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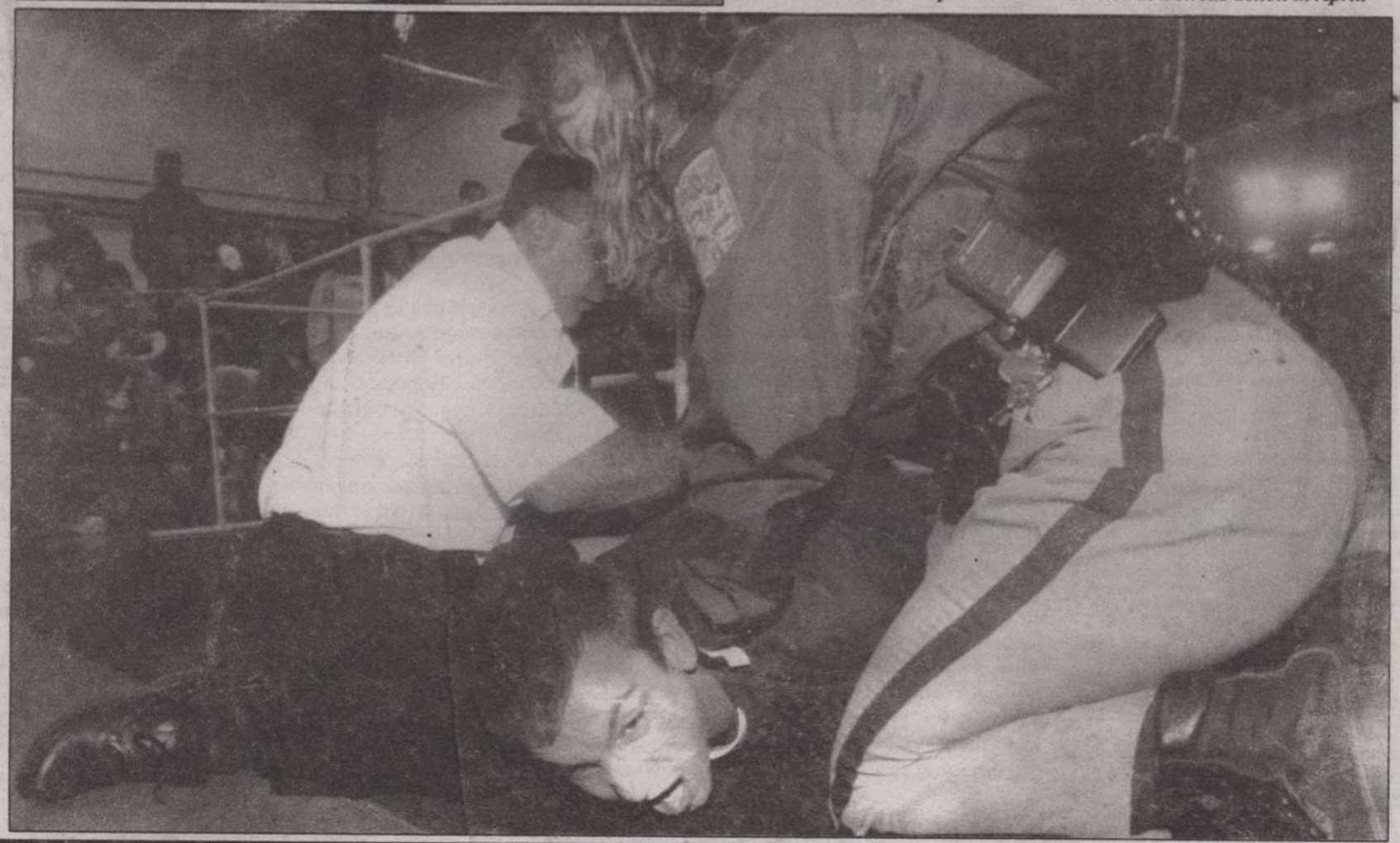
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DIRECT ACTION. *(Left) CAFT/Memphis activist Michelle Borok is thrown to the ground and peppersprayed at an anti-fur protest May 19. (Above) Josh, a CAFT/Atlanta activist is handcuffed. (Below), Indianapolis/ADL activist Kenny Kreusher is arrested at a circus action in April.*



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GRASSROOTS COMMUNIQUE

Strengthening the Animal Rights Community

By Freeman Wicklund

To me, college was mainly a way to avoid the working world so I could concentrate on my animal activism. However, I did learn a very interesting theory in one of my business classes. It was called synergy. What it means is that two organizations working together produce more than the total of what they might produce if working alone. Or to put it another way, more can be done when we work together.

Unfortunately, my experience of North America's animal movement is that we don't even know what other grassroots animal groups exist. This makes it impossible to work together, and according to the theory of synergy, this situation hurts us. It's not too hard to see that either.

How does this isolation from each other hurt us? It hurts us when we feel alone in the struggle leading us to become discouraged and disempowered. It hurts us in allowing us to become more vulnerable to police/ATF/FBI harassment and intimidation as no one else knows its even happening. It hurts us when we don't share effective strategies with each other, forcing everyone to re-invent the wheel at the expense of precious time that the animals don't have. It hurts us when we don't feel that sense of support and belonging that makes fighting for the animals easier. The bottom line is that this isolation from one another is killing our movement and the animals. This cannot be tolerated any longer.

Luckily we don't have to tolerate it. Although we can't all physically come together except for rare and special events like the March for the Animals, access to e-mail, fax machines, and phones is becoming more and more readily available. E-mail is usually available free of charge to college students and some professionals, personal computers often come built in with fax capabilities, and phones are not hard to come by. We need to use these channels more to build our North American animal community, strengthen our ties, and create the synergy we need to be more effective for the animals.

However, as my expensive phone bills testify, the above mentioned methods of communication are not perfect. Long distance can be costly, faxes can be inaccessible, and e-mail can be confusing. All of these methods take time. It would be ridiculous to call each and every group to learn what they are doing and try to learn from their experiences. This could take weeks, and by the time you finished you would have to start all over again! This is where *No Compromise* enters the picture.

No Compromise is at the fore-front in fostering our animal rights community. The "In the Trenches" section lists grassroots group's contact persons, phone numbers, e-mails, faxes, and addresses to facilitate communication between groups. "In the Trenches" updates you on the group's current campaigns and recent actions.

These updates can help you generate new ideas on how to fight animal abuse. If you like something another group is doing, and you want to learn how to do it, contact them and use their experience to your advantage.

No Compromise also contains commentaries by grassroots activists to inform you of the current challenges the movement faces and possible solutions to them. How-to articles can teach you the skills you need to better help the animals. Basically, *No Compromise* compiles the experiences and skills of all animal activists together in one place, in a cheap, convenient and effective format. And because our movement is constantly changing, *No Compromise* comes out regularly to keep you abreast of those changes.

Of course the building of the grassroots animal liberationist community should not be solely dependent on *No Compromise*. We should all try to join an e-mail list like ar-views or ar-news, periodically call groups and talk with other activists, fax news releases to each other, work with other groups to set up national campaigns or days of action, write letters, exchange newsletters, and do whatever else we can to encourage the growth of our community.

For once our community starts to form, the forces of synergy will start producing results. The inspirational stories we share will improve morale. Our collective brainstorming will result in new, more effective ways to fight animal abuse. Our awareness of each other will mean that animal activists attacked by the FBI or other repressive state agencies will not be ignored.

Instead, they will be secure in the knowledge there is an entire movement of tens of thousands of people who will come to their aid. All of these advantages that come from encouraging the growth of our community can be summed up in one word: success — both for us and the animals.

Victories will be easier to attain, setbacks will be easier to overcome, and nothing will be able to stop us from achieving total animal liberation.

Circuses Targeted

Militant ADL Protestors Shutter Circus Pages, 7 Jailed in Dramatic Action

By Seth Stevens
Indianapolis Correspondent

BLOOMINGTON, IN -- In the largest action of its kind in the history of the animal rights movement, seven activists were arrested here March 28 after they locked themselves to the center ring of Circus Pages, and were arrested.

The seven, along with a support team, were participating in the first public event of the new Bloomington chapter of the Animal Defense League at the Bloomington National Guard Armory in opposition to their support of Circus Pages animal acts.

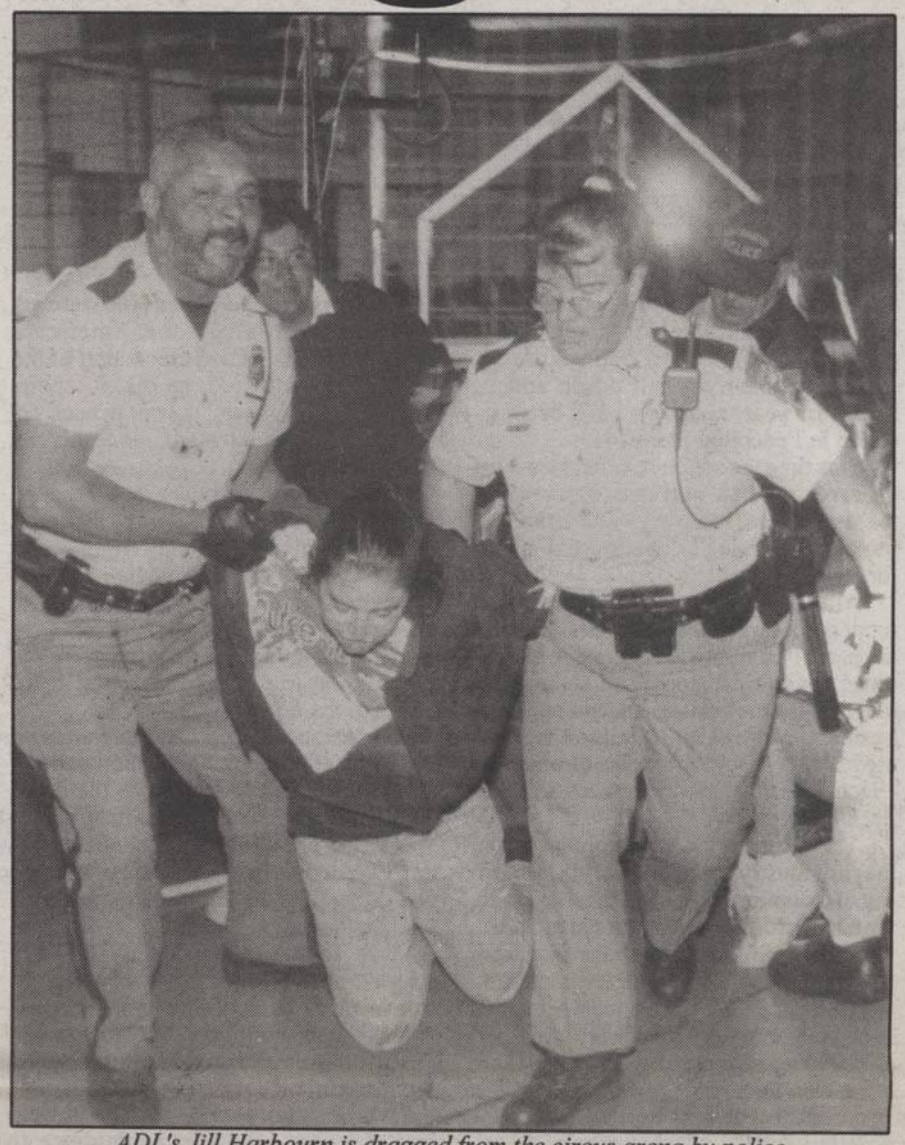
Animal advocates had attempted to persuade the Armory not to hold the circus due to obvious public safety hazards and neglect for animal welfare, all to no avail. This was the fourth year that Circus Pages had visited Bloomington and demonstrators wanted to ensure that it would be the last.

While 40 people protested outside the complex, 8 activists entered and took their seats, waiting for the show to begin. As the animals were being loaded in, the eight activists inside left their seats, headed for *the center ring and then* u-bolt locked their necks to it, however, one activist did not get to the ring fast enough. She was grabbed by the circus manager, picked up, and thrown to the side. In the process of doing this, the manager pulled a tendon in her shoulder.

The other 7 individuals were cut off of the ring with gigantic bolt cutters and placed under arrest after about 30 minutes of intense, loud protest. Four hours later, all but one were released on their own recognizance, and the following day all charges were dropped.

Another win for the animals, and it does not end there. Word has it that, according to the National Guard Armory, the circus will not be allowed to return, and Bloomington activists are making sure of that. Presently, the ADL is working to pass an animal display ban, preventing any animal act from entering Bloomington.

No one can ever tell us that civil disobedience does not work. We have seen proven results first hand plus we received massive news coverage for 2 days. The key is to keep fighting, and when you think you've put a fair amount of pressure on those who profit from exploitation, you've only begun.



ADL's Jill Harbourn is dragged from the circus arena by police.

Police Arrest 2 for 'Mob Action' at Peaceful Protest

By Debbie Leahy
Special To No Compromise

WILLOW SPRINGS, IL -- Two activists protesting the circus here May 19 were unexpectedly arrested for "mob action" while other activists, about 50 strong, from Illinois Animal Action (IAA) protested the King Royal Circus, which had been invited for two performances by a local Lions Club.

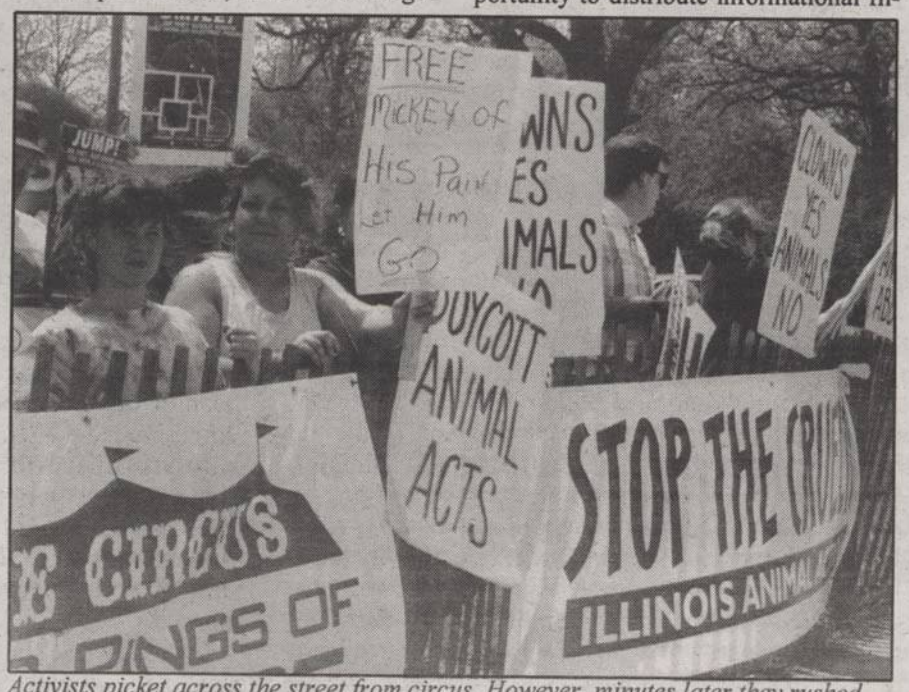
The King Royal Circus has a particularly notorious reputation and has been the focus of several TV documentaries on elephant abuse in circuses.

During a King Royal performance in Lebanon, Oregon in September, 1994, a baby Asian elephant named Mickey refused to perform a trick and attempted to flee from the big top. His trainer then fiercely punished Mickey with repeated jabs from a very sharp bullhook and choking him by tightly twisting the chain around his neck.

This tragic beating caused Mickey to collapse bleeding, gasping for air, and screaming in terror. Horrified spectators filed animal cruelty complaints and the USDA conducted an investigation. In another town, severely abused baby Mickey wrapped his trunk around the neck of a three-year-old girl who was feeding him and pulled her away from her parents.

And another incident occurred in Texas when a city official suffered broken ribs and arm and wrist injuries during an exhibition elephant race.

In April of 1996, the USDA charged King Royal Circus with numerous violations to the Animal Welfare Act, including physically abusing animals and failure to keep dangerous animals under control. The King Royal Circus agreed to pay an $8,000 civil penalty.



Activists picket across the street from circus. However, minutes later they rushed the gates claiming they had a right to demonstrate. Two activists were arrested.

In Willow Springs, police instructed activists to remain in a fenced area that was assembled for the demonstration, located across the street from the circus grounds. The isolated area offered no opportunity to distribute informational fliers to circus-goers.

Protesters insisted that we had the right to hold the peaceful demonstration on the more visible public side walk nearer to the circus. Objections to the decree drew the wrath of one irate deputy chief who threatened to arrest anyone who ventured away from the fence.

With media in attendance, about 50 activists carrying signs and banners dashed across the street in defiance of the misguided directive.

Police immediately grabbed Chris Grushas and husband Steve, handcuffed them, and hauled them off to the police station. Incredibly, the couple was charged with mob action. They posted $100 bond each and a court date is scheduled for July.

For several weeks before the circus' arrival, IAA had launched a letter-writing, phone call, and leafleting campaign directed at the Lions Club and mayor of Willow Springs. Activist Chris Grushas convinced several businesses to remove posters advertising the circus from store windows and informed thousands of residents of cruelties inherent in animal acts.

As a result of mounting pressure and after learning of the dangers associated with the use of elephants, IAA succeeded in convincing the Lions Club to cancel the elephant rides.

Captive elephant rampages—resulting in injury, death, and property damage—have escalated in recent years. Among the animals terrorized under the King Royal big top are elephants, zebras, camels, giraffes, cats, llamas, horses and ponies.

44 ARRESTED!

Spring Anti-Fur Offensive Surprises Federated Stores

By Cres Vellucci
Executive Editor

MEMPHIS -- Militant animal rights activists struck department stores across the U.S. May 19, in a rare, unsuspected near-summer anti-fur offensive that left the target -- Federated Dept. Stores -- startled. In nearly a half dozen attacks since last year, hundreds have been arrested in Federated Stores.

This time the action resulted in at least 44 arrests when activists handcuffed themselves to buildings and mall entrances, disrupting sales at stores that sell fur.

All stores are owned by Federated, a retail giant targeted by activists. Protests are part of a nationwide campaign to convince department stores that selling animal furs is cruel, unethical, and not good business. More than 30 million animals are killed every year for fur, through the use of gassing, anal electrocution and neck breaking.

The harm to the environment from the fur industry is also staggering, according to Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, which coordinated the national actions.

*** In Los Angeles,** 3 activists from Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition were arrested after riot police were called in and major intersections were closed off as militants blockaded the Macy's store at Fashion Square in Sherman Oaks. The fire department was needed to cut the kryptonite locks off the necks of the activists blocking the entrances to the store.

*** In Boston,** 2 activists were arrested. One activist had his wrist cut by Macy's security guards trying to saw off a handcuff.

***In Cincinnati,** 4 militants were arrested at a Lazarus after they handcuffed themselves to a display. Some regular mall customers chanted with the CDers. Campus Animal Rights Expedition organized the action, which was attended by activists from throughout the Ohio.

***In Memphis,** 5 activists were arrested, including three for arson (burning a facsimile of a credit card; charges later dropped) and another who was pepper sprayed by security at Goldsmith's, which was shut down for hours. Despite heavy police presence, 3 activists ran past police to blockade the doors. A suit is underway against police for pepper spraying the activist.

***In Minneapolis,** 4 activists were arrested at the Mall of the America's Macy's, which closed 2 floors part of the day because of the protest. SOAR reports that Macy's managers have now been ordered to not to talk to media since this last action.

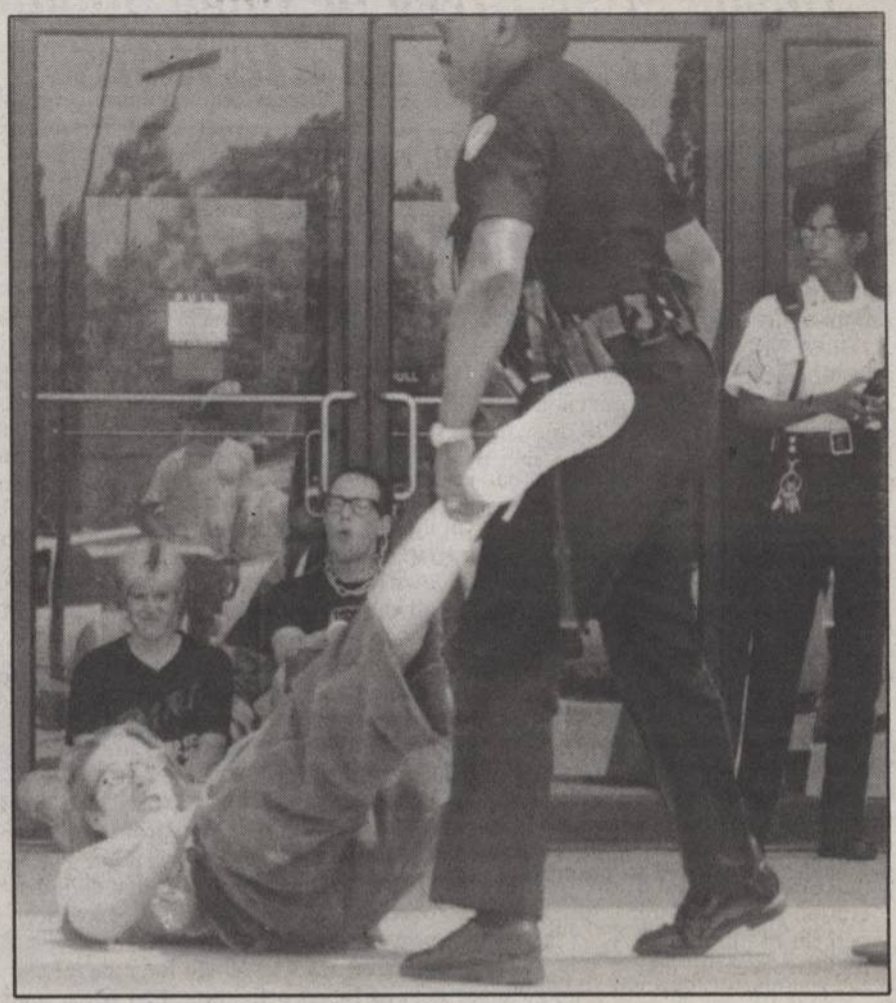
***In Dallas,** 3 activists were arrested at a Macy's, an action sponsored by Texas Establishment for Animal Rights, and which received massive media -- including wire coverage, and jail interviews, and stories in at least 5 Texas cities.

***In Pittsburgh,** 2 activists were arrested at Lazarus after handcuffing themselves to the doors.

***In Atlanta,** 6 activists were arrested at Rich's, after blocking the mall parking lot entrance, and locking onto the doors with handcuffs. Traffic was held up for hours; nearly 60 people attended the protest. One activist was hospitalized after he was dragged to the police car on his back while handcuffed.

*** In Indianapolis,** 8 activists were arrested after barricading themselves inside Lazarus, using the "human octopus" to lock together with kryptonite for hours. Finally, despite breaking a saw blade, the fire department cut the protestors apart.

*** In Portland, OR,** 7 activists were arrested after blocking the entrance to Sak's 5th Ave. Kryptonite was used to lock onto one door handle by Liberation Collective.



44 Arrested May 19!

(Above) Josh, of Atlanta, is dragged away by police. (Below)Iris Winn of CAFT/Memphis is tossed into police car. (Clockwise, from Right) TEAR/Dallas' Lydia Nichols is hauled off; Sue McCrosky of LCA/Atlanta is chained to a pole; Joy Randall of ARDAC locked to mall with skinned animal sign, and Liberation Collectives' Denise Kinsley and Maggie Caldwell, who is locked to Sak's/Portland.











Fur Industry Stunned!

10,000 Mink Freed in Single Raid; Farm Liberations Continue Worldwide

By JP Goodwin
Southern U.S. Bureau Chief

VICTOR, NY -- Nearly 10,000 mink may have been saved -- a record number of animals to be rescued in the U.S. in one operation -- after an early April liberty raid by the Animal Liberation Front here on the Bennet Fur Farm.

In a communique sent to local media, as well as sympathetic animal rights groups, the ALF claimed to have released 1700 mink into the wild. The group cut holes in the fence with wire cutters, evaded or distracted guard dogs, and opened cages all night long.

The mink farmer claimed that 3000 mink were released, but that he had recovered 1500. Even if true, and observers believe it is doubtful, this would still leave 1500 mink free. It is likely that the ALF was correct in their claim that 1700 had been liberated, and the mink farmer was trying to make it look like he had recovered more than he actually had.

9,000 Liberated!

The liberated mink were breeding females which would have had 5 kits each in a matter of weeks. With this in mind the actual number of animals rescued would be more like 9000. This would make this the largest North American liberation ever. The mink farmer lost 30 percent of his animals as a result of this highly successful raid.

This was the seventh action against a North American fur farm since the fall of 1995. Approximately 10,000 animals have been released from concentration camps back into the wild in this campaign. Along with the anti fur offensive "Operation Bite Back", this is the most aggressive U.S. ALF campaign of the nineties.

This is having a traumatic impact on North American fur farmers. Fur industry spokespeople are giving ranchers seminars on security as the industry realizes that many more actions will probably occur.

ALF Not Deterred

Fur farmers who may never get hit are losing money anyway as they beef up security. Still, the ALF was not deterred by guard dogs in New York.

Live liberations at fur farms took off in a major way in 1995. Mink and fox had been liberated from farms before, but never with such intensity. On several occasions Swedish ALFers had hit fur farms. But, these actions were few and far between, and were usually limited to a hundred animals at a time.

A few chinchillas had been liberated hear and there, as well as some fox at an Oregon farm in the mid 80's. A large mink freedom offensive had been undertaken by English activists and resulted in a lot of fur farm closures in that country. 1995 however, saw a flurry of activity world wide. It started in Finland when 4 farms were raided and over 600 fox liberated. One girl was arrested and she gave statements which led to the arrest of 2 others.

This did not stop the ALF as other cells raided several more farms and trashed nearly ever fur store in the nation multiple times. Norwegian activists liberated mink and fox as well, though our knowledge of those actions is limited.

At the end of the year things got really wild in the U.S. and Canada. It started off small with a little raid in Minnesota. A fur farm which raised mink, fox, and some rather uncommon animals was attacked. One coyote was taken and released far away.

Then, in British Columbia the ALF broke into the Dargatz mink farm and liberated 2,600 mink.

Zimbal Mink Farm Hit

A couple of weeks later another BC mink farm was raided and 4-5000 mink were liberated.This led to national media interest as network television showed footage from fur farms and carried interviews with anyone involved in the issue. Just days later an ALF cell got 3-400 mink out of a farm in Olympia, WA. They also damaged equipment and would have gotten the rest of the mink had a disturbance not forced them to evacuate.

This takes us through the middle of November. The ALF continued the actions with a smaller action at a TN fox farm. 30 cages were opened, but once again a disturbance forced the group to leave the farm before more could be done. In January the Zimbal mink farm in Sheboygan, WI was raided and 2-400 mink were released.

In an early news report the farmer admitted that many of the mink had gotten away. Then, in a later article, after he had found out the ALF was responsible, he claimed that almost all of the mink had been recaptured. This inconsistency in statements could be explained by the fact that if animal rights activists realize how effective these actions are, then fur farms will be raided everywhere.

Mink rancher Bob Zimbal, and the rest of the fur industry, has an incentive to downplay the impact of these actions.

Will Mink Die?

Media interest on these raids leads to the question, "should mink be left in their cages and killed, or released into nature to live and survive on their own?" The fur industry cannot afford for the public to ponder on the answer to that question.

Finally, the ALF hit the Victor, NY fur farm. Industry magazine Fur Age Weekly bellowed that the liberated mink would die in the wild. Wildlife experts have refuted that claim by pointing out that mink have survived in the past, and will survive in the future. Of course, what else can the fur trade say?

Fur Industry Stuck

These raids stuck the industry between a rock and a hard place. Everyone seems to ignore the fact that a group called Coalition Against Fur Farms bought out a mink farm and put the mink back in the wild after carefully monitoring the survival instincts of these ranch raised animals. The group determined that most of the mink would thrive in their new homes.

All animal liberation activists must appreciate this latest ALF offensive. Now these minks have a chance at life.

Without the ALF, death for these thousands of mink was certain.

Will U.S. Activists Learn 'Lesson'?

The Demise of the U.K. Fur Trade

By Mark Balluch
No Compromise UK Bureau

GREAT BRITAIN -- In the following I will summarize the history of the demise of the fur trade (in the U.K.) The anti-fur campaign was an excellent example of different tactics complementing each other.

Lynx did a good job in raising public awareness of the issues, but would have found it difficult were it not for the devastating ALF campaign of "violence to property", which really destroyed the fur trade as it was.

During the late 1980s, incendiary devices were placed in numerous department stores, which sold fur. The idea was to start a small fire, making the sprinkler system go off, and thus causing 1000s of pounds worth of damage. But at some stores, such as Debenham's in Luton, staff had switched off the sprinkler system and the whole shop caught fire, causing 8 million pounds damage.

The net result was that almost all department stores stopped selling fur. In 1989, the House of Fraser chain announced they were closing the fur departments in all 62 stores with the exception of Harrods. Harrods stopped selling fur shortly after.

Only Specialty Shops Left

This left only isolated specialist fur shops, which could be easily picked off one by one, by methods such as constant picketing and a sustained campaign of damage to their windows and locks. On 1st November 1990 activists in Manchester began picketing the Jindo fur shop. By 26th January 1991 the shop was closed. Successes like this were repeated all over the country, closing down almost all the fur shops outside London.

In July 1990 the mis-named Fur Education Council, backed by the British Fur Trade Association and the International Fur Trade Federation, launched a million pounds pro-fur advertizing campaign across London.

The posters used images designed to portray ar activists as mad fanatics who would kill children for the cause. This campaign had largely no effect.

The anti-fur campaign was so good that, in some sense, it became a victim of its own success. Lynx was forced to disband after a libel case brought by the owners of a fur farm, although in reality they would have had little left to do anyway.

But whilst the fur trade was severly wounded, it was preparing for a new offensive to promote the wearing of fur. In the winter of 1993, Selfridges was exposed in the press for selling fur coats 'under the counter' and re-opened its fur department.

New Fur Designers

Furriers were also trying to promote fur amongst fashion designers, and the notoriously fickle fashion industry hyped the whole thing up. The new big idea was to try to produce more fur-trimmed coats which could be quietly sold in non-specialist fur shops without arousing too much vitriol from anti-fur campaigners.

It would also spread fur garments around, because the rapidly diminishing number of pure fur shops meant protesters could concentrate on the few that were left. Although the fashion hype caused a small increase in fur sales for that season, the furrier's optimism was to be short lived.

Selfridges was chosen as a focus by London anti-fur activists, and during winter 1993 was extensively picketed, with excellent public support and several passing fur wearers reduced to tears by the angry rabble. The campaign was packed up by home visits to the company directors of Selfridges. Shortly after the home visits, Selfridges issued a statement saying that as from February 3rd 1994, due to its "realignment of its future merchandise strategies", it would no longer stock furs.

However, a security guard told protesters that it was really the targeting of the top management at their homes that decided it for them.

At this time the Beauty Without Cruelty Charity launched its "Fur Free 2000" campaign to close down the remaining 14 fur farms left in Britain by the end of the century. By the summer of 1994 there were just 10 licensed mink farms left in the UK, killing approximately 47,000 animals every year.

During the summer of 1994 there were weekly pickets of fur shops in central London, but on 3rd October a fur shop was chosen and the action intensified. A campaign, Fur Free London, was started by local activists and Noble Fur of Regents Street was selected for the non-stop treatment. This was the most prominent fur shop left in London and, since it was located on a busy shopping street, it was an ideal target.

Demonstrators were out six days a week all over the winter and it had a disastrous effect on sales. By January 28th 1995, Noble Furs, its windows pockmarked by ball-bearing and catapult dents, and after the owner had been visited a few times at home, closed to the public after over 50 years of trading.

Buoyant with the success at Noble Furs, activists moved on to two shops, Jindo Furs in Knightsbridge and Montana Furs on Piccadilly. Jindo Furs finally gave up on 17th June and demonstrators gave them a champagn send-off. Montana Furs proved a little more tenacious, but only a little. Persistent picketing paid off with the shop closing its shutters whenever activists turned up and any enquirers were diverted to the shop next door. Eventually, Montana Furs succumbed to the inevitable and stopped trading as a fur shop at the end of July 1995.

Only 10 Fur Shops Left!

This left 10 fur shops in central London. 8 of these were out-of-the-way locations, with shabby decor, and seemed to barely cling on to existence with their fingertips. The 2, which were the flagships of the fur trade, were Philip Hockley Furs on Conduit Street and a relocated and redecorated Zwirns around the corner on Old Bond Street. Both in Mayfair, the most exclusive shopping area in London, the police were none too keen on scruffy ar

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Flying High!



Josh Trenter hangs 'Tears' Banner.

Activists Hang From Research Buildings, Block Lab Entrances

California and Oregon activists hung from buildings and blockaded entrances to labs in April as part of World Laboratory Animal Liberation Day.

UC Berkeley: Josh Trenter (see below), a UC Santa Cruz student, climbed the building housing a notorious UCB animal killer and stayed there, 60 feet up, for 3 days before coming down and being arrested. Two other activists blocked the road in front of the building by stalling their truck and then using kryptonite locks to attach themselves to the truck.

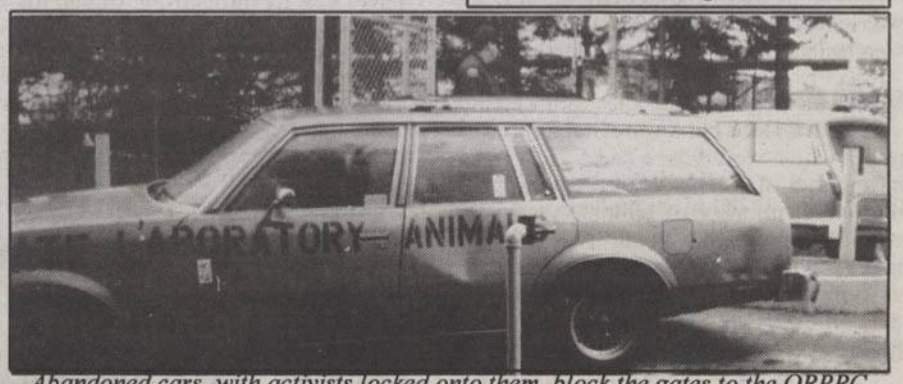
He was arrested for trespassing, and released about an hour later following a rally with about 50 people in attendance. Trenter had submitted a list of demands, including the abolition of animal experiments at UC, the firing of animal research Russell DeValois, hearings on animal care at the campus and full disclosure of all animal experiments.

But before he descended, Trenter — a 20-year-old UC student and member of the Bay Area Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition — attracted scores of onlookers and supporters. A grade school class even pilgrimaged to the protest, where about 30 children shouted encouragement to him. Many activists, including some not involved in the movement for years, came out to support the action.

Oregon Primate Center: Activists from the Liberation Collective drove to old vehicles to the front of the facility here May 3, and then used them to blockade the entrance. The direct action group then used locks to secure the necks of two members to the steering wheels.

Officials panicked, and the autos with handlettered signs reading "Liberate Laboratory Animals" and "End the Cruelty" sat at the entrance to their building!

Finally, the fire department, after hours of trying to talk the activists into unlocking themselves, cut them loose. The four were arrested, but then released. The action received massive media coverage, and showed how a small number of activists can actually make a difference.



Abandoned cars, with activists locked onto them, block the gates to the ORPRC.

NZ Lab Animal Sabotage Claimed

WELLINGTON, NZ -- Lever Rexona, the New Zealand unit of British-based Unilever Plc withdrew a shampoo brand from supermarkets April 24 after an animal rights group claimed it had spiked the shampoo with bleach and red dye.

National Manager Murray Papps said he believed Lever Rexona's Sunsilk brand was targeted because Unilever carried out "limited testing on animals," the New Zealand Press Association reported on Wednesday.

Lever Rexona said in a statement there was no proof the products had actually been tampered with but the company was taking the claims seriously.

A spokeswoman from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) said it appeared the action had been taken to mark World Day for Laboratory Animals.

Papps said the food colouring would not be harmful, but the bleach could damage someone's eyes if shampoo from a contaminated bottle got into them.

View from the Top....Josh Speaks

BY JOSH TRENTER

In the early morning hours of Wednesday April 24th, I climbed up the side of Tolman Hall at UC Berkeley where I erected a makeshift camp that would be my home for the next three days.

Tolman Hall is home to the offices of Russell L. DeValois, a Professor of Psychology renown for his negligence, irresponsibility, and outright cruelty. In his colorblindness "experiments" stereotaxic devices are cemented, screwed or bolted onto the skulls of monkeys and cats. The "appropriate" part of the brain is exposed and for up to 44 hours, electrodes are inserted into the brain to the "desired" location while recordings are taken. To prevent eye movements the animals are paralyzed.

Upon completion of the research project, the monkey or cat is murdered and his/her brain dissected. DeValois and his students have been exposed experimenting on sick and suffering animals, keeping animals in overcrowded facilities, ignoring the recommendations of campus veterinarians, refusing entrance to veterinarians to treat sick and suffering animals, violating quarantine procedures and illegally acquiring animals for experimentation. While DeValois is horrible, he certainly is not uncommon.

The message I had hoped to convey through this action was simple - our tears are not enough!! We must act if we ever want animal liberation to be a reality. Not only must we act, but we must act everyday towards ending animal abuse tomorrow! If we convince ourselves that it will take hundreds of years to bring about animal liberation then it will take thousands. But if we work each day towards ending animal abuse immediately then perhaps we will see some real progress in our lifetimes. The animals unfortunately don't have the luxury of time. I did what I did not because I enjoy drawing attention to myself, nor because I enjoy living on the side of buildings, but out of a sense of necessity. No longer will I sit by idly while we destroy this earth and all the creatures who call it home. No longer will my silent compliance pave the way for those who would murder, torture, imprison, or otherwise exploit any animal.

It's time for us to stand up and take responsibility for our world. It's time for us to take action. We have asked, we have leafleted, we have petitioned, we have protested, we have tried over and over again to show the righteousness of our cause through compassionate arguments. With all of this we still have failed to gain justice for the animals. Animals are still treated as disposable commodities. Men such as Russell DeValois are still accepted in our society.

Those who have liberated animals from people who presume to own what cannot be owned still are regarded as criminals and locked away in jails. Enough is enough. It is the time for civil disobedience and it is the time for direct action. We have asked to be heard, and now we must demand it! An unjust law is no law at all, and there is certainly no justice for the animals in our legal system. We must follow our hearts and do what we know is right. We must empower ourselves, because if we are empowered they will never break us. If we are empowered then we will know that nothing they could do to us could ever compare to what they have already done to the animals. We will see how insignificant our month, or year, or ten years in jail is compared to the suffering of so many animals living in cages behind locked doors. And we will continue to fight until all can be free.

(ED NOTE: Josh dictated this while on the building.....please read on)

"I am dictating this message via walkie-talkie from my perch on the side of Tolman Hall at UC Berkeley. I scaled the building and built a little scaffolding to hold myself and a banner that reads "Tears are not enough." I've been up here for three days all by myself, well, except for the crowds of friends below. Soon I'll run out of food and I'll have to come down. Then I'll be arrested. I decided to put my body on the line here not because I wanted to, but out of a sense of necessity. Compassionate people have asked, petitioned, leafleted, and protested the abuse of animals in University laboratories, but in working counter to such an enormous, entrenched bureaucracy, sometimes it unfortunately takes more drastic measures to enlighten people about the realities of the laboratory and to help foster alternatives. I do believe that a growing number of people are aware of the horrible cruelties perpetrated on animals in the labs, have an expanding sense of respect for animals and nature, and really do care. I hope that as a result of my actions, some of these people will be motivated to act on their beliefs. I'm sitting up here on this scaffolding to express my belief that silent compliance in the face of injustice is not enough. I don't expect everyone to act as I have, merely to act. There are so many different ways people can play a part in healing our world. Here is my advice to others: 1. Obtain education about respect for animals and nature. You have to seek this out, because it is not part of the "requirements," unfortunately. Each product we buy has some impact on others. Advertising does not give us any of this information, obviously. Learn about how many animals are abused in producing our commodities, and what the costs are to the natural world. 2. Attempt to live consistently with your beliefs and ethics. This takes the courage to stand apart from the crowd, but you might be surprised to find out how many others are doing the same thing. 3. Help educate others and spread your ideals. They are vital. I don't want this issue or any attention to focus on me individually. I'm just a person who cares about animals. I realize that because of my actions I may have to make some sacrifices, and this will probably include jail time. So be it. Nothing that this system could do to me could ever compare with what it has done and continues to do to others, animals inside this very building. If my action educates even one person and helps them lead a more healthy and respectful life, it will have been well worth it. I won't pay bail or fines, or take probation because I am reluctant to reward a system that imprisons respectful people, those acting nonviolently in opposition to injustice, be it war, civil rights, toxic pollution, animal abuse, or the destruction of native cultures. I will adopt a strict policy of noncooperation with a system that treats us as criminals. If there are any criminals, surely they are the ones who act violently rather than peacefully. I'm talking about people who profit from slaughter, killing, vivisecting, and exploiting other individuals. Also, I'm not really interested in long, protracted debates. There are many excellent books on the topic and academics you can debate with. I've followed the debates a lot more than most, and decided to act accordingly. I am more than happy to talk about vegetarianism and compassionate living. Please join with me. Please act today.....There is too much pain behind these walls."

LETTERS & COMMENT

Inspiration and Denial

BY DAVID HAYDEN

Not surprisingly there has been a lot of very heart-felt disagreement within the movement about what types of tactics we should use; how far we should go in defending the oppressed.

I do think most of us within the animal rights movement do not advocate violence. Some of us, however, have very different views about what constitutes violence. Should someone who stands on a street corner holding a picture of a cow being slaughtered be considered violent? Is any voice of dissent an act of violence? Each of us has our own take on what violence means, and on how far we should go.

Although these differences are certainly significant, I would argue that we need to get past them if we are to help those who suffer and die in agony while we debate. That is certainly not to say we should forsake our beliefs and simply adopt the lowest common denominator. Instead, what I am suggesting is that while we each must serve as an active advocate for what we think is best, we must not waste our energy attacking each other.

Personally, I advocate taking your beliefs to their logical extreme. Do the most you CAN to help the animals.

There is a long and well documented history of social reform movements, and based on this history, I would argue that every movement needs its radicals. Not only do we need radicalism, but we need to be radicals ourselves. We cannot simply hope that someone else will do what needs to be done; we must do it ourselves.

The torture and killing of billions of animals each year is not something to be taken lightly. Moral OUTRAGE and direct re-action to these atrocities should not be considered an embarrassment' to be swept under the rug. These reactions merely show we're not unfeeling machines. Rational long term strategies with well thought out tactics have their place, but we must not forget what we're fighting for.

We must not lose our moral authority by violating our own codes of ethics, but similarly we MUST NOT sacrifice our moral outrage to abstract thought, and detached rationality. Unfortunately, it is often much easier to feel for an individual animal we see being tortured, than it is to get an emotional grasp on the fact that literally billions of animals are being killed each year.

As a result, too often we as a society act to help the individual animal in the spotlight while countless other animals all around us are ignored. The continued oppression of animals depends on this fact. The mainstream public lives in a world of denial. Denial of the brutal way their food is brought to their plate, denial of the cruelty and barbarity of vivisection, the fur industry and other oppressive institutions within our society.

As activists, our main goal must be to wake these people up by educating them about the cruel realities of oppression. Even we who consider ourselves animal welfarists, animal protectionists, animal rights proponents, and animal liberationists live much of our lives in denial of these facts. How can we not? How can we possibly comprehend the incredible scale of the horrors our society inflicts upon our fellow beings?

It boggles the mind, and overwhelms the emotions. Although we can not be effective if we become overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that surrounds us, we must not let ourselves become so distanced from the brutal reality that we fail to act.

Finding the inspiration to take direct action by smashing a trap found in the woods when you have seen an animal die an agonizing death in one can be much easier than convincing oneself to lockdown in front of a fur rack, or to break into a lab to destroy the instruments of death found within.

But much of the reason for this is that we do not see the suffering as it takes place, and thus rationalize our actions rather than simply re-acting to the conditions with moral outrage. In a world as complex as we have made ours it is difficult to connect to nature, to notice the suffering occurring half a world away, or even the way in which our own actions can be oppressive and harmful to others.

The inspiration to act becomes lost in a confused sea of disconnected apathy.

I maintain that it is *crucial* to our struggle that we MUST NOT react with less conviction to hidden suffering than we do to that which we witness ourselves. We MUST NOT let our distance from these atrocities weaken our resolve to Directly re-Act; to do what we know we must, to do what we know to be right.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. ***Comments are greatly encouraged. Please send to No Compromise c/o Network, PO Box 19515, Sacramento, CA 95819.***

Students Organizing

BY ADAM WEISSMAN

Student Abolitionist Network

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee...Students for Democratic Society....The Young Lords...The Black Panthers...Youth Independence Party.

Today these names are legends. In the sixties young people were the most vital force in movements for social change. While young people do not dominate the landscape of radical politics anywhere near as much today, the contributions of groups such as Progressive Student Network, Student Environmental Action Coalition, DC Student Coalition Against Racism, the PIRGs, and Four Winds Student Movement cannot be forgotten.

The animal rights movement strongly needs the vitality of united, mobilized young people, people who are too impatient to politely allow themselves to be pushed to the margins of political debate, tempered with a lucid understanding of what it takes to get attention without being caricatured into irrelevance.

Moreover, we need a generation of young people who will treat the animal liberation struggle not as paying job, or as a weekend hobby, but as the primary purpose of their lives.. As is evident in this magazine, such a movement is beginning to emerge.

It can be seen in the bad-ass, this-aint-no-hold-signs for-two-hours-and-then go home civil disobedience actions organized through the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade. It can even be seen, once the pragmatic candy-coating is stripped away, in the campaigns and media work of Earth 2000, the national student organization that brought Eddie Bauer to its knees over their sale of fur-lined garments and has helped spur the increasing media attention the veganism is gradually receiving.

They are not alone in this, of course. Vegan Action, a young group with a major focus on campuses has gotten the press to acknowledge the concept of veganism, beginning the process of making the term a household word. They've also made veganism a part of campus life, with their McVegan booths and introduction of vegan food options onto campuses around the country. Clearly, energy is building. In the last year, veganism has become a fad among young people.

The straight edge movement, with its aggressive pro-vegan, message continues to grow and is beginning to gain the attention of the mainstream media. More exiting yet, the movement is diversifying, now attracting women and people of color into what was previously a largely white male movement. Seeing this activity, some have chosen to fan the flames rather than jump right in. Marc Freliegh set up Students for Animal Protection to provide information and resources to student activists, rather than taking on campaigns of his own

Will young people ignite into a major force for animal liberation? Without direction this may all amount to nothing more than a few sparks.

But if we can take these isolated signs of hope and draw them together, building unity among student animal liberationists, we just may create a force that will finally put this issue on society's map.

Student Abolitionist Network is a new network of student animal rights activists from across the US and Canada. Using SEAC as a loose model, the network is designed to build stronger, more aggressive, more stable student organizations by setting up tightly knit area networks that serves as parts of regional networks that are in turn part of the greater network that will operate throughout the US and Canada, and perhaps beyond.

The network will both take on campaigns of its own and serve as a support resource to individual groups. While this project is still embryonic, certain themes have already started to emerge. It is clear that young people are searching for new models of activism, questioning the issues that have been set as the movements priorities, exploring new tactics while challenging old ones, attempting to bring the radical message of the animal rights movement more clearly into focus in the manner we run our campaigns.

If you or your group would like to help organize an area or region, please contact me at (914) 256-9336 , write to me at 18 Joalyn Road, New Paltz, NY 12561, or E-mail me at cash@comalbol.win.net.

Rights Vs Welfare Analogy

BY ANNE CRIMAUDO

Animal Rights America

Recently, there has been much debate over the rights/welfare issue, and, as an abolitionist federation, we at ANIMAL RIGHTS AMERICA would like to add our thoughts, remembering that we have asked ourselves these same questions on our journey towards full commitment to the rights philosophy.

First, we should recognize that there has been a change in what is meant by the terms rights and welfare. Not too many years ago, "welfare" could be defined as treating the symptoms, while "rights" meant attacking the causes of the problem. Few of even the most ardent supporters of total animal liberation had a quarrel with this approach, as treatment and prevention are both necessary when trying to eradicate a ailment, even one as serious as animal enslavement. However, today the term "welfare" means something entirely different. It means improving the conditions under which animals are exploited, so as to allow their continued exploitation with a clear conscience.

There are those who, while believing that liberation should be the long-term goal, feel that compromise with welfarism is necessary as an interim step. Does this make sense? It is sometimes helpful to draw upon comparisons to other movements for social justice in order to clarify our own position; for example, the now familiar comparison between animal and human slavery. It seems that there are also parallels to be drawn between the rights/welfare debate and the issue of capital punishment.

In the capital punishment issue, there are two basic positions: (1) One believes that the state-sanctioned killing of humans is always wrong. (2) One believes that the state-sanctioned killing of humans is sometimes acceptable.

These two positions appear to be clearly defined. However, one may believe that the state-sanctioned killing of humans is sometimes acceptable, yet be un- comfortable with the infliction of "unnecessary" pain and suffering. It is logical for someone who feels this way to work to alleviate some of this pain and suffering by supporting more "humane" method of execution.

But what of those who want to abolish the death penalty? They are horrified by the cruelty inherent in the system and it is natural for them to also want to alleviate some of this pain and suffering while working towards eventually abolishing capital punishment altogether.

Now, in the rights/welfare debate, there are also two basic positions: (1) One believes that the institutionalized exploitation of animals is always wrong. (2) One believes that the institutionalized exploitation of animals is sometimes acceptable.

These positions also seem to be clearly defined, but, as in the issue of capital punishment, one can believe that the institutionalized exploitation of animals is sometimes acceptable, yet be uncomfortable with the infliction of "unnecessary" pain and suffering. Again, it is logical for someone who feels this way to work to alleviate some of this pain and suffering by supporting reformist measures.

But what of those of us who believe that animal enslavement is always wrong? We certainly are not less horrified by the suffering the animals endure every minute of every day, and it is natural for us to want to alleviate some of their pain while we work towards the abolition of all animal exploitation.

BUT: let's return to the capital punishment issue for a moment. We wondered, did people on both sides of this issue join together to support lethal injection in place of firing squads, gas chambers, gallows and electric chairs? We asked Amnesty International, an organization well known for their abolitionist stance on the death penalty. Their answer was an emphatic NO. They made it clear that Amnesty International has never and will never endorse a more "humane" method of execution, as they believe that doing so would not only betray their principles, it would WEAKEN the case for abolishing the death penalty by making capital punishment more palatable to the public.

The issue of animal enslavement is, of course, different from the issue of capital punishment in many respects, not least of which is that it is far more pervasive, reaching into every aspect of our lives, and we do not mean to oversimplify, but there is an unmistakable parallel.

Supporting reformist measures such as bigger cages, padded leg-hold traps, or more rest time between performances for marine mammals betrays the animals in two ways: supporting these "improvements" gives our tacit approval to the practices of imprisoning animals, trapping them or keeping them in captivity, and, by helping the public feel more comfortable about their conditions, makes animal liberation a much less likely prospect.

Those of us who truly believe in the rights philosophy must concentrate on taking steps that are abolitionist in nature, as these are the only steps that will eventually lead to animal emancipation.

First-Ever ALF Appreciation Day Actions

By Freeman Wicklund
No Compromise General Manager

April 2nd marked the first annual Animal Liberation Front Appreciation Day, featuring activists and organizations in over a dozen cities across the country and around the world in dramatic protests, news conferences, and video showings to increase awareness about the non-violent mission of the ALF, to show solidarity with ALF prisoners, and to educate the movement about security precautions that activists should take.

ALF Appreciation was celebrated on April 2nd, because that day marked the seventh anniversary of the ALF's raid of the research labs at the University of Arizona, Tucson. On that fateful day the ALF rescued over 1,200 animals, provided them with much needed veterinary attention, and moved them out via the Underground railroad to homes where they could live out the rest of their natural lives in peace.

After removing the animals, the ALF prevented future suffering in the facilities by destroying them with fire, costing the abusers over $250,000. All of this was done without harming anyone.

By discussing the ALF on the INTERNET, distributing 7,000 copies of No Compromise to grassroots activists, selling ALF videos and booklets, and holding events, activists everywhere were reminded of the importance of the ALF in saving animal's lives, closing down animal abuse establishments, gathering evidence of animal torture, generating media coverage of the issues, and basically winning victories for the animals.

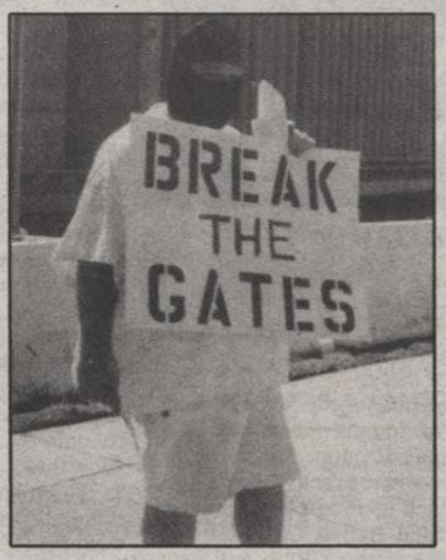
As our movement grows, people are getting less and less patient of waiting for animal abusers to give up their murderous practices. People are starting to realize that if they want to save animals now, they have to physically intercede. These realizations and the direct action that follows will inevitably lead to more animal abusers being put out of business. We saw this recently in Mankato, Minnesota, where Kirsten's Furs finally closed shop after receiving repeated ALF attacks of glued locks, spray paint, and broken windows.

Young Advocates' Rights Violated

INDIANAPOLIS -- Animal rights activists have filed protests here and are making public the actions by police, who they say illegally coerced "confessions" from juvenile protestors after they were arrested at an anti-fur protest May 19.

The activists say they will go to jail rather than abide by the "conditions" imposed by juvenile authorities. The activists charge that juveniles involved in the non-violent demonstration at Lazarus had their civil rights violated repeatedly by authorities after they were arrested.

As a result, the confused teens "confessed" and agreed -- in direct violation of their civil rights -- to, among other conditions, not talk to each other, or participate in animal rights and other first amendment protected activities.



Teen Anti-Fur Activist Hit By Fur Manager's Hubbie At Demo

By Ryan Downey
Indianapolis Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS -- Activists in attendance at a home demo on May 25 here in Fishers, IN, could only look on in disbelief as A.W. Kohl, husband of Indianapolis Lazarus store manager, Karen Kohl, recklessly plowed over the feet and ankles of a seventeen year old CAFT member while police officers stood by showing little signs of concern.

CAFT was told they must stand on the curb and not the sidewalk, as instructed earlier, as the Kohl children should be free to play (which CAFT did not seek to prevent) on the sidewalk. Mr. Kohl then sent one of their young children out on a bicycle, presumably to taunt the activists.

When this attempt at baiting them failed, he jumped in his car and backed quickly out of his driveway, turned, and accelerated. Several people had to jump out of the way to avoid being hit. One girl, Nicole, was not fast enough to avoid his vehicle and was subsequently run over. She fell to the ground, screaming in pain. A.W. Kohl then threw an irritated glance at the protesters and fled the scene into his house.

An ambulance and the Fire Department were called, and although "accident" reports were filed, no arrest was made. At the time of this writing, CAFT plans to look into both criminal and civil charges regarding both assaults. This sort of intimidation should not be tolerated.

The incident was the climax of three weeks of intensive pressure by Indianapolis on Lazarus, part of Federated Department Stores, that began at an earlier home demo weeks prior, when activists assembled on the sidewalk of the Kohl residence carrying signs while others went door to door to speak with neighbor s. Police arrived in time to see A.W. Kohl turn his sprinklers on I n the direction of the protest. They did nothing.

One officer threatened to arrest an activist for "interfering with an investigation" because the activist had warned him to avoid getting wet when approaching the house. Kohl picked up the nozzle and began hosing them down, often aiming directly for their faces.

Bear Watch Activists Attacked By Hunters; Police Refuse to Help

CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. - Bear Watch activists were turned away May 26 when they attempted to file charges against several hunting guides who have escalated violence against the non-violent protesters. Bear Watchers are claiming police negligence in the wake of a series of recent violent attacks.

According to Bear Watch, the attacks began Friday, May 24 when Don Rose of Trophy West Guide Outfitters attempted to run a Bear Watch vehicle off the road and then physically assaulted an activist four times during a verbal confrontation. Saturday, May 25, Trophy West guides led another Bear Watch truck into a well orchestrated ambush.

After vehicles closed in on all sides, Rose jumped onto the hood and repeatedly smashed the Bear Watch truck's windshield with an ax handle. Another man wielding a large rock attempted to open the passenger doors in an apparent attempt to assault the three women inside. Sunday morning the violence continued as two Bear Watch vehicles were followed in to town in separate incidents.

In one case, fifteen men in five local vehicles, including Don Rose, trapped and again assaulted a truck carrying Bear Watch activists. The incident intensified in the parking lot of the Campbell River RCMP station as activists fleeing from their attackers were denied access to the police building. Bear Watch members took refuge in their vehicles which were surrounded and attacked repeatedly. Police failed to respond for several hours and then threatened to arrest a lone Bear Watch activist seeking protection in the RCMP parking lot.

"I'm obviously concerned for my own safety," says attacked Bear Watch Activist, Darleen Echt, " but it is the protection of black bears which is of more importance and which compels me to continue. We will not be intimidated by violent men and police who care nothing for our safety." Bear Watch is a B.C. based bear advocacy group whose activists participate in non-violent protests against black bear trophy hunting.

"The people of this province have clearly stated that trophy hunting of black bears must end," says Bear Watch Spokesperson David Barbarash. "Violence of any kind is no longer tolerable."

Trophy West Guide Outfitters charges between $3000 to $24,000 US for hunting packages to kill B.C. bears. Hunters from outside British Columbia are required to use the services of a guide outfitter to hunt big game, including black bear. In 1994, 2,033 black bear permits were sold to non-resident hunters in B.C., and 21,907 across Canada.

Despite the attacks, continued threats of violence, and complete lack of RCMP protection, Bear Watch vows to continue its campaign against trophy hunting in the Campbell River area.

Please lend them your support by calling the Campbell River RCMP to demand they press charges against Don Rose. The Campbell River RCMP phone number is: (604) 286-6221.

Six people opposed to sport hunting of bears will appear in Campbell River provincial court this month, charged with interrupting a legal hunt. Barbarash, one of the people arrested on charges of violating the Wildlife Act, said he will plead not guilty.

"I don't think I've done anything wrong," said Barbarash, a member of Bear Watch, a self-described "grassroots environmental group" that opposes bear hunting.

Each of the six people detained was issued a notice to appear in court. Penalties range from fines of $200 to $50,000, to probation or jail time.

It is alleged the Bear Watch members used airhorns Saturday on logging roads west of Campbell River to scare bears off as hunters were aiming to shoot them. Barbarash said it isn't illegal for people to monitor bear hunters, which is what his group was doing. He called the charges "ludicrous."

"We're a group of non-violent people trying to prevent violence," he said.

Convicted Protestors Will 'Defy' Sentence Of Judge, Risk Jail

SEATTLE -- In two trials held here in May, animal rights activists were convicted of trespassing for two separate anti-fur protests -- but all say they will defy the sentences given them by the court..

Six activists -- including Alison Frost, Josh Trenter, Debbie Svoboda, Craig Rosebraugh and Kaci Elder -- were convicted for blocking the entrance in February to the Seattle Fur Exchange, where 1.8 million animal skins were on the auction block. The six had kryptonited their necks together, and withstood heavy wind and rain for 4 hours before being cut loose by firemen.

They were fined $250 each, and given probation after a two-day trial, in which Frost represented herself. All defendants say they will not follow the probation, which they say violates their rights.

Also in May, Frost and Allison Porter of Seattle were convicted for locking themselves in the window of Nordstrom's on Fur Free Friday last November. They were given 6 months of probation -- which they say they will not honor. Defendants can refuse probation -- but they may be sent to jail, or given more community service if they do.

However, in the Nordstrom's trial, activists were able to educate the jurors and judge about the cruelty of fur, and had entered into evidence skinned fox photos, and information about how animals are killed for their skins. They also discussed how Nordstrom's had promised to stop selling fur, but lied.

Psycho Judge Freaks

California Lab Animal Defenders Jailed for 4 Days

By Gina Lynn
Southern California Bureau Chief

NEWPORT BEACH, CA -- Four animal rights activists were arrested in April in the office of a vivisector involved in particularly gruesome and barbaric experiments at University of California at Irvine -- but that turned out to be just the beginning of their adventure.

At least a half dozen members of the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition (ARDAC), with media in tow, entered the office of Edward Jones April 22 and issued a list of demands. Edward Jones, chairman of the anatomy and neurobiology department, has been involved in experiments such as sewing monkeys' eyes shut, cutting animals' heads off without anesthesia and spraying pepper spray in animals' faces.

The protesters refused to leave the office until their demands, including the termination of Jones' employment at UCI and the abolition of all animal experimentation on campus, were met. Police arrived on the scene shortly and hauled 4 of the activists off to jail within an hour. The activists were charged originally with felonies, later reduced to disrupting campus activities and released on their own recognizance after spending the remainder of the day in jail.

NEXT: Psycho Judge

Darcy McMullen, Gerard Livernois, Leila Saidyekta and Jorge Belloso-Curiel arrived in court May 20 for their arraignment and were met with a whirlwind of verbal assaults from the presiding judge, Susanne Shaw, who repeatedly accused the four non-violent protestors, who were armed with nothing more than their wits (apparently she felt this was too much of a match for the vivisectors), of having held the "entire UC campus hostage."

After expressing her discontent with the simple misdemeanor charge against the activists, Shaw held a private conference with the prosecutor evidently to demand the inclusion of additional charges. Next, apparently out of some sort of paranoid fear that the activists might suddenly make a break for it, she called in re-enforcements to close off the court-room and had the activists manacled and dragged to a holding tank behind the scenes.

Without giving them a chance to enter pleas of guilty or not guilty, Judge Shaw set their bail at $5000 and sent them to Orange County Jail. The excessive bail and jailing of the protesters, which, in effect punished the defendants before they had a trial was an egregious infringement on their due process rights and constitutional guarantee of a "fair and reasonable" bail.

Shaw threatened various courtroom observers with jail, and expelled one supporter from the courtroom (while court was not even in session) for telling the father of one of the defendants that the activists had not actually held the university hostage. As the supporter left the room (with a bailiff on her heals, handcuffs ready asking the judge, "you want her? You want her?"), the judge stated that she had "no constitutional rights in my courtroom".

Upon being remanded into custody, all 4 began a hunger strike and their support team launched a campaign to secure their release. The day after their re-incarceration, supporters held a protest in front of the courthouse against the Judge's absurd and inappropriate actions. There were also candlelight vigils in front of the jail for each of the 3 nights the activists were held.

Media covered these events extensively -- more than the original protest in April -- and brought more light to the issues of vivisection as well as the gross abuse of power exhibited by Judge Shaw. Phone calls flooded the jail, and Shaw's clerk's office since Monday from supporters around the country objecting to the jailings. Also, her actions are being reported to the state judicial performance commission.

On the fourth day, public defenders were able to convince another judge to overturn Shaw's bail decision and have the activists released on their own recognizance. After one activist had been denied his medication and all 4 had gone almost 80 hours without food, all were free again by 5 pm Thursday afternoon.

While all activists were relieved to be free again (at least for now), they are stronger now than ever in their resolve to combat the powers that be and the animal abuse industries.

100 Arrested In Finnish Anti-Fur Rally

FINLAND -- A protest here May 20 -- the biggest ever against the fur trade in Finland -- was aimed against the international fur auctions. About 100 activists were arrested.

About 200 activists gathered in front of the auction house called Fur Center, with 130 activists started to walk towards Fur Center 5 activists at the time. This lasted for about 40 minutes.

Activists showed a great determination by slowly walking - 5 activists at the time - towards 60 polices who were ordered to protect the auction. But, the activists were peaceful, didn't resist the police and didn't even shout slogans.

At the beginning police managed to keep the demonstrators out the auction area by just blocking the way, but soon they could do nothing. There were just too many of us. All demonstrators were released after a short while.

The demonstration was organized by an radical grassroots animal rights group called Oikeutta El imille.



The Terrible Truth About 'Big Mac'

March 20 marks the Great American Meatout, the day when animal rights activists nationwide ask all to reconsider their food choices and kick the meat habit at least for this day. What better way to convince someone to give serious thought to their diet than by showing them just what their hamburger looked like before it was processed into a pretty little package called a Big Mac? ABOVE, Jerry Friedman, left, and Joy Randall, protest the killing fields of Big Mac along with other activists from Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition decided that people have denied the source of their meals long enough. Children have been lied to and sheltered from the reality long enough. Hamburgers don't grow in hamburger patches. So, ARDAC took the actual 600 pound corpse of a cow (ARDAC played no role in the death of the cow nor did we contribute to any animal abusing industry to obtain the cow) and stopped at the entrance of the drive-thru, making it impossible for customers to use. For about one hour, McDonald's did not sell dead cow parts through this drive-thru! Signs held next to the body said "here's your lunch" and "still hungry?" Many people, customers and passersby alike, came to see and were horrified by what they saw. You could see them realizing for the first time, the suffering involved in the meat industry, said Gina Lynn of ARDAC. They were happy to take ARDAC's literature so they could find out more. After reading ARDAC's pamphlet, one of the police officers called to the scene declared that he would stop eating meat that day!

South African ALF Frees Hunt Farm Victims; Pro-Animal Protests Increase

By Daniel Faber
South Africa Bureau

SOUTH AFRICA -- The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) revealed here April 17 that it had cut fences to animal "concentration camps" and freed hundreds of animals from a hunting farm. In addition, activist activity has increased throughout the nation, where a protest against drug makers drew beatings of activists.

The "game farms" imprisoned hundreds of animals -- including lions and leopards -- as hunting fodder for wealthy tourists. The animals released will have no trouble adjusting to the wild, said the ALF, because they recently were captured there.

The communique said, in part:

"In the early hours of Wednesday morning the barbed wire fences of 2 huge concentration camp 'farms' in the Steytlerville district have been cut by activists from a shadowy new, animal liberation movement- the Spear of the Tigers. Just as we as a proud African people did not want to be interned by apartheid, so Spear of the Tigers give expression to our animal brothers and sisters desire to be free from oppression.

"We reject the words 'wild game', because (they) implie our brothers and sisters are only there for human entertainment. Hundreds of buck are returning to their freedom again as this statement is being released, not as 'game' but as proud members of the animal kingdom. ALF activists boldly entered the sheds in which jeeps with tracking equipment were kept and smashed equipment to bits, so any plans to pursue have been foiled!

"This is the beginning of total animal liberation in Africa. This is the beginning of an African renaissance where all Africans, human and animal, will live as one with our Mother Africa. Beware trophy hunters, poachers, all oppressors! This is only the beginning."

Also, in April, six animal organizations- including Earthlife Animal Action, South Africans against Vivisection and the South African ALF SG- launched the " Open the Labs! " campaign to coincide with the World Day for Laboratory Animals with protest marches in all the major cities including Johannesburg and Cape Town.

The biggest gathering of activists took place in the Gauteng province where thousands of activists filled the streets. Two activists, Josha Mafane (17) and Miriam Wayini (21), were badly assaulted while traveling home.

However, when the ANC started its struggle in 1912 conventional wisdom was that apartheid will last a thousand years. Eighty two years later the oppressors were washed away by people's power.

Pharmaceutical oppressors beware, a new army is rising...the demise of apartheid against animals is at hand. End apartheid against our animal brothers & sisters!

ALF DIARY OF ACTIONS



Mike's Feed Barn after the A.L.F. liberated and released 500 pigeons destined for the Hegins Pigeon Shoot on Labour Day (1995)

1996

1/-/96 Mankato, MN; Several animal transport trailers spray-painted.
-A.L.F.

1/2/96-Memphis, TN; The home of Kevin Hoslinger, manager of the Goldsmith's fur salon was paint bombed and his locks were glued.
-A.L.F.

1/6/96-Victoria, BC; A furrier who works from his home. Had slogans "Murderer", "Death", "Fur", "Killer" and "A.L.F." spray painted on his home, garage and truck. Tires on a truck and trailer also slashed.
-A.L.F.

1/9/96-BC; 65 envelopes with rat poison covered razor blades, taped inside the opening edge to guide outfitters across B.C. and Alberta. The letter enclosed said *"Dear animal killing scum! Hope* we sliced your finger wide open and that you now die from the rat poison we smeared on the razor blade. Murdering scum that kill defenseless animals in the thousands every year across B.C., for fun and profit do not deserve to live. We will continue to wage war on animal abusers across the world. Beware scum, better watch out, you might be next! Justice Department strikes again."
-Justice Department

1/15/96-Sheboygan, WI;

A.L.F. Communique
"Greetings from the Animal Liberation Front. Late on the night of Monday, Jan. 15, we raided a mink farm in Sheboygan WI. The mink farm was owned by Bob Zimbal, and was located on Washington Rd. 200 mink were liberated. The A.L.F. opened cages and released these wild creatures into their natural habitat. These mink were part of a 20,000 strong breeding herd. They spend their entire lives in tiny cages, breeding offspring for the fur trade . Their offspring are taken from them, 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. More is coming.
For Liberation, A.L.F."

1/16/96-Memphis, TN; Goldsmith's dept. store security van had it's windshield smashed.
-A.L.F.

1/24/96-Syracuse, NY; Syracuse Northern Sports Show exhibitors paint bombed, furs slashed, cars gouged in parking lot. **-A.L.F.**

2/-/96-Vancouver, BC; Several chickens liberated from a processing plant. "The animals are now in loving homes where they won't be killed for the table." **-A.L.F.**

2/-/96-Memphis, TN; A column of small windows were smashed at Especially Leathers. **-A.L.F.**

2/-/96-Memphis, TN; meat market on Brooks Rd. had slogans painted and locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

2/9/96-Guelph, ON; Guelph Fashion Furs spray painted with "Fur Is Dead" several times.
-A.L.F.

2/9/96-Solvay, NY; Chicken restaurant spray-painted, windows destroyed. **-A.L.F.**

3/-/96-Memphis, TN; Windows shot out with a slingshot on two occasions at Hataway Taxidermy.
-A.L.F.

3/-/96-Vancouver, BC; A fur and leather cleaning company had several tires slashed on a *delivery van.* **-A.L.F.**

3/-/96-Canada; 87 envelopes containing razor blades allegedly tainted with AIDs infected blood, taped inside the opening edge, sent to fur retailers across Canada. **-Justice Department**

3/7/96-Duluth, MN; Lake Superior Furs and USA Foxx & Furs had their locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

3/15/96-Syracuse, NY; Hickory House BBQ's store front was paint bombed, 5 picture windows smashed, all sides of the building
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The Animal Liberation Front carries out non-violent direct action against animal abuse by rescuing animals and causing financial loss, usually through the damage and destruction of property, to animal abusers. A.L.F. actions are illegal and therefore activists work anonymously, either individually or in groups, and do not have any centralized organization or address.

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

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

REPORTING ACTIONS:

This list only represents a fraction of the actions that the A.L.F. has committed so far this year as most actions go unreported. However, if you are a member of an A.L.F. 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 A.L.F. Supporters Group (P.O. Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ont., Canada M2M 4K3) Reports should include what the target was, what happened, what was done, and also the time, date, city and state. 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 thin rubber latex gloves which fingerprints can go through) while handling the materials. You should assume that all of the N.A.A.L.F.S.G.'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.

were covered in A.L.F. slogans, all locks filled with super glue, 3 large neon signs destroyed. The store remained closed for at least 2 days. -**A.L.F.**

3/17/96-Cicero, NY; Plainsville Turkey Farms Restaurant - 5 picture windows completely smashed, all locks filled with super glue, all sides of the building spray painted with A.L.F. slogans, front sign paint bombed. This action received intense media coverage.
-**A.L.F.**

3/17/96-Memphis, TN; Jean Benham Furs sustained a massive paint attack with the awning, store front, sign, sidewalk, outside carpet, and brick wall covered in red paint. The owner has since installed video equipment costing thousands of dollars. The Memphis A.L.F. state that they wear masks, so this equipment is worthless. -**A.L.F.**

3/17/96-Syracuse, NY; Syracuse Mustards, a hot-dog restaurant, suffered 7 smashed windows, had 3 locks glued, all sides of the building spray painted with A.L.F. slogans, outside lights smashed and several other fixtures disposed of. The store front was also paint bombed. -**A.L.F.**

3/24/96-Seattle, WA; A cage set up to catch several sea lions at the Ballard Locks is partially dismantled and sunk. -**A.L.F.**

4/-/96-Mankato, MN; Several animal transport trailers spray-painted. -**A.L.F.**

4/4/96-Victor, NY; A.L.F. activists struck L.W. Bennett & Sons' Fur Farm (Strong Rd, Victor, N.Y. 14564 716-924-2460) and released over 3000 mink. According to the Sheriff's Office, each mink was ' worth' $8, meaning that over $240,000 "worth of pelts" were set free. Some estimates range as high as 1 million dollars.

During the 1970's, L.W. Bennett's Fur Farm was the largest mink farm east of Wisconsin, then just a few years ago the farm had less than 12000 female mink on it. Before the raid by A.L.F. activists, the mink stocks had been reduced to roughly 5000.

Two years ago someone clipped a section of fence on the farm, but no animals escaped. 1500 mink have since been recovered from the recent raid. -**A.L.F.**

4/3/96-Guelph, ON; One of the owners of Guelph Fashion Furs (the only fur store left in Guelph) had a car window smashed. -**A.L.F.**

4/7/96-Eden Prairie, MN; Heavenly Ham, Bentley's Outfitters (fishing store), Baker's Ribs, Ken's Fresh Meats all had their locks glued. -**A.L.F.**

4/7/96-Mankato, MN; R.Craig's Leatherworks had locks glued and a window broken. -**A.L.F.**

4/8/96-Mankato, MN; Chip Steak had slogans spray-painted -**A.L.F.** 4/8/96 -Mankato, MN; Hilltop Meat Market had slogans painted -**A.L.F.**

4/13/96-Richfield, MN; Locks glued at Simek's Meat & Seafood and at Tandy Leather. -**A.L.F.**

4/13/96-Syracuse, NY; Shriner Circus locks glued and slogans painted at show place. -**A.L.F.**

4/13/96-Syracuse, NY; NY home of Murray Deitchman, CEO of Bonwit Teller Dept. Store (fur retailer) spray painted. -**A.L.F.**

4/14/96-St. Paul, MN; Locks glued at City Meat Market and Pioneer Sausage Co. -**A.L.F.**

4/14/96-South St. Paul, MN; Heger Co., a major fur farm feed supplier had locks glued and slogans spray painted. -**A.L.F.**

4/14/96-Moundsview, MN; Best Steak House was visited and locks were glued. -**A.L.F.**

4/16/96-Minneapolis, MN; The following businesses had locks glued: Brothers Halal Meat Market, Mandeville Co. (butcher's supply co.), Crown of MN. Inc. (a major fur farm cage/fence supplier), and Albrechts (fur retailer). -**A.L.F.**

4/-/96-Atlanta, GA; Atlanta Furs windows smashed out. -**A.L.F.**

4/late/96-Atlanta, GA; Atlanta Furs locks glued. -**A.L.F.**

5/?/96-Pheonix, AZ; Bomb threat phoned into the national headquarters of the "Make a Wish" Foundation. The Foundation granted a wish for a terminally-ill Minnesota youth to kill an Alaskan brown bear. -**Unclaimed**

5/5?/96-Mankato, MN; R.Craig's Leatherworks had window broken, again. -**A.L.F.**

5/-/96-Buffalo, NY; The ALF has had about 14 actions over the last few months. Included in these 14 actions are the following. Pallanker's Fur Store was paint bombed and had its lock's glued. Pollack's Furs has its windows smashed and locks glued. Federal Meats has its windows smashed and locks glued. -**A.L.F.**

5/18-19/96-Chesapeake, VA; $60,000 damage to Central Meat Packing, cut refrigeration equipment, freon lines, electrical lines and two natural gas lines, spray painted the building with "Meat is murder", "Killers." and "ALF.". According to media reports there have been at least 6 actions against them in the last 15 months including having a cinder block thrown through a window and slashed tires on trucks, they have also received telephone calls from people who refer to the owner and his employees as murderers in a high-pitched scream and then hang up. -**A.L.F.**

Animal Liberation Front Communique

This communique is being sent to various media and animal liberation groups.

In the early hours of Thursday, April 4th, A.L.F. activists released 1,700 minks from the Bennett fur farm in Bloomfield, New York. the mink farm is located about 20 minutes southeast of Rochester, off of route 64.

A.L.F. activists broke into the compound, cut several holes around the fence, and released the minks from their cages. The cages were tiny and coated in excrement and filth.

Mink are genetically wild animals. THEY ARE NOT DOMESTICATED! Most will adapt and survive after being released into the wild. Spring is arriving, so there won't be a shortage of food. The A.L.F. recognizes that a small percentage may starve before adapting, but most will not. Now they at least have a fighting chance to live, where as before this raid, they would have certainly been murdered for the bloody fur trade.

Mink also disperse quickly (travelling up to 12 miles a day), so no habitat will suffer as a result of the mink being released.

The Animal Liberation Front is an illegal international movement dedicated to ending the exploitation of non-human animals. They carry out direct action, usually through economic sabotage, property damage, and live liberations. The A.L.F. operates under the policy that life is more important than "property".

Animal Liberation Front GUIDELINES

TO liberate animals from places of abuse, e.g., laboratories, factory farms, fur farms, etc, and place them in good homes where they may live out their natural lives, free from suffering.

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

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

TO take all necessary precautions against harming any animal, human and non-human.

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

The Animal Liberation Front consists of small autonomous groups of people all over the world who carry out direct action according to the A.L.F. guidelines.

Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service

www <http:envirolink.org/ALF/alf.html>
e-mail <anon1234@anon.penet.fi>

The Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service is online. The goal is to provide up to date and currect information dedicated to the activities of the animal liberation movement in Europe, North America and worldwide. It will be an uncensored clearing house for information about animal liberation activities and activists.

SUPPORT
ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

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

...Only to End up There Themselves

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 liberation, 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 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 A.L.F. 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.

Donate to the North American A.L.F. 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 A.L.F. 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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North America

Rod Coronado #3895000
FCI, 8901 South Wilmot Rd., Tuscon, AZ 85706, USA
Sentenced to a total of 57 months for aiding and abetting arson and handling stolen property in connection with acting as spokesperson for the North American ALF, and for damaging government property as a protest against the treatment of native Americans (Rod is a member of the Yaqui Nation).

United Kingdom

Melanie Arnold GJ0940
HMP Eastwood Park, Falfield, Wotton u. Edge, Gloucester, GL12 8DB
On remand charged with arson at an abattoir in Gloucester and at two Milk Depots in Cheshire, and on conspiracy to commit arson at various other meat wholesalers, lairage companies, etc.

Gurjeet Aujla HV2047
HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Rd., Birmingham, B18 4AS
Serving a 6 year sentence in connection with postal devices sent to various companies and individuals involved in the meat and live export trades.

Dave Callender HV 3314
HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Rd, Birmingham, B18 4AS
Currently appealing against a 10 year sentence for conspiracy to cause arson.

Darren Cole XD2301
HMP Exeter, New North Rd, Exeter, Ex4 4EX
On remand charged with arson on farm buildings used in live export trade.

Micheal Green AV2923
HMP Bristol, Cambridge Rd, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8PS
Co-defendant of Melanie Arnold, charged with arson at an abattoir in Gloucester, conspiracy to commit arson at various meat and lairage companies, etc.

Angie Hamp TW1678
HMP Askham Grange, Askham Richard, York, Y02 3PT
Serving a 4 year sentence for conspiracy to cause arson. Angie has recently been turned down for parole, and is now due for release in Oct 96.

Neil Hansen HF3184
HMP The Mount, Molyneux Avenue, Bovingdon, Herts, HP3 0NZ
Sentenced to 3 years for conspiracy to dispatch a hoax bomb and criminal damage to the property of the public relations officer of Glaxo.

Keith Mann EE3588
HMP Full Sutton, Nr Stamford Bridge, York Y04 1PS
Sentenced to 11 years for criminal damage, attempted incitement, possession of explosive materials, attempted arson and escaping from custody.

Gillian Peachey RL3415
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Rd, London N7 0NU
On remand charged with conspiracy to use incendiary devices to cause criminal damage and arson.

Dominic Peaty XD1642
HMP Exeter, New North Rd., Exeter, EX4 4EX
On remand charged with criminal damage to property, vehicles and house belonging to a Ministry of Agriculture employee who kills badgers.

Mike Roberts GE 3743
HMP Lewes, Brighton Rd, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1EA
On remand charged with conspiracy to cause criminal damage.

Geoff Sheppard MD1030
HMP Wormwood Scrubs, Du Cane Rd., London, W12 0AE
Sentenced to 7 years for possession of a shotgun and possession of items for making incendiary devices.

Charles Skinner 24250
HMP La Moye, St. Beades, Jersey, Channel Islands.
Imprisoned for causing over 322,000 pounds worth of damage by arson to Jersey Zoo visitors centre and to letting off a smokebomb inside an artificial insemination centre causing L6,000 of damage. He was given 4 and 2 years to run concurrently.

Barbara Trentholm Rl 1292
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst RD, London. N7 ONU
On remand for conspiracy to cause arson.

Holland

**Frank Kocera 1648820
**
Bijlmer, Demersluis, Postbus 41901, 1009 CE Amsterdam, Holland

**Erik van der Laan 1648819
**
Bijlmer, Demersluis, Postbus 41901, 1009 CE Amsterdam, Holland

Busted!

A No Compromise Special Section

Civil Disobedience: A Non-Violent Strategy *Everyone* Should Try...Even *You*!

AN OPEN LETTER TO GRASSROOTS ACTIVISTS

On the following 4 pages, you will find an overview of the effective use of nonviolent direct action, as it has been practiced in the modern animal rights movement. Much of what you will read was written several years ago when direct actions on behalf of animals were common....when they inspired other activists to act out of conscience, for the animals.

Organized civil disobedience in the U.S. animal rights movement began in April 1984 - not conducted by a large national group, but by an ad-hoc group of grassroots activists at University of California, Davis. Fifteen people were arrested that day, blocking the road to the primate center, and thus began the modern animal rights direct action movement. Actions quickly followed in Berkeley, Los Angeles and elsewhere.

After 7 years of unprecedented news coverage, and a respect accorded by both enemies and the news media, the direct actions virtually stopped.

The movement's recent turn to less agitation and therefore *less pressure on the system* that tortures and kills nonhuman animals by the billions, has cost dearly. **Fur sales are on the increase** for the first time in years, and **vivisection** -- after years of decline through the turbulent, protest-filled 1980s, **has increased** every year since 1990. None of this is a coincidence. As our efforts were reduced, the killing increased!

Also, in 1996, we find coverage of animal rights meager at best. And, much, much more importantly, we find the lives of the animals are not much better, and they continue to be exploited, and murdered.

However, **there is hope**. New grassroots groups -- the strength of this and every movement -- are showing signs of impatience with recent methods which are not working. Direct actions have taken place, since 1994, in Memphis, Little Rock, Dallas, Boston, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo and many cities inbetween. Fur Free Friday 1994-6 included more than 100 arrests in a dozen cities, the first significant civil disobedience, on a coordinated, mass scale, that has occurred since 1991.

But, you, the grassroots activist, are the key.

While we do not want to discourage actions of a less "interesting" nature - such as distribution of flyers or writing letters (both are useful) it should be obvious that the passive ways of securing change have not worked. In either gaining media attention, or changing people's minds.

The key to all of this is to stretch yourself...**attempt to do something for the animals that is not easy**, but stretches your commitment to put an end to the torture. Now, not in one hundred or one thousand years!

There must be some risk, some sacrifice if we are to make any great strides in our lifetime. No one said this was going to be easy...if it were then maybe this struggle would not be such a grand one. Of course, we would never suggest that anyone ever break the law. And, of course, neither should any of you. But, you can discuss strategies - and consequences.

Please remember that this has all happened before. Nonviolent direct action has led the freeing of oppressed peoples for centuries, from African Americans and India's fight for independence to the suffragettes effort to win the vote.

None of their campaigns were won until after the effective use of nonviolent civil disobedience.

Some argue that direct action is "sacrificing the high ground." Quite the opposite is true. By doing as little as possible, we have forsaken the cause and the oppressed animals. In a real way, **we must share at least some of the blame and guilt for the killing if we do not do ALL we can to stop it!** Rather than sacrificing that high ground, thoughtfully-selected direct action affirms it.

Every time you or your group plans a protest, never, ever believe you are alone. There are others -- just like you -- all across the nation who are just like you. You have their support, and no doubt, the animals, too!

Please know that no matter what happens -- at your protest and around the country -- what you do affects the state of the movement today, tomorrow and far into the future. **You are making a difference.** Somehow, someway, with limited funds and personnel, we must nonviolently remind the world that we are slaughtering innocent animals, and exploiting and enslaving them by the billions.

In other words, this is not the time for music, and "celebrations". **It is a time for action!** As political activists -- because that is what you are -- your role in this war of liberation is clear. **Do not cede your rights** to the system. For if we do, and therefore do not take steps to save the animals, then we have to accept some of the blame for their deaths.

For us, this is an act of conscience and nonviolent resistance against the continued exploitation, torture and killing of, literally, billions of nonhuman animals. **Some of us must be willing to make a stand.** Please, please, stand with us, and all the nonhuman animals that are killed, or face slaughter every day.....a few hours in jail, or even days, is NOTHING compared to a day at the slaughterhouse, the research lab or the fur farm.

Listen to your conscience. That is your one true guide. As it was for us who participated in the animal rights movement's first civil disobedience in 1984 in California.

Good luck, friends.

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Civil Disobedience

Overview of a Nonviolent Strategy That Works

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The author is a direct action activist from the Seattle area, and has organized and participated in several civil disobedience actions in the past few years. She is not a criminal, is not in jail and is impassioned about tactics that are nonviolent and effective, as evidenced by this contribution.)

"There are times when law and justice do not coincide,and to obey the law at such times can be an abdication of ethical responsibility"

By Alison Frost
Special to No Compromise

Civil disobedience has proven time and time again to be one of the most effective tactics that we can use against animal abusers.

Oftentimes these demonstrations disrupt animal abusing industries, attract media attention, increase energy and dedication of activists, demand that our voices be heard and our struggle on behalf of animals recognized as a legitimate and powerful movement.

When planning a CD demo it is important to take your target and goals into consideration. Certain actions are more symbolic while others are designed to shut down business or directly stop the abuse. There are endless possibilities when planning these protests - everyone CAN and SHOULD participate. The following are a couple of suggestions but be creative, use your talents, and do what you know needs to be done.

Planning Goes A Long Way

Although Civil Disobedience has been known to occur spontaneously, it is best to take some time planning for the event. This will insure that you are able to take all possible measures to make the demo as successful as possible.

When choosing a site there are several of things to be aware of. You will want to be on the lookout for any possible obstacles that might stand in the way of completing a successful action such as accessibility of entrances, security cameras, guards etc. It is a good idea to visit the site at least a couple of weeks beforehand in order to get a better idea of what sort of action will be possible.

Next you will need determine how many people are willing to risk arrest and what sort of equipment you will need. It is important to make sure that those who volunteer to risk arrest are actually planning on following through with it. There is no better way to ruin an action than to have someone flake out at the last minute. Make sure those who have volunteered to participate have asked for time off from work, made arrangements for their animals, etc.

Other precautions should be taken for the safety of the activists; if possible have one or more video cameras taping the event, develop a signal to use in case activists are hurt and in need of medical attention, and make sure the activists are not isolated from each other or from onlookers.

Location Is Important

It is also important to make sure that the location of the CD will be accessible to the media. If you will be entering a highly restricted area you will want members of the media to meet you beforehand so that they will be able to follow you in.

Oftentimes they will quickly be kicked out of stores, offices or other private places. You will also want to make sure that your CD lasts as long as possible in order to disrupt business and make sure that media who arrive late will be able to catch the story. It is for this reason that I strongly recommend locking down.

There are a variety of ways to do this:

* **Handcuffs are cheap** and easy to use but are basically useless as they can be snapped in a second.

* The next step up would be to use a **kryptonite bike lock.** These locks are a bit harder to use because they must be locked around someone's neck and they require a key to fasten the lock. It is also necessary to arrange for someone to take the key or some way to hide it so that the activists cannot be removed. The fire department will probably be called in to remove the protesters using huge bolt cutters, power saws, or the jaws of life, unless the activists have locked down to door handles or other fixtures that can be removed.

* **Lock boxes** can be used to attach activists by their hands, although I won't go into detail on how to make them. They are basically long tubes with a pin through the middle that allow people to lock their hands to the inside of the tube and make it difficult for the police to remove them and proceed with the arrest. These lock boxes can also be cemented inside of concrete filled barrels making the likelihood of removal next to impossible.

* **"Take-overs"** can be very empowering and successful actions. In the past these protests have involved taking over board rooms or offices. This is oftentimes a chance to reach those who hold the power of making policy changes and other decisions. These people are also often neglected by activists as they usually don't work in the stores or killing factories and therefore haven't had the chance to witness our protests first hand.

During a take-over be sure to act as though you own the place! Charge into their offices, make long distance phone calls, use the copier, answer the phone, dig through files, turn on the computer, blockade the door, lock down, hang a banner out the window, etc. As long as you don't damage anything you should be fine.

Large Crowd Helps

Occupations and blockades are very successful ways to get the point across.They require large numbers of participants, but at the same time the experience of getting arrested with a large crowd is very moving. It is not unusual for a few people to jump in and risk arrest at the last minute when they see everyone else doing it.

Another benefit to this approach is the fact although it should be coordinated, these actions don't require hours of practice or strategic planning like others do. Also, a large crowd will make things easier when you go to court, as they will be less likely to want to spend thousands of tax-payer dollars in the name of prosecuting 200 non-violent protesters as opposed to a handful.

Large numbers also give you the opportunity to refuse to cooperate with the police on any level. Imagine the chaos at the police station when 200 activists refuse to give their names!

Human Octopus

The "human octopus" is a great technique to use if you want to stay somewhere for a long time. It works best with six people and requires nine kryptonite locks. The activists begin with one kryptonite around each of their necks. Standing around in a circle facing each other the activists split into two groups of three with one lock attaching each group. The groups then join in the center with the remaining lock.

One person gives the command to turn around, and each person turns outwards to face away from the circle. From there you can sit or lay down and link arms to prevent yourself from being moved, be sure to act as a group at the same time to make sure that no one gets hurt.

The truly great thing about this configuration is that the activists are locked to each other and not some fixture that can be removed. Also, police are very hesitant to cut through locks that are so close to you neck, and every one else's. The thought of trying to move the mass is quickly thrown out because to do so would place the group in serious risk of strangulation. If you are planning on using this technique be sure to practice plenty in advance as you might not havemuch time to lock down when it comes time. You should be able to get the total lock down time to approximately 20-30 seconds.

Carcass deliveries are a controversial yet completely fitting way to protest. This involves locating dead animals that have been slaughtered for human profit and deliveringthem to those responsible for the deaths. Some of these protests have involved delivering skinned animals to departments stores that sell fur or displaying a dead cow to Mc Donalds patrons.

These protests are grotesque and disturbing - but so is animal abuse and that is what we must show the public. There is no better way to show people the horrors of factory farming or the cruelty inherent in the fur trade than to force them to look at the animal whose death they contributed to for their big mac or fur trim.

There are a variety of ways to find the animal carcasses, oftentimes they are thrown out with the trash, given away, or left by the side of the road. Be sure NOT to PAY for the animals as that would be contributing to the industry. In the past activists have told farmers that they want to play a practical joke on a friend or they are doing a project for school. Be creative. Remember to treat the carcasses with the utmost respect. They maybe heavy, dripping blood, staring at you with their lifeless eyes, or reeking of rotting flesh but remember to carefully place them in a fur department or gently lay them down outside of a store, do NOT fling them around or throw them down.

Be Prepared. Practice

Regardless of whatever type of action you decide to do you should be sure to be totally prepared. Practice with your supplies beforehand and make sure everyone knows their role and is comfortable with it. Develop alternate plans for risking arrest if Plan A fails. For example if you can't get into the building for some reason, be prepared to lock onto the door handles or if the van full of animals that you were planning on blocking decides not to arrive, then storm the vivisectors lab.

Whenever you issue a press release indicating that protesters will be risking arrest it is important to follow through. If you don't, they will be less likely to cover your events in the future, also other activists might get the impression that they can back out at the last minute, and hell, with all that planning you put into it, you might as well follow through!

Be sure that the group of people risking arrest is in consensus with the action and that everyone knows what is going to take place. It is important to work as a group and not everyone doing their own thing.

For example, make sure that everyone is planning on going limp when they are placed under arrest, and that they will be sure to hunger strike when taken to jail. Your action will be ten times more successful if everyone know what is going on. Also in most cases, protesters not planning on risking arrest should not be informed of the CD.

Don't Waste Time

It will waste more of your time to explain it to them, and they might be likely to interfere with pulling everything off. For example, someone says, "Yeah, so when are the people going to storm into the building", right in front of a police officer. I realize this sounds ridiculous, but it has been known to happen! In some cases you will want to inform others who will not be risking arrest if they play an important role.

Many times you will need someone to distract an employee, jump in front of a security guard, hold open a door, or take a key. These people most likely will not be arrested, but they should be prepared just in case. You will also want people prepared to hold a protest outside of the jail until you are released, feed your animals, or give you a ride home when you get out of jail.

This article is by no means comprehensive! There are dozens of creative actions waiting to be discovered. Put your talents and resources to work: scale a building and liveon a perch for several days, lock your neck inside of a car (they can't tow it with someone inside!) to block off traffic, climb into a display window, etc.

Civil Disobedience, although worthwhile and exciting, is not a replacement for other kinds of direct actions. Even though it has proven to be an effective way to raise animal rights awareness and generate media coverage, it is by no means the only way to achieve animal LIBERATION!

For More Information

If you have questions about tactics, strategies, civil disobedience or your legal rights, contact The National Activist Network and Activist Civil Liberties Committee at PO Box 19515, Sacramento, CA 95819 or call (916) 452-7179.

Should You Risk Arrest?

Civil Disobedience Is A Viable Tactic for Change

By Crescenzo Vellucci
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Should animal rights/liberation activists risk arrest for the animals? Is civil disobedience a viable tactic for this movement with which to make change?

How can the answer be anything but yes? Because, if it is not yes, then it would mean all the nonviolent movements of the past -- including the civil rights movement, the women's movement, the anti-war movement -- would have been wrong.

Nonviolent civil disobedience reaffirms our commitment to peace and freedom, not just for human animals, but for those nonhuman animals oppressed, enslaved, tortured and killed because of their species.

Just why is civil disobedience such a successful strategy?

•**MEDIA:** There is no doubt that the news media flocks to civil disobedience actions. Through the mid to latter 1980s, CD actions throughout the U.S. mobilized a young movement and caught the attention of the news media. It's through this "news" coverage that we eventually receive the credibility that results in longer, more in-depth stories later.

•**RESOLVE:** When we risk arrest, and refuse to leave the front of a research lab, or the entrance to a fur store, or the gate to a chicken processing plant, we are showing the world -- the news media, the animal oppressors and the public and politicians -- that we believe in our cause. And, that we will go to jail if necessary to defend the billions who cannot speak for themselves. When we back off, agree to stand in "free speech" areas, away from our targets, we show the opposite...that we do not have the resolve to fight this battle to the end. Civil disobedience -- resistance, if you will -- also energizes us. In cities where it is occurring now, activists report an increase of all animal rights activity. Where CD has waned, the opposite is true.

•**IT WORKS:** Civil disobedience costs the animal abuse industries millions of dollars in security, insurance and related costs. It also draws massive attention to their evil deeds in a way they cannot understand. CD has closed fur stores, and research labs in decades past. The closings may have not been permanent, but they closed just the same.

The truth of the matter is that all we should have to do is hold a few news conferences, issue a bevy of "white papers" on the abuse of animals in our society, and the world would change. That has not happened. The same as it did not happen in other progressive movements of the past.

That is exactly why those movements, and ours, have to take bold steps to shake-up the world. It has worked, and will work again. And, once we have their attention, then and only then, will they be able to understand the misery nonhuman animals endure on this planet.

Some say we are "past" civil disobedience. Really? Tell that to the billions of animals slaughtered every year...the numbers are increasing, not decreasing. We are not "past" anything. The grassroots groups understand this more than anyone....that is why they are the key, the focus, of the resistance in the movement today. Some larger, national organizations, and smaller ones, too, suggest CD is not a viable tactic. In fact it is. What should be questioned are the tactics used for decades or centuries that have not worked! Civil disobedience has been proven in the U.S. over and over again.

• **If I get arrested, it is worth it?** YES! How can it not be? If you risk arrest, then you increase the possibility of media coverage, you cause your target to spend money and maybe lose business, you energize yourself and others.

• **But what about court, is it worth it?** YES! Many activists don't like court, but it is an opportunity to educate jurors, witnesses, judges, lawyers, court clerks, bailiffs and many others (let alone the news media which often covers court cases) about the cause. Even if there is a trial and you are convicted, there is not much risk to you personally. If you receive community service, you can educate others in the community about the movement. And, if you go to jail, you can educate other inmates, jailers and others about the plight of animals.

The truth is we cannot lose if we risk arrest, or are arrested as an act of conscience for the animals. If we have our charges dropped, we then continue our animal work. If they pursue the charges (which is very, very rare) then we have increased opportunity for media, and education.

And, generally speaking, getting arrested for the animals is not nearly as serious as a speeding ticket. It, generally, will not cause you to lose your job (only felonies do that), and rather than hurt your credibility and reputation, arrests for nonviolent civil disobedience, in order to stop cruelty to animals, is nothing to be ashamed us. You'll find most people, even those who appear to care little for your cause or animals, respect you for your stand.

In short, civil disobedience is for everyone. Young, old, and of varied and different socioeconomic backgrounds. The more of us who refuse to yield when told to do so, and instead stand together, and for the animals, then the sooner real liberation will be achieved.

There is no ONE way to true liberation. But, if you follow your heart, and put your body on the line, the feeling you get will tell you that you are on the right track to that final victory!

A Thumbnail Sketch

From Arrest To Trial All For the Animals

By Crescenzo Vellucci
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Some people new to the "opportunity" of risking arrest for the animals may be apprehensive about the legal process. It's natural to feel that way, but as you you learn more, it becomes easier. Here are some tips:

•**Arrest.** You are arrested (they usually tell you that, and you are led away).

•**Bail/no bail.** In the vast majority of cases, bail is not required. You receive a citation, like a traffic ticket, and are released. Do not let the threat of bail deter you. The system is only trying to discourage you from risking arrest again for the animals. Don't buy it! Our strategy is to insist on being "cited out" (no dollar bail), and if not, tell police you WANT to stay in jail because it makes a better story (it does!) and you are going on an immediate hunger strike because that, too, makes a better story (it does!). They're doing us, and the animals a favor by keeping us in jail is what you should tell them. It really isn't any big deal when compared to what the animals are going through, right? Recently, when activists have been told they will be staying in jail for days, they've gone on hunger strikes, and usually they are released within hours - by the very same police who said they would not be released. And, always, we have received better media coverage when we stay in jail, if only for a few hours longer. Remember, they don't want you in jail -- more paperwork, and it costs the city/state money, about $100 a day, to keep you in jail. Plus, they don't need the media doing stories on you!!!

•**Arraignment.** This is held weeks later, where you should plead not guilty, and ask for a jury trial. Be willing to "waive time" -- meaning you are willing to let the trial take place later rather than sooner (the extra time give you more time to prepare and, again, keep the story going. We are in NO HURRY for a trial -- the city/state are in a hurry, not us.

•**Pretrial and hearings.** You need not attend. Your attorney can represent you. You are not, in most states, required to attend these hearings. If the judge, or your attorney says you must, ask them what the law is....usually lawyers and judges try to fool activists into thinking they must attend so it will discourage them from risking arrest again. Be wary!

•**Trial.** (it rarely comes to this). If so, call the National Activist Network's legal department. We'll help you prepare.

You do not have an attorney.

If you have one that is free, or close to it, that agrees with your political philosophy, you can use them. But, you can do this yourself. If you, we have learned, it frightens the system even more, and they are MORE LIKELY to drop all charges. We have always received our best deals, when we did not use an attorney.

If you "plead-out" (take a deal) before even testing the court, then the story dies. And, with it, any pressure you may be able to bring to bear against the research community. Remember: Every day, every time you go to court you keep this story, and the animals' plight, alive. So, for both good legal strategy and political strategy, we recommend that your group make an initial "not guilty" plea at arraignment. (In Atlanta, activists were apprehensive about not taking a deal, but were persuaded to go in, and plead "not guilty" and ask for a trial. The result? All charges were dropped!! The same thing has happened in other cities, including Minneapolis, Syracuse, Memphis, Los Angeles, etc.)

If the initial "deal" is very, very good then you can consider it....but the deal will be available. **No matter what you may hear from lawyers, the deal ALWAYS GETS BETTER THE LONGER YOU WAIT.** If they offer you a $500 fine today, it will be $200 then $100 as you get closer to trial.

It is a bluffing game. They are betting that you do not have the commitment, as did King, Ghandi and their followers in movements past, to make a difference.

It is up to you to show them, no matter how frightened you may be, that you are that dedicated. Remember: The courts DO NOT have the power. You do! This "empowerment" -- knowing that you have the upper hand, not the courts -- is key to our growth as direct action activists.

In brief, these are just some of the reason to **NOT PLEAD OUT** at arraignment:

•The deal always gets better.
• It puts pressure on system, including University.
• Chances for ongoing media coverage of issue.
•Illustrates the strength and conviction of activists.
•Makes it easier for people in the future who risk arrest because if you push, ask for your rights, and make a case out of it, the system will be very much less inclined to prosecute future activists.
•Money saved from having to pay heavy fines can be plowed back into other projects for the animals.

Never, ever accept probation. For as long as you are on probation you cannot help the animals. It would be dangerous to go to protests, because you may be arrested, even if by chance, and that would be a serious violation of probation. Activists do not take probation.

Think about WHY the system requires bail, or wants you on probation. And, then... **RESIST!**

Courtroom Strategy

(Editor's Note: The following is based on a lecture by attorney Larry Weiss at the Environmental Law Conference at the University of Oregon this year. Larry has helped grassroots activists, usually for no compensation, since the late 1980s, taking cases other movement lawyers do not -- for one simple reason: he cares. Larry is known to direct action activists, whether they are jailed for protesting or harassed by abusive grand juries, as the "one attorney we know we can trust." He can be reached through the National Activist Network's Activist Civil Liberties Committee, PO Box 19515, Sacramento, CA 95819 (916) 452-7179.)

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Every movement has its cutting edge. To me, the cutting edge of our movement is still out in the streets.

You may think that cases such as Brown v. Board of Education were won through clever lawyering or good brief. They weren't...they were won after forty years of lynchings, beatings by police, and street demonstrations.

People arrested in the course of social movements are usually very proud of having taken part in those actions. Those who were active for civil rights, women's suffrage, Vietnam protests, or South Africa, were often arrested for their actins. When they talk about those actions today, they're glad to have taken part in them, because it was the right thing to do.

Some of you have been arrested. I see a few felonious faces in the crowd. For others of you, an arrest may be in your future. The person I feel sorry for is the person who does not care enough about anything to go to the wall for it.

I've been there when the grill gate closes behind you (Larry was arrested last October in the takeover of the Macy's San Francisco headquarters) and it isn't terrifying if you know what is going to happen next. Knowledge is power. Here are some pointers that will save you a lot of time and trouble:

Talking to the Press

Do not mention any specifics to the press concerning plans for the action that were made prior to the arrest. As you know, these actions don't materialize out of nowhere. But any planning prior to the arrest is between you and your friends and not for the police or press to know.

You don't need to say "we planned to come here and get arrested in front of this store." What you might want to say, instead, is "we decided to risk arrest by coming here. We came here because we care about the animals and when we arrived we were overcome with the thoughts and visions of their pain, and we sat down. It was an individual, spontaneous act."

Now, why do I say this? It's because they can slap you with a conspiracy charge. In many jurisdictions, the charge of conspiracy is a felony, even if the offense itself is a misdemeanor. If they want to make it hard on you they will charge you with a conspiracy, so why make their job easier?

Bail

Suppose you are arrested and not released on your promise to appear, what do you do then? Do you fall apart, or do you have a plan of action? Before the action, you need to decide among yourselves a) whether you're going to take bail and b) whether you will allow some people to bail, or get out on their own recognizance, and others to stay in. These are essential decisions that profoundly affect the unity of your group.

My feeling about bail is that if you refuse to accept bail, they will usually drop it to nothing to get you out of there. I'm talking about a misdemeanor case now, an act of civil disobedience, not a lab break in.

What they will try to do is threaten you. They will say "if you don't put up the $300 bail you will have to stay overnight", and you say"O.K. great". Then they'll say "we won't be able to feed you, there's nothing here you can eat" and you say "O.K., we're going on a hunger strike". At this point they won't know what to do and they'll often let you out on no bail, just to get rid of you, especially if the jail is overcrowded as is the usual case. You're in the criminal system, but you're not criminals and they know that on some level. They have murders and rapists in jail and they don't want you in there taking up that cell space.

If you go in with this attitude of confidence, as opposed to the attitude of "I sat down, my part is over, let me out of here", you are acting as if you are serious about your cause. Because of this, there will be a difference in the energy at the action, in the way that the store or university reacts, and in the way that the press treats your action.

Arraignment and Plea

Your first court appearance is an "arraignment". This is when you are informed of the criminal charges against you and given an opportunity to plead to these charges. In terms of time, they have to arraign you within a reasonable time. That doesn't' mean within hours, but it's usually within two days, or three at the most if you are arrested on a weekend. They can't just leave you sitting in jail for a week. So it's possible you'll sit for two days.

If that happens, get to know other people you were arrested with. Talk to them. Then talk to the other prisoners and tell them why you're here. Tell now people about the animals' suffering. See this as an opportunity. If you're still in jail, you will get a chance at arraignment to ask the judge to let you out on no bail.

When you finally get a chance to plead, I suggest that you plead "not guilty". IF you plead "guilty" when you've given up all rights to a trial, and all of your leverage to get the case dismissed or a better sentence.

Representation

Now, who is going to represent you? I have three suggestions: First, I believe that you should have at least one person going "pro per." That means you are representing yourself. Now, why do you want a person going pro per? Because it's empowering for that person and for all the hard questions which an attorney may be afraid to ask. You will often get a public defender who does not want to offend the judge and is not going to ask the hard questions of the jurors on "voir dire" when you are selecting the jury.

If you go pro per it means that you will have the right to yourself address the potential jurors, the judge, and to question the witnesses. If you get some truly hot attorney, you may not need to do this. But don't count on getting a good and gusty attorney, so don't give away that right.

Second, you will also want a public defender on your team. Why? There are so many sellouts among public defenders, why do you want one? You may luck out entirely and get a good one, and also because their office is right there on the grounds. This can be a great advantage. Things will come up in the course of the case when you'll want to use their phone or their fax. You'll also want to use their familiarity with the judges and their knowledge in mundane things such as how to subpoena somebody. Furthermore, they can appear for you in routine motions where it's inconvenient for other people to come to court, especially if they live at a distance from the court. That's why you want a public defender in your corner.

Third, if you can find a political attorney in your area to carry the ball, then do it. It's not easy. There are not many of us that do this kind of work. If you get a straight criminal attorney, that attorney will want to get you the best "deal", and will not particularly care about your political stance or why you are there in the first place. That attorney may want to make a deal for you and leave your co-defendants hanging. That's what they are trained to do, and that's the problem with straight criminal attorneys. If you can educate them, and if they truly understand that I am her on purpose, then you've got a winner.

Don't Listen to your Attorney

Don't listen to your attorney if your attorney is trying to get you out and leave other people hanging. And don't listen to your attorney if your attorney says "take the first deal." The first deal they offer you is not the best deal.

Along with all their threats about leaving you in jail with no food, the next best threat occurs at the arraignment. You come into court and their attorney (or "your" attorney" offers two days in jail, a year's probation, and 20 hours of community service.

They usually add that if you don't take this deal within the next 30 seconds, you're dead. That's a lie. The deal gets better, especially if there are 10 of you, all poverty stricken and request attorneys. By law, the state must provide you with an attorney (if you can't afford one) and that puts financial pressure on the system.

You need to understand that the judge and D.A. don't want you in court. Your case is regarded as a waste of time by the court. So if you say, "no, I don't like this deal" then the next time you come into court the deal will get better. They'll skip the probation and now it's just 20 hours of community service. If you still hang in there, and ask for a jury trial, then at least 50 percent of the time they will dismiss your case. They'll be begging you to get out of there. In 30 percent of the cases they won't dismiss but they'll offer you a much better deal at the end: for example, just 20 hours community service, no jail, no fine, no restitution, no probation.

In 20 percent of the cases you will have to go to trial. If you get arrested 5 or 6 times then sooner or later you'll come up against a hard ass judge or D.A. When you deal with such people remember that you're threatening their lifestyles, their beliefs, and they'll be angry. They won't offer you a deal worth considering and then you'll have to go to trial. So be prepared for that and don't go into court as a bluff. Be aware that you will have to fight some of your cases.

Trial

During the actual trial you will have many opportunities to help the animals and the earth. You are allowed to subpoena witnesses in your defense, so why not think big? You may be able to subpoena the head of the lab (in a vivisection case) or the buyer for the store in a fur case. You'll need to show the judge witnesses you want to subpoena are relevant to your defense.

You will have a better opportunity to be acquitted by a jury than by a judge, and this gives you a chance to explain yourself to people who may be sympathetic to your beliefs. In selecting a jury than by a judge, you (or your attorney) will have an opportunity to question potential jurors. The selection of the jury is called "voir dire". Be sure and ask the potential jurors questions concerning their attitudes about animals. Ask them if they have companion animals, and if those animals are spayed or neutered. You can get a lot of information about jurors by asking them the right questions, so don't overlook this part of your case.

You can accomplish a lot during the trial. If you have put some thought into your arrest, then you will have props that you can use a trial. Now suppose you have just been arrested, you don't have anything on you, and you're sitting there singing your favorite song. The court is not going to let you introduce your pamphlets about animal experimentation (or) your photos showing how the animals die in fur farms.

But suppose that you are arrested with those things in your hands? They probably will take your signs into custody and that's how you get them into evidence. So have the stuff that you want the jury to see on you at the time of your arrest. Traditionally, and still in most jurisdictions, whatever is on you when you are arrested they take into custody. And then they hold it up front of the jury, and you say "yes, that's why I'm here."

At the end of your trial, there is something called "closing argument". If you're pro per, you can talk about your own case to the jury and tell them why, in your opinion, you should be acquitted. It's another reason to go pro per. I doubt an attorney would be able to state this with as much feeling as you could. Use this as another opportunity to tell jurors about animal suffering.

Run your own case

Defendants in political cases need to run their own cases, not the attorneys. It's your life and you're the one that has to do the sentence. You didn't listen to the police when they said "you can't sit here." You didn't listen to the corporations when they said "buy this blood product." And you don't have to listen to these same people when they're dressed up as attorneys.

The legal case after your arrest is part of two of your demonstration. Don't think that your part is over when you get arrested because at the point you've only done half of what you can do. Now you have a second chance to make your point to a jury, the judge, and to the press. So don't be afraid. Treat it as an opportunity.

The most important thing to remember is to make your own decisions. Taking charge in the courtroom is scary for the first time, just as anything is frightening the first time. But you can do it....to me, you are the heroes of the movement and attorneys your support staff.

ALF Interview

By Freeman Wicklund
No Compromise General Manger

(Robin Webb is a British activist who has diligently fought for animal rights for over a decade. When this interview was conducted on September 9, 1993, Robin Webb was the British Press Officer for the Animal Liberation Front. *In this interview, Webb speaks about his role as the ALF Press Officer and the extent of ALF actions in Britain. Reprinted with permission from "Keep Fighting: Three Interviews with Britain's Animal Liberation Front Press Officers")*

Q. When and how did you get involved with animal rights?

I became involved about 11 or 12 years ago when I was working for an electronics company next door to a slaughter house. I began to realize that the animals being taken in there were the same animals I was eating at home. One time I went for a walk on my lunch break. I saw some pigs being unloaded. In the afternoon I had heard them and smelt them. I went home and my partner Margaret had cooked pork for dinner that evening. I couldn't eat it. We almost immediately went vegetarian. And, as we knew a little bit about farming practices, within about two months we had become vegans.

Q. How has the movement affected society?

I think society has become more aware of how we use and abuse our brothers and sisters of other species. The ALF's activities of going into research laboratories and factory farms has publicized it, also educational organizations have publicized it, people going into schools have done very good work amongst young people. Ten years ago, for example, I used to have a dream that in a corner of a supermarket I would find soya milk. Now, not only do you find soya milk on a major display rack in supermarkets, but the stores have their own brand of soya milk, which indicates that we are making advances. People are aware, not just of the ways we treat laboratory animals, circus animals, and factory farmed animals, but also that things that have appeared to be innocent in the past, like the dairy industry, also contain a great deal of cruelty and exploitation.

Q. How have you stayed motivated?

Since I saw the pigs being unloaded and went home to dinner that evening I haven't had a moments peace of mind. I still wake up in the middle of the night with nightmares about what I've learned about animal cruelty over the years. I have never got used to it. I've never gotten hardened to it. If anything, it has gotten worse and worse. I couldn't live with my own conscience if I stopped trying to do something to change it.

Q. What is the role of the ALF Press Officer?

The role of the ALF Press Officer is to explain to the media why activists have carried out unlawful activities, and it can happen in a number of ways. An activist can telephone me anonymously to tell me what they have done, I would then contact the media, tell the media what they've done, try to publicize it, and explain why the activists were driven to carry out the action. Or an action can be carried out and not claimed. In fact, for the activists' own security a lot of them won't telephone me because it is reasonable to assume that my telephone is monitored by the police. So within those instances, the media would often contact me, explain the action to me, and then I could say whether or not it fell within ALF policy, whether or not the ALF would claim it as one of their actions, and also try to explain why it was carried out. The other functions of the Press Officer are to speak at public meetings, rallies, and demonstrations, to try to highlight animal abuse, to encourage lawful ways for people to campaign against it, and also to explain publicly why the activists break the law. I would not encourage anyone to go out and break the law because that would be incitement which is a criminal offense.

Q. What is the Press Officers' relationship to the law?

Well, my two previous predecessors, Ronnie Lee and Robin Lane, have both served prison sentences for their role as ALF Press Officer. I've been arrested on a number of occasions since I took up the position. I find that the police really cannot understand the motivation of the Animal Liberation Movement. They cannot comprehend that so many people are willing to risk their freedom, their careers, their lives, in effect, in pursuit of something which they have no personal reward what-so-ever. They also cannot understand that it is not an organization. It is people who go out following what their hearts tell them. What they can't realize, but will need to realize eventually, is that you can imprison people, but you cannot imprison an ideal. The fight for animal liberation will continue no matter what they do. [When the police arrest me] all I can ever tell them is what the media tells me, and the history of the ALF which I am sure they know already. Anything else would be no comment to protect the activists. Also, if there is a major action costing several thousands of pounds, which an activist informs me about anonymously, as well as informing the media, I would usually telephone the police and report the call, as the media would check with the police that the action has been carried out, would tell the police that I had telephoned them, and if I hadn't already contacted the police, within a couple of hours after the media contacted them, it's likely that my front door would be sledge hammered down and I would be arrested. So hopefully, contacting the police first, would pre-empt that type of thing happening.

Q. How do you maintain security for the activists?

Activists who write to me claiming anything would either communicate by writing on an unidentifiable typewriter, using stencils, or anything like that. They wouldn't use their own hand writing. They would be very careful not to leave fingerprints on the writing paper or the envelopes, [and would not use saliva to moisten the stamp or envelope.] With telephone calls it can be more difficult. I am fortunate in my role as Press Officer in having a hearing defect which makes it very difficult for me to recognize peoples voices on the phones, and therefore it is quite impossible for me to give descriptions of caller's voices. Also, most activists who call me anonymously would disguise their voices, and hopefully that would prevent the police from identifying them. Certainly the police have claimed to identify people in the past through voice tapes, but not since I've been the Press Officer.

Q. How do the activists disguise their voices?

Recently, 19 pheasant rearing pens were burnt down at the cost of 15,000 pounds. These are where pheasants are reared for shooting, for bloodsport, and the activist who phoned to claim the action sounded like a dalec. (Ed note: A dalic is a robot from the British television show Doctor Who.) That was one of the few times that I have given the police a description of the voice. I am not sure whether they appreciated it or not.

Q. How often do actions happen?

A great many actions happen without the Press Officer even being informed. ALF, as I said earlier, is not an organization. Anyone can go out and undertake an action which falls within ALF policy, and claim it as an ALF action. In brief the policy is one; to rescue animals from suffering or potential suffering and place them in good permanent homes, or where appropriate, release them into their natural environment. Two; to damage or destroy property or equipment used in animal abuse. The purpose of this is twofold: first it would take that equipment out of the arena of animal abuse — it can't be used to harm animals anymore. Secondly, it would also cause great financial loss to the companies through replacing the equipment, increased insurance premiums, and increased security costs, which would hopefully, eventually price them out of business. The ALF's third and over-riding policy is life should not be threatened or endangered. Anyone can go out and undertake an action within those policies and claim it as the Animal Liberation Front. On a nightly basis, up and down the country, windows are broken in butcher's shops, in retail outlets of pharmaceutical companies, and at betting shops because of their association with the cruelties of horse racing and bloodsports. Locks are glued up. Slogans are painted across buildings. Animals are rescued from people's back yards. It's not only research laboratories and factory farms where animals are being abused. Companion animals in people's houses can be dreadfully abused, and these would be just as legitimate targets as anything else. At least 15 to 20 actions would happen every night up and down the country, quite often more. I had one anonymous claim recently where two people in a car had gone for a ride in the early hours one morning and took out the windows of eighty shops. And that is just two people in one night in one area. Of course, you then have larger activities like the pheasant pens I mentioned earlier. Indeed about two years ago there was a [contamination] hoax against Lucozaide which is a product made by Smith-Kline-Beecham, a pharmaceutical company which uses many animals in research. The product which had to be poured away cost six million pounds sterling and tens of millions of pounds were wiped off of their share prices. That was without doing anything at all. Nothing was contaminated. No one was endangered. Nothing was done, it was just a hoax.

Q. How often do you think the larger ALF actions happen?

It goes in cycles. The whole animal liberation movement, as in other campaign movements, has its peaks and troughs. One example I can give, in the financial year 1991-92, some 100 refrigerated meat lorries were destroyed by fire at a capitol cost of about five million pounds, plus the knock on effect of increased insurance premiums, increased security costs, etc. which would have tripled or even quadrupled the true cost. Although arson was used, no humans and no animals were endangered in any of those actions. With liberations, one of the largest ones was at the London Hospital Medical School two years ago when four beagles and 1400 mice were taken in one night. Recently 10 beagles were rescued from the Cheshire beagle hunt. Another seven dogs were rescued from a farm in Lincolnshire. Animals are being rescued on a regular basis. Two pigs were rescued from a research unit, and 83 hens from a battery unit. All within the last few weeks. [The largest liberation occurred awhile ago.] Several thousand snails were being bread for food, and activists entered the snail farm and rescued 30 to 40 thousand so-called edible snails and took them to freedom. It indicates that it really doesn't matter how cuddly a creature is. It's whether they can feel pain and whether they are individual creatures which is important. Not what they look like or how a human relates to them.

Q. Why does the ALF do what it does?

Well, the first animal welfare law was past in 1822. One-hundred and seventy years of lawful campaigning has seen an increase in animal abuse that the animal reformists couldn't have envisioned in their worst nightmares. Lawful campaigning, lawful lobbying, has failed our brothers and sisters. Now with other liberation movements in the past — the abolition of slavery and emancipation of women — neither of which have been completely achieved yet, but we are a long way along the road, people worked both within and without the law. Yet no one with hindsight would condemn those who broke the law in pursuit of the abolition of slavery and votes for women. I believe that history will show that those who've gone outside unjust laws in pursuit of justice for those who cannot fight for themselves were equally justified in doing so. Legislation isn't constant, laws are introduced, amended and withdrawn. What was legal years ago many be illegal now and vice versa. What is constant is what is morally right and morally wrong. And in a nutshell, to break unjust laws in pursuit of justice cannot be wrong.

Q. Has the ALF really produced any positive change for the animals?

I think the ALF isn't the be-all and end-all. ALF is not the only way to achieve animal liberation, and it won't achieve it on its own. Education in schools is important. Putting pressure on those in government in important. Putting legal pressure on animal abuse establishments is important. What is important is that all areas are working towards the same ends. We're all walking down the same road in the same direction, and the only common enemy at the end of the road is the animal abuser. I wish that all strands of the animal protection movement would remember that as too much time and energy is lost arguing tactics, arguing methods, and while that is being done, we're not fighting for those who need us.

Q. How should legal organization deal with questions from the media on ALF incidents?

Well, I've been in that position myself. I've actually worked for lawful campaigning organizations, and I've even been on the National Council of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. My response has always been on behalf of those organizations, "We cannot condone unlawful activities as we work within the law, but we can understand people whose minds are so troubled by the horrors of animal abuse, and are so angry as what they see as the ineffectiveness of legislation, that we can understand them being driven to work outside the law." I think that's a perfectly proper way of responding. It doesn't indicate that they are supporting law breaking. Equally they are not criticizing those who are risking their freedom.

Q. How can the ALF be helping the movement when they generate such bad publicity?

The movement is not the be-all and end-all. The movement is there to help the non-human animals. Not to protect its own image. I don't believe those who broke the law to help the slaves escape were thinking of the image of their political campaign. I think they just wanted to help oppressed human beings to freedom in the same way that those who are trying to free non-humans aren't too bothered by the media reaction. However, it's interesting to note that originally the media portrayed the ALF activists as English eccentrics who had just gone a little bit too far, and gave them a Robin Hood type image, and almost a pat on the head, and "isn't this a jolly game." However, when it became clear that the ALF were having a real effect on the pharmaceutical industry, on the factory farming industry, and on the fur trade, the media began to change its attitude and began to portray these same people as urban terrorists, as enemies of the state, rather than the compassionate commandos which they really are. What they are now trying to do with police inclusion, if not police instruction, is to censor ALF actions as they know that the more publicity they get, the more people are going to be encouraged to go out and fight in that manner for non-humans. In fact, I telephoned the police recently to report an action and the police officer I was speaking to asked me to hold, as one of his superior officers would like to speak to me. The senior officer requested that I didn't tell the media what happened as it encourages other people to go out and do similar things. A number of times recently, I have reported ALF actions to the press which have been very newsworthy, and they have not been published.

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Robin Webb Interview

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Q. I understand when you say that individual animal lives are more important than bad publicity, but how can firebombings and other forms of economic sabotage be justified when weighed up against the bad publicity?

Economic sabotage, or damage to property and equipment, has closed animal abuse establishments down. One example recently, a Hallal slaughterhouse. Hallal is a method of killing animals where, for religious reasons, they are not prestunned. Local residents and animal rights campaigners campaigned to close this slaughterhouse for three years. A couple of weeks ago the ALF went in, completely wrecked the offices of the slaughterhouses, and took a number of important files. The place is now closed down. Economic sabotage stopped animal cruelty from being carried out on those premises. If was also the ALF who decimated the fur trade in the United Kingdom. And that is not just a claim made by the ALF, it's a claim made by the British Fur Trade Association who said two or three years ago that if it had been the lawful educational campaigns, they would still have fur shops up and down the country. It was the ALF attacks on their premises which drove people out of business. Direct action does work. What annoys me dreadfully is when people refer to damaged property as violence. I do not believe that one can be violent to property, unless it is gratuitous vandalism for kicks. One living creature cannot own another creature. We don't have the right to do that, it is slavery. So property would be a chair, a table, a door. Something that has no feelings, it can't retract to painful stimuli, it has no social awareness. Surely if that type of property is being used to inflict pain and suffering on living, breathing creatures, surely taking that out of the arena of animal suffering is no different morally, to a demolition contractor going in and demolishing an unsafe house in case it harms life. Morally, I can see no difference. It is removing property used to inflict pain and suffering on innocent creatures. How can that be wrong?

Q. How does the ALF justify breaking the law?

A lot of people say at the end of the day "Yes , we understand to a certain extent why you damage property and rescue animals, but you really shouldn't break the law. It is anarchy." Now the law, as I explained earlier, can change. The law is not constant. If I can give you an analogy. In two buildings you have a number of dogs, and these dogs are being cruelly treated by humans. Another team of humans sledge hammer the doors down, go in, rescue the dogs, and take them to safely. In the first instance it is an old house in the country and it's an illegal dogfight, and the team who sledge hammered the door down are members of the RSPCA special investigation department and the local police. The law says that they have done a good job. The law says that those abusing the animals are criminals. Again, quite right, they are criminals. In the second scenario, it's a research laboratory and the dogs are beagles, and the humans who sledge hammered the door down are ALF activists. They are guilty of criminal damage and theft. We're also told that those who are abusing the dogs are doing so for great humanitarian purposes. Now I or someone else can argue until doomsday the rights and wrongs of legislation, but what it boils down to is until someone can explain the difference in the law to the dogs themselves, either both actions are morally right or both actions are morally wrong. You cannot have it both ways.

Q. Why do we need the ALF?

To justify the ALF. . . many years ago, humans, because of their race or color of skin or country of origin, were considered inferior. Now all right-thinking people realize that is absolute nonsense. The animal liberation movement is trying to extend the circle of compassion to all creatures. We are told animals can't talk. That's nonsense! Of course they can talk to each other. They have communication skills the same way that humans speak to each other. Now I can't communicate, in language, to a Mandarin Chinese person for example. It doesn't mean that person can't feel, hasn't got emotions, hasn't got intelligence. In the same way that I can't communicate with a dog or a cat in their language, again, it is no reason to assume that they cannot feel, they cannot think, they cannot reason. Each individual has a life and that life is of intrinsic value to that individual, and should be respected. No individual should be used or abused or exploited by another individual merely because they have the power to do so. It was misuse of power that created the slave trade. It was misuse of power that kept women in bondage for many, many years. It's misuse of human power that is keeping our brothers and sisters of other species in bondage, and that bondage has to be swept away, and it is only humans who can do that on behalf of those that are being oppressed.

Q. How do you justify the ALF's activities?

I think the only justification for the ALF existing is that animals abuse exits. I hear the activists being termed "extremists" and "terrorists," surely it's extreme to stitch up the eyelids of a kitten in a research laboratory, it's extreme to transplant the head of one monkey to another, it's extreme to tear a young calf from his mother's side to steal her milk and condemn him to a short life in a veal crate, it's extreme to castrate a young piglet without anesthetic merely to argue that the meat will taste better when he's murdered. Surely that is true extremism, real terrorism against the weak and innocent. I believe that those who seek to end atrocities of that nature are only guilty of one thing, and that's compassion. And that's the end of part two of Webb's interview. Be sure to catch the next issue where Webb will discuss his ideas on effective campaigning, his former volunteer position at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the importance of fighting human over-population.

Q. What is the RSPCA?

The RSPCA is the oldest surviving animal welfare society in the world. It was formed in 1824 and had the prefix "royal" added to it in 1840. It began as a radical campaigning organization. In fact one of its earliest secretaries was thrown into prison for the society's debts. Also, the person who paid to get him out of prison was a vegan who didn't leave London for many, many years because he didn't believe in horses being exploited for human transport. He was eventually forced out of the Society because his views were considered extreme. Now the RSPCA has become part of the establishment, and, unfortunately rather than improving the lot of animals, in many ways it is encouraging the continuance of the status quo. It argues that it is not a vegetarian society, it is not an anti-vivisection society, it's not this, it's not that. Surely anti-vivisection means an end to cruelty, which is what the RSPCA is about. Surely vegetarianism means an end to cruelty to farm animals, which is what the RSPCA is all about. I believe the RSPCA is unfortunately lagging behind. It has great promise. It has the ability to do a great deal for the animals. Unfortunately, at this time it is failing very badly.

Q. How were you involved with the RSPCA?

I was elected to the council in 1989, served on it for nearly three years, until I became ALF Press Officer, and those on the council who saw fit to eat the objects of their compassion decided that I could no longer stay amongst them. I was expelled from the society completely for "bringing it into disrepute." I don't see how I can bring an animal protection society into disrepute for speaking up on behalf of animals. It really seems a none-sense. At the time of my expulsion I received many messages of support from the grassroots members of the RSPCA.

Q. What are the people in the RSPCA like in regards to their concern for animals?

Most of the staff are flesh-eaters. On the council, when I served as a member, there were twenty-eight council members of whom three, including myself, were vegan, another three of four vegetarians to greater or lesser extent, which means that a vast majority of the trustees of the society were eating the very creatures which they were supposed to be representing. I really can't comprehend anyone who does that. I remember an incident where the three major farm animal issues at that time were the veal crate, the battery cage system of egg production, and the close confinement of sows. In this lunch break, a council member sat down and ate ham, veal, and egg pie for lunch. All three RSPCA farm animal concerns on one plate in one go, and in the afternoon she was expressing her deep concern for farm animals. With tunnel vision like that, I found it very difficult to contain my anger and frustration within council meetings.

Q. You are also a Christian Consultant, is that correct?

I am a co-opted member of the Christian Consultative Council for the Welfare of Animals. It's an organization which draws representatives from Christian based animal welfare group including the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals and the Catholic Study Circle for Animal Welfare. It also has representatives of various churches on there, and I was co-opted as an individual member for what they termed "special expertise," though I've never found out what that special expertise was. I agreed to join the council as I feel the church is a major part of the establishment, and it was an opportunity to open other doors to work in other ways for non-human animals. I believe that no stone should be left unturned in trying to achieve animal liberation, whether it be lobbying Parliament, or your Congress and Senate, whether it be through the churches, whether it be through the trade unions, women's institutes, or any other bodies. If you have the ability to use your organization for the benefits of alleviating cruelty and abuse, then I believe that one should do all one can to achieve that.

Q. Have you been involved with any other organizations?

I have been involved with a number of organizations. The very first organization I went out on the streets for was the Vegan Society, and I am now honored to be the Vice President of the Vegan Society. I've been the Assistant Direction of Animal Aid, my only paid position in the animal liberation movement. Ironically, Animal Aid is one of the greatest critics of the ALF, which is quite unfortunate. I have also represented the League Against Cruel Sports, Compassion in World Farming, the RSPCA national council, and a number of other organizations. At the moment I am still the Vice President of the Vegan Society, a committee members of the National Anti-Hunt Petition, a co-opted member of the Christian Consultative Council for the Welfare of Animals, and the ALF Press Officer.

Q. What types of campaign strategies are effective in stopping animal abuse?

To really stop the abuse — apart from unlawful direct action, which the Animal Liberation Front carry out — find out who the animal abusers are, for example vivisectors, go and demonstrate outside of their houses, leaflet their neighbors, make it clear to their local community how they make their money, that their mortgage repayments are paid with blood-stained money. They will then become outcasts in their own community. It will encourage them to find another way of earning a living. If the animals can't get away from their exploitation. If the animals are imprisoned 24 hours a day. Why should the abusers go home, put their feet up, and watch television? One argument against that is that you shouldn't make the partners and children of the family pay. It is not the responsibility of the campaigners, it's the responsibility of the animal abuser. All they have to do is stop what they are doing, and their family won't be involved in any unpleasantness anymore. It's all the responsibility of the animal abusers. If they stop what they are doing, then any demonstrations and picketing would stop. Also, people should make more use of petitions. I don't believe national petitions are any use at all. In this country, for example, they are given to the Prime Minister, and are recycled in the furnace to heat #10 Downing Street, in America they would probably be recycled to heat 1400 Pennsylvania Avenue. Where petitions are important is if it is in a local community, and it's signed by local people, and handed to a local representative, and that local representative knows that every person on that is one of the people who voted for him or her, and if they don't vote for him or her that they won't be in that position of power anymore. That makes them think. Another important way, of course, is to take the message into the schools. Young people are the adults of tomorrow. I know that sounds a little cliche , but it's true. Young people are much more aware than I was when I was their age, and I do believe that with the increase of compassionate education, and the increase in awareness amongst young people, that we are on the threshold of real change at last.

Q. What are other types of effective campaigning?

I think I've covered the unlawful side, the educational side, the lobbying the politicians side, and the taking-it-to-the-front-doors-of-the-abusers-themselves sides. Without wishing to get myself in trouble, all I would add is that people know in their hearts what is right and wrong. If their heart tells them to do something, then they shouldn't allow their head to try to rationalize them out of doing something that's right. Too many people have done that who are not fighting as strongly as they could.

Q. Any last words?

The animal liberation movement is not just about freeing non-human animals from oppression. It is also about freeing humans from oppression, about a complete change in how we use and treat this whole planet. A lot of people who go out campaigning on the streets have members of the general public come up to them and say, "You only care about animals, you don't care about people." What they are really saying is that they don't do anything for either people or animals, and they're trying to transfer the guilt onto the campaigner.

Human rights and animal rights have always been inextricably linked. Animal rights campaigners have always been in the forefront of human rights. At the inaugural meeting in 1824 of the RSPCA, two of the founding members, William Wilberforce and Foxwell Buxton, were leaders of the fight to abolish slavery. Later in the 19th century it was RSPCA members and staff, using RSPCA premises who started the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. On demonstrations you will often hear the chant: "Human freedom! Animal Rights! One Struggle- One Fight!" It's absolutely true, and animal rights people have often been in the forefront of human rights.

What we need is less dependence on environmentally damaging modern technology, we need to draw back the boundaries of human encroachment on the planet. Our species is the only species that really needs culling. We need to reduce our numbers. I am not promoting killing or culling humans. Certainly birth control needs to be introduced on a far more widespread basis than it is. It's our species which is over-populating and destroying the environment. By drawing back the boundaries we could then allow those of other species to gradually retake their own territories again to carry on as the other nations which they have always been. We must remember that these were nations which were on this earth millions of years before humans ever trod it. What right have we, as babies of the planet, to spoil it?

It is always the young, it is always the immature who breaks things and damage things. Who throw a rattle across the room and tread on it. We're the babies on this planet. We haven't got the maturity to treat it as it should be treated. The sooner we draw back our boundaries and try to recognize our limitations, I think the better it will be for our species, the other species, and the planet as a whole. Abuse of any nature is wrong. In the same way that whilst there is one slave on this earth, we won't be completely rid of slavery, I don't believe that I have any authority to compromise on behalf of non-humans. I have no authority to agree to larger cages in research laboratories or anything like that.

It is war. It's not a campaign, it's not a battle, it's a war. And it's a war in which all of the casualties have been on one side. And to me, while there is one non-human suffering at our hands, that war will still need to be fought.

In the Trenches

Your Guide to Militant, Grassroots Animal Rights Organizations

Here is this issue's expanded "In the Trenches" section, where you can read about the recent protests and campaigns of grassroots groups across the nation. Trenches is just one way No Compromise helps grassroots groups better network with each other and benefit from each other's experiences. Now Trenches even includes information on what resources the listed groups make available to you -- the grassroots activist -- in an easy to find format.

Trenches is also important, because here we give recognition to the many grassroots groups and activists that make up the backbone of America's animal liberation movement. Here we give them the attention they deserve and let them know they are appreciated.

Is your group missing from No Compromise? Then we probably haven't heard from you. Send us press cuttings, newsletters, or other information on your group and its recent actions, then we can list you in the next issue. But for now, Enjoy!

Advocates for Forgotten Wildlife

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Update: Advocates for Forgotten Wildlife focuses on animals ignored by the animal rights movement, invertebrates and cold-blooded vertebrates. We investigated the use of pesticides at a high school campus in preparation for a future campaign to ban pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds.

We're involved in insect trap and transfer operations. AFW has spent countless hours patrolling the streets during and after rainstorms, trapping worms that wash unto streets and walkways, preventing them from being run over, stepped upon, dried out or from drowning.

Recent rescues have been trapping and transferring hundreds of flying insects from a glass-enclosed stairwell where they would have starved, and trapping and transferring hundreds of ants from a water-filled garbage can where they were drowning. We're currently researching the human impact upon dust mites and other sentient invertebrates too small to be seen, and scientific literature on sentience in invertebrate animals.

This summer AFW will provide businesses, individuals, and families with information on humane, effective, environmentally sound alternatives to lethal forms of invertebrate "pest"control, and will expand our focuses to include rodents as well. Literature is disseminated through door-to-door canvassing, scheduled with facility building directors, and through placement in libraries and institutions.

Resources: AFW has flyers discussing problems with and alternatives to pesticides, wasp/yellow jacket traps, "bag-a-Bug" beetle traps, electric bug zappers, a strategy sheet on how to use these flyers, and reprints of articles from mainstream publications supporting the points made in these flyers. We also have a listing of articles and books that offer evidence of sentience in invertebrates and cold-blooded vertebrates and a flyer explaining our philosophy. A flyer on humane rodent removal and fact sheets discussing the sentience of "forgotten wildlife" are forthcoming.

Animal Commandos

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Every week in America, many millions of children attend Sunday Schools. That means millions of kids are exposed to the story of how Abel supposedly pleased God by sacrificing lambs. The teachers and ministers also tell young people they think it's wonderful that Abraham was able to sacrifice a ram, rather than his son. The children are taught that humans are the overlords of animals. You send me the name of one congregation which doesn't do this, and I will give you the name of tens of thousands which do.

Because of this indoctrination, we animal activists face real challenges. Bob Young was kind enough to send me the perfect example. Here is how it appeared in the local paper:

El Paso Herald-Post, Sat., April 20, 1996 **•Activist says religion is no friend of animal rights**

Editor: I did an animal rights information table at Sunland Park Mall on April 13. A conservative Christian came up to the table and announced that he did not believe in animal rights because God gave man domination over the Earth. I suggested to him that makes God look like a sadist. He said God bless you and walked away.

Verily, I say unto you that religion is the foundation of prejudice against animals. -Bob Young, Las Cruces

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ADL has been very busy the past few months with activists facing trials and several protests. We have continued pressure on Georgio's Fur Salon with constant protests and leafletting. We have also had several circus protests in the last few months. Recently, ADL has been invited to speak to children from the ages of six to twelve at ten local high schools and community centers on compassion towards animals. We received a great response at two local Earth Day events in April. Two ADL members also spoke to 100 kids form age 12-18 in Ithica on the effects of animal agriculture on the environment.

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ADL-Buffalo has protested Pallanker's Furs over six times in the last few months. At one protest, people bringing their fur coats in for repair or cold storage had to run through a gauntlet of thirty screaming activists who no longer tolerate violence for vanity. The florida-based Royal Hanaford Circus was also protested. ADL-Buffalo is currently helping activists in Toronto, Ontario and Willmington, North Carolina start new ADL chapters.

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ADL-Rochester has conducted numerous fur protests, and protested all three showings of the Shrine circus in March, and another circus in May.

ADL continues their campaign against Dr. Pets in the Eastview Mall by leafletting it. One time, the owner tried to rip the leaflets out of an activist's hands, and mall security had to hold the owner back. Apparently he is upset by how often flyers have been found inside the store and on all the cars in the parking lot. On May 26, a candle-light vigil was held in protest of the store's conditions.

ADL - Bloomington

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Indiana is now home to two ADL chapters. One in Indianapolis and one in Bloomington. Bloomington ADL has been extremely busy since its inception early this year. Our first event was a protest of Circus Pages animal acts, which comes to the Bloomington National Guard Armory every year. Next year, however, word has it that the armory will not permit Circus Pages to return thanks to the 7 activists who u-bolt locked themselves to the center ring as the show began.

Five days later, Bloomington activists participated in the first annual ALF Appreciation Day by demonstrating at Indiana University's Psychology Building. Surprisingly, we had opposition from animal researchers who had been warned of our protest.

Three weeks later, vegans in Bloomington, organized a lecture/discussion entitled, "Un-Learn the Myths - Re-Learn the Truth" about veganism. Over 100 students from the university came to listen.

Currently, ADL bloomington is working to pass legislation for an animal display ban. Also, we have recently begun a campaign against animal experimentation at Indiana University, which will be progressing quickly. For a copy of the Animal Defense League newsletter, *one.struggle*, send two stamps to our Indianapolis chapter.

ADL - Indianapolis

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The Indianapolis chapter of the Animal Defense League is beginning a new public education campaign to shed light on the meat industry. The target establishments are McDonald's, while focusing more attention on the California Cafe and its veal dishes. The ADL's hardcore style of protesting is assured and visits to local stockyards are expected. If there is a California Cafe in your area, please contact the Indy ADL, as we are looking to target them nationally. For a copy of the ADL newsletter, *one.struggle*, send two stamps to the Indianapolis chapter.

Animal Liberation Collective

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The Animal Liberation Collective has been active at the University of Guelph for several years now, participating in education efforts, demos and direct action campaigns, focusing attention on the use and abuse of animals in our community and on our campus. We have a weekly radio show, Voice of the Voiceless, which airs every Friday on CFRU 93.3fm. Show topics range from general information on veganism to interviews with Northern Irish hunt sabs and the U.K. ALF Press Officer, Robin Webb. The A.L.C. recently hosted a conference (March 96) entitled "Animals in Research and Teaching", with animal rights activists from all across North America speaking and attending.

Animal Emancipation

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Animal Emancipation, Inc. (AE) was founded in 1988 in Santa Barbara, California to educate the campus and surrounding community about animal experimentation at the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) as well as the extreme animal cruelty involved in the fur trade, the use of animals in entertainment venus, and the consumption of animals for food. Since that time AE has expanded and now has chapters in Ventura, San Luis Obispo, and Los Angeles counties.

Always considered radical in the Santa Barbara community, AE's non-violent, confrontational approach to activism has firmly placed UCSB vivisectors in a defensive posture. Since 1988 AE has coordinated highly publicized year-round campaigns to help stop UCSB experimentation and provide students an alternative in classes that currently use animals. This relentless approach has helped drive up regulatory costs at the university and has impacted the overall numbers of animals used each year. In 1988 the school experimented upon some 10,000 animals -- by 1994 the number was about 3,500.

A key to this has been our use of direct action, which has involved not only sit-ins and building take-overs, but protests in front of vivisectors' houses (a maneuver regarded as extreme in this small tourist town). In reaction, the university has tried everything to thwart our momentum and stop us including numerous law suit threats, discriminatory action, threats through the mail and on the telephone, fraud, attempts at using RICO (anti-racketeering laws) against us, and all the usual disinformation and misinformation. Former AE president Denise Ford, who died last year from diabetes complications at age 35, was subject to numerous vicious and often sexist attacks with respect to her obviously effective efforts.

None of this has slowed our momentum and we continue our battle to completely end the exploitation of animals.

We would especially like to hear from students!

Animal Rights America

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Resources: If you are a grassroots group working for total animal liberation, join the Animal Rights America federation. ARA has recently added regional representatives to make us more effective: these reps are specialists on vivisection, fur, media, civil disobedience, hunting, activist defense, and more. We also offer a variety of services at no charge: postings on the internet about your group or activities, camera- ready artwork, finding grassroots speakers for conferences, and most importantly, putting activists in touch with one another. We believe that your time is too valuable to spend it doing research that another group has already done. The members of the Animal Rights America federation are willing to share their knowledge, experience and campaign strategies with each other so that we can shorten the distance to ending animal enslavement. At the moment, we are compiling information from all federation members to distribute to everyone. Our next project will be to produce literature in bulk that groups can put their own names on, thus making it possible for even the smallest groups to have their own literature, instead of having to distribute literature from the nationals, which brings more members to the nationals but doesn't help the grassroots. We exist only to help the grassroots be as strong as they can be. There are no membership fees, so join today.

Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition

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In recent months ARDAC has taken action against the industries of vivisection, meat, and fur. In observance of the Great American Meatout, ARDAC effectively shut down the drive-thru of a busy McDonald's in Hollywood by exhibiting the carcass of a 600-pound cow to customers and passers-by. It was clear that many people, for the first time, made the connection between their Big Macs and the grisly reality of the meat industry.

During World Week, 4 activists were arrested in the office of a particularly barbaric vivisector at UC Irvine. After presenting a list of demands, the protesters refused to leave the office. At arraignment, Judge Suzanne Shaw accused them of being fanatics who held the entire campus hostage and sent them to jail with bail set at $5,000. The activists hunger striked in jail for four days before another judge over-turned the first judge's outrageous ruling (See "Judge Slanders Anti-Vivisection Activists ").

On May 19, three activists were arrested by a horde of police in front of a Macy's in Los Angeles during the latest national day of action against Federated department stores (See "Riot Police Arrest Anti-Fur Activists ").

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On May 24, animal activists were jostled and injured at a demonstration against the "Kachunga and the Alligator." We were met by a phalanx of uniformed security guards and goons as well as the police. When we were denied entry to the free show, and police refused to defend our First amendment rights, we forced our way into the arena, shouted and booed the wrestler, and held up protest signs. TV cameras recorded the brutal treatment we received at the hands of the guards. Police were now no-where to be seen! Finally, the promoter called off the goons and we protested for the remainder of the show. In a TV news poll, 68% of the respondents stated alligator wrestling is cruel to animals and should be stopped. If Kachunga comes to your town this summer, contact us and we will provide videotape and news articles documenting the inhumane handling and slaughter of alligators on the farm which his alligators originate.

ARH has also exposed further violations of the Animal Welfare Act at the University of Hawai'i's research facility (Feb'96). Violations included overcrowding, filthy conditions, and neglect resulting in the death of an owl monkey. ARH's undercover investigations exposed the cruel practice of using exotic birds to solicit large donations from tourists. With the help of "shill sheets," tourists are told the money goes to a (non-existent) animal shelter. The targets are usually Japanese tourists who routinely give away $50 bills. We translated the shill sheet (from Japanese) and sent our evidence to the fraud dept. of the IRS and have alerted tour companies to warn their clients (on-going). We harass the Gamebreeder's Assn. (in a chicken suit) whenever they make public appearances touting their "sport." We are very confident that we will prevent the National Park Service's slaughter of 900 Axis Deer at Ka Laupapa on Moloka'i.

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CARE's May 19th protest at Lazarus Department store in Cincinatti's Kenwood Town Center, is a good example of why it is important to videotape your demonstrations. Four activists entered the store, handcuffed onto a dispaly, and started chanting. It made for an exciting story, however TV stations were there to cover it. But an activist with a video camera was there, and did get it on film. This video was distributed to four TV stations. All four stations ran the story, and used the "amature" video footage. Had CARE not videotaped the event, TV coverage might have been non-existant.

CARE has also protested the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus, the rodeo, and Proctor & Gamble. CARE is also busy getting vegan meals into Kent State's cafeterias.

Chicago Animal Rights Coalition (CHARC)

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Update: Using hidden cameras, CHARC obtained photographic evidence of the horrors of horse tripping events. Three news conferences, complete with video footage helped to "lobby the people" so effectively that the legislature passed the bill to ban Horse Tripping that was formerly standing on its last leg. Now horse tripping is illegal in Illinois.

The Macquai indians, who live in the upper west corner of the United States, have been given approval to kill 5 grey whales. At a meeting of the Macquai, government officials, and concerned citizens, CHARC promised to sink any Macquai boat that will be used to hunt whales with.

CHARC plans to obstruct a prairie dog shoot in Colorado by scaring the animals back into their homes by flying low to the ground in their flying machines.

CHARC activists are suing arresting officers and their commanders in Lake County Illinois for wrongful arrest. In 1994, at the Wauconda rodeo, police arrested three activists for using a bull horn at the demonstration, even though officers admitted two months ahead of

time that bull horns were legal to use. All charges were dropped.

Resources: CHARC has excellent video footage on the issues of donkey basketball, rodeos, turkey shoots, rocket netting of deer, and pigeon shooting. The video footage is available with a donation. CHARC can also provide information on how to use and obtain under-cover video equipment, flying machines, and other technology to help save animals.



Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade

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Update: CAFT is a group which specializes in fur. We help organize grassroots resistance to the fur trade by organizing direct actions in numerous cities across the country. Just recently we organized a major assault on Federated Dept. Stores (see elsewhere in this issue) in which 44 activists were arrested in civil disobedience actions in 10 cities.

Our current campaigns include one to get Federated affiliations to stop *selling fur.* This includes stores such as Macy's, Rich's, Lazarus, etc. This is the largest dept. store conglomeration in the U.S. and victory here would be a deadly blow to the fur trade. We are about to pursue a trapping ban in Shelby County, in which is our second step into the political action arena. We are working to help groups develop effective political action campaigns so as to make some serious gains in that area as well.

We will continue the Federated campaign with more actions, some at the homes of their executives. More CD actions are forthcoming. Anyone who wants to join in should get in touch with us.

Resources: CAFT offers in depth information in all areas of the fur trade. We have extensive research reports on the abuse of fur farming and trapping. We have all of the current statistics available concerning the health of the fur trade, as well as intimate knowledge of the infrastructure of the industry (their strengths, weaknesses, and best point to attack).

We have helped numerous radical, grassroots groups form. We can help activists get off on the right foot in regards to strategy and tactics, as well as put people in touch with others in our network who are public relations specialists. We are her to help the grassroots activists turn nothing into something in every local area possible. PLease do not be shy. Get in touch with us.

CAFT - Atlanta

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Anti-fur sentiment continues to grow here in Atlanta, even as summer approaches. Three protests occurred early spring, targeting Avanti Furs (Atlanta's largest independent fur retailer), Atlanta Furs, and Rich's dept. stores. In addition, CAFT joined forces with Atlanta's LCA chapter in organizing a demo at the home of Dr. Harold McClure, one of Emory Univ.'s leading vivisectors at their Yerkes Primate Research Center. McClure and family were infuriated, as were two activists who were nearly run over by the kind Dr. as he returned home. This was followed up days later by the annual Lab Day protest at Yerkes, with over 125 activists in attendance, and at least that many in law enforcement and security!

The Day of Outrage, held at Rich's at Lenox Mall, resulted in over 50 protesters present and 6 arrested. Twenty activists marched down to the main outdoor entrance chanting "For the mink, For the Fox-- Smash the windows, Glue the locks!" One activist, with a heavy tow chain around his neck, locked himself to the doors while two other activists sat beside him. They prevented access to Rich's for over 10 minutes before security even responded, and another 15 min. until being cuffed and removed. Meanwhile, 3 activists blocked the driveway coming into the mall using over 50 lbs. of extremely heavy chain. One activist stood in the middle of the driveway with chain locked around her waist , which then extended out to the two activists on either side of her. They, in turn, locked themselves to poles on the sidewalk. Traffic into this entrance was halted for over half an hour, putting these activists' safety at risk due to a few volatile shoppers, who were quickly diffused by the Atlanta Straight Edge Crew. One of the six arrested sustained minor injuries after being dragged on his back by law enforcement, but all were released that evening on their own recognizance. At arraignment the following morning, disorderly conduct charges were dropped, though criminal trespass charges are still being held against all six. After refusing to make a deal with the prosecutor, the activists were bound over to state court (jury trial). Five activists requested a public defender, while CAFT's local organizer, Aaron Stone, will be representing himself. This action would not have been possible without the help of our support team, Last Chance for Animals Atlanta, and the dozens of activists who supported us on the line and at the jail. Long live the Vegan Revolution!!

CAFT- Indianapolis

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The last several months have been very busy for CAFT-Indianapolis. We played a large role in the May 19th action against Federated. The May 19th action resulted in over 40 arrests around the country, eight of which occurred in Indianapolis, the largest number of CD arrests in any one city on that day.

Carrying signs and banners and chanting "Stop selling fur" over 50 activists circled the busiest area shopping mall, stopping in front of Lazarus and descending upon it. This culminated in a tense stand off with over 14 sheriffs deputies and a full team of Lazarus security. Activists held their ground (well technically, the mall's ground) for some time before departing.

Six CDers and two photographers returned three hours later U-bolting their necks together in the famed "human octopus" and laid down blocking the main store entrance. Media was blocked from entering, the photographers (both from CAFT) were spotted and arrested, and a bewildered team of cops and security guards stood around wondering what to do. Eventually the fire department arrived and melted the U-bolts with a blow-torch, threatening to charge any survivors with manslaughter if anyone died during the process. All eight CAFT people were released after brief detainment and court dates are pending. We also have had two home demos at the residence of Keren Kohl, Indianapolis-area Lazarus store manager (see article elsewhere). We are currently devising plans for the coming months in conjunction with our sister chapters in Memphis, Atlanta and elsewhere, so please keep struggling and get in touch.

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Update: C.A.S.H. recently helped organize an environmental forum to help gain the support of environmentalists in opposing a canned hunt "preserve." We organized a demonstration against Beretta Gallery, an upscale gun/ hunting shop masquerading as a clothing boutique in Mid-town Manhattan. We also organized a "Wildlife Funeral" at a "Check station" where hunters bring their carcasses for registration. and demonstrated against the New York State Canada goose hunt. Our major focus has been on our lawsuit against the New York State DEC to block the state's Canada goose hunt, which we wrote all the papers for with nothing more than the occasional advice from lawyers. Recent public education efforts have included Earth Week Tabling and public speaking, as well as disseminating information via Internet newsgroups and listservers and the upcoming publication of our new newsletter.

We have also been conducting a number of investigations, into poaching, canned hunts, the relaxation of federal Canada goose protection regulations, the increasingly popular slaughterhouse killing of wild Canada geese and other matters.

We've organized a chapter at SUNY-New Paltz and are launching a Youth Action Network of campus chapters.

During deer rifle season in New York we patrolled private property and kicked armed hunters off of posted land.

Resources: CASH's quarterly Courier is available with membership, and samples can be sent free. We have flyers and brochures on the fallacy of deer hunting as starvation prevention, hunting's environmental consequences, bow hunting, the political economy of sport hunting, hunting on wildlife refuges, chic hunting shops, bear hunting, Canada goose hunting, hunting's safety risks, the truth about rabies and trapping, etc. We sell two buttons ($1) "Hunting Sucks!" and our logo. Our bumpersticker ($1) reads "Abolish Sport Hunting." Blaze orange CASH logo caps for safe hunt patrols are also sold. Our Vice-President Ron Baker's well-documented book, The American Hunting Myth, sells for $14.95.

Compassion Over Killing

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Update: On April 21st we did a McDonalds protest in DC. There were about 30 demonstrators and civil disobedience (although no-one was arrested). We had a "cow" holding a sign saying "...You wonder why the cows are mad!" The cow was chased by a "butcher" into a McDonalds where they stayed for about one minute talking to customers. News of the protest was aired on ABC that night.

On May25, we did a protest at Miller's Fur Store in Bethesda, MD. About 25 protesters picketted the store for about two hours. The grim reaper showed up carrying 30 dead mink and scythe. Painted fur coats, which had been donated were also displayed. A one hour radio interview was done with call-ins on WMAL that night on the subject of animal rights in general as a result of the protest.

We are currently making t-shirts of our dog posters. The t-shirts have a picture of a dog on a plate with a fork and knife. It reads "Why not? You eat other animals, don't you? Go Vegetarian!" The t-shirts are $9 in person or $10 through the mail.

Resources: We can make t-shirts for groups at a cost of about $4 a shirt. We also have a button maker -- contact us for prices. We also have many posters available including: meat stinks, animals are not ours to eat, animals are not ours to experiment on, and respect your fellow earthlings. Bulk literature is also available, contact us for details. We also have hundreds of copies of the 1975 edition of Peter Singer's *Animal Liberation* which we are selling $1.

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Deep cuts to education under the newly-elected Conservative government in Ontario has led to the laying-off of hundreds of teachers across the province. HUFAP, in the past few weeks has been gathering information in the hopes of making a public issue of dissection in Ontario's high schools. We hope to question the amount of money spent buying animals from large companies when teachers are losing their jobs. Hopefully, approaching the issue as an economic one will be the most effective in this time of economic crisis. HUFAP is also in the process of cataloging our resources by issue so that when someone enquires about a particular issue, we can give them the most up-to-date information. Similarly, if other groups are gathering information, we would, of course, be more then happy to share what we have. We are also continuing to focus on spreading vegetarianism in our community. One of our members, Sangeeta Kumar, recently gave a presentation to parents at the local women's health centre about raising vegetarian children that was very successful. Lastly, we are happy to say that the Memorial Centre, our local sports arena, did NOT have a circus this May for the first time in years. Although officials told HUFAP they cancelled the annual circus due to a hockey tournament, we suspect that our four large protests may have had some effect. Its a small victory as two more circuses are planned this summer/fall, but I suppose its the small victories that keep us going.

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Local Animal Rights Committee

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On April 15, LARC conducted a tax meat demo at the post office which received news coverage. A week later, a local paper did a front page article on vegetarianism. LARC also protested the Shrine Circus where they handed out over 1,200 flyers during two performances.

Liberation Collective

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Liberation Collective was formed in March of 1996 in order to provide an outlet for Northwest activists who want to speak up for animals, the environment and oppressed people using direct action and public awareness. Dedicated to targeting all issues of animal exploitation, Liberation Collective has already organized actions targeting the fur industry and vivisection while supporting vegetarianism and groups such as the ALF. Tactics used by LC have included hanging banners from city overpasses, cable access television shows, home demos and using vehicles to block the entrance to a research facility. Liberation Collective is actively tabling and doing outreach in order to reach persons that may not have previously felt comfortable joining the animal liberation
movement and hopes to increase not only the number of activists, but also the level of activism within the Northwest.

The National Activist Network

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Update: The Network has spent the better part of the past few months helping coordinate CAFT-sponsored anti-fur protests in 10 cities (May 19), providing the media strategy and legal support for 44 jailed activists. We have also helped grassroots groups create anti-vivisection and other campaigns, writing news releases and providing legal support for numerous groups from New York and Tennessee, to Minnesota and California. The Network also co-produces No Compromise, with responsibility for final editing and printing.

Resources: The Network provides assistance to grassroots animal rights and environmental groups, including the creation and dissemination of news releases, tips on formulating strategic and tactical plans for protests, public information campaigns and political activism. The Network organizes and conducts free workshops on activists' legal rights, and how-to classes on protests and civil disobedience actions. A project of the Network -- the Activist Civil Liberties Committee -- provides free legal advice, lawyers (when available) and help defending yourself and group members as a result of protests, or police/government harassment. The Network/ACLC accepts collect phone calls from activists in jail, and helps obtain legal assistance as necessary. We also have been tracking the abuse of federal grand juries since 1990, and have helped several activists harassed and incarcerated by these unconstitutional tribunals.

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NJARA has initiated a statewide campaign to prevent travelling animal torture shows (circuses) from gaining access to New Jersey towns. We will attack the circuses from all directions by trying to interrupt their obtaining permit applications, performance sites, sponsors, etc. Overt and covert videotaping of the circus will also be employed. The applicability of civil disobedience will be thoroughly investigated and utilized if and when necessary.

A legislative campaign that would statutorily prohibit any form of hunting black bears has been launched with the introduction of Assembly bill # 2016. Currently, such a prohibition is established by regulation only. The bill is in the Assembly Environment, Science and Technology Committee as of May 13, 1996. The New Jersey Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife is aggressively promoting a bear hunt to begin in 1997, despite overwhelming opposition from politicians, residents, and animal rights activists. Hearings on this bill are on the horizon and NJARA is currently assembling a panel of expert witnesses to testify. In addition to the legislative effort, NJARA is involved in educating the public about living with bears and working locally through a committee of residents and activists.



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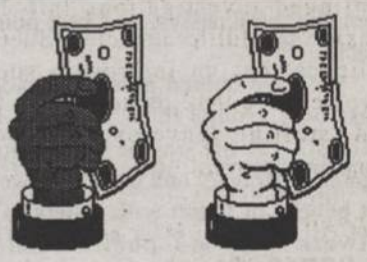
The NA-ALFSG puts out a magazine, *Underground*, four times a year. All funds raised through the sale of Underground go directly to the work of supporting animal liberation and assisting imprisoned activists. 1 year subscription + NA-ALFSG Membership: $20-$30 sliding scale. Single issue: $3+postage. For more info on bulk rates/distribution write NA-ALFSG Distro. Underground is FREE to prisoners.

Orange County People for Animals

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Update: During the last month, OCPA has held several aggressive demonstrations against notorious Circus Vargas and uncovered numerous USDA violations against it that have gone unpunished. OCPA plans to bring action against Circus Vargas and the USDA in a continuing effort to force this rotten little circus out of business. OCPA also joined forces with San Diego Animal Advocates in a major public awareness campaign during Marine Mammal Freedom Weekend this past May to alert the public to the plight of marine mammals in captivity. Several OCPA members were arrested in an act of civil disobedience last year at Knotts Berry Farm here in Orange County, which maintains a small seasonal dolphin show. Marine biologists' reports obtained by OCPA indicate that conditions in this tiny tank are wholly inappropriate for dolphins. Confirming that obvious fact was the death of "Wally" the dolphin at Knott's in 1994. Unable to receive action from Knott's management on this issue, OCPA members were forced to undertake direct action to bring this issue to public attention. The trial begins June 25th.

Resources: OCPA is the area's largest animal rights organization. Our hotline, 714/751-6272 is updated at least weekly and contains information on what Orange Countians can do to become involved in OCPA, animal rights, and how to respond to "hot" issues of the moment. OCPA provides free information packets upon request, as well as leaflet packets for leafleting about animal rights. OCPA has monthly meetings and a quarterly newsletter. Membership is $25.00 annually, which is frequently waived for financial hardship. Although not specifically a pet adoption or placement agency, OCPA responds with volunteer action to virtually any and every animal issue that arises in Orange County. OCPA's founder is Ava Park and she can be reached at 714/261-8888 during the day. OCPA was founded in 1988 and currently has 2,300 members.



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Update: SdeCAP has increased the pressure on New Mexico's so-called 'sportsmen' and the heavily subsidized ranching industry by targeting New Mexico Game and Fish and the Animal Damage Control (ADC) programs. Last February we successfully halted a proposed bison kill on federal land by forcing the government to follow its own guidelines set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). At the onset of spring we occupied the offices of Animal Damage Control to highlight the assault on wildlife through the ADC program.

Following the arrests, SdeCAP activists took to the field to investigate and document several violations of EPA use restrictions for poisonous sodium-cyanide devices or M-44's. These violations included failing to inform the local hospitals of the placement of these devices which are hazardous to both wildlife and public health. According to a representative from the New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture, if these violations had been committed by a private individual or company rather than a govt. agency the fines would have been about $150,000.

SdeCAP has also organized a coalition of animal rights, medical, environmental and community activists to investigate and shut down radiation experiments on beagles and diesel exhaust studies on primates at the Inhalation Toxicology Research Institute located in Albuquerque.

Additional projects being conducted by SdeCAP interns include producing a training video for law enforcement officers on domestic violence and its connections to animal abuse, as well as continued investigations into New Mexico's wildlife agencies. SdeCAP believes that an internship should involve more than photocopying files and stuffing envelopes and our campaigns prove it. If you are interested in volunteering or interning with SdeCAP contact us at the address above.

Resources: ADC literature, vegetarian dining guides, animal service programs (including spay/neuter), networking materials, horse-tripping video and assoc. materials, how to document ADC violations, info. on NEPA and guides on how to investigate your local vivisection facility.

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SCAR Held a protest at the "World's Toughest Rodeo" with more than than two dozen activists and held protests at pharmacies in St.Peter and Fairmont protesting the drug Premarin, which is derived from pregnant horses who are fed water-restricted diets and live in factory farm conditions.

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SCAR - NC has only been under way for a few months, but we've been doing all we can to get the word out. Some of our latest efforts include a three day protest of the circus and a March of Dimes protest (for granting money to animal experimentation) at their annual WalkAmerica. Other than that we've just been tabling and flyering like crazy, but at least a few CD's are in the works for the upcoming summer months.

Student Organization for Animal Rights

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Update: Over recent months, juries have continued to convicted SOAR activists of "hunter harassment" and similar charges. These convictions have been appealed, and our briefs challenging the constitutionality of the law have finally been filed.

On ALF Appreciation Day, over a dozen SOAR activists held a demonstration outside of Swanson's Meats in Minneapolis, where in 1993, the ALF firebombed five meat trucks and cost them $100,000. SOAR also protested the Shrine circuses in Minneapolis and Duluth, and Macy's at the Mall of America, which resulted in four arrests.

We have also held numerous talks at dorms, and given presentations at two college-level environmental resources classes on the issues of veganism, vivisection, fur, and human overpopulation.

Resources: We sell ALF merchandise including t-shirts, videos, booklets and press-clippings packs (see ad for ordering info). We also have new group starter packs which include information on starting a group, organizing a protests, dealing with media, and original copies of leaflets that you can copy and distribute.

SOAR - St. Thomas

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Update: St. Thomas SOAR has recently celebrated it's one year anniversary as an approved group on campus. We fought hard for this victory since two science professors worked equally hard at blocking our approval. We have weekly meetings, weekly tabling, weekly mail updates to members, weekly movies, and monthly volunteering. We had a Gillette Dump on campus that included a display and table where people dropped off Gillette products. We will visit the Gillette plant in St. Paul to personally dump the products and have a protest. We are currently working with our bookstore to remove Gillette products. We also had the third protest ever on campus which got in the newspaper and radio by just leafleting about changing the name of the Pig Roast to May Madness. Students are still talking about the event a month later.

Next semester we will have "Freedom Fridays" in which we protest a specific animal abuser until they go out of business. Also we will be offering vegan cooking lessons.

Resources: We have an animal rights library with many books and all the PETA videos available. We will send them if you pay for postage. We have speakers to talk about animal rights topics if it is in the area. Most importantly we offer support and friendship for any animal rights activist and vegan.

Texas Establishment for Animal Rights

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The Texas Establishment for Animal Rights (TEAR) is dedicated to the promotion of animal rights and to the elimination of cruelty to animals. TEAR confronts and challenges animal exploitation on an ethical basis and with fact based research. TEAR focuses on, but is not limited to the four areas in which the greatest numbers of animals suffer the most intensely for the longest periods of time: on factory farms, in laboratories, in the fur trade, and in the entertainment industry.

Save civil disobedience TEAR works entirely within the law to help end the suffering of animals slaughtered, abused, and exploited by mankind. Less than a year old, TEAR, located in Dallas, TX, has already made headway in the animal rights arena.

In December of 1995 three of its members became the first activists in the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex to participate in civil disobedience for animal rights. They handcuffed themselves to Macy's front door during CAFT's nationwide campaign against Macy's. TEAR has launched a major campaign to remove Regis, the longhorn from the West End Marketplace in downtown Dallas. We will take part in the CAFT demonstration against Macy's on May 19 and will be attending the March for the Animals in Washington D.C. TEAR has also tabled at Eastfield College's Earth Day and sponsored two fund raising garage sales. Members of TEAR will table at the HORDE Tour on July 19. TEAR, Inc is a nonprofit organization.

Vegan Action

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Update: Vegan Action was recently threatened with a lawsuit after parading their golden arches with a "McVegan" shirt. Vegan Action said to McD's, "We'll see you in court." McDonalds, fearing another public relations blunder like McLibel in Britain, decided to drop their lawsuit, but not before Vegan Action received a ton of media publicity for standing up the the multinational animal murder.

Resources: Vegan Action can help you get tasty, healthy vegan options at every meal at your food service. If you are interested contact them. Vegan Action can also help you organize a McVegan event, which is where free vegan burgers and other food are distributed to members in your community. It is a very fun event, that often reaches people who otherwise would not care about the animals. After all, who can deny free food?

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Resources: Vegan Outreach has created a hard-hitting informative booklet on veganism. These booklets available in bulk at a very cheap price for grassroots organizations. Contact Vegan Outreach for more information.

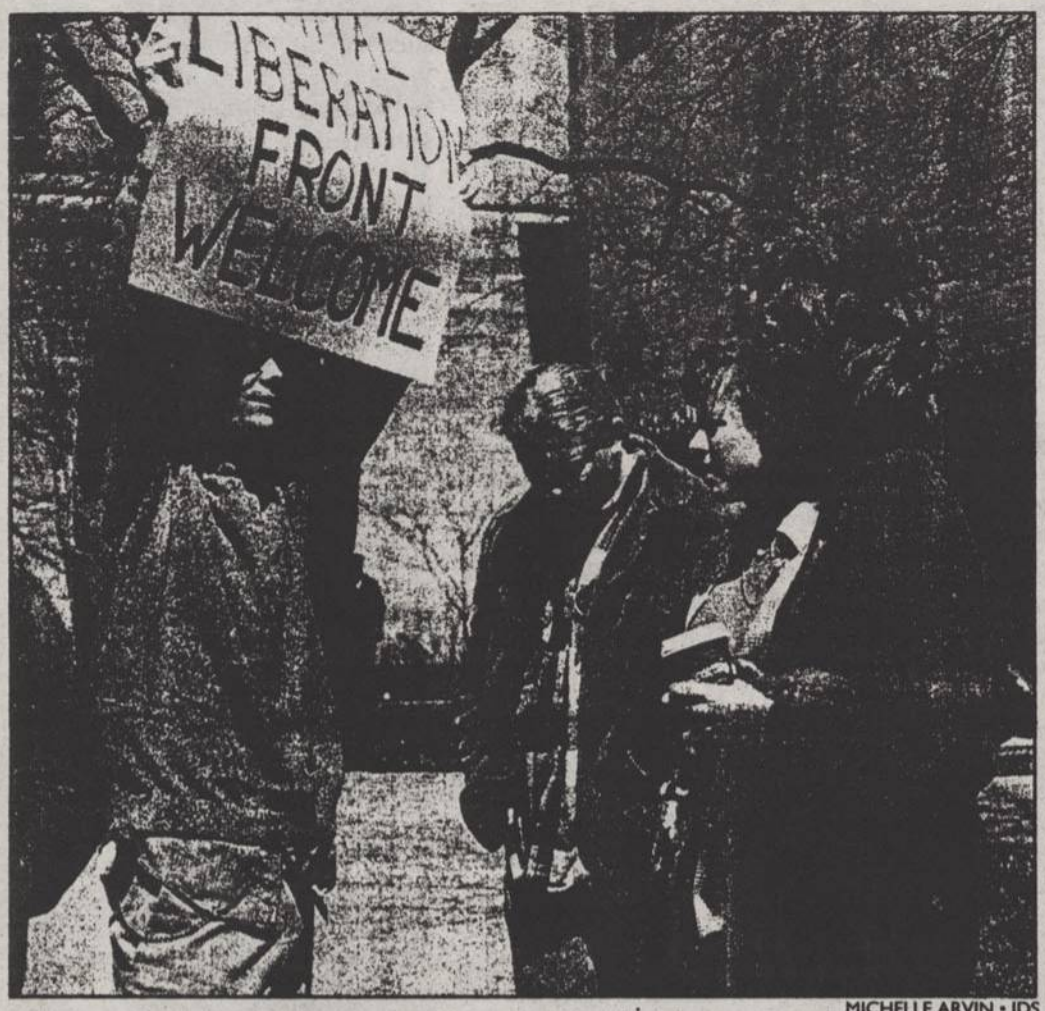
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MICHELLE ARVIN • IDS

Junior Jason Harless, left, of the Animal Defense League debates with (L-R) senior Andy Finn, senior Lorie Goodpaster and graduate student Kathy Kedzie, who support animal testing in psychology laboratories, Tuesday afternoon in front of the Psychology building.

Human health vs. animal rights

Students debate research on animals

R.S. McCOY
Indiana Daily Student

The Animal Defense League added to its protest record Tuesday as about 25 members gathered in front of the Psychology Building to rally support for animal rights.

But the protest quickly turned into a debate when 20 IU students who use animals in lab testing began to argue with ADL members.

During the confrontation, IU psychology faculty member Ron Rogers passed out information detailing the benefits of animal testing and explaining his position on the matter. He contended that many positive rewards are reaped by testing on lab animals, and, until there is a better solution, animal testing should continue.

"Everyone has a right to a better life," Rogers said.

But ADL members countered, saying that animals do not have a choice in whether they are used for testing. Sophomore Seth Stevens said testing on animals has not increased the quality of life for people. Instead, sanitary living conditions for human beings has been the most significant factor in improving people's lives.

"It's a waste of animals," Stevens said.

Tuesday was of special significance to those engaged in the animal rights debate. The day marked the seventh anniversary of the Animal Liberation Front's raid on research labs at the University of Arizona, during which ALF freed an estimated 1,200 animals.

It was also the first-ever national ALF Appreciation Day, which is being celebrated in dozens of major cities, including Chicago, Seattle and New York.

Senior Felicia Holden, an ADL member, said she came out to show her support for ALF, a national organization.

"Today we are out to show support for the ALF," Holden said. "Even though our group (ADL) doesn't break into labs or destroy research equipment."

Winnipeg Free Press • March 30, 1996



PHIL HOSSACK/WINNIPEG FREE PRESS

Perry says damage to Shrine property, like this graffiti, means less money is available for Montreal's Shriners hospital.

Animal rights activists vow they'll disrupt Shrine Circus

By Tony Davis
Staff Reporter

ANIMAL RIGHTS activists are threatening to return to the use of civil disobedience to protest Shrine Circus animal acts.

"In the last two years we've used an educational approach, but so far, we and other animal rights groups have seen no change in the Shriners' attitude," James Pearson said yesterday.

Next year Pearson's group, People Acting for Animal Liberation, "intends to lobby relentlessly against the Shriners, and that could include civil disobedience. We'll do whatever it takes to push the Shriners to change."

In 1994 seven members of PAAL were arrested when they tried to jump into centre ring during a performance. Pearson said those kind of tactics could be used again.

"Whatever we do, it will be an experience the public won't soon forget."

Neither will the protesters, circus organizer David Perry vowed.

If they demonstrate on the circus floor, where they could endanger the lives of performers, they will be arrested, he said.

"As long as they stay out of the arena, I don't care what they do," Perry said.

In recent days animal rightists have sprayed graffiti on billboards and a trailer promoting the circus.

The cost of repairing the damage will reduce the amount of money sent to a Shriners hospital for crippled children in Montreal, Perry said.

Last year, Manitoba raised $200,000 through its circus.

The organization funds 22 non-profit hospitals across North America, including three for young burn victims.

"It's really unfortunate that they're (the protesters) so small-minded," he said.

But, he noted, PAALs activities in the past have actually backfired. "The more fuss they kick up, the more tickets we seem to sell."

Pearson called the graffiti defacings "renovations." And while he said he concurred with the sentiments expressed by the graffiti artists — the messages equated the Shrine Circus with animal suffering — Pearson denied his members were responsible.

The Seattle Times • March 25, 1996

Sea lions are spared, for a day at least

Too few hands for the hunt

BY ALEX TIZON AND DEE NORTON
Seattle Times staff reporters

No sea lions were hunted by authorities at the Ballard Locks today, due to a lack of adequate staffing.

Meanwhile, state wildlife officials discovered that someone had removed parts of a cage used to captured sea lions near the Locks.

More people than were available were needed to capture and kill sea lions, according to Bob Everitt, regional director of the state Department of Wildlife. No National Marine Fisheries employees were on hand because the lives of some of them had been threatened if they participated in the capture and killing of sea lions.

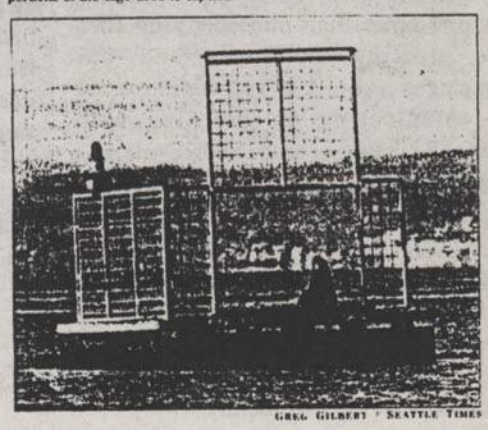
State wildlife officials went out in a boat near the Locks this morning and found that someone had removed portions of the cage used to capture sea lions.

A group calling itself the Animal Liberation Front took responsibility for the vandalized cage.

The partial dismantling of the cage is likely to delay a research program designed to capture and tag sea lions to study their movements. The killing of sea lions could have been a part of the research project if three targeted sea lions were captured in the cage.

Will Anderson and two other people from the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) were in a boat near the float this morning to monitor the attempts to capture and kill animals.

If and when authorities do try to kill sea lions, animal-rights activists say they plan to observe and videotape the events.



GREG GILBERT / SEATTLE TIMES

The Post Standard • April 21, 1996

Animal rights protests not 'kids' stuff' anymore

By Hart Seely, Staff Writer

They kept busy April 13.

In the dark of night, they spray-painted "MEAT IS MURDER" around the State Fair Coliseum, protesting the Shriners' Circus inside. Security guards found the building's locks frozen with glue.

Part 1

But the Animal Liberation Front wasn't done. Before dawn, somebody hit the DeWitt home of Murray Daitchman, the 63-year-old chief executive officer of Bonwit Teller. They scribbled "FUR IS DEATH," and "FUR SCUM" across the house in a spray of red.

So goes the escalating war between a loosely knit guerrilla outfit and the estimated 2,000 Onondaga County businesses that market the products of living creatures.

Authorities aren't even sure who they're fighting.

They know only the damage.

Self-appointed soldiers in the "Army of the Kind" last year smashed dozens of windows, firebombed a meat company's trucks, glued locks and painted graffiti across Onondaga County. The toll: more than $250,000.

"This is not kids' stuff," said Onondaga County Deputy District Attorney Jordan Fisk, who is shepherding three cases against suspected ALF vandals. "Even though the people who are apparently involved in this are of a youthful age, it would be derelict of us not to take a hard stance."

Coming Monday
A thriving underground music scene nurtures a violent side of animal rights activism.
— In The Post-Standard and the Herald-Journal

In this clash of philosophies and generations, both sides show rising frustration. Locally, a militant youth subculture within the animal rights movement appears to be growing increasingly violent.

Police and prosecutors vow to end the vandalism done since 1994 in the name of animal liberation.

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Video image courtesy of Georgio Politis

AN ACTIVIST for animal rights screams during a protest held Jan. 20 at Georgios Furs, 358 S. Salina St. This image is from a videotape shot by store owner Georgio Politis. His business is a frequent target.

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The movement includes myriad groups and subgroups, but the most militant among them pursue these objectives: They want to end the use of animals or animal products for food or clothing. They oppose using animals in scientific research or to test products for safety.

Born in England more than 20 years ago, the Animal Liberation Front has uncaged mice from labs, freed trout from fish farms and spray-painted the buildings of countless "animal exploiters," from sausage makers to ice cream stands.

It's almost impossible to count the ALF's actions. Many go unreported by victims who disdain publicity. Few police agencies track the vandalism. The ALF Information Service's diary of actions on the Internet listed 68 events last year in North America. Syracuse, with 11, had the most.

It shows no sign of stopping.

In January they painted animal mounts, slashed fur coats and gouged cars in the parking lot outside the State Fair's Northeastern Sports Show.

In February, they smashed windows at a chicken restaurant in Solvay.

In March, they shattered glass and painted three area restaurants.

Two weeks ago, somebody in the Ontario County town of East Bloomfield entered a fur farm and freed 3,000 minks. Losses topped $100,000.

And last weekend they hit the Shriners Circus and the home of Daitchman, whose Carousel Center store — and its racks of fur coats — has been a frequent target.

For years, the local justice system talked tough about ALF vandalism but focused energy elsewhere. Now, it vigorously prosecutes animal rights activists. The District Attorney's Office won't make any deals on charges that once routinely brought dismissals or plea bargains.

In the spring of 1995, the U.S. Attorney's office in Syracuse convened a grand jury to investigate local ALF actions.

Soon, a Carousel Center store reported $22,000 in damage from razor cuts to fur and leather products. Honey Baked Hams was hit three times with paint. Victims included Georgios, Bonwit Teller, Red Lobster, Jim's Fish Fry, Mike's Ice Cream and Fish Fry, Cicero Country Pizza, McDonalds, Mayze's Meats, Liehs & Steigerwald Meats and Sugar Mountain Leather.

Vandals or scapegoats?

The young activists who are the focus of the prosecutors say the system seeks a scapegoat. They say police actions threaten their civil liberties. They say phone threats are becoming common. And they say they're not the vandals.

"We don't know who does it," said Denise Lynn, 20, a spokesperson for the Animal Defense League, a group of young people that stages weekly public protests. "We don't know how it's done. But we get the backlash."

That backlash likely would diminish if Lynn publicly denounced the ALF. This she will not do. In fact, members of the defense league in protests have chanted slogans such as "Smash the windows, glue the locks." Two weeks ago, brandishing signs and ski masks, they held a silent vigil outside Georgios Furs downtown to commemorate national ALF Appreciation Day.

"As far as we're concerned, putting a human value on an inanimate object like a window or something is completely absurd," Lynn said recently. "A cow's life is more important than that window, to us. Obviously, to these people who are profiting from it, it isn't. So the Animal Liberation Front is sending out a message that it's unacceptable. Animal cruelty is unacceptable."

Recent ALF actions have prompted retailers, restaurants, meat processors and sportsmen's groups to beef up security and form their own systems of counter-intelligence.

"Is it escalating? Yes," said Albert J. LaFrance, a trapper who recently organized SMAART — Sportsmen and Merchants Against Animal Rights Terrorism — to combat the ALF. "The sportsmen, not just here but across the country, are sick and tired of losing their rights and of being harassed."

It's 'time for militancy'

Early in the morning of Sept. 13, an Onondaga County sheriff's deputy responded to a possible burglary at a garage on Old Seventh North Street in the town of Salina. On the way, he learned via radio that a nearby Gianelli Sausage Co. security guard had seen two prowlers.

The deputy spotted them and gave chase. The two intruders separated. More patrol cars arrived. Minutes later, two men were in handcuffs.

Deputies arrested Joel Capolongo, 18, of Central Square and Eric C. Ackerson, 19, of Syracuse.

On the advice of his lawyer, Capolongo, now 19, declined to comment.

But he would not keep silent on the ALF.

"I am in full support of the Animal Liberation Front," Capolongo said recently. "Not only their goals but also their means...

"The time for animal liberation militancy is now," continued Capolongo, who works in a local department store. "There can be no conservatism. There can be no peace and love, and everybody let's get along. Because the time for that is over. People don't react to that. People only react when they feel they are pushed to extremes."

Playing hardball

Early last Oct. 24, authorities caught another ALF suspect.

Someone reported youths on a graffiti binge near a Kmart on Brewerton Road in the town of Salina. Deputies arrived to find "Meat is Murder" painted on a theater and a young man on the run. After a foot chase, they arrested two teens.

They quickly identified Jeffrey M. Watkins, 19, of North Syracuse, as an animal rights activist based on his arrest record in fur protests.

They charged the teens with felony criminal mischief, because the damage to the buildings exceeded $250.

If found guilty of spraying graffiti, Watkins could face up to four years in state prison.

Watkins declined to comment on his arrest. His friends claim the graffiti in question wasn't fresh. It had been on the wall for months.

"The bottom line is that somebody spray-painted the back of the Kmart, and it wasn't him," said Watkins' lawyer, Frederick O'Rourke of Syracuse.

O'Rourke said prosecutors are throwing the book at Watkins because of his beliefs.

Watkins has been a fervent activist for animal rights. Like Capolongo, he practices the vegan lifestyle — abstaining from meat, eggs, milk, wool, silk, honey or any products tested on animals.

He has been arrested numerous times in Animal Defense League protests.

"Since the ALF's conception, there have been no injuries, no serious injuries or fatalities, caused by the Animal Liberation Front," he said. "That people would call it a 'terrorist' group? I find that offensive."

Asked about "The Justice League" tactics, Watkins said this:

"I have no pity for anyone injured. If somebody slaughters animals for a living, and they cut their fingers opening an envelop, I don't even think justice has been served to that extent. I would never injure another human being. I don't agree with that. But I'm sure as hell not going to condemn it either."

As the cases head to court, and as police await the next ALF strike, a cease-fire in the war seems hard to fathom.

Lynn said the Animal Defense League receives physical threats often. People call and say they know where she lives. She said the group has steeled itself for what it believes is police harassment. And several members say they live with the assumption their phones are tapped.

"It's going to take a very long time for animal liberation to come about," Lynn conceded. "But we're vegan. We're going to live for a very long time. And we're going to be active for a very long time. We're not going away."

Indiana Daily • March 28, 1996

Protesters disrupt circus

R.S. McCOY AND MICHELLE ABELS
Indiana Daily Student

The traveling Circus Pages animal show came to a temporary halt Thursday night when six protesters from the Animal Defense League bike locked themselves to the circus's main ring and were subsequently arrested.

The protesters sat defiantly screaming their message to the crowd of children and adults inside the National Guard Armory, 3380 S.W. Indiana 37.



KRISTEN MCCLARTY • IDS

By chaining himself to the lion cage with a bike chain, a member of the Animal Defense League protests treatment of animals at the circus Thursday night at the Indiana National Guard Armory, 3380 S.W. Indiana 37.

Outside, amid chants of "Go home Pages" and "The circus isn't fun for animals," more than 30 protesters stood in the pouring rain across the street from the Armory.

Sophomore Jason Harless, co-organizer of the protest and member of ADL, said the protesters' goal was to end all forms of animal cruelty.

"These people are using animals for money," he said. "People need to know how mistreated those animals are. This is very important."

Senior Felicia Holden, also a member of the ADL, said she hoped the protest would increase the community's awareness of animal cruelty and encourage people to find alternative forms of amusement.

"These are wild animals," she said. "We should stop using them as entertainment."

But 30 minutes after several protesters locked themselves to the ring, the protesting subsided. Bloomington Police, with help from a clown with a make-up smile, used enormous lock cutters to remove the two women and four men from the locks.

The six arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, trespassing and resisting arrest were:

- Junior Tiffany Kinney
- Freshman Seth Stevens
- Bloomington resident Cari Shan
- Sophomore Jill Harbourn
- Indianapolis resident Kenneth Kreuscher
- IU building services employee Paul Colbert

Harless said all except Kreuscher would be released on their own recognizance. Kreuscher was held because of his Indianapolis residency. At press time only Kinney had been released.

The Post Standard • April 22, 1996

All-Out War Pits Furrier, Teen-Age Activists

■ It all began as peaceful protests for animal rights 12 years ago. Today, it's become something else.

Part II

By HART SEELY
The Post-Standard

They came to his house Halloween night. They wore furs smeared with red. His wife answered the door. She saw animal masks.

"Murderer!" they said. "Murderer!"

As Georgio Politis discussed the teen-agers who haunt his life, a sudden flare belied the sleeplessness in his eyes.

"Should I feel I'm safe?" the furrier asked. "Do I have to answer with my .357? Do I have to point it before I open my door?"

A block away, 19-year-old Nicole Rogers spoke reverently about the creatures who perished to fill the racks in Politis' fur store. Not a day passes, she said, that she doesn't ponder their fates.

"If you're willing to die for something you believe in, things take a very different perspective," she said, eyes closed beneath a cap that said "Meat is Murder."

For three years, the Animal Defense League, a handful of militant young activists bred in high schools and nurtured by Syracuse's music underground, has crusaded against marketers of meat, leather and animal products. Its favorite target has been Georgio's Furs, a South Salina Street storefront.

"These kids, they want to turn this whole town upside down," said Politis, 48, pacing in his locked store.

"They should not be put in jail. I don't want to see them go to jail. I want to see them go to psychologists.

"Did somebody do something to make people crazy?"

Q: At rallies, you call Georgio a murderer. . . Is he really a murderer, in your mind?

Nicole Rogers: He's not a good person. But he's not a murderer. ... If Georgio was the one that was actually raising and killing the animals, he would be a murderer.

Q: The trapper then, is he a murderer?

A: Yes, he is.

Q: Like, say, Jeffrey Dahmer?

A: Yes. Exactly.

Q: You would equate the two?

A: Jeffrey Dahmer, he took innocent lives away. Trappers take innocent lives away also. What's the difference? ... One is an animal. One is a human being. We give human beings more respect. Just because one is not human, one doesn't respect that life.



DAVID LASSMAN/The Post-Standard

Nicole Rogers, a leader of the Animal Defense League, peels a potato while working at Mr. Arnold's Restaurant.

As a Liverpool High School freshman, Nicole Rogers saw a film of a slaughterhouse. She went home and vowed to eat no meat, ever. Her mom laughed.

But Rogers kept her word. She soon moved from vegetarianism to veganism, from the diet to the lifestyle. A vegan refuses all animal-based products. That means no meat, leather, wool, silk, honey, milk and even table sugar refined from animal by-products.

In 1991, Rogers co-founded Students Against Animal Cruelty at Liverpool. Soon, the group took the name of a Cicero-North Syracuse student club, the Animal Defense League.

In five years, the League grew to include chapters in eight cities.

At first, the students challenged frog dissections in biology class.

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School administrators channeled the group into raising money to buy computer software that could replace the dissections.

Liverpool educators recall Rogers as a fine, level-headed student. The Animal Defense League? Bright kids, they say.

Rogers stresses her group is not the Animal Liberation Front, a guerrilla outfit that has broken windows, firebombed meat company delivery trucks and spray-painted storefronts. In 1995, the ALF caused an estimated $250,000 in damage to Onondaga County businesses.

But she supports their work.

"The property of animal abusers means absolutely nothing compared to the lives of those being abused," she said.

Q: Damaging property, is that wrong?

Rogers: It's not something I would do. But I don't see anything wrong with it. That's property. That means nothing. ... They don't understand, because they don't have the same beliefs toward animal life that we do. They respect property more than animals, and I totally understand that. I used to be the same way, until I was 14.

"Used to be, we have animal rights protests," he said. "You had a group of people, adults and younger kids, usually the day after Thanksgiving. They come to the store for an hour. They carry signs. Then they go home. We figure, they feel that way, they want to get it out of their system — fine."

That was 12 years ago. Then, Politis joked about it. He hung up a sign: "BUY ONE COYOTE COAT! SAVE 50,000 RABBITS."

Around 1989, Politis started finding his locks glued shut or his storefront splashed with paint. He installed safety glass and special locks.

Politis could not count the times his store has been hit by the ALF.

He scoffed at Rogers' claim that her group is blameless. He once videotaped Animal Defense League protesters chanting "Smash the windows, glue the locks!"

Nicole Rogers has been arrested four times.

In December, 1994, police charged her and several other protesters with trespassing outside Bonwit Teller in Carousel Center.

Last July, Rogers and six others returned to Bonwit Teller. They marched into the store and chanted anti-fur slogans. Police took them to jail, lectured them, then released them.

Her third arrest came Jan. 13 in Wisconsin. Animal rights activists nationwide converged on a mink dealers' convention. Police charged 22 with disorderly conduct. Rogers spent three days in jail. She refused to eat.

"We busted it up," she said proudly. "We did our job."

Her last arrest came Feb. 17 outside Georgio's. Rogers and three others handcuffed themselves to the store's security gate. Police charged her with three misdemeanors.

She faces up to 90 days in jail.

"There'll be a trial," she said. "The D.A. has said there will be absolutely no deals. There are 10 of us, altogether, arrested. So he's going to play hardball, which is fine. Because even if he gave us a deal, we wouldn't take it. I mean, why would we want to deal?"

Q: Nicole Rogers has a question: When you see a fur coat, do you feel that's something an animal should have suffered and died for?

Politis: You don't think about that. I mean, it never crosses my mind, such a thing, that animals died for the fur coat. Really, it never crosses my mind. You go ask the butcher, how do you feel, butchering cows every day? He's going to say, it's my job. I don't feel I'm doing anything wrong.

Two weeks ago, the Animal Defense League stood silently in front of his shop to commemorate national "ALF Appreciation Day."

This time Politis did know in advance. A protester's parent had warned him. City police waited.

But one parent drew Politis' ire. He saw a father, a doctor, standing with his 14-year-old son on the far side of Salina Street. Politis had appealed to the man to cool the boy's behavior. He had obtained a court order against the youth. Now, the father stood with him, just outside the zone of protection.

Fractured skulls, broken bones, scalded flesh and blinded eyes.

For medical research and cosmetic testing animals suffer and die.

"Deliverance," sung by Syracuse band Earth Crisis, 1995



File photo

This message was sprayed onto a sidewalk in front of Georgio's Furs on South Salina Street in this undated photograph.

The movement originated in 1983, when a now defunct punk band named Minor Threat sang of the "straight edge." It meant abstaining from alcohol, drugs, cigarettes and promiscuous sex.

Ever since, "straight-edgers" put X's on their wrists to parody the marks bar bouncers make to keep underage patrons from buying booze.

Syracuse has an estimated 200 to 250 straight-edgers, though they come in varying degrees. And the city is home to the straight-edge movement's most successful band, Earth Crisis.

Earth Crisis' music rails against animal abuse. Its shows at the Lost Horizon and its impact on other Syracuse hardcore bands created a strong underground teen subculture that puts animal rights issues at the forefront.

Several Animal Rights League members trace their vegan activism directly to the concerts.

Members of Earth Crisis occasionally attend Animal Defense League protests, causing a buzz among the activists.

"I think when people believe in something, and when animals' lives are being destroyed and tortured, the least somebody could do is get arrested for standing on a street corner and blocking people's walkway to pass fliers out to them," said Karl Buechner, 25, the lyricist and singer.

Buechner, a 1989 Henninger High graduate, went straight-edge at age 16 after watching friends destroyed by drugs and booze. He became a vegetarian at 19 and, soon after, a vegan.

Parents worried about their child using drugs or alcohol might find animal rights a small price.

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Green Bay Target of Series of Protests

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GREEN BAY -- Groups from Student Organization for Animal Rights (SOAR), Students for Animals (SFA), Green Bay Animal Rights Coalition, Vegan Outreach and area protesters gathered in Green Bay, Wisconsin the weekend of May 3-5 to open locals eyes to the cruelty of Proctor & Gamble, Furs of Di-STINK-tion, the Green Bay Meat Packing Co., and Dayton's Department stores' selling of fur.

The first day activists came together for an initial event of chalking, leafleting and wheat pasting around Green Bay. The next day proved everyone's militant intentions. It began in the morning with a cluster of media, new unexpected protesters who heard of the plans, and a product dump for the area Proctor & Gamble factory.

Finished with the sound bites, the crew took no break before heading over to the local fur salon, Furs of Di-STINK-tion. They were bombarded by four police cars and the store's owner armed with a semi-automatic Super Soaker! As the chalk hit the ground and the banners were raised, police officers informed them of what was an "unconstitutional" protest. Activists inquired if it was constitutional for them to be attacked by the owner with a water gun.

After more heated arguments and ignorant comments, more protesters joined the group to spread the cruel word about Green Bay Meat Packing Co. Activists pressed on and journeyed to Appleton (45 mins away) the next morning. Wearing "Fur is Murder-Boycott Dayton's" t-shirts, the group invaded the Appleton's Daytons. Removed from the store by security, the group continued to "browse" and distribute flyers in the mall area until forced out again by mall security.

The series of direct actions was successful because of one reason only, NETWORKING. For those who feel alone in this fight, take heart, there will always be another group a phone call, e-mail, fax, snail mail or conversation away!

Fur Trade Demise

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campaigners lowering the tone of the area.

The Philip Hockley fur shop has proved more difficult to shut down than other shops. This was due to a number of factors. Possibly the main reason was that the shop was taken over some years ago by a large fur manufaturer and dealer, with an annual turnover of many millions. All the money behind them, however, means they can withstand pressure far longer than genuine family firms.

Hockley installed a video camera to record picketers outside the shop. The proprietor, Michael Hockley, the son of the founder, even went as far as placing hidden microphones in shrubs outside his shop in an effort to eavesdrop on conversations. He hired two bouncers to stand outside his shop and hand out pro-fur leaflets.

The idea was that if they got there first, they were allowed to 'demonstrate', and anti-fur protesters, as a 'counter-demonstration', had to stand on the other side of the road to avoid a breach of the peace occurring.

This led to the ludicrous situation of people turning up at 5am in order to 'claim the pitch' before Hockley's bouncers arrived! This continued for a few weeks, before the police, as impartial as ever, ordered anti-fur campaigners to stand across the road, not even directly opposite the shop.

The key to the resolution of this campaign came when Mr Michael Hockley's home address was located.

It didn't take long for Mr Hockley to give in. After a major protest (March, 1996) outside his house, he passed a letter via his solicitors to the London Animal Action office on Monday 18th March, tendering his resignation from the fur trade!

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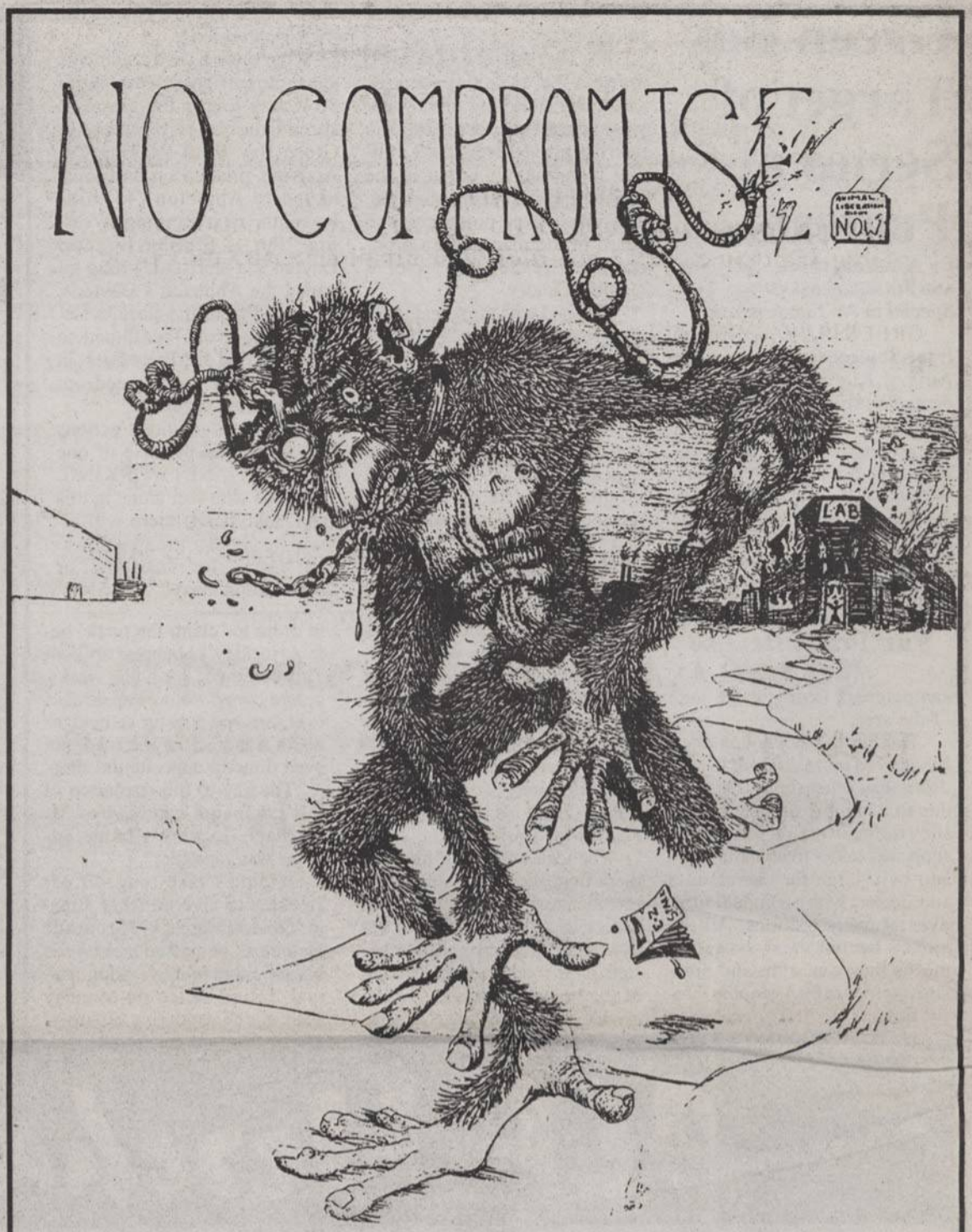
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