty. We wanted them to realize that they would be targeted in the next election if they voted against animals.

Our news conference led to a major feature on a local news station. We followed up that weekend by canvassing neighborhoods in the district with leaflets calling for voters to come out against Pete Sessions. We generated several news articles in the Dallas Morning News and did some radio interviews.

Unfortunately, Sessions' opponent, Victor Morales, was not running a serious campaign. Pete Sessions won re-election, but he realized that we had cost him a lot of votes in some of his main precincts. When we compared the vote counts between 1996 and 1998 we found that in the areas we canvassed, support for Sessions dropped 10-15%.

By pushing an animal issue, we influenced the vote by 10-15% in the neighborhoods we targeted! This proved that the public would respond to calls by animal rights activists to vote against candidates. If the animal rights movement could exert pressure at election time, then we could also build influence by impacting election results, and then get legislation passed to abolish cruelty!

Shortly after the election we met face to face with Pete Sessions. Since then he has backed us up on all but one vote. Congressman Sessions even stood up in a committee and made a statement in favor of a bill we were fighting for.

We don't expect Congressman Sessions to vote with us on every bill, but we know we can count on him most of the time. Before our campaign, we had no influence.

I don't expect all negative campaigns to turn out so well. In most cases I would expect the targeted lawmaker to be angry and resentful. Therefore this isn't something to undertake lightly.

In order to win future campaigns, we need to organize well and plan a good strategy to reach those most likely to vote. Identifying and targeting candidates that are vulnerable will increase our chances of success.

Multiple Congresspeople will be targeted in 2000. Please feel free to contact me to discuss your possible involvement in these campaigns.

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Stop the Gore-y Tests

by Alison Green, PETA Staff Writer

While researchers around the world are moving away from outdated toxicity tests on animals, Vice President Al Gore is pushing a plan for the most massive animal-testing program in U.S. history. Millions of rabbits, fish, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice and rats will be poisoned and suffocated to test 3,000 "high production volume" (HPV) chemicals commercially produced or imported to the U.S. in million-pound quantities.

Anxious to appear concerned about public safety, Gore is ignoring a crucial fact—most of these chemicals have already been tested. Many, like rat poison and paint thinner, are already known to be dangerous. But no one on Gore's team has bothered to collect the volumes of existing data from the different chemical manufacturers, put the information together in one place and make it accessible. Instead, Gore wants chemicals that have been on the market for decades, including turpentine and gasoline, forced down animals' throats and smeared onto their raw, abraded skin. He's even backing a test that calls for suffocating fish by pouring chemicals into their water.

PETA has been waging an aggressive campaign against the HPV program since February, when former Beatle Paul McCartney wrote a letter to the vice president on behalf of PETA, and Politically Incorrect host Bill Maher wrote to hundreds of Gore's top campaign contributors, urging them to denounce the program. We followed up with full-page ads in the New York Times and the L.A. Times, and then hit the road—with a bunny.

Carrying a sign reading, "Gore: Burn Bunnies, Lose Votes," PETA's giant "Gorey rabbit"—with open wounds and toxic burns—has been following Gore everywhere he goes. PETA's rabbit has crisscrossed the country, crashing hotels where Gore is attending receptions, greeting him outside private house parties where he's a guest, leafleting at his public appearances and outside his office, and even sailing around Figure Eight Island with protest signs while Gore was vacationing there.

Meanwhile, our "Stop the GORE-y Tests" stickers, posters, leaflets, buttons, and shirts have been popping up all over Capital Hill. And activists have been shouting down Gore at his speeches, demanding that he respond to concerns about the HPV program.

While we firmly believe that one good political stunt deserves another, it's not all rabbit costumes and banner hangs. We've also been meeting with Gore's office and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials, negotiating for changes to the program and pushing for the incorporation of modern non-animal tests that are faster, cheaper and more accurate than the decades-old poisoning tests.

Our efforts are paying off. Numerous members of Congress have written to the vice president urging him to re-examine the program. In June, the House Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held oversight hearings on the HPV program at which PETA staff testified, resulting in comments highly critical of the EPA by the subcommittee chair and members. And following PETA's scientific challenge of the genetic toxicity testing requirements under the HPV program, the EPA reversed its long standing requirement that animals be used in genetic toxicity screening, saving up to 95,000 animals from having chemicals injected into their stomachs. The agency also complied with PETA's demand to remove the terrestrial-testing requirements that would have meant poisoning 150 birds for each chemical tested.

But the job's not done yet. We're going all out to hold Gore accountable for placing politics ahead of a humane environmental policy. We've opened a campaign office in Manchester, New Hampshire, and soon we'll be opening another in Des Moines, Iowa. We've deployed 50,000 "Gore No More!" lawn signs in New Hampshire, Tennessee, and Iowa and have more on the way. Our TV commercial featuring "Golden Girl" Bea Arthur blasting Gore for condemning millions of animals to death in the program has aired in four states. Other ads will appear in newspapers and on billboards nationwide, as well as on bus shelters in Washington, D.C.

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The Initiative Process: Pulbic Education "on Steroids"

For those involved with the fight against fur, the Beverly Hills ballot initiative that would have required a graphic tag placed on all fur garments disclosing to consumers the horrific methods used to kill fur animals is certainly worth a closer look.

The measure which was defeated 60% to 40% in May would have required that fur retailers in the City of Beverly Hills place a tag on fur garments with the following information: CONSUMER NOTICE: THIS PRODUCT IS MADE WITH FUR FROM ANIMALS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ELECTROCUTION, GASSING, NECK BREAKING, POISONING, CLUBBING, STOMPING OR DROWNING AND MAY HAVE BEEN TRAPPED IN STEEL-JAW LEGHOLD TRAPS.

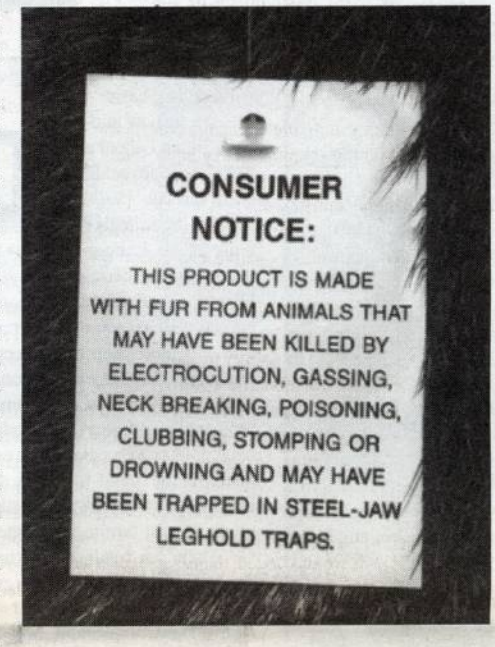
The measure, which had qualified for the ballot through the signatures of 17% of the registered voters, was ultimately defeated due to the solid opposition of the Mayor, the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the influential local newspaper. It did, however, generate an amazing amount of worldwide publicity educating potential fur buyers about the inherent cruelty of the fur trade.

The initiative process is worth a closer look, and although it ultimately requires money that most grassroots activists cannot raise (most of us don't live in Beverly Hills), there are aspects that we would all benefit to notice.

Most people like animals, even if they don't consider themselves animal rights supporters. Many people will support laws that the elected officials, who are frequently in the pockets of animal abusers such as biomedical and animal agriculture companies, won't otherwise support.

Besides the possibility of passing an animal friendly law, an initiative, win or lose, is a public education campaign "on steroids". It is on steroids because once qualified for the ballot, it is itself a newsworthy event and will generate its own publicity. Nowhere has this been better shown than in Beverly Hills. In an effort begun by a dozen local residents and placed on the ballot by several thousand more, publicity was generated including front page articles in the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Washington Post, articles in USA Today, People and Time Magazines, and news coverage on stations across the country and the world, including CBS evening news with Dan Rather, CNN, the BBC and others. Countless talk radio shows debated the issue, and it was even mentioned several times by Jay Leno on the Tonight Show.

What can we, as grassroots activists, learn from a campaign like the one in Beverly Hills? The answer is three-fold: remember our audience, be newsworthy, and stay "on-message".



Remember our audience. Most animal abuse industries are consumer driven. This means that although our activities can drive up the cost of doing business and that alone may cause some people to not purchase the products, many more people can be educated as to why the product they are purchasing violates their own basic ethics regarding the treatment of animals. For many people it is not enough to know that fur is hated by animal rights activists and may make the wearer subject to ridicule. Wealthy people who purchase fur may not travel in those circles. But these same people love their dogs and cats and once they hear things like "anal electrocution" and "neck breaking", they may understand why fur is so revolting and decide for themselves not to purchase it. The Beverly Hills campaign was a consumer protection campaign, and was not a ban on fur. This allowed people who otherwise would have closed their ears to an anti-fur message to hear a new message about the cruelty of fur and how the salespeople lie to customers. It reached a new audience with a message they could understand and support.

Be newsworthy. It is not enough to hold a public education campaign, whether it be printing flyers, or chaining ourselves to storefronts. We can reach a broader audience if we attract media attention, and that means being newsworthy. We must ask ourselves why will news camera and reporters be interested in writing a story about our activities? Why is it interesting and relevant to them and their viewers/readers? If we can answer these questions, then we will reach a larger audience. An initiative is inherently newsworthy because the people of a city or state will be facing a vote. There are newsworthy moments like when it is placed on the ballot and when the vote occurs. If our only reason we are newsworthy is that we are radical or destructive, we have to remember well the last point.

Be on message. It is not enough to get media coverage if the media coverage doesn't convey the information we want people to hear. In the case of the Beverly Hills initiative, they wanted people to hear the way animals were killed so consumers would know this information before they buy the product. The tag's wording was itself the story, so every newspaper, radio and TV report read the text of the tag. The story was itself the message! Whether the coverage was pro or con, they had to read the tag, which told the public the secrets the fur industry wants to conceal. For that reason, the initiative was a success regardless of whether it passed or not. A fur ban, for example, would have only been covered by the media as an attempt by people who don't like fur to ban it. It would not have educated the public about what is wrong with fur. People who think fur is "humane" would have opposed the ban. The consumer tag issue insured that all coverage was on-message, that message being that consumers are lied to by fur salespeople, and the methods used to produce fur include electrocution, gassing, neck breaking, poisoning, clubbing, stomping, drowning and steel-jaw leghold traps.

The best way to stay on message with the media is to imagine the exact story and information you hope they will broadcast or print. Then structure your activities to insure, as best you can, that that report materializes. This may mean creating a visual effect that will appear in every photo, or repeating words that will appear in every report. Make sure that your tactics **support** and don't **overshadow** your message.

The people of Beverly Hills who wrote and supported the initiative, many of whom were not animal rights activists, deserve a great pat on the back. For more information on the fur initiative, call Campaign Humane at (310) 248-2727.

Stop Gore-y Tests

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PETA's campaign will continue to escalate until the EPA restructures the program. You can help stop these cruel and unnecessary tests.

Write to the vice president and tell him that poisoning animals for politics is a toxic blunder:

The Honorable Albert Gore Jr.,
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20502
Tel.: 202-456-2326
Fax: 202-456-7044
E-mail: vice.president@whitehouse.gov

Write the EPA and demand that it validate non-animal tests for use in the HPV chemical-testing program immediately:

Carol M. Browner,
Administrator, EPA
401 M St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20460
Tel.: 202-260-4700
Fax: 202-260-0279
E-mail: Browner.Carol@EPAMail.EPA.Gov

Visit our campaign Web site:
www.StopGOREyTests.com

NOTE: PETA's quarrel is with the animal tests to be performed under the High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge Program endorsed by Vice President Gore. Nothing contained in this article is intended, nor should be interpreted, to constitute a position, a statement, participation, or involvement in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to Vice President Gore or any other candidate for public office. It does not matter to PETA who wins or loses, but how they play the game.

HPV Campaign Update

PETA, the Doris Day Animal League, and the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine have reached an agreement with the Clinton Administration that will save the lives of as many as 800,000 animals and adds animal protection measures to the Environmental Protection Agency's high production volume (HPV) chemical-testing program fast-tracked by Mr. Gore. As a result of this agreement the high-profile national grassroots campaign against Al Gore has been called off despite continued opposition to the HPV program itself.

What You Can Do to Be Politically Active for Animals

Political activism allows a tremendous number of opportunities to educate decision-makers as well as the electorate and to create power for the animals. Any or all of these activities work together for added impact.

- Register to vote and vote in every election for a candidate whom you have researched and believe to be better for the animals, with special attention to a chance of winning.
- Participate in a voter forum and ask for candidates to express an opinion about an animal issue.
- Send questionnaires to all candidates running for a public office-from DA or judge, right through to President-and rank their answers on animal issues as to your preference.
- Work on the campaign of a viable (has a chance to win) but animal-friendly candidate, and give money to help finance this campaign unless her/his election is a sure thing.
- Research the animal laws in your city, county or state and write a bill that will provide an incremental improvement in the treatment of animals.
- Try to find a legislative sponsor for this bill.
- Build coalitions with other political groups to support your bill.
- Join the local Democratic or Republican Clubs in your area and try to get an animal issue on their platform.
- Join the chamber of commerce or the local realty board. Locate animal lovers with money and try to get them to financially support animal-friendly candidates.
- If your city or county has the initiative of referendum process, come up with a viable piece of legislation and follow the required signature gathering procedures to qualify it for the ballot.
- From the internet, find out what bills that affect animals are being sponsored each legislative session. Lobby or organized fax, letter and phone campaigns to pass or defeat it as it goes through the legislative process.
- Run for office, school board, city council, or board of supervisors. Run your own campaign and, if elected, introduce animal-friendly policies or legislation.
- Form a local or statewide political action committee in your area. Oppose candidates who have been bad for the animals if their opponents appear to be better.
- Apply for the position as the community member of your university Instutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).
- Get a job on the staff of an elected official.
- Attend the hearings that are held by the wildlife, food animal and companion animal control committees, and speak out as an advocate of policy changes that will save animal lives and diminish their suffering.
- Let your elected officials know that you will always be a source of information, and educate them with periodic information sheets about animal issues.
- Try to interest other animal people in politics and motivate them to help you do any of the above.

Animals Betrayed by English Labour Party

For at least eighteen years the UK animal protection movement assumed and its strategists have often asserted, that the advent of a Labour administration would herald real benefits for non-human animals. As a consequence, much campaigning in the whole British movement, including many animal rights groups, has been directed at conventional national-level political lobbying. Animal advocates have attempted to gain the support of individual members of parliament, donated to national political parties, produced propaganda material for parliamentarians, and encouraged support of campaigns with a mainstream political emphasis.

We are now mid-term into the first Labour administration to govern Britain since the late 1970s. So, how are the animals doing under New Labour? The answer to that is rather disappointing certainly for all advocates of animal liberation, and even for proponents of more moderate animal welfare reforms. Currently the Blair administration is more focused on persuading the citizenry of mainland Europe to eat dead cows than it is in addressing welfare problems or pro-animal legislation. We presently witness daily efforts made by the British minister of agriculture to get the French to consume "safe" British beef. At the same time, the government is rapidly backing away from its pre-election pro-animal promises relating to fur farming and especially fox hunting.

There are fundamental truths about the value of conventional political campaigning which have still to significantly register within large sections of the UK animal rights movement. Most importantly, while the political arena is an appropriate location for seeking piecemeal animal welfare reforms, the same cannot be said of legislative proposals bearing anything that may be recognizable as animal rights measures. Thus, there is little doubt that animal welfare campaigning has resulted in a large variety of British legislation to combat some areas of animal suffering, making the political arena an entirely proper focus of animal welfarists' attention.

However, comparative to animal rights campaigning, animal welfarism asks for very little in terms of fundamental change in the nature of the human exploitation of non-humans. Every now and again welfarism has obtained its limited aspirations. Counter to animal rights or animal liberation philosophy, animal welfarism is based on the notion that animal exploitation is not intrinsically wrong. Instead animal welfarism rests on the notion that the human use of animals should, and can, be done with little or no cruelty. Thus a fundamental concept in welfare legislation for animals says that animals should not be subjected to "unnecessary suffering;" that "humane treatment" should, and can, be the hallmark of the exploitation of non-human animals.

From the viewpoint of conventional politics, what animal rightists and liberationists espouse are fanatical and extreme aims. Animal rights aspirations ask for far more than the political structure wants to give or, indeed, is able to deliver. In politics, money talks, meaning that large animal abusing interests exert a huge influence on national governments. Animal rights programs strike at the center of the financial interests of the most powerful transnational corporate bodies that exist in the world. For example, agrochemical and pharmaceutical interests are absolutely colossal industries which animal liberationists face as their opponents. Relative to the animal abuse industries, which it opposes, the UK animal protection movement's finances are small. In addition, while animal rights campaigners are outsiders in terms of real political muscle, institutionalized animal exploiters such as farmers and vivisectors, enjoy the benefits of what political scientist Robert Garner calls "insider status."

The strategists and tacticians of any social movement bear on their shoulders the heavy responsibility of devising the very best campaigns to further their cause. Any rational assessment of conventional political campaigning for animals suggests that it is naive for animal liberationists or animal rightists to put trust in the political arena. So far, the actions of the New Labour government in Britain have done little to contradict such a conclusion.

Political Action Resources

Animal Legislative Action Network
2379 Panorama Terrace
Los Angeles, CA 90039
Phone: (213) 662-6728
http://www.animalpolitics.com

The Doris Day Animal League
277 Massachusetts Ave NE, Suite 100
Washington, DC 20002
Phone: (202) 546-1761
http://www.ddal.org

The Fund for Animals
200 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019
Phone: (212) 246-2096
Fax: (212) 246-2633
http://www.fund.org

The Humane Society of the United States
2100 L St, NW
Washington, DC 20037
http://www.hsus.org

Other On-line Resources

Project Vote Smart
Look up your federal and state legislators using your zip code
http://www.vote-smart.org

Federal government resources
such as bills, committee schedules, etc.
http://loc.thomas.gov

Initiative and Referendum Institute
Information on citizen-initiated ballot measures
http://www.iandrinstitute.org

For a legislative packet with directions for working on an ordinance to ban animals in circuses, contact PETA:

501 Front St.Norfolk, VA 23510
Phone: (757) 622-7382
Fax: (757) 628-0784
http://www.peta.com

Hegins Pigeon Massacre Canceled!

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Justice John Flaherty of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, which has finally shifted momentum to the side of the pigeons: "During a shoot, four to six thousand pigeons become the targets of gunfire. Of these, over five hundred die immediately from their wounds. Hundreds of other pigeons, however, suffer a slow and painful death, for their wounded bodies fall outside of the circled area or outside of Hegins Park, and they are never retrieved by appellee [the shoot organizers] or provided any veterinary or other care. They eventually die from their wounds or starvation. An additional two thousand or more wounded birds fall within the circled area, and they suffer pain until they are eventually killed.

They are not given any sustenance, drink or veterinary care. Instead, they lie on the ground until the shooter has completed a full round of shots, a process that often takes several minutes. Then, the trapper boys retrieve the wounded pigeons from the circled area and kill them by a variety of methods. These include tearing the birds' heads from their bodies, throwing or smashing them against objects on the ground, crushing the birds by falling on them, and suffocating the birds by tossing them into a barrel filled with other dead and dying pigeons. All of these methods are contrary to accepted veterinary methods of euthanasia and cause the birds additional pain and suffering. Wounded pigeons also fly into the crowd of spectators, who further injure and kill them. Spectators ostensibly derive great enjoyment from this chance to participate in the slaughter."

EARLY YEARS

The campaign began in the mid-1980s, when groups like Schuylkill County Pennsylvania Animal Protectors Association, Pennsylvania Legislative Animal Network (PLAN), and Trans-Species Unlimited began lobbying the state legislature and organizing protests. In 1989, a brand-new activist named Steve Hindi (who, as you all know, went on to become the founder and president of SHARK) contacted The Fund for Animals. He asked us to get involved in the pigeon shoot campaign and used the same persistence in convincing us that he shows toward animal abusers. In 1989, we went to Hegins for the first time.

ASSUMING A LEADERSHIP ROLE

In the early 1990s, we tried to increase movement support nationwide by sponsoring a national conference in nearby Harrisburg each year on the weekend of the shoot. We did this to involve more groups, - grassroots and national - and to bring thousands of activists to the protests. In these early years, activists practiced massive civil disobedience, usually by running onto the field to free birds from the traps before they could be shot. Grassroots activists from all over the country showed incredible dedication, courage, and tenacity in coming back year after year to save the pigeons.

Our strategy was based on the belief that enough public attention would force the shoot to close. We were successful in making Hegins a media circus and drawing nationwide attention to the shoots, and in the end, this notoriety played an important role in closing down the shoot. But in the interim, it had down-sides that could have doomed our campaign to failure, had we not been sensitive to them.

First, the little town of Hegins started enjoying the publicity. Citizens closed ranks and dug in their heels to make sure that no "outsiders" would get to tell them what to do. Even more seriously, they brought in powerful special interest groups like the NRA to plead their case in the legislature and to the public. But perhaps the worst consequence was that the sponsors of the Hegins shoot doubled their profits, as people came from miles around - and paid five dollars each for admission - to watch the excitement as the shooters and the protestors taunted and challenged each other. Worst of all, spectators began making a sport of catching wounded birds and torturing them to antagonize the activists.

At this point, we realized that public attention had become focused on the clash between the two sides, and the fate of the pigeons was being lost in the mix. So, in 1993, we switched tactics to direct attention back onto the suffering of the birds. In place of a demonstration, The Fund organized a bird rescue and data collection effort, spearheaded by veterinarians and wildlife rehabilitators, and we saved more than 100 wounded pigeons. We stayed with this approach for several years and as time went on, more and more newspapers editorialized against the shoot and more legislators became sympathetic. We had also collected evidence showing the percentage of birds who were wounded rather than killed outright (over 70%), as well as the egregious cruelty of the methods used to kill the birds. It was this evidence that ultimately made a successful court challenge possible. In 1998, we made the tactical decision to take this strategy one step further and not return to Hegins. Instead, we took the campaign statewide by leafleting at tourist stops all over Pennsylvania and asking visitors to sign petitions. The response was overwhelming and made a strong impact on the state's tourism industry. At the same time, without the presence of animal activists in Hegins, the shoot's attendance continued to drop significantly, along with its income.

As all of this was going on each year, year-round efforts continued in the legislature and in the courts. Along with PLAN, we put an all-out effort into lobbying and encouraged every group and activist in Pennsylvania to write, call, and visit their legislators about this crucial legislation. All the while, lobbyists from "sportsmen's" groups and the NRA were there fighting our efforts. In 1994, the vote was 99 to 93 in our favor, but we fell a heart-breaking three votes short of the 102 required to pass a bill. Frightened by their close call, shoot supporters in the legislature have not allowed another pigeon shoot bill to reach the floor for a vote.



photo: courtesy of Fund for Animals

protesters threw smoke and released birds in 1992

At the same time, since the legislative effort was obviously going to be a long drawn out process, we also turned our attention to the judicial system. It had been our contention all along that because pigeons are wounded at live pigeon shoots, the events cannot be held without numerous violations of Pennsylvania's cruelty to animals statute. But we had little success convincing police officers to make arrests for what were, to us, clear violations. And so, The Fund supported, and continues to support, lawsuits that have been filed in Schuylkill County and Dauphin County against the pigeon shoots. In the most recent case, Clayton Hulsizer, an agent with the Pennsylvania SPCA, supported by The Fund for Animals, has filed suit demanding that the Hegins pigeon shoot be halted.

At long last, all of these efforts have come to fruition, and the end of the Hegins pigeon shoot is finally here. The good news came on July 21, 1999, when the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania issued a unanimous opinion reversing a 1997 lower court ruling that Hulsizer lacked jurisdiction to bring a lawsuit to stop the event.

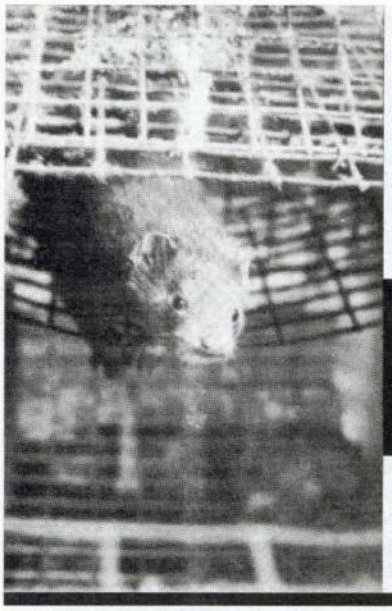
The Hegins Labor Day Committee, sponsors of the shoot, filed for reconsideration, but the Supreme Court denied the request and ordered the lower court to hold an immediate hearing and issue an immediate decision. Realizing that they could not win, the Labor Day Committee finally threw in the towel less than three weeks before the shoot, announcing that rather than go back to court they would cancel this year's shoot. We expect that this decision will become permanent.

So where do we go from here? It is now time to pass the legislation, because we still need a permanent, statewide ban. We expect that with the momentum now fully in our favor, we will finally be able to get our long-delayed floor vote this fall. We are also continuing with the legal cases until either the legislature or the courts shut down pigeon shoots statewide forever.

As activists committed to ending suffering of animals, we have to be willing to continuously re-evaluate and change our tactics to fit changing circumstances. If something isn't working, we have to be willing to abandon it and try something else. The list of tactics that activists used against the pigeon shoots is too long for the space I have available. But, in addition to what I have described already, it included: protests at the state capitol; a sit-in at the governor's office; pigeon liberations by the ALF; tourism boycotts of Pennsylvania; boycotts of Pennsylvania by Hollywood actors, directors, and producers; civil disobedience; bail solidarity; outreach to churches and other social justice groups; and various high profile tactics to attract the attention of the media. There is never only one tool in an activist's toolbox, and sometimes they are all needed.

As I look back over our decade at Hegins, the single unifying theme that emerges is PERSISTENCE. From the tenacity of Steve Hindi in insisting that The Fund get involved, to the dedication of the hundreds of grassroots activists who kept coming back year after year, to our stubborn refusal to give up our lobbying and lawsuits, no matter how many setbacks we received and how hopeless it all looked. PERSISTENCE - stubborn, never-give-up persistence - is what finally saved thousands of pigeons from being wounded and killed at Hegins. And in closing, that is the most important tactic of all. Never give up. Never, never, never give up.

To contact the Fund for Animals, see the Activist Resources listed on page 32.



CROSSING THE LINE

DIRECT ACTION FOR THE EARTH & ANIMALS

No Compromise **publishes this direct action listing to keep the movement educated on the tactics of nonviolence and aims of the A.L.F. and other underground animal liberation groups. We feel it is important to inform people of their activities to combat the lies and distortions that animal abusers disseminate about them. This list is NOT intended to encourage illegal activities. Actions are listed chronologically since the last issue.**

No Compromise **would like to thank the Frontline Information Service (http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/) for compiling and laying out this direct action listing for us and we would especially like to thank the heroic and compassionate activists who make this list possible.**

Listed actions start where the last issue left off (5/15/99). Any earlier actions listed here were not repor' 'in the last issue. Due to the numbers 'tions from around the world we do no. ive room to list them all. For a more complete listing visit **http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS**

AUSTRIA

5/-/99; Lower Austria - 130 battery hens were liberated from Lower Austrian battery farms by Austrian autonomous activists, and are now living safely in private homes.

mid/99; Vienna - The 6th fur shop has closed down in Vienna this year. After 2 sling shot attacks, and 1 butyric acid attack, the fur shop at Breitenfurterstrasse in the 23rd district closed. In response to permanent demos and the economic pressure by autonomous animal rights activists, 2 fur shops in the 22nd district closed at the beginning of the year.

10/22/99; Wampersdorf - A down company burned out due to arson. Damage was estimated 100 Million schillings or 5 million pounds sterling. No one has claimed responsibility.

BELGIUM

5/23/99; Lint - Red Rooster claimed responsibility for a second arson against Lintor poultry slaughterhouse. One poultry truck was burned.

6/15/99; Kontich - A lorry of meat processing company Schots in Kontich went up in flames. On the wall surrounding the van "Meat means Murder. A.L.F." was written in yellow spray-paint. -A.L.F

7/11/99; Antwerp - De Hert and Willemson, a meat processor, had their cold storage lorry torched.

8/11/99; Merksem - In an arson a attack, the entire building housing a McDonalds in Merksem burned down with damages totaling over 3 million Dutch guilders. The police found the letters A.L.F. written on an electricity box nearby. - Red Rooster Holland later claimed it.

10/30/99; Essen - The A.L.F. liberated 400 mink from a fur farm in Belgian Essen, near the Dutch border. The action was dedicated to Justin Samuel. -A.L.F.

DENMARK

1/06/99; Copenhagen - A fur store was attacked with bricks and red paint. Damages totaled 310.000/$15,000.

1/14/99; Copenhagen - A fur store had its locks glued and the walls were spray painted with "FUR IS MURDER!"

2/05/99; Copenhagen - 3 butchers got their windows smashed and a note was left, reading "NO COMPROMISE MEAT IS MURDER."

2/27/99; Copenhagen - Anti-meat slogans were spray-painted.

3/01/99; Copenhagen - Three Butchers had their windows smashed and notes were left again.

3/02/99; Copenhagen - Five butchers had their windows and/or doors smashed and notes/paint were left, reading "WE'LL NEWER QUIT - MEAT IS MURDER!"

3/07/99; Copenhagen - 3 butchers were attacked again with bricks & paint. MEAT IS MURDER. A butcher delivery wagon was attacked with rocks and paint. -DBF

6/17/99; Aalborg - Danish Fur Breeders Association was vandalized.

6/-/99; Gravensgade - At a fur house windows were smashed on three different occasions. Claimed by Danish A.L.F. (DBF) and AA (autonome Anti-undertrykker). "We are here and we won't go away until the last cage is opened and the last leather-jacket buried."

Western Washington University Raided

On the morning of October 24th, the Animal Liberation Front raided the Western Washington University department of psychology animal labs in Miller Hall, liberating 3 rabbits and 28 rats and destroying 2 offices, including the office of notorious and sadistic primate "researcher" Merle Prim. The entire contents of Prim's office - including all research papers and books on surgical technique were piled on the floor and soaked in 2 gallons of muriatic acid. The office of the animal "caretaker" was devastated and all documents related to animal torture destroyed.

We entered the building after midnight, first destroying Prim's lifetime of research derived from torturing primates, and seizing crucial documents related to animal research. We then made our way to the animal labs in the basement, locating a set of keys in an unlocked office. We made our way through the animal rooms, entering 7 rooms and rescuing 3 rabbits and 28 rats from the hands of deranged vivisectors. Sadly we were unable to liberate 8 rabbits due to electrode implants, but documented their horrendous condition on video. We also came across large lizards that were not able to be liberated.

All seized documents and video shot will be made public.

A warning to all vivisectors; 3 LAB RAIDS, 6 MONTHS, YOU'RE NEXT. This war - the revolution on behalf of animals continues. The hammer of vegan justice falls.

Animal Liberation Front -- We strike again!!!

REPORTING ACTIONS

Since most actions go unreported, this list represents only a fraction of the actions that the A.L.F. and other groups have committed in the name of animal liberation. If you are a member of an A.L.F. cell or other animal liberation group and would like to report your actions, there is a way you can do it without compromising your security.

Send your reports to the NA - A.L.F. Press Office (P.O. Box 21598, Little Italy Postal Outlet, Vancouver, B.C., V5N 5T5, Canada) and the NA - A.L.F. Supporters Group (P.O. Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2M 4K3) and, if possible, other supportive animal rights groups. Reports should include the name and a description of the target, what happened and also the time, date, city and state. Do not hand-write this as handwriting is as individualized as fingerprints.

Use a public typewriter or computer to print the letter so that it cannot be traced. (Don't leave copies of your work saved in the memory of the computer or in the typewriter). You will also want to be sure that the letter, stamp, and envelope you use is hair and saliva-free. Moisten the stamp with a sponge and wear gloves while handling the materials (don't use thin, rubber latex gloves - fingerprints can go right through these) . You should assume that mail sent to all animal rights groups is opened, read, fingerprinted, etc. by the authorities. Be careful NOT to include anything on or in your report that will incriminate you or others.

6/23/99; Holte - "Fur is Murder" was spray-painted and a fire lit outside of Saga Furs. Damage was minor and no one was arrested. "We know where you live" and the Danish name for Animal Liberation Front were painted in red several times on the two-story building housing. The heat caused several windows to explode and the fire singed the building in Holte. No one was inside at the time. Saga has a worldwide market share of nearly 70 percent of farm-produced mink.

7/24/99; Overlade, Nordjylland - 3000 minks were released. Aviserna magazine claims that 500-1000 minks are still free. The action was signed with slogans such as "Fur is murder" and "Stop the torture." The Danish Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility.

ENGLAND

5/01/99; London - Fish shop window smashed in Walthamstow, E. London. Butchers van paint-stripped and tires slashed in Wanstead. Mobile fish van tires slashed in Leyton.

5/mid/99; Edmonton, North London - A.L.F. activists burned out a large butcher's refrigerated van parked near the police station.

5/27/99; London - Window shattered at Chicken Express, Willesden High Rd.

5/20/99; Walthamstow, E. London - Activists slashed the tires of a refrigerated meat van.

5/30/99; London - Fur-Free London received the following anonymous message - "On Sunday the 30th May the A.L.F. took action against the property of Carol and Peter, both prominent players in the British and European fur industry. Many windows were damaged at their north London home. The couple was believed to be out at the time. Peter Bartfeld has recently been exposed by BBC Newsnight as being responsible for the importation of cat and dog fur from China, under the name of Alaska Brokerage, a company for which he is a director. The A.L.F. will continue such actions until every furrier in the UK is out of business and every fur farm is closed."

6/22/99; London - On the June 18 demo in the city, at least six NatWest cashpoint machines were super-glued up. NatWest was targeted because of the large loan it gave to Huntingdon Life Sciences when they were in financial trouble last year. - A.L.F.

6/28/99; London - Leytonstone Burger bar, Kebab shop, 2 butchers windows smashed. Gants Hill, Fresh Fish shop windows smashed.

6/29/99; Hounslow - McDeath window smashed. Chadwell Heath - Butchers shop window smashed.

7/-/99 - Death threats have been made against Sir John Mortimer over his support for hunting. His wife, Penny, has been sent parcels containing razor blades and excrement.

7/-/99; London - Botswana Meat Co. in Tottenham Lane - two vans (one meat, one dairy) got spraypainted and brake fluid treatment. A doctor from the Medical Research Centre, Mill Hill, had an anonymous letter put on his car saying he better resign or expect more visits from the A.L.F. Also, his car was totally spray painted all over, and brake fluid was splashed over it. Merc Sharpe and Dome sponsor a roundabout on the A10, the posts were grafitified, but the next morning they were unfortunately cleaned.
7/05/99; London - Organic butchers shop windows smashed. Meat van in Herts - tires slashed, redecorated with slogans and windscreen broken. Meat van in Crouch End - tires slashed, redecorated and windscreen smashed.
7/06/99; London - Dalston Betting shop window smashed. Butchers shop window smashed. Kennedy Fried Chicken window smashed.
7/07/99; London - Walthamstow - Steak bar window smashed. Whipps Cross, E. London - Jellied eel van tires slashed and slogans daubed. London Bridge Cafe windows smashed.
7/08/99; London - Cafe windows smashed. Hounslow - Butchers window smashed.
7/09/99; Sussex - It was claimed that a group of about 15 saboteurs went to the home of Phillip Ghazala, a Deputy Chairman of a local hunt. It was alleged the sabs threw rocks at Ghazala's horsebox, smashing his window-screen in the process. The sabs were also very vocal and there was lots of shouting and jeering. Prior to this attack, the same group of sabs were believed to have visited the home of the two Hunt Masters where they surrounded the house and locked the front gate shut. The press release implies that there was probably a lot of shouting, but no definite information was given. Even more specific was a second press release from the Countryside Alliance which claims that "the Wealdon Minkhounds were hunting at Loxford near Billingshurst in Sussex when they were attacked by around 35 saboteurs wearing balaclavas, some carrying staves."
7/19/99; London - Kentucky Fried Chicken, window smashed; Kebab shop, window smashed; Betting shop, window smashed; Halal butchers, window smashed.
7/20/99; London - Butcher shop, Forest Gate, windows smashed and slogans spraypainted; McDonalds, Forest Gate, window smashed; KwickSave, window smashed displaying meat advertisement; Lambs cafe, Whippes Cross, windows smashed; Butchers' van, South Woodford, tires slashed and slogans painted on it.
7/late/99; London - Near A10, N. London - permanent slogan on brickwork "Merck, Sharp Dohme kills animals." Home visit to Doctor at Medical Research Council - car trashed, tires slashed, body spraypainted and brake fluid poured over it. Note left on his car that him and others are being watched. Meat van - tires slashed and graffitied - Wood Green, N. London. Lab manager, Medical Research Council - his stairway was spray painted with "Animal abuser lives here".
8/01/99; Windows have been smashed at the following animal abuse premises - White-chapel - Halal butchers, meat shop, chicken shop, leather shop, and kebab shop. Hounslow East; Cafe. Wanstead; Betting shop - smashed for a 2nd time after their replacement. Signed, A.L.F.
8/01/99; Oxford - 17 milk lorries owned by Unigate in Oxford, went up in flames. The estimated damage was said to be around 350,000 pounds, there have been reports that damages may be 1,000,000 pounds *[see photo]*.
8/01/99; Banbury - Four poultry lorries were set on fire. Estimated damage was said to be 320,000 to 325,000 pounds. Police said both fires (Oxford and Banbury) were caused by incendiary devices placed under the lorries. A fifth device underneath a poultry lorry failed to go off. Although no one has claimed responsibility for the fires, police blame animal rights activists.
8/06/99; Preston, Lancashire - A.L.F. activists raid A mink farm near UK, freeing all of the 1,500 mink on the farm. Large sections of the perimeter fence were removed. Most of the animals released appeared to disperse from the farm area. The action took place on the anniversary of last year's raid on Crow Hill mink farm at Ringwood, Hampshire.
8/03/99; East London - The A.L.F. smashed windows of the following shops - Meat & fish shop, Whitechapel Butchers, Leather shop in Leyton, Chicken shop, Butchers, Cafe in Leytonstone, E. London Meat shop, Aldgate.
8/03/99 - A.L.F. rescued 600 Dunkin guinea pigs from the Hall family business, which breeds and sells them to vivisection laboratories. Activists entered the brand-new building by drilling out the locks to breach the sealed doors. Once inside, the liberators found thousands of guinea pigs in overcrowded barren floor cages with no bedding or nesting material, many dead and dying babies, and a thick layer of feces. Documents taken reveal day to day death rates in the hundreds.
8/9/99; London - In Cricklewood Broadway a grocery store advertising halal meat and poultry received a knock on the window from a brick. A window was smashed at a Restaurant next door selling kebabs and other crap. The above actions were done out of rage and disgust at animal abuse and the government doing fuck all about it.
8/12/99; Brick Lane - Leather shop window smashed. Old Street; Betting shop windows smashed Shoreditch; Betting shop window smashed. Hoxton - Butcher shop window smashed. Woodford Green - Fishing and gun shop locks glued and window smashed. South Woodford - Cancer Research shop locks glued.
8/15-19/99; Brixton - Kentucky Fried Chicken, windows smashed. Country Chicken, windows smashed. Butchers shop, windows smashed. Kebab shop, windows smashed. McDonalds, sign smashed. Hackney Chinese Take-away, windows smashed. Butchers shop, windows smashed. Butchers van, tires slashed. Wood Green - Butchers shop, windows smashed. Hounslow West - Butchers shop, windows smashed; Acton Town - Butchers shop, windows smashed. Kebab shop, windows smashed.
8/24/99; Brick Lane - Leather shop window smashed. Old Street; Betting shop windows smashed Shoreditch; Betting shop window smashed. Hoxton - Butcher shop window smashed. Woodford Green; Fishing and gun shop locks glued and window smashed South Woodford; Cancer Research shop locks glued.
9/18/99; Croydon - Arsonists targeted seven meat-laden lorries parked in the yard of Cherryfield (Croydon) Ltd, in Whistlers Meat Market, Cherry Orchard Road. Petrol soaked clothing was put under the wheel arches of each lorry and an incendiary device used to start the blaze. Plastic bottles of flammable liquid were also found nearby. Police believe the arson attack was the work of the Animal Liberation Front but the arson remains unclaimed.
10/21/99; Cornwall - Several vehicles belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture were damaged in Cornwall The vehicles were at separate locations in the Liskeard and St. Austell areas when the incident was thought to have happened. Police say tires and brake cables were slashed.
11/6-7/99; St. Ives - 71 beagle puppies were liberated from Harlan Interfauna.



the remains of 17 torched milk lorries at Unigate in Oxford, UK

FINLAND

5/99; Aland - Vivisectors belonging to Scandinavian Laboratory Animal Society (SCAND-LAS) met at a Finnish island, between Finland and Sweden, named Aland. They had a meeting with about 200 people involved in vivisection present. They thought they were safe, but they were not. We were there on behalf of the millions and millions of animals they torture and murder to satisfy their sadistic needs and to make a bloody profit out from it. We watched the filthy scum going around in the town area. We could have got anyone of you at any time we wanted, but instead we chose to look at you, to photograph you, to take your plates on your cars, and to see you in the future. Mark Metfield from the Research Defence Society (RDS) in England was present and also lots of police bastards from the Swedish and Finnish security police. After we watched you long enough we decided to target one of you because we think that is a tactical way to do it, to target one after another of you, personally. You will pay for what you do to the animals. A car and a car wagon belonging to Bantim and Kingman (B&K) lab animal breeders in Norway had the tires slashed, locks glued, lights smashed, and "Animal abusing Scum" spraypainted on it. Maybe at next meeting you won't smile so much, vivisector scumbag, remember we are everywhere and we are gonna get you.
6/-/99; Helsinki - Polar turkis, a fur store, had a window smashed
6/mid/99; Jokioinen - 16 angora rabbits were liberated from the farm of wool producer Arja Simola. Many of the rabbits were in bad health. Several of the liberated rabbits had severe infections caused by the mesh floor of the cages. One of the rabbits had a very severe infection in the rear end, it's tail was covered in feces and had mold inside. All have been safely rehomed.
7/-/99; Helsinki - Junotex, a fur store had one window smashed two times. Polar turkis loses another window
7/6/99; Juuka - Fur farm storage building was completely destroyed in arson attack. Damages estimated to be around 62 000 - 125 000 £. From the communique: "We burned down Olavi Kakkinens fur farms storage building last week Tuesday. The aim of the action was to make the operation of the farm more difficult. Before starting the fire we made sure that it wouldn't spread to nearby trees and that the wind wouldn't blow the smoke to the direction of the animals. We also made sure that there were no humans inside the building"
8/13/99; Kiihtelysvaara - Hundreds of cages opened at a raccoon dog farm. Some cages were cut open and a few animals were carried to the forest. Also a couple hundred breeding cards stolen. Around 30 raccoon dogs managed to escape.
8/19-20/99; Kontiolahti - A fur farm located in Pohjois-Karjala was raided. The liberators opened several dozens of raccoon dog cages and broke equipment. Only a few animals managed to escape but expensive damage was caused by seizure of the breeding records.
8/29/99; Polvijarvi - About 200 fox and raccoon dog cages were opened. At least 60 fox escaped. -A.L.F.
9/23/99; Mantsala - 16 chinchillas were liberated from the fur farm of Tarmo and Anne Peltola in Mäntsälä. The Peltolas raise chinchillas for fur and there was an estimated 130 animals on the farm. The chinchillas were held in very small cages with wire mesh floors, in three levels. In a communiqué the liberators state "We took away all breeding cards from the cages. Also, we took 83 nutria (coypu) pelts stored on the farm, books with breeding records of the farm since 1988, and lots of farm papers and records.
8/-/99; Savonlinna - Around 20 hunting platforms have been cut down and destroyed.
10/-/99; Vilppula - Seven hunting platforms were destroyed.
11/7/99; Kullaa - 800 minks were released, all 200 foxes were dyed with henna and breeding cards were destroyed. The outer fence was cut down from large parts so the mink could escape. The damages totaled dozens of thousands of marks. -A.L.F.

GERMANY

1/17/99 - Seven trucks and one car of the firm ▶

Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service

http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/



The Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service is an internet web site, who's goal is to provide up-to-date and current information dedicated to the activities of the animal liberation movement in Europe, North America and worldwide. It is an uncensored clearing house for information on animal liberation actions, prisoners of war, publications and more.

SUPPORT
ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

There are currently only 5 people in prison world wide for animal liberation activities. This is about a third of the average number for the past several years! Its great that we have fewer troops in jail - we just hope it doesn't mean there's fewer reasons (in the government's eyes) to put us in jail.....

BELGIUM

Justin Samuel
Gevangenis Hasselt,
Martelarenlaan 42,
3500 Hasselt, Belgium
Arrested in Belgium Sept. 5, currently awaiting extradition to the US where he is to face charges related to several mink fram liberations that occured in Wisconsin during Oct. '97.

ENGLAND

Barry Horne VC2141
HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane
Nr. Stamford Bridge
York, YO4 1PS, England
Sentenced to a total of 18 years for arson at several premises on the Isle of Wight and attempted arson in Bristol. Currently recovering following his fourth life-threatening hunger strike.

Tony Humphries AP7965
HMP Swaleside
Brabazon Rd.
Eastchurch, Sheerness
Kent, ME12 4DZ, England
Sentenced (Mid March) to 7 years for conspiracy to cause explosions plus 2 years concurrent for possession of explosives.

Geoff Sheppard
Released on parole.

ITALY

Roberto Duria
Released

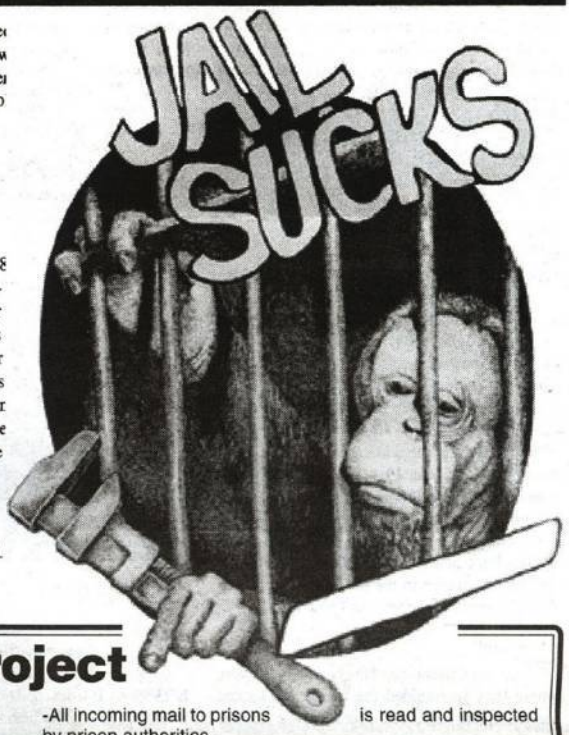
NORWAY

Arild Eriksen
P.B. 43, 5726 Vaksdal, Norway
Norways first animal rights prisoner started his 8 months of imprisonment on August 10 '99. Arild was convicte truction by fire of tw parked by a slaughte be released on paro 2000.

Aaron Rudra
P.B. 43
5726 Vaksdal
Norway
Aaron started his 8 months of imprisonment on September 15, 1999. Aaron is serving 10 months for arson on meat vehicles at a slaughterhouse ir Bergen as well as othe actions. Due to be released on parole July 19th 2000.

UNITED ST ATES

Rod Coronado
Granted full parole.



Animal Liberation Front GUIDELINES

The Animal Liberation Front carries out non-violent direct action against animal abuse by rescuing animals and causing financial loss, usually through the damage and destruction of property, to animal abusers. A.L.F. actions are illegal and therefore activists work anonymously, either individually or in groups, and do not have any centralized organization or address.

To liberate animals from places of abuse and place them in good homes where they may live out their natural lives, free from suffering.

To inflict economic damage to those who profit from the misery and exploitation of animals.

To reveal the horror and atrocities committed against animals behind locked doors by performing non-violent direct actions and liberations.

To take all necessary precautions against harming any animal, human or non-human.

Any group of people who are vegetarians or vegans who carry out actions according to A.L.F. guidelines have the right to regard themselves as part of the A.L.F.

The A.L.F. consists of small autonomous groups of people all over the world who take direct action according to these guidelines.

E-mail 2 Prisoners Project

The E-mail 2 Prisoners project allows anyone who has access to the internet to send e-mail to animal liberation prisoners.

E-mail 2 Prisoners is simple:

Send your letter to **<alf-pows@envirolink.org>** with the prisoner that you would like it directed to in the subject line. A.L.F.S.G. members will forward your messages on to the respective prisoners!

Important considerations before you write:

-All E-mail 2 Prisoners letters will be confidential, but please realize e-mail is not secure and can possibly be read by third parties.

-All incoming mail to prisons is read and inspected by prison authorities.

-Please be sure to include a regular postal address in your letter if you want a prisoner to reply -- the prisoners are not on e-mail! Please do not expect a reply through the internet.

What are you waiting for? send some E-mail 2 Prisoners today!

This project is coordinated by:

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More Actions...

"Deutsche See" had their tires, cut, windows destroyed, and Quick/hard drying foam was squirted into the cooler and the exhaust pipes.
1/17/99 - Seven trucks and one car of the firm "Deutsche See" had their tires, cut, windows destroyed, and Quick/hard drying foam was squirted into the cooler and the exhaust pipes. "Deutsche See" is a major firm in Germany, dealing with (dead) fish.
Spring-Summer /99 - In the past months animal rights have destroyed hunting platforms in the following areas - Rendsburger Forst, 3 by "Aktionsfront Sauberer Wald" (Actionfront Clean Forest. Köln (Cologne), 7. Bad Schwartau, several. Hannover, 8 (in May) Hambacher Forst (between Düren and Bergheim), 6.
3/20/99; Schwaebisch-Hall - Meat and live animal trucks had their tires cut at the slaughterhouse Wuerstner. Damage estimated at more than 100,000 DM (1US$ 1,80 DM). In February the windows of six butcheries have been shot with steel screws. The damage was increased where the screws flew into the interior of the butcheries.
3/27/99; Moers-Bornheim - Traps and hunting platforms on a property that hunters use for meetings were destroyed. Butyric acid was splashed into a hut on the property.
4/4/99; Meckenheim - Sugar was poured into the petrol tanks of 34 meat trucks of the firm Rasting. Cleaning the tanks alone cost 50,000 DM.
5/14/99; Karlruhe - 30 hens were liberated from a battery unit.
5/23/99; Waldfeucht-Selsen - The "Flinke Marder" released 120 minks from a fur farm. Fences were cut, cages destroyed and an alarm device/machine which was switched off was stolen.
6/25/99; 20 hens liberated from a battery unit. Communiqué states: "They are now in a place where they can live according to their needs without having to fear for their well-being and their life. There they can live as a species whose aim in life is not to be an egg-laying-machine for humans."
7/4/99; Willich - The group "Nagezahn" destroyed 400 cages on the mink farm of Manfred Rossberger in. The farmer stated that he could not afford to buy new cages so he will try to repair them. It was said that the damage done was between 40.000 and 100.000 DM.
Summer/99; Dannstadt - The windows of two butcheries here and two in Worms were smashed.
9/3/99; Rahden - 8,000 minks were freed and 7,000 recaptured. The remaining 1,000 escaped successfully.

HOLLAND

6/13/99; Bodegraven - Five meat trucks parked in the parking lot of a slaughterhouse in Bodegraven went up in flames and were completely burned out. 4 of them were loaded with meat. Damage was estimated at millions of dutch guilders. It took 40 fire-fighters to tame the fire and the N11 road was cut off for hours because of a massive smoke cloud. - A.L.F..
7/5/99; Dedemsvaart - Seven out of the meat trucks outside of poultry slaughterhouse Plukon, were set on fire. The damages were well into millions of Dutch guilders.
7/12/99; Ermelo - A massive fire completely wiped out a poultry processor. The fire was noticed at around four in the morning by passer-by, after they had heard a couple of explosions. The fire department has stated that they believe that this was arson. The damage runs into millions of Dutch guilders. 60 fire fighters from four towns were called in to put out the fire but could not prevent the whole building being burned totally to the ground. The fire took a good part of the day to put it out. 40 people were working for the company.

IF NOT YOU . . . WHO? - IF NOT NOW . . . WHEN?

Animal Liberation Actions Continue...

8/27/99; Alphen aan de Rijn - 4000-5000 mink were liberated from the farm of P.Verboom in Zwammerdam. According to the regional newspaper Leidsch Dagblad, activists destroyed large parts of the fencing around the farm and then released the mink. A reward of 15 000 dutch guilders is being offered to anyone who can give out any information about who did it. Claimed by Commando Roberta Duria.
9/10/99; Barchem - 8000 mink were liberated from a fur farm.

NORWAY

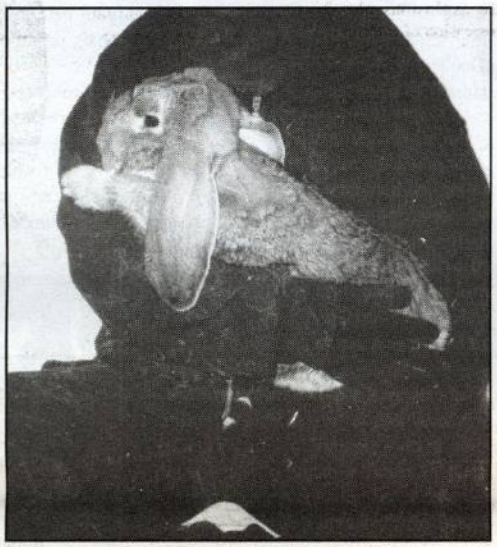
8/08/99; Eidsberg - Over 70 foxes were released from a fur farm. Anonymous activists opened all the cages at the farm and cut the fence. The farmer Paul Dostby, managed to catch most of the animals but 15 are still gone.

SWEDEN

4/16/99; Helsingborg - Three big windows on a meat store were smashed. Windows of the staff room of a slaughterhouse were smashed and the walls were painted black with paint bombs.
4/27/99; Stockholm - A meat company called Kottgrossisten Mikro Meat AB got several windows smashed.
4/30/99; Malmo - Activists climbed onto the roof of the meat company Lars Jonsson's, smashed a window, and threw down a lit can of fuel.
Spring/99; Skane - Several hunting platforms were destroyed.
5/-/99; Pitea - the store "Leatherpiece" closed down after four harsh attacks since last autumn. The owner stated in the local paper that she was scared - "I can't take it anymore, emotionally or economically. I hope these people, whom ever they are, are happy. Happy to have torn me down."
5/08/99; Eksjo - A meat company got slogans painted on their walls like "meat is murder" and "murderers".
5/13/99; Helsingborg - The windows of the staff room on the slaughterhouse were smashed again, and paint bombs were thrown inside. An animal transportation truck was covered with slogans, and when the activists were about to cut holes in the tire, they were spotted and ran away. Slogans were also spray painted on a meat store.
5/20/99; Helsingborg - Locks were glued at a meat company; green and black paint bombs were thrown at the slaughterhouse.
5/31/99; Malmo - *Several meat companies got their windows smashed (one shop in the middle of the day).*
6/10/99; Malmo - Malmo hospital's animal lab got their windows smashed. A motion detector was triggered which prevents activists from liberating the animals.
6/15/99; Southern Sweden - Five hunting platforms were destroyed and a shooting area for hunters was sabotaged (windows smashed, slogans spray painted and other economic damage).
6/21-27/99; Stockholm - During "XII Symposium of Gnotbiology", a vivisector, main organizer and member of the board on B&K, ToreMidvedt, had his door glued. "Animal abuser" was painted next to the door and red paint was squirted on it.
7/01/99; Orebro - A McDonalds delivery car had its windows smashed and rear-view mirrors destroyed. A loudspeaker for the drive-in also got smashed.
7/04/99; Norrkoping - A McDonalds was spray-painted, and its neon signs were destroyed.
7/05/99; Orebro - A McDonalds had 15 windows smashed, and a loudspeaker and signs destroyed.
7/07/99; Orkelljunga - Animal liberationists visited the Astra-owned beagle breeder outside Orkelljunga, which breeds dogs for vivisection and is the biggest of its kind in Sweden. The breeder is full of high technology surveillance and surrounded by a high barb wire fence. Five dogs were liberated. "One day will come when people won't have to sneak into, and risk their own freedom to liberate animals from institutes such as this one. That day when animal liberation was more than a word. With love and believe in change. -the Animal Liberation Front"
7/15/99; Bredaryd - 24 breeding-rabbits were liberated by the A.L.F. from Furukulls rabbit slaughterhouse, one of the largest in Sweden. "Let the animals live" and "A.L.F." were also spray-painted *[see photo]*.
7/16/99; Smaland - The DBF raided a rabbit slaughterhouse and liberated an unknown amount of rabbits.
7/16/99; Orebro - A hunting & fishing shop got all seven windows etched with a fluid by the A.L.F..
7/19/99; Orebro - A skin shop was spray-painted by the A.L.F.
8/22/99; Valla - Ten incendiary devices were placed at the chicken company Vita Fageln. One of their trucks was burned to the ground, but nine incendiary devices were disarmed by the police. Damages totaled $200,000. The company had been in the newspapers earlier in the week, saying that they were expanding their business. The action was claimed by DBF.
9/01/99; Falkenberg - All cages were opened at Lonestigs mink farm, and 2500 minks escaped. The farmer claims that most have left the area. This was the third raid against the same place.
9/04/99; Morarp - 24 hens were liberated from Aniagra, which was also attacked on April 16th, by the A.L.F./Commando Astrid Lindgren. "Be nice to the animals" was also spray-painted on one house. Astrid Lindgren is a famous Swedish writer, who got a promise on her 80th birthday that battery hen units would be banned in 1999, but they still exist because of dispensations.
9/13-19/99; Vanersborg - Circus Maximum got its posters (valued at £4000) destroyed by AR activists, according to a local newspaper.
11/03/99; Kode - The DBF claimed responsibility for the release of 2000 minks from a mink farm. -DBF

SWITZERLAND

6/20/99; Necker - A group called the "Heirs of Leonardo da Vinci" caused 50,000 Swiss francs worth of damage to vehicles (96 tires slashed) at Gubser AG, a firm which transports both animals for slaughter and frozen meat in Switzerland.



1 of 25 rabbits saved from Furkull's slaughterhouse in Sweden on July 15

USA

6/19/99; Paonia, CO - Paonia Food Bank, a butcher shop with slaughter facilities had three locks glued and five windows broken. - A.L.F.
6/23/99; North Brunswick, NJ - Approximately 40 to 50 fur-trim and full-length fur coats destroyed with a pocket knife at Burlington Coat Factory. - A.L.F.
6/25/99; Miami, FL - A truck belonging to lab animal dealer Primate Products Worldwide Primates, Inc. was burned. In a phone call to the Press Office, Detective Fuhrman of the Dade County Arson Investigation team confirmed that an incendiary device had caused the fire. The A.L.F. has taken responsibility. The action was in support of the 1999 Primate Freedom Tour.
7/-/99; Wiscasset, MA - A.L.F. activists targeted Wiscasset Rod and Gun Club, causing more than $7,000 in damage. Walls were spray-painted with "Animal Liberation Front." Stuffed animal heads and stuffed dead animals in the club were taken and returned to the wilderness to "rest in peace". -A.L.F.
7/-/99; Maine - The A.L.F. claim responsibility for attacks carried out against West Gardiner Rod and Gun Club. - A.L.F.
7/07/99; New Jersey - "Fur Kills" was spray painted on the side of Furs By Guarinos, "ALF" was spray painted on the metal shutter that pulls down over the window as well as on the wall. - A.L.F.
7/10/99; Philadelphia, PA - Flemington Furs billboard on I-95 was paintbombed. - A.L.F.
7/27/99; Berkely, CA - "The California Croppers" returned to the University of California-Berkeley's Gil Tract to uproot 14 rows of corn used in GE research by two well-known scientists. These two researchers were targeted because of their work for Novartis at a public institution. The action was in observence of the "GE-Free July" called for by groups in Europe.
8/03/99; Bristol, WI - 3000 mink were released from the Krieger fur farm. In a communiqué the A.L.F. claimed responsibility for releasing mink and destroying breeding cards at the farm which had conditions they claimed were "the worst we have ever seen." The A.L.F. also confirmed that Krieger's Farm was targeted in large part because they supply Neiman Marcus with mink pelts. -A.L.F.
8/07/99; Escanaba, MI - The Earth Liberation Front paid a visit to the home of Jim and Lois Boydston on Lake Michigan. Their two fishing boats were destroyed by fire. The slogan "Fur is Murder" was painted on one boat and the garage door. The two boats were tentatively valued at $15,000 and $25,000. The Boydstons make their money through a mink farm and a veterinary practice. -E.L.F.
8/08/99; Plymouth, WI - 2500 mink were released from Myer's fur farm. -A.L.F.
8/08/99; Greenbush, WI - The offices of United Feeds, Inc. which manufactures and stores feed for fur farms was burned to the ground. $1.5 million dollars damage. -A.L.F.
8/13/99; Washington, DC - Andriana Furs had its locks glued. - A.L.F.
8/14/99; San Diego, CA - A dozen or more red paint bombs were splattered over a butcher's shop store front that sold the dead carcasses of innocent animals including Boars and Quails. -A.L.F.
8/14/99; Salisbury, Maryland - Activists visited Frank Parson's Mink Rnanh, and released at least 20 animals.
8/16/99; Eugene, OR - HOBART (meat cutting equipment, meat scales etc.). Doors glued, van in back glued; letters "ALF" spray-painted in back; words "MEAT IS MURDER!" spraypainted on front; 3 windows smashed.
8/28/99; Long Island, NY - A 27 year old stumptail macaque primate is now in the care of compassionate individuals after she was liberated by animal rights activists from B.T.J's Jungle Pet Store. - A.L.F.
8/29/99; Orange County, CA - The Animal Liberation Front entered a building that houses and vivisects dogs. Inside they located forty-six (46) dogs in various states of health and liberated all of them. The lab animal supplier and research lab, Bio-Devices Inc., is situated at the corner of Collins and Eckhoff streets in Orange, California. The A.L.F. also claim to have damaged the building, where spray-painted slogans were left on the walls with messages that included "Animal Liberation" and "Vivisection is Fraud". The A.L.F. state that some of the dogs were injured from surgeries, but that all have been checked out by a qualified veterinarian and are now placed in good homes. - A.L.F.
8/31/99; Fulton County, GA - A McDonald's was set on fire and completely destroyed. -Unclaimed
9/09/99 - 11/03/99; Miami, FL - Four McDonald's had windows broken, one drive through sprayed with "Meat is Murder, A.L.F." Furs by Flora: main store window smashed, closed for several days Falls Leather Gallery: huge display windows smashed on 3 separate occasions, glass door smashed as well various other leather stores had windows smashed and vans sprayed with "A.L.F." - A.L.F.
9/12/99; Chandler, MN - The Animal Liberation Front today took credit for a raid on a fur farm. The A.L.F. claim that they released 100 fox from a farm belonging to Calvin Gunnink. This marks the 62nd fur farm raid in North America. - A.L.F.
9/23/99; Phippsburg, MA - Activists visited the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association, turned on two coffee pots, left plastic cups on the burners and turned on the gas line. Camage to the clubs was extensive. The words, "Animal Liberation Front" and "No Turkey Shoot" were painted onto walls. "Blood is Dripping" was spraypainted on a refrigerator.
9/27/99; Minneapolis, MN - Equipment of the construction firm C.S. McCrossan was damaged at the Hwy 55 construction site. Hoses and wires were cut and sand was poured into the oil reservoirs on parked machines. Conveyor belts were slashed and machinery was damaged at the firm's Maple Grove equipment yard. -E.L.F.
10/01/99; Montpelier, IN - The A.L.F. claim responsibility for two raids on Indiana fox fur farms this past week. Blaine Leffers Fox Farm near Ft. Wayne was visited and discovered to be shut down. Then foxes were dyed at Owl Creek Fox Farm.
10/02/99; Englishtown, NJ - Two windows at Classic Furs shattered by two large rocks. - A.L.F.
10/17/99; Albuquerque, NM - The Burger King at 5215 Menaul NE went up in flames and the building was destroyed.
10/19/99; Long Island, NY - McDonald's restaurants in Jericho, Hicksville, Syosset and Garden City had their windows shattered and slogans written on their walls. Damages amounted to about $10,000. -A.L.F.
10/22/99; Warwick, RI - Four vans belonging to Warwick furrier Harold Harris of Harris Furs were torched. -A.L.F.
10/25/99; Chandler, MN - Gunnik's fox and lynx farm was hit for the second time this year and five lynx were released. - A.L.F.
11/01/99; Woodland Hills, CA - Woodland Hills Furriers Inc. had all windows smashed with several rocks painted in slogans. -A.L.F.

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12/-/98; Carmarthanshire - According to the Spring issue of Bite Back magazine, 27 dogs were rescued from puppy farms in 3 separate raids during December of 1998. An anonymous communiqué also states that several vehicles were also disabled.

TROs, Injunctions and Stay-Aways

by Larry Weiss, Attorney at Law

I have been asked by the staff of *No Compromise* to write an article concerning TROs, injunctions and stay-aways. This article will be divided into several categories, so please feel free to skip the irrelevant portions.

Differences between a TRO, Injunction and Stay-Away

Temporary restraining orders (TROs), injunctions, and stay-aways are different kinds of court orders. Each one attempts to prohibit a person or organization from performing certain acts or going to certain defined places. Each of them names the person who is ordered not to do the act, defines the act that he may not do or the place she may not go, and sets a time limitation on the validity of that order. For example, either a TRO, injunction, or stay-away might say that Jane Smith and John Doe may not go upon the property of the Art Institute, located at a certain address in the City of Chicago, for a period of one year.

Since the order in this example could be either a TRO, an injunction, or a stay-away, then what is the difference between the three categories? A TRO is a "temporary restraining order" and is generally given in the context of a civil, not a criminal action. The key word here is temporary, since it is only good for a few days or, at most, two weeks. A TRO is usually the first step in the process of obtaining a preliminary injunction or a permanent injunction.

There are many procedural steps involved in obtaining a TRO or injunction. However, it is assumed that most of the readers of this article will be less interested in how to obtain one than in how to defend against one, so the focus will be on that subject.

Any person or organization can come in "ex parte" and try to get a TRO. This means that the other side (you) is not present or perhaps was *not even notified that a TRO* was sought. The person seeking the TRO will try to convince the judge that it is an emergency situation and that some illegal act is about to happen that will cause irreparable harm before a hearing which meets all notice and due process requirements can be scheduled and held. If there is time to schedule a hearing first, before the anticipated event, then the judge is not supposed to issue a TRO, but should instead schedule a hearing in order for you to have your due process rights.

If, however, the TRO is granted, the judge will schedule a hearing in the immediate future (i.e., within a few days) to satisfy your due process rights. At the hearing, the opposition will present evidence as to why the TRO should be turned into a more permanent order, such as a preliminary or permanent injunction. Each state has different terms for these, but the important thing to remember is that a TRO is a very short-term order that expires in a few days and an injunction (which may have the same terms as the TRO) is a long-term order.

If the TRO has expired without an injunction being obtained, then it is no good anymore and you can't be held liable (civil) or found guilty (criminal) for violating it. So, if you're served with a TRO, don't throw it away in disgust. Look at it to determine the duration of the TRO and when a hearing has been scheduled. Then you can go to the hearing and contest the elevation of the TRO into an injunction, especially if you have already been served and can't claim lack of notice.

Here are some practical tips:

1. Look at the date the TRO was granted. If it was granted two weeks before the date of your planned protest, then use the defense that you should have been granted a hearing before the TRO was issued since there was time to do that before the event.

2. If you were never even notified that a TRO would be sought, then (under some state's laws) they have made a procedural error since you should have been given an opportunity to appear even at the TRO stage.

3. Sometimes a corporation will try to get a TRO against you just to mess up the protest and then, after the protest is over, let the matter drop. This is a well-known corporate tactic. But if the company has done this before, it will be in the court files of the county or district where the TRO was obtained. Go down to the courthouse where you think this has happened and look in the files to see if this plaintiff has been granted other TROs and whether it has pursued the injunction stage or just let it drop. If it's the latter, then bring this to the attention of the judge in the context of the contempt hearing. To look at the files, go to the clerk's office and, in all but the smallest counties, they will have the names indexed under plaintiffs or defendants. Look under both.

4. Should you appear at the TRO or the injunction hearing? Somebody should go, but it should be a person who is already validly served. If you haven't been validly served, then don't go to any hearings because this may well waive your notice objections and they may serve you when you walk in the door.

I've tried to make it clear that TROs and injunctions are part of the same civil process. A stay-away, on the other hand, is an informal term that is usually connected with a criminal proceeding. It is an order by a judge telling you that you should not do any of certain described acts, and is generally given in return for your being granted release on your own recognizance (called "OR"), bail, or probation.

A stay-away will often be included if the judge is convinced by the district attorney that you will return and do again whatever it is you are accused of doing. A judge might order you to stay away from a building or campus during the period that you are out on OR or bail, and if you go back to that place during that set period, then your bail or release on OR could be revoked. In that case, you might be jailed, asked to pay a higher bail, or put on bail in a situation where you were originally released on your own recognizance.

A stay-away may also be a condition of probation. On rare occasions, a stay-away is tailored as part of a sentence that does not involve probation. But, this is unusual and takes some work because district attorneys and judges are more familiar with it as a condition of probation. In many states (such as California, where I practice), a stay-away has to be agreed to by the defendant in order to be valid. In some states, however, the judge can simply impose it, with or without your agreement, in the same way that a judge in some states can impose probation without there being a chance on the part of the defendant to decline.

ADL - NJ vs. Lew Magram

Lew Magram, an upscale women's clothing mail-order catalog based in Teaneck, New Jersey, has become a major target of the anti-fur movement. The $50 million-a-year company sells numerous fur and fur-trimmed garments, directly supporting the barbaric and cruel fur industry.

Some animals killed for their fur are trapped from the wild, upsetting natural balances and destroying wildlife populations. This is accomplished with steel-jaw leghold traps and other such devices, which snap shut on its victim's leg, ripping skin, tearing tendons and ligaments, and breaking bones. Animals will often chew their own legs off to escape the excruciatingly painful trap. Once trapped they are left to linger, often for days, with no protection from the elements and predators, or access to food and water. These traps function indiscriminately, killing endangered species and companion animals as well.

Other animals raised for fur live their whole lives in concentration camp-style fur farms, enclosed in wire-mesh cages barely large enough to turn around in. They are given no access to other animals, no room to move, and are often deprived of water. Bred for their thick warm coats, 18% die from the heat during summer months. After seven months of suffering, the survivors are brutally murdered by such means as manual neck-breaking, suffocation, and anal and vaginal electrocution...all for a vanity item.

The Animal Defense League - New Jersey has begun a major campaign against Lew Magram, Ltd. The ADL-NJ is demanding they cease the sale of all fur and fur-trimmed garments. As fur is only a small part of their business, the company will easily survive this shift, and no jobs will be lost. We have made this request numerous times with no response from the company. The ADL-NJ is now asking all concerned individuals to write, fax, and/or call Lew Magram and express disapproval of their sale of fur and fur trim.

Please take a moment to do so. If you have more than a moment, please contact them as often as possible to make our resolve in this matter clear.

Call often: **(800) MAGRAMS, (201) 833-4450, (201) 833-8500, (212) 398-7000**
Fax: (800) 539-1244, (201) 833-1646

Write: **Warren H. Golden, CEO**
Lew Magram, Ltd.
414 Alfred Ave.
Teaneck, NJ 07666

If you can, please send a copy of your letter to the following other Lew Magram executives:

Erv Magram, President
Johnathan Rosenberg, President
Stephanie Sobol, Senior VP Merchandising
Robert Kramer, VP Marketing
Jeffery Ayes, VP Administration
Douglas Frank, CFO
Cheryl Dolin-Sykorg

If you would like to get involved in this campaign, please write to the ADL-NJ. You will receive petitions, flyers to distribute and sample letters:

Animal Defense League - New Jersey
PO Box 84, Oakhurst, NJ 07755
phone: (732) 296-1202

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You should therefore anticipate that the judge might impose a stay-away, either at your bail hearing or at sentencing, and be prepared to state your position on that to the judge, on the record, just as you would do if you were offered probation. People do not make their best decisions in a surprised or hurried state, so anticipate this moment. You will have a natural tendency to want to get out of jail, but I have always found that it is in your best interest to be honest with the court as to whether you plan to abide by the stay-away, because, if you don't, you will have to appear before that judge again and she or he will be rough on you if it is felt that you lied.

What Happens If You Violate a TRO, Injunction, or Stay-Away?

Violation of any court order is contempt, and you will be given a contempt hearing. You will usually be served with a document such as an "Order to Show Cause" why you should not be held in contempt, and notified of the time and place of the contempt hearing. You must be given valid notice of your contempt hearing and time to prepare for it, e.g., you must be given enough time to find and consult with an attorney. They can't legally, for example, notify you to appear for a contempt hearing in three days. If they do, fax a letter to the judge (copy to the district attorney) asking for more time to prepare your defense.

You have the right to an attorney at a contempt hearing or you have the right to represent yourself. In some cases (e.g., serious criminal matters), you will have the right to a public defender. You may be subject to jail or a fine if you are found in contempt, and the jailing period varies widely from state to state. In a criminal case where you were granted OR or bail, that may be revoked. Where a stay-away was part of your sentence, then probation (if you were on pro-bation) may be revoked or you may be resentenced.

Defenses to a TRO or an Injunction

Overbreadth: A TRO, an injunction, or a stay-away can be challenged as overbroad. Employing the example that was used earlier, suppose the TRO orders you to stay out of the City of Chicago, or the "Loop," which is the downtown area of Chicago. Any such order would be constitutionally invalid because it restricts your First Amendment rights far more than the supposed act you were accused of committing (at a certain building or campus) justifies. Any restriction of your First Amendment rights should be stated as narrowly as possible. Always emphasize to the court (without admitting anything) that this case concerns communication of a political belief, since this triggers the widest First Amendment protection.

I would challenge a proposed TRO, injunction, or stay-away for overbreadth at the time the order is proposed, whether or not you are in a jurisdiction in which you have a right to refuse the stay-away. The fact that you may have a right to refuse the condition does not allow the courts to impose an overbroad order. Cases have repeatedly held that a court may not impose an unconstitutionally overbroad restriction and then hide behind the fact that the defendant "accepted" it, because the aspect of duress is inherent in the entire process.

Vague: If it is impossible to tell from the order exactly what is prohibited, then it is invalid. The court will apply a "reasonable person" standard. If you feel that a hypothetical reasonable person could not ascertain from the order what he or she was prohibited from doing, then challenge it for vagueness. You can challenge at the time it is imposed or (if it's really vague and you're pretty sure you can win on this) you might want to wait until after you are accused of violating the order so as not to tip your hand. Another ground for vagueness occurs when there is no time for expiration of the order set out in the order itself so the duration of the order cannot be ascertained.

Expired: This defense would apply when the order is no longer in effect, due to the fact that the term set in it has lapsed.

Lack of Notice: This is the big one. Restraining orders typically name a long list of people or organizations, but do not serve them all. If you were not correctly served, then it is not a valid restraining order as to you. It's not sufficient that you may have vaguely heard about it from someone else. Service is defined differently in the various states and you should be aware of what constitutes valid service in your state. Knowledge of this could prove important in many situations, including TROs, subpoenas, and summons.

What if only some of the individuals named in the TRO are served? This does not constitute service on the other individuals. The opposition cannot serve all named parties at the exact same moment, so if you are served with a TRO then please let other people know immediately what is happening so they will be aware that somebody is trying to serve them.

I have been asked whether an organization can be restrained. Yes, organizations can be restrained from doing acts. In fact, corporations are restrained all the time (e.g., from spreading toxic chemicals), but if only the organization is served, then this does not usually constitute valid service on individuals. This is particularly true in situations where the organization is loosely organized and does not have a definite membership. Any individual may or may not be a part of that association.

It should be obvious from this discussion why membership lists are not recommended. First, they hurt you in TRO situations; second, they can be used against you in criminal conspiracy cases; and third they may be subpoenaed or seized by law enforcement agencies.

Beyond the Jurisdiction of the Court: Suppose you are in court on a case involving a fur demo, and the court orders you to stay away from a factory farm. I would challenge this as beyond the jurisdiction of the court since this case has nothing to do with factory farms and the court only has jurisdiction to issue orders that have to do with the case before it.

Other Constitutional Objections: Conditions or orders which specifically target your freedom of speech or assembly are suspect under the First Amendment. For example, an order that tells you that you can't attend a demonstration (as contrasted to shopping) at a certain place or that prohibits you from going there only on a specific day (the day of the demonstration) may not be valid. On the other hand, an order that prevents you from going onto a specific piece of land or business for any purpose for a period of one year is more likely to be upheld because it doesn't single out the exercise of your First Amendment right to speak and communicate as the prohibited conduct. So examine the terms of the order and see if they are specifically geared to keep you from communicating your political or religious opinions. If so, challenge it!

Book Review

Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela

Little, Brown & Company, 1994

Reviewed by Nicolas Atwood

If asked to name leaders of successful modern revolutions, one might list Mohandas Gandhi or Martin Luther King, Jr. ...or one might think of Nelson Mandela who, before his imprisonment, rose to lead the African National Congress (ANC), an organization fighting for full citizenship for Black Africans in South Africa. During his 27 years in prison, he became one of the world's best-known political prisoners.

Mandela was freed in 1990, awarded the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize, and, in 1994, was elected president of South Africa's first multiracial democratic government. Long Walk to Freedom is the story of this freedom fighter, who constantly analyzed the struggle he led in search of the best way to reach its goal.

The nonviolent struggle Mandela describes in his autobiography had much in common with the American civil rights movement and included campaigns of passive resistance (such as boycotts of "Africans Only" buses, general strikes and stay-at-homes) and also more active types of resistance (such as mass rallies, land occupations and civil disobedience by using "Whites Only " bathrooms, train cars and post office entrances). Thousands went to jail and suffered the barbaric response of the government.

Mandela eventually recognized that legal methods of protest were failing the ANC, and, that by themselves, the tactics of Gandhi and King would never overcome Apartheid in South Africa. He recognized that more serious types of resistance were needed to supplement the nonviolent struggle. Mandela writes: "We should employ the method demanded by the conditions. If a particular method or tactic enabled us to defeat the enemy, then it should be used....I saw nonviolence in the Gandhian model not as an inviolable principle but as a tactic to be used as the situation demanded....I called for nonviolent protest for as long as it was effective.

"In the end," Mandela continues, "we had no alternative to armed and violent resistance." Mandela proposed the creation of an underground resistance movement. Umkhonto we Sizwe (The Spear of the Nation), or MK for short, became the ANC's military wing, dedicated to sabotage attacks on strategic targets. The shift in strategy was welcomed by the support of the non-white population. MK gave expression to popular rage, amplified legal protests and increased the popularity of the ANC.

In December 1961, homemade bombs exploded at electric power stations and government offices in three major South African cities, followed by another set of explosions two weeks later. Over the next 18 months, 200 attacks were carried out.

By 1986, there were an average of five bombings or other attacks per week. MK targeted symbols of Apartheid. For example, a bomb damaged air force headquarters in the capital city of Pretoria in May 1983. In March 1986, a bomb destroyed four floors of police headquarters in downtown Johannesburg. MK also attacked white businesses, railway stations and utilities that served white suburbs. A huge explosion at an oil refinery in June 1980 sent a dark cloud of smoke over the country's largest city for days afterward. These attacks sent a strong message to the government and the white minority that the concerns of the non-white majority needed to be taken seriously.

Mandela explains: "Our strategy was to make selective forays against military installations, power plants, telephone lines and transportation links-targets that would not only hamper the military effectiveness of the state, but frighten Nationalist Party supporters, scare away foreign capital, and weaken the economy. This we hoped would bring the government to the bargaining table." History shows that they were successful. Talks began between Mandela and the government in 1986. "It was the reality and the threat of the armed struggle that had brought the government to the verge of negotiations," Mandela concludes.

Of course, MK and other violent opposition didn't achieve success against Apartheid by itself, but the South African experience shows how modern movements must be adaptable and flexible in their tactics, lessons that are important for today's animal rights movement.

Animal Rights Commentary

In Favor of Political Action

The Animal Rights Movement needs to come of age and begin to develop political power. Without political power, no interest group has ever obtained rights. Although war and revolution are catastrophic political actions, they bring significant risk of collateral damage and losing sight of the initial objectives. The democratic process developed in this country to escape the horrors and vagaries of war. In this system change is brought about through a constantly progressing system of laws and judicial judgments reflecting the will of the majority of the citizens.

This is not to diminish the importance of continued liberation, sabotage of the abusive industries, civil disobedience, and demonstrations of outrage at animal abuse. These actions keep the issues constantly before the public, evolving in their thinking, and creating a potential constituency. However, law provides the most enduring protection. Laws can initially protect and then liberate animals. But that is not possible if we ignore the process by which this social order solidifies and validates emerging changes in social attitude.

This is not the last task before us since laws must be enforced and vigilance is necessary until the society itself begins to do the policing. Still, our first task being to create and maintain a political arm of the movement, capable of competing successfully with the political organizations that represent the animal exploiters. Anti-society activities are exciting and they help vent our frustrations, but we will not become parties to the deals that are made until we are willing to become deal makers. We can act as outlaws and malcontents for as long as it humors our inner-selves. However, when we mature, we will need to learn the game that those who succeeded before us learned. Politics creates the possible.

This is **your forum** - the section of the newspaper where you get to have your say. We try to print everything we receive provided it is related to animal liberation and is not intended to further some other goal - personal, political or otherwise. The articles here DO NOT necessarily represent the views of *No Compromise*. **Submissions should be sent to:**

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Against Political Action

There is currently a movement underway to sway people who are fighting for animals towards political "action." I am writing this short essay in order to argue that this move is detrimental for animals and for humyn freedom.

Those of us living in united states have been told that "our vote is our voice." We are constantly fed the delusion that our two minutes of voting once every few years will change the world. We are asked to willingly give over our power to one candidate or another who may or may not do as we wish. In the end, it has left many of us disillusioned. We have seen 200 years of this democratic process accomplish little except to pacify progressive elements by convincing them that there is only one way to accomplish change.

This is unfortunate but true. Through-out history we can see movements fall time and time again to the allure of respectability and legislation. For example, the struggle for gay rights, wimmin's rights, and workplace reform have all stalled in the courts. Years of fighting for incremental change destroyed the excitement and momentum caused by the feeling of empowerment from direct action. Those activists who at one time rioted in the streets become less radical as they feel the need to shake hands with the enemy and ask the government for freedom.

The struggle against domination of animals has seen little help from the government. Laws such as the Animal Welfare Act have actually helped the oppressor by allowing them to claim that they operate under strict standards voted for and approved by our government. Laws that protect marine life are regularly violated because the government is unwilling to spend money to enforce them.

Anti-trapping laws have saved some animals, but promise to cost the movement millons of dollars as we fight to retain them when they come under attack. Laws against baiting and hounding, cockfighting, and harming companion animals have been passed in many places, but they have taken years of our time, and are welfarist in philosophy. Perhaps if the same amount of resources had been put into outreach, recruitment and direct action, we would have more to show for it.

It is time for those of us fighting against the killing of animals to see the larger picture, that domination in all of its forms is wrong. Lobbying and petitioning the government only reinforces the idea that people can and should determine the fate of animals, the environment, and each other. We must not lend legitimacy to the political process by asking for change, lobbying, or voting. If we want liberty for animals, the natural world, and ourselves we need to do it the hard way, by taking ourselves out of the comfort zone and taking direct action for the oppressed. Time and time again, the government has failed us and the animals. Let's take care of these problems ourselves.

REBUTTAL on following page

This issue we're spotlighting the debate over whether or not political action is effective in the animal liberation movement. This is a hot topic amongst the radical grassroots activists so we've tried to fairly and accurately present both sides of the issue here. The points in favor of political action are made by Rich McLellan and Josh Harper argues against it.

Rebuttal

to "In Favor of Political Action"

The assertion that the animal rights movement needs to develop political power is incorrect and strategically flawed.

First and foremost it is claimed that no "interest group" has ever gained rights without a political wing. This claim is false and misleading; it assumes that animals must be given rights by a government, and that without approval all beings are without rights. It also ignores that groups have overthrown governments rather than pander to them to regain their rights. The American revolution, although flawed, is one example. Indigenous tribes have stopped poaching on their lands with the use of violence, and peasant groups have successfully prevented corporations from building on their soil with economic sabotage. Rights can be regained and kept with direct action, education, and development of alternatives to existing oppressive systems.

We currently live in a country where less than half of those eligible actually vote, and yet McLellan argues that we live with "a constantly progressing system of laws and judicial judgements reflecting the will of the majority of the citizens." This will come as a surprise to people in Colorado who voted overwhelmingly in support of medical marijauna, only to have the government continue with business as usual and ignore their wishes. It may also be shocking to those who have ever been convicted of burning flags, incitement, conspiracy, etc.

After all, the law guarantees our right to free speech, doesn't it? Funny, these constantly progressing laws don't seem to be working for wimmin, the poor, minorities, lesbians and gays, or animals. I would argue that we have come to a point where people are so sickened by politics that they wisely no longer wish to validate the system by participating. These people are tired of business as usual. They need to be shown real solutions to their problems. Those of us on the front-lines can help by doing effective direct action with concrete results rather than symbolic statements or ballot initiatives.

It is time for people to take the power back! We can think for ourselves. We can act in defense of ourselves and those we care for. We can strike down not only the animal abusers, but the governments and corporations that they conspire with. We do not need the violence that they enforce their laws with, nor should we continue to be bound to laws made by our ancestors. Let's start taking the world back, for ourselves and the animal nations.

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Student and Cyber Outreach

We all want animal liberation. We want it now, and the animals deserve no less. As the lucky few who are already aware of the need for animal liberation, we should be working in every way to get more people educated. So long as there is one person out there who has not heard the words "animal liberation," there is no time to waste. Whether you are searching to smash the fur industry or stop Ringling Bros. circus, the fact remains that we need more compassionate people to adopt a vegetarian, vegan or activist lifestyle.

This is where I come in to share what I have learned and what I am thinking. First of all, activists in my state (N.J.) work hard to set up outreach programs in local high schools. To find out which schools in your area have animal rights clubs, just ask around. Ask at protests, ask at shows, ask someone you see at the mall wearing an anti-fur button. Once you establish a connection with a young group, you can then convince them to let you come to the school and show a video.

If the group has some vegans, a few vegetarians, and some meat-eaters, then a slaughterhouse video would be perfect. If the group is full of vegans, an anti-fur video including protest footage is great for "fueling their fire" and might get you some dedicated new activists for your local fur demos. (I don't recommend Breaking Free in this case, because a common worry among new activists is getting arrested.) Where can you get these videos? Contact PETA or any of your local grassroots groups and they can provide you with the footage you deem necessary for your presentation.

You need to be prepared to speak to the group before, during and after the video. Anyone feeling uneasy about talking to a group, big or small, should prepare himself or herself by listening to other presenters or watching speeches on TV. Still nervous? Take a public speaking class at your local community college.

The second major way to increase awareness of animal liberation is via the Internet. If you are an AOL subscriber, you can easily search for profiles using keywords such as "vegan, animals, animal rights, vegetarian," and see who comes up. If you want to refine your search, add your state and maybe even your town. I discovered there were vegans in my own town who had no idea we had a local grassroots group. In addition, you can search profiles for words like "feminist, anti-government, pro-life, pro-choice," whatever you can think of as a way to link animal liberation to other issues. You can search for band names such as "Propaghandi, Earth Crisis, The Smiths," or any other group that might have an animal rights agenda.

Once you have located these people, add them to your buddy list and wait for them to come online. Then go to work! Chat chat chat! "So you like the Smiths? Me, too, my favorite song is 'Meat Is Murder.' It got me to stop eating meat." Non-AOL subscribers can download AOL Instant Messenger at www.aol.com, but cannot view profiles this way. Non-AOL subscribers can have other activist AOL subscribers make up buddy lists for them and e-mail them. *[ICQ Instant Messenger is another extremely popular chat tool with online chatrooms and the ability to search for chatrooms and users by keyword (e.g. vegan). ICQ can be downloaded from http://www.icq.com - Ed.]*

Another way to convert via the Internet is through online chat rooms. On AOL, set up a room called "vegan" or "vegetarian teens," or go to any chat room and type, "Hi. Any vegetarians want to chat?" or "Hello, please go to www.factoryfarming.com. It's a matter of life or death."

If you don't have AOL, you can still chat online. Even AOL subscribers can chat on the biggest chat network in the world, Internet Relay Chat (download software to use IRC for free at www.mirc.com) where there is no limit on the amount of people in each room. When you say, "Any vegetarians want to talk about going vegan?" you have a good chance of getting a response. Sure, you will get some people who will tell you to leave them alone and you might get banned from certain channels for a while, but as we know, if you reach one person you have saved lives and made our movement grow. *[To search for online chatrooms go to your favorite search engine (e.g. http://www.excite.com) and search for "chat" - Ed.]*

And, every time you send an e-mail, you are also passing up a chance to reach people if you don't make a signature (sig) file. A sig file can be made very easily and commonly could include a quote or a Web site address. Each time you send an e-mail message, your sig file goes with it. Creating a sig file takes little time and gets the message out very easily.

So get to it! Call a school, talk online and get people to the next level of awareness and activism. Don't give up the fight for animal rights. Write a letter, throw a brick, hold a sign, talk to a friend or get online now! If you need any advice or help, e-mail me anytime or get me online at "ssrnj" over AOL Instant Messenger.

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Rebuttal

to "Against Political Action"

I would never advocate that the movement stop direct action. I believe that as animal advocates we must use all the tools possible in our struggle for animal liberation. I believe we have been using direct action effectively for twenty-five years. I don't believe we have employed or understand how to use politics effectively.

I believe that our history has always shown the need to employ both direct action and political action together. Direct action focuses attention on the need for change, political action solidifies that change. Human rights, the abolishment of slavery, anti-cruelty, child labor protection, women's suffrage, labor protection, progressive income tax, health welfare and safety, civil rights, environmental protection, and other successful movements have always used direct action to illuminate injustice and then used the political system to institute remedies. I believe our movement is illuminating adequately, but we are not instituting change adequately, partly because long-term change requires more skill, more patience and more commitment. It can't be accomplished in a weekend of "acting out," followed by running home to see if we are on TV or the Internet.

Most movements that fail, fail for lack of will. The lack of will in this movement troubles me. Direct action is "heady." Its ability to give young people a false sense of empowerment can lead us to over estimate the magnitude of our strength. The real measure of a movement's strength in a democracy is its ability to follow through and accomplish the hard work of bringing law to life. The founding fathers were well aware both of the tyranny of the minority and the danger of social evolution that is too abrupt for the average citizen to embrace. That is why the system works slowly, but if it is pursued diligently, it builds inexorably towards change. It is undisturbed by "temper tantrums," or attempts to "butt in line" ahead of those that are already working diligently toward their own interest group's agenda. But respected, it will deliver. With sustained commitment, it always has.

If we fail to show our dedication, strength, and commitment, then it is true: liberation is the only chance that animals have. Lab liberations have slowed to a trickle. Mink liberations are "hot," and I believe are having an effect on an evil industry. Still billions of non-fur bearing animals are enslaved and condemned to premature deaths. Britain on the other hand has taken the political lead and is saving thousands in species after species through political involvement. Recently, a law was passed outlawing fox fur farms in Britain by the year 2000. The EEU is struggling to institute legal protections for many animal species. It outlawed the sale of steel jaw leg hold trapped-fur in the EEU, until this ban was undermined and destroyed by US trade policy. It is our lack of political involvement in this country that may wipe out a generation of political work already taking hold in Europe, as US and Asian policy begins to dominate global trade. Our reluctance is destroying their diligence.

This century, as in the last century, the only permanent relief for animals has come from the few laws that have been instituted by a few unrecognized dedicated political activists with little or no movement support. How many direct action animal advocacy groups can you name in this country? How many have you given time and money to? Now, how many political action animal advocacy groups can you name? How much time and money have you given them?

The Animal Welfare Act is one of my greatest concerns. In every decade since 1955, except for the '90s, the Animal Welfare Act has been strengthened and expanded. Here, in the decade of our greatest prestige and power, we failed to mount sufficient political energy to make any improvements. The government has not failed the animals; we have failed the animals by refusing to be a part of governance.

In the late '70s an elderly environmentalist, Margaret Owings, saw a Mountain Lion killed within view of her home in Big Sur. She began an organization which, using California's referendum process, passed an initiative stopping trophy hunting of Mountain Lions in that state. Just two years later, Dena Jones heading a political action group in Arizona passed a steel jaw leg hold trap ban on public lands in Arizona. Soon, initiatives began popping up all over due to support from the least likely of organizations, HSUS. For years, the Fund for Animals had used direct action to try and stop the Hegins pigeon shoot. They switched to a political strategy in 1994. This year, is the first year that the pigeon shoot will not be held in over 15 years. The animal advocacy groups in Britain, Scandinavia, Germany and the Netherlands have politically passed an EEU resolution that no chickens will be caged after the year 2012. Liberation and direct action alone could not have created a change of this magnitude.

Political action needs direct action, and the animals need both. We can do both. We can liberate more animals if we will only use both our left and our right arms effectively. It is not too late; we can learn, we can rededicate ourselves to understanding the interdependence and importance of both direct action and political change. We can man the corridors of power by day and the barricades by night. We can't let fear or ignorance persuade us to neglect either.

Letters From Our Readers

I am writing with regard to *No Compromise* issue #13 (Summer 1999 edition), in which several articles seemed to advocate arson. Several stated that arson was an effective tool for activists, provided arsonists made sure no living being, human or animal was harmed or killed. This issue of *No Compromise* includes detailed descriptions, including drawings and schematics, on how to build incendiary devices including a simple igniter, a one hour delayed incendiary device and an electronically timed incendiary igniter.

However, unless activists check in every nook and cranny of every building or vehicle targeted for arson they can never be certain that buildings and vehicles are "free of creatures." In fact, in almost every building there are mice, rats and insects behind walls and in the infrastructure. It is impossible to burn buildings and vehicles without killing animals.

Years ago, in a cabin in the woods, while enjoying the hot fire, I was startled to notice a slight movement in a small crack between the stones above the fire. A tiny mouse came struggling out of the crack in the stone face with a mouse puppy in his/her mouth. The mouse, attempting to flee the increasing heat, made repeated trips across the front of the fireplace to rescue the pups and to deposit them in a safe place. This story illustrates what unseen animals will suffer in any manmade fire.

It is truly a sad day for the animal rights movement if we have resorted to killing animals to save them. The quote from *No Compromise*, "We must prove our love for animals with actions not words," seems to imply that we must prove our love for animals with arson. What cruelty and hypocrisy!

Sincerely,
David B. Sauder

[NOTE: This letter was heavily edited due to space restrictions. Our next issue will feature a debate between a proponent of the use of arson and an individual who opposes it.]

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I am a straightedge vegan. I can't express how bad I feel for the tortured animals, but violence is not the answer. I know you have heard this a million times, but you need to hear it again. The only way to get things changed in America is through public and political support. Neither of those can be gained by violence. To get people to stop buying furs, they have to be educated and made to care. This will not happen by blowing up fur factories. Insurance pays for the damage! Also politicians will NEVER support a violent organization. Every time a violent protest occurs, it erases the progress of the 100 previous non-violent rallies.

Chris, 17

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I am not attempting to apologize for being born into a typical, middle class, anthropocentric American family, a family whose underlying Christian ideology prompted them to see the world as a bounty for their consumption. This is the scenario that I arrived into, was nurtured in, and have spent the biggest part of my adult life trying to "recover" from. This is my attempt to make restitution to Mother Earth for my grievous errors in judgment both as an uninformed and highly malleable child and as a willing adult participant.

I must confess it took a great amount of conviction and effort to break the cycle of human chauvinism that I was mired in, a cycle of destruction and death that I was lead to believe was my right and heritage as a Homo Sapien. However, as the cognitive link in the "circle" of life, it is my responsibility to make much better judgments and to actively participate in the change that needs to occur. The conclusion to "walk lightly" or "leave no trace" as my life's mantra was thus a natural result.

My family and friends participate in the barbaric tradition of hunting. They hunt for the joy of the kill, not to subsist, which would be at least arguably acceptable in some instances. I used to participate and this is where I need to make restitution. I have embarked upon a campaign to compete with hunters on their level. Let me explain: in the state of Oregon, most hunting tags are issued by lottery. Potential hunters pick the hunts they wish to participate in and they put their names into the Fish and Wildlife's pool, and then the computer randomly picks the successful applicants.

I too put my name into the pool and every year I am successful in drawing a tag or tags, and every year I purchase those tags and then throw them away. The result: successfully removing at least one hunter from the killing fields. If I now could only spread that idea and technique and enlist hundreds, hopefully thousands, of Oregonians who are also opposed to hunting, and we all applied for tags, we could make a significant, perfectly legal impact on hunting. If you can participate, then "BRAVO" to you; if you cannot, then at least spread the word of the technique because it is a viable option in the war.

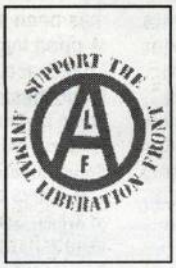
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The truth is that people aren't dying of AIDS. People are getting sick and dying from hormone-contaminated meat, carcinogenic car fumes, the overuse of antibiotics, and numerous other immunosuppressive aspects of everyday life in our toxic, fur-worshipping, ozone-depleting, money-driven, consumerist society.

As hard as it is for some to believe, the federal government is lying to the public about HIV and AIDS. Of course, this is the same government that continues to lie about vivisection, tried to cover up the 1940s Tuskegeee medical experiments conducted on African American men, denied the use of agent orange in Vietnam and gave us the atomic bomb, cloning, and genetic engineering. This is the genocidal U.S. government that fought the Indian Wars, funds the war on drugs, supports the war on the Zapatistas, and orchestrated the assassinations of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. Why should we now trust federal researchers to tell the truth about what's really going on with AIDS?

Who says AIDS is an epidemic?

For nearly two decades our government, media and medical establishment have been relentless in promoting a new plague called AIDS. We are told no one is safe, that numbers are growing, and that drugs and vaccines offer our only hope for salvation. However, a careful examination of the facts suggests that the public has been misled. What we have experienced for twenty years is not a sexually transmitted epidemic but a tragical medical mistake.

Do HIV Antibody Tests Work?

HIV tests do not identify HIV virus and cannot diagnose AIDS or predict illness. Instead, these tests detect antibodies found in the blood.

Although viewed as infallible, HIV antibody tests are non-specific, non-standardized and highly unreliable. In fact, everyone tests positive on the ELISA HIV antibody test unless their blood is diluted 400 times. Over 70 factors can react "false positive" on the test, including flu vaccines, pregnancy, and normal blood proteins.

Is HIV the cause of AIDS?

There is no proof that HIV causes AIDS or any other illness. The belief that AIDS is caused by a virus is an unproven hypothesis, not a fact. Since the 1984 announcement of a viral cause for immune suppression, more than 100,000 papers have been published on HIV. Not one of these papers has been able to effectively prove that HIV can cause AIDS. A good hypothesis is defined by its ability to solve problems, make accurate predictions and produce results. The HIV hypothesis has failed to meet any of these criteria.

ACT UP San Francisco is a militant, direct action organization committed to ending the AIDS fraud. ACT UP general body meetings are held every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at 1884 Market Street. The San Francisco chapter of Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT) meets every third Sunday of the month from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Radio Free ACT UP broadcasts every other Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Liberation Radio 93.7 FM and our medical marijuana dispensary is open 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Get involved. Join ACT UP! End the abuse of AIDS.

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FUR TRADE REPORTS

WATCHING THE INTERNATIONAL DECLINE OF THE BLOODY FUR INDUSTRY

Openings, Closings and Bankruptcies

Revillon, which had 5 fur stores in the US two years ago, now is down to two. Their remaining stores are in New York and Chicago. Fibalko SA of Switzerland has bought out Revillon.

Astmann Furs of Springfield, MA has gone out of business.

The Meisel-Peskin, the last remaining fur dressing plant in New York City, has closed. Tubari of Passica, NJ will probably absorb some of their former clients.

Zinman's Furs in Cherry Hill, NJ has moved into a larger showroom. This company also has stores in Pennsauken, NJ and Wayne, PA.

Swedish Furriers Going Bust

KappAhl, a major Swedish outerwear chain, has discontinued the sale of fur trim.

A thirty-year-old fur store in Linköping, St. Lars Päls, has stopped selling fur.

The last fur store in Karlskrona has closed down, and is now selling flowers.

A big fur store in Sundsvall, Lindfors also stopped selling clothing made of skins.

Evans Furs in Trouble

Evans, the nation's largest fur company, has lost money in nine out of the past twelve years. Now they are losing even more stores.

Evans closed three Chicago area stores and laid off 40 employees in June. Then the company sold its five stores in Dallas, Austin, and Washington, DC to another fur company. Their six remaining free-standing stores, all in Chicago, are for sale.

Plus, Evans has had to close a total of five fur departments in Lazarus, Goldsmith's and Dayton's department stores. Evans has 49 fur salons still active in various department stores. Their lease in Bloomingdale's is believed to be the only thing keeping them in business.

Competitor Birger Christenson is attempting to take over the fur departments at Rich's, Lazarus and Goldsmith's.

FICA in Trouble Again

The US trade group FICA (Fur Information Council of America) is in trouble. Several months ago the group's spokesperson Stephanie Kenyon resigned. Now they are losing Sandy Blye, who ran Fur Fashion Week since its inception and handled the group's promotions with the fashion press.

FICA's members are disgruntled over a hotly contested board of directors' election, which saw the development of rival factions within the organization. In addition, the International Fur Trade Federation has decreased funding to FICA.

Internal strife may be quieted a bit if Robert Meltzer of Evans Furs follows through on plans to buy six stores away from Evans and go on his own. Meltzer is currently president of FICA, and is believed to be a source of contention for many in the fur trade.

Neiman's Fur Buyer Retires

Ralph Romberg, fur buyer for Neiman Marcus, has retired after 38 years in the industry. Terry Thornton has replaced him.

Trapping Down in the US, Up in Canada

While last year's low skin prices caused wild fur production in the US to drop by nearly half, the international exchange rate favored Canadian trappers. They received more money for the skins they sold, and trapped and killed 1.5 million animals in the wild, as opposed to 1 million the year before.

NAFA Cuts NTA Funding, Reduces Wild Fur Marketing

Due to low prices, and claiming the money will be better spent on fur marketing programs, North American Fur Auctions did not give the National Trappers Association a portion of the tax from wild furs they auction.

NAFA also canceled its New York Wild Fur Private Treaty Operation, which allowed manufacturers to buy wild fur directly from NAFA without going through the auction process. There had been a lack of demand for the program in New York, but it continues in Toronto.

Animal rights groups should not celebrate too quickly. With trapping numbers greatly reduced, we will in all likelihood see a skin price increase this winter. That would allow NAFA to begin funding the NTA again and also cause an increase in fur trapping.

Holland May Ban Mink Farming

The Dutch parliament has voted in favor of banning mink farms, and the agri-culture secretary has to approve the ban this fall. Many groups are ecstatic, claiming this as a victory. CAFT urges groups to remain vigilant, and not claim victory until it is assured.

Lynx Season Closed in Montana

Now that Montana has finally closed their lynx season, there is no lynx trapping season in any of the lower 48 states. A proposal to list the lynx as endangered is still being debated.

Estonia Sees Fur Farming Decline

Of eleven fur farms operating in Estonia in 1998, eight were forced to close due to low skin prices. Of the remaining three, one is a major fox producer, raising and killing 35,000 foxes a year.

Saga's Latest Promotion

The international fur marketing firm Saga Furs is trying to get women's fashion stores to carry designer furs during this coming fall and winter. Saga recognizes that the fur industry needs to get fur into stores that traditionally did not carry the product.

By the same token, animal rights groups desperately need to push the product out of the mainstream market and back into fur specialty shops. Its time to realize that fur stores are irrelevant - the battle will be won or lost in department stores, women's apparel stores and fashion boutiques.

Ad Campaign Targets Neiman Marcus

The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade and Last Chance for Animals have begun an aggressive direct mail campaign targeting Neiman Marcus department stores. Postcards are being mailed to residents of upper end neighborhoods in nearly every city that has a Neiman Marcus store. So far, the results have been very positive.

Finnish Fur Farm Vivisection Cut

One of the three fur farm research centers in Finland is closing, because the University of Kuopio has decided not to fund their experimental farm anymore. The facility did experiments on mink, fox, fitch (ferrets), and raccoon dogs (a canine not to be confused with the American raccoon) in hopes of making fur farming more profitable.

Major Fur Economies Improving

Expect to see rising fur sales and prices in Korea and Japan this winter, because of the improving Asian economy. Animal rights groups must work hard to offset rising prices by influencing fur sales in North America and Western Europe.

If fur sales are low in these areas, then we can limit any industry gains. This will have a direct effect on the number of farms that choose to close or stay in business this year, as well as the number of trappers that go out in the field this fall.

Animal Lure Dealer Scaling Back

Russ Carmen Lures, a company that makes lures to entice animals to traps, is scaling back its operation. Russ Carmen announced that the company is closing its retail operation, and all wholesale orders will be taken through another company. Yet Carmen will continue manufacturing lures and writing books on trapping issues.

Activist Resources

BOOKS

Free The Animals - Ingrid Newkirk (available from PETA. address at right)
Earth First Direct Action Manual (available from *NC*, p. 30)
Ecodefense - Dave Foreman and Bill Haywood (available from *EF! Journal* - see ad p. 28 - and http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore/)
Earth Force - Paul Watson (available from AK Press*)
War At Home - Brian Glick (available from *NC*, p. 30)
Agents of Repression - Ward Churchill and J. Vander Wall (available from *NC*, p. 30)
Animal Liberation - Peter Singer (available from http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore/)
Vegan: The New Ethics of Eating - Erik Marcus (available from AK Press*)
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An Unnatural Order - Jim Mason (available from http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore/)
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The Sexual Politics of Meat - Carol Adams (available from AK Press*)
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The New Farm Vegetarian Cookbook (available from AK Press*)

DIRECT ACTION BOOKLETS

The Final Nail #2 (available from the North American ALF Supporters Group - see Trenches, p. 30 - or on-line at http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/finalnail)
Memories of Freedom (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 34)
Against All Odds (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 34)
Keep Fighting: Three Interviews with Britain's ALF Press Officers (available from *NC*, p. 30)
Animal Liberation Primer (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 34 - or on-line at http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/library/alprimer.html)

RESOURCE GROUPS

Vegan Outreach - *'Why Vegan?'*: 211 Indian Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15238, Phone: (412) 968-0268, e-mail: vegan@veganoutreach.org, URL: http://www.veganoutreach.org/

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People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals - great 'WEARING FUR' and anti-McDeath stickers, graphic posters, etc.; 501 Front St., Norfolk, VA 23510, Phone: (757) 622-7382, Fax: (757) 628-0784, URL: http://www.peta.com

The Fund for Animals - Hunting factsheets, articles and videos, etc.; 8121 Georgia Ave Ste 301, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Phone: (301) 585-2591, Fax: (301) 585-2595

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UPDATE: The Boston chapters of CAFT and ADL had a busy summer preparing for the Primate Freedom Tour stop at Harvard University to protest the New England Regional Primate Research Center. Eight activists were arrested at a Researcher's home and a defense fund is being set up to help with legal costs.

Macy's has also been a constant target over the summer, with CAFT activists partaking in 2-hour weekly protests. CAFT is busily preparing itself for an exciting fall and winter fur season. This year, CAFT already had 2 acts of civil disobedience against Macy's.

Boston is a city where grassroots animal activism is on the rise with new members joining all the time. If you are in the Boston metropolitan area or are from around New England and are interested in getting involved, please get in touch with us or come to a protest.

RESOURCES: Coming soon!!! More of the infamous "Go Vegan You Cow Sucking Pervert" shirts (with illustration of 2 people sucking on udders of cows). We will be selling in bulk this time and individually. Get in touch if interested.

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UPDATE: Originally formed by members of Students Against Animal Cruelty, based in Edward R. Murrow High School, the Brooklyn Animal Defense League has since grown into a sub-group of the NYC-ADL, with members throughout Brooklyn. Macy's Anti-Fur Campaign Bloody fur giveaways At ADL's satirical "Bloody Fur Giveaways," activists wear name tags identifying themselves as representatives of Macy's bloody fur department, hold up a banner offering free furs, and attempt to hawk blood-soaked coats pulled directly out of a pit of blood to passersby and potential customers. Not surprisingly, customers never take the coats. Our bloody fur sale at Macy's netted front page coverage in numerous Brooklyn newspapers. Summer is no vacation for animals on fur farms. Animals on fur farms are subjected to hellish conditions are subjected to while locked in tiny cages under the blazing summer sun. To highlight this cruelty, ADL activists occupied human-sized fur farm cages in front of Macy's while wrapped in thick fur coats on hot summer days. The activists clawed at the cage while wearing faces of despair, creating a powerful and very media-friendly visual. Our King's Plaza Macy's cage demo, was the featured story in the Brooklyn Skyline with a full-page color cover photo of one of our activists in a cage , accompanied by an extremely sympathetic article. The demo was also covered in several other Brooklyn newspapers. McDonald's Campaign The Brooklyn Animal Defense League held demonstrations against McDonald's in both Park Slope and Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn during July and August. The organization is protesting McDonald's cruelty towards the animals uses for meat, damage to the environment, and poor treatment of workers.

VEGAN OUTREACH - We distribute both vegan literature and food on the sidewalks of Park Slope, Brooklyn to encourage compassionate diets. When the Dalai Lama spoke before a crowd of tens of thousands in NYC, we set up a vegan food and literature table, and did TV interviews on veganism.

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UPDATE: The Chicago chapter of the Animal Defense League has recently concentrated its efforts in two areas: recruitment and fighting the bloody fur trade. Still a relatively new group, Chicago ADL has continued to try to outreach to Chicago residents and other Chicago animal rights activists. We are holding weekly demonstrations at Neiman Marcus in the heart of Chicago's "Magnificent Mile," the upscale shopping district which is also home to Sak's, Bloomingdale's, Lord and Taylor and Marshall Field's. We are also holding demonstrations at suburban Nordstrom locations while the new Nordstrom (slated to open on September 22, 2000) — the fifth largest Nordstrom location in the country — is still being built a few blocks away from Neiman's.

The Chicago Animal Defense League has an email announcement list which it sent out once to twice a week with updates and general animal rights news. To subscribe, please send a blank email to: ADLChicago-announce-subscribe@onelist.com.

In the upcoming months, we will be hosting open forums on fur and trainings on civil disobedience. We will also be launching our website. Lastly, stay tuned for Fur Free Christmas, which will begin on December 18th. Please get in touch if you are in the Chicago area and would like to get involved!

ADL - EUGENE

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UPDATE: This summer ADL Eugene has been "Spreadin' the Gospel" like there ain't no tomorrow, educating the masses, as well as building support and membership. We are now kicking off a major campaign against Eugene's only fur retailer (Kaufman's) in cooperation with Citizens for Animal Rights Eugene (C.A.R.E.) and with the support of our furry friends everywhere. If all goes well C.A.R.E. will provide the boycott with slick, pity inducing PR while ADL becomes the "Biggest fucking pain in your ass!" (Kaufman's ass, that is). This fall promises to be a good one!

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UPDATE: ADL-Maine currently has a campaign against Macy's, the biggest fur retailer on the east coast. We hold weekly demonstrations, which have brought up to 30 people. Recently ADL-Maine was the cover story of a local city arts paper, with three photographs and a three page article on animal rights. Soon after that came out, two Maine ADL-ers co-hosted a environmental/politcal radio show. All coverage of our events has been very positive, and after our one year of existence we seemed to have made the ADL known. Another campaign we are currently working on is the Peak's Island Deer Project. The city of Portland is deciding on whether or not to call in a sharp-shooter to "balance the deer population", which means that over 50 innocent lives will be lost. We have proposed that money be raised to buy alarms that give off high-pitched frequencies that will deter deer from "destroying gardens".

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UPDATE: The ADL-NJ continues its campaign against Furs by Guarino, now a year and half long, every Thursday night, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and every Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Guarino, along with two other NJ furriers recently filed a RICO suit against the ADL-NJ— the activists are positive they will prevail, and see this as an opportunity to expose the true face of the fur industry. An intense campaign has also been undertaken against a NJ-based women's clothing mail-order, Lew Magram Ltd. This campaign will be a major focus, and massive amounts of effort will be put forth to see the end of their sale of fur and fur trim. As the autumn arrives, the ADL-NJ is gearing up for a new anti-fur outreach campaign, that will exist in numerous key cities around the state. The goal of this campaign is to make wearing fur the shameful thing it should be.

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UPDATE: ADL-NYC has been continuing our campaign against Macy's and Manhattan's Fur District. We have many events planned for the Upcoming Fur season. Our two major events will be our Fur Free Friday protest on November 26, 1999 at Macy's at 10am, and a mass sit-in at Macy's on December 19th. Contact us for more information on the ADL or those events.

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UPDATE: We are administering several activist legal defense funds. Contact us for more information.

RESOURCES: Information available on forming a group, incorporating, getting non-profit status, civil disobedience, defending yourself in court, writing effective press releases and more. Also available: fur brochures that you can imprint with your group's name and contact info.



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UPDATE: CAFT has been busy organizing several very important campaigns. First, we are working to get fur trim out of Burlington Coat Factory, one of the nations largest coat retailers. This campaign has included national days of action with multiple arrests, a slam site on the internet that has gotten BCF very upset, and even communications with executives within the company.

CAFT, with the help of Last Chance for Animals, has announced a $25,000 reward campaign for anyone who can secure evidence that will lead to the conviction of a fur farmer for animal cruelty. For more information see www.furcrime.com

CAFT has established chapters in Sweden and Finland, and will be working to end the fur trade in those countries as well. The Scandinavian countries have the highest concentration of fur farms anywhere in the world.

CAFT has also developed campaign strategies for groups to use during this falls fur campaign.

RESOURCES: CAFT will help your group organize the most strategic fur campaigns possible. We can select the best target for the most impact, and help you with media relations and campaign planning. CAFT also monitors the fur industry and have the most up to date statistical info available. We are an information clearinghouse for anything related to fur bearing animals, the fur industry, and anti-fur activism. Please don't hesitate to call for help in stopping the sale of fur in your area.

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UPDATE: Since the last issue of *No Compromise*, COK has focused primarily on our vegan outreach efforts, including the organization of a 50-person march, led by a banner reading, "Practice Nonviolence—Go Vegan!" from Ruth's Chris Steak House to McDonald's. Other events for the freedom of farmed animals include feed-ins in front of McDonald's and distribution of tens of thousands of our "Choose Vegan" brochures throughout D.C. We also had a recent victory when the Smithsonian Institution decided to cancel an event promoting foie gras. With the anti-fur season upon us, our gears will be shifting to re-initiate the campaign to make Neiman Marcus fur-free. For the next several months, we will be going all-out to ensure that NM decides to adopt a more compassionate business policy.

RESOURCES: COK sells many t-shirts, including the paw/fist print that reads "Animal Liberation/ Human Liberation" as well as the "Dog on a Plate" print, featuring a dog sitting on a plate with accompanying fork and knife. The caption reads, "Why Not? You Eat Other Animals, Don't You? Go Vegetarian." These shirts (and others) are available from www.cok-online.org. Our free newsletter, The Abolitionist, is also available for distribution.

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UPDATE: Defenders Coalition for Animal Liberation (formerly known as Vegan Militant Movement) is a not-for-profit grassroots organization campaigning for animal liberation. Shared with common beliefs and goals, we have formed this coalition for a worldwide effort to free all oppressed animal beings. There are NO leaders in DCAL and we oppose senseless politics within. Our beliefs are strongly PRO-EDUCATION, PRO-DIRECT ACTION, PRO-CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE, and PRO-ALF SUPPORT. Please contact us for information on how you can become a part of the Defenders Coalition for Animal Liberation or information on starting a chapter of DCAL in your local area.

In the past few months, we have targeted Ringling Bros. Circus with a five day demonstration in memory of the recent death of the baby elephant, Benjamin. To further our educational campaigns, we have continued tabling various events for public awareness and to gain solidarity within the movement. Recently, due to the not well-defined rules, a superior court judge lifted a restraining order that banned us and various individuals from demonstrating against Neiman Carcass on the property of Fashion Valley center. The next day, we held a successful protest that consisted of educational awareness, disruptions, and a walk through. The following day, the restraining order was reinstated with new rules. We will NOT give up on this campaign. To further the abolition of the bloody fur trade, Burlington Coat factory has also been added to our anti-fur campaign. On September 17th & 18th, DCAL, along with activists from Northern California, Utah and Texas, took part in a regional demonstration against the Fur Commission USA in San Diego. Voicing for the voiceless, defending for the defenseless, we will continue the fight for total animal liberation.

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UPDATE: Throughout the summer, members of Direct Action for Animals & the Environment attended weekly protests at a heavily trafficked McDonald's in Charlotte. Roughly 200 Why Vegans were distributed at each protest and people have been overwhelmingly supportive. We also protested the rodeo and the Universoul Circus. From now until February, we will be campaigning against Belk (anti-fur) while continuing to work on veganizing the UNC Charlotte dining halls and attempting to incorporate animal rights in various departments on campus.

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UPDATE: Liberation Collective is an all volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to linking social justice movements to end all oppression. We currently have ongoing campaigns against Oregon Health Sciences University and Oregon Regional Primate Research Center.

RESOURCES: Free literature/fliers on vivisection, circuses, and rodeos. We operate the Activist Resource Center at our office location where we provide such resources as a large community book/video lending library and a variety of T-shirts, publications, stickers, etc. for sale. Liberation Collective also regularly conducts classes on civil disobedience.

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UPDATE: MCAR is re-energizing after a slow period following the Primate Freedom Tour's stop in Madison. Entering what will be our first full year in existence, we have some lofty goals. We are beginning an anti-vivisection campaign this semester against the research being conducted at the Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center. We're planning collaboration with SOAR in Minneapolis to build strength in the Midwest, especially on the issue of primate research. We are also going to be active in supporting Justin Samuel when he is extradited to Wisconsin.

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UPDATE: We had a Burlington Coat Factory protest in May. We started a new campaign against a local seafood restaurant, "Crabby Bill's," for having the Lobster Zone games in all 4 of their locations. We leafleted at the local Hanneford Circus recently. If you would like more information about our group, please contact us. We always need volunteers!

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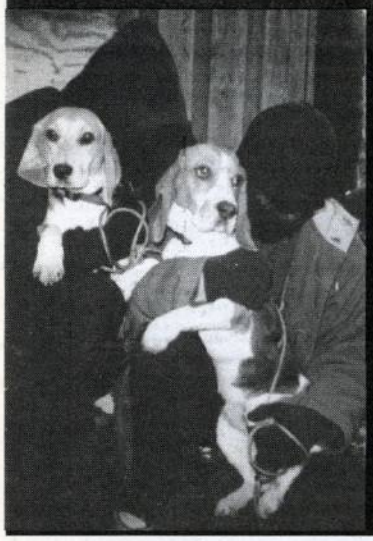
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UPDATE: VARC has been actively involved in the animal rights movement all over the east coast. In addition to regular tabling and meetings

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on campus, we have traveled to many events in the pursuit of human, animal, and earth liberation. This school year has just begun but we have plans to pass a formal choice policy to the use of animals in the sciences, fundraise through a music distro at local concerts (donations in the form of music are appreciated), table at various community events, organize numerous protests, and host speakers. Our active group needs as many people as possible, so please get in touch. Meat-eaters, vegetarians, vegans, kids, adults; everyone is welcome to join. VARC has free literature available to the public. We can send single copies of info on veganism, the circus, animal testing, fur, etc. We also have access to numerous human rights and environmental pamphlets so please email to request anything... If we do not have something, we'll help you find it.

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UPDATE: Wetlands helped organize the first-ever Reclaim the Streets! action in NYC. Activists blocked the off Cooper Square in Manhattan's East Village to car traffic with strategically placed tripods and turned the square into a massive dance party with professional sound units blasting trance music.

Wetlands, Rainforest Relief, and the Federal Lands Action Group (FLAG) dropped a 125 foot long banner off the 250' high parachute jump ride in the old Steeplechase amusement park in Coney Island, Brooklyn above Coney Island's boardwalk, making it a perfect site for a banner that read, "NYC Parks Dept: Stop Destroying Rainforests for Benches, Bridges, and Boardwalks." Activists suspended themselves from ropes connected to the banner rigging, so that if the banner was cut down, the activists would go down with it. The rainforest defenders remained on the tower for five hours before they were removed, garnering extensive media coverage.

We have organized a number of demonstrations at Bloomingdale's as part of the campaign to end the sale of fur by ALL Federated Department Stores. Late last summer activists in thick fur coats, occupied tiny fur farm cages to illustrate the incredible cruelty of caging furbearers in the summer heat. We also held the first-ever "Bloody Fur Giveaway" at Bloomingdale's, where activists offered free bloody furs and Bloomingdale's' bloody fur brochures to Bloomie's customers. Several months ago we merged our animal rights program with NYC ADL, and have since devoted tremendous amount of time and energy into our joint efforts.

Wetlands coordinated NYC area events for Buy Nothing Day, the international day of protest against over-consumption. With the Global Sweatshop Coalition, we organized the We Don't Buy It march against sweatshops, protesting Disney, Nike, K-Mart, and Wal-Mart's use of sweatshop labor. We published literature linking the many consumption-oriented activists events on the weekend after Thanksgiving, like the sweatshop march, Fur Free Friday, Youth Peace Week/International Weekend Against War Toys, and the national day of protest against the Gap.

Domestic Wilderness Wetlands has been the leading group in the Eastern US protesting the owners of the Gap, Old navy, and Banana Republic ecologically destructive side venture into ancient redwood logging. We have held numerous demonstrations at Gap stores (including one lockdown) and leafleted thousands at the free film series Banana Republic sponsored in Bryant Park all summer long. We've also organized an East Coast speaking tour for Redwood Mary, a West Coast redwood defender.

RESOURCES: Wetlands offers internships and can arrange for students to get school credit for working here. We have amble space for meeting, press conference, forums, and conferences, can host benefit concerts at fairly low cost. We have an extensive library of books, videos, informational files, and huge stores of activist literature on a wide range of issues. If you are in the Northeast, we can help you book a presentation with Redwood Mary at your school, group meeting, church, etc.

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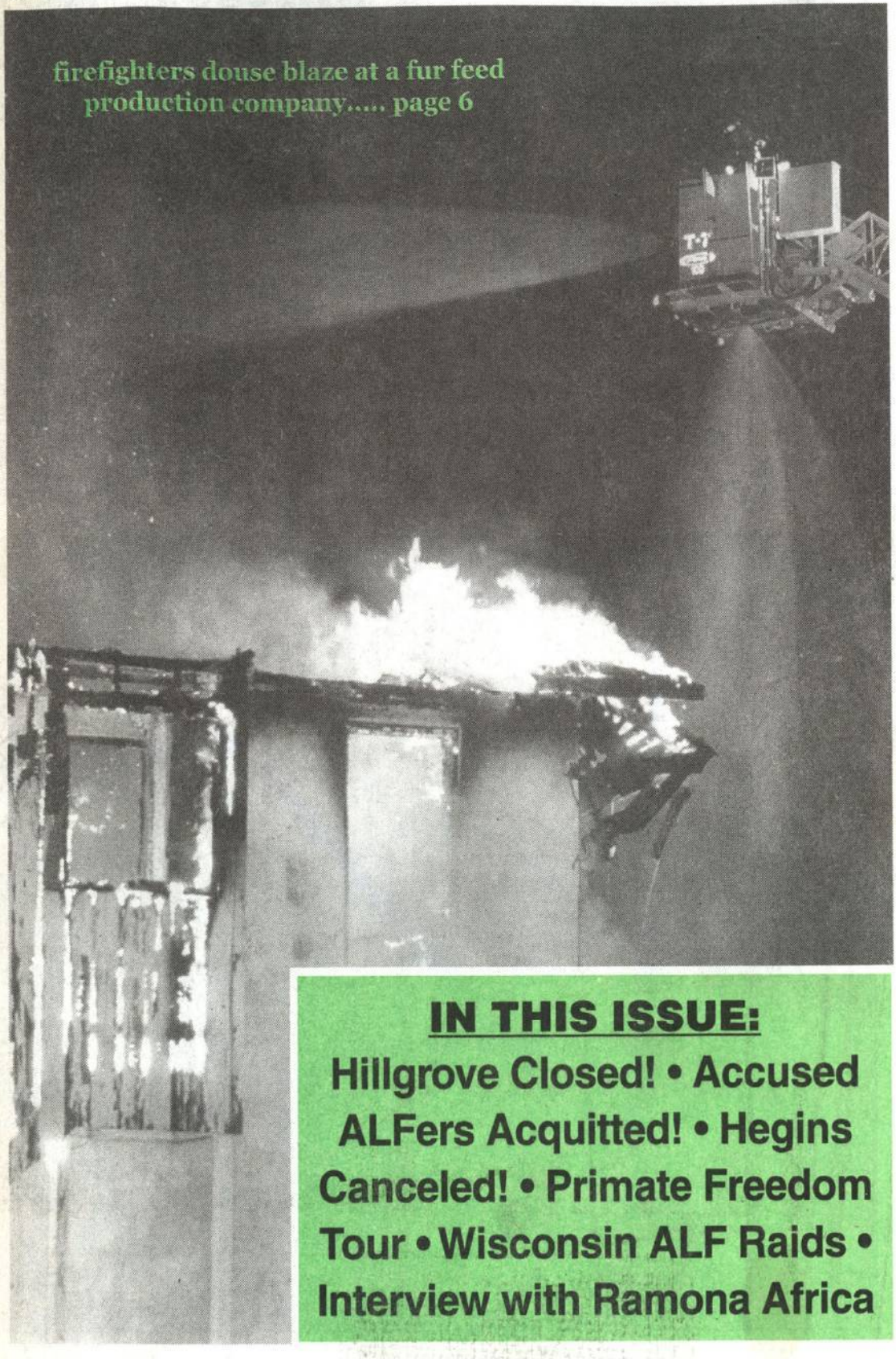
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