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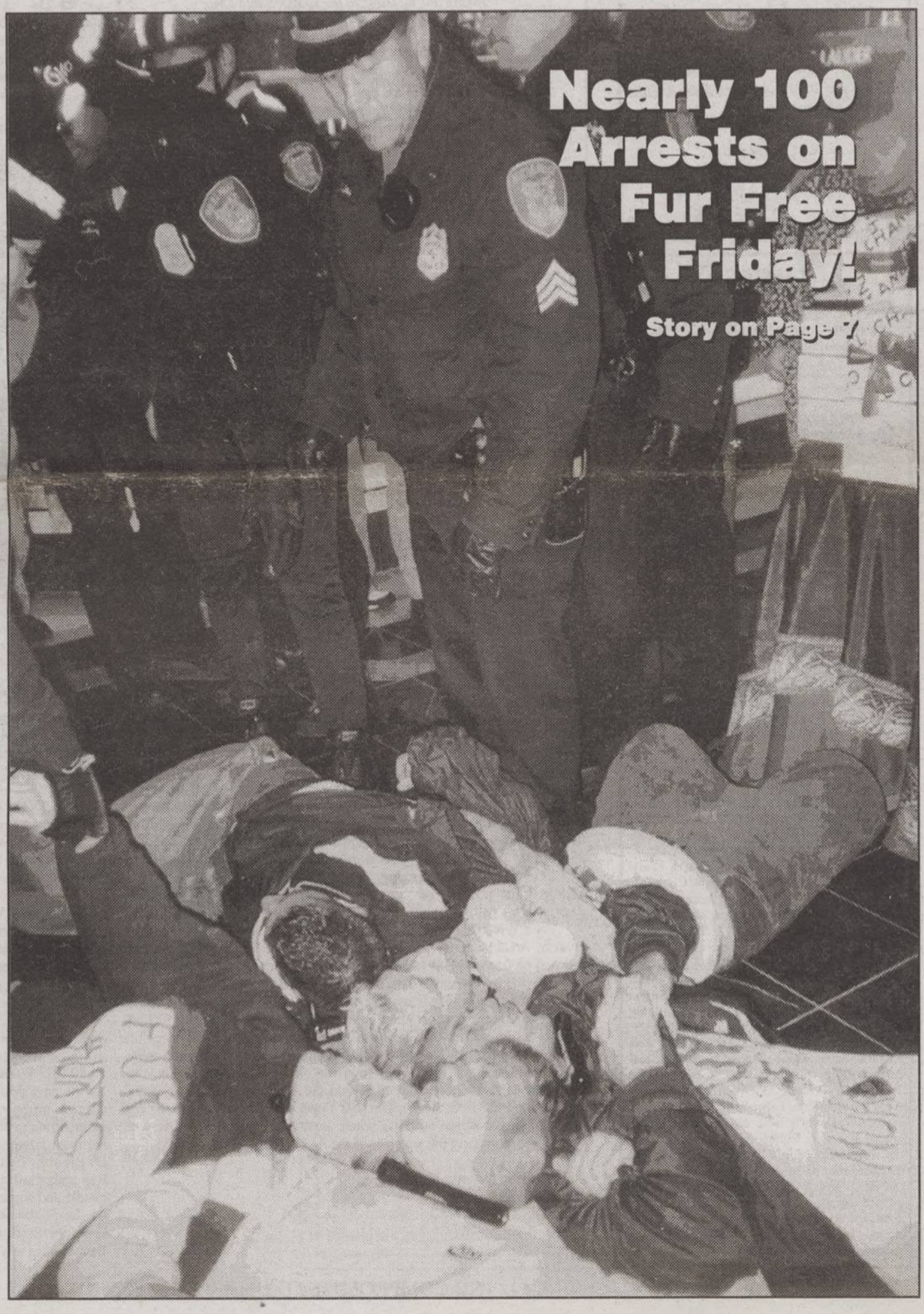
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Welcome to issue #5 of *No Compromise*! A lot has happened since the last issue. Fur Free Friday saw massive direct action across the country with almost 100 arrests nation-wide (See story on page 7)! The heat is also being turned up on vivisectors as more people target them at their homes instead of their well-fortified, vivisection complexes(Story on page 4). And direct action against circuses, hunting, aquariums, and the meat, dairy, and egg industries continue, as people try to attack all animal exploitation institutions.

DIRECT ACTION DEFENSE FUND

Along with our successes, we have also had a few setbacks. In Utah, three liberationists confessed to torching a McDonalds. In Massachusetts, four people were arrested for an alleged mink farm raid. There is little evidence against them, however its feared authorities will attempt to frame these innocent liberationists, so they can collect the $100,000 reward put out by pro-fur organizations. Finally, in Syracuse, Jeff Watkins was arrested for allegedly throwing paint on a fur wearer. (Articles on the "Utah 3," "Mass 4," and Jeff Watkins are on page 22) During this season of love and goodwill, be sure you give your moral and financial support to these courageous activists as their situations unfold.

Back when reports on the Utah 3, Mass 4, and Jeff Watkins came in, the direct action community had to scramble trying to raise funds and get them out of jail. With the Utah 3, our attempts to get them out were unsuccessful and they were eventually released without charges after two days in jail. For the Mass 4, three of them were released on their own recognizance after arraignment, but Alex Smolak remained in jail and on hunger strike for two days while liberationists raised the $1,025 necessary to get him out. Furthermore, our attempts to raise the $3,500 to get Jeff out were unsuccessful and he stayed in jail for four days until his parents finally bailed him out.

As a direct action movement, we would be naive to expect this level of A.L.F. activity to continue without more liberationists getting arrested or framed. And as supporters of direct action, it is our duty to help provide for these activists, especially at the time when they are first apprehended and most fearful of their fate. This is when it is most crucial for them to know they have our support. And because good people should not have to languish in jail, fearful if they will ever be released, while local supporters tax their own resources frantically trying to help them, the North American ALF Supporters Group, the Rod Coronado Support Committee and the Animal Liberation League have started a Direct Action Defense Fund so that money will be on hand for direct action activists when these emergencies arise. If you would like to support the warriors of the ALF, please send a donation to:

Direct Action Defense Fund
PO Box 57357
Tucson, AZ 85732-7357

FIGHTING GOVERNMENT HARASSMENT

As we promised you in the last issue, this issue contains in-depth coverage on the government's harassment of activists and what you can do to fight back! Our special four page pull-out section is packed with information on the Feds do to discourage political activism, how agents extract information out of people, and what you can do, and where you can turn for help and assistance should you experience their harassment. Read the section, study it, and most importantly *apply the information you learn.*

Be sure to keep a copy of this section on-hand as a ready reference source should you start receiving government harassment. Activists seem to find this information far more interesting after they feel the government breathing down their neck. So be sure you have this section at hand to review should the need arise.

We will continue to keep you updated on the Government's repression of eco-activists, and what activists are doing to stop it. With *No Compromise*'s commitment to exposing the COINTELPRO tactics of the Feds, we would not be surprised to find ourselves in their line of fire fairly soon. If this happens, we will let you know of any and all developments, just as we hope you would inform us of any problems you may be having. As a united front, we will be able to fight them off and prevent them from keeping us from the task at hand: ANIMAL LIBERATION!

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE!

Well, for now, read up, stay active, stay free, and be sure to get the next issue of *No Compromise* which will have — besides its ever-present news, commentary, and an updates on the ALF's activities —the following articles:

- Grand Juries: What they are, how they're used against activists, and how to fight them!
- Who's Who at the Hegin's Pigeon Shoot and how we can finally abolish that blood bath!
- Making your protests last longer: How to Build Lock Boxes and Barrels.

So be sure to not miss the next action packed issue of *No Compromise*!

PARTING WORDS

As the new year is quickly approaching, don't forget to remember the animals when making your New Year's resolutions. Re-commit to maintaining or increasing your fight for the animals, and resolve to use the most effective tactics when fighting for them, and resolve to never, EVER stop fighting for them until ever animal is out of every cage. Remember, all it takes to move mountains is a few extremely dedicated people and some good shovels.

From the Staff of *No Compromise* , thanks again for your support and Best Wishes to you for a Liberating New Year!

Activists Wrangle Ringling

CLEVELAND, OH -- Activists from all over Ohio and Pennsylvania joined forces for two weeks of intensive anti-circus action when Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus came to Cleveland on October 24 through November 2nd. These actions followed previous anti-Ringling Brothers CDs in San Francisco and Denver.

Over fifty protesters chanted, waved signs, and leafletted cars on the first night of protesting. Some activists dressed as clowns and handed out coloring books depicting animals happily enjoying their natural habitat. Security was relatively light the first night. Little did they know what lay in wait for them the following day...

Saturday night, clouded by intense chanting from the activists assembled outside, three activists walked into the Gund Arena lobby and quickly U-locked themselves together around the neck in front of the ticket office and began to yell "*There is no Excuse for Animal Abuse!!!!*" at the top of their lungs. The first security guards to arrive on the scene were clueless as to how to deal with the fervent activists. The cops were no less stupefied. After several minutes of standing around looking dumb the cops decided to ask politely for the activists to leave. They refused and their yelling only intensified. The police stood around for a few more minutes asking each other what to do. The following conversation was overheard:

"What are we supposed to do with them?"

"I don't know. You are my superior officer, you tell me."

The activists were still yelling fifteen minutes later when the maintenance personnel arrived with bolt cutters. NOTE TO ALL ANIMAL LIBERATION ACTIVISTS: Do not buy U-locks at Big Lots. The bolt cutters snapped right through three of the cheap locks, but the fourth one, an expensive masterlock, held and was later removed with a drill. Once the locks were cut, the activists still refused to budge and continued yelling loud enough to be heard outside (through two layers of glass). In an uncharacteristic display of ingenuity the police loaded the protesters onto wheelchairs and cuffed them in place. The activists yelled their outrage during the entire trip through the arena, and didn't stop until they were put in a basement drunk tank. The activists were then transferred to a patrol car, from which they could see captive elephants tugging at their chains. This brought the whole incident into perspective and gave the activists an even deeper resolve and a clearer sense of empathy for the abused.

All three activists, Stephanie Allen, Kim Chicchi, and Bethany Maggiano, were held overnight at the Cleveland Justice Center, and thanks to massive jail support from activists nationwide, were released the next day on their own recognizance. One of the activists decided to go vegan as she sat in her cell and thought about the many sufferings of animals.

When the circus protests were continued the following week, security was massively increased. In front of the ticket office, where there had previously been only two female security officers, there were now seven huge men and four cops. Additionally, a metal security gate was in place which allowed access for only a few people at a time. If this sort of action continues nationwide Ringling Brothers will be forced to reconsider the value of its animal acts.

Marineland Protested

Park Owner Hits and Injures Protester with Car and Walks Free, While Six Peaceful Protesters Arrested

By the Animal Liberation Collective

NIAGRA FALLS, ONT -- Over the past few years the plight of marine mammals in captivity has become a household issue, especially since the release of the film series, "Free Willy".

In the battle to free marine mammals from human exploitation, progress has been made -- for example, this year the Vancouver Parks Commission is considering a ban on the import and export of whales and dolphins to and from the Vancouver Aquarium. At the same time, England has already closed all of its dolphinariums. With Keiko (the "Free Willy" whale) in a rehabilitation centre to prepare for eventual return to freedom, and the possibility of release for other whales and dolphins, captivity is becoming more and more unacceptable - not just within animal advocate circles, but with the mainstream public.

Theme Parks: Jails for Whales

Industry propaganda states that aquaria and theme parks are educational, conservation-oriented and "better" for the animals. However, there are many fundamental problems with captivity. In the wild, female orcas are thought to live 80 years, and male orcas about 50. Both beluga whales and dolphins can live 25-30 years. In captivity they live only a fraction of their normal life span.

Whales and dolphins are intelligent, highly social mammals who live in small family groups. In captivity, they are often forced to live alone, or in groups composed of unrelated animals. In the ocean, they will swim up to 100 km/day, at speed of up to 30 km/hr., and dive hundreds of feet below the surface. They live in a world of sound, have unique dialects and use echolocation to detect each other and to capture live prey. In captivity, they are restricted to small tanks in which they can only swim in circles. The glass and concrete walls frequently inhibit the natural use of sound by whales and dolphins.

In the wild, orcas live in an environment which is incredibly rich and diverse, and to which they have become suitably adapted over millions of years. Nothing in their evolution has prepared whales or dolphins for life in captivity.

Organizing for Orcas

From Aug. 31 - Sept. 2 1996, the 3rd annual Gadfly Conference was held in Niagara Falls. Gadfly is an international gathering of marine mammal experts and animal activists who are all working to end captivity of marine mammals. The conference consisted of reports about the state of marine mammals in each of the countries represented by participants, as well as tactics which have been used to encourage the release of captive animals, and/or to close down dolphinariums, and progress reports on campaigns to free specific whales and dolphins.

The focus of the weekend was a protest at the Canadian marine mammal "fun park," Marineland, considered by experts to be one of the worst marine mammal theme parks in North America. While Marineland claims that their "facilities meet the high standards established by the Marine Mammal Protection Act in the United States", Naomi Rose, an official for the Humane Society of the United States who inspected the facilities, found that in many instances, they did not meet requirements. She stated as examples, that there was chipping paint and rust in the pools, the tanks did not meet minimum size requirements, and the water quality was below standard. One protester who went inside observed that the dolphins eyes were swollen shut, possibly an indicator of over-chlorination.

One of the most disturbing (and least known) aspects of Marineland is the "warehouse". This is a windowless facility next to the main performance pool which houses a shallow pool in which animals that are not involved in shows or are retired, are kept out of sight. Some of its residents over the years include Duke, a retired dolphin considered "too ugly" to perform anymore, and Junior, an orca whose existence Marineland officials have never admitted, yet who was filmed by a Friends of Dolphins volunteer just weeks before he died. Both of these mammals spent their time in the warehouse totally alone, with no stimulation, daylight or companions, and died there. The loud, booming echoes of the nearby performance music forcefully reverberates throughout the warehouse, adding to the stressful conditions for the animals housed there. At present, there are two baby orcas housed in the warehouse, prematurely separated from their mother. In the wild, orca offspring may stay with their mothers for life.

In Niagara Falls, allegedly spitting at security is a criminal offense, but if you're a millionaire responsible for bringing in hundreds of thousands of dollars in tourist money to the region, you can run people down with impunity and expect to never be charged.

Direct Action for Dolphins

Throughout the summer months of 1996, protesters gathered in front of Marineland every other week to hand out flyers and educate customers about the park's disregard for its captive "entertainers".

On September 1, more than 200 people representing over 20 countries, including Israel, Japan, Norway, England, Australia, France, Finland, Canada and the United States, gathered outside of Marineland to protest the practice of keeping marine mammals in captivity for the purposes of entertainment and profit. Confronted with a 25 ft. inflatable orca whale, lots of costumes and signs, and a flag representing each of the countries of participants involved in the conference, Marineland was hit with the largest protest it had ever seen.

While the protesters themselves were peaceful, there was an exceedingly strong police presence, as well as plenty of hired security both inside and outside of the park. Many patrons (including an entire Mennonite family) were evicted from the park on the suspicion that they were involved with the protesters. Several acts of civil disobedience took place alongside the main protest, and two activists managed to shut down most of the front gate entrances by locking their necks to the main turnstiles.

Dozens of activists slipped unseen into the park in the attempt to carry out impromptu agit-prop theatre and hang banners over the performance pools. Agitated and paranoid security guards harassed patrons and activists alike within the park, only re-enforcing the prison-like aspects of the theme park. Media coverage was outstanding, with the protest and CD making national news coverage in both the US and Canada for several days running.

In total, six protesters were arrested, including four Canadian and two American activists. One woman was released, but charged were Janet Allan (obstructing police), Wayne Mercier (mischief), Steve Hindi (assault), Mark McAlpine (mischief) and Ben White (resisting arrest, escaping custody and a trespass charge that was dropped). A trial date has not yet been set, but expectations are that the activists will have a chance to fight their charges before the court in March/April of '97.

Orca-Killer Drives into Protester

Near the end of the day's protest, an act of violence which has been played down by both the police and the media occurred. A local protester -- known by sight to John Holer, the owner of Marineland -- was leaving the protest site with other activists. Holer, known for his acts of violence against animal rights activists (and who was, in the past, filmed punching a member of the crew from Australia's 60 minutes), was seen by numerous witnesses hitting the woman with his truck, knocking her to the ground. The woman had only just managed to jump out of the way and was fortunately hit only on the shoulder, however, she spent three hours in the hospital suffering from shock and minor injuries. Even though Holer left the scene (ie: hit and run) he has not yet been charged with any offense by Niagara Region Police, despite evidence (skid marks, the damaged side mirror to the truck, the injuries done to the protester) and pressure from witnesses and the victim.

In Niagara Falls, allegedly spitting at security is a criminal offense (hence Steve Hindi's assault charge) but if you're a millionaire responsible for bringing in hundreds of thousands of dollars in tourist money to the region, you can run people down with impunity and expect to never be charged.

Anyone interested in helping with the activist's legal defense fund can send donations to the Animal Liberation Collective, c/o CSA, Level 2 UC, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Checks or money orders can be made out to "CSA". Please be sure to indicate that the funds are to be used for legal defense purposes. For more information, please write to the Animal Liberation Collective at the above address. Thank you for your support!

Knott's Trial Update

BUENA PARK, CA -- Meanwhile, down in Southern California, 2 activists (a mother and daughter team) were about to face trial for their part in a protest against dolphin captivity at Knott's Berry Farm. Gina Lynn and her mother, Sherry Trapp, (along with three others) were arrested after chaining themselves to the dolphin tank, effectively canceling two dolphin shows that day.

Both activists were found guilty after a lengthy trial which generated lots of media attention and educated judge and jury as to the plight of the dolphin prisoners. After both Mother and Daughter informed the judge that they would not accept probation (!), Trapp (convicted of trespassing) was sentenced to 100 hours of community service and Lynn (convicted of trespassing and resisting arrest) was sentenced to 250 hours of community service and a $300 fine.

The pair are scheduled to appear in court again January 3 when Lynn's refusal to pay the fine may land her in jail (again).

Good Sam, Bad Sam

LC's Campaign Against Vivisection

PORTLAND, OR -- Dr. Jane MacPherson, a researcher employed by Good Samaritan Hospital who is conducting invasive experiments on cats through the RS Dow Neurological Sciences Institute in Portland, Oregon undoubtedly wishes that the Liberation Collective did not exist. The cats that are locked in cages at that facility and who are repeatedly having their inner ears drilled would probably have a different opinion of the activists if they were aware of the campaign that LC has begun against their torturer.

Since the first rally in April, that began in a neighborhood park and continued in a march down the busy streets of Northwest Portland that lead to the hospital, LC has used numerous tactics to get the attention of the institution, as well as to tug at the heartstrings of the local community.

The demonstrations have seen many diverse faces...well dressed neighborhood residents in Italian leather shoes, punk kids clad in black with studs and anarchy symbols adorning their jackets, mainstream student types, young children holding the hands of their parents and nearly every type of person in between. Each month new participants come out after reading about the research that is posted on nearly every phone pole in the city of Portland, thanks to the dutiful LC activists who spend almost every waking hour consumed with fighting for the cats locked within the walls of Good Sam and oppressed animals everywhere.

In all, seven demonstrations have been held, two that ended with a march up to the researcher's home in the West hills that overlook the hospital. Activists have collected over 1,200 signatures from community members concerned that such exploitation is happening merely blocks from where they live, 35 huge banners have been hung from city overpasses during rush hour traffic, radio interviews have been conducted and graphic footage of cat research have been played on local news programming. However, after being ignored by the researcher and her sponsoring institutions for six months, LC was forced to elevate it's fight against Good Samaritan Hospital.

On October 29th, eleven activists took over the corporate offices of the Legacy Health System's feline research program, the company that has the power to stop the needless suffering of these cats. At 10:00 am the morning of the demonstration, before the corporate executives had really settled into their business meetings, members of LC stormed the building and locked down. One activist used an extending ladder to climb up to the roof of the building in order to hang a banner that depicted a cat behind bars and the words, "Sacrificing Our Freedom For Theirs." Six other activists marched right into the front lobby and sat down locking themselves together using lock boxes while three others locked to the back and front gates using Kryptonite bicycle locks. In a show of solidarity, one of the support activists chose to sit down at the front door directly next to one of the locked participants.

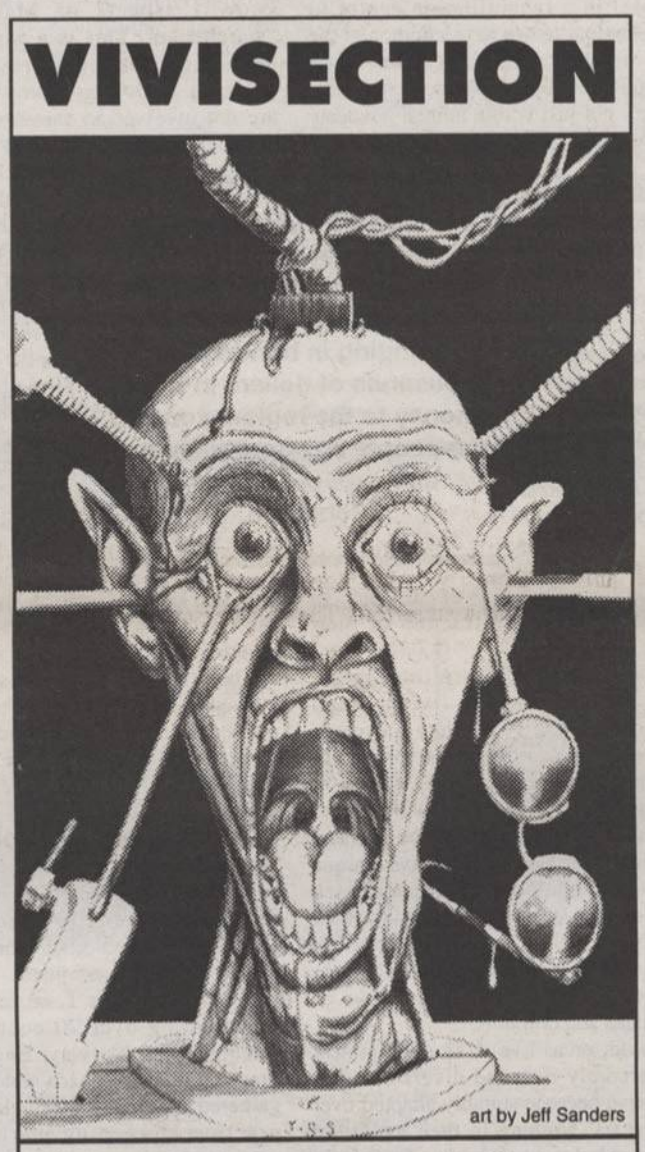
After nearly two hours of protests and chanting, the police and members of the fire department finally called an end to the protest by cutting the activists free and placing them under arrest. Each activist was charged with criminal trespassing and criminal mischief and is scheduled for trial in late December.

To be sure, Liberation Collective has only begun and if Dr. Jane MacPherson wishes to continue her research and the torture and mutilation of cats then she will need to be prepared to face the public scrutiny and outrage that LC has worked so hard to bring about.

Vivisector Visits: Making An Impact

Vivisection has always been one of the hardest issues to campaign against. Most vivisection is government funded so people can't "boycott" it unless they are willing to risk arrest for tax evasion; The public have been mislead by the slick, glossy propaganda of our opponents that says animal research works; and many institutions that partake in vivisection can easily ignore public outcry because they continue to get white coat welfare from capitol hill. And to them, as long as the money rolls in, who cares what the people think? However, vivisection is far from invincible and we must find its weak spots and attack.

Vivisection protests often consist of pickets outside of a monolithic brick and concrete building that looks as strong as fort knox. During these protests, the sadists of



How Does it Make YOU Feel?

science sit smugly in the building, protected by their fortress. They can easily ignore the protest and continue their butchery, although sometimes they will come to the windows to joke with their colleagues about us.

Now, the protest might help educate some people if it gets media coverage, and it certainly is better than doing nothing, but by and large, you have to ask yourself, *what can we do to be more effective?*

One possible answer is "micro-targeting." Instead of targeting the "institution," you reduce your focus to the smallest possible component. In this case, that would mean an individual vivisector.

Let's face it, the animals never get a break, so why should those people who imprison, mutilate, and murder animals get one? We need to stop protesting outside of the torture labs, and start protesting the vivisectors homes! They need to be held personally accountable for their barbarity.

Print up literature specific to the vivisector you target. Be sure to include their home and work address, phone and fax number on it. Distribute this literature to their neighbors. Hold vigils and protests outside of their home. Get photographs of the vivisector to use on any literature, posters, or t-shirts you make up. Circulate the posters and literature everywhere.

If you do this, you can bet that the vivisectors will now sit up and take notice. And these protests won't just impact the targeted vivisector, but all of them and the institution as well. Because once one vivisector is intensely targeted, the other vivisectors start wondering if they will be next, and they clamor to the higher-ups to "do something about those protesters!" The institution then needs to take measures to ease their researchers concerns. This typically included increasing security, which ups their costs. However, increasing security at work does nothing to allay the paranoid fears of the vivisectors because they are being targeted at their homes! So the vivisection institution needs to protect their homes or risk alienating their workers.

All of this has happened at the University of Minnesota, where concerned citizens have protested the home of Marilyn Carroll -- a researcher who starves primates to 85% of their body weight and addicts them to cocaine, PCP and other drugs using food rewards. One day after the home protest the Institutional Officer for the Animal Care and Use Program e-mailed a message to the deans, faculty, directors, department heads, chancellors and the President of the University warning them about "animal rights activity" (see *University E-mail* on the next page) Later an e-mail was sent explaining their increased security measures (see *E-mail Update: Security Measures Taken* on the next page). Obviously, these vivisector visits have made an impact!

And because vivisectors like to play victim, they often exaggerate or make up ludicrous claims about what protesters have done. On e-mails posted on vivisection list-servers, it has been claimed that activists "egged" her home (I would assume with egg-replacer), threatened to burn down her house, and -- I kid you not -- *kill her dog!* Despite the fact that these allegations are untrue, they have been circulated far and wide both inside and outside of the University. These rumors inevitably filter down to the up-and-coming medical students, influencing them to steer clear of becoming a vivisector, instead opting to join a less controversial field.

Micro-targeting individual vivisectors at their home and work is one of the most effective ways to combat vivisection. It takes little effort, but it affects the vivisector, their institution, and discourages potential vivisectors. I hope all activists add this tactic to their arsenal so that one day the labs will be emptied!

VIVISECTOR PROFILE

Vivisector: Marilyn Carroll Santi
Victims: Rhesus monkeys and rats used in drug addiction experiments.
Cost to Taxpayers: Over $4 million
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Office Phone: (612) 626-6289 or (612) 624-8935
Fax: (612) 624-8935
E-mail: mcarroll@maroon.tc.umn.edu
Employer: Nils Hasselmo, President's Office, University of Minnesota, 202 Morrill Hall, Church St., Minneapolis, MN 55455. ph: (612) 626-1616.

A Vivisector's Restraining Order against 6 activists, SOAR, and the A.L.F. (!)

I, being sworn on oath state that:

1. I am the petitioner of this action. I am a professor of psychiatry at the University of Minnesota and I engage in research on drug abuse funded by the Federal government which involves the use of animals. this affidavit is given in support of my petition under Minn Stat. 609.748.

2. Pursuant to Minn Stat § 609. subd. 1, the above respondents have committed the following acts of harassment (the most recent incidents being listed first) by engaging in targeted residential picketing at my home and committing repeated, intrusive and unwanted acts, words and gestures intended to adversely affect the safety, security and privacy of me and my family:

a. On October 31, 1996, 6-8 animal rights protesters knocked on our door, which was answered by my 17 year old daughter. The protesters distributed fliers attached as exhibits A and B which identified their involved organizations as the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) and the Student Organization for Animal Rights (SOAR). They carried signs protesting my research activities. One of their signs is attached as exhibit C, which is in the form of a tombstone and states: "You will never R.I.P. Marilyn the Vivisector." The protesters shouted at my daughter repeatedly saying that your mother kills animals. My daughter called me and I came to the door to tell the protesters to leave. One protester tried to take a photo of me. As I turned away and walked back into the interior of my home, the protesters chanted, "Marilyn, come here, we want to talk to you; stop killing animals." My husband then came to the door to tell the protesters to leave. They asked him if he enjoys torturing animals [Mr. Santi is also a vivisector!] He responded by asking one of the male protesters why he was covering his face with a black cloth. The protester said because he was a member of the A.L.F.. [The person was dressed as an A.L.F. activist for Halloween, and stated so, he did not say he was a member of the A.L.F.] Then another male in the crowd said something about burning the house down. My husband said, "excuse me, what did you say?" The protester stated that the pumpkins were smoking and if we weren't careful the pumpkins might burn the house down. We considered this a threat and felt very intimidated and harassed by the actions of the protesters. [One of their pumpkins was actually on fire, and the warning was sincere] In addition, they disrupted our Halloween celebration by interfering with the trick or treat activities of the neighborhood children. We called the police, who arrived just as the protesters were driving away form our house in two cars. The police stopped the vehicles within a block of our house for driving the wrong way on a one-way street. They issued a traffic citation and identified some of the protesters. The police report is attached as exhibit D.

b. On October 8, 1996 at approximately 5:30 p.m., my family returned home from one of my children's extracurricular activities. Several protesters were standing in our driveway caring large signs about 2 by 3 feet and a painted sheet/sign protesting my research activities. There was a large group of about ten neighborhood children in our yard in age from 3 to 17. My neighbor across the street had called the police while we were away to complain that the protesters were harassing the children, making comments such as "your neighbor kills animals." The protesters also had distributed flyers to the children, attached as exhibit B, which identified their organization as SOAR. The police arrived at my home approximately the same time we did and identified the protesters. A copy of the police report is attached as exhibit E.

c. Earlier in the day on October 8, 1996, at about 8 a.m., there were 7 to 9 protesters standing at the foot of our driveway carrying large signs (about 2' by 3') and a painted sheet/sign protesting my research activities. They rang our doorbell but we did not answer the door. We called the police because we needed to leave the house to take my youngest child to school and go to work ourselves, but we did not wish to drive through the protesters blocking our driveway. The protesters left flyers at our house identifying their organization as Student Organization for Animal Rights. A copy of the flyer is attached as exhibit B. Once the police arrived, they informed the protesters that their actions were violating a Mahtomedi City ordinance and the protesters dispersed. A copy of the ordinance is attached as exhibit G. The actions of the protesters delayed our departure from home, causing me to be late for a meeting at work.

d. On the first day of school at the University of Minnesota, September 26, 1996, about 5 animal rights protesters came to my laboratory in Diehl Hall. They carried a video camera and attempted to record activities in the laboratory. We were forced to lock the doors of the laboratory, computer room, and two animal rooms and shut down our research activities until the protesters left. They dispersed after being informed that the police had been called. I believe the protesters were associated with the Student Organization for Animal Rights, which earlier that day had sponsored a protest in front of the new Basic Science Building on the University campus. SOAR distributed flyers at that protest, attached as exhibit B, and carried large signs protesting animal research and identifying me as "vivisector of the month."

e. That same day on September 26, 1996, I received a telephone call in the afternoon from a young woman who did not identify herself. She said she did not like what I was doing to my animals and stated, "how would you like it if you were killed like you are killing your research animals." She asked whether our family had a pet and when I indicated that we have a dog, she made another statement to the effect, "how would you like it if you and your dog were killed like you are killing your research animals." Because this incident occurred on the same day as the protest sponsored by SOAR, and the woman sounded like a young person, I believe she was affiliated with SOAR.

3. based on this affidavit, I request that an ex parte temporary restraining order be issued granting the following relief: Respondents shall be prohibited from engaging in residential picketing within a 200 yard radius of petitioner's home and further shall be enjoined from any communication with Petitioner, in person, over the telephone, via written correspondence or electronic mail.

Marilyn Carroll Santi -- November 4, 1996

University E-mail: Animal Rights Activity

To: Multiple recipients of list <tmed-fac@lenti.med.umn.edu>
Subject: ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVITY
Date: Fri, 11 Oct 1996

TO: Academic Health Center Deans
Academic Health Center Faculty
Academic Health Center Directors
Academic Health Center Department Heads
University of Minnesota Chancellors

FROM: Richard W. Bianco,
Institutional Official for the Animal Care and Use Program

University of Minnesota researchers are experiencing an increase in harassment from animal rights activists. These incidents include distribution of inflammatory flyers, threatening phone calls, and picketing of private residences.

This institution supports the ethical conduct of research involving animals. The University of Minnesota will continue to do everything possible to ensure the protection of our personnel and our programs.

Incidents of harassment or any suspicious activity surrounding animal research, teaching or service should be reported immediately to University of Minnesota Police at [612] 624-3550. Any incident occurring at a private residence should be reported to the local law enforcement authority and relayed to University police.

Any concerns or questions may be directed to Richard Bianco at [612] 625-5914 (bianc001@maroon.tc.umn.edu), or Moira Keane, (miora@ortta.umn.edu), Director of Research Subject's Protection Programs at [612] 626-5654.

We are asking your assistance in increasing general awareness of these matters. Please communicate these current incidents and the reporting plans to laboratory and support personnel in your area.

C: President Nils Hasselmo
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

E-Mail Update: Security Measures Taken

Since my last memorandum describing increased animal rights activity, additional incidents have occurred, again directed at a specific faculty member.

On the evening of October 31, 1996 several members of the Student Organization for Animal Rights (SOAR) visited a faculty members home located in a suburban community. Accompanying this group was an individual wearing a black face mask who identified himself as a member of the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.). Several serious threats were directed at this faculty member and family, which included a threat to burn down their home.

The University has taken the following steps to address this immediate threat:

1. A temporary restraining order was granted through the local community court. This court order was directed at the Student Organization for Animal Rights (SOAR) and the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.). Several individuals were also specifically named. A hearing will be held on November 14 to determine the status of a permanent restraining order.

2. The University is provided private security service at the home of the faculty member.

3. Local law enforcement officials are providing increased surveillance of the area.

4. Additional security cameras have been installed in University laboratories, and at the home of the targeted faculty member.

We take seriously these threats against faculty and the animal care program. The University will take all legal measures to ensure the safety of our people and animals.

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We are asking again your assistance in increasing general awareness of these matters. Please communicate these current incidents and the reporting plans to laboratory and support personnel in your area.

Fur Wars Intensify!

A.L.F. Raids Close Two Fur Farms! $2.25 Million Dollar Blaze at Alaskan Fur!

BY JP GOODWIN

The A.L.F. has been very busy in the last few months, and this increase in action couldn't have been more timely. As we move into both the fur retail season, and the killing season on fur farms, underground activists are striking out, trying to stop as much of the suffering as possible.

A.L.F. cells have been attacking fur retailers with window smashing, paint bombs, and glued locks. Active cells have been creating headaches for furriers in Minneapolis, Washington, DC, New York City, and Dallas among others.

A communiqué from a Dallas group claimed that they had even sprayed muriatic acid (available at hardware stores) through a furrier's mail slot, and apparently doused the room.

Fur farms still continue to be the A.L.F.'s number one target, and with good reason. Demand from Asian countries is making fur farming profitable, very profitable. It is conceivable that we could destroy the retail fur industry in North America and Western Europe, but if growth continues at its current rate, China, Russia, and South Korea could consume enough fur within five years to keep fur farmers very busy.

There are some potholes in the road though. If there is a shortage of fur, and current demand cannot be met, then fur will not take off in those areas. If the fur farm industry is shut down by direct action then Asian demand will be irrelevant. There are about 450 mink farms in the US, along with a hundred or so small fox farms, and another hundred or so chinchilla farms. If the A.L.F. continues with an increased pace in 1997, then it will be interesting to see which fur farmers can remain in business.

It was reported last issue that the A.L.F. had raided the Jorney Mink Ranch in Alliance, OH. Justine Jorney is the president of the Ohio Mink Breeders Association, and the A.L.F. is gunning for her. Her farm was raided again on Sept. 28th, and this time 8,000 mink were released. News footage claimed that this farm was struggling to survive after the second raid. Mink were seen several cities away, doing just fine. This farm is three times bigger than the average mink ranch, and its collapse would be a major victory for animal liberation.

The A.L.F. carried out 6 raids in Oct. On Oct. 2 the A.L.F. attacked the Paul Westwood Fur Farm in Salem, UT. 1,500 mink were released and breeding records were destroyed.

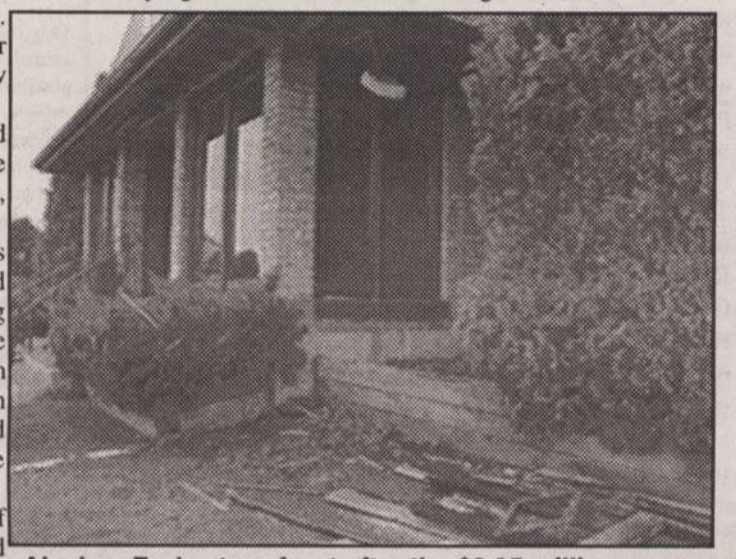
Moving quickly to the New England area, the A.L.F. attacked the Gauthier Fur Farm in Lindboro, NH. 35 fox and 10 mink were released, and property was damaged. A local news station did an interview with a disguised individual (voice over, etc.) who claimed to be in the A.L.F.. Killing footage from fur farms was shown on the news, along with the interview. This led to more public education than could ever be accomplished with letter writing or passing out flyers.

On October 11 the A.L.F. made a second raid on Carmel Mink ranch in Hinsdale, MA. The Carmels had installed infra-red security beams which shot out over the tops of the cages. When a cage was opened, the current was broken, and presumably an alarm would be set off somewhere. The A.L.F. went to work anyway, opening 75 cages before the farmer came out and chased them off.

The next fur farm raid occurred on October 23rd in Lebanon, OR. Arnold Krohl lost 2,000 mink in a raid that made major headlines throughout the state. A.L.F. cells in Oregon have already forced the Oregon State University Experimental Mink Farm and Malecky Mink Ranch out of business. Hopefully they will continue the tradition and shut the last 27 OR mink farms down.

Just a day later the A.L.F. was in Utah for the fifth time. During the early morning hours of Oct. 25th the A.L.F. raided the Reese fur farm, and released 2,000 mink and 200 fox. It began to appear as if Utah, which has more fur farms than any other state, would set the tone for the battle over fur farms in the coming years.

Newspapers have stated that some Utah ranchers are sleeping in their trucks with shotguns cradled in their arms. Those who are in bed at night are so paranoid that the slightest noise has them jumping up and running outside. Some farms have put up heavy duty electric fencing, and installed flood lights. I guess this was to put the finishing touches on their concentration camp appearance. Others have security dogs, security guards, and/or hourly patrols. Either way, the A.L.F. has proven that they will by-pass all of this, and free the animals, one way or another.



Alaskan Fur's store-front after the $2.25 million arson.

The campaign continued with another repeat attack at the Bennett Fur Farm in Victor, NY. This time the A.L.F. had to cut down 3 perimeter fences to gain access to the compound. This was a huge mink ranch until the A.L.F. targeted them last April. Now the A.L.F. states that they had 40 or 50 empty sheds, and the group could only find a small number of fox. 46 of these fox were liberated, and breeding records were destroyed, before an incoming security truck forced them to evacuate.



A dumpster is dropped off to pick up the after-the-fire refuse.

Perhaps one of the most devastating anti-fur actions taken by the A.L.F. was on November 12th at the Alaskan Fur Co., a retailer in the Minneapolis suburb of Bloomington, MN. Someone threw an incendiary device through the window, destroying the first floor of this two story furrier. $2.25 million in damage was done.

At this point, the A.L.F. has not claimed the action, but most people suspect that it was anti-fur militants. Alaskan Fur Co. had been targeted for spray painting, etc. in years past. After the news reported the fire, the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade sent out a press release supporting the attack. This led to a media feeding frenzy. All 4 Minneapolis stations ran it as the top story, and one even showed fur farm footage as well. CAFT members did several radio interviews and debates, and there was extensive news coverage in Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers.

Marsha Kelly of Fur Commission USA refused to directly debate a CAFT representative, and then spent most of her airtime talking about meat and vivisection, etc. This falls in line with her statement to Fur Rancher magazine in the Fall of 1992. At that time she claimed that the fur industry must direct attention to other, more accepted forms of animal exploitation. "It is not in our best interest to focus on ourselves" she said. I wonder why that would be?

The fur trade claimed to be on a rebound, but we shall see what really happens. So long as the A.L.F. maintains constant pressure, it is safe to say that many will feel it is a wise business decision to leave the fur industry.

Pro-Animal Ballot Initiatives Get Mixed Results

On election day numerous states ran ballot initiatives pertaining to hunting and trapping.

Massachusetts and Colorado passed laws banning trapping. Those are the first two states to completely ban fur trapping.

Massachusetts also banned the use of bait and hounds for bear hunting, and repealed the requirement that the DNR be made up of hunters.

Washington banned the use of bait for bear hunting and the use of dogs for hunting bear, mountain lion, lynx, and bobcat.

Alaska banned land and shoot hunting of wolves and will hopefully stop any future wolf control plans in that state.

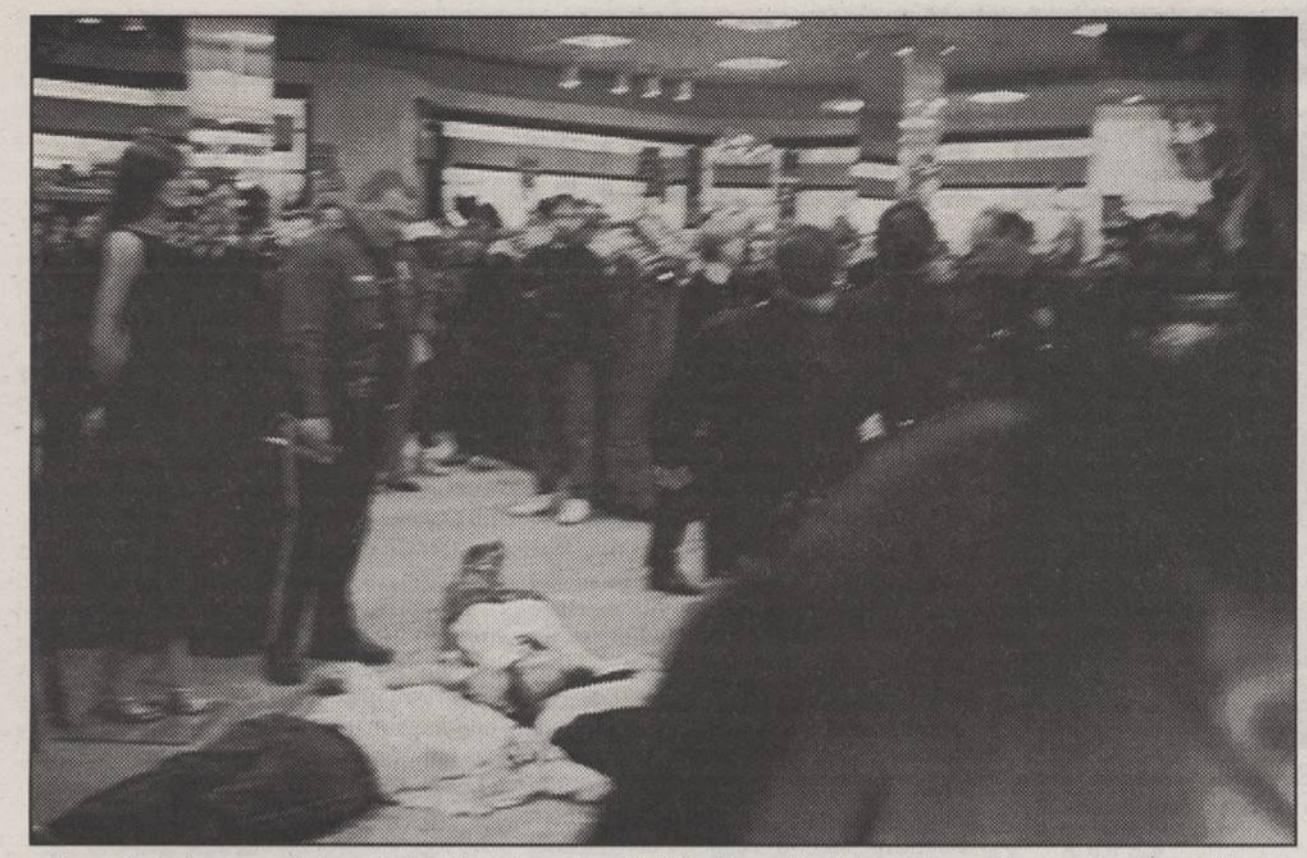
In Oregon we defeated a hunter sponsored initiative to repeal all wildlife initiatives ever passed and give exclusive management control to the hunter dominated Fish and Game Dept.

While we achieved those victories we did lose on initiatives to ban bear baiting and the use of hounds to hunt bear in Idaho and Michigan.

The trapping bans couldn't have come at a more crucial time. The number of trappers will increase this year, as fur prices are higher because of fur demand in the Far East. It would be a major mistake to move away from trapping issues now that we have built up some momentum, but that is exactly what some plan to do. If wild caught fur catches on in the Far East, before we take trapping out everywhere, then the trappers will have a lot more money to use against us. It is ridiculous that trapping is still legal in the US. 79% of the general public supports a trapping ban, but some groups that sponsor these initiatives would rather move on towards other things like dog fighting, etc. I hate dog fighting, but trapping causes millions more to suffer and die each year.

CAFT urges all groups involved in legislation to take a serious look at anti-trapping possibilities. We can provide assistance and resources to anyone interested.

• JP Goodwin is the Executive Director of CAFT. He can be reached at CAFT, PO Box 822411, Dallas, TX 75382;



A confused cop watches three New Jersey activists disrupt a Macy's fur salon on Fur Free Friday

CAFT Distribution

Jaws of Steel by Thomas Eveland **$8**
This anti-trapping book refutes all pro-trapping claims.

Fur Farming in Finland **$2**
Seventy percent of the worlds fox farms are in Finland, and this booklet describes the conditions of the animals in these farms.

Living with Beavers **$3**
This booklet outlines non-lethal beaver control methods, and the environmental benefits of having a strong beaver population.

Memories of Freedom **$5**
This book, by the Western Wildlife Cell of the Animal Liberation Front, tells the story of Operation Bite Back, their campaign to destroy the research and development arm of the fur farm industry.

No Blood for Vanity (bumper stickers) **$2**

The Final Nail **$2**
This A.L.F. publication lists the addresses of hundreds of fur farms and explains different methods of sabotaging the fur industry.

***No Compromise* issue #3 or #4** **$2**
This back issue contains the good stuff you expect from NC.

***Underground* issue #5** **$3**
Published by the North American A.L.F. Supporters Group, this issue contains a world-wide Diary of Action on the A.L.F., news on the Justice Department, prisoner support information, and in-depth coverage on the situation with Rod Coronado

The Holland Reports **$10**
This is a collection of reports presented to the parliament in Holland shortly before they banned fox farming.

The Fur Industry: An Environmental Nightmare **$3**
This CAFT report details the environmental destruction caused by the fur industry.

Send orders and donations to:

Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade
PO Box 822411, Dallas, TX 75382

Please include your full address when ordering!

Ninety-Nine Arrests on Fur Free Friday

Coordinated actions nationwide led to the arrest of 99 activists as they blockaded entrances, disrupted operations, and barricaded the parking lots of retailers that sell animal skins. Most locations targeted Federated stores like Macy's or Lazarus, while those areas without Federated stores targeted local furriers.

The New York City action had by far the most arrests -- it accounting for over one-third of the total arrests nationwide. However, this is appropriate as New York is the largest fur market in the United States.

Below is a summary of the arrests across the nation:

New York, NY: **34** arrests at Fendi and Revillon
Indianapolis, IN: **14** arrests at Lazarus
San Francisco, CA: **11** arrests at Macy's
Cincinnati, OH: **5** arrests at Sak's
Seattle, WA: **5** arrests at Bon Marché
Philadelphia, PA: **4** arrests at Ferber Furs
San Diego, CA: **4** arrests at Macy's
Austin, TX: **4** arrests at Koslow Furs
Syracuse, NY: **4** arrests at Georgio's Furs and Bonwit Teller.
Dallas, TX: **4** arrests at Macy's.
Eatontown, NJ: **3** arrests at Macy's.
Charlotte, NC : **2** arrests.
Washington, DC: **2** arrests at Miller's Furs.
Minneapolis, MN: **2** arrests at Macy's.
Orlando, FL: **1** arrest.

Brutal Police Land 3 Fur Protesters in Hospital

By Julia Wilczynski

PHILADELPHIA, PA -- Over 30 militant animal rights activist picketed and chanted in front of Ferber Furs for more than four hours on Fur Free Friday. Early in the morning three activist walked into the store entrance where they U-locked their necks together and sat back to back, completely blocking the only customer entrance of the store. Media was there before the activist even locked down.

After about 20 minutes police showed up but did nothing for another half hour. The police had no equipment with them to cut the activists loose. The chief of police was new on the job and did not know it was dangerous to lift the activists up by their feet and throw them in the paddy wagon. Because they were lifted by their feet all the weight was put on their necks. One activist was screaming he couldn't breathe.

Also during a mini-riot in the street between police and activists a fourth person was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. The three CDers were rushed to the hospital where they were told they all had whiplash, one had a bloody nose and was putt on medication for neck spasms. Meanwhile, two other activists were threatened with arrest for chasing a fur wearer down the street. All activists were released immediately.

This Philadelphia action got media coverage on four TV stations and one newspaper including Headline News. This was only the second CAFT demo in Philly. The group is planning a demo every Sunday up to Christmas and then in the next year some home demos.

Ed note: Other protesters also experienced brutality. Activists at the San Francisco action were beaten by security guards. In Orlando, Florida Avery Olson had her head pummeled into a wall by police. New York City activists suffered cuts and burns from the circular saws used to cut through their lock-boxes. Remember to always videotape protests to help prevent violence and, in cases where people are injured, to have evidence for lawsuits.

Julia Wilczynski, the CAFT Philadelphia contact can be reached via email at: caft@omni.voicenet.com

Anti-Fur Protester Endures 9 Days of Jail on Hunger-Strike

ORLANDO, FL -- Fur Free Friday protester Avery Osbourne spent nine-days in jail on hunger-strike after having her head slammed into the wall by police, and then getting arrested. Jailers told *No Compromise* Avery was charged with "resisting arrest without violence" and a felony charge of "battery." Although we wondered how exactly a person "non-violently batters" someone, the inconsistent charges did not seem to bother the jailers.

Of course, the battery charge is totally bogus and the police added it in an attempt to cover their backside. Police typically add a battery-type charge in an attempt to justify their brutality, or to leverage the arrestee into not taking legal action against the police in exchange for them dropping the charge.

Luckily, other protesters videotaped the police pounding Avery's head into the wall and made the footage available to media at a news conference. Avery was released from jail on the ninth day of her hunger strike after a friend paid her $1,000 bail.

Fur Free Friday in New Jersey

By Amy Halbohm

EATONTOWN, NJ -- On Friday, November 29, 1996, Mike, Dari and I locked down in front of the Macy's fur salon in the Monmouth Mall.

For only a week, we practiced and planned, and seemed to pull it off rather well considering our time restraints. The lock-down was only brought up as an idea shortly before Fur Free Friday, so we had to act fast.

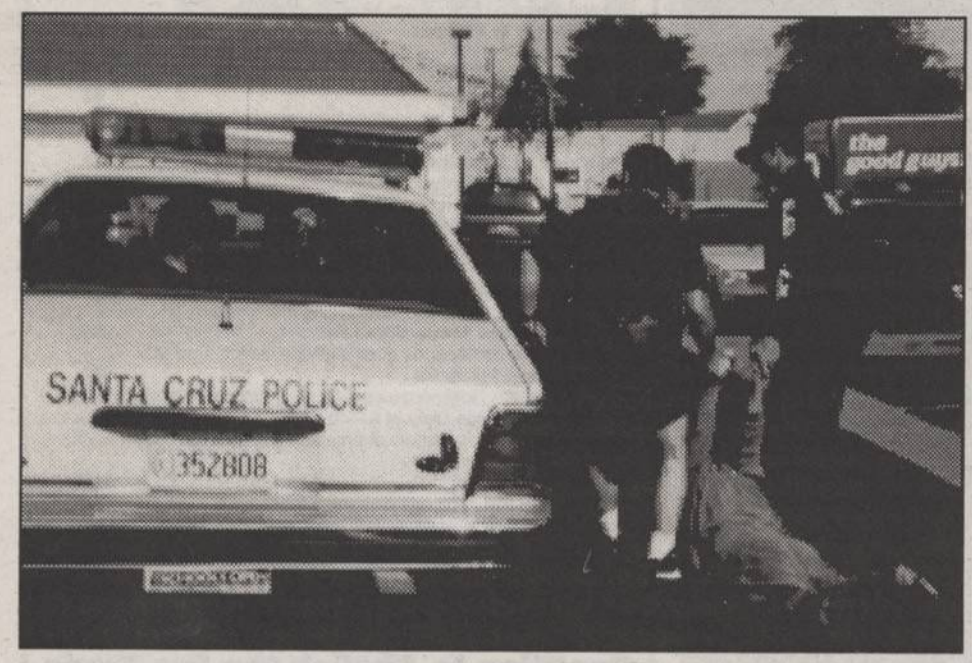
Thinking that we'd have four people to do the action, I bought four locks, assuming that would have been enough if we linked them together in a certain way. We figured it would be harder for us to be cut apart if we didn't have a separate U-lock to link us all together. Luckily (sort of), we ended up with only the three of us, and realized we'd need all four to lock down.

We got standard U-locks made by Schwinn for about $20 a piece, but scraped off the brand name before we went so as not to advertise for the company, had we gotten on TV.....which we didn't. We found these locks to be inadequate. The police couldn't cut them with regular bolt cutters, but when the fire department got to the scene, they needed only to use larger bolt cutters and we were out.

But before I continue, let me say that we practiced so well that we made it to the floor within five seconds. What we did was that we had about 30 other protesters who would be doing a protest on that floor of the mall simultaneously. I gave Janine a signal to start chanting by bending down to tie my shoe. This would create a diversion while we got our locks into place. Lest we forget, Billy was there to hold out the middle lock while we all locked onto it.

So, after being cut from each other, we were taken to police cars in handcuffs. Our support people (the protesters) cheered us on as we were hauled off, and followed us to the station. There, we answered identity questions and such, and got our fingerprints and mug shots taken. All the while at the station, we were allowed to walk around in the room where we were getting processed, which meant they weren't really afraid of us. I don't know if that's good or bad.

Finally, we were released after about an hour and no talk of bail. Our court date is scheduled for January 9, 1996 at 11am at the Eatontown Municipal Court. We will be refusing fines and probation, so if we don't get community service, we will hunger strike in jail. We'll be sure to let you know how it turns out.



Police drag an arrested activist to the squad car at a McDonalds protest in Santa Cruz. Police took another activist to the hospital after giving her a concussion.

McDeath Disruption

SANTA CRUZ, CA -- Having just recovered from a month of back-to-back actions, ARDAC-SF decided to throw a last minute action together at a Santa Cruz McDonald's as part of the national day of action against the McMurderers. Although we were only able to get 10 people together at the last minute, we felt we had an excellent chance of taking McDonald's out for the entire day, if not longer.

Our initial plan was to have 2 activists lock down on the roof of the McDonald's unfurling a banner, while the rest of the activists stormed inside. Of those on the inside some were going to lock down while others would unload as much of the cow manure we were carrying with us into the food preparation areas (i.e.. the broilers, and anywhere else we could stuff it). Then we had planned to have an activist call the department of health complaining of the cow manure everywhere, and making sure that everything was properly cleaned and sanitized before they resumed selling food.

Unfortunately our plan went awry when a police officer showed up at the McDonald's just as our two activists climbed onto the roof. Running to the other side of the building they quickly hung the banner and were attempting to lock down when police officers arrived on the roof and arrested them. As the two activists went limp, one was kicked while the other was brutally dragged across the roof and slammed into a piece of metal; she would leave the protest in an ambulance as the result of the concussion she received while in the hands of the police.

While all of the commotion was occurring on the roof, another police car had arrived and stopped all of the activists still in the parking lot. A few managed to break free, running into the McDonald's. One used a lockbox to lock himself to a counter, while the other activists sat down and began chanting. Eventually all of us were removed from the restaurant, except for the one activist still locked down inside. One woman who refused to leave was arrested and put in a police car.

Meanwhile the crowd had grown hostile. Many McDonald's customers hovered outside threatening to beat us up and, in one case, stab the activists as they protested. Not only did the police do nothing to quell the level of imminent violence, they added to it by joking with the patrons and giving them high-fives as they threatened and insulted us.

On the inside of the restaurant we could see that the activist who had locked down was surrounded by people who were trying to shove hamburgers and the like in his face. Once again the police stood by doing nothing but laughing and joking with them. One activist ran in to try and help the man but was arrested and dragged completely by the hair into an awaiting police car. Eventually the two activists were pulled down off the roof by the fire department and arrested as well, one being put into a police car and the other into an ambulance. The police then were forced to cut apart a piece of a counter to remove the man who had locked to it.

While the action did not turn out the way we had planned, it was still positive in that we were able to get out our message and disrupt business at one of the busiest times of the day. At one point the McDonald's was actually locked up and closed down while they attempted to figure out what to do. We received a moderate amount of media and certainly found that, while not supportive of us, we had struck a nerve among the public.

We'll be back.

Rooftop Demos

Tackling the Multinational Meat Grinder

In the past, when there was an important message to get to the people, a town crier would yell the information from the top of a building to the people below. Today, we have an important message to get out about how McDonalds is butchering animals, destroying the environment, contributing to world hunger, exploiting its workers, and trying to silence free speech. And like the town criers of the past, we should be yelling this message from the rooftops -- and what better rooftops to yell from, than those of McSlaughter?

This year, on the Worldwide Day of Action Against McDonalds (October 16), scores of protests occurred across the nation and around the world. But in both Santa Cruz and Minneapolis, activists did rooftop demos!

At the Minneapolis protest, four activists did a "human octopus" on top of the roof while over a dozen other activists on the ground chanted in support. At one time, protesters counted seventeen police, fire-fighters, and McDonald's employees and managers standing on the roof trying to figure out what to do. Two fire trucks, half a dozen police cruisers, and media vans (one which drove their satellite antenna into the electrical wires, temporarily knocking out power) were all on site to add to the confusion. It took the authorities two hours to saw through the protester's u-locks and remove them from the roof. The rooftop demo received extensive local coverage and was featured on CNN -- making those protesters pretty good town criers.

Considering the effectiveness of these protest, there should be more rooftop demos at McDonalds. McDeath buildings are perfect for rooftop demos -- most are free standing, single story buildings that can easily be climbed with the aid of a latter or the pipes and gutters attached to its sides. McMurder's low security also makes it easy to take over the roof before anyone notices, and the roofs are such that it is hard to fall off of them.

The roof-top demos could be even more successful if the door allowing access to the roof was blocked. If the door had been padlocked closed or in some way blocked, the police would have had to scale the walls or use a cherry picker to even get up there -- further frustrating the attempts to remove the activists. And considering the looks of those cops, it is doubtful that three *fourths of them could have* made it onto the roof.

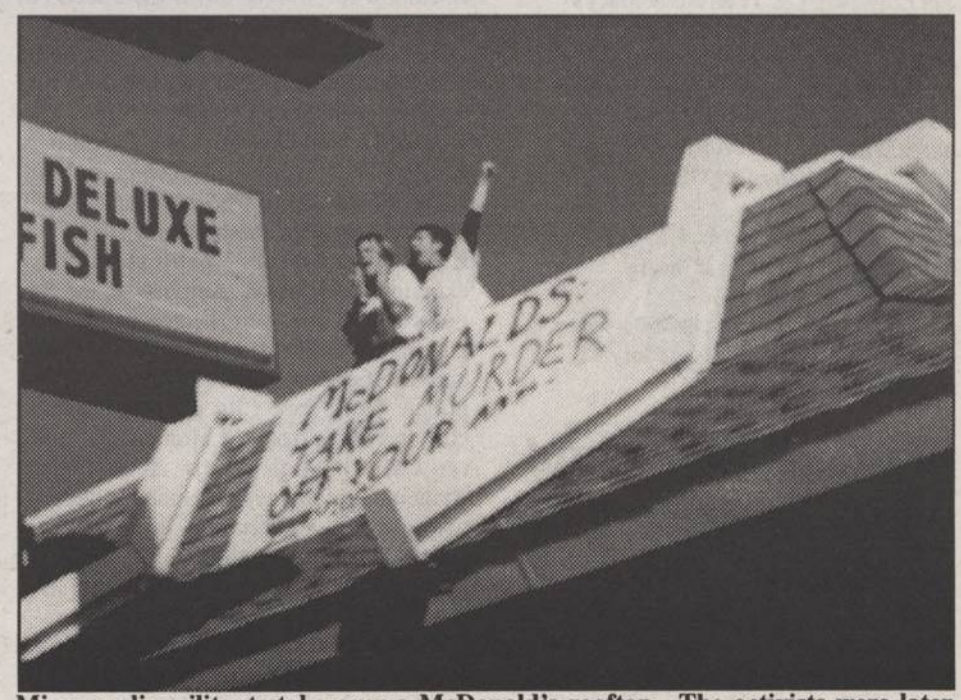
If rooftop demos against McDonalds were more frequent, I wonder what McProfits would do to try and prevent them -- add more security? change their building design? or just give up and suffer through them? It would be interesting to find out.

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Minneapolis militants take over a McDonald's rooftop. The activists were later maced, arrested, and jailed overnight before being released at arraignment.

Indy Activist Jailed for 12 Days

INDIANAPOLIS, IN -- Sixteen year old liberationist Tony Wong was arrested on Fur Free Friday and jailed for 12 days during which time he refused to eat. Although he was arrested with 13 other activists, he was the only one to not be released on his own recognizance. Instead, Magistrate Julie Carmel decided to hold him in jail until his trial which would be after Christmas.

Some suspect Cartmel's vendetta against Tony stems from his writing her a polite letter stating he would not accept probation as he felt it violated his civil liberties. He wrote this after being convicted of charges stemming from another civil disobedience action for animals of which he partook. Other activists suspect Cartmel's actions might be racially motivated as Tony was the only minority among the 14 activist arrested.

Jailers stripped Tony to his underwear and locked him in solitary where it was quite cold. The lights were kept on around the clock making it hard for him to sleep.

The flood of calls to the jail and the courts, as well as local demonstrations in support of Tony, helped get him out of solitary and into some clothes.

But five days into his jailing, Tony's father put him on complete phone restriction so he couldn't talk call other activists. Tony's father also hired a lawyer, Kevin McGoff, who was more interested in pleasing the Magistrate than helping Tony.

After the phone restriction went into effect, Tony did manage to get a message out showing his true spirit and commitment to the animals: "My father, mother and brother are worried and miss me, and frankly I feel the same..I miss family, you guys, friends, home, freedom, school, food, everything...it's getting harder each day to fight this, but I keep in mind the whole animal liberation movement is on my side especially the animals...that is what keeps me fighting..."

The message also talked about how the jailers threats: "I am being threatened with being sent to Wishard Hospital soon so they can intravenously pump nutrients into my bloodstream while handcuffed....the doctor says that is what will happen if I don't start eating...if they really wanted me to start eating, they'd let me out....my hands and feet are constantly uncomfortably cold...and I am getting real tired and trying to sleep when I can."

On the twelfth day, Tony was finally released from jail and place on home detention. Besides going to school and doing community service hours, he is not allowed to leave the house. He is also barred from having visitors or communicating with over a dozen Indiana activists. Letters of support for this courageous warrior can be sent to the ADL in Indianapolis.

Calls of protest can go to Magistrate Julie Cartmel at (317) 823-7476 and Cartmel's "Boss" Judge James W. Payne at (317) 924-4841.

Police Break Activist's Wrist

Four Wrongfully Arrested

SYRACUSE, NY -- On November 16th, police broke-up an impromptu and legal protest at Georgio's fur salon organized by the Syracuse Animal Defense League. Police threatened to arrest everyone on site for disorderly conduct if they did not disperse. Officers gave the protesters ten minutes to disperse.

After the time was up, the protesters started to leave. One woman who was leaving brushed the arm of an officer. He retaliated by violently pushing her to the ground. The women got up and asked for help from the other activists.

Joel and Alaina confronted the officer, asking for his name and badge number. The officer grabbed her wrist (which had an ace bandage on it because of a previous sprain) and forcefully twisted it behind her back. She was cuffed and arrested as well as Joel.

Andy Reed, who had videotaped the whole event was also arrested, along with another woman who tried to get his video camera before it was confiscated by the cops. All four activists were released either that night or the following morning after arraignment.

Recent X-rays taken after Alaina sprained her wrist had shown no broken bones, however an X-ray taken after being released from custody showed her wrist had been broken by the officer who violently wrenched her wrist. Legal action against the police planned.

You probably noticed that the activists were arrested for doing nothing. Thing in Syracuse are bad. The police are totally corrupt and have made harassing activists-- by visiting them at work and home, preventing legal protest, wrongful arrests, and physical violence --part of their daily routine. ADL wants to take action against the police, however they are in desperate needs of funds in order to make it work. Please make a generous donation to this dedicated, effective direct action organization.

The Struggle Continues...

Syracuse 3 Court Update

By Christopher Tarbell

SYRACUSE, NY -- David Agranoff, Nicole Rogers, and Christopher Tarbell, the three Animal Defense League Syracuse activists that were sentenced to jail time last August for fur protesting, are still immersed in the appeals process.

David was sentenced to 6 months in jail and a $1000 fine, Nicole received a 60 day sentence and a $500 fine, and Chris was slapped with 30 days in jail and a $500 fine, as well. Chris and Nicole performed an act of civil disobedience on February 17, 1996 at Georgio's Furs in Syracuse, NY. They, along with other local activists, chained themselves to the inner security gate at the store. They were charged with, and later convicted of, unlawful assembly and criminal trespass in the third degree. David was merely holding a sign and chanting with the other activists present and was arrested, charged with, and ultimately convicted of unlawful assembly and resisting arrest.

Recent developments in their case include Chris being denied a City of Syracuse appointed appellate attorney despite the fact all his money is tied up in college tuition payments. As a result, Chris has decided to conduct his own appeal. Nicole, who has decided to pay for the necessary trial transcript, allowing David and Chris to make copies of it free of charge, was told by a city court judge that she would not have to pay the originally designated amount of $2,300 for the transcript. This was due to the fact that she did not possess that sum of money in her savings account. The judge agreed to let Nicole pay the maximum sum she could afford in order to obtain the transcript. However, two weeks later, the judge decided to reverse his decision and has again set the price of the transcript at approximately $2,300.

Nicole and Chris have to file their appeals by December 4, 1996 or they will return to jail. Nicole has approximately 35 days remaining to serve and Chris has 12 days left to serve in jail. David must file his appeal at approximately the same time. He has not yet served any of his six month sentence. If anyone can be of financial assistance to these three activists in their fight against local police harassment and outrageous convictions, please write or send donations to: Animal Defense League, PO Box 6845, Syracuse, NY 13206.

Meet David Agranoff. In February, he was arrested while protesting at a fur store in Syracuse, NY. He was picked from the crowd of protestors by an irate officer who had a personal vendeta against him. Dave initially spent three days in jail for doing nothing more than standing on a public sidewalk. Although the arresting officer lied, repeatedly, while on the stand, a jury, comprised of hunters, fur wearers, and individuals sympathetic to the police, later found Dave guilty of resisting arrest and unlawful assembly. Dave was sentenced to 6 months in jail. Two other courageous activists were sentenced to 2 and 1 months, respectively, for similar charges. Dave has been released pending appeal, but if he does not win his appeal, he goes back to jail to continue this incredibly severe sentence. The two activists who remain in jail, Nicole Rogers and Chris Tarbell, are on a hunger strike and are refusing to pay bail or cooperate with the system, which punishes political activists and rewards animal abusers. This is why we fully understand that "*freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded...*"

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Wife Of Fur Store Owner Lies On The Stand

More Syracuse Court Update

By Christopher Tarbell

SYRACUSE, NY -- In the second trial in the last 4 months involving Animal Defense League activists, Bryan Pease was found guilty of criminal contempt of court, and not guilty of unlawful assembly. The court proceeding took place in mid-October. Bryan was arrested and charged with unlawful assembly on February 17,1996, at the same protest in which David Agranoff, Nicole Rogers, Christopher Tarbell, and others were jailed (see other Syracuse Court Update article).

In February, Bryan was exercising his right to free speech and right to protest by standing in front of Georgio's Furs in downtown Syracuse, NY holding a sign and chanting. As a result of his arrest, he was given a restraining order by the city court. While leafletting at Georgio's in late July 1996, Bryan was wrongfully accused by an employee of the store of violating his restraining order. The employee, who recognized Bryan and immediately called the police, claimed under oath in court that Bryan was, at some point during his leafletting activities, standing directly in front of the store's display window. A warrant for his arrest was filed, and two days later, at an ADL protest at the store, he was arrested.

As a defense witness, another ADL activist present that day, testified, at no time was Bryan within 50 ft. of the store. Judge William DeJoseph completely discounted this testimony, however, instead showing with his resulting ruling that he believed the employee of Georgio's Furs sworn statements were correct. Interestingly, there was no physical evidence with which to concretely prove that Bryan had in fact violated his restraining order. Furthermore, the terms of this order were quite unclear, as no specific distance was placed on it. Bryan was told to "stay away from Georgio's Furs, located on the 300 block of S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY." It is unclear how the defendant could have violated a restraining order that was so poorly written.

Bryan will return to court on November 27, 1996 for sentencing. A modified restraining order has been issued to him and will remain in effect for an, as of yet, undetermined period of time. The never-ending battle with the Syracuse city "justice" system continues....

Animal Rights Commentary

The Biggest Obstructionists of All

by Kim Chicchi

First of all, before I begin, I think that Merritt Clifton is the biggest obstructionist that the animal rights movement as a whole faces. However, at least from my own personal experience, the next biggest obstructionists I have faced are my parents. I think that the majority of the readers of *No Compromise* are in their teens and 20's; this means that most of us are still somewhat dependent on our parents.(some of us may still live at home, or we may need help paying for rent, college, etc).

Unfortunately, most of us weren't exactly "brought up" vegan, and that in and of itself might have caused some family tension, but from my own experience, once I took my activism a step further and started "risking arrest", my other problems seem trivial in comparison. If we as activists are to go ahead and defy our parents we may face many obstacles. Our parents may no longer help pay for our education, they may completely disown us, or they may simply make "coming home" a very unpleasant experience.

From my own point of view, I love my parents very much and I know they won't be around forever, so I don't want to cause them any pain., but at the same time how can I not "speak up" for the animals? This is where the true obstructing comes into play. We, as activists, often times have to choose between doing what we know is right for the animals, or upsetting our parents. It is by no means an easy decision to make.

Personally, I'm taking the easy way out of this situation and moving away for awhile, but this obviously isn't an option for everyone. Unfortunately, I don't think that I am alone in this struggle. If anyone else is experiencing the same problems, please contact me(preferably via email), as I think it would be great if those of us who are experiencing family problems because of our activism, and those people who have overcome these problems can network together and provide moral support for each other, because after all, if we can overcome "this" obstacle the real winners will, of course, be the animals.

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Support All Activists

By Bruce Friedrich

Hello, friends. I am inspired and awed by the admirable level of vigilance which is so clear on every page of you journal. Thank you.

My only concern is the occasional attitude of the people who say "All or Nothing". I definitely understand and support the people who decide that the animals must be liberated NOW (or the restaurants-of-doom must be closed NOW, etc.), and I find the level of commitment commendable which says "Once arrested, I will not walk, talk, eat, or in any other way cooperate with my own arrest". Absolutely.

However, I hope that all of us will support anyone who sees the need to fight for the animals, in whatever way. I hope that we will support anyone who gets arrested for the animals, even if they decide to pay bail or fines, eat in jail, or whatever. Dialogue is fine, but censure is not. Emotions run high, but the ties of commitment (to the animals) should overcome our emotions and our judgmentalism.

I speak, incidentally, from experience. I have been arrested many times (50+) for my actions in opposition to our country's domination system, have spent about two years in jails and prisons, and have totally non-cooperated on multiple occasions. It has always been difficult, involving significant physical and psychological abuse. I totally recommend it as a worthwhile experience for anyone who wants to be in deeper solidarity with all the animals who have no voice, are not fed, are crippled, etc. More power to all of us who can truly understand this pain.

However, I must admit that I felt much more excited, much more willing to do actions, etc., when I intended to (at least) walk and talk-- to attempt to convince the police officers who were arresting me. I like being cordial, open etc., and find that police often respond well to this attitude. I believe that both tactics are legitimate, and we should support all animal liberationist, regardless of their method of dealing with their arrest and the court system in general.

Basically, I come down strongly on the side of solidarity within the movement for animal rights. Our opposition has the money, the machines, the power. We have right on our side; let's not soil it by in-fighting.

Abandon Prejudice

By Mary Stoyanoff

I feel compelled to share a recent experience I encountered with an animal rights group that led to an awareness of prejudices existing within the movement. I am determined to bring that awareness to light so that we, as activists, may strengthen our unity and be stronger in our pledge to stop the needless suffering of animals.

Unfortunately, it seems that the human condition inhibits our ability to remain focused on the primary purpose of animal activism. Some people may believe the strategies they practice are the only effective means to educate the general public about the issues we are presenting. They may cast aside other options that could ultimately be beneficial, therefore withholding implementation due to their own person prejudices.

The particular prejudice I am referring to is how someone chooses to accessorize themselves i.e. body piercing and tattoos. I contributed to a group until it became apparent I would be restricted due to my personal choice of expression. The president of the group expressed concern that my style of physical expression would be a hindrance to carrying the message of animal rights. The president felt justified in reinforcing societal, and perhaps the president's own, prejudices. I resigned from involvement with that group as I believe it is essential to challenge the already distorted view society deems as acceptable. This view of acceptance includes the slaughtering of animals for food, clothing, medical experimentation, product testing, exploitation for entertainment purposes, etc., etc., etc.

Imagine if animal rights groups before us did not have the courage to challenge this barbaric view of acceptance, the movement would not exits, the level of awareness we struggled so painfully to gain would not be, and an even greater amount of animals would suffer unnecessarily. If people within the movement continue to remain narrow-minded, they are victim of the same mind-set as the people we are trying to educate.

The more diversity within a group, the more people they are able to reach. The movement is suffering and **CANNOT** afford to project personal prejudices of an unrelated nature and cost precious time animals do not have! We need each other to feel empowered and any and all contributions to this critical movement are necessary. We are nearing the second millennium and a more progressive society is evolving.

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The Vegan Police

by Elaine Budlong

The Vegan Police is a phrase that I have heard thrown about for the last few years, usually used to criticize those that make others feel bad for not living a life that is as cruelty-free as possible. While taking a workshop from Rae Sikora of AAVS, I recall feeling alienated when she spoke of the "little Gandhis" within the animal rights movement who think that they alone have truly found ahimsa by practicing a vegan lifestyle. As several of us stood on a spectrum indicating our consumption patterns from carnivore to vegan, one who rides a bike or drives a car, recycles scrap paper and uses cloth shopping bags to those that eat vegetarian when it is convenient, I remember questioning why I should feel guilty for trying to live as pure of a life as possible. Then I remembered attending a vegan potluck dinner one time where I felt completely ostracized because a woman that I was with had brought cookies to the gathering that contained refined sugar. At that time I had never heard of the processing involved in refining or pasteurization and frankly felt like a completely incompetent activist even though I had spent several years organizing a college animal rights group and participating in demonstrations.

Since then I have found myself on both ends of the vegan police scheme. I have ridiculed people for not being vegan and I have been ridiculed for not being vegan enough. To tell you the truth, neither position feels very good. Sure, when I'm doing the accusing I get the rush of superiority but that soon subsides to the feeling of regret as I alienate yet another one of my fellow activists. It goes without saying that being accused of contributing to *the culture of animal exploitation* is not exactly a vacation, particularly when those judging you are people you admire or are friends with.

Therefore, I want to suggest that we consider carefully how we address the actions of each other. None of us are capable of living a completely vegan life, in order to survive we need to breathe and in order to breathe we must consume organisms. Granted, this may be over simplifying things but hopefully you get my point. As Don Barnes, from NAVS states in his paper, The Dangers of Elitism, "The Vegan Police do more harm than good, for they seek to shame rather than inspire, to coerce rather than convince and to mock rather than act as a model for others". I do not entirely agree with Don, in that I don't think the intentions of those deputies in the vegan police are always to shame, coerce and mock. Mostly I think it is outrage that causes activists to ridicule the actions of others. I certainly can appreciate that a grassroots activist, who lives in a shabby house and rides public transportation in order to allow time to work for animal liberation, is frustrated to hear when mainstream activists, who are paid to work full time for an animal rights organization, are not vegan. Does their outrage warrant criticizing the other activist? No. Is their outcry effective in changing the other activist's behavior? Probably not. But by the same means, what is the "Reverse Vegan Police" (those who criticize vegan activists for being too uptight and overly proud of their actions) accomplishing by returning the ridicule? Again, nothing productive.

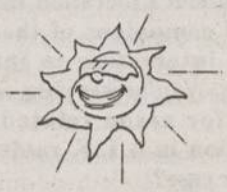
We could all improve our lifestyles in consideration of the suffering of others. Even the most extreme vegans I know are still contributing to the suffering of animals by driving cars, using paper with dioxins that pollute the water, living in houses made of wood from trees that were once homes to wildlife. When feeling superior to the rest of your fellow activists, consider how an activist from a different social cause would evaluate your consumption habits...Do you buy products from mainstream companies that have poor labor practices? Do you only buy 100% post-consumer recycled paper? Do you recycle every item of trash? Do you live completely off the grid?

My point is that none of us are perfect. We could all improve our lifestyles, certainly some more than others, but all of us nonetheless. I don't think we should use the vegan police as a way to make ourselves feel superior to others. Rather, I would suggest that we empower ourselves and each other by educating one another about the cruelty and wastefulness that we are educated about and ask others to educate us about things they have knowledge of. In the same manner, I don't think we should use the vegan police as an excuse to not address our lifestyles or consider how our actions effect all of those that share this planet with us. We should all strive to be as vegan as possible and we should all work to encourage others to be vegan as well.

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At that same workshop with Rae Sikora, I remember learning that people don't learn when they feel attacked - if anything, they hold tighter to their convictions. This could work two ways in reference to the vegan police issue: activists that aren't vegan will never open themselves up to the option of becoming vegans because they do not feel any sense of camaraderie with those that are. Additionally, those that are vegans who are ridiculed for their dedication and so-called fanaticism will remain steadfast and reluctant to empower others.

Don't fall into the trap of the vegan police - empower yourselves and those that need empowering. Being vegan should include compassion to human animals as well as non-human animals.



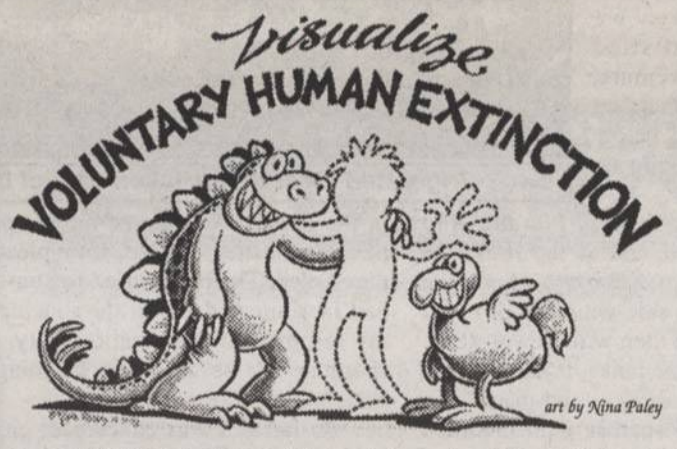
Human Over-Population Revisited

Want Kids? Try Adoption

by Phil Goff

Thank you for the article "The Most Neglected Animal Rights Issue" in your last kick-ass issue. It's nice to see other "issues" covered besides the typical ones in which we are all very familiar with. There are, of course, a plethora of problems that the AR movement has yet to even approach, which in my mind isn't such a terrible thing. If we truly considered every issue that affects animals in negative ways, we would spread ourselves so thin that little would be accomplished.

Human population is definitely a biggy. Our reliance on automobiles (500 million road kills per year) and petroleum is definitely another Consumerism. Deforestation. High technology. Mining. Global trade. Capitalism. GATT. NAFTA. You name it, just about everything occurring affects animals in detrimental ways. Although don't think that we need to steadfastly take on all of these issues, I do believe that it is important that all AR activists minimize their lifestyles, oppose corporate culture, drive less, bike more, and seriously reconsider putting another human being on this planet.



I understand that having children is the ultimate personal decision. I also realize that the children of AR and enviro activists stand a decent chance of being compassionate adults, and furthering the work of their parents. This may be a strong argument for procreation, but still may not be enough to convince me or the good people of Voluntary Human Extinction Movement (VHEMT). With that said, I think I have a compromise solution that should make both sides reasonably happy - ADOPTION! For those interested in rearing children but are worried about the impact on animals and our dwindling natural resources, adopting a child is the perfect solution. The aspiring parents are enabled to experience a family, and at the same time can feel comfortable knowing that they did not bring yet another human life into the world.

Even the most ardently misanthropic activist could not find fault with this proposition. The child is already born, and therefore any impact he or she will have on the planet has already been sanctioned. So why let him or her rot in a children's home or get scooped up by a consumerist enslaved couple looking to adopt. Assuming the child lives a normal length and will thus destroy "X" amount of the planet, it is much better that he or she be brought up by parents who will preach the utmost respect for Mother Earth and her creatures, and will not raise the child within the decadent paradigm of TV, McDonald's, suburbs, and automobiles.

The motivation to have offspring is a feeling shared by all creatures, and to deny this interest based on political beliefs goes against the ecological order. Finally, I would encourage groups such as VHEMT to emphasize adoption in articles such as the one in NC #4. This would reassure those interested in having a family, and would deflect any accusations of misanthropy.

PS - At least one group has begun to address the issue of overpopulation. Friends of Animals, a large "national" group based in the New York area, has published a pamphlet on that very topic.

A Mother Speaks

by Jen

Hello. I read your article in *No Compromise* on human over-population & was curious if this article was written by a male or female?

Being a woman this article really made me sad. Although I fully understand your intentions, it seems that you should have named it "Voluntary Vegan Extinction" since animal rights activists are the only people it would appeal to. I became pregnant when I was 18 (and I realize you were not criticizing me and I commend you 100% for not citing abortion as a possible solution), but I truly believe my son happened for a reason. He is almost five years old now and it has been extremely easy to avoid becoming pregnant again. I believe all of us were brought into this world for reasons you and I may never understand (not religious), but it's easy for us to advocate not pro-creating because you and I already exit.

Maybe one cannot truly understand unless they have felt a child grow inside of their body or they have sat on the edge of his bed while he sleeps and cry because they are amazed by his very existence, by his beauty as a living breathing human animal. I plan to adopt children (I have an adopted brother and 3 adopted sisters) but I wouldn't make a girl feel guilty for wanting to follow her natural instinct to want to nurture and care for her young. My son and I are Vegan, and maybe that's not enough, but I don't think I am more deserving of existence than he. I realize that Veganism doesn't cure everything, but if all vegans and animal rights activists did not pro-create all of the farmers, furriers, uninformed and just plain ignorant people would, there is no denying it.

Vegans are sadly a very small part of the over-all population, so I'm trying to imagine in 50-70 years when we are nearing the end without children and all of the doctors, pharmacist, manufacturers, gas and oil businesses, politicians, etc. who have bred, are continuing the cruelty. Would you agree that it would be more humane if we all just killed ourselves right now? Of course not! We don't want to end our lives, just deny other's theirs.

I'm not saying people should have ten kids and I'm not saying overpopulation is not a serious issue, but what I am saying is that it is physically impossible to convince everyone in the world, or even 25% of them, to not reproduce. People are reproducing in the most dire circumstances in Africa and other countries where they see their children die of starvation and disease every single day. Even the threat of forced abortion in China has not stopped women and men from pro-creating, and if we cannot convince them not to pro-create how in the hell will we convince people in their homes, with their refrigerators and their food and their health insurance not to pro-create? I totally understand and share many of the same concerns with you, I just have to wonder exactly what your plan is to pull this off.

For more information on human over-population contact the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement at PO Box 86646, Portland, OR 97206-6270 or email them at: les@vhemt.org, or visit their website at: http://www.vhemt.org/

The Flames of Victory!

An Interview with Convicted A.L.F. Activist Melanie Arnold.

-- Interviews with Activists --

BY ROD CORONADO

Hi ya Mel! Many of our readers are not familiar with the UK Animal Liberation movement and the highly successful campaigns of the A.L.F. so I thought it would be interesting to introduce you to them. Currently, you're serving a three and a half year sentence for arson related charges due to your participation in A.L.F. raids. What can you tell us about your case?

Well, the BSE crisis had hit Britain like a ten-ton sledge hammer. It hadn't quite filtered through to the public to the level it would subsequently reach, and the media, as usual, were keeping tight-lipped for the present, only releasing snippets of information in order to break the public in lightly. But we know about it and what lay in store. The meat industry was to be hit right where it hurt (i.e. -- the pocket) by its own gratuitous greed karma; and in anticipation of many smaller meat depots going bust, we decided to help one of the larger slaughterhouses, that may have otherwise only tottered on the brink of downfall, to go well and truly over the edge.

Ensors abattoir sat in Gloucestershire, a safe targeting distance from houses or the neighboring wildlife habitat. We recced it several times to monitor the late workers, patrol men, dog walkers, etc. just to establish a typical nights activity around the area we intended to torch. Having satisfied ourselves that this was a 'safe' venture, we went on to gain entry to the building to ascertain what we would need before dissolving into the night -- leaving no trace of our presence.



Two refrigerated meat trucks taken care of by the Animal Liberation Front.

Two weeks later we had bought, made and improvised all that we would need, and on the 10th June 1995, we made our way back, just the two of us. We entered the compound, broke the side windows of every van, refrigerated lorry and car and then withdrew to see if attention had been generated by the noise. It had not. We collected our cache of incendiary devices and placed this cocktail of potassium nitrate and sucrose with modified fuse, through each window and onto the upholstery of each vehicle.

We then got into the abattoir building and began trashing the upstairs kitchen, dining area and locker rooms and we decided to cover the whole place in petrol, leading a fuse of inflammable material down the stairs and into the main slaughter hall. Again, we doused machinery in the surrounding area with copious amounts of petrol and set 20 incendiary devices by the main apparatus, including accompanying bags of the explosive mixture (and boy does it explode!). We then triggered off some fires manually and lit the devices to add to the inferno later. We lit the lorry devices last as these obviously are more noticeable and may bring attention when the building, burning away from the windowless interior, had only just got going.

We then disappeared into the night, even as the first of the lorries exploded behind us. Technically, we got clear away with it. None of us were known to that area and our planning was such that it was highly unlikely that we would be caught on the job. The police and bomb squad didn't have a clue who was responsible and went on fishing trips to local sanctuaries.

Unfortunately, my assisting activist also turned up at one of them to help build fences and the police searched and nabbed everyone. The police -- not knowing of Michael as an animal libber -- would never have searched his cottage had not his unfortunate decision to work that morning transpired. Michael confessed his guilt primarily to defend the two other suspects who were entirely innocent of the attacks and had many animals in their charge, one of whom was actually 'put down' by police. But the growing circumstantial evidence had precipitated this decision anyway.

From neighboring sources my description was given, and the police knew of me well enough to identify the description and to arrest me 3 days later at my home in Northampton. I was interrogated on and off for several days and nights during which the police used every tactic in the book to encourage me to speak. They lied, they threatened, they cajoled, they pleaded, they flirted and they failed. The police tried to convince me that Michael had incriminated me in the making of the devices, and my response at this predictability, led to one inspector shouting "it's no good you laughing, Melanie." Lies, all of it.

As far as I was concerned, either they had enough evidence, in which case they could charge me; or they didn't, in which case I wasn't going to help them find it. They charged us anyway under Section 2 of the Explosives Act and sent us to prison to await trial.

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Six months later, I was arrested and charged yet again by Cheshire Constabulary for the firebomb attack against 36 large milk tankers which had caused £2 million worth of damage and had occurred two weeks before the Ensors incident. Again, I remained silent and again I listened to the same old threats.

The only thing I gave was my blood, quite literally -- a donation because I didn't fancy being held down and forcibly syringed. Fifteen months later, we were forcibly brought to trial and both of us pled guilty and arranged for mitigation.

Being caught is bad enough, but we have two obligations to fill when that happens. One is to ensure we say nothing to our interrogators, and two is to ensure we get back out to the struggle as soon as possible. In any event, having expected a minimum of 6 years each, Michael received 5 and I was left with only three and one half years.

So what led you to the crossroads where you began to question the effectiveness of legal reform and began to participate in illegal activities?

I began to 'politically' campaign on behalf of animals from the age of 13 and during the following years I wrote endless letters, attended endless meetings and demos, and then questioned endlessly the validity of my endeavors -- what exactly was I achieving? Did I hear of results? Could I see it? Was it tangible enough to feel, to hold? Was I being listened to at all?

After months of alternating nightmares and insomnia, of emotional turmoil and debate, I finally decided that I either was going to help animals, which meant doing it in a way that worked, and doing it for life, or I should put the torment out of my mind and get on with my own. I chose the animals for life. From that turning point came the necessity to embrace non-violent direct action. It was blatantly clear to me that the government didn't have any intention of giving away what it couldn't afford to lose and that by bargaining for extra inches, less pain, and one form of suffering for another, we were accepting compromise, accepting disempowerment, accepting defeat.

If the parliamentary system worked, if the law makers took notice of majority opinion, there would be equal pay for women, the health service would be adequately funded, hunting would be banned, fur would be outlawed, live exports abolished, vivisection banished to the annals of history.... It's simply not going to happen. Why? Because the exploitation of animals is big business and the food, pharmaceutical and petro-chemical industries upon which the national purse relies, are the foundations -- physically, emotionally, and economically -- of the wider societal abuses we all suffer.

In high profile campaigns, the A.L.F. were seen to be stepping directly in-between the torture and the tortured; they were going for the economic jugular, causing abusers more trouble than it was worth, perhaps subjecting them to the same fear they so enjoy causing themselves and more importantly -- it worked.

The results were valid, they were tangible, and when I first held the whimpering form of a damaged but rescued being, felt her heart beat against mine as I ran with her to freedom, I knew that I could do more in my lifetime as an A.L.F. activist on my own than a thousand people could do by the accepted legal channels, and then some.

Here in the States, I remember hearing about live animal liberations and daylight raids in England in the early and mid 80's, all of which were incredibly inspiring. By the late 80's the A.L.F. served to focus

more on maximum economic damage and arson actions. Could you tell us a little about the choice of tactics the UK A.L.F. use and why they choose them?

The Animal Liberation League raids of the early 80's were certainly effective in their time and did much to generate the type of sympathy and interest that led to an increase in recruitment. These mass daylight raids involving hoards of activists were much publicized, and media depictions of balaclaved warriors storming research facilities and bringing out animals and files led to great feelings of empowerment.

But tactics must be fluid and interchangeable and those that will work against one form of abuse or one company may not be entirely suited to another. And as the anti-fur campaigns grew in momentum alongside other important issues, it gradually took over as the no. 1 winnable target -- much as live exports is today -- and the A.L.F., grassroots organizations and local groups engaged in a concerted effort against this disgusting 'trade.'

Arson has always been a valuable asset; it makes animal abuse unprofitable, it is the ultimate pressure point. Fire removes the apparatus -- buildings and vehicles of our hatred -- it means they cannot be used and insurance premiums rocket, again adding to the overall financial burden.

These tactics worked exceptionally well against department stores whose shop line was not exclusively furs; as the warning was enough to have them remove any offending item, yet still be able to carry on a trade. [The same tactic could potentially be used against Universities who only perform a tiny percentage of the overall research (vivisection) going on. We must isolate them and divide them within their own working community].

In other words, the potential and actual use of arson was a deterrent for them and the economic disadvantages of such an attack, far outweigh the profit they were making by selling fur. Thus, it was an effective tactic and one that was unlikely to have been equaled by any other. The risk of capture was low, it was cheap, effective, and an increasingly autonomous way of doing actions without the necessity of knowing or involving others. To *put it bluntly* -- anyone could, and did, do it!

When I was in the UK, I noticed that many direct action activists were often involved in many "different" political and ecological struggles. Some were hunt sabs and anti-fascists, and others were vegan and also very active in community projects, working class alliances and women's issues. Are you someone who sees a similarity between these struggles, and if so, why?

Yes, I am someone who readily identifies with a diversity of struggles, and over the years I have moved from one to another myself. But many people involved in other issues, especially ones relating to humans, are often scornful of our work with animals, failing completely to see the connection between animal and human abuse; the direct relation between animal testing and the rapidly growing diseases in humans and the reliance upon the exploitation of animals for everything from food, clothing, sport, entertainment, amusement, and so called "health."

If we accept the wholesale carnage of defenseless creatures as "the norm," then we have grown to accept that a superior attitude, providing that it in some way benefits us physically or psychologically, is perfectly OK, and that attitude lives towards people of "minority" races, people with disabilities, and women to name but a few. There is correlation. Society, as we know it, has been deliberately cut, molded and set into the hierarchical pyramid structure of which we, along with all ordinary people, occupy the lowest strata. And we have been brought up to accept that certain institutions exist, such as government, the police, vivisection, etc. and that without these institutions, "civilization" would disintegrate.

Let us assume that you had been reared from birth and told that without the aid of crutches you could not walk. In spite of having two perfectly fit legs, at that age, you would know no different. And you would grow up to believe in your disability and the fear of falling should your crutches be removed. This is what governments rely on -- the belief in its "subjects" that they cannot act independently of and in spite of Government.

In the same way we have all been programmed with certain information, reinforced by the ignorance of parents, of schools, of media and by a lifetime of physical and moral habits. The most dangerous of these is acceptance. People accept meat as a necessary part of their diet because they've always eaten it and they're still here (I'll leave my CJD comments for another time). They accept ready-made professions, dead-end jobs, low wages, long hours, and powerlessness because a growing unemployment level enhances their gratitude and their servitude. And in their frantic attempts at rung climbing in society's hierarchy they're also willing to accept the belief and perpetuate the belief that they are somehow

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The scramble to be on top of the pile encourages and reinforces base rationalistic and prejudicial concepts and creates divisions between the very people for whom the authorities show so much contempt. This can be witnessed by a failing health and education system, failed housing, failed control within the workplace, failing unemployment, and a general despondency, inadequacy and poverty -- all the hallmarks of a great crime incentive.

Animals inevitably fare even worse, and in a joint venture aimed at making money and saving money, animals are used and discarded in such great numbers and on such great levels and on such great pretenses, that not only is it considered "normal," but it is accepted without question.

What we have then, is a system of rules, a set of beliefs and an accepted way of thinking/behaving which encourages and perpetuates disunion between sexes, races, and species, and which exists, and only exists

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because we accept they do.

We need to alter people's whole perception of the world around them, to encourage free thought, free speech, self determination, equality, and autonomy of action. We need to link up with other grassroots organizations to share solidarity and support, ideas and tactics, and to dissolve the man-made boundaries between us. Working class, animal liberation, anarchist, feminist, environmental, indigenous, etc. struggles are one and the same because the enemy is common to us all, and only our undivided unity will be strong enough to defeat it.

The more humans take control of and act responsibly for their lives, the more the balance of the human psyche will be restored, their spirituality repaired and nature and her kingdoms will be respected as a different, but equal, partner in the vast fabric of life on Earth.

So would you say that here in America we should strive to build solidarity with other struggles against oppression be it animal, earth or human?

The ecological and spiritual balance of the planet and her inhabitants depends on it. Certainly, the link between animals and the environment is indistinguishable, as the one cannot exist without the other. Nature and evolution perfected the ecosystems that best supported life on Earth and man's interference and theft has sabotaged millions of years of fine tuning that not only destroys the habitat of animals, but of indigenous tribes the world over, depleting oxygen supplies and potent cures from deep, lush forests.

Any spanner in the works of nature herself, will and has, backfired in immeasurable ways on human kind. If charity begins at home, then maybe we should start looking at our home -- not the brick edifice within which we barricade ourselves -- but the planet upon which we truly live.

Here in America the federal government has really created an atmosphere of repression against any who fight their power outside of the legal system. In the UK you have the Animal Rights National Index (ARNI) of Scotland Yard and M15 who have long compared the A.L.F. to groups like the IRA. What words do you have for activists who might be afraid to participate in A.L.F. actions due to their being labeled domestic terrorists? And do activists in the UK live in fear of what their beliefs could cost them?

The level of intervention in our activities by the police and M15 is only indicative of the amount of genuine threat we represent. This then, would seem to suggest that we have been successful in ways only partly recognized by us.

Our inevitable response to their overt and covert monitoring of us is just to go deeper underground, surrounded in secrecy, and to operate likewise. The increase in Environmental activism had led to a dilution of police activity geared 100% against "us", which allows us greater freedom to act, but by and large those activists prepared to break the law for the higher moral one, are still breaking the law in spite of the threat of lengthy prison sentences and the increase in informers whose job is to lead us there. We realize that one cannot possibly see any punishment meted out to an activist as being comparable to that which inflicts the animals we represent.

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UK activists just take more precautions these days. Few attend demos, meetings, and CD's. No one will speak of anything sensitive in a car, house or over a phone, and they generally keep themselves out of the limelight and stick with their own trusted comrades. New activists especially can get away with so much, simply by the virtue of the fact that they will be unknown to police, so surveillance is unlikely and conspiracy via others the same.

Very rarely do activists get caught "on the job" and those that have were under surveillance anyway. There is nothing to fear. Don't ever underestimate your faith or the power you have inside you to conquer your uncertainty and enter the empowering world of Earth activism.

Here in the States, I'm the first A.L.F. member to do prison time, do you find the capture of A.L.F. activists leads to less A.L.F. actions or more? Why?

There's no evidence to suggest that A.L.F. actions are on the decrease and there are now 14 warriors in the UK imprisoned to date. I think the general attitude amongst our free sisters and brothers is that the more activists inside, the more they will act on our behalf, and that means encouraging others to act also.

The level of support shown for activists Keith Mann

and Dave Calendar with their 11 and 10 years respectively, seen at the Courts of appeal and on Justice demo's etc., demonstrates just how much people care; and outrage over the ridiculously high sentencing of prisoners has led to people getting more involved in our struggle.

A.L.F. is all-encompassing and never-ceasing. The fact that a 16 year old school child may decide to smash Cancer Research Shop windows one night, and a 65 year old gentleman may decide to take a few of his neighboring battery hens and so on and so forth, all under the banner of A.L.F. and without it necessarily breaking headlines, means that the essential work goes on. We may not always hear about it, but it is going on and the police are fully and painfully conscious of that fact.

Is it true that most fur shops and now many butcher shops have steel shutters over their windows because of repeated attacks by animal liberationists?

Yes, it is true that a vast amount of butcher shops and all remaining fur shops have steel shutters across the windows after repeated window smashing attacks nationwide, especially from ball bearings shot from a catapult [wrist rocket/sling shot] in a slow passing vehicle. As well as the added expense this entails, it has been known for activists to use power tools and even ram-raiding vehicles with which to damage these also.

No security measure by them is invincible; with initiative we can counter their paltry attempts to hide from us and, quite literally, make them pay!

Can you tell us about one of the most satisfying actions you ever participated in and how it helped you strengthen your faith in direct action?

Not so much an action as a campaign. And that was against live exports at Coventry airport, which we got stopped after only a few months of intensive campaigning.

What was so good about this issue was the combination of people from all walks of life determined to put the plight of the calves above all else. What really brought us all together in action was physically seeing the long line of animal transporters slowly parading past us, with calves, little baby calves staring sorrowfully through the slats at us. I swear they could pick me out in a crowd to focus and stare at me, almost accusingly. It was heart-wrenching.

But we fought and we gave it our all. Jill Phipps even gave her life on a concrete curb outside the gates, a lorry full of heaving calves above her. We fought back; by day we held the vigil, gave radio interviews, spoke to passing motorists to join us who'd stop to give us food and warm clothing, we turned people vegan, we smashed the trucks, we stopped them.

By night we crept onto the airport and sabotaged its property, its security fencing, its landing lights, set fires along the strip and essentially cost them a hell of a lot of money. We all got arrested and charged at some point and banned for one mile around the airport, but we just returned at night and, on one occasion, I physically battled with two patrol men who had caught me scaling the fences, a wake of destruction besides me.

We turned one firm's security against the other, both operational at the airport and we got information on what was happening behind the scenes. People stormed the police cordon to chain themselves to the aircraft's wheels and plans were under way to do much more sabotage. This infuriated the police beyond belief and they had an informer in our protest camp outside who got me arrested when I exposed him.

That time, the police dragged me off and put me alone in a van and drove it to where I could see the calves being loaded onto the plane -- electric stunners were used, they were kicked and they all were picked up and thrown inside. The police vowed to break both my legs once they got me to the cells. It was working!

Combined with the exorbitant rate the security and police pressure cost the airport, we were also personally targeting the director of Phoenix Aviation, responsible for the flights. He employed bodyguards to surround his house at night and he installed trip wires and fireworks in his gardens, he even shot one of us. It didn't stop his windows from being smashed, his jeep from being smashed, and the psychological torment of not knowing what was going to happen next.

We unearthed his affair, his dealings with gun runners, his criminal past, his criminal present. His bodyguards would creep to our tents at night and leave freshly slaughtered calves dripping over our banners and we would run riot in his village causing all mayhem to break loose. He became a damaged man, financially ruined, a nervous wreck, and with his marriage in pieces, even as I write, he is up for various charges of assault.

Live exports at Coventry Airports ceased. The last remaining protesters stood huddled in the rain around the flowers, placed where Jill had been felled. There were to be no more trucks. And as they turned to leave, there in the middle of the road, quietly contemplating them, stood a beautiful female fox. Out of absolutely nowhere she had appeared and she shimmered in the fading dusk. She studied them all carefully and made her way away from the airport and past the huddled mourners into the surrounding fields. Jill, an active hunt saboteur, undoubtedly joined her. The battle had been won.

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What is the level of importance of media attention for the UK animal lib movement and is it something that influences activism in Britain?

Over the years, the continuous arresting and imprisoning of the UK Press Officers and spokespersons led many an activist cell to simply not make a publicity issue out of their actions. This, and the combination of the governments own "D" notice (media suppression) allotted to many of our activities simply meant that operations went ahead with little or no resultant publicity.

The important thing was that the abusers knew we had been busy and why, and the abusers grapevine was red hot with gossip, whether the public knew or not was of little consequence, and news always filtered through to the animal lib/environmental press anyway and this generated our own publicity. On the whole, the national media have always been poorly representative of, and biased against us and as such, show us in a negative and uninspiring manner.

I've come through the worse that they can throw at me and I can honestly say "was that it?"

Mel, in what ways can activists in America learn from their British counterparts and what can we do to encourage greater recruitment and support of direct action?

One of the things worth mentioning is the importance of solidarity and support of each other. A strong prisoner support network is indispensable to the morale of a direct action movement and by its very existence encourages and publicizes this action.

The very least a potential/actual activist deserves to know is that in the event of his/her capture they will be entitled to moral and financial support. People will be very reluctant to act when they know all they'll get is a kick in the teeth for their courage.

In my opinion, action begets action. The more successful a cell is, the more confident it will become and the more it will act. We need to keep the momentum going -- as things really do seem to be surging forward in North America -- by distributing papers like *No Compromise* which keeps opinions of the A.L.F. alive and shows just how much is going on and how everyone has a part to play in that.

Mel, you've seen a lot of your friends imprisoned for direct action, some beaten and others who have lost their lives in defense of the defenseless. What keeps you going? What gives you the spirit to fight on in the face of ever-continuing violence and torture of our animal relations?

I owe it to the millions of animals and millions of people who have died as a result of the systematic abuse of sentient beings. I owe it to the millions of animals and people who will go on to die as a result of that abuse, and I owe it to absent friends.

When I got involved in the struggle, I vowed it would be a fight to the end and I meant it. When I got imprisoned I renewed that pledge having felt, at first hand, just what it feels like to be taken from loved ones, isolated from everything I care for and treated as inferior and worthless.

At one prison I spent 8 months in a 6 foot by 6 foot cell -- a claustrophobes nightmare -- and it hit me like a steam train how all these animals in cages must feel, whether waiting to be experimented on or waiting to be bought or waiting to die, with absolutely no knowledge of a release date, such as us prisoners have benefit of. The psychological prospect of a life behind bars, let alone any physical suffering they may entail too, was, in a very tiny way imparted to me through my own experiences and this has strengthened my resolve to fight on like never before.

Not only have I glimpsed the torment of their world, but I have overcome one of the sturdiest of human barriers -- that of fear. It is the fear of what may happen to us that prevents us from doing what is right. I had that fear, like anyone else. Fear of the unknown is very potent, but I had to listen to my conscience, I had seen too much to ever go back. I've come through the worse that they can throw at me and I can honestly say "was that it?" Without even knowing it, the powers that be have erased my last remaining tie with their world and I am now truly free and in my power.

Is there anything else that you would like to share with NC readers about the future, hope, winning and all that?

"Winning" is a state of mind. Every time we rescue an animal and maintain a life -- that is winning. Real victory happens at every action for us.

If all we think about is how ghastly the overall problem is and how overwhelming it all seems and how pointless our own endeavors always appear in the face of such evil, then we will have undoubtedly failed on every level.

We are born as individuals and we die as them, and somewhere in-between we get a little lost, a little insecure, a little dependent and start blindly following a crowd or an ideal, using the same old worn out tactics because everyone else is and content in the knowledge that "others" are taking care of the "hard stuff." We lose sight of our own unique ability to think, feel and act; to take initiative, to instigate campaigns and of seeing our views through. It doesn't take great crowds of people and it doesn't take any secret know-how. It shouldn't be left to just a few of us to take all the risks, although we will.

We don't exist in a vacuum and neither do you. Let's unite and feel in ourselves the power that stirs from within; let's harness that energy then send burning arrows in the directions of our targets; arrows that illuminate the way for others. For every time we act with purity and compassion, every time we extend a healing hand to life around us, we win in ways too subtle to be noticed, but too important to be ignored. Let's kick away our crutches and fly!

Mel, on behalf of *No Compromise*, I'd like to thank you not only for this interview but for your selfless sacrifice for the animal people. I'm sure we'll be seeing you back in the trenches soon.

Special Section

FIGHT BACK!

The Federal Governments War on Activists and What We Can Do About It!

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The Tactics of Intimidation

"We were engaged in COINTELPRO tactics, to divide, conquer, weaken, in diverse ways, an organization."

-- William Sullivan, a former head of the Counterintelligence Division of the FBI.

In the book Agents of Repression, Ward Churchill and Jim Vander Wall successfully argue that the Federal Bureau of Investigation's crime-fighting activities serve as a calculated ruse to cover-up and divert public attention from their true purpose which is maintaining the status quo by disrupting and crushing grassroots movements for social justice. They base this conclusion on the thousands of pages of classified files that a group calling itself the Citizens' Commission to Investigate the FBI, liberated from the FBI's Media, Pennsylvania office in March 8, 1971.

These documents included internal memos about Counter Intelligence Operations -- or COINTELPROs -- designed to "disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize" the leaders and groups of social justice causes. From these files, activists have gained insight on what types of activities the Feds -- in conjunction with local police units and reactionary "private" groups -- carry out against those of us trying to change society for the better.

Below is a list of their tactics so you can prepare for, identify, and lessen their impact when they are being used against you or other activists.

The following information is excerpts from the book Agents of Repression: The FBI's Secret War Against the Black Panther Party and the American Indian Movement by Ward Churchill and Jim Vander Wall. Published by South End Press, 116 Saint Botolph St, Boston, MA 02115. *No Compromise* strongly encourages all activists to read this book so that we are all better prepared to counter the government's actions against us.

Eavesdropping A massive program of surveillance was carried out against organizations and individuals via wiretaps, surreptitious entries and burglaries, electronic devices, live "tails" and mail tampering. The purpose of such activities was never intelligence gathering per se, but rather the inducement of "paranoia" among those targeted by making them aware they'd been selected for special treatment and that there was "an FBI agent behind every mailbox."

Bogus Mail Fabrication of correspondence between members of targeted groups, or between groups, was designed to foster "splits" within or between organizations; these efforts were continued -- and in many cases intensified -- when it became apparent that the resulting tension was sufficient to cause physical violence among group members.

"Black Propaganda" Operations "Black Propaganda" refers to the fabrication and distribution of publications "in behalf of" targeted organizations/individuals designed to misrepresent their positions, goals or objectives in such a way as to publicly discredit them and foster intra/inter-group tensions.



Disinformation or "Gray Propaganda" The FBI systematically release disinformation to the press and electronic media concerning groups and individuals, designed to discredit them and foster tensions. This was also seen as an expedient means of conditioning public sentiment to accept Bureau/police/vigilante "excesses" aimed at targeting organizations/individuals, and to facilitate the conviction of those brought to trial, even on conspicuously flimsy evidence.

Harassment Arrests The repeated arrests of targeted individuals and organization members on spurious charges was carried out, not with any real hope of obtaining convictions (although there was always that possibility, assuming public sentiment had been sufficiently inflamed), but to simply harass, increase paranoia, tie up activists in a series of pre-arraignment incarcerations and preliminary courtroom procedures, and deplete their resources through the posting of numerous bail bonds (as well as the retention of attorneys). Again this was so pervasive a tactic that it is impossible to give a comprehensive summary of its use during the 1960s.

Infiltrators and Agents Provocateurs This widely used tactic involved the infiltration of targeted organizations with informers and agents provocateurs, the latter expressly for the purpose of fomenting or engaging in illegal activities which could then be attributed to key organizational members and/or the organization as a whole. Agents provocateurs were also routinely assigned to disrupt the internal functioning of targeted groups and to assist in the spread of disinformation.

"Pseudo-Gangs" There is some indication that the Bureau had begun to spawn "pseudo-gangs," phony organizations designed to "confuse, divide and undermine" as well as do outright battle with authentic dissident groups by the end of the COINTELPRO era.

Bad-Jacketing "Snitch-jacketing" or "bad-jacketing" refers to the practice of creating suspicion -- through the spread of rumors, manufacture of evidence, etc. -- that bona fide organizational members, usually in key positions, are FBI/police informers, guilty of such offenses as skimming organizational funds and the like. The purpose of this tactic was to "isolate and eliminate" organizational leadership; such efforts were continued -- and in some instances accelerated -- when it became known that the likely outcome would be extreme physical violence visited upon the "jacketed" individual(s).

Fabrication of Evidence A widely used FBI tactic has been the fabrication of evidence for criminal prosecution of key individuals, and the withholding of exculpatory evidence which might serve to block conviction of these individuals. This includes the intimidation of witnesses and use of coercion to obtain false testimony.

Assassinations The bureau has been implicated as cooperating in the outright physical elimination -- assassination -- of selected political leaders, either for "exemplary" reasons or after other attempts at destroying their effectiveness had failed. The Bureau almost always used surrogates to perform such functions, but can repeatedly be demonstrated as having provided the basic intelligence, logistics or other ingredients requisite to "successful" operations in this regard.

Fight Back!

How to Minimize the Effects of Government Harassment

The advice below is reprinted from a must read book for activists--*War at Home: Covert Action Against U.S. Activists and What We Can Do About It by Brian Glick.* Published by South End Press, 116 Saint Botolph St., Boston, MA 02115. It is available from the Animal Liberation League, PO Box 240655, Apple Valley, MN 55124 for $5.

1. Check out the authenticity of any disturbing letter, rumor, phone call, or other communication before acting on it. Ask the supposed source if she or he is responsible. [Please re-read this one again. It is very important!]

2. Keep records of incidents which appear to reflect COINTELPRO-type activity. [Also, report your experiences to *No Compromise* and other groups that document repression].

3. Deal openly and honestly with the differences within our movements (race, gender, class, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, personality, experience, physical and intellectual capacities, etc.) before the FBI and police can exploit them.

4. Don't try to expose a suspected agent or informer without solid proof. Purges based on mere suspicion only help the FBI and police create distrust and paranoia. It generally works better to criticize what a disruptive person says and does, without speculating as to why.

5. Support all movement activists who come under government attack. Don't be put off by political slander, such as recent attempts to smear some militant opponents of government policy as "terrorists." Organize public opposition to all FBI witchhunts, grand jury subpoenas, political trials, and other forms of government and right-wing harassment.

6. Cultivate relationships with sympathetic journalists who seem willing to investigate and publicize domestic covert operations. Let them know when you are harassed. Since the FBI and police thrive on secrecy, public exposure can undermine their ability to subvert our work.

7. Don't tough it out alone. Don't let others fret and suffer by themselves. Make sure that activists who are under extreme stress get the help they need (someone to talk with, rest, therapy, etc.). It is crucial that we build support networks and take care of one another.

8. Above all, do not let our movements be diverted from their main goals. Our most powerful weapon against political repression is effective organizing around the needs and issues which directly affect people's lives [and the lives of animals and the environment too!].

Massive Government Harassment in Utah

COINTELPRO tactics alive and well and being used against us!

Because some of the claims in this article seem far-fetched, No Compromise *contacted the author and the driver of the vehicle that became engulfed in flames to clarify/confirm statements made herein.*

Furthermore, part of this article claims Anne Davis provided information on activists to the Feds, so we also spoke with her, and numerous activists who have had first hand experience with her to verify that she is an informant. When we spoke with her, she told us that she told the grand jury that another activist said "we did this" while reading a newspaper that allegedly reported on an arson attack on an abuse establishment. Anne said this information was not incriminating as she didn't know what article the activist was looking at.

However, numerous activists we spoke with have heard from her own mouth her willingness to speak with the FBI. Furthermore, police reports written on September 7, 1995 state, "She [Anne Davis] has been questioned and regarded as somewhat of an informant or a possible witness if anything develops in the future" and further, "It could be stated that she has been friendly towards the law enforcements community efforts to find whoever is responsible for the acts of vandalism and now the arson problem that we now face."

Because of our research, No Compromise feels confident in warning activists that Anne Davis of the Utah Animal Rights Alliance is an informant.

By Dave Wilson

Today, in extreme desperation, it seems as if the FBI will go to any length to destroy the animal rights movement. As many know, the witch hunt that took place in the late 80's and early 90's never completely stopped. In many places around the country, the FBI continues to harass activists and violate their civil rights. The following is a summary of some of the things the FBI has done in Utah during my work in the Utah Animal Rights Alliance (ARA).

After two A.L.F. raids in June 1995 -- one on a candy shop because they used milk and another attack on Majestic Meats -- the Utah Animal Rights Alliance (ARA) experienced intense investigation. The director, Anne Davis, was placed under constant surveillance. Everywhere she went -- to work, to the grocery store, to home -- a Ford Taurus or similar official-looking, unmarked vehicle would followed her. When she was at demonstrations, the drivers of those vehicles took pictures of her and the other activists. These same cars would also constantly parked outside of her house. When she left her house, the driver would take pictures of her -- pictures which she would later see in her FBI file which the authorities showed her.

At the same time that this harassment started to happen, Anne Davis' phone as well as the phones of most of the board of directors of ARA started acting peculiar. At specific times during the day, their phones would ring once, and then stop. When the board members did manage to pick up their phones within that one ring, they would hear strange clicking computer noises. Their caller ID's would always say these calls were from out of the area. They suspected their phones were taped, something which the authorities later confirmed to Anne Davis.

This continued for months, and investigators approached Anne Davis several times to try and ask her questions. They would call her and she would hang up the phone. They would come to her door to subpoena her, and she would not answer it. After months of being harassed, Anne still wouldn't talk.

Despite her not talking, rumors began circulating that Anne Davis had spoken with the FBI and incriminated some A.L.F. activists. At the time, this was not true. However, Anne started receiving death threats. One day she found a stuffed animal covered in "blood" on her doorstep with a note saying "Don't talk or die!" Anne also received anonymous calls that contained the same message. She believed the threats to be perpetrated by other activists -- although she admits it could just as well be Federal agents or law enforcement.

In the Summer of 1995, the Feds finally subpoenaed Anne to speak before a grand jury. She went to the hearing which was months later and told the FBI everything she knew, including evidence that incriminated one woman activist in a local arson attack. Anne has told me that she told them everything and that she would do it again to get them to leave her alone.

But her speaking at the grand jury did not get the FBI off of her back. The authorities continued to visit and call her at home and work. On one occasion, near the beginning of 1996, the authorities told Anne that because the majority of the A.L.F. suspects were from the "straight-edge" scene [Ed. note: straight-edgers are people who do not consume alcohol, tobacco, or other mind altering drugs], they had planted investigators at the local high schools to gather information on the "vegan-straight-edge" crowd.

After hearing this, Anne tried to distance herself and ARA from the straight-edgers. She order me, as her assistant, to not inform the straight-edgers of protest times and dates, even though they were some of the only people who would regularly attended them. In February of 1996, she even went so far as to change the time and date of a protest when she discovered that straight-edgers were planning on attending it. The few straight-edge individuals that did attend demonstrations were not dressed in the typical skater attire. Anne hoped that discouraging straight-edgers from attending would help convince the FBI that she was not involved with any "radical" fringe. Of course, it didn't work.

However, the FBI thought they hadn't got enough information out of her, or just wanted to further harass her, and during the Summer of 1996, threatened to serve her another subpoena. This time, Anne wrote them a letter saying if they tried to subpoenaed her again, she would do a news conference to expose the FBI's harassment of legitimate activists. She was not served a second subpoena, however they did not leave her alone either.

In fact, the harder Anne tried to break every connection between herself and the local A.L.F. activity, the more the FBI harassed her. One Saturday in January of 96, after an ARA meeting, Anne went to her car and discovered it wouldn't start. The auto shop later told her the oil tank had been "punctured." Her car had been tampered with, and the Feds were suspected.

However, our suspicions grew when later that week, another car-tampering occurred to ARA activists. Chris (not his real name) and I were driving home from an ARA meeting at Ann's house. When we were on the freeway, I smelled smoke in the car. Chris thought it smelled like burning rubber or burning hair. The next thing we knew sparks were flying everywhere and fire gushed from out of the hood. Chris had slowed the car down somewhat and bailed onto the median of the freeway when it was still moving, but I was stuck in my seat belt. I was terrifying because the flames were burning through the glove compartment in front of me. As my vinyl boots were about to melt, I finally opened the seat belt and jumped out of the still-moving car into the middle of the freeway. The car crashed into the side of the freeway and blew up in flames. We were lucky for getting out alive. Both of us were badly bruised, but had no major injuries.

To add insult to injury, the cop who arrived to the scene would not let us sit in his car to stay warm. He was a total ass-hole. We had to wait outside in the cold until the tow truck arrived and the driver let us sit in his vehicle. I had got the officer's name but when I contacted the local police to make a complaint against him, they said no officer by that name worked there.

The firemen who had arrived at the scene of the fire thought a punctured gas line had caused the fire.

In spite of these bizarre circumstances, I continued working with ARA. Occasionally, unmarked, official-looking vehicles would follow me everywhere I went. It wasn't always the same car, just the same kind of car -- usually a Ford Taurus. And as I left the ARA parking lot, the car would follow me home, and anywhere else I would go that night.

Numerous other activists were similarly harassed. A close friend and animal rights activist answered her door at 8am on a Saturday morning in July of 1996 to discover Federal Agents who asked her to come with them to the station. She was not aware of her rights and went with them. One of the agents asked her if she knew me . She told them that she didn't. The agents then pulled out an 8" x 10" glossy photo of us both eating at a local vegetarian cafe. They continued pressuring her for information using the usual scare tactics such as "your friends have already told us everything" and "we already have all the evidence we need to send you to jail, but if you give us the information we need, you will receive a lighter sentence." She said nothing further and refused to cooperate, as she did know she had the right to remain silent. She was never charged with committing a crime.

Many other suspects were approached by agents in the early morning hours to be interrogated before and after this incident. However, by staying strong and refusing to cooperate, the FBI backed away from the suspects.

Anne Davis, on the other hand, wasn't so smart. In the hopes of protecting herself, she willingly gave information and any evidence she could discover to the FBI. As a result, the FBI continued to blame ARA for A.L.F. activity and continued to harass Anne for more information. In the end, ARA became a completely inactive group as it lost all of its supporters and members. The FBI had successfully "neutralized" it.

If it weren't for the A.L.F., there would not be any actions for animals in Utah -- the second largest fur producing state in the country -- not to mention the massive amounts of vivisection and factory farming that goes on there too.

After seeing everything that went on in ARA, I can not impress upon anyone how important it is for us to stick together. Only through solidarity will we succeed in fighting off the Agents of Repression and achieving total liberation. Beware of informers such as Anne Davis. They can cause more harm to the movement than anyone. She was used as a tool by the government to spread fear and divide the local grassroots animal rights movement. Finally, learn as much as possible about our enemies and their tactics -- we can't successfully combat the enemy's tactics while blind-folded. Remember, this is a battle we can win and together we will!

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What to Learn: The above described harassment is bold and public, and is done primarily to scare and intimidate activists in the hopes of making them so paranoid and fearful that they cannot effectively organize. In this case, the Feds were successful.

If the activists had filed restraining orders against those people who followed them, been represented by a lawyer so the investigators could not harass them at home and work, legally fought the subpoena so that Anne would not have to speak to the grand jury, and exposed the FBI's COINTELPRO tactics to the media, all of the ill effects could have been avoided, and the situation wouldn't have escalated to the point where people were put in life-threatening situations and incriminated for A.L.F. activity.

Another lesson to learn is how unfounded rumors harm activists and our cause. It is very important to confront the person whom the rumor is about to hear their side of the story, while also trying to confirm or disprove the rumor by other unbiased and respectable parties. One wonders if Anne's talking to the Feds could have been prevented if she had received support from activists during this trying time. However, under no circumstances -- death threats included -- is incriminating activists acceptable.

This situation also shows how important it is for groups to stay jn contact with the "greater animal rights community" (for lack of a better phrase). This harassment was allowed to continue for so long because few people -- except the activists involved -- knew it was happening. When government harassment starts, let everyone know about it! Grassroots liberationists can help groups morally, financially, and tactically to fend off the Feds. Actions are now being taken to stop these civil liberties abuses once and for all.

Finally, this incidence also shows what we've known all along: the more you cooperate with the authorities, the more they harass you. Just as bullies sense weakness in people and attack, the Feds sense who is most intimidated by their tactics and then target them for more harassment. And they decide who is most intimidated by who is most willing to cooperate with them.

So in Utah we have lost the first round with the Feds. Let's learn from this mistake so it is not repeated.

Investigator's Dirty Tricks

This article will show you the tricks that federal, state, and local investigators use to encourage you to give up your right to remain silent. It is intended to prepare you for their underhanded ways while stressing the importance of not talking or trying to deceive them.

Do not communicate with any agents. To begin with, it is a federal crime to make a false statement to an FBI agent or other federal investigator. By talking, you may be digging your own grave as a violation could be charged on the basis of two inconsistent statements spoken out of fear or forgetfulness.

It is also very dangerous to try and outsmart them. They are trained on how to extract information out of people, and in tripping people up who are lying to them. They have learned how to get people to talk by making them feel scared, guilty, or impolite. They exploit our trust, honesty, and sensitive nature to get information and further harass us. They would prefer you lied to them than not talk, so stay strong and stay silent!

Below, is a list of the arsenal of dirty tricks investigators use against activists to get them to talk:

"Your friends have told us everything, why don't you just come clean." They will act as if your friends have already snitched on you, making you want to snitch on them in return. It's generally a lie -- besides, even if that did happen, how does it benefit you to be a witness against yourself?

"If you don't talk now, we will come back with a subpoena." Most of the time this is an empty threat. They approach you without a subpoena because they don't have enough evidence against you to justify getting a subpoena from the courts. If you talk, they might get that needed evidence,so its best to stay quiet. Make them get a subpoena. At least ninety percent of the time, they simply won't do it. But if they do, their are legal and political ways to challenge the subpoena.

"If you talk, we will go easy on you." Agents will promise you the world to get you to talk. However, when they have people sign statements of guilt, notice they never sign anything saying they will stay true to their promises. They lie. Don't believe their promises.

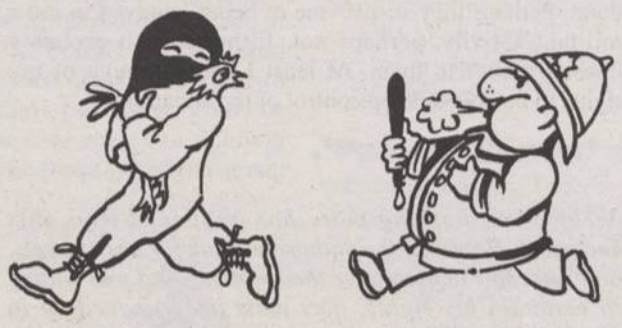
"We know everything you've done and have all the evidence we need to convict you." If this was the case, they would go ahead and charge you with a crime and convict you. Most of the time it's a lie, but sometimes they will show or tell you the "evidence" they have against you. This "evidence" will often have been obtained illegally -- meaning it cannot be use in court -- or be lies like "we found your prints on the glass" that they hope are correct enough to scare you. They show and tell you about this "evidence" in the hopes that you will break down and confess everything. Because -- although their lies and illegally obtained "evidence" cannot be used in court -- your confession can. And they will use that as the main evidence to convict you. The moral of the story is say nothing.

"You seem to be an intelligent kid with a promising future. You don't want to destroy your life over this, do you?" They act as if they are really concerned about your welfare and are just trying to help. But for some reason they can't help you unless you help them by talking. The truth is, they don't care. This is just another way to manipulate you to talk.

"These extremists hurt your movement. They alienate people and make them angry. Help your cause by telling us who they are." These "extremists" are winning so many victories for the animals and the earth that the repressive, status-quo loving government can't handle it and have sent their agents in to crush the "extremists" -- be they illegal or legal. They are trying to use your own desire to help the animals against your fellow comrades. This line rarely works among grassroots militants who know how effective we are, but it is another trick we should be aware of.

"I support your goals, just not your (friends) tactics" or "my daughter's a vegetarian." Again, they will try to act as if they support your cause, but that they have to uphold the law -- and can't you help a fellow animal lover? If they really supported us they wouldn't harass those activists who work legally to change the system. Turning in fellow warriors helps no one.

"If you are not guilty, then why don't you talk?" This is one of their most used tactics. We all have the desire to defend ourselves, especially when we know we are innocent. However, they will attack and dissect everything you say, continually prying to get more and more information -- and if you stop answering their questions because they get out of line, they will say, "A ha! So now you don't want to talk? It seems we have found the flaw in your story!" and again try to make you feel guilty and rekindle your desire to vindicate yourself. But even if you are innocent, don't talk! An activist's innocence has never stopped the authorities from convicting or jailing them. Furthermore, the more you talk, the more likely you are to mention other people's names, leading the police to more people who they can harass and question.



"Your supposed friends are laughing at you. They manipulated you into doing these things, and now you're taking the fall for it while they get off scott free. They used you and now they are laughing at you." Investigators will try to pit you against the real or imagined "others" who they think you conspired with. They will say your alleged "co-conspirators" used you, manipulated you, and deserted you. And then they will ask you why you are willing to protect such worthless people who have been so abusive to you and don't care that you were caught and face years of prison. They are trying to create doubts in your mind about the other members of your affinity group while giving you reasons to justify informing on them. Again, this is pure manipulation, so don't talk. However, it is good to make sure your affinity group is made up of people who you fully trust and respect, so that you could never believe such lies by the authorities.

Repeatedly asking the same question. Agents will ask the same question in different ways numerous times. This is how they can usually trip up those people who are trying to outsmart them. It also helps them weed out more information from those who are telling the truth, but being stingy with their answers. And sometimes it just simply wears down those people who are not telling the truth, so that finally they come clean. Don't ever think that investigators are going to just ask you a few questions and let you go. The more you give, the more they take, and once you start talking they will do whatever it takes to keep you talking.

Good cop/bad cop. This is their oldest trick in the book. It allows one officer to use all of the above listed plays that are negative (like threats), while the other one uses the positive scams (like promises). It allows them to use their full arsenal on you. Sometimes the Bad Cop acts so angry and unstable that you fear they will use physical violence against you. The Good Cop then usher's the Bad Cop out of the room to "cool off." Then the Good Cop warms up to you, and promises you a light sentence if you talk, however if you don't talk, the Good Cop fears that the Bad Cop will come back and make good on her/his threats of violence -- so just admit your guilt so you can avoid that. Again these are usually empty threats, but just be prepared for the Good Cop/Bad Cop ruse.

Fight Back!

How to Get Agent s Off Your Back

So now that you know what to expect from an interrogation, how do you avoid it?

Well, if you are ever approached by the police, FBI, ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) or other agency remember you are under no legal obligation to speak with them. Even if they have a search warrant, subpoena, or a warrant for your arrest you still don't have to talk to them.

What you should do in this situation is tell the investigator to talk to your lawyer. The Department of Justice policy requires agents to stop questioning people who are represented by a lawyer. An added benefit of being represented by a lawyer is that if agents are calling you or visiting you frequently, once you have a lawyer, these calls and visits should stop as they would need to speak with you through your lawyer.

So what do you do if you don't have a lawyer? Tell them Larry Weiss is your lawyer and give them his number (707-576-1415). He is a totally awesome activist lawyer who can give you free legal advice and help you in situations such as this. However, after you tell the authorities that Larry is your lawyer, be sure to call Larry right away and inform him of the situation so he will not be ignorant to the fact that he is representing you should the investigators contact him.

Even if you don't have a lawyer and forget Larry's name and phone number, tell the agents you would like to consult a lawyer before making any comments. Get the investigator's name, agency, and phone number and tell them you will give them the name and phone number of your lawyer once you have it. This has the same affect as actually having a lawyer.

Now that you know how investigators operate and how to avoid them, educate other people too. Take some time at your next group meeting to educate your the other members about these issues. Break up into groups of four and do role playing where two people play the role of the police and use all of the above tactics while the other two people play the role of activists pulled in for allegedly shooting out the windows of a local meat store. Let the "police" read the "Investigator's Dirty Tricks" article and then let them go at it. See how much information they can extracted from the activists about their friends, associates, involvement with animal rights, etc. Let them feel free to split the activists up (a typical police tactic), yell at them, threaten physical violence, etc. Then after the interrogation, come together as a group to discuss the role plays, the tactics used and how activists should handle investigators questions.

The time to learn about how to stop government harassment is before it starts. It only takes one person who talks to land an activists in jail.

Finally, we must also be sure to educate our friends, roommates, family members, and employers about how to deal with government harassment, as investigators will go to them to get information too. The agents see these associates as people who are typically less involved with the cause and more willing to talk. So educate them as well. Take care and stay safe.

For further information read --*If an Agent Knocks, Federal Investigators and Your Rights*. Published by the Center for Constitutional Rights, 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012. It is available from the Animal Liberation League, PO Box 240655, Apple Valley, MN 55124 for $2.

Feds Visit Canadian Activist

Below is a specific example of a recent encounter that an activist had with the authorities. We reprint it here to help show you the police in action. This is a rather tame encounter, but still good for educational purposes. Note how the activist asks the strangers to identify themselves -- this is always a good idea when confronted by someone unfamiliar to you. Furthermore, note how one agent tries to act like an A.L.F. supporter and appeals to the activist's better nature while argues that helping them would help the cause of animal liberation. Also note that the activist never gives the police any information. Finally, he tells them to talk to his lawyer -- by law, when you ask to speak with a lawyer, they can no longer ask you questions. So read on and learn from other people's experiences.

On October 24th, at roughly 2:30pm, I returned home after walking the dog, and as I opened the front door two men appeared basically out of nowhere (meaning I didn't see them or, at any rate, they came up completely by surprise), and asked "Is (my full name here) home?" I looked them over and thought they were local reporters, one had the standard notebook and pen out, and I said "yeah, who are you?"

They identified themselves as RCMP officers from the National Security Investigation Section (NSIS) and each gave me their card (The RCMP is Canada's version of the police and Feds). The younger officer was from Vancouver, while the second one worked locally, from Toronto. The young guy asked if they could come in and ask some questions. I gave them the standard reply, "No, you can't come in and I won't answer any questions."

I put the dog inside and came back out, and asked what they wanted with me. The young guy claimed to be investigating a series of "mail-devices" sent out from Vancouver last year. Someone in Vancouver received one as well as a Toronto Neo-Nazi named Ernst Zundel who produces massive amounts of hate literature that is distributed in Europe, and also the right-wing think-tank organization named the Mackenzie Institute (similar to the Rand Corp in the US) .

I was told my name was on a list of 1,000 or so "left-wing" types who may be involved in anti-racist activities, and that they had my name because I was arrested at a local animal rights demo (the odd thing was that both of my house mates were also arrested there, but he made no mention of either of them). They asked if I was going to the big anti-nazi rally at Zundel's house this coming weekend and also what I thought of pipe-bombs. They said things like, "someone as left-wing as you could have been hurt, or even someone's mom."

The young guy saw an "animal liberation or else..." sticker from the UK A.L.F. Supporters Group on our door, and said it was "cool" and wanted to know if I sold them. He said if I sent one to his address, he promised to send me the money. Bizarre! The same guy said, "You know, there are all these great people and organizations out there, trying to do good work and make changes, like Anti-racist Action and the A.L.F., and then you get extremists who give them a bad name" -- again, I kid you not -- those were his exact words. I told them again I was not answering any questions, and that if they wanted to continue this discussion, they should set it up through my lawyer.

As soon as they left I called my lawyer and informed him of what had happened. It turns out the same two cops had visited anti-racist activists in Toronto.

It is my belief that the police were looking for people with links between animal liberation and anti-racist politics. Anti-Racist Action is a young, militant anti-nazi group that is not afraid of using tactics that include direct confrontation with nazis, civil disobedience and in some cases property damage involving nazi-owned property. They have also been the target of a police harassment and are very closely monitored by the cops. Given my own involvement in anti-nazi activities locally and since I'm well known as an animal rights activist, it doesn't surprise me that my name has appeared on a police "list." Any activist working publicly on issues perceived to be "left wing" by the State can expect to be on a similar list kept by your local police or even Federal investigators.

Interestingly, (and potentially connected to all of this) we just had a very peaceful, non-disruptive fur protest tonight. In the past the authorities usually send a local cop by to explain not to block the sidewalk, etc. and that's it. Tonight they had two unmarked vans parked across the street filming everything, two plainclothes detectives -- one of which was photographing us and the other inside the fur shop with the owner -- and a cop cruiser driving by once every 5-10 minutes for the entire demo. This is DEFINITELY not usual for our area, and it makes me think that the local cops have been contacted by the RCMP, and that potentially anyone involved in CD and pro-A.L.F. activities are being watched and targeted. They took one of every leaflet being handed out "to make sure it was OK and didn't break any of the hate-laws."

In the end, there could be any number of reasons for why the RCMP decided to pay me a visit. My politics and views are well enough known within my community that it only makes sense that the police are also aware of them. Perhaps they suspect me of being involved in more militant activity, perhaps not. Either way, it probably doesn't matter to them. At least I knew enough of my rights to be able to keep control of the situation.

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As of print, nothing more has happened from this encounter. However, the authorities look for easy targets, and since this activist gave them nothing and was willing to maintain his rights, they most likely moved on in search of more fertile ground. It is those activists who talk, who find out they get more police harassment. Because once you talk, they expect you to continue to talk, and when you stop, they will put on the pressure because they know you have talked in the past and will talk in the future once they find your breaking point. So the moral is DON'T COOPERATE with the authorities.

Don't Tackle Government Harassment By Yourself!

Call the Animal Liberation League's 24 Hour Crisis Line at:

1-800-338-7827

after the beep dial 9299, then enter the phone number where you can be reached and hit the pound sign. A representative will call you back and help give you the resources necessary to FIGHT BACK!

Or you can also call ALL directly at:

612-953-4293

(Staffed during business hours)

Call us if you or someone you know is arrested for A.L.F. activity, or wrongfully arrested, or visited by Federal Agents, or if someone is suspected to be an agent/informer, or if you experience anything that could be considered to be government harassment. Even if you know how to handle the situation, please let inform us so we can better monitor the Authorities' activity against eco-animal activists.

FIGHT BACK!

Know Your Rights

1. You do not have to talk to FBI agents, police, or other investigators. You do not have to talk to them in your house, on the street, if you've been arrested, or even in jail. Only a court or grand jury has legal authority to compel testimony.

2. You don't have to let the FBI or police into your house or office unless they show you an arrest or search warrant which authorizes them to enter that specific place.

3. If they do present a warrant, you do not have to tell them anything other than your name and address. You have a right to observe what they do. Make written notes, including the agents' names, agency, and badge numbers. Try to have other people present as witnesses, and have them make written notes too. [ed. note: by observing them and writing down everything they touch and do, it helps prevent them from planting incriminating evidence.]

4. Anything you say to an FBI agent or other law enforcement officer may be used against you or *other people*.

5. Giving the FBI or police information may mean that you will have to testify to the same information at a trial or before a grand jury.

6. Lying to an FBI agent or other federal investigator is a crime.

7. The best advice, if the FBI or police try to question you or to enter your home or office without a warrant, is to JUST SAY NO. FBI agents have a job to do, and they are highly skilled at it. Attempting to outwit them is very risky. You can never tell how a seemingly harmless bit of information can help them hurt you or someone else.

8. The FBI or police may threaten you with a grand jury subpoena if you don't give them information. But you may get one anyway, and anything you've already told them will be the basis for more detailed questioning under oath.

9. They may try to threaten or intimidate you by pretending to have information about you: "We know what you have been doing, but if you cooperate it will be all right:" [ed. note: if they had the evidence against you, they wouldn't want to talk with you, they would just arrest you. However, by talking to them, you would open yourself up to giving them incriminating information about you or others.]

10. If you are nervous about simply refusing to talk, you may find it easier to tell them to contact your lawyer. Once a lawyer is involved, the FBI and police usually pull back since they have lost their power to intimidate.

The above suggestions are reprinted from the book War at Home: Covert Action Against U.S. Activists and What We Can Do About It by Brain Glick, published by South End Press, 116 Saint Botolph St., Boston, MA 02115. Editor's notes are in brackets.

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 neglectful, abusive 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 sometimes 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 a 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 send/write 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 prisoner's well being. This often helps increase the chances 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 Prisoners' 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 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 North American - ALFSG 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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ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONER LISTING

North America

Rod Coronado #3895000
FCI, 8901 South Wilmot Rd., Tucson, 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 Winchester, Women's Annexe, Romsey Road, Winchester, Hampshire, England SO22 5DF
Serving 3 years for arson at Ensor's slaughterhouse in Gloucestershire.

Gurjeet Aujla HV2047
HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Road., Birmingham, England 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 Road, Birmingham, England B18 4AS
Currently appealing against a 10 year sentence for conspiracy to cause arson.

Darren Cole XD2301
HMP Exeter, New North Rd, Exeter, England EX4 4EX
Serving 3 years for arson on farm buildings used in the live export trade.

Michael Green AV2923
HMP Ashwell, Oakham, Leics, England LE15 7LF
Co-defendant of Melanie Arnold, who has been sentenced to 3 1/2 years for the Ensor's slaughterhouse arson attack and a further 1 1/2 years for an attempted arson attack at Padbury's cattle transporters, in Northampton.

Angie Hamp - RELEASED!!

Barry Horne VC 2141
HMP Bristol, Cambridge Rd., Horfield, Bristol, England BS7 8PS
On remand, awaiting trial, on charges of attempting to cause damage by arson.

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

Dave Palmer LW1868
HMP Canterbury, Kent, England CT1 1PJ
Dave is on remand for allegedly planting incendiary devices at a lairage, used if live exports.

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

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

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

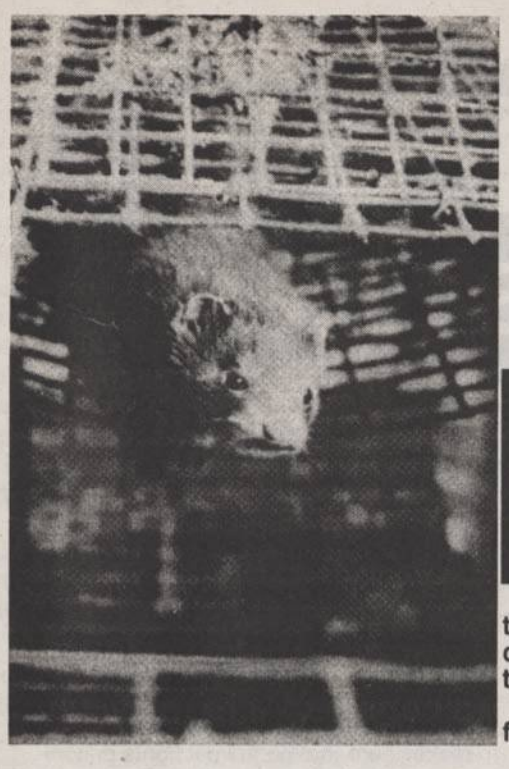
Charles Skinner 24250
HMP La Moye, St. Beades, Jersey, Channel Islands.
Sentenced to 4 years for causing over 322,000 pounds worth of damage by arson to Jersey Zoo visitors centre.

Barbara Trenholm Rl 1292
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst RD, London. N7 ONU
Sentenced to 10 years for arson against the White Hart pub which the prosecution claim was in connection with the campaign against live exports. She maintains her innocence.

Justin Wright CE3046
HMP Lewes, East Sussex, England BN7 1EA
Sentenced to 5 years for the same offence, as above. He maintains his innocence.

Holland

Frank Kocera - Reg. No 1648820
Erik van der Laan - Reg. No 1648819
Penitentiaire Inrichtingen (Over Amstel) Postbus 41901, 1009 CE Amsterdam.
Frank was sentenced to 3 years, with 8 months probation, and Erik to 30 months, with 10 months probation, for various arson attacks against the meat industry as well as painting anti-meat slogans on a butchers training centre.



Crossing The Line

DIRECT ACTION

FOR THE EARTH & ANIMALS

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

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

Listed actions start where the last issue left off (8/31/96). Any earlier actions listed here were not covered in the last issue.

6/-/96 - Minneapolis, MN; Marigold Foods (Kemp's Dairy Products) had two trucks hit with spray-painted vegan slogans. **-A.L.F.**

6/-/96 - St. Paul, MN; Steak House restaurant had locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

6/-/96 - Wayzata, MN; Wayzata Bait & Tackle had locks glued, a brick thrown through the window and a live-bait vending machine overturned. Damages estimated at over $2000. **-A.L.F.**

6/25/96 - Mercer Island, WA; A McDonald's on 77th Ave. S.E. was hit with a brick through the window and "Meat Is Murder" and "A.L.F." painted on the building's north and south sides. Also hit was a Baskin Robbins which had locks glued and animal liberation slogans painted on the walls. Subway Subs also had a window broken and graffiti painted on a rear wall. **-A.L.F.**

7/25/96 - West Fargo, ND; A fire extinguisher with an Animal Liberation note attached was thrown through the front window of Quality Meats. Slogans such as "Animal Liberation" and "Meat is Murder" were also written on trucks. **-A.L.F.**

8/-/96 - Newport Beach, OR; A crab, momentarily left unattended in an empty 5 gallon bucket, was liberated and returned to the Pacific Ocean. "It made a difference for that one." **-Crustacean Liberation Front.**

8/25/96 - Dallas, TX; Bifano Furs Downtown delivery van was paint stripped. **-A.L.F.**

8/25/96 - Richardson, TX; Richardson Fur Center had a window shot out. **-A.L.F.**

8/25/96 - Plamo, TX; Alaskan Fur Exchange had it's window smashed. **-A.L.F.**

8/27/96 - Boston, MA; Michael Hawley the president of Gillette Co. had his home soaked in red paint. **-A.L.F.**

9/-/96 - Atlanta, GA; Atlanta Furs hit again, a McDonald's was spray-painted with "McDonald's = Murder & Greed" and "A.L.F." also a supermarket was spray-painted with "Vegan Revolution". **-A.L.F.**

9/1/96 - Dallas, TX; Morris Kaye and Sons Fur shop had locks glued and slogans painted. **-A.L.F.**

9/2/96 - Richardson, TX; Richardson Fur Center's windows smashed, paint-bombed, slogans painted and locks were glued. **-A.L.F.**

9/2/96 - Dallas, TX; Bifano Furs in North Dallas was paint-bombed, acid was sprayed into the office through the mail slot, locks were glued and slogans painted. **-A.L.F.**

9/2/96 - Dallas, TX; Valentine Furs was paint-bombed and slogans were painted. **-A.L.F.**

9/2/96 - Dallas, TX; Macy's Dept. Store: steel balls were shot at the windows. It was unclear, however, if the windows broke. **-A.L.F.**

9/9/96 - South St. Paul, MN; An attempt was made to burn down a building at Heger Co. a major fur feed supplier. **-A.L.F.**

A.L.F. COMMUNIQUE

The Animal Liberation Front claims responsibility for the attempted firebombing of Heger Co., a fur farm feed supplier in South St. Paul, MN in the early hours of Sept. 9th.

In a city of so much misery (the South St. Paul "Livestock Market" tortures and kills hundreds of thousands of cows, pigs, and sheep each year) the action was done not only to protest the atrocities against life, but to directly bring about change, and speed the decline of a dying industry.

We intend to learn from our mistakes and return!

9/28/96 - Alliance, OH; Justice Jorney's mink ranch raided for the second time, 8000 mink released. **-A.L.F.**

10/-/96 - Mercer Island, WA; At least 11 actions have occurred since March. Windows at several fast food outlets were broken. In one case, an indelible pen was used to write "Meat is murder" on an awning at Cucina Presto. Also, a Mc Donald's was spray-painted with "McDeath" and Baskin Robbins spray-painted with "Dairy = Death" and many windows smashed. **-A.L.F.**

10/2/96 - Salem, UT; 1500 mink released from Paul Westwood's mink farm, breeding cards destroyed. Huge holes cut in two surrounding fences. "Many animals were left behind and for that, we are sorry but this war is far from over..." from the communique. Over $20,000 damages. **-A.L.F.**

10/-/96 - Boston, MA; A small billboard advertising an annual chicken Bar-B-Q was completely removed. **-Poultry Liberation Organization**

10/3/96 - Syracuse, NY; The home of Georgio Politis, owner of Georgio's Furs spray-painted with "You Can't Hide" and two vehicles extensively damaged, spray-painted with slogans, splashed with red paint and windows smashed out. **-A.L.F.**

10/5/96 - Redmond, WA; A Kentucky Fried Chicken was spray-painted with "All Meat is Murder" and "Sadist". **-A.L.F.**

10/5/96 - Lyndeborough, NH; Richard Gauthier's fur farm had 35 fox and 10 mink liberated. **-A.L.F.**

10/8/96 - Bellevue, WA; In the third attack on Honey Bee Hams, it had seven large windows smashed, "Animal Killers" and "A.L.F." spray-painted. $8,500 damage. **-A.L.F.**

10/11/96 - Lower Mainland, BC (Canada); Letters sent to media and stores claimed that a group had contaminated turkeys on the shelves of three major supermarkets a few days before Thanksgiving. Thousands of turkeys were returned because of the hoax. $500,000 in losses to the BC Turkey Producers Cooperative; store losses not known. **-Animal Avengers**

10/11/96 - Bellevue, WA; Three more businesses report being hit, including an action in which four 10 by 6 foot windows and a glass door at Golden Steer Meats were taken out, with damages estimated at over $2000. **-A.L.F.**

10/11/96 - Hinsdale, MA; At Carmel Mink Ranch, activists find alarms set to trigger if the cages are opened and still manage to liberate 75 mink. **-A.L.F.**

10/14/96 (Columbus Day) - Eugene, OR; 26th and Willamette Chevron Gas Station locks glued and painted with the slogan "504 years of genocide" **-Earth Liberation Front**

10/14/96 (Columbus Day) - Eugene, OR; The IZ and Pearl public relations office of Weyerhauser and Hyundai locks glued, spray-painted with "504 years of Genocide" and "Fuck Corporations". **-Earth Liberation Front**

10/14/96 (Columbus Day) - Eugene, OR; Hwy. 99 and Garfield Mcdonald's locks glued and spray painted. **-Earth Liberation Front**

10/16/96 - Ithaca, NY; A McDonald's had it locks glued, other equipment damaged and a huge banner saying "McDeath: Killing Animals, the Earth and You!" dropped from the roof. **-Band of Mercy**

10/16/96 - Eugene, OR; The following animal abusers had their men's and women's restrooms toilets plugged with

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, Ontario, Canada M2M 4K3) and, if possible, other supportive animal rights groups. Reports should include what the target was, what happened, 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 in the typewriter). You will also want to be sure that the letter, stamp, and envelope you use is hair and saliva-free. Moisten the stamp with a sponge and wear gloves (not 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 NOT have anything on or in it that will incriminate you or others.

sponges; walls covered with slogans; and walls, ceilings, floors and fixtures sprayed with "blood": 5 McDonald's', 1 Taco Bell, 1 Taco Time, 1 Arby's, 1 Burger King, 1 Carl's Jr.'s, 1 Wendy's. **-A.L.F.**

10/16/96 - Grants Pass, OR; McDonald's locks glued and spray-painted for the McLibel Two. **-Earth Liberation Front**

10/17/96 - Cottage Grove, OR; McDonald's locks glued and slogans painted. **-Earth Liberation Front**

10/17/96 - Exit 104 on I-5, OR; McDonald's locks glued and slogans painted. **-Earth Liberation Front**

10/22-28/96 - Vancouver, BC; Several McDonald's billboards spray-painted with "Go Vegan", "McDeath" and "Resist". **-Unclaimed**

10/23/96 - Lebanon, OR; Arnold Kroll's mink farm raided: "...2000 wonderful beings, who were otherwise destined to be brutally murdered for vanity are now running free!!! As long as there are animal concentration camps there will be an Animal Liberation Front. We'll Be Back!" from the communique. **-A.L.F.**

10/24-31/96 - Portland, OR; Two bus stop benches corrected... instead of "Eat more rabbit" with a rabbit foot keychain they now say "Meat is Murder" and "Animal Liberation Now". **-Unclaimed**

10/23-29/96 - Detroit, OR; Detroit Ranger Station was spray-painted with anti-logging slogans and a pick-up truck was set on fire. **-Earth Liberation Front**

10/25/96 - Coalville, UT; Ree's Fur Farm raided, 2000 mink and 200 fox liberated. **-A.L.F.**

10/26/96 - Philadelphia, PA; A Flemington Furs billboard on Interstate 95 was paint bombed. **-A.L.F.**

10/27/96 - TX; The toilet pipes were plugged in a McDonald's in rural Texas and slogans left in the bathroom including "Meat is Murder", "A.L.F.", and "Tell Your Corporate Masters That the Pipes Were Blocked for the McLibel Two". **-A.L.F.**

10/29/96 - Victor, NY; L.W. Bennett & Sons' Fur Farm raided for the second time; three sets of fences cut through and 46 fox released. **-A.L.F.**

10/30/96 - Oakridge, OR; The Forest Service office was burned to the ground by a molotov. **-Earth Liberation Front**



An A.L.F. activist cuts through a fox cage

10/?/96 - Detroit, OR; An attempt to burn down the Detroit Ranger District office failed but some vehicles were damaged. The building was evacuated after employees saw a container on the roof. **-Earth Liberation Front**

10/31/96 - Richardson, TX; Richardson Fur Center windows smashed. **-A.L.F.**

11/8/96 - Benson, UT; 1,000 ring-necked pheasants were released from the Wild Ringneck Ranch (a canned hunting operation). Three sheds of pheasants were completely emptied. The owner said that once the birds are out of their cages, they are almost impossible to capture. He estimated a $10,000 loss by the release of the birds. **-Unclaimed**

11/9/96 - Charlotte, NC; Montaldo's Furs had the front of their building (windows & walls) spray-painted red with the slogan "Fur kills" and "ALF". Montaldo's is the second fur store to open in the last two months in Charlotte. **-A.L.F.**

11/10/96 - NYC, NY; Revillon Furs window smashed. **-A.L.F.**

11/11/96 - Chevy Chase, MD; Miller's Furs had the side of their building decorated in red paint and with the slogans "Fur is for animals not fur coats" and "A.L.F.". Also all of the Miller's Furs parking signs were crossed out with red paint. Gartenhaus Furs, which is two doors down from Miller's, had red paint splattered over all of the awnings as well as the sidewalk. **-A.L.F.**

11/12/96 - Bloomington, MN; An incendiary device was thrown through the Alaskan Fur Company's front window. After the building burned to the ground, approximately $2 million in damage was done to the furs and other merchandise. The building sustained about $250,000 in damage.

11/17/96 - Charlotte, NC; 2 fur salons had their windows, doors, walls and sidewalks spray-painted with "A.L.F." and "Fur kills". A Belk's department store was also spray-painted with the same slogans. Four McDonald's spray-painted with slogans saying "Meat is murder", "Meat kills", "McDeath" and "A.L.F." **-A.L.F.**

11/17-19/96 - Boston, MA; A bomb threat was called in to the Filenes Basement department store in World Trade Center, which was holding a fur sale. The building was evacuated for an hour and a half as the building was secured. **-Vegan Supremacy**

11/27/96 - Charlotte, NC; 2 Honeybaked Ham stores had their locks glued and were spray-painted with "A.L.F.", "Meat Kills", "Meat Is Murder". Carolina Country BBQ - two catering vans, locks glued and spray-painted with "A.L.F.", "Animal Killers", "Meat Kills". A steak house restaurant was painted with slogans everywhere. **-A.L.F.**

A.L.F. COMMUNIQUE

"The Animal Liberation Front is claiming responsibility for the following action that occurred in the early morning hours of Oct. 29, 1996 in Victor, NY.

The ALF entered the Bennett Fur Farm by cutting through a series of *3 different fences. We saw remnants of older fences* that had possibly been cut down on previous raids. The fence nearest to the sheds had metal sheets on the top of it so as to make noise if they were being tampered with, but this proved a frivolous security precaution as they were easily by-passed. Once inside the actual fur farm, we came across countless empty sheds, possibly 40 or 50, which each shed could have housed several hundred animals each, but all were empty. This could have been because of previous successful raids on the farm, or we may have been too late as the killing season may have already claimed the lives of our animal friends.

We continued onward hoping to find at least a few sheds with animals still in them. Nearing the front of the farm, we heard animal noises and followed them to a shed. Inside were dozens and dozens of silver foxes. They were making a tremendous amount of noise as we searched the shed. We opened a total of at least 46 cages and destroyed the breeding cards on all of the cages inside that particular shed. Liberation for all of the foxes would have been possible if we had not been interrupted by a security truck that forced us to evacuate.

The foxes seemed reluctant to leave their cages once they were opened, so at times activists would climb inside of the cages and usher them to freedom.

This is the second known raid on this particular fur farm. All in all, forty six foxes were liberated, fencing was cut through and torn down, and ALF slogans were spray painted on various sheds throughout the farm.

We will be back - as long as there are animals trapped inside that concentration camp- we will fight for their release...
Much more to come from ALF!!

Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service

www <http://envirolink.org/ALF/alf.html>

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

Animal Liberation Front GUIDELINES

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

TO liberate animals from places of abuse, 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 nonviolent 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 Animal Liberation Front guidelines.

Four Arrested in Alleged "Mink Raid"

HINSDALE, MA -- On November 28, four Boston area animal activists -- Alex Smolak, Jamie Roth, and brothers Warren and Grant Upson -- were charged with four misdemeanors for an alleged mink farm raid. The charges were breaking and entering in the night time with intent to commit a felony, trespass, larceny of property over $250, and malicious destruction of property over $250.

Police reports claim 25 mink -- valued at $100 each -- were released from the Berkshire Fur Farm in Hinsdale, Mass. on the night the four were arrested. The report also claims that footprints at the scene of the "crime" matched those of the activists and that all of the activists smelled like mink feces when apprehended -- However, it's more likely the police were just smelling their own report, which is full of "feces."

The activists -- who know they did not release any mink -- filed two motions in an attempt to combat the lies in the police report. The first motion was for the police to document the footprints in the snow-- both mink and human -- to prove no mink were released. The second motion was also that they take their own clothes into evidence to prove they did not smell of mink feces. Both motions were denied by the Courts -- after all, what's the point in proving that the cops lied in their report?

Along with the arrests came the accompanying media smear campaign which the Feds use to convict people before their trial is even scheduled. Not only do you have the authorities telling the media the grandiose sounding charges, and the lies which are imbedded in the police report, but you also have the "unbiased" Chief of Police (who told the activists, "Instead of catching you, my guys should have shot you!") saying to the media, "These kids aren't college students, they're terrorists!" So much for the idea of innocent until proven guilty. With Chief Green, it's guilty, and then your framed.

The day after their arrest, Jamie, Warren, and Grant were released on their own recognizance at arraignment, but Alex had his bail set at $1,000. Alex remained in jail on hunger strike for a total of two days until his bail money was posted by other activists.

When Alex was arrested, he did not give the police his name or have an ID on him. However, the police had a large file with letterhead from the Fur Commission USA on it. After looking through this file, they said, "You must be Alex Smolak." So be warned that Satan's servants (i.e. Marsha Kelly) at Fur Commission USA have done their homework.

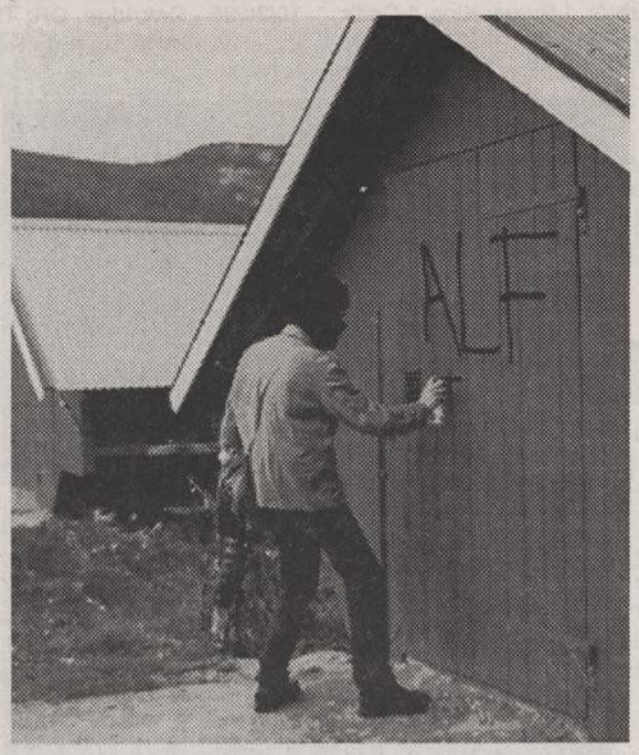
On a good note, while at the station, the activists noticed a mounted sign that read, "Attention All Officers! The Hinsdale Fur Farm needs to be patrolled at least two times a night, especially at the end of your shift. Turn on your patrol lights to let the Carmels know you are not an intruder." Apparently the two previous raids at the Hinsdale Fur Farm made an impact!

The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade has set up a defense fund for the "Massachusetts Four." Checks can be written out to CAFT and sent to: CAFT, PO 822411, Dallas, TX 75382. Note on the checks that the donation is for the "Mass 4." Letters of support to the activists can be sent to CAFT, PO Box 381855, Cambridge, MA 02238.

Support the A.L.F.

The North American A.L.F. Supporters Group, the Rod Coronado Support Committee, and the Animal Liberation League have started a fund to help those arrested for A.L.F. activity. These compassionate commandoes have risked their freedom, and now they need your help.
Send checks to:

Direct Action Defense Fund
PO Box 57357
Tucson, AZ 85732-7357



A.L.F.: Active in Norway

The Norwegian Animal Liberation Front: Dyrenes Frigjørings Front (DFF) was formed late - 95. Their first action in November was against a fur farm in Telemark where 110 foxes had their fur colored by red cruelty free Henna, breeding books were stolen and a motorized vehicle had its wires cut and slogans painted.

• **In December** DFF glued 6 locks belonging to fur-shops in Oslo, and put anti-fur stickers on their windows. In January another 7 fur-shops has their locks destroyed by glue and stickers were again pasted on their windows.

• **On the night of 6th March**, the DFF's largest economic sabotage action to date was performed! The Norwegian Fur Breeders Association's office (which is also used for fur auctions) in Oslo, got 28 windows smashed, two locks glued, lots of red paint smeared on the walls, slogans painted, and a stink bomb thrown through one of the smashed windows.

• **22nd March**, a fur shop in Tønsberg had its windows smashed, red paint thrown in through the broken windows, locks glued and slogans painted.

• **2nd May**, two fur shops in Drammen had windows broken, red paint sprayed through the broken windows, locks glued and slogans painted.

• **6th June**, four fur shops in Oslo had "smørsyre" (an extremely smelly fluid that attaches to fur coats, carpets, etc.) sprayed into their shops and locks glued.

• **So far**, the animal tortures say DFF has damaged more than one million NOK.

• **24th August** the DFF did their first direct live liberation of animals. One-hundred and ten black mink were released into nature from five different fur farms in Rogaland (between 20 and 25 mink from each farm), "DFF" and "SLAVERI" (SLAVERY) were painted at the farms.

Mink did not originate in Norway, but many black mink live a good life here in the wild. Mink who have escaped death at Norwegian fur farms have found their place in our ecosystem.

Many direct actions have been performed before these actions occurred, but by anonymous person(s). Amongst the earlier actions we can mention: the liberation of pigs from a farm that had a lot of illegal practices, liberation of mink, lots of fur shop's locks destroyed, fur/butcher shops having their windows broken and the list continued.

The animals need to fight on all fronts and the international A.L.F. is an extremely important part of that fight.

Direct action for animal liberation continues!!!!

Liberationist Arrested for Allegedly Dousing a Fur-Wearer in Paint

SYRACUSE, NY -- Five hours after being released from jail, animal liberationist Jeff Watkins found himself back in the slammer. On Fur Free Friday, cops and security jumped Jeff from behind and -- as is common in Syracuse -- arrested him for doing nothing. He was charged with trespass, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. The next day, at his arraignment, he was released on his own recognizance. However, that night Jeff was arrested again, only this time he was charged with harassment, possession of a graffiti instrument, reckless endangerment, and felony criminal mischief. Police allege Jeff splattered red paint on a woman wearing a fur coat.

Once taken into custody at the DeWitt Jail, Jeff was stripped completely naked, handcuffed to a bench, and interrogated. They wanted to know everything about him, his friends, and their involvement with animal rights. Jeff told them nothing, although the officers' questioning continued. He was not allowed to sleep or go to the bathroom, and the jailers jerked him around by his hair. Still Jeff would not talk.

After enduring the DeWitt Jail for 4 hours, Jeff was finally transferred to the Syracuse City Jail. The cops had previously told Jeff they needed to take his clothes as evidence. However before he was transported, they gave him his clothes back and admitted they just took them to get him to talk. In their own words, he could have "made things easy" for himself had he talked.

When Jeff arrived at the Syracuse City Jail he was put in general population. Jailers were surprised later when Jeff was assigned to a new cell block -- as this block was reserved for the worst of the prisoners. Here he stayed until his parents paid the $3,500 necessary to bail him out.

A support fund has been started to help Jeff with legal costs. Letters of support and donations can be sent to: Animal Defense League, PO Box 6845, Syracuse, NY 13206. Be sure to let ADL know that the money is for the defense of Jeff Watkins.

Utah Activists Jailed for Arson Attack

Later Released Without Charges

SALT LAKE CITY, UT -- Authorities picked up and jailed Ryan Durfee, Josh Anderson, and another activist for allegedly firebombing a McDonalds that was burned down last August by the A.L.F. A fourth activist, who was also supposed to be picked up, had moved out of state and the investigators decided to not pursue him.

One activist was awaken in the middle of the night, taken to the police station and interrogated. His room was completely trashed by the authorities, who had a search warrant. They even dismantled the heating ducts. All of his animal rights literature was confiscated except for one A.L.F. manual that remained prominently positioned in his room.

The exhausted and frightened activist was interrogated and signed a confession stating he was the lone individual responsible for the arson.

When Ryan Durfee was picked up, he said he wanted to speak with a lawyer before making any statements. The police stopped asking him questions, but they continued to tell him all the "evidence" they had against him in an attempt to scare a confession out of him. The activist maintained his right to remain silent.

When Josh was questioned, he knew that the first

activist had confessed, and he confessed as well. The activists confessed because they thought the evidence against them was enough to convict them, and because their interrogators promised to not charge them with Federal crimes in exchange for their confession. If they had been charged Federally, they would have to serve a minimum of 5 years if they were convicted, however now it is hoped that they will only get 2 years suspended, while only having to serve 2 or 3 months. However, it is yet to be seen if the police will keep their promises. As Josh is a juvenile, he was placed on house arrest.

The other two activists were held in jail for more than 72 hours -- which is the legal limit that police can jail people in Utah without charging them. Even with the two confessions, charges were not brought up against them and they were both released.

It is suspected that they have not been charged so that charges can be held over their head as leverage to get them to inform on other activists, or to ensure that they stay inactive, or possibly to allow for more surveillance so the authorities can see who their friends and acquaintances are.

Although the "Utah Three" were not charged with a crime, it did not stop some media outlets from reporting that the activists were charged with arson, burglary, and theft while running their photos on the TV news. Oddly, no media mentioned the A.L.F. or the politics surrounding the McDonalds arson. Instead it was covered as if a the action was a purely criminal matter. The additional charges of burglary and theft further promoted this perspective.

With the two others confessing, Ryan also confessed at a later questioning. Still no charges have been brought against these activists, and they were allowed to leave the state to visit friends in Seattle for Thanksgiving. The ATF in Seattle greeted them by following them around, and busting into their friend's house. Ryan yelled at the ATF and said they should either take him to jail now or leave him and his friends alone. They left.

Activists outside of Utah are closely monitoring the situation for further developments.

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Shadow Activist



If the A.L.F.'s cause is so just, why don't they accept responsibility for their actions by turning themselves in and doing the jail time?

A.L.F. activists are not interested in self-aggrandizement or martyrdom -- they are interested in being effective. Unlike many other direct action activists, the A.L.F. do not engaged in symbolic actions designed to increase public awareness, but calculated attacks of sabotage meant to cripple, disrupt, and eventually eradicate industries of exploitation. The A.L.F. does not disagree with the symbolic direct action activists, but they do recognize that different tactics are needed for different movements, and in order for the A.L.F. to carry on their campaigns of compassion, they must remain free.

Furthermore, A.L.F. activists know they risk their freedom, and possibly their lives, on every mission they take, yet they accept those risks and are prepared to make those sacrifices if it will help save innocent animals from the hands of their tormentors.

If an A.L.F. cell is doing an action, and one of the members is caught by a fur farmer or police officer, what should the other cell members do?

One of the most important discussions to have with your A.L.F. cell before an action is what to do if caught. You should NEVER enter into illegal activity with anyone who has not ensured other cell members that they will support and take care of them should they be caught. No one can ever guarantee that you won't get caught, and you should refrain from ever telling fellow activist there is "no chance" of being apprehended. Such statements build a dangerous sense of false security, which almost always leads to getting caught.

Besides the promise of legal and moral support once caught, cell members should decide before doing an action, how to handle a confrontation with law enforcement or security forces. Cell members should assume these people will be armed, and most likely have the law on their side should they use violent force against you. Overpowering your confronter is usually impossible since most A.L.F. activists tend to be skinny vegans who are no challenge to Jim-Bob the 220lb. fur farmer. Even if versed in martial arts, anytime you initiate physical confrontation the percentage risk of injury skyrockets. I've heard of some A.L.F. cells carrying pepper sprays and stun guns more for self-defense then offense of course.

In the 1940's the French Resistance to Nazi occupation was affectionately labeled by the Germans as "Noah's Ark" since captured resistance fighters could only identify each other through animal code names, even when tortured. They operated on a need to know basis as should the A.L.F.. Many times a French resistance fighter would be traveling to an undercover safe house in Nazi occupied territory only to see their fellow operatives being dragged away. At these times, the resistance fighters were taught not even to blink an eye but to keep walking as nothing could be gained in a fruitless effort to try and rescue them, except of course for another fighter to go down. Strategically it should be agreed that should one member be captured, the others will not risk their own capture to secure their release. It's one thing if a member sprains an ankle and needs assistance to retreat, but if a cell member is being physically held or at gun-point then damage control is needed to guarantee that other cell members get away.

Of course, here is where emotional thinking often overrides logical thought. When you witness someone you love in distress it is hard if not impossible and commendable to not want to help them. Here is where you must think of which is most important: going to prison with your comrades, or proving your love and solidarity for them by continuing animal liberation actions in their honor.

Stay in good physical shape, carefully discuss a contingency plan should the unexpected take place, avoid being separated from your fellow warriors on an action, and remember that the capture of a comrade isn't only a loss for you, but a loss for the animals.

Is using a list of "targets" sent to me from an above-ground group that I suspect is high on the FBI-Watch list a dangerous thing to work from? Or am I just being paranoid?

Considering the FBI does monitor mail, it is probably best to not work from that list. Numerous other sources exist for generating targets that would be much safer. The phone book is always an excellent source of potential targets, as are the abuse industries' publications and journals, or other publications like "The Final Nail" which are widely distributed.

Never confuse taking precautions and playing it safe with paranoia. It is better to be vigilant, rather than take short-cuts that might compromise your freedom. Paranoia is only a problem if it scares you into inactivity -- so just play it safe and stay active.

When activists say we are "militant," I envision war, fighting and bloodshed. But we are a non-violent movement, so what exactly does "militant" mean when applied to us?

I'll defer to Merriam-Webster (Dictionary) to answer this one. According to them, militant means "engaged in warfare or combat" which would explain why you associate violent images to the word. However, the second definition -- and more appropriate one for us -- is "aggressively active (as in a cause)." That's exactly what activists mean by calling themselves militant -- they will not stand idle while atrocities against the animals and earth continue!

Send your questions for the "Shadow Activist" to *No Compromise*, PO Box 240655, Apple Valley, MN 55124

ExFURminating the Fur Industry

Back in August of 1987 some friends and I were fighting British Columbia's oldest industry, the fur trade. No letters, no banners or signs, our tactics were less conventional. Late at night we would gather our pre-constructed paint-bombs, spray-paint, wrist- rockets and liquid steel and off we would go into downtown Vancouver to express our rage against the fur trade, A.L.F.-style. Unfortunately, our weekend forays followed a routine, and eventually we were arrested in late September.

In October of that same year, an International Commonwealth Conference in Vancouver canceled a proposed fur show intended for the Queen of England due to "recent threats of animal rights extremism." Also, that same week, we discovered through our lawyers that two of our targeted fur shops were closing down due to our direct action attacks on their businesses. All in all, despite our arrests, we felt our actions and their subsequent impact on the fur trade were successful.

The Animal Liberation Front, and its campaign of economic sabotage against the fur trade has resulted in countless fur shops going out of business, and in recent years here in America, thousands of mink and fox being liberated and decades of research for the fur trade being destroyed.

A.L.F. Demolish British Fur Trade

In Britain, animal liberationists discovered that what the animal welfare movement failed to do in decades of lobbying, the A.L.F. was able to accomplish in a few short years. With a relentless campaign against the fur trade, the A.L.F. is singly responsible for forcing all major department stores in Great Britain to drop their leases to fur salons. This happened after a nationwide incendiary campaign where cigarette box-sized incendiary devices were placed in department stores causing sprinkler systems to trigger creating millions of dollars worth of damage to merchandise. Though the tactic was much criticized by the above-ground animal rights movement, no one was complaining as each targeted department store announced its intention to stop selling fur.

For an industry such as the fur trade, with declining sales and a shrinking domestic market, economic sabotage is a serious threat. Profit margins are thinning as retail furriers find fewer customers and fur farmers buckling under as threats of mink liberation cause them to expend thousands in expensive security systems.

American History: A.L.F. Style

1995 was not the first year the fur trade found themselves targeted by the A.L.F. In 1988, on Fur Free Friday, the A.L.F. completely destroyed a fur shop in Santa Rosa, California with an incendiary device. This well-timed action received national media attention, lending a clearer understanding of the A.L.F.'s mode of operation in the fight against fur.

This was just the tip of the iceberg as the A.L.F. has waged a smaller-scale campaign of economic sabotage on fur retailers nationwide. Independent activists operating autonomously have for many years spray painted, paint-bombed, slingshot, liquid steeled, window-etched and sledge-hammered fur shops in this country alone. All of these actions have comprised a major threat to U.S. fur retailers and in many cases has forced fur shops to close their doors.

These closures are often measured by the above-ground animal rights movement, but rarely attributed to the A.L.F. Its hard for a movement to give credit to a tactic that is far more effective then its own more "acceptable" means of protest. But, as is the case in England, this fight is about putting the Fur Trade out of business not guaranteeing we are given credit for it.

In the early 90's it is suspected that the A.L.F. was behind a failed incendiary device campaign in San Francisco and Chicago though the A.L.F. never accepted responsibility for the actions.



Thousands of skinned mink carcasses from the fur trade and other animal bodies fill this Montana landfill.

Operation Bite Back: Parts I & II

By 1991 the A.L.F. proved the effectiveness of direct action when it attacked the nation's primary experimental fur farm at Oregon State University. Within six months, the laboratory, which had for 65 years conducted experiments on mink for the fur trade, shut its doors forever. Later that same year, another A.L.F. raid on an Oregon mink farm prevented the farm's sale to another fur farmer when its pelt processing building was destroyed by fire.

Whether the above- ground animal rights movement recognizes it or not, beyond a doubt, the A.L.F. has proven that illegal direct action has succeeded where other tactics have failed. And now, as phase two of Operation Bite Back has been launched with over 20 raids on fur farms across North America, the list of fur farmers pushed toward the brink of economic extinction is growing. Already at least three fur farms targeted by the A.L.F. in the last year have announced plans to go out of business.

Demonstrations Vs. Damage

Over the years, protests and demonstrations at fur stores have failed to attract the media attention they once did in the 1980's. This does not mean the efforts are worthless - they are not - but as grassroots animal liberationists we should constantly be re-evaluating our tactics to ensure that we are maximizing our effectiveness against an industry that has already began to crumble. We must not measure our effectiveness in network coverage so much as the loss of economic revenue of our intended targets. It isn't negative publicity that hurts the fur trade - it's actions that cost the fur trade customers thousands in increased insurance premiums and security systems.

Most fur wearers today are determined, wealthy individuals who don't give a damn what animals went through to make a fur coat. They are only concerned with adorning themselves with an antiquated status symbol that displays their affluence. Sheared mink, and other "fun furs" are beginning to make a comeback in fashion shows and department store apparel and it is imperative that animal liberationists take necessary action to prevent the fur trade from recovering from its decline in the late 80's and early 90's. Individually, our obligations are up to us to decide.

Many activists attend fur demonstrations purely out of feelings of obligation, without much faith in the effectiveness of their actions. In many cases, solitary activists have proven to be successful when they singly maintain a vigil outside the same fur shop every weekend, thus not only being seen as a permanent fixture turning away potential customers, but also proving to be a type of psychological warfare, reminding furriers of our relentlessness. But possibly, what remains as our greatest untapped tactical resource is for more and more protesters and demonstrators to try their hand at small-scale economic sabotage.

Creative Campaigning

I'm not saying that each one of us needs to molotov their local fur shop or department store which sells fur, but if those of us who can camouflage our appearance to fit the average fashion consumer and infiltrate these retail outlets, much could be done. I used to always carry a sliding razor-blade cutter, of the type used to open cardboard boxes and many times I was able to enter department stores or leather shops which also sold fur and covertly run the knife along the inside of the fur coat cutting through the liner and slashing the fur causing hundreds if not thousands in damage.

Back in the late 80's, I remember reading of a traveling fur sale having $400,000 in furs slashed in this fashion by solitary individuals acting on their own accord.

Some animal rights activists, quick in their attempts to discredit this effective tactic, claim this leads only to more animals having to be killed to replace the coats. This is a cheap attempt to avoid bringing less effective legal tactics into question. Fur coats have already been purchased by their retailers when they are placed on the racks, and making these coats unsellable reduces drastically the profit margin necessary for a furrier to stay in business.

Other simple tactics I have heard being used involve filling squirt guns with red dye or battery acid and spraying fur coats covertly either on the rack or very carefully on the fur wearers back. Battery acid will cause the hair to fall out on a fur coat. In a jam, chewing gum or shoe polish can always be stuck to a fur coat. For those of us more likely to draw attention inside a fur shop or Department store fur salon, there remains the tried and true tactics of economic sabotage.

Profit Prevention

For silent action, glass etching fluid obtained from your local hobby shop can be applied to a wet sponge and used to write friendly greetings on store front windows, as well as liquid steel or solder available in tubes from auto parts stores inserted into locks. Etching fluid takes about an hour to eat into glass and liquid steel about the same amount of time to harden, but it costs furriers hundreds if not thousands in replaced glass and locks not to mention raised insurance premiums. Then there is always paint-filled projectiles, ball-bearing shots with wrist-rockets through windows, spray-painted slogans and paint-stripper (or brake fluid which works just as well) on delivery vans or furrier's cars.

Class A fire extinguishers normally filled with water and pressurized with any air compressor can also be emptied and filled with thinned red paint. The nozzle can them be into mail slots for quick and efficient discharge. Be creative. Its amazing what one or two individuals can do when they make the bankruptcy of their local furrier a personal objective.

So the next time you're feeling guilty

about missing the annual anti-fur demo, make up for it with some individual direct action. Yes, the risks of arrest are very real but so is the likelihood that one day your targeted fur shop will place a "going out of business sale" sign in its window and then it will all have been worth it. There is nothing more empowering to a budding A.L.F. activist then to see the fruits of your efforts in another animal abuser put out of business.

The Consequences of Compassion

Of course, A.L.F.-inspired direct action carries with it a greater risk than simple civil disobedience arrests. Property destruction is a greater crime than the destruction of life in today's society and the consequences should never be seen as insignificant. A.L.F. activists must recognize that destruction of property is not seen as anything less than a felony when damage exceeds $5,000 and often can carry with it a stiff penalty. A politically argued defense in court when attempting to justify a criminal action in today's political climate only makes the accusation of domestic terrorism more plausible.

The Department of Justice and the corporate interests of America which they protect, do not care abut sit-ins and once-a-year intentional arrest scenarios. Such actions are predictable and, more importantly, controllable. But when you no longer play by the rules of the game which they create, you become a sincere threat because of your unpredictability, economically destructive tactics, and unwillingness to respect laws that prioritize property over life. Stepping out of the realm of legitimate protests, A.L.F. activists are able to discover every furrier and fur-farmers worst nightmare; uncompromising defensive action on behalf of earth and animals which targets the products of exploitation and the machinery of life's destruction.

Traditionally, this form of urban guerrilla warfare, when used by the animal liberation movement, has proven to be our most effective tool in stopping the fur trade, and has never (here or in the UK) resulted in the injury or loss of life of human or animal people. If the animal liberation activists are serious about their objective to destroy a 500 year old industry, we must recognize that some risk and sacrifice is necessary to achieve it. That sacrifice, when made by participating in small-scale economic sabotage, can, on average, be no more than a year in prison at the very worst, with the scale increasing as a direct reflection of the effectiveness of your actions. The greater impact, the longer sentence if caught.

The bargain I ended up with was four years in prison for one fur animal research lab shutdown, $800,000.00 in damage to a fur farm feed distributor, a mink farm pushed out of business, more than 30 years of fur farm animal research destroyed, over a million in damages, and 30 coyotes, 10 mice, and 8 mink liberated. A deal I consider well worth it. Why? Because 50 years from now when my grandchildren ask me what I did to stop the destruction of millions of wild animals slaughtered for their fur in my presence, I can answer them that I did what I knew was right, though it may have been illegal at the time. For each one of us are responsible for the actions of everyone in our generation. Just remember for the animals we are self-appointed to represent in the fight against the fur trade. There is only death at the end of a miserable life in intensive confinement or in the jaws of steel traps.

We all could stand to gain strength through our willingness to sacrifice a few months or more of our comfortable existence in exchange for the liberty of millions. The animals held captive in fur farms and on trap lines are no different from the companion animals we love and live with and they should inspire within us the same willingness to defend them as we would our own dogs, cats and other animal family members.

Now lets get out there and make this a fur season the murderers of this nation's wildlife will never forget!!

A Letter From Frank

Hi there,

Here's a little note from Amsterdam, thanx for the *No Compromise* you sent us. First, let me tell you the story why I decided to talk to the police. The first 2 days I told nothing. But then they came with taped phone calls from me to the press. Normally it's illegal for the police to tap phone-booths. My luck was that they were after a Colombian drug-gang -- they live in the same street as I. So the police had permission to tap those phone booths, the ones I did the calls at. So it was luck for the police, it was their first proof. They made a voice-recognition, which they can use in court. Then they came with some reports from an observation team. They followed us *(twice) during* an action. So that was their second proof.

Holland is so small, I think it's as big as L.A., and at the time we were the only ones who did actions with arson. We always used the same method, incense, fireworks, etc. So with the proof and some stuff they found searching through my house they know all the actions we did. So with all that they had, what's the use in shutting up? They were going to convict me anyway.

I thought, well I'm going to jail anyway, so I can tell them everything. In Holland, you get a lower sentence if you show some cooperation, so from this point on, I tried to get the lowest sentence possible. Sure, when they don't have hard evidence it's better to shut up. Did it work? Well, I think so. They wanted to give me 5 years. The judge gave me three years with 8 months probation. In Holland, it's standard that 1/3 of your sentence gets off. This leaves me with 18 months and 20 days of which I've done seven months, so I have to do about a year now. So this is not bad especially when you look at the millions and millions of guilders we caused.

We did lots of actions of which 14 were arson activities. And now, because I talked, the press came for interviews. I did a TV interview, it was a good program, and this time from our point of view. I got a lot of positive reactions. So I can't say I regret talking to the police, when I would have shut my mouth they (for sure) would have given me the whole 5 years!

Sure we make mistakes, but other people and myself can learn from them, so these mistakes are not made by other people who take actions. At this moment made by other people who take actions. There have now been a few more fires causing millions and millions of guilders damage. So I don't regret anything.

Greetings from Holland,

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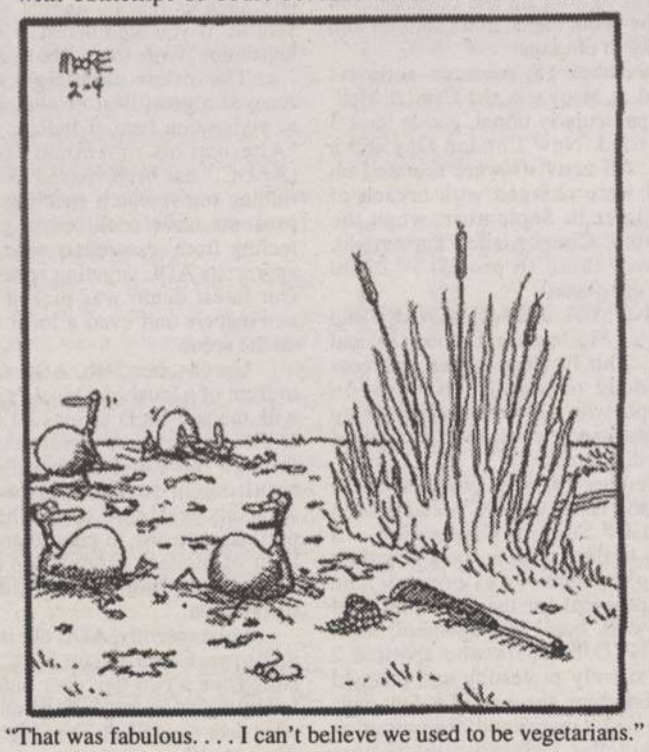
20 Days in Jail

Flying CHARC temporarily grounded

CHICAGO, IL -- Steve Hindi, of the Chicago Animal Rights Coalition (CHARC) was sentenced to 6 months in jail for contempt of court, when the judge found him to be in violation of an illegally served temporary restraining order which banned Hindi from protesting the Woodstock Hunt Club in Illinois. Hindi was jailed for 20 days, the last eleven of which he spent on hunger strike. Judge James Franz finally released Hindi on $50,000 bond after an Illinois Appellate Court ruling ordered that Hindi no longer be held without bail.

The temporary restraining order was issued on 10/11/96 by Judge Franz of McHenry County, despite the fact that it violated the First Amendment rights of the activists. Franz granted the order based on charges, brought by Earl Johnson, owner of the Woodstock Hunt Club, that Hindi and 2 other activists, Steve and Carol Gross, had interfered with the killing of birds by using sirens, horns and an ultralight aircraft. (CHARC has pioneered the use of paragliders and undercover video cameras.) Hindi was not officially notified of the restraining order.

On 11/6/96, Johnson went back to court to ask that the temporary restraining order be changed to a permanent one and further asked that Hindi be charged with contempt of court because he returned to the hunt club on 10/12/96 to videotape hunters and ask them through a megaphone to consider not killing the wildlife. Judge Franz then sentenced Hindi to 180 days in jail. As soon as he pronounced sentence, 3 bailiffs walked into the court and 2 armed corrections officers entered through the back door and took Hindi into custody. Apparently, the judge had already made his decision before even hearing closing arguments. Franz refused to stay the sentence pending appeal, and also entered a permanent injunction against CHARC and other protesters.



"That was fabulous. . . . I can't believe we used to be vegetarians."

Johnson, owner of the hunt club, had filed a civil suit against CHARC for $411,000 in damages, claiming lost revenue because he had to cancel hunts on 4 days that the protesters drove the geese away with aircraft and bullhorns. However, on 11/12/96, Johnson suffered a fatal heart attack in one of his own hunting blinds. It is not yet clear what effect his death will have on the criminal or civil cases, but we're pretty sure we know how the birds would feel if they knew!

Hindi, who is president of an industrial fasteners company and is married with 2 children, began a hunger strike on 11/15, vowing not to eat until he is released to protest the denial of his basic constitutional rights and his outrageous sentence, which many civil libertarians have called "excessive".

Steve was a political prisoner unjustly incarcerated in an attempt to stifle dissent. He has been in the forefront of the fight for animal liberation for many years, and has always advocated using high-tech methods and equipment to free the animals. As he has said many times, the abusers and exploiters have state of the art technology with which to imprison and torture animals, and we can level the playing field by beating them at their own game.

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AWfAL is a network designed to coordinate actions, act as a communication matrix between various activists in Ohio and surrounding states, provide structure and direction for activists who may not belong to a local organization, provide a forum for discussion of tactics and targets, and generally act to strengthen and solidify the grassroots animal liberation movement in Ohio. AWfAL also acts as a spokesgroup for the ALF and a local clearinghouse for ALF activities. So far, the only AWfAL chapter exists in Ohio, but it has proved to be a very effective tool for communication and solidarity among activists. Anyone interested in starting an AWfAL chapter in his or her home state is encouraged to contact me for more details. The Cleveland circus demo, described elsewhere in this issue, was the first test of the AWfAL network. Over sixty activists showed up from all over Ohio and Pennsylvania. This is compared to the usual twenty or thirty activists at past circus protests in Ohio. Since the circus demo I have received lists of over two hundred activists in Ohio, many of whom, I am certain, will be very eager to join the network and work more effectively with their fellow warriors.

AWfAL will be publishing a periodic newsletter detailing the recent actions of its constituent groups, as well as articles on various AR topics and advice on strategies and tactics. If funds permit, we will also publish literature on a wide range of topics, as well as T-shirts and stickers. Membership in the AWfAL network is free, but donations are most graciously accepted. Please contact AWfAL if you live in Ohio and want to be on our action alert mailing list.

Animal Commandos

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World Animal Awareness Week, June 1996, was the most beautiful activity of my life so far. When I was listening to Freeman Wicklund's speech on the Animal Liberation Front, I felt overcome with great thankfulness for it. I was equally moved when I heard the powerful words of J.P. Goodwin, Cres Vellucci, and Jonathan Paul. They spoke with authority on civil disobedience and other methods of saving animals. I was touched by the wisdom and savy of Sheila Laracy and Gina Lynn. I appreciated learning from such strong animal activists as Mike Karban and Lawrence Carter-Long. I hope that this was not the last time animal-militants all get together at one time, in one place. At the Animals March I helped to pass out copies of *No Compromise*. This was enjoyable, and also gave an opportunity to meet people from around the world who are very devoted to animal freedom.

Animal Defense League - Syracuse

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ADL has devoted a great deal of its time recently to court proceedings and jail support for arrested activists. Their battle with the local police continues, with recent arrests occurring at peaceful protest. ADL Syracuse is continuing their campaigns against three local furriers, Bonwit Teller, the Skaneatles Fur Exchange, and Georgio's Furs, as well as showing up at various Upstate New York trappers' association meetings and disrupting the proceedings.

In addition to militant protesting, ADL Syracuse has done a large amount of educational work. They recently hosted an educational forum on the Animal Liberation Front, where ADL activists explained the concept of the A.L.F. and answered local citizens' questions concerning the A.L.F.'s tactics and recent actions. They also have a campaign in the works to get an initiative on the county ballot next year to ban the sale of fur in Onondaga County. A door-to-door effort to get the required amount of signatures is planned.

ADL - Buffalo

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ADL had the distinct pleasure of seeing Bonwit Teller, a department store which sells fur that ADL heavily protested, finally close. They saw them off with a celebratory protest. Signs said "Bye-bye Bonwitt" and "Death Trade Doesn't Pay!" ADL also protested the Ringling Brothers Circus on November 2nd.

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In August, there were two protests at Macy's: one in Trumbell with a dozen activists where people leafleted inside the store until ejected, and the other at Stamford where 30 activists showed up and three people were arrested after locking onto a railing in front of the store. At the end of the month, ADL Connecticut protested the Robert's Brothers Circus for two days and the Vidbel's circus where Jerry Vlasak was wrongfully arrested and held in prison for 20 hours before being released on his own recognizance. The Vidbel's circus had been sponsored by the St. Bernard's Church, so the next Sunday, a silent vigil was held to educate the congregation and passers-by about the church's sponsorship and the cruelty of circuses.

On September 15, fourteen activists were arrested at Macy's in the Crystal Mall. Police were particularly brutal, and at least 3 complaints filed. New London Day did a great article. All activists were released on PTA and all were charged with breach of peace. And later in September, when the Royal Hanniford Circus visited Springfield, MA, ADL was there to protest -- 2,500 leaflets were distributed.

In October, ADL and ARF, AWARE and CALF protested McDeath on October 16, and again on the 20th Butcher, clown and cow costumes added to the effectiveness in reaching people who were reticent to give up their McMurder sandwiches, and a number of leaflets were distributed.

On November 13, ADL protested at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in NYC because Leon Hirsch, head US Surgical Corporation -- a company that tortures dogs to show how their surgical staples work --was present. The protest was peaceful for the first hour, and cooperative with hotel management, until stormed by NYC Troopers who arrested 2 activists for silently protesting and charged them with disturbing the peace. A few days later, ADL joined a march and demonstration against Rockefeller University vivisectors who maim and kill cats to study neurologic and emetic centers in their brains.

On November 24, ADL protested the Turkey Olympics in New Preston, CT. Two activists connected to a lock box that was welded on to the bottom of a 1970 Buick Electra. The car was parked in the middle of the street blocking traffic to the event. Four people were arrested and jailed for 24 hours before being released on their own recognizance. The protest received extensive national and local coverage. CNN even ran a story on it.

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ADL-Rochester has been busy with protests, continuing our fight against the Docktor Pets Pet Store, the local fur stores, and McDonalds. At our latest protest at the Docktor Pets Pet Store we received a lot of media attention, complete with television interviews and large newspaper articles. There was even an editorial in our favor.

One of the local fur stores has unfortunately expanded to open a new store. When it opened we doubled our numbers and held a large protest. We're continuing our protests at both locations, and the other fur stores in the area.

ADL-Rochester has also held protests at McDonalds - one of them on the world wide day of action against McDonalds. Our group has also set up information tables at the local community college, where we've helped set up an animal rights group at the school. We've also been researching the animal experimentation that takes place at the University of Rochester, where former NYU professor Ron Wood has recently moved in.

ADL - Bloomington

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ADL has been busy with several campaigns in the last couple months. Our "animal display ban" is being perfected and should be passed sometime by mid-February. Basically, its purpose is to keep performing animal shows out of the city by implementing such strict regulations for obtaining animal permits and licenses that no animal abuser can ever visit us. If you are interested in a copy of the legislation, write to the above address.

The other campaign that we have focused a great deal of attention on pertains to vivisection here at Indiana University. An "Alternatives to Animal Use Committee (AAUC)" has been erected to aid the ADL in finding out research specifics. ADL campus protests have resulted in a very uneasy feeling from researchers who say they don't appreciate ADL targeting specific vivisectors. Our latest demo was picked up by several newspapers and even a local FBI agent was on the scene.

On October 16th, ADL staged a protest in front of a local McDonald's in coordination with the anti-McD actions all over the world. In Bloomington, several activists paraded through the store, disrupting business and resulting in several police visits. Other activists leafleted drive-thru customers, persuading many to choose another eatery in light of human, animal, and environmental violations committed by the McDonald's corporation.

Most recently, ADL did its first hunt sab in Brown County State Park. The park was closed for a two day deer hunt, but activists found a way in, regardless, and attempted to steer deer clear of those trying to kill them. In the end, 17 activists were ticketed and two weeks later, charges still had not been filed. Apparently, the prosecutor is attempting to get the minors who were involved to incriminate others so felony charges can be filed. Fortunately we all know better than to say anything.

We also helped organize jail support for 16 year old CAFT activist Tony Wong who was held in the Marion County Juvenile "Justice" Center for his participation in a Fur Free Friday demonstration. He was in jail and on hunger strike for 12 days. Because he refuses to cooperate with the system, Wong was placed in solitary confinement, stripped to his underwear in a cold room and hasn't even been given a pillow. Please call Juvi-Hall at (317) 924-7492 and let them know what you think of Tony's imprisonment.

For a free copy of the ADL newsletter "one-struggle," write to the above address. Include two stamps for postage.

Animal Justice

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email: animaljust@law.uoregon.edu
contact: Angel Gambino

RESOURCES: We will complete the Animal Cruelty Law Handbook in February, and copys are available to anyone who can cover the copy costs. It will also be put on-line so people can have free access to it. If you are interested in attending an Animal Law class, one is offered at the University of Oregon in the spring. Contact us for details.

Animal Liberation Collective

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Animal Emancipation

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Santa Monica, California 90403
ph: (805) 652-1910 • LA area ph: (310) 358-5974
email: aeinc@usa.pipeline.com
http://envirolink.org/arrs/ae/index.html
contact: Simon Oswitch

RESOURCES: AE has informational brochures on most all animal rights issues--from vegetarianism to vivisection and beyond. Ask for a free info pack today! Also, feel free to copy/download anything from our World Wide Web Site. Student interest is greatly appreciated!



Animal Liberation League

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RESOURCES: All Publishes *No Compromise*, monitors government harassment of eco-animal activists, helps activists targetted by government harassment via our crisis line (see ad on page 18), acts as a spokesgroup for underground direct action organizations, and has plans of expanding as resources and volunteers grow.

ALL • Duluth Chapter

PO Box 257, Cloquet, MN 55720
ph: 218-78-0938 • contact: Danny Johnson

ALL stopped a turkey drop. A local radio station was planning on dropping live turkeys out of a helicopter at a local mall as a publicity stunt for thanksgiving. We called every store in the mall to inform them of the cruelty that was planned at their site, while threatening a boycott of the entire mall if the event took place. We then called the manager of the mall and found her very sympathetic (as numerous store managers had contacted her with their concerns) and the turkey drop was cancelled. Calls of protest were also directed at the obnoxious radio station, who still saw nothing wrong with what they were planning.

ALL is also taking action to ban calf roping and the flank strap in Minnesota, helping control companion animal overpopulation, and investigating numerous cruelty cases.

Animal Rights Advocates of South Dakota

PO Box 90237, Sioux Falls, SD 57105
ph: (605) 373-1212 • contact: Erik Torkelson

The local Animal Rights Committee and The Animal Rights Advocates of South Dakota have joined together as one to strengthen the fight against animal abusers in South Dakota. Since joining together ARASD has protested McDonalds, Daytons, the local rodeo and Look's Meat Market. TV news media covered the McDonalds protest. Protestors stood outside the rodeo three days in a row chanting and discussing the cruelties of the rodeo with people passing by. Six protesters stormed Daytons with Boycott Daytons T-shirts for 45 minutes and then walked around the mall before leaving.

Animal Rights America

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contact: Anne Crimaudo

UPDATE: Finally, even the smallest grassroots groups can have their own high-quality literature, and for about the same as it costs to make copies at Kinko's! The first brochure is on the fur issue, and is available to you at our cost, $.05 each, plus postage. The text and photos were supplied by JP Goodwin of CAFT. John Sharp set it up as an 8 1/2 X 14 trifold, which can also be used as a poster. The back is blank so it can be put into a printer tray and imprinted with your own name, address, etc. Check it out on the webat: <http://copper.ucs.indiana.edu/~jofsharp/fff_pam.html> or call us for a sample. You can order them by phone, fax, mail or e-mail. The next brochure will be on veganism/factory farming.

Also in the works is a fund-raising fact sheet which will be sent to all member groups at no charge.

RESOURCES: Need to talk to an expert on fur, vivisection, hunting, the media, civil disobedience, activist defense, animals in entertainment, starting a group, or any other issue of concern to you? Want a speaker for a conference or debate? Call us and we will help. If your group isn't in the federation yet, join today and become part of a stronger, united grassroots movement working towards TOTAL LIBERATION. No membership fees.

Animal Rights Connection

PO Box 410862, San Francisco, CA 94141-0862
ph: (415) 331-9595 x909 • email: animalsnet@igc.org

ARC has protested the Ringling Bros. Circus and the Grand National Rodeo, and held a candlelight sunrise vigil at a slaughterhouse. A World Vegetarian Day celebration was planned, and ARC members worked with the San Francisco Vegetarian Society to provide Vegetarian Thanksgiving dinners. Protesters also took part in the Fur Free Friday annual demo in Union Square.

Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition

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contact: David Hayden

UPDATE: ARDAC has been putting on Direct Action Workshops, working with new groups (ARDAC - San Diego, ARDAC - San Francisco, and ALAS in Riverside), and taking our anti-vivisection campaign to UCLA.

On October 8th ARDAC members stormed UCLA's Neurosciences building, taking over the offices of Michael Chase (who implants electrodes into the brains of cats). Six activists were arrested and charged with trespassing, while others of us were searched and temporarily detained on "suspicion of burglary." Vivisectors in a neighboring office claimed we'd taken a videotape and data from some of their 'research.' Of course the police weren't able to find any evidence to support the claims.

About ten ARDAC members took the liberties Halloween affords to visit some vivisectors homes. We dressed as vivisected cats, mice, and dogs (complete with face paint and bloody scars) while a couple of us wore doctor costumes, one labeled, "I kill cats for Government grants."; but we didn't get any treats! Two homes were rudely awakened with very loud knocking followed by a couple minutes of "stop killing animals" chants. The message was clear and the fear of Halloween rekindled for some killers.

RESOURCES: ARDAC distributes a juror's rights flyer, as well as an info-pack on the use of civil disobedience and direct action in the animal liberation movement.

ARDAC - San Diego

c/o ARDAC, P.O. Box 11492, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
contacts: Laurie (619) 222-2351 or Jewlee (619) 593-6010

In the last issue NC reported the birth of a new group in San Diego called Vegan Front Line. Well, during the last few months, VFL moved to Seattle (see elsewhere on these pages) and the remainder of the group took the name ARDAC - San Diego.

Members of ARDAC - SD traveled 200 miles to join ARDAC in Los Angeles on the national day of action against vivisection in October. Four of the six people arrested at UCLA's Brain Research Institute (as well as a few supporters) were members of this young and ambitious group.

They held their first demo in solidarity with the International Anti-McDonald's campaign on October 16. About 20 activists (pretty good turnout for a first demo!) aggressively picketed outside a busy McDeath's in Mission Beach (San Diego) and leafleted inside the store for 2 hours.

Their first action will be on Fur Free Friday (see the national round-up elsewhere in this issue).

ARDAC in San Diego is definitely a group to watch for, promising to be an animal defense force to be reckoned with! If you're in the San Diego area, please get involved by calling the above phone number today.

Animal Rights Hawai'i

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contact: Cathy Goeggel

UPDATE: In October, we succeeded in stopping the plans of Dr. Lou Herman of the Kewalo Basin Marine Mammal Laboratory, to transfer his four Atlantic Bottle nosed Dolphin prisoners from O'ahu to Maui. Dr. Herman's callous treatment of his dolphin slaves has a long history- in fact, in 1977, Steve Sipman and Ken LeVasseur liberated Puka and Kea (two dolphin captives of the same lab) and were tried and convicted of felony theft for their deed.

Since then, Herman has acquired 4 new dolphins, allowed breeding, and is responsible for the deaths of two infant dolphins born in captivity. We have monitored his husbandry practices, as recorded in inspection reports under the Animal Welfare Acts -- there are repeated violations.

Herman must move his lab -- the current facility is being condemned for waterfront redevelopment, and Steve Sipman, a Maui resident, discovered Herman's stealth plans to get Maui County to donate 10 acres of prime beach park to "Dolphin Institute" a non profit organization established with Herman as President. Steve coordinated Animal Rights activists, environmentalists and Native Hawaiians to convince the County Council NOT to go forward with their plans with Herman.

We have won round 1, but now Herman has identified several other locations on Maui, some privately owned, and we will continue to fight the translocation.

We are demanding that the dolphins be returned to the Gulf of Mexico to their families and that the $2 million appropriated by the State of Hawai'i for the move be used to rehabilitate and release the Kewalo 4. For further information, please contact Steve Sipman at 808-876-0330 (voice/FAX).

We also succeeded in halting plans of the National Park Service to round up and kill Axis deer living on the Kalaupapa peninsula on Moloka'i. These deer are descendant of those brought to Kalaupapa 100 years ago by King Kalakaua. We convinced the NPS to contact Dr. Jay Kirkpatrick of the Deaconess Institute, and ask him to do an assessment of immuno-sterilization for the deer. (Dr. Kirkpatrick is the developer of injected contraception in wild animals, and his research is funded, in part, by the Humane Society of the US). We are optimistic of the success of this plan- the topography of the area, and the concerns of the residents for the deer are both encouraging.

RESOURCES: Steve has CETACEAN LIBERATION bumper stickers available for $2.00 and a SASE.

Animal Rights - NYC

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AR-NYC is currently focusing on the production of a newsletter, the first edition of which recently went out. Through the newsletter, we hope to galvanize NYC citizens to act on behalf of animals, in whatever way they feel is appropriate. We support non-violent civil disobedience to highlight the plight of animals; we also support protests, letter-writing, public education, and a vegan lifestyle.

Our first priority is to change the bureaucratic mismanagement of the city's Center for Animal Care and Control (CACC), which kills over 100 otherwise healthy companion animals every day. Since Mayor Giuliani formed the CACC in 1984 to take over the duties of the ASPCA, over 85,000 animals have been killed in these decrepit slaughterhouses. The CACC was recently highlighted in a scathing front page article in the Village Voice which labeled it the "worst animal rescue [sic] system in the country", so the time is ripe for change. Among our demands are a change in the Board, the institution of an extensive spay/neuter education program, and greater financial accountability for donations. For further information on what you can do for NYC's companion animals, please contact us.

In addition, we worked with other NYC animal groups to plan the Fur Free Friday events in NYC.

To stay current of events in the tri-state area, please subscribe to veg-nyc, an on-line discussion group for area activists and veg*ns. Send a message to waste@waste.org with nothing in the subject line and 'subscribe veg-nyc' in the body (no quotes).

We are looking for NYC activists who want to become organizers and point persons for ARNYC. If you are interested, let us know.

Campus Animal Rights Expedition

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email:awfal@concentric.net • contact: Andy Hopp

The activists of CARE have been very busy lately attempting to eradicate animal exploitation in its many forms. Local animal abusers are being protested regularly and CARE is currently involved in a campaign to end vivisection at Kent State. CARE activists also make frequent road trips to aid our fellow warriors in their pursuit of justice. Recent actions involve protests at McDeath, Butcher Boy Meats, Murder King, three anti-vivisection rallies at KSU, Procter and Gamble headquarters in Cincinnati, the Hegin's Park Labor Day pigeon shoot, Lingenfelter and Brill (fur store), and Ringling Brothers circus (a joint action with dozens of activists from various localities in attendance).

We are always eager to help activists in any way possible. Anyone traveling to or through Northern Ohio is encouraged to contact us for a place to stay.

Center for Compassionate Living

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contact: Rae Sikora and Zoe Weil

RESOURCES: CCL offers training, consulting, workshops and outdoor experiences for people who want to help the planet and all its inhabitants.

CCL's Empowerment Workshops help you discover inner sources of knowledge, creativity so you can continue the struggle for animal rights. The Sowing Seeds workshop gives you skills to educate students about earth and animal issues in an innovative and interactive way. The Compassionate Living Workshop gives you the skills and information you need to live a healthy life for yourself, the planet and animals. Workshops are offered on a sliding scale and can cost from $25 to $800 depending upon their length and location.

CCL also offers the only humane educator certificate program in the country. It is offered as an off-campus correspondence program, with 1 to 2 weeks of on-site training per year. For more information, and an application or brochure, contact CCL.

CCL provides books, workbooks, videos and lesson plans, kits and other materials, for loan or sale, to help people offer effective programs.

Chicago Animal Rights Coalition

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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-HQ

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UPDATE: CAFT is a loosely knit coalition of anti fur organizers. We organize groups around the nation to take part in strategic campaigns, designed to target the most vulnerable points of the fur trade.

We have the most update information available concerning the fur trade, and it is part of our mission to make sure that everyone interested is kept right on top of what is going on. We spearhead the campaign against Federated Dept. Stores Co., act as the spokesgroup for the A.L.F. after most fur related raids, and act as an information source for people who need info about the fur trade.

We are entirely supported by our supporters donations. Membership is $15 a year and helps cover the costs of training activist groups for civil disobedience, media relations, etc.

RESOURCES: We have an ad elsewhere in this magazine which lists publications we sell that provide in-depth information about the fur trade.

We subscribe to industry trade journals and have the most up-to-date information of any animal rights group.

We will help anyone who wants to organize locally. We provide assistance in almost every area of anti-fur activism. Feel more than welcome to get in touch at anytime.

CAFT- Memphis

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CAFT - Atlanta

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contact: Aaron Stone/Catherine Raffety

Cold weather has brought with it a barrage of activity. Atlanta Furs has received much attention in the last few months, with over 20 activists "welcoming" customers every Saturday afternoon. We even received a write up in our local newspaper (media is a hard thing to come by here!)

We have also visited the upscale York Furs, as well as continued the war on Rich's Department Store (Federated.)

CAFT - Boston

PO Box 381855, Cambridge, MA 02238
ph: (617) 296-1798 • contact: Alex Smolak

CAFT organizer, Alex Smolak and three other activists were arrested for alleged ALF activity (see article elsewhere). Letters of support and money to help with their defense can be sent to the address above.

Earlier this year, CAFT burned a huge banner in front of Macy's that read "Macy's a Murderous Tradition in New England." There were no arrests. CAFT has also sponsored home demos at two furriers homes and the CEO for Gillette -- a company which continues to fund animal testing. During the summer, CAFT had bi-weekly protests at Macy's.

Most of their recent efforts have been directed at passing an initiative to ban leg-hold traps, hunting with hounds, and make it so people on the board of Fisheries and Wildlife are not required to be licensed hunters or fishers. It passed by over 60% of the vote.

On Fur Free Friday, over 100 people protested Macy's. Thirty-five protesters entered the store. Fifteen of them staged a sit in at the fur salon while the others leafeleted and stickered the store. The activists remained inside for 20 minutes until the police arrived. No arrests were made.

Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting

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email: CASH@worldnet.att.net
www.icu.com/geese/coalition.html • contact: Anne Muller

C.A.S.H. is actively involved in the expansion of the network of Coalitions to Protect Canada Geese (TM). We are seeking individuals or groups to simply use the name Coalition to Protect Canada Geese (TM) when working on issues concerning Canada Geese. A meeting is planned Dec. 5th with seven Canadian organizations to bring a lawsuit against the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the destruction of what they call "resident" Canada geese, a phenomenon that they have encouraged, yet which is, in part, fictitious because flocks are mixed with "migrants." It's a long, sad and messy story, and folks should contact us for more information.

We won a battle for geese in Kent, NY recently. Geese will not be rounded up for slaughter there. We lost a battle in Clarkstown, NY and geese were rounded up. We will need help to get the maniacal supervisor out of office, or at least stop this atrocity from happening again.

Along the lines of deer we continue our demonstrations at the Kingston Traffic Circle to the entrance of the NYS Thruway. Hunters parade the bodies of slaughtered animals around the circle and the NYC Dept. of Environmental Castration sets up a welcoming committee for them that they call their "scientific research team." The demonstration right there usually brings press and a good deal of attention which we quickly focus on the cause of the problem - the government game agencies!

Compassion Over Killing

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contact: Paul Shapiro

UPDATE: COK has continued to relentlessly protest the infamous Miller's Furs. On September 21st, COK member Anthony Giaquinta was arrested for attempting to Kryptonite lock himself to the outside door of Miler's Furs. However, he was charged with "police battery" as he pushed an officer's left hand away while trying to get the lock closed. He received 40 hours of community service as well as $180 in fines. Fortunately, we raised $225 at the protest for Anthony. The remaining cash is going to those arrested on Fur Free Friday. Manny Miller, owner of Miller's Furs, has threatened multiple lawsuits against COK co-head Paul Shapiro. He has also personally conducted demonstrations in front of Paul's home.

On October 26th, COK hosted a protest in front of the Mt. Airy Locker Co. slaughterhouse. This establishment, owned by a town councilman, kills adult cows, veal calves, pigs, and lambs. As a result of the protest, an excellent article was written in the Mt. Airy Gazette.

At our Fur Free Friday protests, COK had about 100 protesters divided in front of BOTH Miller's Furs. Two activists were arrested for bike locking themselves inside of the store, closing it for 35 minutes. Other activists plastered the windows with anti-fur bumper stickers but were not arrested.

RESOURCES: COK has a button maker, vegan literature, our newsletter (The Abolitionist), and T-shirts which have a dog on a dinner plate and read, "Why Not? You eat other animals, don't you? Go Vegetarian!" They have the COK logo on the back and are $15 post paid.

Direct Action for Animals

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Although DAFA has only been in existence since mid Sept. of this year, we have organized two rodeo protests, multiple fur protests, and an anti-vivisection protest at UNC-Chapel Hill (a joint effort with other groups from around N.C.). DAFA also works with other animal and environmental groups in Charlotte as well as with one area radio station, local print media, and tables at various events.

Charlotte's first animal right's civil disobedience will take place on Fur Free Friday at an area Belk store. (Belk is the only department store that has a fur salon.) DAFA also reports area A.L.F. activity as we receive it.

How On Earth!

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UPDATE: How On Earth! (HOE!) is a quarterly, 36-page, national magazine written by youth who care about the entire spectrum of social justice issues- animal, environmental, human, youth and peace. HOE! is the only publication of its kind in the country. 95% of the articles and artwork come from people between the ages of 13 and 24. Every issue has a theme with past themes being Animals in Entertainment, Consumer Activism and Milestones of Peace. Also included are boycott reports, vegan recipes, book reviews and much more.

RESOURCES: Listen . . . Unlimited, the publisher of HOE! , has many other projects. 1) year-round internships for people who are 16 or older, 2) Youth Empowerment Workshops which are three-day activist training programs that educate, inspire and empower youth to create a better world, 3) "Edventures" which are outdoor service and education programs for young volunteers in environmentally sensitive regions such as rain forests and 4) the Vegetarian Education Network which provides resources on the ethical, nutritional and environmental consequences of a vegan diet.

Humans United for Animal Protection

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Law Student Animal Rights Alliance

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RESOURCES: LSARA is a network of individual law students from all around the country who want to work for animal rights. We provide legal support to grassroots activists. And collaborate on a variety of animal rights related projects.

We helped C.A.S.H. to write a pleading. We researched the Freedom of Information Act for NEAVS. We advised ARDAC on direct action. We're going to help CHARC challenge the Illinois "Hunter Harassment" law. We're writing an activist handbook that no lawyer would ever put their name on. We have a web page that will have more and more useful pleadings for activists to use(address above). And that is only the beginning of our efforts to support the activists in the trenches. "We can't do everything, but at least we can try to do something" (Quote used with our apologies to NJARA).

Liberation Collective

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UPDATE: Liberation Collective is continuing to work against the feline research program at the Good Samaritan Foundation. Recently the collective staged an eleven person takeover of the corporate offices of Legacy Health System which owns and operated the Good Samaritan Foundation. This was our eighth demonstration at the foundation in recent months.

The collective also conducted a month long demonstration outside of Schumacher Furs in Portland, the oldest retail furrier in the United States. Every day of the month activists picketed and handed out literature in front of the shop's doors.

As our organization is growing it is allowing us to finally diversify making it possible to include other issues into our spectrum of thought. Liberation Collective now has five focus groups which meet on a regular basis. They include: animal liberation, gay & lesbian issues, humane education, feminist issues, and environmental concern. We hope to bridge the ideological gap between various groups working for social equality, peace, and justice.

RESOURCES: Liberation Collective finally has a newsletter which is soon to include a full mail-order catalogue of merchandise we have available. Some examples are Earth First! merchandise, A.L.F. supporter literature and shirts, as well as various forms of literature from independent presses such as EG Smith and Times Change. Contact us if you are interested. We also have started making low cost protest banners for groups. We will have pictures of some examples in the catalogue. The newsletter is a monthly publication which began with the first issue on November 12. If you would like to receive a copy and/or be on our mailing list get in touch with us.

The National Activist Network

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RESOURCES: The Network can help you fight government harassment, including Grand Juries, visits by FBI, etc. The Network also will write news releases for other groups, help give strategies for protests, and provide jail and prisoner support work for activists.

New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance

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Earlier this year the Morris County Park Commission along with the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife agreed to open Lewis Morris County Park to deer hunting in the 1996-97 hunting season for three days in Nov. (25, 26, 27) and three days in Dec. (18, 19, 20) hunters will be up in tree stands waiting to kill. Additionally, on-duty, county paid, park police officers will keep killing the deer in the park until the 1st. of April. This action will mean the slaughter of two hundred and sixty very tame deer. NJARA is planning two 96-hour vigils/fasts at the entrance of the Lewis Morris Park on Rt. 24 in Morris Township. We will update you on the outcome of the first vigil which took place on Nov. 24 through Nov. 27 which at the time of this submission had not taken place. The second protest/vigil/fast is on Dec. 17 through Dec. 20. To protest police killing, Dec. 21, 11AM - 1PM If you are in the area and can join us, call NJARA at 908-446-6808. If you have relatives in New Jersey, please have them contact us.



North American Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group

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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.

Northwest Animal Rights Network

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Recently NARN havs been doing demos at McDonalds, as well as public education through tables and vegetarian outreach. We have also been at most circus shows this summer getting harassed by the Shriners. NARN just recently finished helping getting *I-655* on the ballot, which makes it illegal to bait bears or to use hounds to hunt bears, cougars or bobcats in Washington state.

People Acting for Animal Liberation

UPDATE: PAaL followed up its winter direct action against elk capture in the Duck Mountain region by addressing, before a government committee, the proposed legislation that would legalize their sale. PAaL also proposed changes to another government bill, Bill 70 (The Animal Care Act), and addressed elected officials in the Manitoba Legislature regarding the bill's establishment and protection of dangerous status quo activities involving animals, including "research," entertainment, "sporting events," and slaughter.

PAaL provided liner notes on animal rights for Propagandhi's latest record, "Less Talk, More Rock." (We thank the band for donating substantial proceeds from sales to help us keep fighting.) PAaL entertained 60 people in September with a delicious vegan buffet dinner, with all labor provided by The Vegan Kitchen caterers. A benefit concert was also held for PAaL the following month.

PAaL's aggressive protesting at a bullbusting competition resulted in one demonstrator being assaulted by a rodeo-goer. She suffered a broken tooth and a slashed lip, and has undergone nearly $1000 in root canal and other dental work to repair her injuries. PAaL is seeking an inquiry into police handling of the affair, as well as punitive measures against Winnipeg Arena security guards. The guards wrestled with PAaL activists -- who had taken the assaulter into citizens' custody -- to allow his escape. Other demonstrations were held in Winnipeg and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan at fur stores and at Intercontinental Packers.

Media coverage on live radio, TV news, print media, and live TV newsmagazines, was mixed, as usual, on such issues as animals in entertainment, plans to legalize falconry in Manitoba, animal rights philosophies, turkeys at Thanksgiving, and other animals who are used as food. For the new academic year, PAaL also kicked off its program of info tables and presentations at schools and universities across the prairie provinces.

RESOURCES: PAaL runs Winnipeg's Animal Rights Centre (ARC), an office, animal-liberation store, and resource centre. The ARC offers a walk-in and/or mail-order opportunity to borrow or buy a wide range of books, magazines, videos, and other audio/visual materials. We provide supplies for info tables and speakers for universities, schools, and other institutions. PAaL's latest t-shirt, "Society's Most Lethal Weapon," also will be available this winter.

Rocky Mountain Animal Defense

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Well, as Rocky Mountain Animal Defense (RMAD) has never been in NC's trenches section, we have done a lot since the last time anyone heard from us. RMAD is based in Boulder, Colorado and has extension groups in Denver, Fort Collins, and Colorado Springs. Most recently, four RMAD members organized Denver's first animal rights civil disobedience. We painted our faces as circus animals and U-locked ourselves by the neck to the main door of the circus. We had a megaphone, chained to one activist's wrist, through which we were able to reach the many people that police and circus officials tried to route around us. Our cases are still pending, so no more details for now.

Colorado is home to the quickly disappearing prairie dog. RMAD is attempting to purchase land to create a Southern Colorado Prairie Ecosystem Preserve to protect these repeatedly attacked beings who play an incredibly vital role in the prairie ecosystem. RMAD members work closely with the Prairie Ecosystem Conservation Alliance to relocate prairie dogs from sites destined to be bulldozed and developed, to new safer homes. This preserve would guarantee a future home for Colorado's smallest dogs. We also recently worked to help pass Colorado's new anti trapping and snaring law, that will prevent trapping, snaring, and poisoning on public and private lands.

RESOURCES: We sell one of the few video looks inside an intensive egg production plant, "Raw Footage, Raw Pain", filmed in Boulder Valley Poultry Farms. According to United Poultry Concerns, this is the first video shot inside an intensive US farm.



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RESOURCES: We have an internship program for activists. We provide houseing and a food stipend so you can work full time for animal rights. Contact us for information.

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On the National Day of Action Against McDeath, SCAR and friends protested outside, inside, and on top of McD's. A large "McMurder - billions and billions killed" banner adorned the building while activists occupied Mc'Ds. One activist locked himself to a counter, another joined him on a nearby counter, while other protesters were outside. Business essentially stopped for about an hour and a half. Fur Free Friday and anti-vivisection stuff is in the works.

Student Coalition for Animal Rights

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SCAR in VA has only had a couple of meetings so far....no actions to date but we have big plans! McDonald's protests, stockyard auction protests, investigation--and hopefully exposure--of the local big-time turkey and chicken processing industry, tabling at local high schools and libraries, and a few CDs are all either scheduled or in the works. Stepping into Staunton is like stepping back 30 years in time; we have a lot to do, but we're preparing to do it. Get in touch--we'd love to share ideas or even road trip to any action within any kind of radius.

Student Abolitionist League

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RESOURCES: We can help student activists network locally and regionally, organize student/youth groups, and provide leaflets against dissection and McDonald's. We are looking for volunteers to design a website.

Student Organization for Animal Rights

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SOAR's vivisector of the month campaign has been making quite an impact (see articles on pages 4 and 5) and our McMurder action on Oct. 16th also resulted in four arrests, a court trial in which we were all convicted, and now all of us have appealled the verdict. On Fur Free Friday, two activists were arrested for locking on to the front doors of Macy's at the Mall of America.

When a vivisection conference came to town, hundreds of signs saying "Vivisectors Go Home" "Vivisectors Kill Humans and Animals" among other things, were found wheat-pasted around the vivisector's hotel, the conference center, and both University of Minnesota campuses where some conference seminars were held.

SOAR - St. Thomas

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This first semester we continued with our weekly meetings, weekly meeting update mailings, weekly movie nights, weekly tabling and monthly volunteering at an animal shelter. We started Freedom Mondays which is protesting every Monday from 5:00-6:30 PM at the same McDonald's. The success has been overwhelming since many customers have taken leaflets. The owner threatened to kill us if we didn't leave since we were hurting his business. We stayed and returned in greater numbers the following week.

We acted as a spokesgroup after the Alaskan Fur Company was firebombed. All major media covered the event. We gave out free vegan food for the Taste of St. Thomas which alumni attended, and had a huge go vegan display which was vandalized three times. We had another Gillette Dump which included a display and Dump boxes filled with products.

After 3 years of trying, we succeeded in changing the annual Dowling Hall Pig Roast to another vegan-friendly name. They are still deciding what to call it, but our protest last year was successful in changing the name. Also, the pigs will not be roasted in open view to students, it will be done off campus so as not to offend anyone. St. Thomas will offer for its first ever honor seminar on animal rights. SOAR St. Thomas President, Katie Fedor will be speaking in it, and the two professors who teach it are both animal rights and SOAR supporters.

Students Against Speciesism

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Students Against Speciesism (SAS) is a University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse student Organization which was started February of 1996. SAS's primary focus is education about animal abuse. Our main targets have been Dayton's (where 11 activists were accidentally arrested last spring), LaCrosse Leather and Fur, and local meat and dairy establishments. This year we joined the Octoberfest Parade (uninvited) and marched until the end...approx. 6 blocks. We table on campus weekly, and are currently in the process of organizing a speakers committee to broaden our scope of education. We are a relatively new group and are just working on getting a core group of dedicated individuals. We hope to keep the pressure on the abusers throughout the LaCrosse area.

Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

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UPDATE: SETA has been busy working the vivisectors into a sweat at the University of Oregon. In October SETA had a huge protest against animal experimentation, gave out information and had people sign petitions saying they do not approve of animal research on campus. A lot of media responded. It was on the TV news, student newspaper, many radio stations and the Eugene community paper, *The Register Guard*. SETA also finished a 100 hour vigil for the animals currently suffering in University labs. Petitions were again signed and information was handed out. Media again responded well and the vigil was on a couple radio stations, TV and in the student newspaper. At the end of the vigil the 2,700 signatures received during the protest and vigil were turned in to the President of the University. Many students were not aware of this disgusting cruelty at their campus and were appalled. Response is expected within a week or so. Chelsea, director of SETA, will soon talk with Frohnmayer, President of the University, with a special panel of people talking about University issues. The pressure continues!

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TEAR has been participating in the national campaign against Federated Department Stores by organizing three store disruptions at Macy's in the Dallas Galleria since August 1996. In October, TEAR organized a demonstration outside the offices of Procter and Gamble for their use of animals in product testing. This demonstration was in conjuntion with a national campaign that was organized around Procter and Gamble's shareholders meeting.

US McLibel Support Campaign

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The McLibel Support Campaign works to expose McDonald's and other multinational corporations who are killing our world. In 1990 McDonald's UK sued London Green Peace, a small anarchist collective, for libel in an attempt to keep them from distributing "What's Wrong With McDonald's: Everything

They Don't Want You To Know".

To McD's surprise, Dave Morris and Helen Steel decided to fight back, and since they had no money, they defended themselves, in a trial that has been making all of McDonalds, once secret, operating practices a matter of public record as well as becoming the longest trial in UK history.

We helped to promote The World Day of Action Against McDonalds, October 16. There were more than 50 anti McDeath actions in North America, 400+ world wide. Actions reported ranged from students leafleting and talking with classmates to all-out Direct Actions, such as the now infamous roof-top CD's. We even heard about many wonderful non-violent underground McTrashing's via the ALF.

At the Democratic National Convention. We organized "8 Days of Action Against McDonald's". Our midnight actions netted four arrests. We were at all of the major marches and David Dillinger of the Chicago 8 denounced McDeath at one of them. At the "No Justice No Peace" march we Supported ALF political prisoners. The last day of the convention, Mike Durschmid was arrested and later indicted by a Grand Jury allegedly for mob action and assault to police officers accruing at the political prisoner march. Now they are accusing him of tacking a lit cigarette to a mounted police horse -- ya, right!

Final speeches in the McLibel trial are nearly over, with a verdict expected in April. After the decision we "Act", either in protest or in celebration.

Between now and then we will be organizing the Adopt A Store (AAS) campaign. Also contact us if you are interested in helping us protest McDeaths' Annual Share Holders meeting in Chicago at the end of May.

Vegan Action

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UPDATE: Vegan Action recently helped get a new vegan community cafe in Berkeley started, called Little Planet. The cafe is all-vegan, and is run by a collective. We also helped with World Vegetarian Day festival '96, which attracted a couple of thousand people to hear Dr. Michael Klaper talk about veganism and Earth First! musician Dana Lyons.

Vegan Action's mission is to educate and enhance public awareness about the many benefits of a vegan diet and lifestyle and to work to improve the availability of vegan foods.

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?

Vegan Front Line

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Vegan Front Line (listed in San Diego last issue) has moved to Seattle and is now kicking the animal industry's butt in the Northwest. (There is still a group in San Diego - see ARDAC elsewhere in this section).

Debuting with a HUGE action against Bon Marche on Fur Free Friday, VFL is sure to be a Washington animal abuser's worst nightmare.

In addition to participating in the Hell Month against the fur trade, Vegan Front Line plan to launch aggressive campaigns against animal experimentation, factory farming and animals used in entertainment (circuses, rodeos, etc.) as well as promoting the vegan lifestyle and acting as a spokesgroup for the ever-present A.L.F.

To get involved with this in-your-face, no compromise bunch, contact us ASAP or send a donation today!

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UPDATE: Vegan Outreach is a national grassroots organization dedicated to ending animal suffering through the promotion of a vegan lifestyle. Instead of waiting for people to come to us, we go directly to them, creating a quiet but spreading revolution. Our main activity is distributing our newest, updated booklet, "Why Vegan?"

This year, Vegan Outreach distributed tens of thousands of copies of "Why Vegan?" We are constantly receiving positive feedback, such as this recent letter from a 15-year-old new vegan: "Despite the attacks and harassment that it sometimes brings me, it is a wonderful feeling to know that there are at least three vegetarians who are vegans, as well as former meat-eaters who are now vegetarians, due to my distribution of 'Why Vegan?' Perhaps most important is the knowledge that animals are that much closer to a more just world. I am honored and excited to join your outreach. Thank you for giving me these opportunities."

RESOURCES: Vegan Outreach has recently published an updated version of "Why Vegan?" - our detailed, illustrated, hard-hitting booklet on veganism. We are always seeking to expand our distribution. Contact us if you would like to receive copies to hand out in your area, to support our network of activists, and/or to receive our newsletter.

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Anti-Fur Groups Wage War on Mink Farms

Nationwide Raids Are Costing Millions

By JAMES BROOKE

SANDY, Utah Nov. 27 — Battle lines have been sharply drawn between anti-fur forces and mink farmers across the United States.

In a nationwide offensive stretching from New Hampshire to Oregon, guerrillas of the Animal Liberation Front have raided 22 mink farms over the last year. Causing millions of dollars of damage, these self-styled radical vegetarians have "liberated" thousands of minks and destroyed pedigree cards containing irreplaceable genetic data.

Tension fairly crackles here in Utah, the state with the largest number of mink farms. Since June, Animal Liberation Front members have conducted predawn raids on five of the state's 130 farms.

In hill towns, weary mink ranchers take turns driving pickups in nighttime patrols, cradling shotguns and searching for suspicious vehicles. Visiting security experts give seminars on property defense, recommending guard dogs, flood lights, electric fences and infrared alarms over mink cages.

"It's nothing more than terrorism," said one mink rancher, weary from a night on patrol. "This is my family's livelihood that I am trying to protect."

Like virtually all Utah ranchers contacted this week, he refused to be identified.

"There have been break-ins at some of the farms," said an agitated woman who answered the telephone at one ranch. "Everyone is too scared. They don't want to talk."

The stakes are high for ranchers. This year prices have hit $53 a pelt, up 60 percent from last year and the highest in more than 20 years. And next week, farmers start skinning mink for their silky winter pelts.

The timing could not be better for those who oppose the wearing of fur. Disney's film "101 Dalmatians" was released this week, bringing to movie theaters across the nation all the vile and bile of Cruella De Vil, the fur-addicted fashion designer, who schemes after a "cozy puppy coat." She makes mere puppy poachers seem benign.

Even among more mainstream anti-fur groups, there is growing sympathy for direct action, including ranch raids. "We feel liberators should be celebrated," said Sandra Lewis, New York director of the Friends of Animals, an international animal protection group. While stopping short of advocating raids on ranches, the group is distributing a 50-page guide listing the street addresses of nearly every mink and fox ranch in North America.

At the state breeders cooperative here, Christopher Falco, the general manager, warned animal rights groups that his members were "people who have served in the armed forces and who feel they have the right to protect their property."

In Summit County, where a mink ranch was raided last month, Sgt. Kyle Lewis of the sheriff's department spoke about the local citizens' patrols — primarily men who have been working 16-hour days skinning, stretching and sorting pelts — and said he was concerned about the potential for violence.

Mink farmers keep in touch with the sheriff's office by cellular phone, he said. "They are armed," he said. "They have been going without sleep. They are extremely nervous."

Five years ago, the Federal Bureau of Investigation classified the Animal Liberation Front as a "domestic terrorist organization." But the local police have made little headway in capturing its members since the attacks began a year ago.

[Still, four young people were arrested on Thursday in Hinsdale, Mass., after they broke into Carmel's Mink Ranch and opened 20 cages, setting off alarms. Jeanne Carmel said the attack was the third on her Berkshire Mountains ranch since August.]

In Utah, where mink ranching is a $30-million-a-year industry, legislators are preparing a bill that would make the crime of releasing fur-bearing animals farms a felony.

Dissatisfied with the lack of progress against the Animal Liberation Front, the Fur Commission USA, a Minnesota-based association of the nation's mink and fox farmers, and the Canada Mink Breeders Association offered a $100,000 reward this year for the arrest and conviction of perpetrators of farm raids.

"Farmers are intimidated, harassed; their occupation is under attack," said Christine Dennis, a spokeswoman for the fur commission. "It's awful. The A.L.F. describes it as a war."

According to Animal Liberation Front guidelines drawn up in Britain in the mid-1970's, the group "carries out direct action against animal abuse in the form of rescuing animals and causing financial loss to animal exploiters."

Following the principles of nonviolence, members are "not to harm any animal (human or otherwise)."

The group has taken credit for hundreds of acts of vandalism in the United States this year, but there are no firm estimates of its size.

Without any apparent central leadership, the front's only coordination seems to be Internet web sites, including Diary of Actions for North America. "Twenty-two fur farm raids in 12 months," reads a web site caption over a map of North America where each raid is marked by a star. "The A.L.F. is watching and there's nowhere to hide."

Much of the front's publicity work is handled by John P. Goodwin, a 23-year-old Dallas man who in 1994 formed an anti-fur group, the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade. In 1993, Mr. Goodwin was convicted of vandalizing three Memphis fur stores by gluing their locks and spray painting slogans on their walls.

Now, a self-described "A.L.F. graduate," Mr. Goodwin distributes communiques about front actions, saying that the work is comparable to that of abolitionists trying to eradicate slavery 150 years ago.

Mr. Goodwin said in an interview that his anger was fueled by visions of sheds filled with 18-inch-long cages that coop up minks, which range over five miles in the wild.

"They keep them in very cramped cages to lower overhead costs," he said, noting that cages were crammed into long sheds that often hold 300 mink at a time. "The mink go insane, pacing back and forth in repetitive, quick motions. It is psychological torture."

But Ms. Dennis, speaking for the mink ranchers association, noted: "The fur industry is not any different than any other livestock industry. You don't get good results unless you treat your animals extremely well."

When mink are released, she said, most linger inside the farm compounds, where they are retrieved. Largely domesticated after decades of cage breeding, mink that wander off either starve to death in the wild or are run over by cars, she said.

Mr. Goodwin defended the releases, saying: "Their hunting instinct is still there. The thing is that they have got a chance."

He argued that time was on his side. He said that in Scandinavia, the source of half of the world's ranched mink, liberation front units had formed in the last 18 months, releasing foxes and mink in Finland and Sweden. The Netherlands recently outlawed fox farming, and five Austrian provinces have outlawed fur farming.

According to the Federal Department of Agriculture, the number of mink and fox ranches in the United States has dropped by half since 1989 to 446. Over the same period, the number of pelts harvested fell by 42 percent to 2.7 million last year.

Alarmed by the attacks on farms, the nation's major fur auction houses started this year to offer farmers vandalism insurance in return for sales guarantees.

"If the A.L.F. keeps hitting these things at the rate of 22 a year, the farms that will remain will look like fortresses," Mr. Goodwin said. "Two of the four hit last fall have closed down. That's a 50 percent success rate."

But farmers say low prices and an outbreak of Aleutian disease, a livestock virus, explain the drop in United States production.

While prices languished near the cost of production in the early 1990's, prices are strong today, largely because of high demand for mink coats from Russia and South Korea.

In Utah, which is responsible for 20 percent of the nation's mink production, ranchers now stress the sustainable nature of their industry. Pointing out that voters in Colorado virtually outlawed trapping earlier this month, they say ranchers do not remove animals from the wild.

Utah ranchers also say that by feeding about 40,000 tons of discarded food to minks every year, they reduce solid waste and lower food prices to consumers. Mink manure is sold to farmers as fertilizer. Mink meat becomes pet food.

On Wednesday morning here, one rancher fumbled with a set of keys for new padlocks on a mink shed, still daubed with an intruder's slogan: "ALF — Stop Now." As a German shepherd paced nearby, the third-generation rancher weighed the cost of security against the new prices for pelts. His decision: "I plan on increasing my operation next year. I'm not going to bend to illegal activity."



Photograph by Tom Smart for The New York Times

The Animal Liberation Front has raided 22 mink farms across the United States in the last year as part of its campaign against the industry. Members of the group free minks, destroy pedigree cards and, in some cases like the one in Utah shown above, leave their message on sheds



Members of the Animal Liberation Front vandalized this Utah mink farm this year. Such attacks have cost farmers millions of dollars.

Fur Sellers Optimistic About Trends in Fashion

Fur is back in the mainstream, the industry says.

Whether on the runways of Paris, the covers of fashion magazines or the streets of Manhattan, fur is in vogue again.

Gone, for now, are the days when fur sales were falling faster than temperatures in December. Sales in this country were up 10 percent last year, to $1.2 billion, according to the Fur Information Council of America. The trade organization said 63 percent of American furriers increased sales last year, with fourth quarter sales 20 percent higher nationwide compared with the same quarter in 1994.

While the council says the figures represent a rebound, sales have been in the $1 billion to $1.2 billion since 1990, after several years of decline.

The council, which estimates that 1996 sales will equal or exceed those of last year, attributes the jump to the harsh winter in 1995, the strong economy and the resurgence of luxury-goods retailers. It also maintains that the influence of animal rights groups has waned because of what it terms extreme tactics while at the same time as fur designers have attracted consumers with their use of color, texture and contemporary styles.

Animal rights groups are quick to note that fur sales remaining sharply below 1980's levels, when the industry peaked at $1.8 billion in sales.

"It is still only half of what it was then," said Dan Mathews, a spokesman for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

The group says fur industry sales are artificially inflated by including revenue from fur coat storage and fabric coats lined with fur. But the Fur Information Council says its numbers include only sales of full-fur garments.

In Manhattan, dyed jackets, designer-label coats and lightweight styles are driving sales.

"We came off a very cold winter with a lot of snow, which certainly drives fur sales, and consumers really think fur is in the mainstream of fashion," said Leslie Freund, the marketing director of Maximilian at Bloomingdales, where fur sales to date are up 40 percent this year over last. "Most of our customers already own a fur and are looking for something unique and fashion forward."

A robust economy is also fueling the trend, furriers say.

Richard Goldman, the president of Albert Furs in Cleveland, said clients were snapping up sheared beaver and mink coats, pushing sales 20 percent above last year.

In Minneapolis, William Ribnick, the president of Ribnick Furs, said casual jackets and coats in purple, green and royal blue were popular.

The price of fur coats has also increased 25 percent since last year to $5,700 for a full-length mink, according to the Fur Information Council, which says the increase is being driven by heavy demand worldwide.

Spray-paint vandalism at furriers and 3 McDonald's believed linked

By MARY ELIZABETH DeANGELIS
Staff Writer

Police suspect the same vandals went on an early Sunday morning spray-painting spree that targeted three McDonald's restaurants and two stores that sell fur coats.

The incidents happened in southwest, southeast, and east Charlotte. The vandals used red paint to write protests on the windows and building exteriors.

At the McDonald's at 9505 South Blvd., someone spray painted "McDeath," "Meat kills," and "Alf" on the windows. Two other McDonald's, at 901 East Arrowood Road and 2301 Central Ave., had similar messages.

Vandals also painted "Fur kills" outside The Carriage, a clothing store on Morrison Boulevard in SouthPark. Another shop, Douglas Furs at 2400 Park Road, had graffiti spray-painted on the front glass. Douglas Furs also had a bucket of paint dumped on the concrete walkway out front, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police reported.

Police said they didn't know whether the graffiti was the work of animal-rights activists or done as a prank. Some animal-rights groups are known for spray-painting fur coats, harassing people who wear them, or picketing stores that sell fur.

"It's an annoyance," said Paul Gordon, manager of The Carriage.

"We're trying to clean it up now."

Vandals attacking Eastside outlets in name of animals

By Tracy Johnson
Journal Reporter

Vandalism at Eastside food outlets by apparent animal-rights activists has increased this year, leaving windows shattered, walls covered with graffiti — and police puzzled.

Since March, more than a dozen Eastside businesses have been damaged by what police believe are animal-rights activists protesting treatment of animals raised for food.

Most recently, spray-painted graffiti caused $2,000 in damage at a meat distributing plant in Kirkland last month. Before that, vandals knocked out plate-glass windows at the Honey Bee Hams outlet in Bellevue, causing more than $12,000 damage. In September, vandals broke windows and sprayed graffiti at a McDonald's restaurant on Mercer Island.

Messages such as "Meat is murder!" "Dairy is Torture!" and "Animal Killers!" and often the initials "A.L.F." are scrawled on walls and amid the broken glass. Police believe the signature denotes the Animal Liberation Front, an elusive militant group associated with break-ins at animal-research laboratories around the country.

But the reason for the increase in such incidents remains unclear.

Mercer Island police have seen the brunt of the Eastside's animal-meat related vandalism, and they are working with other police departments to uncover common threads.

"We're all exchanging as much information as we have," said Mercer Island police Sgt. Alan Lacy.

Though no one has been charged with any of the Eastside incidents, police do have some suspects.

On Oct. 13, a Mercer Island policeman came upon two young Eastside men aiding a dog that had been hit by a vehicle on Mercer Island. It was 1 a.m. and both men were dressed in dark clothes, Lacy said. Suspicious, the officer shined a flashlight into their car where he saw ski masks, cloth gloves and surgical gloves. The men would not consent to a vehicle search.

"They both admitted to being involved in animal rights," Lacy

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