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Success, Success, and MORE Success!

We at *No Compromise* are very excited. Despite computer problems, impossible deadlines, and a lack of funds, we managed to overcome the hurdles and produce a larger, more professional issue (Vol. I, No. 2). A heartfelt thanks goes out to the many new groups and individuals who submitted updates and articles to print. We are ecstatic that *No Compromise* is becoming a magazine produced by *many* grassroots activists, and not just one or two editors in an office somewhere. As *No Compromise* continues to grow, we hope you tell your animal rights friends everywhere about us so they can get involved too!

We are also excited because *No Compromise's* goals of encouraging movement community and unity, facilitating coalition building and the sharing of effective tactics, providing a forum for activists to engage in respectful and open dialogue, inspiring and empowering activists, and keeping the movement informed on the activities of the Animal Liberation Front are already starting to be realized. All of the supportive letters and feedback, as well as the many activists willing to help us with our mission testify to that. To thank you for your support and help, we firmly maintain our commitment to producing the best activist magazine for animals available anywhere.

What to expect from Issue Two!

This issue is action packed with news articles on the disruptions at the annual International Mink Producers convention in Wisconsin, the Pelt Auction in Washington, and at stores across the nation that continue to sell fur. It covers the ALF's recent actions, provides an updated address list of animal rights prisoners, and includes press cuttings and communique's by the ALF explaining their recent mink liberations in British Columbia, Wisconsin, and Washington. Police harassment appears to be on the rise, and articles form the Animal Defense League in Syracuse explain their recent run in with it. Our expanded "In the Trenches" section will help you network with other grassroots organizations so you can learn from their experiences or take advantages of the resources they offer.

We have also started a new column called *"Interviews with Activists."* Every issue we will print an interview a dynamic mover in the movement, so that others can learn from their experiences and be inspired by their work. If you know any people who put in a super-human effort on behalf of animals, let us know. Send us their name, a way we can contact them (phone number, address, e-mail), and a description of all the things they've done for animals. They may just be the next person featured in "Interview with Activists"!

Another column we started is *"SHADOW ACTIVIST."* This column lets you to get the answers to the questions you have about animal rights activism. Just write up your question and send it in. Even if your question is not printed, *No Compromise* will send you a personal response to it as part of our commitment to *you* the grassroots activist (If you want a personal response, be sure to include at least one of the following: a return address, phone number or e-mail account where you can be reached).

Hip Hip Hooray for ALF Appreciation Day!

Another exciting special section in this issue is the ALF Appreciation Day Pack! What is ALF Appreciation Day, you ask? This is the day where activists from around the country voice their support for the non-violent, yet hard hitting actions of our nocturnal friends in the ALF, who rescue thousands of animals out of the murderers' hands. It's held every April 2nd on the anniversary of the ALF's 1989 raid at the University of Arizona, Tucson where they freed over 1,200 animals and caused $250,000 worth of damage to the vivisection labs.

It's about time the ALF get thanked for their daring and courageous acts of compassion. Together we can send a strong message of support to our black-clad friends while sending an even stronger message to the abusers that we won't tolerate their atrocities any longer. So read the ALF Appreciation Day Pack enclosed and help us celebrate this festive occasion!

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ON THE COVER: ***Police lead away anti-fur protestors Emily Paukert (front) and Katie Fedor (behind) of SOAR/Minneapolis last Fur Free Friday -- another example of the resurgence of a new, anti-fur, direct action movement in the U.S.***

Six Arrested at SFX Siege



Six anti-fur protestors block entrance to SFX, deadbolts around their necks. (All photos on this page by Jonathan Paul)

'Human Octopus' Won't Yield to Cold Weather, Illegal Action by Police

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Seattle Fur Exchange (SFX) was put under siege by animal rights and environmental activists from Washington, Oregon, California and Tennessee, as well as activists from Canada and Germany in February, 1996. More than 60 activists weathered heavy rain, wind and cold weather in a 7 hour standoff with the SFX, where buyers from all around the world were purchasing dead animal skins. In the end, 6 activists were arrested, but not before they had made their stand....refusing, despite police attempts to "freeze" them out by removing their protective rain gear, to give up. Other activists were pulled over by Renton, WA police, given tickets on trumped up charges, accused of shoplifting and harassed for even walking down the street.)



Alison Frost: Arrested SFX.

by Alison Frost
Northwest Bureau

RENTON, WA -- They call it the "human octopus." And, we were ready to do "it."

After chanting our lungs out with concealed kryptonite locks around our necks for over an hour - the timing was right. The media had arrived, the protest was gaining energy, and we were itching to spring into action.

In less than 30 seconds a controlled and non-threatening protest transformed itself into a successful action designed to prohibit furriers from entering and leaving their bloody auction.

In no time at all six of us locked our necks together and laid down in the road creating a circle of chained activists known as the human octopus. As the protesters, media, furriers, and police realized what had taken place the energy level began to rise. Chants became louder, more militant, activists not planning on risking arrest laid down in front of cars, pounded on arriving limousines, and even broke a window out of one of the furriers vans.

All access into and out of the auction was successfully halted for over four hours as we blocked their main entrance. Meanwhile dozens of police officers and fire fighters stood around scratching their heads in confusion.

That's because the use of heavy duty locks proved to be, once again, the newest and best technique to allow your protest to last much, much longer than usual and to impede police from ending a blockade sooner than you'd like. The locks cannot be cut by bolt cutters....only specialized tools can do it, and they are not always available.

Finally, officers began to plead with us to relinquish the keys or move ourselves, threatening to "be forced to use pepper spray if we did not cooperate". They never sprayed us....it was all a bluff, like much of what the police do and say.

After being searched several times and restating that we really did not have the keys many of us began to develop signs of hypothermia as the temperature dropped and the rain came down, although a little inconvenience for us is nothing compared to what animals go through.

But, the weather was not successful in putting a damper on our spirits!

As I laid in the puddle that was collecting underneath me I became overwhelmed by the reality of what was going on inside the Auction House: 1.85 million animals who each suffered horrendous deaths were being auctioned off to the highest greedy bidder.

I also felt my strength and commitment to stopping the slaughter grow as I laid there with the other determined activists whom I had only just met.

After hours of deliberation fire fighters cut through our heavy duty locks with high powered saws, and dragged us off as we continued to chant and fellow protesters continued to cheer.

We were jailed for nearly 24 hours, but were released, finally, after spending the night in jail, and going on a hunger strike (not as though we could eat the food in the jail anyway). The hunger strike, as well as the protest, was the lead story for more than a day. The media even covered our arraignment.

All in all, we got maximum media coverage, and managed to close the gates for a few hours. Next year? We'll see...



Josh Trenter: Arrested SFX.

RESISTANCE!

Direct Action: Time Tested...and Effective

by Gina Lynn
Southern California Bureau

Direct Action is a strategy used successfully by almost all (if not all) progressive movements.

Historically, Direct Action and Civil Disobedience have proven instrumental in gaining freedom for India (Ghandi), freedom from slavery in the south (Susan B. Anthony), and civil rights for blacks (Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks) to name a few victories.

In the mid to late eighties, the animal rights movement was employing this tactic in great numbers and received much media attention, public support, AND the "opposition" was SCARED!!

"Historically, Direct Action and Civil Disobedience have proven instrumental in gaining freedom..."

This can be easily demonstrated by the millions of dollars they spent publishing white papers about how to destroy and discredit the movement, installing/upgrading security systems, utilizing grand juries to investigate, harass and destroy the movement (as well as hire countless individuals to infiltrate us, posing as activists and basically screwing us up while turning information over to "the other side"/authorities), etc., etc.

This may not sound so great, but it shows that we WERE effective or they wouldn't have gone to all of the trouble. Unfortunately, their disruptive tactics worked. Most of the hardcore AR activists either ran scared never to be seen again or caved in and collaborated with the other side. The momentum was gone, the movement died. In the last five years or so, they've ignored us because we were no longer a threat. They won the battle.

Thanks to the people like Merritt Clifton, Editor of Animal People, certain "leaders" of the movement started denouncing direct action because the risks were too great, the consequences too heavy, letting our "enemies" know just how weak our resolve is.

I guess to someone who isn't empowered, a few days in jail or a few harassing phone calls from the FBI or an indictment by a Federal Grand Jury might be a serious threat. Which is just the way they like it - they want us to be scared - that way they can maintain control and maintain the status quo.

If we continue to fear our opposition and our government, they will inevitably beat us into the ground. And it's not the movement who loses - it's the animals who lose. We will have failed the trillions of animals who will remain locked up in their cages and torture chambers.

So what if they put us in jail for a few days or a few weeks or a few years... It's an old but relevant argument: it's nothing compared to what the animals go through. There is NOTHING that "they" could do to us that could come close to the suffering the animals endure for hours, days, years on end. I know I don't need to remind anyone of the pictures we've all seen of monkeys in stereotaxic devices, cows being shackled and their throats slit, foxes being anally electrocuted...

But hey, why should we inconvenience ourselves? I mean, we all care but do we care enough? Is it worth the sacrifice? After all, we're not the ones in the cages. I know I care enough and I will not be threatened and I will not back down for I know that we are right and somebody's got to be willing to take chances or we will never gain anything for the animals. As long as we submit to "our" government, the same government that oppresses animals (for they always have and always will side with money, with power, with the animal abuse industries), we gain nothing and the animals continue to suffer.

And of course this all applies to Merritt's favorite folks in the ALF. For they have sacrificed far more than most of us will ever think about. Merritt can criticize their "shenanigans" all he wants, but nothing will change the fact that the brave soldiers of the Animal Liberation Front have freed thousands and thousands of animals.

There is no way to minimize the effect of thousands of once or almost tortured creatures running free instead of being butchered for human greed. That is a greater accomplishment than most of us could ever dream of achieving. And most importantly, I don't think any one of those animals would have a sour word for the ALF to whom they owe their lives, their freedom.

I can't believe that anyone who considers him/herself to be an animal rightist would. Can't say enough in favor of liberation, but that's a discussion I'll save for another day.

To anyone interested, there is a small but mighty band of grassroots activists throughout the country who are bringing direct action back, thus breathing life back into the movement!! We understand that standing in front of a store holding a sign, in and of itself, will never cause the store to rethink their retail policies. They need to be forced to close their fur salons (just an example).

They can handle a few people with signs once a year, but when they realize that having people arrested in their stores on a regular basis will cause them bad publicity and hundreds of thousands of dollars (to hire extra security, etc.), that's when they're going to have to consider whether it's really worth it to sell the skins of once tortured animals.

We realize that we have to put pressure on the system that allows animals to suffer at the hands of greedy human beings. We know that handing out flyers puts no pressure on anyone. We realize that we have to hit them where it hurts them the most - their pocketbooks. That's all they understand - they don't understand ethics or rational arguments.

We also understand how important it is to display our resolve, to show that we're not just going to go away, that we care enough to go to jail, that this is serious, it's not something we do when we're bored.

And if all that isn't enough in favor of direct action, we get much better and more media coverage when we push our views to the limit and get arrested.

COMPLETE AND TOTAL NON-COOPERATION

by Alison Frost
Northwest Bureau

Over the past few months I have become increasingly aware of the importance of total non-cooperation with the authorities.

This could vary from not allowing your name, photo or fingerprints to be illegally taken, to refusing to testify against fellow activists. There are a couple of important rights we need to be aware of:

ONE:

At a protest, when the police come around to "find out who is in charge", you do not need speak up, nor does anyone else for that matter. All that needs to be said is, "We work collectively towards the goal of animal liberation and do not follow anyone's commands."

In the past I have personally witnessed intimidated activists claim responsibility for a protest only to have their name, address, and phone number taken and identification requested. They were threatened with: "if things get out of hand - we will hold you responsible". This intimidation could have been easily avoided.

"... had these suggestions been followed, many of our strongest fighters could have been spared prison."

TWO:

Never, ever testify against or answer questions regarding other activists! This is a very simple, yet important concept. Recently in Minneapolis several members of an animal rights organization accepted a plea bargain after being charged with hunter harassment and various other ridiculous charges. The plea bargain included a fine as well as an order to testify AGAINST fellow activists who strongly believed in pleading NOT GUILTY.

Although it is doubtful that their testimony did any serious damage, the fact that the prosecution would waste their time and money to call them on the stand speaks for itself - and more importantly, WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT THE SOLIDARITY OF THIS MOVEMENT?

THREE:

Do not allow your rights to be violated! If a police officer "innocently" comes knocking remember that you have the right (AND DUTY) to refuse to let them in or answer any of their questions.

A simple reply of "no comment" or "I have nothing to say to you - please go away!" will do the trick every time. If they threaten to just come back with a subpoena, make them, it only creates more trouble for them.

Remember that the harder we make it for them to harass us and violate our rights, the less likely they are to do it. By refusing to answer seemingly "innocent" questions you protect yourself, other activists, and the animals. This same rule can be applied when police ask to search your purse, backpack or vehicle.

FOUR:

Recently I was served a subpoena ordering me to testify against another activist, my first reaction was to call the prosecutor and inform her that there was no way in hell that I was going to testify.

LUCKILY, I spoke to the National Activist Network. They wisely informed me that calling them up would only make their job easier. Instead I chose to ignore the subpoena which was illegally served to my little brother. I have since received yet another illegally served subpoena and hear that prosecutors are harassing my family members, I laugh every time I hear of their futile efforts.

The overall importance of not cooperating with police interrogation and intimidation cannot be underestimated! If we all promise to look out for the good of the movement and not our own personal interests we can become much stronger in our struggle to achieve animal liberation.

So please do not blow this off as over exaggerated paranoia, had these suggestions been followed many of our strongest fighters could have been spared prison sentences, and more lives could possibly have been saved.

ARDAC Blockaders Disrupt Fashionable Beverly Hills Store

17 Arrested in Anti-Fur Protest; Activists Hunger Strike for 3 Days

by Gina Lynn
Southern California Bureau

LOS ANGELES -- Well, we finally did it. Not content on just holding signs, or even risking arrest in our campaign to convince Federated Stores to stop selling animal furs, this time we locked ourselves together with locks and heavy metal pipes.

It worked.

Ten of us formed the human chain that stretched across the main mall entrance of Bullock's at the trendy, upscale Beverly Center here Dec. 17, while others shut down escalators.

We locked ourselves together with "lockboxes" while others used kryptonite bike locks to attach themselves to ad displays in the center and to each side of the entrance. Four others locked down to the escalators on the middle floor, effectively shutting them down thus stopping the traffic flow within the store.

After about an hour, 14 protesters plus 2 support people and an innocent bystander were arrested. Police/mall security used brutal force to get many of *us to our feet. They twisted and pulled* our arms which were attached inside the 35-pound lockboxes and tried to lift activists by their heads or their cuffed hands.

Unable to remove one woman from a 7 foot tall ad frame, they dragged the whole thing through the mall with her attached to get her out of public view and with the rest of the group.

The non-violent demonstration ended with the arrests of nine women and eight men who were booked on suspicion felony burglary and conspiracy to commit trespass with bail set at $30,000 each!

Even the police were baffled at the obviously absurd charges and excessive bail, which we refused to pay.

We spent three days in jail and staged a hunger strike for the duration, about 60 hours. Several activists, who are on medication for serious health conditions were denied medical attention and their proper prescriptions.

But, we didn't give in, or give up. The animals have it much, much worse in their cages, we all kept saying.

Monday evening, we learned that charges had been dropped to misdemeanor burglary and bail reduced to $5000. We also found out that just as the jailers received paperwork approving us for release on our own recognizance, the investigative detective on the case made a call to the bail commissioner and convinced him to withdraw the approval.

According to the police, this has never happened before. Hmmm... someone trying to teach us a lesson maybe?

In jail, we gained much support from other inmates as well as the police themselves and were able to educate many people on various animal rights issues. We also did phone interviews with the media and got a lot of coverage (Associated Press, Los Angeles Times, up to 7 different television stations) because of the felony charges.

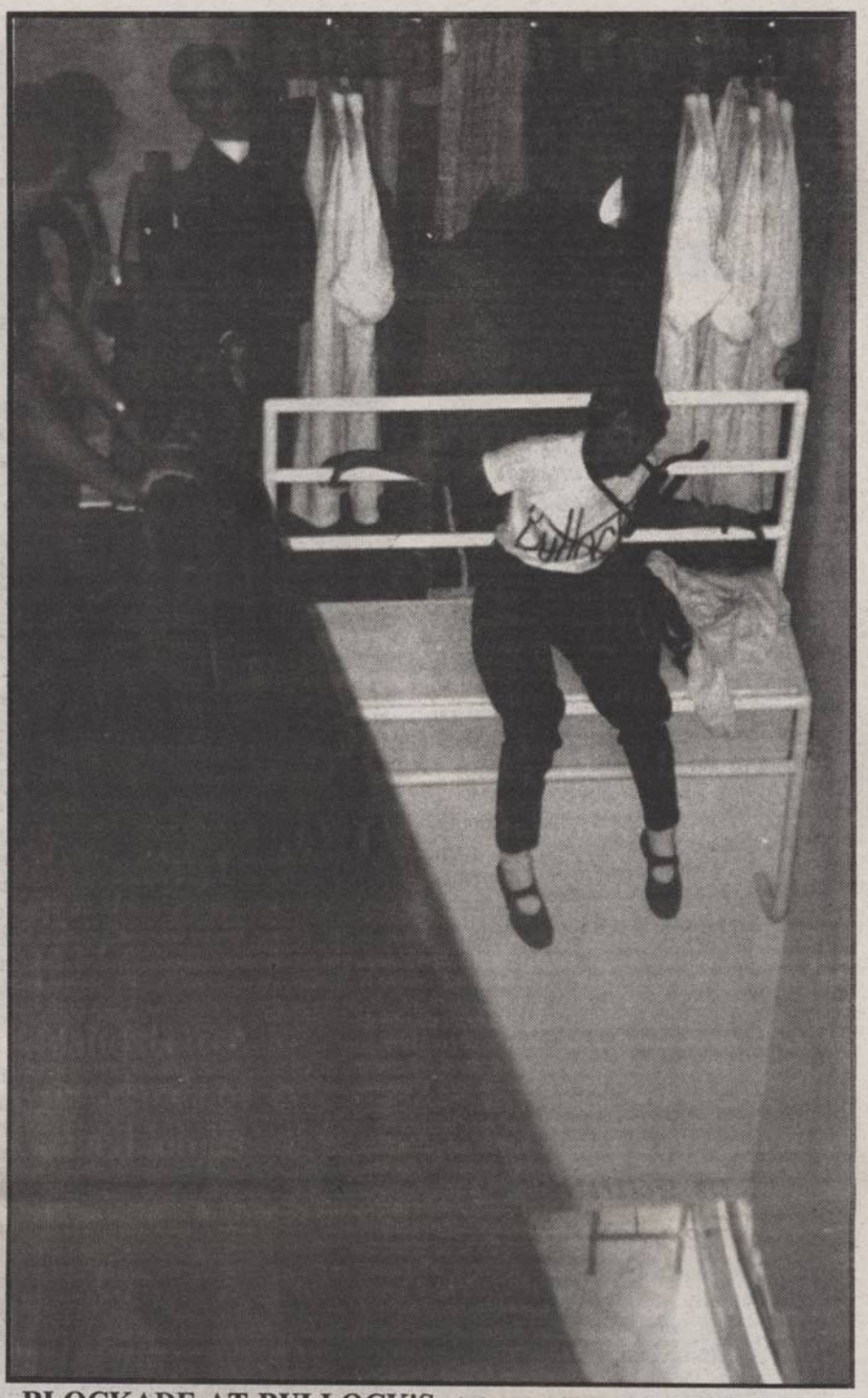
Finally, we were arraigned on Tuesday. We pleaded not guilty and were cited and released that evening. No one had to pay a penny for bail. Besides, that is against our group's "policy."

We avoid paying bail because it rewards the system for arresting us, and may keep other activists from participating.

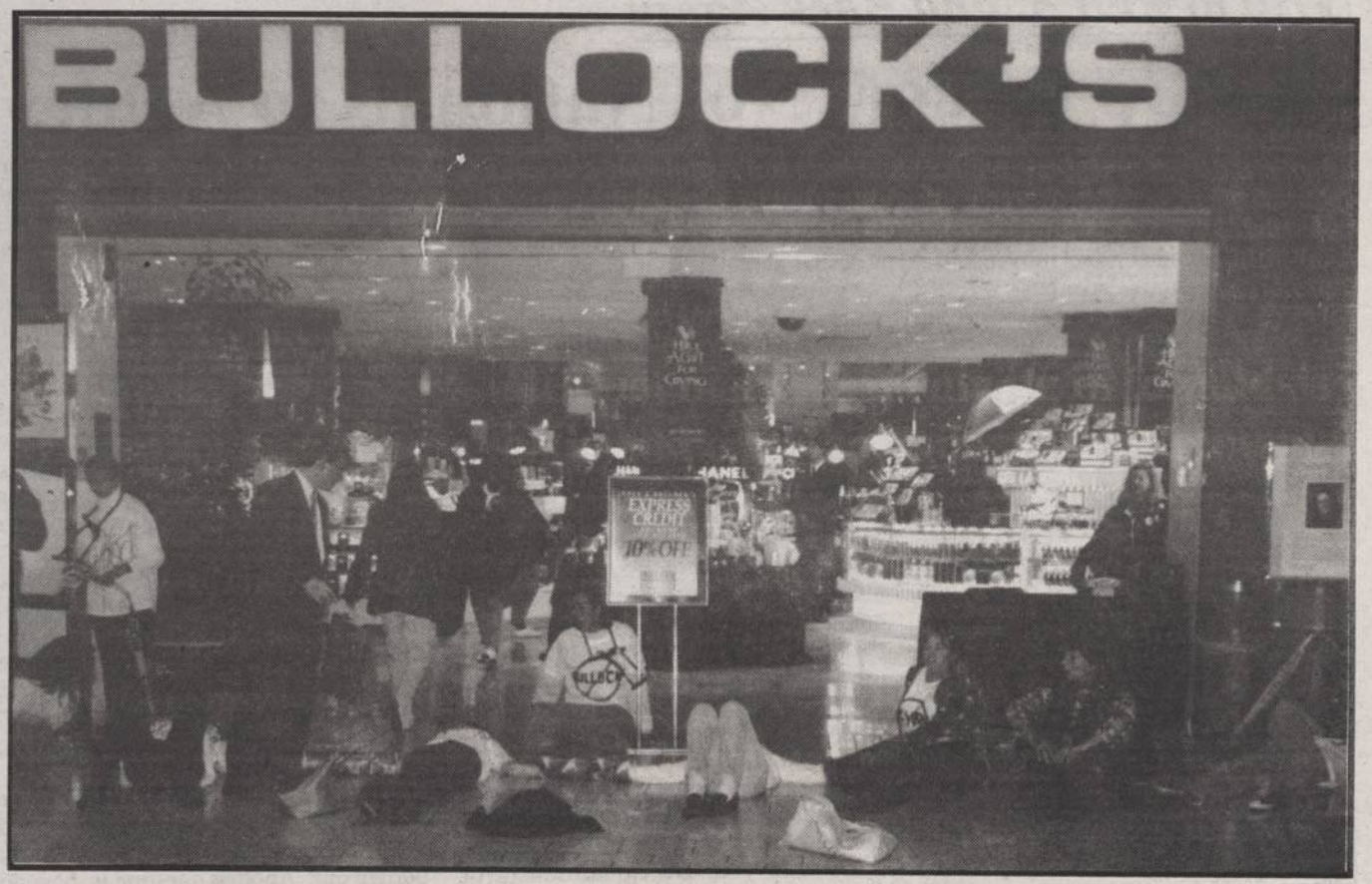
We've found that we are eventually released anyway, and the added time in jail (usually we're out in 4-12 hours) gives us much better media. In a way, they do us a favor (the police) when they keep us in jail!

"By trumping up these ridiculous charges, Bullock's is obviously trying to scare us but they obviously don't know who they're dealing with", said Jorge Belloso-Curiel, one of the arrested protesters. "We will not be intimidated and we will continue our campaign against Federated Department Stores."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The activists are due to go to trial in late April or May. The number of defendants has been reduced from 17 to 10, but the city is paying for most of the lawyers, which will probably cost taxpayers in excess of $50,000. The trial such add another $20,000. Meanwhile, ARDAC (Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition) continues to get more and more media from the action.)



BLOCKADE AT BULLOCK'S. ***(Above) Allison Lance holds police at bay, and halts all traffic on escalators at Bullock's - she's locked to railing, and police cannot get to her. (Below) The main ARDAC force lays down, locked together, effectively closing down the main mall entrance. (Photos by Chuck Remley)***



Dayton Hudson Campaign

Retailer Cited for Abuse Of Workers, Animals

The campaign against Dayton Hudson Corporation has become a two-pronged attack, focusing on the corporation's torture of both non-human animals for fur, and those that work for the corporation.

The Dayton Hudson Corporation is one of the defendants in a $100 million lawsuit filed last January on behalf of 68 Thai immigrants that were found enslaved last summer in a suburban Los Angeles sweatshop. The lawsuit alleges that these Thai immigrants were forced to sew garments for 17 hours a day under the threat of beatings and rape.

Mervyn's Tied to Sweatshops

One of the attorneys representing the Thai workers, Julie Su said, "The name of Mervyn's is found all over documents" confiscated during a raid of the sweatshop. Mervyn's is a subsidiary of the Dayton Hudson Corporation.

Mervyn's filed a motion that the case be dismissed. Dayton Huson spokesperson Susan Eich said the case should be dismissed because there was "no evidence that Mervy's knew or should have known of the sweatshop conditions."

Another attorney of the victimized workers, Della Bahan, said, "We are confident that we will defeat the motion and proceed to trial."

Bahan further added, "Everyone wants to distance themselves from the people actually putting the garments together. They want to profit from their labor but take no responsibility for their suffering."

The suit alleges that Mervyn's contracted with the sweatshop to produce clothing at prices too low to permit payment of minimum wages or overtime. It alleges that Mervyn's was negligent in hiring the sweatshop and not ensuring that labor laws were obeyed.

"Under federal and state civil rights and labor law manufacturers and retailers who profited from these operations are also responsible for the perpetuation of these kinds of slave conditions," Su said.

These practices seem to be consistent with the way the Dayton Hudson Corporation runs its business.



SOAR activists storm Dayton Hudson's retail stores during protest.

Death Camps for Animals

Another subsidiary, Dayton's, continues to support death camps that confine animals in tiny, disease ridden cages for their entire lives, until butchering them for their skins. Methods of killing include anal or genital electrocution, manual neck-breaking, bludgeoning, suffocation, or injecting weed killer into the animal's heart.

Vice President of Public Affairs for Dayton's, Mike Hyter, told the Student Organization for Animal Rights that these animals are raised and killed humanely on farms. However, Dayton's provided no evidence to substantiate their claims.

Coordinator of SOAR's anti-Dayton's campaign, Freeman Wicklund said, "Considering the Dayton Hudson Corporation doesn't even ensure humane treatment of its human workers, I find it impossible to believe they ensure even minimal care for the animals they slaughter in droves for profit."

He also added, "How exactly do you *humanely* cage a wild animal? Or trap it? Or kill it for that matter? The entire fur industry is drenched in the blood and suffering of innocent animals. We are going to continue boycotting and disrupting Dayton's until they change their murderous ways." (An update of SOAR's recent disruptions can be found in their group update in the "In the Trenches" section of *No Compromise.*)

Arrests at Daytons

SOAR has printed hundreds of T-shirts that read "Fur is Murder, Boycott Dayton's" on both sides of the shirt. On March 2nd, two dozen members wore the shirts and browsed through Dayton's for an hour and a half to the chagrin of its security guards who monitored them closely.

Eventually the activists all ended up sitting in the fur salon. Store security demanded they leave. Some protesters branched off to other parts of the store, while a main contingent left Dayton's and entered a Kinko's on the other side of the street where other SOAR members were working on Issue 2 of *No Compromise.* Security followed this group into Kinko's and loudly demanded they remove their shirts.

Activists, unwilling to give up their civil liberties, asserted their right to wear their shirts. Security continued to disrupt Kinko's for five minutes by yelling at the anti-fur demonstrators.

An activist requested that a police officer be sent for to ensure that both parties civil liberties would not be violated, temporarily calming the unbalanced security guard. The person who showed up was the head of security who informed the "hot-headed" security guard that no one had to remove or cover up their T-shirts. Another victory - for the animals.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Call the Dayton's comment line at 612-375-3382. *This number accepts all collect calls!* Lambaste them for supporting sweatshops. Tell them how furs are produced. Let them know you are going to boycott all Dayton Hudson stores (Mervyn's Califonia, Dayton's, Marshall Fields, Hudson's, and Target) until they stop selling fur.

Buy an Anti-Dayton's T-shirt. SOAR is selling their "Fur is Murder, Boycott Dayton's" shirts for $10 plus $3 for shipping charges. If you are planning to do a T-shirt protest at your local Dayton's, call SOAR for information on bulk rate purchases. (See "In the Trenches" for SOAR's address, phone.)

Anti-fur Organizers Wanted! SOAR is looking for activists near other Dayton's who can help put pressure on them in their area. In Wisconsin, they need organizers near Appleton, Eau Claire, and La Crosse. In North Dakota, SOAR needs activists near Bismark, Grand Forks, and Fargo. In Minnesota, coordinators are needed near St. Cloud and Rochester.

Write letters of protest to Dayton's CEO:
Steve Watson
Chief Executive Officer of Dayton's
Downtown Dayton's
700 on the Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Trip to PETA, and Back Again

It's Up to You, Not Nationals to Achieve Animal Lib

by Katie Fedor
Midwest News Bureau

When I first became involved in PETA, I was twelve years old, and a beginner in the animal rights movement.

Since that time I have been arrested five times and have started my own group at my university. After dealing many times with administrators and the president of my school, who told me to "consider other colleges" because of my activism, I decided I was ready to venture into the hardcore militant territory of PETA.

They were the ones who had started me in my journey of recognizing speciesism and who guided people into civil disobedience. I felt I was ready to learn from the best and spent almost a month with them

My expectations were slightly unrealistic I soon discovered when I started working with the employees. I was also armed with many questions about the recent changes in Animal Times and the Fugi Film rumor, to name a few. I was determined to find answers to my dilemmas, and I did. I also left with more questions however.

I'll start with the answers; I met directly with Ingrid Newkirk and spoke with her about Animal Times. She was very honest and personable when she explained why their newsletter is directed towards mainstream uneducated members who still eat meat, and not towards militant activists. She spoke about her frustration when it became obvious that some of the members weren't bothering to read the articles since the pictures and stories were so gruesome.

Only a few would be brave enough to read about the suffering. The point is, members weren't getting educated if they couldn't stand to open the front page. Now, with an easier-on-the-stomach format, readers can look at vegan recipes along with stories on NASA experiments. Everything is toned down, but the message is still the same; GO VEGAN! During this conversation, I was thinking about where activists should get their motivation. I came up with a few suggestions to share with you: No Compromise (of course), North American ALF Support Group, British ALF Support Group, and Arkangel (Britain).

It tracked down an answer to the Fugi Film rumor and they did correct it in the following Animal Times. This is just one example of how much freedom I felt to question and debate certain issues. I tracked down lots more answers to much more questions and had in depth debates with many employees. The point is, you are made to feel welcome in expressing your views. I also stuffed the suggestion box before I left because there is always room for improvement.

The questions I left with are a bit more complicated and have to do with some of their same concerns. Not all of the employees are motivated to do CD's or even go to protests. I was surprised (here is the unrealistic part) because I thought every day after work they would all go protests or leaflet.

Well, they have the same problems we do when trying to encourage activism, and a lot of employees don't want to get burned out. Another question is, how do we import the energetic militant activism of Britain into the states? There certainly is a difference in the U.S., and I am still looking for the answer. If you have any ideas, send them my way.

Some of the activities I participated in was a Lobster Liberation that 20/20 covered and I threw a vegan pie at Ronald McDonald. So I was able to experience a lot. My best advice to future PETA interns is to not place unrealistic expectations on PETA or its employees.

Some employees rock, some suck hard, but that is true in any group, wherever you go. The internship is ideal for beginner to medium activists, but if your used to running a militant group where CD is the name of the game, and you don't eat sugar or go to movies, you might feel a little disappointed. I would recommend it for anyone though, and would love to discuss it further with anyone who has more questions.

Most importantly, don't rely on PETA or anyone else to achieve animal liberation, it is up to each one of us to accomplish it!

Macy's Corporate HQ Invaded

20 Anti-Fur Protestors Jailed; City Dismisses All Charges

SAN FRANCISCO — A combined force of activists from San Francisco and Los Angeles took over the boardroom of Macy's plush corporate headquarters here last October as part of a coordinated effort to put yet more pressure on the retail giant to stop selling furs.

Although 20 activists were arrested, including their lawyer, they vowed to fight the 3 different trespassing charges, exposing Macy's cruelty to animals and gross participation in the fur trade.

However,the city attorney in San Francisco March 15 agreed to dismiss all charges, causing activists to declare a "major victory" for free speech and their campaign against the fur industry.

"This demonstrates that activists should not only refuse the first deal offered by prosecutors, but demand a jury trial. In the best case scenario, the charges will be dismissed. If it goes to trial, then you can use the court as a forum to discuss the animal cruelty issue. We can't lose, in any case," said Crescenzo Vellucci, one of those arrested.

The protest, which involved about 60 activists inside and outside the 7th Floor corporate offices, saw activists parading through the multi-office complex with audio tapes blaring (a fox caught in a trap).

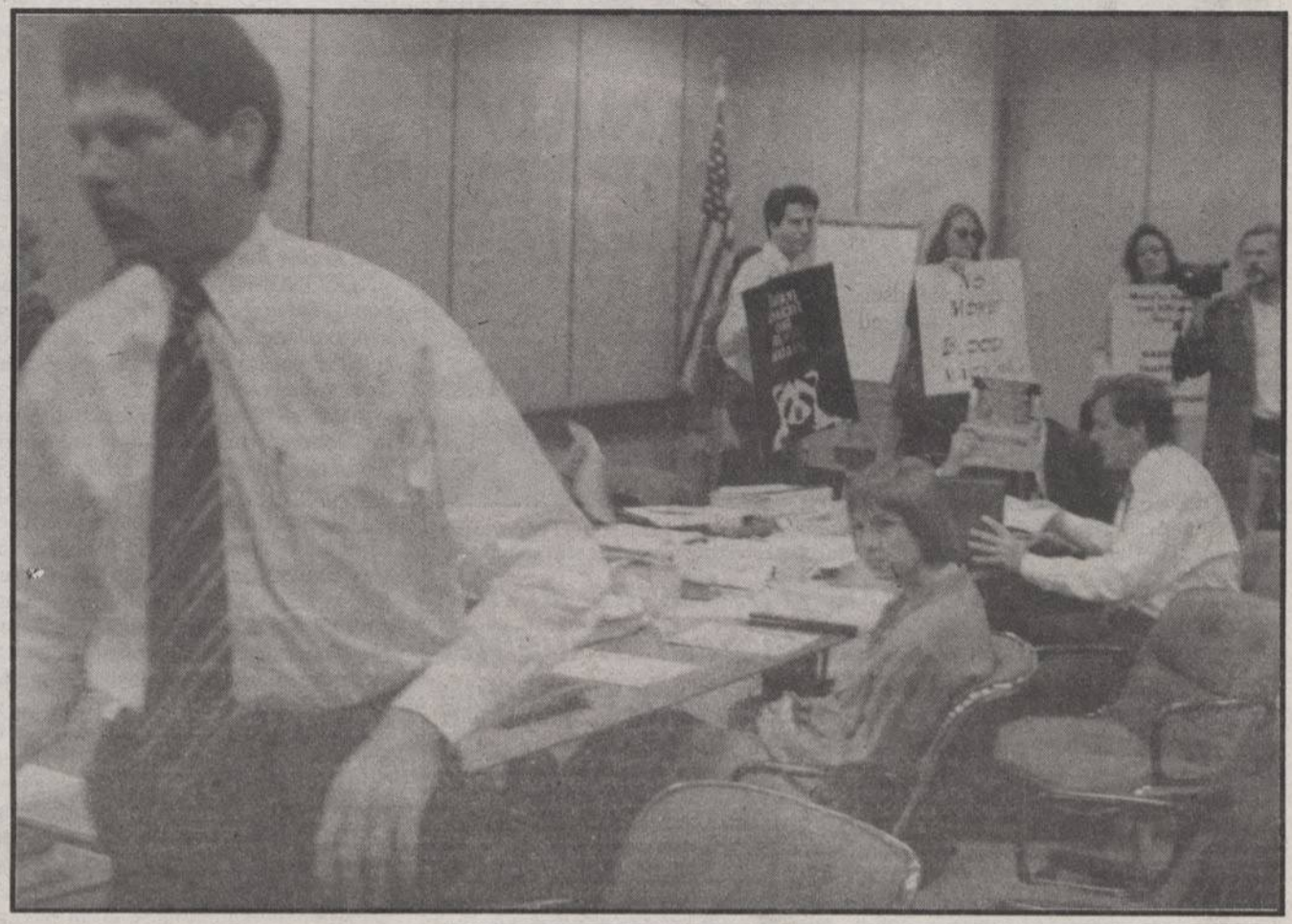
And then, the activists -- with news media in tow -- burst into the boardroom of Macy's where a full board meeting was taking place. The action emptied the room, and activists placed a "Fur Free Zone" placard in the area.

Outside the boardroom, two protestors used kryptonite bike locks to lock-on to elevators and main door to the offices. Both elevators were closed down by activists...forcing the dozens of employees to use stairs.

After occupying the offices for nearly 2 hours, security thugs for Macy's began to get rough, but both of the activists' video cameras, plus numerous media, caught the action of employees kicking and punching non-violent protestors, as well as a television cameraperson. A civil suit against Macy's is still anticipated.

"The City made the right decision. People were participating in a non-violent demonstration that only became violent when Macy's employees attacked them, and members of the media," said Vellucci, executive director of the Activist Civil Liberties Committee.

The demonstration, sponsored by the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, was just one of many in a stepped-up campaign against Federated Stores — owner of more than 450 retail outlets, including Macy's — in an effort to convince the chain to stop selling furs. CAFT, National Activist Network and Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition (ARDAC) were among the groups participating.



ON THE MOVE. *Activists (above) take over the boardroom of Macy's San Francisco corporate headquarters, as board members hurriedly run away. (below) Police arrest protestors occupying both Macy's elevators. The arrests were gentle, and activists released after an hour. (photos by Kurt Eller)*

More Direct Action Planned For Federated Dept Stores

by J.P. GOODWIN
Southern News Bureau

This is a promise. In the near future the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade will hit Federated Dept. Stores with another day of action. And, these attacks will continue until Federated, the nations largest department store conglomeration, stops selling fur and fur trimmed products.

For the past year CAFT has been organizing actions designed to shut down Federated outlets and stop fur sales. Federated companies such as Macy's, Bloomingdales, Rich's, and Bullocks have had to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on security for our protests. We can achieve our goal, but only with persistence and a lot of work. We would like for other groups to get in touch with us and join the campaign.

Some controversy has been generated as CAFT, and all of the other groups that have joined the campaign, have used more direct tactics to get our point across. Specificaly, ultra conservative animal welfarists, such as Merritt Clifton of Animal People magazine, have criticized our continued use of civil disobedience. While CD has helped maximize our media coverage, traumatized Federated and forced them to spend loads of money on security, and energized the movement, people like Merritt don't seem to get it.

The best way to gauge the effectiveness of a tactic is to see what results that method produces.On Fur Free Friday media coverage of anti fur protests was way down. While 172 media outlets



across the U.S. covered Fur Free Friday in 1994, only 90 covered the protests in 1995. Yet the cities in which CD was used reported maximum media response. Therefore, it must be assumed that where activists just stood around holding signs the media just wasn't interested.

Carl Hermann, a furrier from Pittsburgh, was quoted in Fur World as saying "...there was no disorder, and no verbal harrassment this time. Also, there was no media coverage. I regard this as a dead issue." During the same week, Fur Age Weekly reported that "A new group helped breathe life into the nearly dead protest day by stepping in and coordinating across the country a series of more militant attacks on stores that sell fur." The article then went on to describe the CAFT campaign against Federated.

While the fur trade is ignoring more moderate forms of campaigning, they just can't handle our more confrontational, but still non violent, forms of protests. We want Federated to go fur free as this would be a death knell to the fur trade.

If one of the following stores is in your area then please contact us: Bloomindales, Macy's, Bullocks, Jordan Marsh, Rich's, Lazarus, Goldsmith's, Broadway, Weinstocks, Emporium, Bon Marche, Burdines, or Stern's. We need to establish a prescence in more cities. We can help advise groups on how to handle the legal end of direct action protests, media relations, etc. We look forward to working with your group.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: J.P. Goodwin and CAFT can be reached at : Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, PO Box 40641, Memphis, TN 38174. Call 901/725-7595)

Torching Seal Killers' Flag



SOAR activists (from left, Freeman Wicklund, Emily Paukert and Katie Fedor) torch a Canadian flag for "Day of the Seal" in March protesting Canada's seal slaughter.

Fiery Protests Mark Worldwide Action Against Newest Canada Seal Slaughter

Scores of protests, ranging from civil disobedience to the torching of Chinese and Canadian flags, took place in early March as part of "Day of the Seal," coordinated internationally by Ark II of Canada.

Flags were burned in numerous cities, including San Francisco, Minnesota and Los Angeles. Consulates and embassies were stormed by activists, some carrying stuffed seals. There were reports of some arrests.

The demonstrations were part of the outrage against the Canadian governments' "war on wildlife," and slaughter of 250,000 seals this year.

Much of the focus of the protests was aimed at China and Asia, where a growing market for seal penises as sex enhancers (aphrodisiacs) has led to the new killing fields of Canada.

Also, reports have suggested that Canada is subsidizing the cost of the seal murders.

For more information, contact Ark II in Canada (416/223-4141).

Series of California Trials Boosts Animal Rights Cause

A series of trials of animal rights activists in California has boosted the cause, while depleting the reserves of embattled cities and counties, according to the Activist Civil Liberties Committee (ACLC), a project of the National Activist Network.

Activists, primarily from the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition (ARDAC), have undertaken non-violent civil disobedience actions from San Francisco to Los Angeles, and targeted such diverse animal abuse industries as marine mammals, vivisection, and fur.

In the most publicized trial yet, a 2-week affair in Newport Beach (just outside of Los Angeles) in January, 5 activists were found guilty of "disrupting" the chancellor at UC Irvine when they attempted, in April 1995, to meet with her. The jury found them guilty, despite statements by the police that the activists had been "peaceful."

Ironically, at least one of the jurors has now joined ARDAC.

The trial garnered more publicity than even the protest, according to Gina Lynn, ARDAC organizer.

Four activists -- Lynn, Cres Vellucci, Sheila Laracy and Richard McLellan -- asked the judge to sentence them to jail, rather than accept probation, which is a little known right of defendants. The judge refused, gave them a small fine and community service. However, the 4 -- who will not pay fines as a matter of conscience -- are appealing the sentence.

"We have no problem with community service, since we can do it with an animal group, but we will not pay fines," said Laracy.

Vellucci, who along with McLellan represented himself, explained the trial was an "empowering" experience that showed the "system, the university, and the animal torturers that we have the resolve to put our bodies on the lines, be arrested and then take this through trial."

The cost of the UC Irvine trial was estimated to have cost the county of Orange, which filed for bankruptcy last year, about $25,000. Other trials in Southern and Northern California, could total more than $200,000.

The cost to activists, who use volunteer and court-appointed lawyers or represent themselves, is close to zero.

And, activists believe the trials are just an extension of their activism.

"We can't complain about having to go to court when we know what the animals are going through," said Laracy. "When we show the courts, the media and the public that we are serious, then they will take our message even more seriously."

Laracy, who co-organized the first ever civil disobedience action in U.S. history for animals in 1984 at UC Davis, also spent nearly a week in jail in 1985 as the first person in the U.S. sentenced to jail for the animals.

Other Southern Cal activists have learned "pushing" the system works. One case stemming from an anti-fur protest was dismissed in January when officials decided not to spend the money to prosecute activists.

Imprisoned Activists Dubbed 'Economowoc 18'

22 Militants Arrested At Mink Convention, Spend 3 Days in Jail

by Denise Lynn
East Region Bureau

OCONOMOWOC, Wi. -- An International meeting of the Mink Farmers Convention January 13 at the Olympia Resort did not go over well in the Animal Liberation community.

Activists from all over the country met in Oconomowoc to "disrupt" the Animal Abusers convention, including the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition (ARDAC) from California, Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT) from Tennessee, Student Organization for Animal Rights (SOAR) from Minneapolis and Animal Defense League (ADL) from New York and Indianapolis.

More than 50 activists descended upon the small Wisconsin town, and on the morning of January 13th, two activists went inside the hotel to check out the "goings on" of the convention. Meanwhile, other activists met in a shopping mall parking lot next door to the resort. At about 10:30 the activists made their way to the road with signs.

After several minutes, 20 of the protesters, myself included, charged the hotel. Running about a quarter of a mile from the road to the front door, most of us were intercepted right beside the front entrance by local cops and a swat team. Only 3 managed to make it inside.

The rest of us were shoved face first in the snow with our hands behind our backs, still attempting to make noise chanting... "Murderers", "What do we want... Animal Liberation", and "Fur Trade, Death Trade."

After half an hour, 20 activists were transported to the Waukesha County Jail. Two others were taken to Juvenile hall and released an hour later.

Within the jail 18 of us were processed and 2 local activists were bailed out. The men and women were separated to different areas and immediately we began a hunger strike.

Meanwhile, outside about 20 activists set up camp in the jail lobby and joined us in our hunger strike.

National Activist Network in Sacramento, California posted a letter on the Internet stating that 18 activists were arrested at the Olympia Resort and were being held in the Waukesha County Jail. The letter coined the term "Oconomowoc 18" for those of us who were being held. The phone number for the jail was also posted and callers from around the globe called to voice their concern that the real criminals were still on the outside killing animals.

Our adventure in the Waukesha County Jail lasted 3 days and 2 nights with activists camping out in the lobby with no food the entire time.

After imposing on the jail and courts, a judge released us all Monday afternoon with citations.

A few weeks later an article appeared in a local Oconomowoc newspaper. The Olympia Resort stated that they would not have the mink farmers back at their resort. They had to hire extra security, including the local police force and a swat team. For several weeks prior to the convention, many people were calling the Olympia Resort exclaiming their disapproval of them hosting the mink farmers. And of course the 22 people who risked arrest were a deciding factor.

The mink convention is held annually and every year activists gather to prevent or disrupt it. And every year that it continues means that we must be there to let the Mink farmers know that profit is not a justification for murder, and we will not stop until the fur trade has been defeated.

ALF Frees 200 Mink From Fur Farm In Wisconsin

SHEBOYGAN, Wi -- A clandestine animal rights organization freed about 200 mink from a fur farm near here in January -- making the total nearly 7,000 animals liberated from fur farms in Canada and the U.S. since late 1995, according to the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT).

In all, its the 6th known animal liberation by the ALF on fur farms, including 4,000 mink released from a Canadian fur farm in November, 1995, another 2,400 freed in October, 200 more liberated from an Olympia, Washington fur farm in November, 1 coyote from a Minnesota fur farm in September and 30 fox from a Tennessee fur farm in November.

According to a communique issued by the Animal Liberation Front, the Wisconsin mink were released from the farm (where about 20,000 mink are imprisoned) owned by Bob Zimbal.

"We opened the cages and released these wild creatures into their natural habitat," said the ALF in its message. "They spend their entire lives in tiny cages, breeding offspring for the fur trade...the offspring are taken, and raised in intensive confinement, and then gassed. Their lives are destroyed for a mere luxury item. Now these mink have a chance at life. Beforehand, death was certain."

Then, the ALF warned, "More (actions are) coming."

A huge reward of $70,000 offered by the fur industry for the activists who have freed the mink was characterized an "absurd" by CAFT organizer JP Goodwin.

"It is an insult to anyone victimized by true criminal activity. Apparently, the fur industry cares more about their property then people victimized by murderers and rapists," Goodwin said.

SYRACUSE FUR WAR



Corrupt Cops Join Furrier in Harassment of ADL Activists

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Syracuse ADL is one of the most active grassroots animal rights groups around now, or at any time over the past 5 years. They picket, flyer, get arrested and fight federal grand juries. Despite attempts by a grand jury and abusive ATF/FBI agents about a year ago, ADL did not fold, and did not give up. They did not cooperate with the illegal government tribunal, and it was ended, not ADL. Now, after nearly destroying the business of Georgio's Furs, ADL is under attack by police and corrupt city officials who arrest activists just for carrying signs, and police who haul activists away after having the gall to stand in front of them and look up potential violations just to get the protestors off the streets. This report is just a sampling of what has been happening in Syracuse. The activists are without any funding at all, and lawyers. But, they fight on....despite great personal risk. For the animals.)

by Denise Lynn
East Region Bureau

SYRACUSE, NY -- And, justice for "all"? If you are a citizen of Syracuse, or anywhere in the U.S. today, you very well may have a good reason to ask this question after the events that took place on Saturday, February 17th, 1996, outside of Georgio's Furs on S. Salina street.

ROUND ONE

At around noon, Feb. 17, activists from the Syracuse chapter of the Animal Defense League proceeded to pull down a chain gate that Georgio's Furs has to protect his storefront. Four activists then chained themselves behind the gate as an act of civil disobedience, much like actions of Mohandas Ghandi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. practiced in their respective struggles.

The rest of the group continued with a peaceful protest, just as ADL has been doing for over four years now.

Then the Syracuse police showed up and things went awry.

For several protests prior to the 17th, the police have shown up to answer the desperate and frantic calls of the owner of the fur salon Georgio Politis in numbers more than doubling the number of activists.

The 17th was no exception.

The first cop grabbed David Agranoff, and told him to leave. When David attempted to comply, the officer refused to let go of him.

DAVE MACED!

The officer told David to move away from the scene and when David calmly replied that he was well within his rights to be standing on the sidewalk engaged in peaceful protest, the officer held David by the jacket and told him he was to be arrested, while in the meantime the officer did not warn or address the other protestors that stood less than a foot away from David. That particular policeman later stated during a news interview that, he identified David as a 'ringleader' and chose to deal with him,

What followed was a struggle between David and 3 other officers who eventually maced him. David was the first of several activists to be arrested that week. Next was Jeff Watkins who came to David's defense.

Once more policemen arrived and traffic was blocked off by patrol cars at the ends of the block on S. Salina street. The police proceeded to disband the peaceful protestors saying that the protest was no longer peaceful and anyone who stayed would be arrested when in actuality the only ones who weren't being peaceful were the police themselves as they tackled and maced David for not complying with their unjust orders.

In fact, the police also brought an attack dog to intimidate and scare the protestors into leaving Georgio's. When all was said and done, seven protestors were arrested on that afternoon.

The officers proceeded to herd off the peaceful demonstrators and block off the entire street, a main road in downtown. After a debate about Freedom of Assembly, one activist, Brian Pease, decided to continue to exercise his Bill of Rights and went back to the store front to peacefully demonstrate. He was immediately taken into custody.

The next 45 minutes the cops dedicated to removing Nicole Rogers, Chris Tarbell, Ethan Brody and James Light from the stores Security gate.

Ethan and James were brought directly to a local Juvenile detention Center. Brian was bailed out and the remaining 4 activists were booked on charges of resisting arrest., unlawful assembly and disorderly conduct with the exception of Jeff Watkins who was charged with contempt and obstructing Justice.

They were all arraigned the next morning, Chris Tarbell was released on his own recognizance due to his status as a full time student. Nicole was to be held until another court date on Tuesday and David until Friday. Activists in ADL frantically gathered the total of $1750 bail for all three. By Tuesday morning they were all bailed out.

ROUND TWO

We decided not to let Georgio rest that week so another protest was held Wednesday morning. For 45 minutes under close monitor from 10 cops and numerous undercover cops, 20 activists chanted and leafleted peacefully.

Suddenly a paddy wagon and 15 additional cops descended upon us. They informed us that we were to leave immediately or all be arrested for unlawful assembly. Although we realized this was a breach of our constitutional rights, we all decided to leave.

During this process James Lights' mother was arrested for standing in the road and when James approached her and the cops, he was arrested again.

We immediately headed towards the Public Safety building angry and disoriented, to file a formal complaint against each officer.

When we arrived only 2 of us were allowed to go inside.to file the complaints. We were asked for names and badge numbers of each officer.

ARRESTS BEGIN AGAIN

When we proclaimed that we had them on video she asked to see it. So I ran downstairs to the other activists to grab the video.

Conveniently, all the officers involved were huddled in front of the main entrance. When I got the video I went back inside and was followed by an officer who informed me that I had no business there. I told him that I did , and went back up, where the clerks told me to have everyone come up. So I ran back downstairs to tell everyone and when I attempted to re-enter the front door, I was surrounded and told I had no business there. Then, I was arrested.

That day James and his mother were released. I was booked and spent a night in jail until arraignment the next day.

So goes the war between the Syracuse Police and The Animal Defense League.

We are right now in the process of filing a Civil Suit against the local Police for a violation of our constitutional rights. All activists need to become aware of their rights so we can defend them while fighting for our ultimate goal of ANIMAL LIBERATION!!!

(Dave Agranoff contributed to this report)

90 Days In Lab Protest Sentence

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. -- A University of Minnesota political activist has been sentenced to 90 days in jail, the maximum under state law, for his participation in a peaceful demonstration at the university last year while demonstrating against animal experiments.

His sentence is being condemned as a miscarriage of justice, and a flagrant attempt to stifle the activist's free speech rights by a national civil liberties group.

Freeman Wicklund, student organizer with Student Organization for Animal Rights (SOAR), was found guilty last month of disorderly conduct when he attempted to meet with UofM President Nils Hasselmo to discuss research at the university that involves addicting monkeys and rats to cocaine, PCP and other drugs.

Hennepin County Judge Joan Lancaster Monday morning initially sentenced Wicklund to 1 day in jail, time-served. But, as a condition of probation, insisted he accept guidelines that would have prohibited his participation in protests for 3 months.

"I cannot, in good conscience, accept that prohibition," said Wicklund, who said the terms of probation violated his constitutional rights to free speech. "The threat of prison will not deter me from continuing my activity as an activist," he said.

"The sentence is outrageous, and absurd," said Crescenzo Vellucci, executive director of the Activist Civil Liberties Committee (ACLC), a national legal defense organization based in California.

"The length of sentence, coupled with the court's attempt to stifle his free speech rights, makes it apparent that the goal of the court is not to serve any public safety purpose, but to chill Mr. Wicklund's free speech rights," added Vellucci.

Wicklund, who represented himself at the trial, will be free pending appeal.

Buffalo Activists Rights Violated After Arrest

BUFFALO, NY -- Two anti-fur activists were arrested here Feb. 10 at a "Valentine's Day" anti-fur protest, but the civil rights of at least activist, Dave Ganczewski of Animal Defense League, were apparently violated.

Ganczewski was denied a lawyer, and then not allowed to represent himself at a pretrial hearing, violating his "right to counsel" under the U.S. and state constitutions, said the Activist Civil Liberties Committee in a prepared statement.

Also arrested with Ganczewski, who is the Buffalo organizer for Animal Defense League, was ADL member Todd Sullivan. Both were charged with disorderly conduct and trespass.

Appeal Likely

Three Guilty of 'Hunter Harassment' After Series of Trials in Minnesota

SHAKOPEE, Minn. -- An animal rights activist was found guilty here in Scott County Court in February for "harassing" hunters -- the third protestor convicted under the state's controversial "hunter harassment" law in 2 weeks.

The six-person jury, however, dismissed 2 counts, disorderly conduct and trespassing, against Nick Atwood, a member of Students Organized for Animal Rights (SOAR) of Minneapolis. He was found guilty of "hunter trespass," trying to "dissuade" hunters from killing animals and "disturbing" wild animals.

Earlier, Jessie Miner and Renee Gardner of SOAR were found guilty of the "dissuade" charge and "disturbing" wild animal charge. All three are filing appeals of the convictions, and have been informed the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will file briefs in support of them.

At least three other SOAR activists are expected to go to trial in next few weeks. The SOAR cases are involve the arrest of 16 anti-hunting activists in November, 1994 in Murphy Hanrahan Regional Park for allegedly harassing hunters. The trials are expected to cost the county here more than $50,000.

"The law is vague, unconstitutional and absurd. We are confident the appeals court will rule that you have the right to talk to people, as long as you are non-violent, which these activists were. And, charging animal advocates with 'disturbing' wild animals is crazy when you consider the hunters were about to kill those same animals," said Larry Weiss, chief counsel for the Activist Civil Liberates Committee.

Activists claim they were not harassing hunters, but participating in a peaceful, constitutionally-protected demonstration. Some of those arrested were not even part of the protest, nor were they near the hunters.

Longtime Atlanta Activist Guilty

ATLANTA -- Sue McCrosky, who has been battling Emory University and the Yerkes Primate Center for years because of their cruelanimal experiments, has been found guilty by a judge for her non-violent action in April 1995.

McCrosky, who was arrested blocking the entrance to Yerkes in 1994, chained herself to a construction area in 1995. She was found guilty of trespassing in January in Atlanta.

She said she will not accept probation, nor pay a fine, and is expected to request that she be sent directly to jail "for the animals."

SHADOW ACTIVIST: *What do I do about 'loose lips'?*

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This column will be a regular feature in NC. It is designed to answer common, sometimes "intriguing" questions that activists often have. This column is for informational purposes only).

Dear "Shadow Activist":

First, I want to say I understand the importance of activist security. I never try to guess or gossip about who I think might be behind all of our local ALF actions, as rumors and innuendo is all it takes to convene a grand jury, and get someone, even an innocent person, in trouble. And, if I was an active ALF member, I certainly would not tell anyone about the hits I've been involved in, as that would put both my safety and the safety of the person I told at risk. Even if I was trying to start up a new ALF cell with people who I had known for a long time and trusted with my life, I would not tell them about my previous actions for the simple fact that they don't need to know. In these cases, it is always better to be safe than sorry. And, people who don't know anything can't talk now, can they? However, sometimes people will start telling me about what they've done. I know they shouldn't be saying these things, but what do I do? Sometimes they even say these things over the phone, email or other channels that could easily be monitored by police. How should I respond to e "loose lips"?

---Disgruntled in Denver

Dear Disgruntled:

This is a tricky situation, but not impossible to handle. As soon as you know that someone is going to be saying something they should not, interrupt them! If you are too shocked to say anything meaningful to interrupt them with elo-quence and wit, then just belt out some noise to stop them and once you are more collected, explain activist security concerns to them.

An activist's involvement with the ALF should not be known to anyone except the other cell members that he or she works with. If other people are informed of their actions, those people become an "accessory after the fact," thereby putting their safety at risk. Many times if an ALF activist tells a "trusted friend" who tells their "trusted friend" who tells their "trusted friends," soon that activist's secret is no longer a secret, and your safety is highly compromised. It's the police and FBI's job to harass and intimidate information out of people...and their decades of experience have made them good at it. The less people who know who is doing what, when, the better. Activists should not have to find out which of their friends they can and cannot trust from behind bars...but they often do, unfortunately.

Even well meaning friends can put them at risk. If they tell other friends, if they talk about it on the phone or email, channels which might be monitored by police, or if your friend accidentally tells an industry plant posing as an activist. As we become more and more effective we can expect more and more monitoring by the FBI, ATF and police. They often employ agents to gather information or just keep us paranoid. If rumors are floating around, they will be sure to pick that information up and get it back to headquarters. That is why activists should practice self-censorship and learn that they are the only person who they can trust 100 percent.

If you cannot stop that person before they finish telling you what they have done, say "Look, I know you haven't done those things, because if you had, you wouldn't tell me about it as that puts both your safety, and mine, at risk. Let's talk about activist security a little...." If you acknowledge the fact that they've been involved in an action, this makes you an accessory after the fact. By denying their action, you have negated that. By educating them about activist security, you can hopefully prevent this activist from telling the wrong people sometime.

Now, everyone makes mistakes. And, there may be some reason that people may need to know more than they should, but if you have repeatedly chastised a person for making these same mistakes over and over again, and they continue to commit these errors, you might start to get concerned that you have an informer or agent in your midst. They often pretend to be an ALF activist, or suggest "joining" the ALF in an attempt to find out who the ALF members are in the local area.

This is another reason why it is important to not let these errors go by without mentioning them. Activists who don't seem to learn after repeatedly explaining to them the importance of activist security, should have their actions scrutinized more closely.

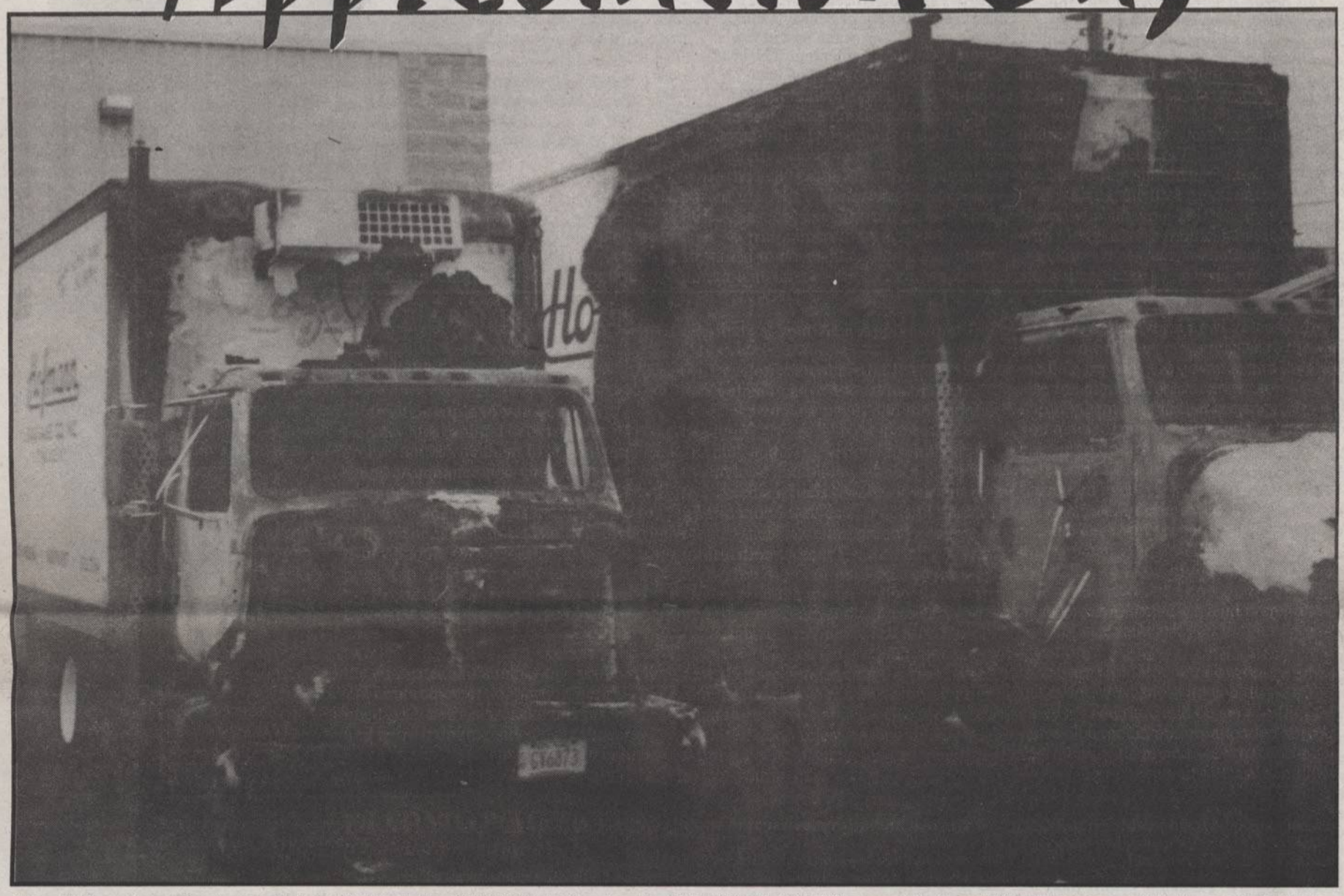
Frankly, they are either an informer -- or an activist who for whatever reason, can't be quiet. In either case, they are very, very dangerous, and you and your friends should stay far away from them.

We, as activists, must be eternally vigilant in championing movement security because new activist are always coming into the movement unaware of the necessary security precautions.

They need to be educated, and it is up to knowledgeable activists to do that.

March/April, 1996

A.L.F. Appreciation Day



These Hofmann's meat trucks were destroyed (estimated loss $120,000+) by fire when the ALF hit this DeWitt, NY company in August 1995. There were no injuries, per ALF actions.

PARTICIPATE IN ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT APPRECIATION DAY!

This April 2 -- and throughout the month of Apirl -- groups from coast-to-coast will celebrate the first annual "Animal Liberation Front Appreciation Day", and you are invited to be a part of it. Most of the planned events are April 2, but anytime in the month of April is a good time to have your own "ALF Appreciation Day."

Included in this issue of *No Compromise* are all of the resources you need to hold an ALF Appreciation Day event in your area. The goal of the day is to educate the movement and the public on the importance of the ALF, and show our thanks to the black-clad activists who have removed thousands of animals from torturous conditions at the risk of their personal freedom.

We suggest groups do one or more of the following events in their area:

Protest an animal abuse establishment that you think the ALF should visit.

Make signs that say "ALF Welcome Here," "We support the ALF," "Animal Abuse NO!, ALF YES!," or other signs of a similar vein and protest a local abuser. If you are into theatrics, some group members could dress in black and wear black ski masks to look like a member of the ALF (wearing masks in public might not be legal in some states, so check first).

Demand the release of all ALF prisoners.

Make signs that read "Preventing Murder is Not a Crime," "Liberate the Liberators" and "Release ALF Prisoners NOW!" and protest at your local Federal Building or Justice Department.

Conduct a video showing of "Animal Liberation: The Movie" or "Angels of Mercy?"

Both videos are available from SOAR for $9. Send in your orders today and they will 2-day mail it to you so you can get it in time for ALF Appreciation Day.

News Conference.

Whatever you decide to do, be it a protest or video showing, we strongly encourage you to hold a news conference in conjunction with your event to declare your group's support of the ALF. If all you want to do is a news conference, we suggest it be held at facility that was formerly raided by the ALF. Contact SOAR to find out where your nearest one is.

To make your job easier, included in this kit is a sample news release that you can update to fit your situation, a prepared statement to read to the press at your news conference, leaflet originals that you can copy and distribute at your protest or news conference as well as lots of information on the ALF so you can familiarize yourself with their methods and aims, and be able to answer any tough questions people may ask.

Here is step by step what you want to do:

Decide which of the event(s) you want to do and where you will do it.

For example if you will hold a video showing at your school, make the reservations ASAP.

Collect, make or purchase the items you need for your event.

For example if you are doing a protest make the signs, and purchase the ski masks. If you are holding a video showing, order the video and decide who will bring the TV and VCR.

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Secret Interview With A Compassionate Commando

This begins a new column in No Compromise: Interviews with Activists. Every issue we will run an interview with an active, dramatic, and successful animal liberation activist so we can learn from their experiences. We thought it fitting, on the eve of the anniversary of the ALF's successful action in Arizona in 1989, that we ought to interview an anonymous ALF member who partook in that fateful April 2nd, 1989 raid at the University of Arizona, Tucson. During this action, activists liberated more than 1,200 animals and caused over $250,000 damage to the vivisection facilities. This interview was conducted by Carla McClain and printed in the Tucson Citizen on May 4, 1989

by Carla McClain
Tucson Citizen

Q. What was your role in the raid on the University of Arizona?

ALF: My role was to get the animals out of the labs, get them into the vans, and get them away from the university. We took them first to a veterinarian. I won't be able to tell you anymore details about the raid itself.

Q. What condition were the animals in and what have you done with them?

ALF: The rabbits had shaved raw spots, and appeared to be intended for some kind of skin patch testing. Some of the mice had wounds, almost as if they had been chewed by other mice. Others were very sick with cryptosporidium. It was pitiful. They had horrible diarrhea. They were covered in liquid feces. Mice are naturally very clean animals. Rats and mice groom themselves very much the way cats do. The other animals were basically healthy, but obviously not well cared for. Those with the wounds were oozing and gaping. They lived in very tiny, bare cages.

Q. Were you aware that the infected mice pose a hazard to the public health, that the virus they carry could prove fatal to infants or immuno-suppressed people?

ALF: "Crypto" is a very benign disease in most people; it produces mild flu-like symptoms for a short period. We did not take the mice to the homes of immuno-suppressed people. We took them straight to a veterinarian, which is where they will stay until they are healthy. We are the only ones who were exposed. We thought about that, but none of us got sick. The rest of the animals went on the underground railroad. Some are in foster homes, waiting to be placed, some are in permanent homes. They are now scattered all over the country. None of them is in Tucson.

Q. The UA raid made a lot of people angry and frightened. You set fires, you damaged and stole public property. You didn't just "liberate" a few animals. People see this as crime, violence, even terrorism. How do you justify that?

ALF: Unfortunately, right now there is no other way to rescue animals, to prevent their. I don't like to risk going to jail. This was not done on a whim. Right now, we have to rely on the U.S Department of Agriculture and the National Institutes of Health (US agencies) to protect animals in the laboratory, and this isn't happening. As just one example, James Wyngaarden (head of the NIH) called the University of Pennsylvania head injury lab "one of the best in the world" and that's frightening. The head-injury lab was where they held inadequately anesthetized baboons in vises and then used a device to smash their heads. It was the ALF that broke the in and got the films of these animals in agony, that showed the callousness of the researchers toward the animals. It was only after the public saw these films that the NIH had to stop funding this research, and the lab was shut down.

When you see this kind of thing, you realize that medical research is not benign, as we are told, that the animals are not always anesthetized, as we're always told. The federal Animal Welfare Act, which is the only law there is, only covers the care of the animals, not how they are used in experiments. You can do anything you want to an animal as long as the cage is cleaned, there is food and the water bowl is filled. The experimenter doesn't even have to use anesthesia if he thinks it will interfere with his results.

Q. But why the fires and the vandalism, too?

ALF: It is valid to destroy any property that is used to harm animals, to harm any being that feels pain and fear. By vandalizing the labs, you make it more difficult for research to continue. You also make it more expensive to do it. And you make people who are considering experimenting on animals think twice about going into that. I do think that, in a way, it is much the same thing as the abolitionists who fought against slavery going in and burning down the quarters or tearing down the auction block or the wiping post- what ever is being used to subjugate the slaves. It's very much the same thing. I think it sends a message to researchers about how serious this is. Sometimes when you just take animals and do nothing else, perhaps that is not as strong a message.

Q. Do you equate the enslavement, the "use" of humans with the enslavement and use of and use of non human animals? Is this really the same thing?

ALF: No, of course humans and non-humans are not the same. No. But we can't make decisions based on who has the higher power of reasoning, who can talk, who is supposedly a "higher" being than another. Just because I eat spaghetti and you listen to Mozart, does that give you the right to cause me pain? To take my life? To have control over me.

The only judgment we can make, the only ethical judgment, is whether someone has the capacity to feel pain and fear- to suffer. If a being feels those things, and animals do as much as you or I, then we have no right to cause them pain or fear. Just because a dog can't read a book or drive a car doesn't give me the right to feed him a quart of Drano to find out how toxic it is. The dog feels the agony of that as much as we would; he convulses just as we would.

The philosophy that drives the ALF is the belief that animals do not belong to us. They don't exist for our use- not to eat, not to experiment on. They are individual feeling beings with their own lives to lead. They have a right to see the



sun and live with their companions in the same way that we do. They have the same right not to have pain inflicted on them that we do. And beyond that, because man does have dominion over animals, we have an obligation to do whatever we can to protect them.

Q. But when you go in and set fires, you risk killing a human being. What if the night janitor had been caught in there that morning at the UA? What if some students you didn't know about had been studying there all night and they had died in one of those fires? It is said that is only a matter of time until the ALF kills someone with these tactics.

ALF: I would like to say that every care was taken to make sure no one would be harmed. We felt sure that the fires were set in such a way that they would not harm people and we took every precaution. It is possible to make sure. We know what we are doing, and it is one of the rules of the ALF that no one will be injured. Property yes, people no. No one has ever been harmed in an ALF raid.

In this raid, for example, we decided that if a guard showed up, we would not knock him out or in any way manhandle him. We decided we would take no physical action, we would be caught red-handed rather than harm the guard. The ALF has never hurt anyone, yet researchers are harming animals every day. And they call us terrorists; that's a little ironic.

It is important to remember that the real violence is being done to animals in the labs. If someone caught you and put you in a cage and fed you poisons and pesticides or starved you or electro-shocked you, you would hope someone would break in and rescue you. If you saw someone shocking or burning a kitten in the street, you would run up to and take that kitten away from that person, even if he or she owned it. You'd do it.

People burn and blowtorch and shock animals in the labs, they drive them insane, they kill them, that's the reality, but it is going on behind closed doors that no one can get past. That doesn't mean we should ignore it.

Q. But why not try non-violent disobedience instead of violence to accomplish these goals? People who did that- Gandhi and Martin Luther King, for example- literally changed the world, and ended whole eras of pain and suffering.

ALF: I have participated in civil disobedience a number of times. It's a very valuable and effective tactic to bear public witness against the wrong done to animals, and I will continue to do it. But for civil disobedience to really change things, you need great numbers of people to do it. Although animal rights is now a national movement, it is still young and we need to inform people about the what's really going on in the labs, and the break-ins are doing that.

Q. What has been revealed by lab break-ins?

ALF: Well, the list is long, but here are some of the worst. First, the head-

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Support Animal Rights/Liberation Prisoners

This is an updated address list of animal rights prisoners. We encourage you to write them. It helps boost their morale, improves their conditions, and keeps them in touch with the movement. These courageous activists have sacrificed their freedom. It would be wrong for us to forget them now.

It is a common practice at prisons for them to inspect and read prisoner's mail. Therefore, **do not write anything that would incriminate you or other activists!** Also, when prisoners move, their mail is often not forwarded. If mail comes back, don't assume they've been released. Check with us.

MELANIE ARNOLD GJ0940
HMP Pucklechurch
Puckluechurch, Bristol, BS17 3QJ
England

Melanie Arnold is on remand charged with section 2 of the explosives act against a slaughterhouse in Gloucester.

GURJEET AUJILA HV2047
HMP Birmingham
Winston Green Road
Birmingham, B18 4AS
England

Gurjeet Aujila was sentenced to 6 years for Justice Department actions.

GREG AVERY HV3313
HMP Birmingham
Winston Green Road
Birmingham, B18 4AS
England

Greg Avery is a remand prisoner charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

DAVE CALLENDER HV3314
HMP Birmingham
Winston Green Road
Birmingham, B18 4AS
England

Dave Callender has been sentenenced to 10 years in prison for conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

ROD CORONADO 03895-000 FCI
PO Box 23811
Tucson, AZ 85706
USA

Rod Coronado was sentenced to 47 months imprisonment for offenses relating to his involvement with the ALF.

DARREN COLE XD2301
HMP Exeter
New North Road
Exeter, EX4 4EX
England

Darren Cole is a remand prisoner charged with an arson attack on farm buildings which had connections to live exports and the veal trade.

MICHAEL GREEN AV2923
HMP Gloucester
Barrack Square, Gloucester, GL1 2JN
England

Michael Green is a remand prisoner charged with section 2 of the explosives act against a slaughterhouse in England.

ANGIE HAMP TW1687
AMP Askam Grange
Askham Richard, York, YO2 3PT
England

Angie Hamp was sentenced to four years for conspiracy to commit arson. The actual raid she was involved in caused 750,000 pounds ($1,200,000) damage.

KEITH MANN EE3588
HMP Full Sutton
Nr Stanford Bridge, York, YO4 1PS
England

Keith Mann was sentenced to 11 years (recently reduced from 14 years) for attempted arson to meat vehicles,

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bashing lab at the University of Pennsylvania. A couple of years before that, one of the first exposes was the research of Edward Taub in Maryland, which was done on monkeys supposedly to help stroke victims. He cut the spinal nerves to cripple the monkey's limbs, then using electric shock, tried to force the monkeys to use the crippled limbs. Alex Pacheo (now head of People for The Ethical Treatment of Animals) went undercover in that lab for four months and documented and photographed how the monkeys lived in constant fear, how they mutilated themselves, chewed off their own fingers, the filth they lived in. After Pacheo went to the police, the lab was raided and the research finally was shut down.

A raid in 1984 at the City of Hope in California found animals used for cancer and infectious disease research were kept in conditions so bad that they were dying even before they got into the experiments. Dogs had inhaled their own feces, monkeys had died of exposure or been killed by other monkeys. It was revealed the animals were suffering terrribly.

Another was the raid on the SEMA lab in Maryland, which contracts to do research for the federal government. There, baby chimpanzees were being used for AIDS and hepatitis research. Again, the documents and the videos taken showed an extremely high death rate due to miserable conditions- monkeys driven insane in isolation chambers, steamed to death when pipes broke, suffocated when the ventilation system failed. Others were starved to death when their feet cought on the slats of their cages and they couldn't get to their food and no one noticed. Chimps are animals very close to man in their social needs and physical reactions, yet this is how they lived. After hearing about this raid, Jane Goodall asked for a tour of the SEMA lab and when she got out of there, she said it was the second worst day of her life. The worst day was when her husband died. There are many more (examples).

Q. But, at least in the case of the UA, a lot of people reacted angrily to the fires, and those who set them, and it seemed as if the raid backfired as far as your public relations go. Could you be making more enemies than friends this way?

ALF: We have discussed that possibility. It's a concern. I understand it can happen, but the point is people have been trying for the past 100 years by the usual means- letters, protests- to stop the use of animals in experiments, or even just to make it more humane. But what has happened is the use of animals has increased in savagery, if anything, because of new technology that is used now. It is time to look at other methods.

Even if we do alienate some people, the benefits outweigh that- saving the lives of individual animals, and finding our what actually is going on behind the closed doors that the public is paying for but is told nothing about.

Q. The ALF and animals rights groups claim that no good whatsoever comes out of animal medical experiments. Even if we concede that a chunk of it is repetitive and does not produce results, there is no denying that such life-saving breakthroughs as the polio vaccine, insulin, organ transplant surgery, and cancer drugs evolved out of animal experiments. Would you forego those lifesaving treatments altogether?

ALF: Even if you put aside the ethical position that we do not have a right to do this to beings capable of suffering, in a very large sense, when we do animal experiments, we are actually harming human health. I know that sounds strange. Let me explain.

Using out tax dollars on animal experiments is taking public money away from helping humans. As just one example.....at Yale University, 3 million dollars a year is being used for addictive drug experiments on cats and monkeys. That's three times the amount available in the whole state of Conneticut for drug treatment centers for sick human beings. People are ruining their lives and dying all over the country because there are such long waiting lines to get into drug treatment centers.

Another example. There is very little money available for long-term care for the disabled people, to help them live normal lives. But Edward Taub can get millions to cripple monkeys. Babies are born everyday retarded and with birth defects because their moms do not get adequate prenatal care or enough food, yet we pay big sums to prove that baby monkeys go crazy when their mothers are taken away from them at birth. The infant mortality rate for black infants in the nation's capital is higher than it is in Costa Rica. How can we justify pouring millions into animal research when we know what these human babies need but aren't getting?

Beyond that, researchers take credit for breakthroughs in such things as ending epidemics of infectious diseases, when history shows that is was improved sanitation systems and techniques that get the bulk of the credit for that.

Transplant surgery is interesting. Yes, they spent years experimenting on animals to transplant organs and to test the artificial heart. Yet every human being given a transplant in the early days has died, if not on the operating table right after. It took years of human transplants before they got it right. The first humans on the artificial heart suffered debilitating brain damage due to stokes - something all that animal work never even suggested would happen.

The polio vaccine- as far back as 1949, scientists knew how to grow the polio virus in human cell cultures, and it was recommended that a vaccine should be developed that way. But that was ignored and animals were used because it was a longtime habit and much more convenient. So the rhesus monkey population in India was nearly wiped out by that research.

It has always been more cheap and convenient to use animals, when there are other, better ways, given a little scientific creativity. But we just don't bother.

The Centers for Disease Control recently did a major study of the leading U.S factors affecting the U.S death rate. The most influential factor, accounting for 51% of all deaths was lifestyle. Environment- pollutants and toxins- was second at 20%. Heredity was third at 19%, and medical intervention was the last at 10%. Yet by far, most of the money goes into animal experiments for that last and least influential factor.

Q. Who are you- are you a professional activist or do you have a normal everyday life? Why did you decide to take such risks for this cause?

ALF: I think I am a pretty normal person- I have a job, a house, a mortgage. My job is in social work. I got into the animal movement years ago during my first year of medical school. I dropped out in my first semester because of the dog lab. I couldn't handle cutting open live dogs and killing them for that purpose. I'm embarrassed to say now I did nothing about it at the time except to leave school. Since then, I have done a great deal of reading, and I started thinking about how we use animals, reading medical journals, and I wondered why we had the right to do these things. Over time, I became a vegan.

Before you can join the ALF, you are checked out thoroughly, for your sincerity, your commitment, for years of action in the movement, for a willingness to go to jail if you have to. It is not easy to get into the ALF. To be honest, I'd really rather have a normal life, and devote myself to growing a garden maybe. But now that I know what goes on in the labs, on the factory farms, I can't ignore it. I feel a sense of personal responsibility about what society does to animals.

It is as if I were living in Nazi Germany an in my town there was a Buchenwald an I knew it and I did nothing. People who tried to stop those horrors got killed for it. At least I won't be killed for this.

Q. OK, what's next for the ALF?

ALF: Well, as soon as we finish placing the UA animals, there will be another raid. We are looking forward to that. I will be in many more of them.

The ALF: 'Fanatics' Or 'Liberators'?

by Carla McClain.

They are called terrorists, anarchists, violent fanatics and criminals by their detractors. They are the Animal Liberation Front- the highly trained and highly secretive underground animal rights army that spans two continents and seeks to release all animals form what it believes is cruel exploitation by man.

To accomplish that, ALF members strike under cover of night and black hoods. They break down doors and windows, vandalize equipment, destroy records, set fires, set bombs, spray red paint, and steal- or "liberate"-animals. They commit crimes for the sake of animals, especially animals in medical experimentation, and have rarely been caught or convicted.

Serious argument is going on within the animal rights movement over such tactics. Some believe the peaceful non-violent civil disobedience taught by Ghandi is the only to stop pain and suffering. But others point out that it was not until ALF broke into animal laboratories that the public got to see what was going on inside, and some of the practices were halted.

To date, the group has struck 85 times in this country and freed thousands of animals from universities and medical laboratories. Its most damaging hit was a $3.5 million fire at the University of California at Davis.

On April 3, ALF members invaded the University of Arizona, setting two fires, taking more than 1,200 animals and causing some $250,000 worth of damage. The left behind a press release claiming credit for the raid, signed their initials on walls in red paint, made headlines across the country, and vanished.

For obvious reasons, the ALF does not show its face to the public. However, in a rare exception in it's 15 year history, members of ALF- those who struck the UA- have been persuaded to talk to the mainstream press, in an interview with the Tucson Citizen.

HERE'S YOUR ALF APPRECIATION DAY MEDIA PACK (news release/statement/flyers)

The following Media Pack should help you prepare for your event. Good luck.

1. News Release. It should be changed to include the day/time/place of your event, and be sure to replace contact numbers with your own. You may use the National contact. Retype it to 8x11 paper, single spaced.
2. Media Statement. You've also been given (opposite page) a proposed statement to the media at your event. We suggest you makes copies of the statement, and your release, and any ALF materials that are relevant for the media. You can make the statement your own...ours is just a basic outline. Be prepared for questions.
3. Flyers. Included on these pages are 2 flyers, front and back. Copy and distribute to passersby and news media.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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SECRET, UNDERGROUND 'FREEDOM FIGHTERS' HONORED BY LOCAL ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

LOS ANGELES -- A secret animal rights organization wanted by police in virtually every state, but responsible for freeing thousands of animals from "animal death camps" will be honored in a series of events April 2 here and in another dozen cities nationwide.

The first-ever "ALF Appreciation Day" -- in honor of the mysterious, clandestine Animal Liberation Front -- is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., Monday, April 2 at Loma Linda University, where dozens of animals were freed in a daring August, 1988 raid on the medical facility by the ALF.

Other events are scheduled in Minneapolis, San Francisco, Honolulu, Memphis, Seattle, Washington DC, Bloomington, Syracuse, Buffalo, Atlanta and Rochester.

It is unsure whether any of the masked ALF activists would attend.

The ALF, which has caused tens of millions of dollars in damage to U.S. research labs, factory farms and fur farms in 15 years of existence, has been branded a "terrorist" organization by the justice dept.. However, no one has ever been injured or killed in ALF actions, which are designed to rescue abused animals and sabotage animal abuse industries.

April 2 has been chosen as "ALF Appreciation Day" because it is the anniversary of the 1989 raid at the University of Arizona (Tucson), where an estimated 1,200 animals were freed and more than $250,000 in damage was done to the labs.

April is also the anniversary of the costliest attack ever by the ALF -- the destruction of a veal calf research lab at the University of California, Davis in April, 1987 (total damage estimates: $4.5 million).

Locally, "ALF Appreciation Day" is being sponsored by the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition (ARDAC).

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Contact: Los Angeles: (714) 893-8833 / National: (612) 626-5566

NOTE: Underground videos of ALF raids will be made available to the media upon request before, or at the news briefing April 2.



WHO ARE THE A.L.F.?

The Animal Liberation Front is an illegal organization comprised of compassionate people who risk their freedom to save animals from torture and death. The ALF have rescued thousands of animals from horrible conditions, exposed abuses with video and photographic evidence, and economically sabotaged exploitation industries.

THE A.L.F. LIBERATE ANIMALS

In the '80s, the Animal Liberation Front was primarily known for rescuing animals from vivisection laboratories. On April 2nd 1989, the ALF raided the University of Arizona, Tucson labs and rescued over 1,200 animals. Some of the animals had been inoculated with cryptosporidium, resulting in them having severe diarrhea. Many of these animals were covered with liquid feces. Other animals had oozing and gaping untreated wounds. The ALF took sick and injured animals to a sympathetic veterinarian, where they stayed until fully recovered. Healthy animals were sent along the underground railroad to find caring, permanent homes where they could live out the rest of their natural lives.

THE A.L.F.: COMPASSION IN ACTION

At the end of '95 and the beginning of '96, the ALF released over 7,000 mink from four fur farms in British Columbia, Wisconsin, and Washington. These animals were slated to be killed in the next few weeks. Mink are often killed by manual neck-breaking, carbon monoxide poisoning, or injections of weed killer into their heart. The ALF has spared these animals that barbaric fate, and given them a chance to live free, in their natural environment.

Besides vivisection labs and fur farms, the ALF liberate animals from puppy mills, factory farms and all centers of animal abuse and torture.

The ALF illegally obtain video and photographic evidence of animal abuse. In 1984, the ALF broke into the University of Pennsylvania and stole video tapes of head-injury experiments on baboons. This video footage showed animal researchers violently inducing head injury to baboons and laughing at their victims. The stolen video was instrumental in closing the lab down.

THE A.L.F. ECONOMICALLY SABOTAGES THE ABUSERS

Animal abuse is big business. Profit is one of the main motivations for abusing animals. The ALF try to take away this incentive through economic sabotage. In September of 1995, the ALF firebombed meat trucks in New York causing over $120,000 worth of damage. On a smaller scale, ALF activists break windows, spray paint, and glue the locks of abuse establishments to hurt their profits and educate people about the animal suffering these industries cause.

THE A.L.F. IS NON-VIOLENT

Unlike animal abusers, the ALF has a strict policy of taking all precautions to ensure their actions do not harm human or animal life. They stake out their targets carefully, are ver cautious when using fire, and abandon missions that would put life at risk. Their record speaks for itself, the ALF has been in existence since '72 and they have never killed or injured another living being.

THE A.L.F.'S STRUCTURE AND ITS SECURITY MEASURES

Because ALF's actions are illegal, activists work anonymously, either alone or in groups called "cells." For security reasons, ALF cells do not communicate with each other and ALF members tell no one about actions they've done.

Arrested ALF activists *never* talk to the police. They keep their mouth shut, answer "no comment" to any questions, or tell the police they will not say anything without their lawyer present. This has helped many activists avoid incriminating themselves or others.

Because of their commitment to the animals and fellow liberationists, no arrested activist would ever give information that could incriminate other group members, even if it means their punishment would be lessened.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ALF?

1. Read "Keep Fighting: Three Interviews with Britain's ALF Press Officers." Available from SOAR for $3 (address below).
2. Watch "Angels of Mercy?" This documentary produced for British television contains 25 minutes of interviews with ALF activists and footage of raids. It is available from SOAR for $9.
3. Subscribe to "No Compromise: The Militant, Direct Action Magazine of Grassroots Animal Liberationists and Their Supporters." Every issue contains reports on recent ALF actions, ALF prisoner address lists so you can write them, and other ALF-related information. Subscriptions are $15, or $10 student/low income. Checks can be made out and sent to SOAR.
4. Join the North American ALF Supporters Group! They educate the public about the ALF, help pay for arrested ALF activists' legal fees, and do prisoner support for incarcerated ALF activists. Membership fees are $30, or $20 if you are low income. Membership entitles you to receive their journal *Underground*. Send fees to: NAALFSG, PO Box 69597, 5845 Young St., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2M 4K3.

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PREPARED STATEMENT / ALF APPRECIATION DAY

Today, April 2, 1996, marks the seventh anniversary of the Animal Liberation Front's raid on the University of Arizona. In that non-violent act of liberation, the ALF **freed an estimated 1,200 animals from horrific conditions** in research labs, where they suffered from diarrhea, other diseases, and gaping and oozing wounds.

The ALF, on that fateful liberation day, rescued the animals, took them to sympathetic veterinarians who rehabilitated them, and then moved them via the underground railroad to caring homes where they could live out the rest of their lives in peace. And, to ensure the labs would not continue their killing ways, the ALF destroyed them by fire, thereby **economically sabotaging a sick and perverted industry.**

Today, we, and activists in a dozen other cities, speak out in support of the ALF in the **first-ever "ALF Appreciation Day."**. We support them because animals who are tortured and killed are more important than laws that do not recognize the basic dignity of all creatures, large and small.

ALF activists are **totally non-violent**, and motivated by ethics and compassion. They may break laws, free animals and even destroy property. However, and this is most important to remember, **no one has ever been injured in an ALF raid**. The ALF's credo, in fact, ensures that no one can be harmed. Some say the ALF is "lucky." Instead, we believe the ALF is so concerned about hurting any living thing that they take all means necessary to accomplish their goals of liberation and economic sabotage without injuring anyone, human or non-human.

That much can't be said of hunters, who maim and kill innocent people with their guns, or animal researchers, whose "mistakes" using animal "models" harm and kill unwary citizens, or the meat and dairy industries, whose cholesterol and fat laden products, laced with hormones and additives, are making young and old sicker every day in this country.

The ALF, like the Underground Railroad of last century, liberates enslaved beings, first and foremost. In fact, there have been **hundreds of actions by the ALF in the U.S.** since the first known raid in 1977, when 2 dolphins were liberated from a lab in Hawaii. In the 1980s, more than 5,000 animals were reported freed by the ALF, which caused nearly $10 million in damage to animal abuse facilities -- without injuring anyone. Now, in the 90s, the **ALF is liberating wild animals** -- who have been doomed to a deplorable existence in small cages. Just since last September, the ALF has **liberated 7,000 mink and other animals** exploited for their fur in actions from Canada to Wisconsin and Washington.

The ALF liberates more than animals during raids. The ALF has confiscated reams of paperwork, and stacks of photos depicting animal abuse and violations of laws in U.S. research laboratories. Because of those discoveries by the ALF, **labs have been shut down, and cruel researchers have been put out of work**. Videos liberated from labs, often taken by researchers themselves, have horrified news media and the public when shown.

The ALF, admittedly, also employs property damage to discourage animal abuse businesses and destroy instruments of torture. **They do it non-violently. No one is harmed**. The ALF stands alone as the one group able to make its point without harming anyone in the process. Who among us would not destroy an empty concentration camp before it was occupied to discourage the use of such camps to torture and kill people? That's exactly what the ALF did in April, 1987, when **they burned down an unfinished lab that was to be used to torture baby veal calves.** The attack was the largest in ALF history -- $4.5 million in damage.

Finally, let me make it clear that **our group is not involved in ALF activities**. But, we support them. We do not know who ALF activists are. But, we do know we will write letters to ALF prisoners in jail, act as media liaison after raids and help explain why these drastic, but nonviolent, acts must be carried out. Are there any questions?

One Day People Won't Have to Rescue Animals from Prison...



...Only to End up There Themselves

Support Animal Rights Prisoners

Billions of animals waste away in neglect, abuse, and torturous conditions, most of them without hope of being rescued. However, there are people who are risking their freedom and livelihoods to save these precious animals. Unfortunately these courageous people sometime end up in prison. They gave their freedom and now they need your help.

It is important to support all people involved in the struggle for animal libertion, but prisoners who sometimes face long jail sentences, inadequate vegan food, and as hostile environment are definitely worthy of our active support. Here is what you can do to help.

Write Letters of Support

Prison is very lonely. It's bad enough that imprisoned activists are locked away, unable to actively fight for the animals, but what's worse is being entirely cut off from the movement. You however, have the power to change that by writing them letters of support. Introduce yourself, tell them what you and your animal group is doing, and let them know you support them. **It is safe to assume that all mail sent to prisoners is read by the authorities so do not say anything that could get you or the prisoner you are writing to in trouble.**

Letters Help Prisoners

Letters not only boost the morale of the prisoner, they also alert prison staff to the fact that people are concerned about this prisoners' well being. This often helps increase the chance of prisoners receiving adequate vegan food and cruelty free toiletries, while decreasing the chances that the prisoner will be mistreated or be put in a dangerous position. So get writing those letters!

Writing Letters to Prisoners is Rewarding

You also gain by writing prisoners. Besides meeting a new friend, prisoners often have a lot of experiences that you can learn from. However, if prisoners don't respond to your mail, don't be discouraged. Sometimes prison regulations make it difficult for them to respond.

How Do I Get the Animal Rights Prisoner's Addresses?

Request an updated prisoner address list from the North American ALF Supporters Group (SG). Their address and e-mail are below. You can also subscribe to *Underground*, the SG's newsletter which is sent to its members (membership info below), or *No Compromise*. Both magazines print an updated list each issue.

Four issues of *No Compromise: The Militant , Direct Action Magazine of Grassroots Animal Liberationists and Their Supporters* is $15, or $10 student/low income. Checks can be made out and sent to the Student Organization for Animal Rights, 235 CMU, 300 Washington Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

Donate to the North American ALF Supporters Group

The "SG" is an organization devoted to helping animal rights prisoners. They help pay court costs for arrested activists who do not testify against other activists or themselves, and fight to ensure that activists given prison time get adequate vegan food, cruelty free toiletries and vegan footwear and blankets. They also do other prisoner support work and help the ALF by all legal means.

Overall, the NAALFSG makes sure that no animal rights prisoners slip through the cracks of an abusive legal system that supports the needless slaughter of innocent animals while imprisoning those who fight to save them. Membership is $30, or $20 low-income, and entitles you to receive the SG's quarterly journal *Underground.*

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THE A.L.F. EXPOSES THE EXPLOITERS

Group ALF Policy Sample Previewed

(Below is the policy on the Animal Liberation Front, that the Student Organization for Animal Rights has adopted. We encourage groups to avoid the problem that the Animal Defense League is currently struggling through by adopting a pro-ALF stance. Just as groups support veganism even though many of their members are not vegan, groups should also support the ALF, even though some members may disagree. By establishing a policy early, groups can avoid future problems, when newer, less educated members suggest the group distance itself from the ALF. Then, instead of creating a debate that can split the group, one can explain the group's policy to the new member and provide them with literature to educate them about the ALF and why it is important to support them. Please consider adopting a policy, formally or informally, for your group like the one below)

SOAR's Policy on the ALF

Save civil disobedience, (group name) works entirely within the law. However, that said, we also recognize the fact that an animal life is more important than human-made laws or the inanimate objects and property of animal abusers. Therefore, (group name) supports all actions that help alleviate animal suffering without physically harming or injuring human or non-human animals. This means (group name) supports by all legal means available, the militant yet, non-violent actions of the Animal Liberation Front.

(Group name) recognizes the importance of ALF activities in:

* Alleviating animal suffering by rescuing them from torturous conditions.

* Taking the profit out of animal abuse by economically sabotaging their industries.

* Exposing the horrors of vivisection labs, factory farms, and other "off-limits" abuse facilities.

* Challenging the status quo laws that consider animals mere property that can be used and abused for our amusement, profit, and pleasure.

(Group Name)'s support for these activists includes encourage people to write letters to animal rights prisoners to boost their morale, explaining to the public at large why these activists feel driven to break the law, acting as a media liaison for the ALF, helping to pay the legal fees for arrested activists, and speaking out in support of both their aims and their methods. Considering all the risks the ALF take to help the animals, (Group name) feels that this is the least we can do in return.

Why ADL Should Support the ALF

BY JOEL CAPOLONGO
Special to NO COMPROMISE

First of all, I would like to say how great I think your magazine is. This is exactly the kind of thing that the grassroots animal liberation movement needs, more involvement and a communication of ideas and feelings. *No Compromise* is informative, inspirational and laid out in a neat and orderly fashion. Well Done!

However, this was not my reason for writing. Rather, it is a much more serious and dangerous issue that I wish to inform you of. On Feb. 4th, Sunday night, the Syracuse headquarters chapter of the Animal Defense League had a meeting that may very well have decided its future.

First, a little background on the group. ADL was started over four years ago in a local high school by Nicole Rogers. The group has been very active over the years and is always increasing in its campaigns, protests and meetings.

The ALF Comes to Town

During the summer of '95, the Animal Liberation Front decided to come to town. Incendiary devices were placed at a meat-packing plant on two occasions, but both times they failed to serve their purpose. A grand jury convened and members of the Animal Defense League were subpoenaed for testimony regarding the incident. Whether out of fear or ignorance, six members complied with the subpoenas and gave their fingerprints and testimony before a grand jury.

Two members, however, Chris Cary and John Reith, refused to be intimidated and declined to appear before the grand jury to have their constitutional rights violated. The two were taken before a federal magistrate by U.S. attorney Elizabeth Riker in order to extract their fingerprints. The pair was defended by experienced criminal lawyer Joseph Heath. Eventually, after extensive media coverage and protests from ADL members, the demand for the fingerprints was mysteriously dropped. The reason the authorities gave was that the fingerprints lifted from the crime scene were not good enough to compare with that of the two ADL members. Yeah right. Anyway, ADL scored a victory over the government and successfully withstood criticism, accusation and harassment.

ADL Has Endured Persecution

In late August, the ALF came back, better than before, and decided to have a cookout at Hoffman's Sausage Factory. They left two totally incinerated refrigerator trucks and one severely damaged one and damage costs of $120,000 after their little campfire at Hoffman's. Once again, ADL was back in the frying pan with the heat turned up by the FBI and the ATF.

No one was ever subpoenaed again, but a few weeks after the Hoffman's incident, a friend of mine, Eric Ackerson and I were arrested near another sausage factory in the Syracuse area. We were immediately pinned with the Hoffman's incident and interrogated and threatened by numerous law enforcement tough-guys, including FBI agents and Francis Neely, a chief investigator for the ATF. Despite promises of federal arson charges and hefty prison sentences, Eric and I stuck to "no comment." A day later, we were released with only two misdemeanor charges each, which I am still fighting to this day.

ADL has been through accusation, ridicule, persecution, violation of rights, public disdain, police harassment and witch hunts, but through it all - ADL STILL REMAINS.

This is one reason I am very troubled with ADL's latest decision. By a majority vote on Sunday night, Feb. 8th, ADL decided not to change their position on the ALF. In the past, the statement was made that ADL does support the goals of the ALF but neither condones nor condemns the actions of the ALF. So ADL will continue to officially "not condone any ALF actions." All I can say is what a cop-out that is.

Almost all group members agreed that they personally supported the ALF, but would not stand behind a group that publicly did so. Does that not sound like hypocrisy to you? There were several arguments made against coming out in support of the ALF. One was that in verbally supporting the ALF, ADL would be targeting itself for investigation and harassment by authorities. This, however, is an invalid and poor excuse.

What Are We Afraid Of?

First of all, ADL is already the target of FBI, ATF and local police harassment and would continue to be, no matter what stance they have on the ALF. Saying that you understand, accept and approve of the actions of the ALF does not make you the ALF! The authorities may think that, but guess what - they already do anyway!

Another reason was that in saying ADL supports the ALF, ADL may deter people in the public from being sympathetic with the group and frighten away people who may want to join. I have to ask this question - Does ADL really want support from people who are frightened by a group that actually acts instead of talks? How many animals has ADL liberated in their four year existence? The people that ADL is afraid of frightening away are the very people that continue to abuse animals and perpetuate the torture of countless sentient beings, so of course they're going to be frightened away. They're the targets! And as far as frightening away potential members - so be it.

We Have to Take the Heat

ADL shouldn't want people in the group who can't take the heat. Those are the people who will spread fear and paranoia among the group and obviously some of these people have already made their way into the group as I witnessed during the meeting. I would rather have the people who didn't support the ALF either shut up or leave the group. If this left us with only a handful of activists - all the better because I would rather work with a few dedicated and proud activists than a thousand petty activists who show up to every fifth protest and are unwilling to declare support for the actions of the ALF.

If ADL is to call itself a militant animal liberation group, which it has done, they must support the actual militant operations of the ALF. ADL should stop saying that they are 'militant' if they don't have the courage to publicly declare that they fully and legally support the actions of the ALF.

Abusers Are Extreme, Not ALF

Some members made the argument that the ALF does not need public support from ADL. That is true, but the ACTIONS of the ALF DO need public support because the actions of the ALF cannot continue to be labeled as 'extreme' because the real extremity lies within the animal abuse industries. The actions of the ALF need to be justified because they ARE justifiable. Obviously, ALF activists cannot publicly explain their actions, so it is up to the local grassroots to do so. The less public support shown for the actions of the ALF, the more fanatical and criminal they will seem, while the real criminals keep selling the corpses and skins of our fellow creatures.

This weak-minded thinking is very contagious within Syracuse ADL. Friends of mine who were very pro-ALF suddenly had a change of heart and a developed a 'let's all get along and make compromise' attitude. They felt that letting this issue divide the group and create rifts would be a negative thing and were willing to accept compromises.

As stated before, people who are unwilling to stand behind a group that publicly supports a non-violent animal liberation group should not be welcomed within the circles of a serious animal liberation group, and their dedication and motives should be seriously questioned. If such people feel threatened by a morally justifiable stance, perhaps they should look up their local 'adult' animal rights group and join a letter-writing campaign or have a spaghetti dinner for the animals.

ADL Gains from Supporting ALF

Some folks said that ADL had nothing to gain but a lot to lose if they came out in support of the ALF actions. This is only partly true, though. ADL does have something to lose if they don't come out in support of the ALF - support for themselves from the entire grassroots animal liberation movement. The essential National Activist Network in California said they would refuse to do press releases for the group. Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, based in Memphis, said that they too wouldn't lend ADL any support. Non-support from these groups would seriously impede the progress of ADL in its campaigns.

ADL could also gain from supporting

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ALF Diary of Actions

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. ALF actions are illegal and therefore activists work anonymously, either individually or in groups, and do not have any centralized organization or address.

No Compromise publishes the ALF Action Update to keep the movement educated on the non-violent tactics and aims of the ALF. We feel it is important to inform people of the ALF's activities to combat the lies and distortions that animal abusers spout about the ALF. **This list is NOT intended to encourage illegal activities.**

ALF actions are listed alphabetically by province or state, and then chronologically.

No Compromise would like to thank the North American ALF Supporters Group for compiling this Action Update for us, and we would especially like to that the heroic and compassionate ALF activists who made this list possible.

REPORTING ACTIONS:

This list probably only represents a fraction of the actions that the ALF has committed over the last few months as most actions go unreported. However, if you are a member of an ALF cell and would like to report your actions, here is a way you can do it without compromising your security.

Send your reports to the North American ALF Supporters Group (Address listed in "In the Trenches." Reports should include what the target was, what happened, and what was done. Do not hand write this report as handwriting is just as individualized as fingerprints. Instead, use a public typewriter or computer to print the letter so that it cannot be traced (Be sure you don't leave copies of your work in the computer's memory or by 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 (not including thing rubber latex gloves which fingerprints can go through) while handling the materials. You should assume that all of the NAALFSG's mail is opened and read by the authorities, so be careful to have anything on or in it that will incriminate you or others.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

OCT 24/95 Near Chilliwack: 2,400 mink released at Reg and Lydia Dargatz's fur farm in the early morning hours, breeding information also destroyed.

NOV 14/95 Aldergrove: 5,000 mink released at Fred Rippin's fur farm. In the early morning shortly after security guards had made their regular rounds, someone using bolt cutters cut through fences, opened every cage and destroyed 70 years of breeding information. The mink were due to be killed in a couple weeks by carbon monoxide gassing.

NOV 16/95: The ALF liberated three to four hundred mink from Clarence Jordan's mink farm. Plans to destroy the storerooms, refrigeration unit, and killing shed with fire were aborted when the mink farmer appeared on the scene. Clarence had recently put up new fencing, probably in response to the other mink raids.

JAN/96: A Rockland man involved in the fur industry came home to find the words "murderer", "death", "fur" and "killer" spray-painted in red on his front door and garage door. "ALF" was painted on the side of his truck. Activists also slashed tires on his truck and trailer.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DEC 3/95: Two fur shops, Millers Furs and Rosendorf Evans, had their windows smashed. Paint Panthers

FLORIDA

Date unknown: St. Pete - Fur shop vandalized, with the entire store front washed in red paint. "Shame" and "ALF" was spray painted all over the building, awning and windows.

Date unknown: Pasco County - bomb threat was sent to the Pasco County Sheriff's Department, regarding a bomb planted in the Clyde-Beatty Cole Brothers circus. Newspapers were tipped off when the sheriff's department failed to act, potentially endangering peoples lives. The sheriff's department was the one sponsoring the circus, but the report says "there won't be a circus back for a while in Pasco County because 'it wasn't worth all the hassle.'"

MARYLAND

DEC 3/95: Bethesda - Millers Furs, windows smashed. Paint Panthers

MINNESOTA

JULY 11/95: Edina - locks glued at the Leather Centre.

JULY 11/95: Hopkins - Simeks Meats billboard was paint bombed.

AUG 2/95: Minneapolis - McDonald's billboard paint bombed.

AUG 13/95: Annedale - 1 coyote released from Davidson Fur Farm, a sign was spray painted.

SEPT 29/95: Eden Prairie - Heavenly Ham locks glued.

OCT 5/95: Minneapolis - Mandevill Butchers Supply has two windows broken, door spray painted.

NOV 12/95: Minnetonka - North American Outdoor Adventures, a hunting outfitter, had locks glued and slogans painted.

NOV 23/95: St. Paul - For thanksgiving the ALF broke out windows at the offices of the

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ALF Hits Oregon Mall; Fur Coats Destroyed

(The following is a statement released by the ALF):

"On Friday, November 24, Fur Free Friday, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) entered Kaufman's in the Valley River Center Mall in Eugene, Oregon and sprayed approximately 25 fur coats with red permanent fabric paint to symbolize the blood shed to make the coats, as well as to render them valueless. An estimated $75,000 worth of animal skins were instantly unmarketable. Please call Kaufman's at 1-800-452-2617 and let them know that you are boycotting their store as well as the entire mall, until they permanently stop selling furs. If any store in your area sell furs (See "Fur" in your yellow pages) take appropriate action to see that they change their policy. YOU have the power to make positive changes in the world!" --ALF

ALF Communique:

Mink Released to 'Save Lives, End This Terrible Trade'

(The following communique was released by the ALF following a series of daring mink liberations from filthy fur farms in late 1995)

"Man's inhumanity to man is only surpassed by his cruelty to animals."

"On the evening of October 26, a cell of the Animal Liberation Front visited Dargatz Mink Ranch (10282 Reeves Rd, Chilliwack, B.C.) and on November 13 we visited Rippin Fur Farm (27413 8th Avenue, Aldergrove, B.C.). To verify the authenticity of this notice, allow us to describe the occasions. Mr. Dargatz has nine and one half mink barns (8 in use) and Mr. Rippin has nine mink barns (all in use). Each barn generally has four rows of cages - two inner and two outer. At Mr. Dargatz's farm, a full barn contains about 64 cages in each outer row and 81 cages per inner row, while at Mr. Rippin's farm a full barn contains 288 cages per outer row and about that many for each inner row. About one cage in ten was already empty. Mr. Dargatz also has goats inside his mink compound.

We were disappointed but not surprised with the one-sided media coverage. As purveyors of the status quo, they say our actions were careless and futile. They broadcast the words of Mr. Rippin and Mr. Engh (Canadian Mink Breeders Association - Chris Engh, 30030 Burgess Mt. Rd. Langley, B.C.) as though it were plain fact. They say our friends are domesticated. We in the A.L.F. say they are wild animals placed in cages. They say those who don't get hit by cars will just starve or drown. We say that some have and undoubtedly will be hit by cars but in rural Aldergrove or Chilliwack, the odds are that most won't. Similarly, some may starve before adjusting back to the natural world. As for drowning, well that's just a crock - even domesticated terrestrial animals such as dogs and cats can swim. They say we are terrorists and criminals with no respect for property. We aren't out to terrorize anybody, we simply want to save lives and end this terrible trade. While trespassing and minor barn damage my violate B.C. law, their notion of sentient creatures as "property" violates Natural Law. Mrs. Engh, token female of the fur business, says "Next to hunting humans, this is the worst." Regarding what her husband does [fur farmer], we say "Next to hunting humans, this is EQUAL."

It would have been nice if either BCTV or UTV at least showed the tiny cages and their effects on our friends, to say nothing of the other things that Mr. Rippin and Mr. Dargatz do to them there. Instead, they say our friends are cold and hungry, practically trying to find their way back to their cages. What bull! These farmers don't care about the welfare of these animals - they would have been slaughtered and skinned in a matter of weeks. Their sole concern is the damage we have done to their profits. All we did was give our friends a fighting chance to escape from that scheduled slaughter. Mr. Engh even goes so far as to present one of the mink as his pet and say in a soft and gentle voice, "I don't know how these people can be so cruel." These animals are not their pets! The farmers aren't trying to save them from death - the want to deliver that horrifying death personally and receive the blood money. We can think of few things crueler in this world than the confinement of a living, feeling, intelligent and wild animal to one or two cubic feet of life so that they can be murdered and mutilated to further the hedonistic pleasures of some thoughtless man wishing to decorate his woman. There is no logical justification for the slaughter of these animals. Nobody needs a mink coat except those mink.

Releasing our 2,000 friends at Mr. Dargatz's farm and 4,000 friends at Mr. Rippin's farm were two of the most satisfying things that we have ever done. Some of them were rather friendly; others were curious with their new found freedom; some were terrified by our presence, while many just showed signs of dementia caused by their living (loosely defined) conditions - pacing back and forth, tail-biting, cannibalizing, etc. After their jailbreak, many of our friends took off and never looked back, many wandered around exploring the new world, while many simply played a little too loud at Mr. Rippin's ranch as this seems to have woken our kind farmer and his neighbors. We would have freed all 10,000 of our friends had not farmer Fred's arrival necessitated our departure. We regret that many of our friends have been enslaved once again, especially now that they have had a taste of freedom. While we recognize that our actions will financially damaged Mr. Rippin and Mr. Dargatz, their employees and their families, we have come to realize that this concern is secondary compared to the amount of pain and suffering that they would cause if left alone. They reap profits from that which simply should not be. We hope that someday they will see how truly wrong the things are that they do."

--ALF

Why I Support ALF Appreciation Day - And, You Should, Too

by Crescenzo Vellucci
Executive Editor

Some people, although not many, have questioned the "wisdom" of an ALF Appreciation Day. One of those is Merritt Clifton, editor of Animal People.

In fact, Merritt's response to "ALF Appreciation Day" is EXACTLY the response I'd expect from a researcher, hunter or trapper. Not an "animal advocate."

The opposition's goal is to keep animal RIGHTS out of the news, and focus only on "humane" issues. Not as though humane issues are not important, but not,obviously, solely. Certainly, the billions of animals killed for food, for "research" and for fur count, too.

But, Merritt seeks to further divide this movement. Denounce, he says, the ALF and those who support freedom fighters, who have NEVER HARMED ANYONE.

Again, you don't see the ALF telling everyone to "denounce" animal welfare groups, or national groups. But, you do see Merritt calling for denunciation of those who seek to use a tactic, time-honored by freedom-loving peoples throughout history, that liberates animals today, not in 100 or 1,000 years.

Frankly, I don't agree with every ALF tactic, or tactics of national groups or even those I've employed over my 14 years as an activist. But, we're all trying, right?

We all have a right to use whatever tactics we believe can make a difference. We also have an obligation to support others who choose different routes.

I have been saddened for many years now at the attacks on the ALF, and others who I admit I do support, by more conservative members of the animal "protection" community. Actually, to be factual, most in the animal protection/welfare community DO support the ALF, albeit secretly.

In the 1980s activists universally supported the ALF. There was no, or very little, question, except from a few. And, then Merritt came along in 1989 or so. He failed to cover liberations, and other nonviolent direct actions...and then attacked them. His goal, or that of any infiltrator -- as he speaks so knowingly about (maybe he knows their kind, because....) -- is to divide us.

We must work together. Participate if you can in whatever is planned (from liberations to letterwriting, protests to pickets and lobbying). And,if you cannot participate, support. Question if you want (privately), but make it look to everyone that we can at least support each other.

Merritt's "concern" that we will all look bad, and "hurt" Lab Day protests because of the ALF is ill conceived. In fact, if the world is so concerned about the "terrible" ALF, then they will be "happy" to deal with the rest of us who are not of that ilk. The ALF's activity does nothing but legitimize less "radical" wings of the movement.

The refrain should go: "Look, you can deal with us, the nice guys, or the ALF." Now, who do you THINK they'll deal with? It's pressure politics, and it works.

I know that when we held a rally with 3,000 people at UC Davis in 1983, the university was mad and didn't want us back. But, in 1984, when 15 people were arrested at the first organized CD for animals, UCD thought the rally sounded good. Then, when the ALF hit in 1987, the police told me they had "no problem" with arrests.

So, in effect, the more "radical" actions do legitimize the rest of us, don't they?

One last thing. I'd like to believe that if something serious happened to anyone in the movement, that everyone, no matter how radical or conservative, would come to their aid

It's a comfortable thought...to know that even those who disagree, and even yell at each other at times, could say, "OK, we disagree. But, we have the same goal -- the animals. And, I'm here to help. We'll fight another day." Let's hope this "dream" is reality.

As for me, I support ALF Appreciation Day, as I would support any activist who is truly trying to make change for animals. I hope you all agree.

ALF APPRECIATION DAY

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Invite people to your event. Contact local animal activists and groups and invite them to attend your event. Announce it at your groups meetings. Call up activists individually and invite them. Get as many people to your event as possible! But don't worry if few people show, it only takes one person to conduct a news conference.

Produce ALF related literature. Enclosed in this issue of *No Compromise* is an insert which is an original of two leaflets: one which explains who the ALF are, and another one professing the importance of supporting imprisoned ALF activists. Take this insert and copy it double-sided as it appears. Once this is done, cut the copies in half and presto, you have leaflets ready to distribute at your ALF Appreciation Day event!

Develop a local media list. If you don't already have a local media list, get a local yellow pages and look up the headings, "News," "Newspapers," "Radio" and "Television" to find out the address and phone number of your local media outlets. Write down this information. Call each media outlet and request their fax number, and add that information to your list. This list will allow you to fax or mail your news releases out the media so they know about your events and can cover them.

Prepare your news release. On your own groups letterhead, type up a news release announcing the date, time, and location of your event along with what is going to happen. Use the enclosed news release as a guide to writing yours, just change the specifics to suit your needs.

Mail or fax your news release. It is best to fax your news release to the media a few days in advance and then also the night before the event to remind them of it in that morning. If you have to mail in your news release, be sure to do it soon enough so they will receive it at least a day before the scheduled event.

Prepare for the Interview. Practice the enclosed prepared speech so that you can give it to the media at your event. Try to think of the questions the media might ask and how you will answer them. Have a friend pretend to be a reporter and ask you tough questions.

Show Up! You are now ready for the event. Just show up and do it. Have a good time and be sure to find out which media outlets attended so you can monitor them and see what sort of coverage you received. Please send *No Compromise* copies of your coverage – videos of Television stories, copies of press cuttings, or even audio tapes of radio interviews! Have fun with this event. It should be easy to do and generate a lot of media interest. If you still have questions or concerns about organizing an event in your area, please contact SOAR (phone and e-mail are in the "In the Trenches" section) and we will do what we can to help you.

ALF ON LINE!

The Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service is online (http://envirolink.org/ALF/alf.html). The goal is to provide information dedicated to the activities of the animal liberation movement in Europe, N. America and worldwide. It will be an uncensored clearing house for information about animal liberation activities and activists. This service is needed because many actions go unreported by mainstream media and movement media.

DIARY OF ACTIONS

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Minnesota Turkey Growers Assn.

<u>ONTARIO</u>

NOV 22/95: Guelph Fashion Furs was hit TWICE over the weekend by activists. The front display window was smashed. This shut off the alarm system for the evening and forced the replacement of both window and alarm tape system. "Fur is Dead" was spray painted on the walls of the building in two places and several "Fur: It's DEAD simple" posters were pasted to doors. The walls required repainting.

FEB 9/96: Guelph - Guelph Fashion Furs vandalized with slogans. "FUR IS DEAD" was spray painted several times on the walls of the building. The walls have been repainted several times in the past year because of repeated 'graffiti' attacks.

<u>OREGON</u>

NOV 24/95: Eugene, OR - On Fur Free Friday Kaufman's in the Valley River Center Mall was hit, and 25 fur coats were sprayed with red permanent fabric paint, rendering them valueless. An estimated $75,000 worth of animal skins were instantly unmarketable.

DEC 24/95-Eugene; Dutch Girl Ice Cream had three trucks spray painted with slogans "Go Vegan!", "Dairy = Death" and "A.L.F.", three incendiary devices were also left under the trucks, one went out, the second damaged the tires and the third spread to the interior causing extensive damage totaling at least $15,500.

<u>TENNESSEE</u>

JUNE 10/95: Memphis, TN - Micheal Frankel, VP of King Furs had paint poured over his car while it was parked at his house.

JUNE 10/95: Memphis, TN - King Furs delivery van had its locks glued.

OCT 18/95: Memphis, TN - Jean Benham Furs paint bombed.

NOV 16/95: Pleasant View - Mac Ellis fox farm raided for the second year in a row. Thirty cages were opened before a disturbance forced the ALF to evacuate.

NOV 18/95:Memphis, TN - Jean Benham Furs paint bombed big time. Media reports stated that the locks had been glued on several occasions (apparently a different cell isactive) and that the furrier was out $8000 after multiple attacks.

DEC/95: Memphis, TN - Road spikes left under a furriers car at King furs.

DEC/95: Memphis, TN - Goldsmith's depart ment store (sells furs) delivery van had it's windows smashed.

JAN 2/96: Memphis, TN - The home of Kevin Hoslinger, manager of the Goldsmith's fur salon was paint bombed and his locks were glued.

JAN 16/96: Memphis, TN - Goldsmith's dept. store security van had it's windshield smashed.

<u>WISCONSIN</u>

JAN/96: Sheboygan, WI - ALF activists release between 200 and 400 mink from a fur farm outside Sheboygan, making it the sixth liberation by the ALF in the past four months, resulting in nearly 7,000 animals freed from fur farms in Canada and the U.S. According to a communique issued by the ALF, the Wisconsin mink were released from their cages during the early morning hours. The farm is owned by Bob Zimbal, and is located on Washington Road. Reportedly, more than 20,000 mink were on the farm at the time of the raid.

ADL & ALF

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ALF actions. They would have the chance to earn respect from people who realize that ADL is a serious for real 'animal liberation group' and who are unafraid to say so. ADL needs to attract people who are serious about the movement, not people who are afraid of consequences. Another point to consider is that once the public connects you with a certain idea or reputation (which the public, in general, has connected ADL and the ALF in Syracuse), then they will always think that, no matter what your stance on the Animal Liberation Front is, so why not come out in support of them?

The ADL is fooling nobody but themselves in their half-assed media statement. The people who supported the decision to keep the statement are betraying their morals and the courageous activists of the ALF who risk life, limb and freedom to protect innocent lives.

Another advantage of ADL's support of the ALF is that if activists in the Syracuse area for some reason wanted to act in behalf of the ALF and go out in the middle of the night and give animal abusers a little pay-back and for some unknown reason get caught by the police - wouldn't it be nice to know that you had the support of a group of people that would raise bail money and protest until you were released?

A situation like this may result in people not doing all they can for fear of being abandoned in their jail cells by an ADL group that neither condones nor condemns ALF actions.

I know that I am not alone in feeling this way as other activists have expressed their feelings to me. This must not become a trend within the grassroots animal liberation community. As for me - let me right here, right now declare both my personal and public support for the ALF. And to all those who are unwilling to do the same - go to hell. I don't need you and neither do the animals.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: As of publication date, ADL is alive and well in Syracuse, with chapters in other New York cities and elsewhere. Joel plays an integral role in ADL, which supports ALF activists.)

In The Trenches

YOUR GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE GRASSROOTS ANIMAL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS

Welcome to the section that updates you on what local grassroots animal rights organizations are doing across the country. This section's purpose is to serve as inspiration and get you in contact with the resources that are available. If you like what other groups are doing and want to try their tactics for yourself, give them a call, write them a letter, or e-mail them. Many groups also provide services for other grassroots groups like providing free literature, helping organize demonstrations or civil disobedience actions, providing information on preventing government harassment, or writing news releases. Please utilize this resource to its fullest potential. Take these groups up on their offer to help.

If you want your group listed, send us a group update and we will print it, be sure to include information on what resources your group can provide to other grassroots organizations! We would also appreciate receiving your group's newsletters, pictures of actions, and any press cuttings your group generates. Everything can be sent to the Student Organization for Animal Rights (address below). Thanks!

ANIMAL COMMANDOS
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Animal Commandos works against the Christian church's tyranny over animals and its acceptance of animal sacrifice, animal "testing," animal slavery, and the torture of animals for fur, sport, and entertainment. At this time we are not accepting donations. We would prefer that the money goes to the other militant animal liberation organizations listed in No Compromise.

ANIMAL DEFENSE
LEAGUE / Syracuse
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ADL has been bashing the fur industry in its home town. During Fur Free Friday, seven activists were arrested while disrupting sales at Bonwit-Teller, a department store that continues to sell animal corpses. This actions was a follow-up action to the disruption they created July 23, which also lead to seven arrests, and the candlelight vigil they conducted outside of store president, Murray Daichman's house.

The other furrier they have hit hard is Georgio's Furs. A civil disobedience action on December 17 resulted in seven arrests. ADL has also been conducting weekly protests outsied of the stores. Information obtained second hand claims that Georgio is becoming extremely frustrated and might be leaning towards leaving town. The protests at his store are visually aggrivating as he often comes out and starts yelling at the activsits, sometimes comparing them to "Hitler." Little does he seem to realize that he's the one supporting the concentration camps.

ADL is having some major impact on the local furriers, which has resulted in a police crack down on ADL members. At recent protests, people have been arrested for no reason, charged by the police, and thrown in jail for days while they hunger strike. When one activists went to file a complaint about the police, she was arrested for tresspassing! However, ADL has already successfully fought off the grand jury subpoenas, and they are preparing to battle the police for their civil liberties. Activits have started activist support committees and lawsuits are pending. Articles by ADL members Joel C. and Dave A. are included in this issue which explain this police harassment further.

ANIMAL DEFENSE
LEAGUE / Buffalo
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Buffalo, NY 14213
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contact: Dave Ganczewski

Buffalo is home to another Bonwit-Teller department store, and this ADL chapter has been giving them the heat. For Fur Free Friday, they were all ready to hold a large demonstration with civil disobedience, but 10 police cars and over a dozen officers kept them from getting to the mall.

So they returned on Deceber 17, and four people blocked the entrance with a banner that read "Fur Hurts, Boycott Bonwit-Teller." Other activists were on the second floor of the mall doing "leaflet drops" where information floated down to the hundreds of people in the mall who were watching the protest. Security ripped up the banner, arrested the activists, and dragged them away.

On February 10, ADL turned its attention to Pallanker Furs in Amherst, New York, where another civil disobedience led to two arrests after activists handcuffed onto the store's doors. Judge Maislin denied Dave Ganczewski, one of the arrested protesters, his constitutionally protected right to represent himself in court. The judge also said that a public defender would not be provided for him, even though his financial situation would probably warrant one. Just one more example of how the authorities don't play by the rules.

ADL Buffalo also joined a campaign with 25 groups to stop the bird and squirrel poisoning that was being done at the University of Buffalo. They managed to get passed a Campus Wildlife Protection Policy that prevents the University from using lethal methods to control wildlife. Unfortunately the policy excludes mice and rats as the campus vivisectors voiced concern that it might interfere with their torturing animals.

ADL Buffalo activists jumped the fence of their local zoo and leafleted its patrons about the cruelties of zoos and regularly protest fur, and leaflet in support of veganism. They took part in a protest at a "bait and shoot" deer hunt in Amherst. Nearly 100 protesters showed up generating many news articles and editorials against the hunt.

ANIMAL DEFENSE
LEAGUE / Rochester
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Rochester, NY 14618
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contact: Brad Dingman

The Rochester ADL chapter just started, but already they have had three protests at Held-Projanski Furs, and a protest at a winery that was holding a fur sale on its premises to promote Held-Projanski. Rochester-ADL is currently planning a campaign against Dr. Pets because of the deplorable conditions the animals endure in the shop.

ANIMAL DEFENSE
LEAGUE / Indianapolis
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ADL activists protested the owner of Elan Furs, Mr. Marcopolis, by showing up at his house. One activist knocked on his door to discuss the agony that animals on fur farms must go through so that he can make a buck, but Marcopolis looked out the window and saw the 35 protesters in his front yard an turned off his lights and went upstairs. He refused to answer the phone too. When the police arrived on the scene, they saw that the activists were assembled peacefully and left. But twenty minutes later the sheriff arrived to threaten activists for voicing their opinions. However, as everyone was going home, they ignored the sheriff.

The next major action ADL Indianapolis has planned will be the circus protest in Bloomington. Civil disobedience will take place in an attempt to force the circus to never come back to our town again.

Information on these actions and much, much more will be in the spring '96 issue of *One Struggle - Newsletter of the Animal Defense League.* To receive a copy, send two stamps to ADL - Indianapolis.

ANIMAL RIGHTS
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Animal Rights America is a federation of animal rights organizations working to unify the grassroots abolitionist organizations and provide a wide variety of services to grassroots organizations. Some of these include, helping grassroots groups do informational mailings, posting messages on the internet for groups, helping find excellent GRASSROOTS speakers for conferences, and doing whatever else they can to help organizations. If your group needs help, contact them and ask for it. In the future they hope to produce literature in bulk that groups can stamp their names on and use, making the cost of literature production cheaper. If you want to join ARA's federation, please contact them and let them know. There are no membership fees.

ANIMAL RIGHTS DIRECT
ACTION COALITION
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Stanton, CA 90680
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glynn@environlink.org
contact Gina Lynn

ARDAC has continued its campaign of causing mayhem to the animal abuse industries. In the past they've disrupted dolphin shows, delivery of animals to vivisection labs, shark and stingray hunts, department stores that sell fur, and McDonalds with bold and dramatic actions.

Recently their campaign against furriers is heating up. On Dec. 17 seventeen activists were arrested for using kryptonite bike locks to chain down inside of Bullocks, a department store that pushes paid by selling fur. Besides these major disruptions, almost weekly demos are held outside of Bullocks.

ARDAC members also traveled to Oconomowoc, WI to protest the International Mink Producers Convention (see story), and to Seattle to protest the Fur Exchange Auction (See story).

Activists were also found guilty of disorderly conduct for trying to speak with school administrators at the University of California, Irvine. Activists were heavily fined, but refuse to pay money to a system that criminalizes free speech and arrests peaceful demonstrators. The ruling is currently being appealed.

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Bear Watch is tackling the killing and torture of bears on all fronts. Funding extensive and gruesome TV and radio ads, they have managed to generate almost 1,000 calls which they have personally fielded, and filled over 2,500 information package requests from people who call their 800 number requesting it.

In June of 1995, Bear Watch paid for an Angus Reid Poll on bear-related issues. It was found that 78 percent of British Columbians support the banning of hunting black bears when the purpose of the hunt is to obtain the hide and head of the animal. Seventy-eight percent also supported banning hunting bears with hounds. A further 91% agreed that penalties for poaching black bears should be increased.

One of Bear Watch's biggest campaigns is against guide outfitters who take clients into the woods and ensure they "bag" a bear. Numerous banner hangings and protests against guide outfitters have been organized to shed light on their cruel "safari mentality" which is depleting the wildlife. To obtain an information pack on how you can help, call the 1-800 number listed above.

CAMPUS ANIMAL RIGHTS
EXPEDITION
Box 34, Office of Campus Life
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Since CARE attended the animal rights conference at Antioch College in Ohio, where copies of *No Compromise* were distributed to all participants and workshops on the Animal Liberation Front and civil disobedience were conducted, CARE member Andy Hopp has informed *No Compromise* that they have become a group of "hardcore militant vegans." We are flattered by their insinuation that we helped positively influence them, but we knew they've been that way all along.

If you live in the vicinity of Kent, Ohio we encourage you to get involved with CARE and help them fight their local animal abusers.

CHICAGO ANIMAL
RIGHTS COALITION (CHARC)
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CHARC is perfecting the use of high-tech equipment like special cameras with night vision and flying machines to help the animals. CHARC's recent victories include the use of flying machines to sabotage bowhunts at Wren Lake last December. One member flew over the hunt stands and dropped noisy alarm clocks wrapped in nylon into the tree branches by their stand, but out of the hunter's reach. These alarms last for two hours, effectively scaring the deer away from the killers. This protest successfully disrupted the hunt without any arrests.

In October, CHARC members documented the horrible brutality of pigeon shoots, to provide updated footage to convince people that this barbarism still continues. They also used hidden cameras to video tape a turkey shoot. The footage winded up on Hard Copy and resulted in 99% of the audience calling up and saying they opposed turkey shoots.

In December of 1994, CHARC used their hidden cameras to capture deer being caught in rocket nets in DuPage County, Illinois. The footage showed deer struggling in fear and crying out in terror, flailing about while the killers swarmed in on their victims. The killers laughing and joked while they callously drove a steel bolt through the deer's skull. The footage was so gruesome that the DuPage County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners immediately halted the rocket netting and captive bolt pistols as soon as they saw the footage during a January meeting. Later on, Cook County decided to also ban rocket shooting. TV stations played the videos, radio stations played the sounds of the deer whimpering and crying, and newspapers ran stories about the video footage – all of which served to educate the community and produce public outcry against deer kills.

CHARC firmly believes in the power of videos and the flying machines to win victories for the animals. They would be willing to help any animal rights group learn about the tools and techniques to get the goods on the animal exploiters, that the abuses can be exposed and stopped. Please contact them if you are willing to make a commitment to learning and using these techniques to help the animals now.

CHARC's future plans include using the flying machines to

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disrupt prairie dog hunts, and exposing and shutting down the Richman Hunt Club that kills up to 200 cage raised birds a day.

Unfortunately, this February, while Steve Hindi was in Minnetonka, Minnesota in an attempt to videotape the trap and kill deer "management" program he and two members of Minnetonkans Against Animal Cruelty (MAAC) were arrested for interfering with the program. His video equipment, laptop computer, and other important items were confiscated by the police. Quick to fight this harassment by the police, Hindi and MAAC organized a news conference condemning the police for the unwarranted arrests and Minnetonka for the slaughter it is mandating. The conference received excellent coverage.

CHARC is looking for donations to purchase new equipment and would appreciate it if people would call the Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce at 612-540-0234 and complain about their harassment of non-violent protesters by the police and the use of lethal methods to control the deer population. Calls and faxes should also be directed to Minnetonka Mayor Anderson who is in full support of the slaughter. City Hall's phone number is 612-939-8200 and its fax number is 612-939-8244.

COALITION TO ABOLISH THE FUR TRADE - HEADQUARTERS
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Memphis, TN 38174
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CAFT has been working on expanding operations and helping to build activist groups in areas which previously had no animal rights prescence what so ever. Atlanta is one city in which we are working really hard on developing a solid CAFT chapter. Atlanta is a major media market, home of CNN, and where our longtime campaign target Rich's/Lazarus/Goldsmith's is headquarted.

This last Winter was our busiest yet as we helped build momentum all across the country. On Dec. 17th we organized a series of civil disobedience actions which gave Federated Dept. stores nightmares. 33 people were arrested that day as activists blcoked the entrances to fur retailers in 5 major cities. In Jan. we helped coordinate an action at the annual mink farmers convention. 22 activists were arrested as they stormed the Olympia resort where the convention was taking place. Because of this effort, the Olympia has stated that they won't allow the mink farmers to come back next year.

After the mink convention the ALF liberated 400 mink from a WI fur farm. We received an anonymous comunique from the ALF and publicized the raid in the media. This was a top story in WI and opened up the issue of mink farming for debate.

In Feb. we were in Seattle at the Seattle Fur Exchange Auction. Here fur farmers auction off the pelts of the millions of animals they murder each year. Hundreds of international manufacturers were on hand to bid on the pelts. With the help of several groups, including Seattle based Students for Animal Liberation, we managed to block their driveway for 4 1/2 hours. The media was on hand to do live coverage at 5:00 and 5:30 pm. This story ran for 2 straight days as the media went to court with the arrested activists the next day.

We also picketed a Memphis retailer which sells fur trapping supplies, as well as the home of a Federated executive in Atlanta. We will continue to hit the fur trade as hard as possible throughout the summer months and on into the Winter.

CAFT - Atlanta
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This CAFT is conveniently located near the headquarters for Rich's/Lazarus/Goldsmith's department stores, which are all Federated stores. They have put this to good use. During October, four activists wearing animal liberation shirts entered Federated's Headquarters and took the elevator up to their floor, while in the elevator they told a lady that they were looking for Linda Tuminella's office. Tuminella is the Manager of Leases for the stores, which means she leases their fur salons to Federated. Although she didn't know why they wanted to see her, the woman in the elevator happily took them to the floor, punched in the code to allow them to pass through the security doors, and lead them straight into Tuminella's office, where the activists waited for her to arrive. You can imagine how surprised Tuminella was when she entered her office and found them there. The activists talked to her and left without incident, however, since then security has been increased dramatically.

On December 17, five activists blocked the doors to a Rich's department store and were arrested. The security took them down into the basement of the store where they were held for over one hour. They even interrogated the 50 year old woman who was arrested, asking her all sorts of questions about CAFT founder JP Goodwin, while trying to convince her that he was a "terrorist." Being a hard-core activist, she resisted all of their attempts at intimidating her, provided them with no information, and refused to believe their lies about JP, who might have been arrested for ALF activities, but could in no way be considered a terrorist. Processing of the activists was repeatedly delayed as incoming prisoners were given higher priority. The woman who had been interrogated was deprived of her needed high blood pressure medicine even though she repeatedly requested it. All in all, processing took over 10 hours and lawsuits against the police are pending.

On February 24, eleven protesters showed up at Linda Tuminella's house to educate her neighbors about the fur trade and her involvement with it. Apparently they still haven't learned that we are non-violent as seven federated security officers were present as well as six on duty police officers. CAFT also works with local animal rights groups to protest vivisection and circuses.

CAFT - Indianapolis
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contact: Shannon

COALITION FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION
PO Box 581
Patterson, NY 12563
ph: 914-878-7110
contact: Brian Weaver

The Coalition for Animal Liberation is one of the many animal rights groups that has just been formed. If people live nearby, we invite them to contact CAL and get involved. If you live in an area that has no animal liberation group of its own, start one yourself! The Student Organization for Animal Rights has new group starter packs that they will send out for free — just contact them and request one.

COMPASSION OVER KILLING
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Potomac, MD 20859
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Compassion Over Killing is a purely action oriented group that started eleven months ago. They average a protest a week and have recently protested McDonalds, FurConventions, the hated store "Miller's Furs", and Roy Rodgers burger joint. They hope to partake in an open sharing of resources and information between other grassroots groups to better unify and strengthen the movement. As part of their contribution to the grassroots, they offer free copies of their excellent vegan literature, "The truth about beef" and "The truth about poultry and eggs" to interested activists willing to distribute them.

FRIENDS OF ANIMALS
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Carlton, MN 55718
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Friends of Animals is actually a humane society that does it's job – protect the rights of all animals. They have closed a puppy mill, and taken abusive pet owners, farmers, and other animal exploiters to court. They have developed a straight-forward, aggressive method for getting the police to prosecute animal abusers.

Some of Friends of Animals' major campaigns are against animals in entertainment – especially rodeos and zoos. They conduct numerous protests against fur, Premarine, and the meat and dairy industries.

HUMANS UNITED FOR ANIMAL PROTECTION
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Humans United for Animal Protection (HUFAP) was formed as a community-based organization in the Autumn of 1994. Since that time we have organized several protests against local circus performances, and have been part of Canada's National Anti-Fur day for the last two years. Thanks to the owners of a local nature store, we have had great success in reaching the public through a permanent display. At the display, shoppers can pick up information, drop off Gillette products (which we plan on returning for a refund), sign petitions and letters, and fill out requests for information. As our primary goal is to educate the public about AR issues, we are always filling requests for information. In particular, we are trying to accommodate students doing projects about AR issues. Thus far the response has been very positive. We also try to educate students about their right to refuse dissection and indeed we were successful in re-establishing that right with our school board science council. Recently, we finally published our first newsletter which was sent out to over 200 people on our mailing list. With our newly-produced fur leaflet in hand, we set out on Febrary 10th to protest the fur industry, joining 20 other groups across Canada. The upcoming months will bring three circuses against which we will demonstrate. We are also in the beginning states of working on educational campaigns for Premarin and the merits of veganism.

LOCAL ANIMAL RIGHTS COMMITTEE
205 Willow St.
Harrisburg, SD 57032
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contact: Eric Torquelson

LARC is a new group, which has already successfully booted a pet store out of the local mall after having numerous people fill out complaint forms against the poor conditions the animals were forced to endure. They are currently setting up an animal rights benefit concert and slide shows at local high schools.

THE NATIONAL ACTIVIST NETWORK
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The National Activist Network is a tremendous resource for all grassroots organizations. NAN helps groups organize protests, and civil disobedience, write news releases, deal with follow-up court appearances after arrests, and help fight violations of activists civil liberties — be they grand jury hearings or wrongful arrests. The ACTIVIST CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE, a project of NAN, helps grassroots activists with legal problems.

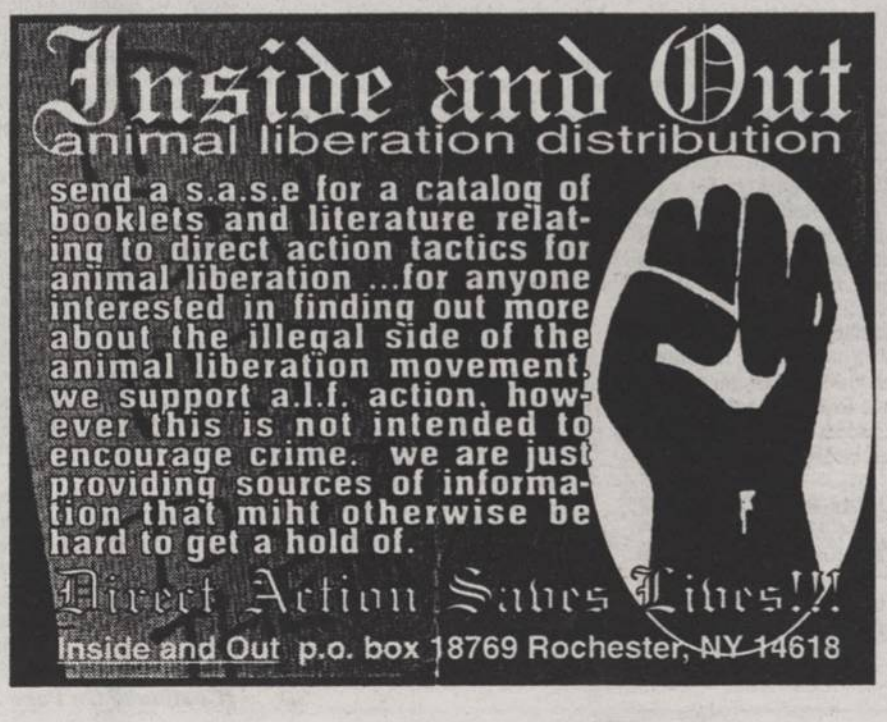
NAN's Executive Director, Cres Vellucci, is a long time activist who co-organized, along with Sheila Laracy and Henry Hutto, the first civil disobedience on behalf of animals in America. Vellucci and Laracy also co-created Fur Free Friday. His decades of experience working in the media allows him to assist groups in writing news releases and improving media relations. As testimony to his effectiveness for the animals, the government indicted Vellucci and 2 others in 1990 (the first indictments of activists in the U.S.) for "conspiracy" involving freeing animals from research labs. The charges were later dismissed when the FBI couldn't come up with the "evidence" it claimed it had. Laracy was subpoenaed but refused to go! Both fought off the government's attempt to silence them, and exposed the government's horrible abuse of the grand jury system to intimidate and harass activists. Vellucci has also served as a spokesperson for the Animal Liberation Front on numerous occasions. His experience and energy are definitely a tremendous resource for grassroots animal rights organizations.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ANIMAL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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Concord, NH 03301-3208
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The New Hampshire Animal Rights League has prepared an anti-fur action kit which includes a list of mail order catalogues carrying fur items, tips on anti-fur activities, lists of groups offering anti-fur campaign items, and other information. This material is free of charge, but they would appreciate being sent a long self addressed stamped envelope to help defray postage costs.

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The NAALFSG supports the Animal Liberation Front by all legal means available. This includes educating the public about the ALF, helping to pay the legal fees of arrested ALF activists, and by providing support for imprisoned ALF activists. Write NAALFSG to get an updated list of animal rights prisoners so you can write to them and give them support. The SG also publishes the journal Underground.

SANGRE DE CRISTO ANIMAL PROTECTION
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SdeCAP has been very active in fighting the abuses of Jerry's Perfect Pets, where animals are facing extremes of neglect and abuse. Small animals that become ill have reportedly been put in the freezer to die and many animals arrive suffering from bloody diarrhea and other signs of illness. Their protests closed down none of the stores in Sante Fe last spring and recently resulted in Jerry's Perfect Pets entering into a special contract with the city that requires them to exercise the animals daily, train their employees to recognize illness in animals, immediately transfer seriously ill animals to a veterinarian, and submit quarterly reports to City Animal Control. SdeCAP is continuing their campaign against pet stores by monitoring these stores for compliance. Recently the Fur and Leather Centre in Albuquerque closed! SdeCAP is continuing anti-fur protests at the remaining furriers.

SdeCAP is also campaigning against corruption in the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) wild horse adoption program. It is believed that individuals within the agency are using this program for substantial financial gain by routing horses to slaughter after being sent to adoptive homes.

Recently, SdeCAP successfully stopped a buffalo hunt at Fort Wingate Military Dept. when they found out the hunt was being conducted illegally, as it hadn't been approved by the proper channels. See the article in the article section.

This is actually only a fraction of what SdeCAP is currently doing. If you are interested in working with them, they offer an internship program for activists. Contact them at the above address.

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STUDENT COALITION FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS
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Mankato, MN 56001
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contact: Aaron Hagebak

SCAR continues to protest local animal abusers. Their latest protest was against McDonalds. On their way to the protests, activists with vegan-promoting signs walked through the parking lot of Burger King. BK's manager was horrified to think there was going to be a protest outside of his death shop. When he saw the activists continue to walk through his parking lot and over to McDonalds he was so relieved that he thanked them for not protesting Burger King. The activists retorted, "Your next!"

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SOAR continues its campaign against Dayton's, a Midwest department store that sells fur. For Fur Free Friday, three activists locked a chain across the skyway to Dayton's and bike locked themselves to it, causing pedestrian congestion. Thirty other activists joined them in the skyway chanting loudly and holding anti-fur signs. After the chain was cut and the three activists were arrested, the crowd of protesters followed them outside to the squad car continuing the chant "Fur is torture. Fur is death. Free the animals, A.L.F!"

Then on December 17, four SOAR activists formed a human octopus — by U-locking their necks together – while occupying a Dayton's fur salon. It took police three hours to remove the protesters from Dayton's, and they ended up having to call the fire department in to help drag the protesters, who were still locked together, and load them into the back of a pick-up truck, where they were driven to the fire station where their bike locks were cut using a hydraulically powered, industrial strength cutter.

Activists also regularly leaflet Dayton's. Stickers proclaiming "Fur is Murder, Boycott Dayton's," have been observed plastered all over Minneapolis. People from across the country are calling Dayton's customer comment line (612-375-3382) which accepts all collect calls, and telling Dayton's what's wrong with fur. SOAR even produced a cable access television show which shows the harsh realities of fur production, and encourages people to boycott Dayton's. On top of all this, activists leafleted over four thousand people who attended a parade sponsored by Dayton's, and this is just the beginning of the campaign.

SOAR has been busy producing merchandise and literature for Animal Liberation Front Appreciation Day, coming up this April 2nd. Please take some time to educate your group on the importance of the ALF to our movement and have your group organize an event for ALF Appreciation Day. All the materials you need to do this are contained in this issue of No Compromise.

Other miscellaneous things SOAR has done include half a dozen rodeo protests, giving workshops on civil disobedience, veganism, and the Animal Liberation Front at numerous conferences, speaking to high school classrooms about animal rights issues, pressuring a school's biology class to allow its students a non-violent alternative to dissection, and protesting the International Mink Producers Convention in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, which resulted in the arrest of 22 activists, eleven of which were SOAR members.

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Students for Animal Liberation is a coalition of animal rights activists from the University of Washington and across the Pacific Northwest who are dedicated to fighting for animal liberation. Recently we have been busy attacking the fur trade. On Fur Free Friday activists successfully stormed into a Nordstom display window and locked onto store mannequins while showing shocked onlookers and the media graphic photographs of skinned foxes. The action resulted in extensive media coverage of not only the protest, but the recent release of over 6,000 mink in the Northwest area by the Animal Liberation Front.

In February, Students for Animal Liberation coordinated an action with activists from all across the West Coast to protest the sale of 1.85 million animal skins at the Seattle Fur Exchange. The entrance to the auction was successfully blocked when six activists locked themselves together by their necks and laid in the road for over four hours preventing the traffic from entering or leaving the area.

Although the group has been in existence for less than six months, they have already launched a healthy dorm food campaign at the University of Washington demanding no less than one vegan entree to be served at each meal at all food service locations. The group has also protested fishing and various animal abuse industries such as the March of Dimes, the UW Primate Research "cut 'em open and leave 'em dying" Center, pet shops, rodeos, and carriage horse companies.

Students for Animal Liberation is dedicated to using effective tactics, including civil disobedience to expose animal abusers and directly disrupt the abuse. We fully support the actions of the Animal Liberation Front, and commend activists who risk their freedom on behalf of animals.

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Vegan Outreach promotes a vegan lifestyle by "preaching to the convertible." To this end, they distribute booklets on veganism to interested college students across the country. Since 1991 they have distributed over 40,000 booklets to colleges in over a dozen states.

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PRESS CUTTINGS



BY VINCE MAGGIORA/THE CHRONICLE

Police arrested 20 anti-fur protesters after they chained themselves to fixtures and furniture inside Macy's in downtown San Francisco

20 Arrested During Fur Protest at S.F. Macy's

By Maitland Zane
Chronicle Staff Writer

Twenty anti-fur protesters were arrested yesterday morning after clashing with Macy's security guards and chaining themselves to furniture and railings in the store's executive offices near Union Square in San Francisco.

The protesters, who oppose the sale of garments made with animal fur, stopped elevators on the seventh floor of the men's store at 50 O'Farrell Street before chaining themselves to fixtures in the executive office suite. Security guards punched and kicked several demonstrators before dozens of police arrived and hauled the protesters off, according to witnesses.

Police Sergeant Barbara Davis said 12 men and eight women were charged with trespassing.

Yesterday's clash was the most confrontational in recent years and was timed to coincide with similar actions against two other major American retailers, Dayton-Hudson in Minneapolis and Rich's /Lazarus/Goldsmith's in Atlanta.

A Memphis group, the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, said it hopes to "take the profit out of greed and vanity."

Anti-fur groups contend that animals are raised in inhumane conditions and killed solely for the value of their pelts.

"There is no excuse whatsoever for the cruelty inherent in the fur trade," said spokesman Larry Weiss.

Yesterday's clash came a month earlier than past anti-fur protests, usually staged in Union Square the day after Thanksgiving, the busiest shopping day of the year.

A statement issued by Macy's spokeswoman Merle Goldstone said: "We respect the right of all groups to publicly express their points of view within the confines of the law. However, these individuals trespassed on private property and disrupted a lawful business in violation of California law. We reserve our right to offer merchandise in our stores that our customers, by their purchases, tell us that they want. This is the essence of the free market system."

A hearing on the trespassing charges is scheduled October 28.

SAN FRAN. BAY AREA

Fur protesters at Nordstrom jailed

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two animal-rights activists were arrested yesterday after they climbed into a display window of the downtown Seattle Nordstrom store to protest the fur trade.

About two dozen demonstrators crowded holiday shoppers on the sidewalk at Westlake Park and chanted, "Hey Nordstrom, what d'ya say? How many animals did ya kill today?" and, "The fur on your back is blood on your hands."

Two women carrying a piece of fur climbed into a display window and handcuffed themselves to a mannequin. There was no fur in the display.

When the demonstrators refused to leave the display window, police removed the handcuffs, which were toys, and arrested the women, police spokesman Sean O'Donnell said.

They were booked for investigation of trespassing and property damage because of some damage to the display.

The demonstration was organized by a group called Students for Animal Liberation. Demonstrators said Nordstrom had gone back on a promise not to sell fur.

In a statement, Nordstrom said it has started selling some fur-trimmed clothing in response to its growing popularity with customers.

"The company's position on the sale of furs is, and has always been, dictated by customer demand," the statement said.

One demonstrator, Jeff Grant of Burien, said he was a former trapper who now regrets his work.

"It's really a very vicious way to kill any animal and certainly for such a frivolous reason nowadays. I trapped beaver, muskrat, mink, and I never saw one that didn't die a terrible death," Grant said.

"It's a very vicious business, and it's totally unnecessary," he said. "We don't need fur anymore."

THE SEATTLE TIMES - NOV. 25

Animal-rights activists draw convictions

BY STUART PFEIFER
The Orange County Register

NEWPORT BEACH — Five animal-rights activists were convicted Wednesday of misdemeanor charges for unlawfully entering UC Irvine Chancellor Laurel Wilkening's office last spring to question the university's animal-testing practices.

A Harbor Municipal Court jury convicted the activists under a law that makes it unlawful to commit an act likely to interfere with business on a state campus.

Judge Frances Munoz sentenced activists Crescent Velluci, Sheila Laracy, Gina Lynn and Richard McLellan to 50 hours of community service and ordered them to pay $750 fines. Sentencing for the remaining activist, Robin Schroader, was delayed until Jan. 31.

Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Otter said she was disappointed that Munoz did not place the activists on probation, which could have provided for stiffer penalties in the event of another illegal protest. "I don't have a problem with their cause," Otter said. "I have a problem with the way they're going about it."

Velluci said the protesters plan to appeal the convictions.

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER - JAN. 18

Charges Against Fur Protesters Reduced

Felony charges against anti-fur protesters arrested Sunday at a Los Angeles department store were reduced to misdemeanors Tuesday because the suspects had no criminal records and the arrest circumstances did not warrant felony prosecution, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office said.

Suspects and their lawyers were outraged by the original charges of felony burglary and conspiracy to commit trespass. They insisted that peaceful protests were allowed within the Constitution and did not warrant more than misdemeanor charges.

District attorney's office spokeswoman Elka Worner said she could not comment on how uncommon it is for protesters to be charged with felonies.

On Sunday, the 17 demonstrators chained themselves together in the Bullock's store in Beverly Center and refused to leave, chanting anti-fur slogans and obstructing doorways.

On Tuesday morning, 16 of the 17 demonstrators remained in jail, continuing to stage a hunger strike and refusing to post $15,000 bail.

One suspect, Elizabeth Wilson, 65, paid bail Monday and was released. She awaits arraignment early next month.

L.A. TIMES - DEC. 20

17 Arrested in Protest Against Sale of Furs

By ALAN ABRAHAMSON
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Seventeen animal rights activists were arrested Sunday on felony charges at one of Los Angeles' flossiest malls as they chained themselves together to protest the sale of animal furs, police said.

The protesters, many of them Southern Californians aligned with the Memphis, Tenn.-based Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, were arrested about 12:15 p.m. Sunday after about 90 minutes spent chained together at the Bullock's store at the upscale and decidedly trendy Beverly Center.

Sunday's demonstration—at the height

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of the holiday shopping frenzy—was designed to "affect their business and affect the most shoppers," one of the protesters, Gina Lynn, 23, a Cypress waitress, said Sunday night in a phone call from jail.

Police made the arrests without incident and no injuries were reported. All 17 people were booked on suspicion of felony burglary and conspiracy to commit trespass, said Los Angeles police department spokesman Officer Don Cox.

Bail was set at $15,000 for each of the protesters, he added.

Officials at Bullock's declined to comment. Beverly Center security officials could not be reached for comment. Both Bullock's and Macy's are owned by Federated Department Stores, one of the nation's leading retailers.

L.A. TIMES DEC. 18

A protest July 23 by the same group at Bullock's at Fashion Island in Newport Beach led to six arrests. Twenty more protesters were arrested Oct. 23 after clashing with security guards and chaining themselves to furniture at Macy's executive offices in San Francisco.

On Sunday at about 10:45 a.m., a dozen protesters chained themselves together with bicycle-style locks in front of the main entrance to Bullock's Beverly Center store, blocking that entrance and chanting, "Fur is dead! Boycott Bullock's! Bullock's tortures animals!"

Another four went up one floor and locked themselves to an escalator near another Bullock's entrance, said Cres Vellucci, 47, of Sacramento, whose wife, Sheila Laracy, 48, was another of the protesters.

The demonstration ended about 90 minutes later with the arrests of nine women and eight men.

Charges are dropped against animal-rights activists

The Orange County Register

Prosecutors dropped trespassing charges Wednesday against five animal-rights activists who stormed into a Newport Beach department store in July to protest the sale of fur garments.

A spokeswoman for the Activist Civil Liberties Committee said the five protesters learned Wednesday morning that the Orange County District Attorney's Office was dropping the misdemeanor charges.

Newport Beach police officers arrested the protesters July 23 after they began congregating in the fur salon at Bullock's in Fashion Island. The protest prompted security officers to close the store for an hour.

Jack Sullens, supervising deputy at the Orange County District Attorney's Office in Newport Beach, could not be reached for comment after Wednesday's hearing in Harbor Municipal Court.

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER-NOV 16

A Dogged Defender of Animals Puts It All on the Line

By RUSS LOAR
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Gina Lynn has three cats, two dogs, six arrests and three pending court cases—all for the love of animals.

It's all the 23-year-old Cypress waitress can do to earn a living, between court appearances and animal rights demonstrations that sometimes take her across the country and frequently land her in jail.

While Lynn suspects mainstream America sees her as a fanatic or a crackpot, she invokes the mantra of civil disobedience in fighting for what she sees as the stolen civil rights of Earth's other beings.

"People can call us crazy, and that's fine with me," said Lynn, who was recently sentenced to 50 hours of community service and fined $775 for occupying the UC Irvine chancellor's office during an April protest over campus animal research.

"They called Martin Luther King Jr. crazy. They called Henry David Thoreau and Susan B. Anthony crazy. They all practiced civil disobedience and fought for what they believed in and they changed society."

As a matter of principle, Lynn has refused to comply with court orders to stay away from the places she has protested in return for probation and will not pay court-imposed fines.

"I refuse to reward the system for prosecuting nonviolent activists," said Lynn, whose fledgling Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition has targeted animal research, dolphin shows and the sale of fur coats in Orange County and beyond. "I'm not going to pay a fine because I was exercising my First Amendment rights."

Lynn traces her outspoken empathy for animals to the age of 4, when she first visited the Huntington Beach Pier.

"It was the first time I had ever seen anybody fishing," she said. "All the way down to the end of the pier and all the way back, I screamed at every fisherman I saw. I told them they had no right to take those fish out of the water and they should put them back."

She became a vegetarian at 12.

"I had read 'The Mother's Tale,' a short story about cows going to slaughter and everything they go through up until they are slaughtered. It was the first time I'd thought about it and I thought, 'Jeez, this is what it takes to make my hamburger? Forget it, I don't want it.' And so I stopped eating meat."

Lynn shuns anything made of leather and will not use products that were tested on animals. But she also acknowledges the difficulty of rejecting all products, such as some automobile tires, that contain animal byproducts.

"You've got to draw the line somewhere. You can't be perfect, but you can be consistent."

After spending her teenage years at sporadic animal rights demonstrations, Lynn has steadily increased her level of activism the last several years. She has even persuaded her mother, a 55-year-old secretary, to join her in several protests. They were both arrested in May during a protest of the dolphin show at Knott's Berry Farm.

"She raised me to love animals and question the norm, to be different. So I educated her about the issues and got her involved."

Lynn's first arrest was at a February 1995 protest at UC Santa Barbara. Joined by a small band of activists from throughout California, Lynn helped block a truck that was delivering 10 rabbits to a research lab. "They were scheduled to be vivisected in the lab, during a class," she said.

She was convicted of a misdemeanor and given a $500 fine that was later suspended.

With three court cases nearing trial and ambitious plans to continue demonstrations, Lynn said she is lucky to have an understanding employer. But she gave fair warning.

"I told the guy who interviewed me for this job: 'I'm an animal rights activist and I get arrested sometimes and I have to take days off to be in court and to do demonstrations.' He said, 'I totally respect that you're telling me this ahead of time and we'll work with you on this.' They've been great. I thought they'd never hire me."

Lynn finds it difficult to survive on earnings that fluctuate between $500 and $1,000 a month. She lives in a tidy Cypress subdivision where she rents a room from a sympathetic couple who help care for her pets when she travels to a demonstration or spends the night in jail.

Her longest stint behind bars came last month when she spent three days in a Los Angeles County jail. Lynn and 16 other activists had formed a human chain to block the entrance to the Beverly Center Bullock's department store to protest fur coat sales. She refused to post bail or be released on her own recognizance, but was released anyway because the jail was overcrowded. A trial date is pending.

As her activism grows, Lynn has put aside future concerns. She realizes the courts may deal with her more harshly as her convictions pile up, but she remains undeterred.

"This is all I do, and all I want to do. It's really the only thing I have any energy to do. There are billions of animals suffering every single day. I don't feel like my life can compare to that," she said.

"I get very discouraged and very depressed sometimes because I think it's not going to change. I don't think I'm going to see the end of animal suffering in my lifetime; I'm not that naive. But it's not going to make me stop."

Profile: Gina Lynn

Age: 23

Residence: Cypress

Education: La Mirada High School graduate

Background: Animal rights activism began at age 15 with Last Chance for Animals in Los Angeles County; after moving to Oregon, she took part in protests organized by Action for Animals; since returning to Southern California, she has protested hospital and university research labs, rodeos, circuses, dolphin shows and the sale of fur coats; last April, she founded the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition.

On Orange County activism: "It's tougher to get a receptive audience here because people are a lot more conservative and a lot of people turn their noses up at anybody who is doing anything different. It's also tougher in the courts."

Source: Gina Lynn Interviewed by RUSS LOAR / For the Times

Los Angeles Times



LOS ANGELES TIMES - JAN 29

Fur protest closes store

SOCIAL ISSUES: Animal-rights activists are arrested at Bullock's.

By LORI BASHEDA
The Orange County Register

NEWPORT BEACH — Chanting "fur is dead," a half-dozen animal-rights activists stormed Bullock's on Sunday, prompting Fashion Island security guards to close the store for more than an hour until police arrived to haul the protesters away.

The activists, members of Orange County People for Animals, were arrested on suspicion of trespassing and taken to the Newport Beach jail, where they issued a statement vowing to go on a hunger strike until released.

By Sunday evening, all six protesters had been released, Newport Beach police Lt. Don Chandler said.

The protesters crashed Bullock's preseason sale at about 12:30 p.m., congregating in the fur salon. Within seconds, security guards locked the main doors.

"You mean I came all the way down here from Riverside just to go to Bullock's and I can't get in?" asked one irate shopper.

"Arrest them!" shouted one woman, peering inside.

Shoppers who were inside the store when it was locked also were angry.

"They oughta get a life," said San Clemente resident Floyd Panning, shopping with his wife, Lee, who said she is a fur owner and proud of it.

Eventually, police did make arrests.

After they were handcuffed, several protesters dropped to the ground, forcing police to drag them away.

Outside, a half-dozen more activists held posters of skinned foxes.

"Go home, communists!" one man chanted at the protesters.

The group did draw at least one sympathizer. "I'm very much on your side," Barrie Milroy, an Australian who is in Newport Beach on business, told them. "It's time we stop doing this."

The demonstration was part of a nationwide protest.

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER - JULY 24

Trial of 5 animal-rights activists to start

The Orange County Register

NEWPORT BEACH — Five animal-rights activists go on trial this week, charged with trespassing after they entered UC Irvine Chancellor Laurel Wilkening's office last spring and refused to leave.

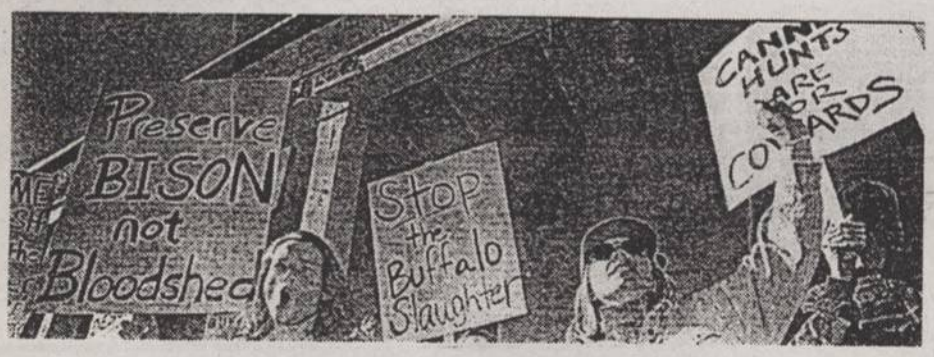
Jury selection begins this morning under Harbor Municipal Court Judge Frances Munoz, with testimony probably starting Thursday, said Elizabeth Otter, deputy district attorney.

The incident occurred April 23, when the activists demanded to ask Wilkening questions about animal testing on campus. After a three-hour standoff, they were arrested.

The activists said they had offered to do community service hours in an attempt to avoid a trial, but were turned down. Otter said the offer was far too lenient.

Charged with one count of trespassing are Gina Lynn of Cypress, Dr. Richard McLellan of Los Angeles, Sheila Laracy of Sacramento, Robin Schroeder of Venice and Crescenzo Vellucci of Sacramento.

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER - JAN 10



Photos by Chuck Ming/The New Mexican

Left to right, Lawrence Carter-Lavy of Albuquerque, Lauren Sullivan of Albuquerque and Pat Wolff of Santa Fe [illegible] the planned buffalo hunt this weekend.

Groups sue to stop buffalo hunt

By BEN NEARY
The New Mexican

A coalition of Indian groups and anti-hunting forces filed a federal lawsuit on Wednesday charging the Army should have undertaken an environmental study before approving a buffalo hunt scheduled to begin this weekend at Fort Wingate.

Speaking at a Santa Fe news conference called to announce the lawsuit, Picuris Pueblo Lt. Gov. Carl Tsosie, an official of the Inter-Tribal Bison Cooperative that represents 39 tribes that raise buffalo in 15 states, took issue with the use of the word "hunt" to describe the event.

"They call it a hunt, but it's not," Tsosie said. "It's a senseless slaughter of our brothers.

"This is a horrible revival of the horrors of the past," Tsosie said. "We look at this as a needless, senseless slaughter. And for what? Not to relieve the hunger of the many, but to relieve the boredom of the few."

Earl Tulley of the Diné Care organization said Indians sometimes kill buffalo. He said some Indian people have ceremonies in which they "ask the buffalo to give of itself and give of its soul (so) that the Indian people may live."

After the news conference, Tulley said the Indian groups and the anti-hunting groups are united in their belief that the planned hunt is wrong. While Indians may kill buffalo and use parts of the animals in their ceremonies, he said, the animal-rights groups recognize a crucial difference between that and a non-Indian trophy hunter who might hang a mount on the wall.

Meanwhile, Lou Gallegos — chief of staff to Gov. Gary Johnson — said Wednesday he will do his best to schedule a meeting between representatives of groups that oppose the hunt and state game and fish officials to discuss the possibility of delaying the hunt to consider other options.

The state Department of Game and Fish has scheduled hunts for three of the animals this weekend to be followed by similar hunts on the following two weekends.

Game department officials have

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said they want to reduce the ratio of bulls to cows in the herd and also are candid about their desire to provide the public with the opportunity to hunt the animals.

While Gallegos said he couldn't guarantee it's possible that the hunt could be postponed, he said he believed the protesters' suggestion that the state consider alternatives was "well-taken."

Gallegos said he intended to try to reach members of the state Game Commission — which authorized the hunt last year.

The following groups joined as plaintiffs in the federal lawsuit filed Wednesday: The Fund for Animals — a New York City-based anti-hunting organization; Sangre de Cristo Animal Protection — an Albuquerque-based animal rights group; the Inter-tribal Buffalo Cooperative; Picuris Pueblo and Diné Care, a Navajo-based environmental group.

The coalition intends to file a separate request by Friday asking U.S. District Judge Martha Vazquez to block the hunt, lawyer David Gomez of the Western Environmental Law Center said. If that request is unsuccessful, he said the groups intend to file another request next week.

"What we have here is a willful violation of federal law by a federal agency," Gomez said.

He said the Army's approval of the hunt amounts to a federal action that requires analysis under a federal environmental law.

Malcolm Walden, spokesman for the Tooele Army Depot in Utah, which oversees the decommissioned Fort Wingate Depot near Gallup, said Monday that Lt. Col. Mark R. Henscheid and other officials decided the hunt did not require a federal study.

John Crenshaw, spokesman for the game department, said Wednesday the department set the scheduled hunts as a state action. Accordingly, he said the department believes it's exempt from a federal environmental study.

About noon Wednesday, Diné Care's Tulley and others went from the news conference to join a protest outside the state Department of Game and Fish headquarters on Galisteo Street. About 50 people carried signs and listened to speakers denounce the hunt.

From there, the protesters walked to Gov. Gary Johnson's office in the Roundhouse, where many sat on the floor waiting for someone to speak with them.

Just after 1 p.m., Gallegos called the group into the Cabinet Room to discuss the issue.

Elisabeth Jennings, executive director of Sangre de Cristo Animal Protection Inc., told Gallegos that she viewed it as an outrage that the state would establish a sport-hunting season on buffalo when the animals are sacred to Indians.

Crenshaw, spokesman for the game department, attended the meeting and told people there that hunters in the state paid to bring the Fort Wingate buffalo herd to New Mexico in the 1960s through their license fees and have paid since then to maintain the animals.

He said the game department has considered getting rid of the 60-animal herd altogether.

Gallegos said he intended to contact Bill Brininstool, chairman of the state Game Commission, and discuss with him and other officials the possibility of considering other options.

While Gallegos said he would do his best to set up a meeting, he emphasized he wasn't able to make any commitment from the Governor's Office to delay the hunts.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

PRESS CUTTINGS, CONT'D

Around 20 arrested

Protestors hit Olympia

Animal rights groups call attention to mink farmers convention

by Donna Frake
Staff writer

The fur was flying at Olympia Resort over the weekend as animal rights activists were out protesting the presence of the International Mink Association's convention in the hotel.

Chanting "No blood for vanity" and "40 dead animals for one fur coat," the protesters lined an area of the hotel grounds that borders Hwy. 67.

Although exact numbers were not available at press time, police estimate that some 23 activists were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and trespassing. Officers said that perhaps three of the activists made it into the hotel and several others were apprehended trying to gain access.

The short-lived protest began mid-morning on Saturday and dispersed by noon. Estimates place the total number of protesters at 75, although not all were present at the same time. The hotel expected and was prepared for the arrival of the activists.

"We expected 25-50 protesters, but 75 is probably an accurate number," said Maria Lynn Brenner, director of marketing for Olympia Resort and Conference Center. "We did require them to hire a certain amount of extra security and asked them to notify the police. We had some small meetings with the police since before Christmas and within the last week and a half. They (the association) hired uniformed and non-uniformed people to be visible in the hotel during their stay and in the convention area itself," she added.

"From what I've seen, they're young students with strong opinions. They've caused no damage," Brenner pointed out. "As a hotel, we try to stay neutral - when organizations book with us we have an obligation to them and we also have an obligation to anybody not to interfere with anyone's free speech," she continued.

Brenner said that 45 days prior to the convention, the hotel began receiving some phone calls from people complaining about the meeting. "It was on the Internet where the convention was going to be," she explained.

Marcia Kelly, spokesperson for the association, said that this event was typical of the way the activists worked. "In terms of their m.o. (modus operandi), this is pretty usual," she said.

"I think they use these desperate tactics because they're frustrated. The public does not believe the life of an animal and the life of a child are equal. That's what they're about. I think the public has gotten so used to seeing them that they pay no attention. I think the average person would say that these people should get a life," Kelly noted.

Protest organizer J.P. Goodwin, from the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade in Tennessee, objected to that sentiment. "The only thing we've had has been people honking and waving as they drive by, showing their support," he said.

"They are killing animals for luxury items, and we're here to say that's got to go," Goodwin explained. "They cannot defend the killing of animals for their pelts," he added.

Goodwin said that his group, and other animal rights groups, use the Internet and trade publications to track the convention and meeting sites of mink farmers.

FOCUS ON OCONOMOWOC - JAN. 15

Animal rights activists remain in jail

Oconomowoc — Seventeen animal rights activists remained in the Waukesha County Jail on Sunday, unwilling to post bail after they were arrested at a furriers' convention.

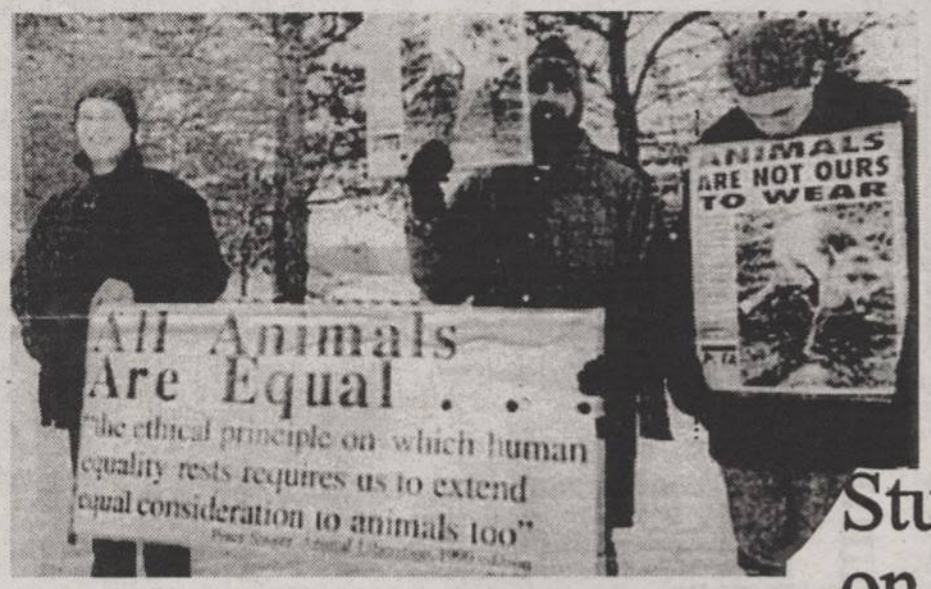
A total of 22 protesters were arrested Saturday at the Olympia Resort and Convention Center as they attempted to force their way into an exposition hall at the resort.

Two juveniles were released by Oconomowoc police. However, only three of the other 20 people arrested, including an 84-year-old woman from Des Moines, Iowa, posted bail as of Sunday evening, police said.

Oconomowoc police said people were allowed to picket peacefully outside the resort. But some who "tried to disrupt the convention" by entering the hall were arrested.

The protesters were members of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, which identified itself as a Memphis-based organization.

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Fur convention is protested

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"They use the Internet to promote their activities. We've been using it to track them as well," Kelly commented.

"We can't thank the Oconomowoc Police Department enough for their help," Brenner said. "They were very well prepared and super to work with. They have handled everyone in a very courteous fashion," she added.

Lieutenant Jeff Schmidt from the City of Oconomowoc Police Department said that there were some 40 officers involved in the event that included support from neighboring communities and from the county and state patrol.

Student activist found guilty on December protest charges

Brett Knapp
Staff Reporter

A jury found animal rights activist Freeman Wicklund guilty Friday of trespassing and disorderly conduct in connection with a December protest in University President Nils Hasselmo's office.

Wicklund faces up to $700 in fines and 90 days in jail when he is sentenced on March 11. A six-member Hennepin County jury returned the decision after three hours of deliberation Thursday and Friday.

Wicklund said he plans to appeal the decision.

Wicklund, a 22-year-old senior in the College of Human Ecology, chose to defend himself in the case. He was allowed to ask questions of a public defender, but could not receive advice.

Despite the trial's outcome, Wicklund said he would defend himself if he had it to do over again. Most members of the legal community consider it a bad idea to defend oneself in court.

Wicklund was one of seven members of the Student Organization for Animal Rights who entered Hasselmo's office in December to protest the use of research animals at the University. Group members chanted and put stickers on the walls and furniture in the president's office.

Wicklund and fellow student Kathleen Fedor were arrested after handcuffing themselves together and refusing to leave. Fedor is set to stand trial in March.

The group was specifically protesting the research of professor Marilyn Carroll, who has received about $4 million to explore the effects of drugs on rats and monkeys.


WICKLUND

Carroll and Hasselmo were both subpoenaed to testify on Wicklund's behalf, but the order was repealed in a pretrial hearing. Wicklund hoped that documents the two would have been required to produce could show that there was widespread objection to Carroll's research and that the University had done nothing to respond.

Despite the jury's decision, Wicklund said he considers the trial a positive step for his beliefs. The fact that the protest and trial got the attention of administrators

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Hasselmo gets subpoenaed

U president summoned to testify in trial of animal-rights activist

Brett Knapp
Staff Reporter

University President Nils Hasselmo must testify in the disorderly conduct trial of a student protestor.

Hennepin County District Court, on behalf of Freeman Wicklund, served subpoenas to Hasselmo and University professor Marilyn Carroll on Wednesday. The orders require them to appear in court on Feb. 14.

Wicklund, a 22-year-old senior in the College of Human Ecology, will represent himself in the case. Police arrested him and fellow student Kathleen Fedor in September after the two conducted a protest against experiments on animals in Carroll's office.

The subpoena requires Hasselmo to produce documents and letters regarding University animal experiments and Carroll's research on drug addiction in primates.

Wicklund said he hopes the materials will show that objection to Carroll's studies is widespread. "We want them to show all the letters they've received in response to Carroll's research, and show how they've responded to those letters," Wicklund said.

Hasselmo and his staff declined to comment on the case.

Wicklund said he wanted Carroll to receive her subpoena on Tuesday, but the researcher will be out of her office until next week.

Carroll's subpoena requires her to produce all documents related to her research, including the minutes of the discussion of her work by the Animal Care and Use Committee. The court also demands medical reports of animals that have died while under her supervision.

Carroll received about $4 million in grants to fund research to test the effects of PCP, cocaine and other drugs on monkeys and rats.

"The money should be spent on the treatment and prevention of (human) drug addicts, not on turning monkeys and rats into drug addicts," Wicklund said.

Following the September arrests, Carroll said the animals are not hurt by the drugs and that her research is important for human addicts. "We're not doing anything physically harmful," she said. "Humans are failing over and over again in treatment ... and we have to find out why."

Monkeys in Carroll's experiments suffer nose-bleeds, self-mutilation and are kept in small cages, Wicklund said. "The monkeys are kept in cages the size of small refrigerators that people have in their (dorm) rooms," he said.


WICKLUND

Keeping monkeys in isolation cages is prohibited by the Animal Welfare Act because they are social animals. But if a researcher believes housing monkeys together interferes with their studies, they can get around the law, said Elliot Katz, a veterinarian and president of In Defense Of Animals. "This is a giant loophole for researchers ... to be as cruel as they want," he said.

Wicklund is defending his own case because he says he can do the best job of describing the details surrounding his case. "A lawyer can't present the circumstances as well as I can," he said. "I've been in the labs."

Fedor is being tried separately from Wicklund even though the students offered to have a single trial to save taxpayers' money, Wicklund said.

Wicklund said his trial will cost $10,000 in taxpayers' money. "But we've learned tax waste is pretty rampant around here," he said.

The September protest involved Wicklund, Fedor and five other members of the Student Organization for Animal Rights. The members chanted, handcuffed themselves together and refused to leave the office.

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■ Similar charge may be dropped

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and others in the community outweighs the possibility of jail time and fines, Wicklund said.

"Coming into this thing we thought 'no matter what happens we're going to turn this into a victory,'" Wicklund said.

Assistant City Attorney Sandra Anderson said students should remember they have the right to try and make changes in the system, but they should do it within the confines of the law.

Wicklund is currently involved in four other separate court cases involving animal rights protests. One case involves a trespassing charge stemming from a fur protest at the Dayton's department store in downtown Minneapolis.

Wicklund asked Hennepin County District Judge Joan Lancaster to drop the trespassing charge in light of the recent conviction. Lancaster said she will consider the motion at Wicklund's sentencing.

Anderson said she has not decided if she will contest the motion.

Vandals free thousands of caged minks

CONFLICT: Release of animals mirrors incident three weeks ago on another farm.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANGLEY, B.C. — A mink farmer scurried to gather up thousands of the feisty creatures that were let out of their cages overnight.

No animal-rights groups claimed responsibility for opening as many as 6,000 cages at Fred Rippin's mink farm.

THE BELLINGHAM HERALD, NOV. 15

Animal-rights activists guilty

Two Twin Cities animal-rights activists were convicted last week of violating Minnesota's "hunter harassment" law during a deer hunt in 1994 at Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve in Scott County.

Jessie Miner of St.Paul and Rennee Gardner of Minneapolis were found guilty Thursday of harassing a hunter and disturbing wild animals in a public area. Each was fined $400 but can perform community service in lieu of the fine. Miner and Gardner were among a group of 16 anti-hunting activists arrested for allegedly harassing bow hunters in the park. Nick Atwood of Chaska, another protester, currently is on trial, and trials are scheduled for the other defendants.

The protesters have challenged the constitutionality of the state law. A Scott County judge ruled earlier that the law is not overly vague, as the defendants had charged, and that the state has a legitimate interest in protecting hunters who are legally pursuing game. The Activist Civil Liberties Committee of Sacramento, Calif., said the defendants will appeal the convictions on constitutional grounds.

STAR TRIBUNE - JAN. 28

Meat market isn't giving in to vandals believed tied to animal-rights movement

By Kevin O'Neal
STAFF WRITER

Despite suffering repeated acts of vandalism during the past two years, the owner of Kincaid's Meat Market says business is good and the market will stay.

"We're really thinking that the bad guys are learning that we are not going to leave this area," said David Rollins, current owner of Kincaid's and grandson of the store's founder.

Since 1994, the family-owned store at 5605 N. Illinois St. has been vandalized seven times, with windows broken and slogans spray-painted on walls. One arrest has been made — a 13-year-old caught marking a slogan on a wall.

Several times, the letters "ALF" have been painted on the store's walls. Police think that stands for the Animal Liberation Front, an organization opposed to any use of animals for food or clothing.

"It's a group of individuals who apparently are just opposed to anything to do with meat or animals or leather," said Donald Randall of the Indianapolis Police Department North District. "They're going a bit too far with their beliefs with the vandalism."

Police said a nearby fast-food restaurant and a specialty store that since has closed also were damaged.

Police think Kincaid's was targeted because it is a small store and the anti-meat protesters may have thought they could pressure it into closing.

The first vandalism case reported to police was in March 1994, when workers at Kincaid's found their window marked with the words "Old Dog." At that time, police thought the marking might have been a form of gang graffiti.

However, more graffiti was reported to police on Feb. 25 and March 6, 1995. "Meat is murder" was painted on the store's walls.

June 1995 brought a threatening phone call from a "male voice threatening to shoot employees," a police report said.

Then, five days before Christmas 1995, Kincaid's main window facing Illinois Street was broken

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by a brick. A broken window was reported on Jan. 6, and the store received threatening phone calls three days later.

Rollins said the repeated vandalism, defacements and threats nearly led him to give up on the meat market.

"If you had talked to us on a morning when we were sweeping up a billion pieces of broken glass, I would have talked about quitting," he said. "But the calls started coming in."

Customers, learning of the vandalism, started calling Kincaid's to express their support. Despite the problems, the store has seen an increase in sales.

Rollins said one couple visited the store and offered a $20 bill to help pay for the damage. "It sounds corny, but there are good people out there."

THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR - JAN. 25

PRESS CUTTINGS, CONT'D

SOUND AND FURRY

Animal defenders pounce but claim not to destroy

By Kevin Robbins
The Commercial Appeal

It doesn't seem that Memphis, a city with mild winters and a relatively small market for furs, would be a hotbed for fur protesters.

But the evidence is hard to ignore: broken windows and splattered crimson paint on the fronts of stores that sell furs, glued-shut locks on the doors of those businesses and regular public protests.

One reason is that Memphis is headquarters for the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT), a national organization that observers describe as one of the most militant and public animal-rights groups in the country.

Its organizers say the group is not responsible for vandalism to area fur merchants, that CAFT sticks to nondestructive forms of civil disobedience, like Friday morning's carefully orchestrated event outside Goldsmith's at Oak Court Mall.

During that protest, about 30 young men and women, marching in ovals and chanting themselves hoarse, stopped and sprinted west, where a comrade was busy handcuffing his wrist to a door.

There was a tussle. The young people slung slogans at the police and directed reporters to the high jinks. An arrest was made. Onlookers were startled. The TV news cameras were whirring.

Mission accomplished.

It was opening day of the 1995 Christmas shopping season, and CAFT was targeting Goldsmith's because it houses a fur salon. The protesters ended the noisy event after about 90 minutes.

CAFT has a narrow scope, unlike the approaches of such sweeping national movements as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and the Humane Society of the United States.

Based in Memphis, CAFT targets furriers. Members claim to conduct peaceful and public protests against the use of fur for fashion.

But Memphis furriers complain of vandalism as well as threatening telephone calls — all in the name, they suspect, of animal rights.

"It's not us," said John P. Goodwin, 22, a Germantown native and an organizer of CAFT.

Perhaps Goodwin has reformed the group's mission — and his own. Three years ago, Goodwin and two protesters were arrested on vandalism charges during a police stakeout at a local furrier. The trio defaced fur stores and caused more than $7,000 in damage. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in prison. But a state appeals court overturned the sentences this year. The activists were then sentenced to six months of probation, said attorney Mac Dickinson, who represented the three.

A well-spoken high school dropout with intense eyes and dark, closely cropped hair, Goodwin orchestrated Friday's protest, summoning the mostly young marchers with shouts such as "Forty dead animals, one fur coat" and "Hey, Goldsmith's, what do you say? How many animals did you kill today?"

The protesters lugged signs and shouted at holiday shoppers. One was arrested Friday — a pre-planned brush with the law. Three more were scheduled to be read their rights, Goodwin said, but they thought better of it as the time approached.



By Troy Glasgow

Joseph Marshall was among some 30 young people protesting fur sales Friday at the Oak Court Mall Goldsmith's. The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, based in Memphis, staged the protest.

Jessica Skyfield, 15, dropped her sign on a stack that later would be packed into Goodwin's black Bronco. A sophomore at White Station High School, Skyfield said she was arrested a year ago and that she has been protesting the use of fur for two years. She was taken to juvenile court, fined $30 and sent home. "It was kind of neat," Skyfield said.

A Dec. 17 protest is planned next by CAFT, a low-budget group considered by national trade and activist groups as an active, uncompromising bunch that takes an all-or-nothing approach.

"They don't waver," said Peter Wood, 34, the fur campaign coordinator for the 500,000-member group PETA. Though CAFT is smaller (Goodwin will not be more specific than to say it has "several hundred" members), the group "is one of the best activist groups in the country," Wood said.

It is a group made up of "troublemakers," countered Carol Wynne.

The executive director of the Fur Information Council of America in Washington, Wynne said groups like CAFT are losing support and trying the patience of the public. The council on Nov. 20 released the results of an independently conducted survey that says 9 of 10 Americans "do not approve of the tactics" used by activists who oppose luxury fur.

Those tactics include vocal protests and acts of civil disobedience — both legal. But common tactics also include vandalism, the furriers say.

All of this in Memphis — a city not even among the Top 10 retail markets for furs.

"In Memphis, it's very strange. The rest of the country seems to be free of any major types of vandalism. That Memphis is a hotbed is very strange," Wynne said.

CAFT's history in Memphis goes back to a rock concert Goodwin attended when he was 16. He encountered a table with information about the animal-rights movement. He was drawn in by stories of foxes caught in leg traps and mink skinned for their pelts. Goodwin said he felt an obligation to do something. He became an activist.

He left Germantown High School in the 11th grade and now cleans houses for a living. Goodwin said he has helped CAFT groups launch in Indianapolis; Atlanta; Canton, Ohio; and a city in Sweden.

He also is coordinating what he calls a "Fur Forum." Scheduled for Dec. 3 at an as-yet undisclosed location, the public forum would allow animal-rights activists and "members of the fur trade" to "go head to head in debate," according to a news release from CAFT. In addition, each side would show 10 minutes of videotape.

"It's a win-win thing for us," Goodwin said. "If they don't show up, it's just going to prove that they have something to hide."

Furriers say they have nothing to hide. Their $1.1 billion industry supports more than 70,000 jobs in America, according to the Fur Information Council. And, they say, most of their furs are harvested from farm-raised animals that are killed humanely.

Furriers also say they have nothing to gain by attending Goodwin's forum.

"They're a terrorist group," said Sybil Gatti, who sells upscale clothes and accessories at J. Benham in Sanderlin Centre in East Memphis.

"They simply want to set a stage," added the store's owner, Jean Benham. "We don't have anything to defend."

Benham said her store was firebombed a year ago when it was being built. She said the locks on the back door have been glued frequently. And late Sunday night, someone splashed red paint on the storefront, drenching the black safety bars and the shatterproof windows Benham has installed.

The paint still is congealed in pools on the sidewalk outside the store.

"No one has the right to destroy someone's property," said Benham, who estimates she's spent nearly $8,000 fixing what vandals have broken.

The owner of Motes Furs, 3025 Bellbrook Drive, said she has spent more than $10,000 replacing smashed windows and glued locks. The windows on the old Motes store on American Way were broken four times before she closed it, Janice Dowell said. Her locks were glued 11 times.

Responsible for those crimes "are underground, clandestine organizations," Goodwin said.

"We're more upfront. We're blocking doors, carrying out nonviolent civil disobedience. It's not us that'll be running around in the shadows, carrying out acts in the night."

Returning to the pickets, Goodwin raised his hands and faced the youthful group.

"Are we going to disrupt business?" he shouted. "Yeah!" the group shrieked back.

"Create chaos?" The group shrieked the same answer.

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL - NOV. 25

Release of 5,000 mink blamed on activists

KAREN GRAM
Vancouver Sun

Aldergrove fur farmers are blaming radical animal-rights activists for releasing about 5,000 mink from their cages early Tuesday morning.

And mainstream animal-rights groups have condemned the act as extreme and stupid.

Mink farmer Fred Rippin was awakened by a passer-by at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, alerting him that his mink were running free all over the area. Friends, neighbors and other mink farmers spent the day catching the animals — but many of the mink had already been killed by gravel trucks which regularly travel the road.

By 6 p.m. about 80 per cent of the mink had been recovered.

Other farmers in the area are beefing up their security systems to ensure similar acts of vandalism do not happen to them.

But one animal-rights activist supported the action, and said it was part of a trend toward more direct action.

Robert Noding, of Animal Allies, pointed to the claims by the Animal Rights Militia that it had poisoned supermarket turkeys last Christmas, and the window smashing and graffiti at six Starbucks coffee outlets last August because Starbucks is on the board of the Vancouver Aquarium.

"Things are heating up here," he said.

Rippin said he lost 70 years of breeding information, critical to his operation.

Breeding data can't be fastened to the animals. Instead, it is placed on their cages. So when the mink leave the cages, it becomes impossible to track their history.

It was the second such incident in three weeks.

Someone sneaked into Reg and Lydia Dargatz's farm late Oct. 24 and released 2,400 mink. All but 140 have been found either dead or alive but they also lost breeding information.

After that incident, Rippin hired a security company to make regular patrols throughout the night.

"Apparently the [security] guy was here at midnight and he said he saw nothing wrong which I find hard to believe because I was out at 1:30 and there were mink all over the place."

No one has claimed responsibility for opening the cages at either farm. But other mink farmers can't imagine who else would do it.

"This was no prank or act of simple vandalism," said farmer Sheila Engh. "To open 5,000 cages in 1 1/2 hours there had to be at least 10 people. And they came through the bush with bolt cutters. This was no casual operation.

"If this was animal liberationists, it was terrorism.

"Next to hunting humans this is the worst. They are destroying people's lives here."

Chris Engh, president of the Canadian Mink Breeders Association, said every farmer in the area is on alert.

"It would be pretty risky to do anything now," he said. "Farmers are really angry."

Lydia Dargatz said she and her husband have been up almost every night since their mink were released. "It's been devastating to the business," she said. "Generations of breeding is down the drain."

Ingrid Pollak, of the Vancouver Humane Society, said she has no sympathy for the action despite her opposition to fur farming.

"I do not agree with this incident at all because (the perpetrators) should be more concerned with the welfare of the animal.

"These animals will not survive. This is stupidity with no concern for the animals."

Michelle Clausius, executive director of the Association for the Protection of Fur Bearing Animals, condemned the action as extreme.

"It really tarnishes the whole humane movement.

THE VANCOUVER SUN NOV-15-95

Militant animal-rights group says it freed valley mink

LARRY PYNN
Sun Environment Reporter

The Animal Liberation Front, a militant animal-rights group, has claimed responsibility for releasing thousands of mink from ranches in Aldergrove and Chilliwack.

"We aren't out to terrorize anybody," the group says in an unsigned letter received Monday by *The Vancouver Sun*. "We simply want to save lives and end this terrible trade."

Langley RCMP Const. Al Wakelin said in an interview he considers the letter authentic because of its detail, including reference to the group wanting to release 10,000 mink at the Aldergrove ranch of Fred Rippin Nov. 14.

The group released about 4,000 mink before a motorist began running the animals over and stopped to alert Rippin. About 600 to 700 mink are still loose.

"After their jailbreak, many of our friends [mink] took off and never looked back, many wandered around exploring the new world, while many simply played with one another," the group says.

"We would have freed all 10,000 of our friends had not farmer Fred's arrival necessitated our departure."

In its letter, the group also claims responsibility for the release on the evening of Oct. 23 of 2,400 mink from the Chilliwack farm of Reg and Lydia Dargatz.

The animal-rights group complains that news reports about the mink releases have been sympathetic to the ranch owners.

"These farmers don't care about the welfare of these animals — they would be slaughtered and skinned in a matter of weeks.

"All we did was give our friends a fighting chance to escape from that scheduled slaughter."

"These guys are sick," Reg Dargatz said of the activists.

The RCMP is also examining a link with a third release of about 200 mink from a ranch near Olympia, Wash., just two days after the Aldergrove attack.

Whether the U.S. incident is a copycat case or involved communication between Canadian and American activists is unknown, said Det. Con Riedl of the Thurston County sheriff's office.

The Animal Liberation Front has been linked to illegal activity, not just in Canada but in Europe and the U.S.

THE VANCOUVER SUN, NOV. 21

Animal rights activists release mink at farm

All but 2 of 400 of the animals found at Sheboygan County ranch

By Meg Jones
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Animal rights activists broke into a Sheboygan County mink farm and released 400 animals a few days after a demonstration was staged at a fur farmers convention in Oconomowoc, authorities said Monday.

All but two of the mink were found and put back in their cages at the Zimbal Mink Ranch in the town of Sheboygan, said Robert Zimbal, who operates the family-run business. About half of the mink refused to come out of their cages and the rest were found milling around the fenced-in property.

A group calling itself the Animal Liberation Front took responsibility for the incident and notified media Monday via a fax sent by the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, which stages demonstrations throughout the county and organized a protest Jan. 13 at the convention of the International Mink Association in Oconomowoc.

Zimbal said he assumed the two missing mink were dead because they were domesticated animals and did not know how to survive in the wild.

The Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department investigated the break-in, which was reported Jan. 16 and is believed to have happened late on Jan. 15 or early in the morning of Jan. 16. Capt. Steve Dortman said Monday that the animals were valued at $24,000.

Zimbal did not know why his farm, which has about 16,000 mink and was started by his grandfather, was targeted by the group.

"If you think of any type of farming, you raise the animal for a purpose," Zimbal said in a telephone interview Monday. "Like other kinds of farming, like cows or chickens, we give them the best care. The better care we give them, the bigger and better the animal."

Mink Termed 'Sensitive'

"That's a really self-serving statement by that farmer," said J.P. Goodwin, executive director for the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade. "Mink are sensitive individuals. They were going to be kept in those tiny cages and then gassed just so the skin can be peeled off their backs to make coats."

The coalition is not affiliated with the Animal Liberation Front, but the coalition condones the group's actions, including the break-in at the Sheboygan County farm, Goodwin said.

A spokeswoman for Fur Commission USA, a national organization representing domestic fur farmers, said protests against mink farmers were increasing across the United States, and Wisconsin, the nation's leading mink producer, may be targeted more often.

"It's possible that you will see more instances in Wisconsin. We know some of the most active militant leaders were in Wisconsin last week because they were protesting at the fur show," spokeswoman Marsha Kelly said.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL, JAN. 23

Animal rights activists released after protest arrest

A pair of animal-rights activists were released without bail Friday morning after being arrested during a Thursday protest in front of a downtown fur shop, Syracuse police said.

Jeffrey M. Watkins, 19, of 7561 Sugarwood Lane in North Syracuse and Robert B. Swift, 19, of 15 Maxwell Court each were charged with harassment and disorderly conduct after a verbal exchange in front of the Georgio's Furs store at 358 S. Salina St., police said.

About 2 p.m. Thursday, two police officers say they saw the suspects yelling in front of the store and pointing at a man in a long fur coat. The pair called the man and Georgio's owner George Politis "murderers," the officers said.

Denise Lynn, a spokesperson for the Syracuse Animal Defense League, said both suspects are members of that organization.

Lynn said they planned further action to protest what she called the squelching of their First Amendment rights.

Animal-rights group calls mink cages 'concentration camps'

MIKE BOCKING
Vancouver Sun

An animal-rights group has applauded the release Tuesday of about 5,000 mink from their cages at an Aldergrove fur farm.

Laurie Kazakoff, of Animal Allies, said it is better for the released mink to die as free animals than to remain in their tiny cages in "concentration-camp" conditions.

"The released mink, like all free, living creatures, face an uncertain future; some will survive, some will die, but they will die free and with some dignity," Kazakoff said.

"The unfortunate mink being returned to the fur farm have nothing to face but a certain barbaric death at the hands of their captors."

Mink farmer Fred Rippin was awakened early Tuesday morning to find his mink running free. It took the rest of the day for his friends, neighbors and other mink farmers to help catch about 90 per cent of his animals. Many mink were killed by traffic on a nearby road.

Late last month, another farmer had 2,400 of his mink released. While no one has claimed responsibility for the incidents, the farmers say it was done by animal-rights activists.

Mink farmer Rob Engh said Wednesday the action shows how ignorant these groups are of farmed mink and the consequences to the animals of releasing them.

Engh said the ancestry of most farmed mink goes back more than 50 generations. He said the mink that have not been recaptured will probably die of starvation. Even if they could still hunt by instinct, there is very little for them to eat at this time of year.

"It would be like taking everybody's household pets and leaving them on Grouse Mountain to fend for themselves," he said.

Engh's father, Chris, who is president of the Canada Mink Breeders Association, called the vandals extremists who are more interested in publicity than in the welfare of people or animals.

"Only people who know nothing about animal husbandry could be so uncaring as to release these farm-raised animals," he said.

Rob Engh said that when mink are ready to be marketed they are gassed with bottled carbon monoxide.

He said that because of mink's high metabolism (fast breathing and quick heart rate) they die almost immediately and painlessly from their first breath of the gas.

The mink breeders association says the industry generated more than $200 million in exports in 1994.

CITY & REGION - NOV. 16

Company's trucks target of vandals

Vandals caused more than $15,000 damage to vehicles parked in the lot of a Eugene ice cream maker early Sunday when they ignited fire bombs on three semi-trucks.

A security guard at Dutch Girl Ice Cream, 885 Grant St., smelled burning plastic and went out to the parking lot to find two fires burning about 4 a.m., according to a Eugene police report.

He found one truck on fire and another with a small flame near a tire. He used three fire extinguishers to douse the flames before calling the fire department.

The small tire fire was extinguished quickly, but one of the trucks, a 1985 Ford, was severely damaged when fire spread into the interior. Damage to that truck was estimated at $15,300.

The vandals tried to ignite three trucks using three plastic bottles containing clear liquid. The third device fizzled before igniting, according to the report.

All three of the trucks were covered with graffiti.

THE REGISTER-GUARD, DEC. 26

LETTERS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The opinions of grassroots are all important. One of the goals of this newsmagazine is to provoke letters of disagreement, or agreement, with stories and comment that appear on these pages. We more than welcome letters, and your comments. Please send all letters, on computer disk if possible ,IBM preferable, but Mac OK.)

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Dear Wonderful Young People,

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Sincerely,
Arvella
Roseville, MN

Dear NC,

Enclosed is my check for $15 to help with your admirable work. I am 89 years old and can only help with an occasional donation. May the good Lord also help you in your wonderful work.

Sincerely,
Laura
Spokane, WA

Divisiveness

Dear NC,

This letter is in response to Tracy Shepard and Scott Tornblume, two persons who seem to vent a legitimate gripe. The foregoing decry the "laziness" of some people within the animal rights movement. I guess they are trying to act as a Socratic gadfly, and sting the proverbial horse into motion. However, while I cannot disagree with the ends they seek (much to the contrary, I think activism is wonderful and important), I think that the means they advocate both devalues the "inertial" aspects of being vegan and the social statement that being a vegan makes.

I think I can fairly categorize their arguments as this; the only way to be a "true" member of the animal rights movement is to devote the whole of one's life to it. More importantly, prosaic tasks like (and I quote) "raising kids" or "having meetings" is inimical to the end goal of animal liberation. More cogently I think one could describe their argument as this; if you are not doing everything for the animal rights movement, then you are doing nothing.

I think that this position exposes some tenuous logic. First, it clearly devalues the social radicalism of being a vegan. Perhaps their daily experience is different than mine, but often I find that in living as a vegan I get a chance to educate people about the lifestyle and about animal exploitation. Perhaps this action is not as direct as a protest, but it is a mistake to discount its effects. Every person that I convince to abstain from a meat meal, or to consider the effects of purchasing animal tested products brings the ultimate goal of animal liberation closer. Even if it doesn't have the same amount of impact as direct action, it does have some impact.

Second, some of us in the movement believe that animal rights is one part of our larger world philosophies. That means that animal rights are one part of us, but not the only part. I am a law student and eventually I will become a lawyer. Perhaps one day I will fulfill my goal and sit on the United States Supreme Court and I resent the insinuation that any goal that I might have that differs from the end goal of liberating animals is worthless. I plan to be a complete person. I plan to have friends and family. I will partake of arts and literature. I will enjoy the time I devote to entertaining myself. For you to denigrate this is not only unrealistic (people enjoy having fun), but it is also ultimately hurtful. For our revolution to occur, animals must not only be lifted from the tyranny of the mind. It must be demonstrated to the human population that animals are deserving of moral status. That they think, feel and hurt just like smart primates. This revolution will occur one person at a time. By being a vegan I am making this revolution occur.

Additionally, I want to ask each of you if you devote all of your time to the struggle. Do you eat, breathe and excrete animal rights? Can you give more and if not, why not? Truth be told, your lamentations are perhaps good ways to vent frustration, but they will not draw people into the cause. I know there are times where I could do more but I do not, but for this I have no guilty conscience. Like it or not, I am **not** responsible for animal exploitation and for you to suggest otherwise is ludicrous. I think you need to read some moral theory and ask yourself - what am I trying to achieve? For it seems to me that you think each cage that you open brings the liberation closer. That is only true in the sense that one animal goes free. The position I advocate is one where people are convinced not to use the cage itself. I want to reorganize society against animal exploitation. And to do that I must be in a position to change society. I need to be a complete person to do that.

I do not want to disparage your position too much for truly we share the same goals even if we do not agree on how to achieve them. I only caution you to view animal rights as a movement of many parts in a larger orchestra. If our revolution is going to take hold, we must utilize all of our talents. And for us to utilize all of our talents, we must explore them as much as possible. So my suggestion is this - Let us activist and non-activist stand together in the struggle. Because in any struggle some must lead, some must follow and some must merely believe. It is up to each one of us to decide where we lay. And to those of you out there - the lazy vegans that Shepard and Tornblume are imploring - I ask you to try to do more. Try to help the cause, but I also reassure you that every bit that you give helps. And as long as you believe in the revolution and do what you can to make it happen, I, at least, give you my thanks.

David Zugman
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Many Hands, Many Oars

Let me first congratulate you on your wonderful publication. It fills the void of a much needed connection between grassroots organizations in North America; we need to know that through all of the frustration that we are not alone. Your first issue truly inspired me to get up and working again on a few projects I had been neglecting. I enclose the funds for a subscription.I would like to applaud the fine letters written by Tracy Shephard and Scott Tornblume which appeared in your first issue. They obviously are extremely dedicated to the cause and for that I thank them. I wish to point out, however, that for our movement to succeed and grow there must be a continuum of activity. Such a continuum includes both the older woman who gives money to the humane society monthly because she loves dogs **and** the ALFer who risks her life for the animals. There is a place for everyone in our movement as long as everyone across the spectrum recognizes and respects the significance of the roles of others (particularly those of us who are at the "extreme" end). While we may not always agree, we must work together as much as possible to achieve our mutual ends.So when Scott Tornblume tells me to drop out of school I say no. Going to school not only gives me the opportunity to explore and develop my beliefs further through academic study, but it gives me free access to meeting rooms, email, the net and countless other resources - not to mention the 5000 minds just waiting to be influenced.

Further, whether we like it or not ours is a society which listens to the educated (fixing this problem is indeed a cause in itself - one which I would rather play along with in the fight for the rights of animals). My law degree will give me credibility with the public, as well as permit me to defend ALFers and lobby government for change. We need people to do these things in our movement. We need variety.Finally, while it is important to dedicate one's life to the movement, by living and breathing it 24 hours a day, we are destined to fail in the long-term. Everyone needs a break; as much as we would like to sometimes think, we are not super-humans. Watching a movie or going to a friend's party allows one to re-charge and prevents the burn-out I have seen in so many. We all know how difficult it is to escape our beliefs; after all, the animal caught in a leg-hold trap doesn't get a break, nor does the cat with electrodes penetrating her brain. But if we want to spend our entire lives to abolish such activity, we must pace ourselves and take an evening off once in a while.

Keep fighting the good fight.

Towards Liberation in 1996,
Julie E. Smith
Co-founder, Human's United for Animal Protection (HUFAP), Ontario, Canada

Nominate Grassroots Speakers for National March

The National Alliance for Animals is now taking nominations to decide which grassroots activists will speak at the March for the Animals this June. Activists are allowed to nominate as many people as they want, but can only nominate the same person once. There are approximately 25 speaking positions available for grassroots activists. Nominations can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to:

National Alliance for Animals, Attn: Nomination Collector, PO Box 77196, Washington, DC 20013-7196 fax: 703-810-1089, e-mail: LPSU41C@prodigy.com

Unfortunately, many grassroots activists have been isolated from one another and are unaware of the dynamic activists from other areas. Because of this, *No Compromise* would like to list activists from different areas we feel are good nominees. Nominate any or all of them along. But, please, vote soon!

Dave Agranoff - Another highly qualified speaker from ADL, Syracuse.
Lawrence Carter-Long - Longtime activist currently working for Sangre de Cristo Animal Protection in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
JP Goodwin - Convicted ALF activist who founded and currently organizes the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade.
Alison Frost - Founder of the Students for Animal Liberation in Seattle.
Catherine Goeggel - Organizer of Animal Rights Hawaii in Honolulu.
Steve Hindi - Founder and organizer of the Chicago Animal Rights Organization. Uses high-tech tactics to successfully fight animal abusers.
Danny Johnson - Currently works for the Friends of Animals Humane Society in Duluth, Minnesota taking factory farmers, puppy mill operators, and other abusers to court.
D'Arcy Kermnitz - Former organizer of Animal Alliance in Madison. Now studying the so she can fight for the animals in the courtroom.
Denise Lynn - Founder of Animal Defense League in Syracuse, New York who helped ADL successfully fight off FBI harassment.
Gina Lynn - Civil Disobedience organizer of Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition in Southern California.
Jonathan Paul - Activist who spent 5 months in jail for refusing to testify at a Grand Jury hearing designed to intimidate the movement.
Nicole Rodgers - Animal Defense League, Syracuse activist who also helped fight off the FBI Harassment.
Cres Vellucci - Organizer of the first civil disobedience for animals and executive director of National Activist Network in Sacramento, CA.
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