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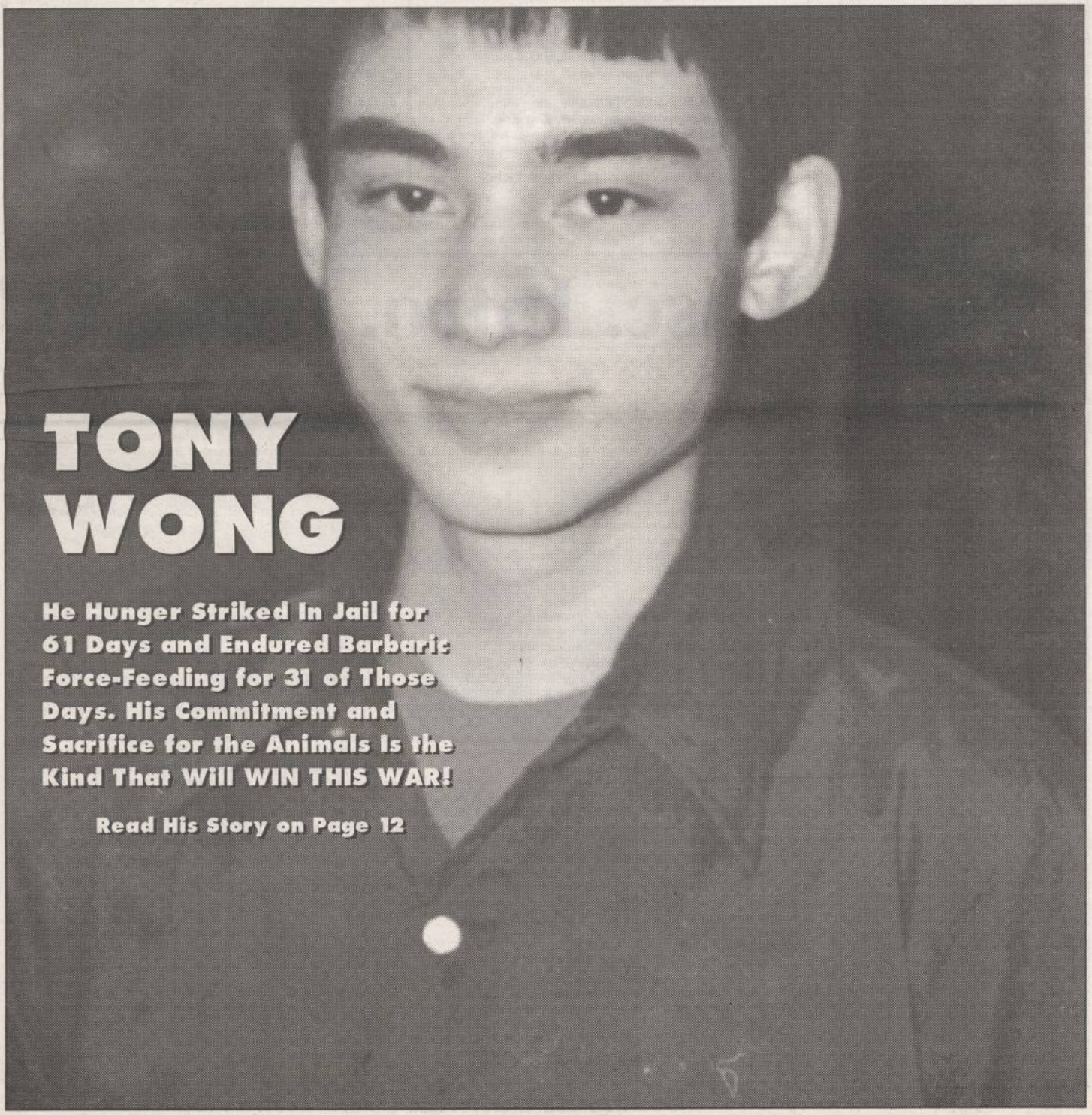
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Greetings *NC* Readers!

It's been far too long since the last *No Compromise*, so this issue is packed full of useful and inspiring information to make up for the delay. We also made an extra special effort to use lots of photos -- *NC* LOVES photos! So if you have any good ones of protests or actions, please send them to us so we can share them with the rest of our readers.

INFORMERS

So, what can you expect in this issue? Well, as direct action in the North American animal liberation movement has been "reborn" over the last few years, we are now starting to deal with some of the birthing pains -- which would in this case include both informers, and seeing lots of our comrades being brought up on serious felony charges.

So in this issue we hope to start to deal with the informer issue (p. 10). *NC* takes a strong stand against all informers. We do not offer them support if they are charged with animal liberation crimes, and we will expose them as the traitors they are to prevent them from hurting other activists. We hope that this strong stance will let activists know in *no-uncertain-terms* what our policy is on informers, and also deter those who lack the conviction, strength, and solidarity to stay quiet from getting involved with A.L.F.-style direct action activity. In other words, we're telling people, "if you can't stand the heat, get out of the (burning McDonald's) kitchen!"

To inform on another is to betray the animals, the cause, and your comrades.

PRISON

The second "birthing" pain we want activists to realize, is there are currently seventeen U.S. activists facing serious felony charges for direct action activities. In other words, people do get caught or framed. And those involved need to recognize this fact and prepare for it. Obviously, direct action animal liberation is not a game, or a way to climb a social ladder, or a hobby to do for excitement. It's a deadly serious struggle. And we need to be prepared for the consequences.

On page 18 you'll find a brief run down of the cases, and how you can help support them.

VICTORIES

Of course, *NC* is *never* all doom and gloom! In this issue we also have the uplifting stories of militant actions from across North America and the world that are making liberation a reality for animals *today!*

We also have the good news that premier department store, Macy's West, has removed the fur salons from all of their stores. This came after an intense, nationwide grassroots civil disobedience campaign against them which was headed by CAFT. It's not a total victory as these stores still sell fur trim and Macy's East still has fur salons, but it's a significant step in the right direction! (for full details read the story on page9.)

Also in this issue we print a letter from an anonymous A.L.F. activist who wrote us the story of her involvement. The first part of it (there are two other parts that will be printed in subsequent issues) is on the facing page and certainly sheds a lot of light on how the A.L.F. operate and clear up any misconceptions about them that are floating around.

The "Shadow Activist" is taking a break for this issue, but don't fret! SA will return next issue, so keep your questions about direct action rolling in!

TAX EXEMPT!

And for some more good news! The Animal Liberation League -- the group responsible for publishing *NC* -- finally got recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization! So now, any donations to ALL (for *No Compromise* or our other projects and campaigns), are now tax deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law!

SPEAKING OF FINANCES...

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And you will certainly want to subscribe so as to not miss the next issue which will contain the second part of the "Letters From the Underground" where the A.L.F. activist explains how she found other people to work with and started doing large scale actions! The next issue will also have one person's story of how he tried to cripple the Canadian sealing industry. As always, it will be an issue you wont want to miss!

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Well, that's it for now. Enjoy issue #7, and keep that burning passion for justice alive!

The NC Staff
June 26, 1997

Letters from the Underground

An A.L.F. member tells her story - PART I

The following article is one person's story of her involvement with the A.L.F. This is the first letter in a three part series. No Compromise *anonymously received these letters and we re-print them here to, once again, reveal the truth about the character, dedication, and resourcefulness of the A.L.F.*

This letter is printed for informational purposes only, and is not intended to encourage people to partake in any illegal activities.

HOW SHE "JOINED" THE A.L.F.

To begin, let me say that while associating with animal rights activists (something I try to avoid), I often hear people speaking thrillingly about articles they've read in the press or seen on the news about animals being liberated, laboratories being trashed, lorries being torched, fast food restaurants being burned to the ground, etc. Along with these conversations it is practically guaranteed that one or more persons will exclaim the greatness and empowerment of the action followed by a "Gee, how do I hook up with these people?" Also heard is, "Why don't these lads contact me?" or "How do I get involved with that group?" There are many others, but all basically asking the same thing: "How do I get involved?" This is how I found the answer to that question.

After reading stories about lab break-ins and fur stores being torched, I, too, desperately wanted to join this group. But how? There was really no place to start. All of my friends in the animal rights movement had less interest in illegal direct action than I did, and even those who showed some interest were completely clueless as to how to meet these people.

At one point, I wrote an animal rights group letting them know that I would be willing to help them raid a lab. Needless to say, that letter went unanswered. Finally I realized what I was doing. I was waiting for someone with a plan to drop in out of the blue and ask me to join in a lab raid. Now stop and think about this. Would anyone who put hundreds of hours in planning a covert, illegal direct action that could land them in prison for years risk asking a basic stranger for help simply because he or she is a vegetarian or belonged to the local animal rights chapter?! NO! (At least not if they want to stay active and out of jail.)

So how did I, or a better question is, how do you, end up "joining" the Animal Liberation Front? That's easy. Come up with your own plan! Really. It's not as hard as you think. Let me repeat this important point which everyone must realize. *Come up with your own plan.* This is very important.

One of the reasons there is not a lot more illegal direct action happening is because there are only a few people willing to invest the time and energy necessary to choose a viable target, research the facts, re-con the place, and conduct any other work necessary to execute a successful direct action.

There are always plenty of people who want to help in the actual execution of the plan, though not many people are willing to dedicate and invest the time, money, energy, and stress that go along with the planning. People are always willing to share in the "excitement," but not in the actual work. Simply put, no one wants to help bake the bread, but everyone wants to eat it.

OVERCOME THE EXCUSES

Many people will easily shrug off planning a direct action for many reasons. (Nearly all are mere excuses which could easily be overcome.) One of the most overused reasons is people tell themselves they don't know anyone who could help in the final execution of the plan. For example, they don't know who could find homes for X number of animals; they don't know who they could trust as a lookout; they don't know who could loan or rent them a vehicle to use, etc. I want to emphasize here that if you are faced with a problem like this, continue on!

There are many bridges that one can foresee that look uncrossable during the planning of an action. These problems seem unresolvable and often discourage people from continuing on with their plan. Again I must emphasize, *continue*. These problems either solve themselves or are more easily solved when you actually reach that point of the plan. (The other option usually being the plan is aborted for some other reason long before the problem ever had to be confronted.)

Something else that should be thrown in here is that you should expect about four out of five plans into which you've invested time and money to fall through. Again, this shouldn't deter you. If you approach direct action with the knowledge that most of your plans may not work, then you should not be discouraged from battling on if some of your plans do fall through.

Though it is not necessary, before taking any direct action, one should read as much literature as possible on the topic [Ed note: see page 23 and 31 for ordering info].



This is much easier to do now thanks to a "revival" in the grassroots animal rights/liberation movement. If possible, any literature pertaining to illegal activities should be mailed to a fake name at a post office box or private mailbox center. If this is not possible, perhaps a well-trusted friend (who could handle police/federal harassment and is not involved in illegal activities themselves) would be willing to have it sent to his or her place. Another possibility would be to get this information off of a web site (from a library, campus, or cyber-coffee shop computer).

Though some of these security precautions may seem ridiculous, paranoid, and unnecessary, you will be thankful you followed them if you continue to increase the frequency, severity, and effectiveness of your actions, thus producing more intense local and federal investigations.

AN ARMY OF ONE

But, wait a minute! You still don't know if there is anyone you can trust. This does not mean that you shouldn't consider doing an action. When I realized that no one was going to drop in and ask me to help them with their plan--when I finally realized that I was the A.L.F.--I decided to target a fast food restaurant that I had noticed as appearing vulnerable.

My first step was realizing that I was the A.L.F. and that it was up to me to find a viable target, in this case the fast food restaurant. Though I still didn't know who could help me with this plan, I proceeded to scope it out the next few nights, still thinking I would find someone to help me.

Though I had no experience at "casing a joint," it came very easily and naturally. Between 2:00 and 3:00 a.m. (the time I decided would be safest to strike the place) I carefully scoped it out. Some nights dressed head to toe in my jogging gear (now is not the time to be caught there in your balaclava), I jogged up and down the street past the restaurant. I was careful to look for possible activity inside the building, check on any employees' cars in the parking lot, judge the amount of traffic, the amount of police presence, determine how well the parking lot and building were lit, scan for any drive thru or security cameras (to look out for and to sabotage!), etc.

Other nights I walked my boyfriend's dog up and down the street looking for the same things. In no time at all I was very familiar with the activity of the area (and had walked two emergency escape routes I would take should I be interrupted). I was soon confident with this target. Unfortunately, I still didn't know anyone I would trust enough to divulge my plans to. I knew what I wanted to do.

The day before I was going to execute my plan, I drove to a neighboring town, bought super--glue, spray-paint, and some garden gloves from three different stores, making sure to pay in cash at each store. That evening I went for a walk wearing my gloves and ended up picking up two large rocks and half of a brick that I determined was small enough to carry around and handle, yet big enough to smash through the thick plate glass windows of a fast food restaurant.

THE FIRST ACTION

Though I would have felt a bit more comfortable with a partner to lookout for me, I was tired of waiting around for apathetic and unmotivated people. That night, dressed in black from head to toe, I went jogging. As I got near the restaurant I slowed to a walk. Seeing that there was no traffic around and facing a dark and empty-looking building, I approached the restaurant.

Walking briskly across the lot, I pulled my mask down over my face. At the rear of the building I quickly took off my black backpack and got out my supplies. I quickly filled the two back door locks with super-glue and small pieces of paper clips that I had snipped especially for this occasion. I then proceeded to spray-paint slogans over the entire back of the building and on the side with the drive-thru.

This done, I peeked around the building. Headlights were approaching from up the street so I just remained calm and motionless. My stomach dropped when I saw it was a police car. The cop then drove by without slowing down or looking my way.

Delighted, I walked around to the front of the building and quickly tossed all three projectiles through three separate windows! I saved this part of the action for last because of the loud sound it would make. And with the three explosions of glass, I quickly sprinted through one of my pre-arranged exits and into a residential area where I quickly vanished. I then removed my black turtleneck and balaclava, ditched them in an apartment complex dumpster, and went home.

My point here is that with enough planning, determination, and self-confidence, one person can pull off a successful action! Of course, the "bigger" or "more severe" the action, the better it may be to have a lookout with clear communications to you. Nevertheless, one person shouldn't feel helpless and inactive because he or she doesn't know others who are willing to take illegal direct action. Besides, taking action is your first step in feeling out potential comrades who share the same philosophy as you and are ready and willing to take action.

Don't miss the next issue, where the underground activist explains how she hooked up with other like-minded individuals to partake in much grander actions.

News Briefs

According to a Circus Fans of America publication, *The White Tops*, **Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus** will not use elephants in their performances this season. The article further states that Vidbel's has been "plagued by animal rights zealots" over the last few years. This is the first year since the circus started in 1984 that they will not exploit elephants during their performance.

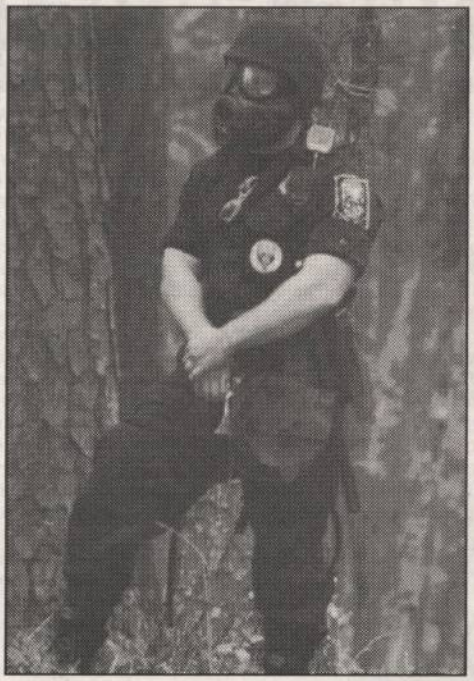
The **Animal Liberation Front** has taken responsibility for numerous attacks on butcher shops and other animal abusers in **Auckland, New Zealand**. The *New Zealand Herald* reports that the A.L.F. have caused over $150,000 damage in the Auckland area alone this year.

Inmate Harold Thompson filed a **lawsuit demanding a vegan-vegetarian diet line** be provided at all **Tennessee** prisons. The lawsuit, filed under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, argues that people who believe in the sanctity and reverence of all life should be given meals appropriate to their beliefs just as the Muslims and Jews are given meals free of pork. A similar lawsuit filed in South Carolina resulted in all South Carolina prisons providing a vegan-vegetarian diet line. Letters of support can be sent to: Mr. Harold H. Thompson, #93992, Turney Center Industrial Prison, Route 1, Only, TN 37140-9709.

British activists conducted actions during Easter weekend in memory of **hunt saboteur, Tom Worby**, who was killed by hunter **Anthony Ball** of the **Cambridgeshire Foxhounds** on April 3, 1993. Actions included a home demo at Bob Coley's house, the Managing Director of Interfuana--a company that breeds beagles for vivisection; a candle-light vigil at the Cambridge Foxhounds Kennels; a smash-and-dash attack at both Coley's house and the Hunt Kennels that resulted in most of their windows being broken; a protest at Interfauna; two demonstrations at the Huntington Research Center, one of which was so rowdy it prevented vivisectors from entering or leaving the building; a demonstration at a vivisection supplier that breeds rodents which resulted in its windows and fence being destroyed and feces smeared over the premises; a successful hunt sabotage; a home demo at Prime Minister John Major's house while machine-gun-toting police looked on; a protest at a cat breeder establishment in Oxford which got its windows smashed; and another trashing of Coley's house.

Chris Rogowski and **Chet Bronski** used chains and U-locks to lock down on the center ring during the elephant performance at the **Ringling Brothers/Barnum & Bailey Circus** in Worcester, Massachusetts. The circus was stopped for half an hour until the activists could be cut free.

Troy Gregorino, an animal advocate who removed computer disks from a primate lab at **Kent State University** in Ohio, was sentenced to one year of probation and a $200 fine for his actions. The action resulted in over a month of massive media coverage in northern Ohio, some of which included the airing of graphic footage of invasive research on primates. The disks were stolen from graduate student Deborah VanTillburg who does behavioral research on monkeys.







ANIMAL RIGHTS IS A RIOT: A riot cop with grenade launcher in hand, stands poised at the Yerkes demo (far left). Activists demanding an end to the oppression of all life descend on Yerkes (above). HIV-positive AIDS activist Michael Bellefountaine joined protesters in condemning animal research on both moral and scientific grounds (adjacent left). photos by Christie Gann

Lab Day Turns Yerkes into War Zone

BY MIKE MCCROSKY
ANIMAL ABUSE WATCH

ATLANTA, GA -- More than 150 people gathered in Atlanta on Saturday April 22 for the National Laboratory Animal Liberation Day. They came from all over the United States. Crescenzo Vellucci from California's National Activist Network said, "The demonstration at Yerkes Primate Center was, by far, the most successful in more than a decade, primarily because we were able to involve activists from about 18 different states, and the news coverage went worldwide via CNN, and all the national television networks." Mr. Vellucci went on to say, "This nonviolent protest, although marred by police attacking peaceful demonstrators, has the potential, especially following a similar action at University of California, Davis the previous week, to end the cycle of wasted moneys and torture at primate centers in the U.S."



One of the 64 protesters arrested at Yerkes.

Dr. Jerry Vlasak from Connecticut said, "Yerkes is the weak link, it is a shambles, it is an ugly mess waiting to fall." In all, 64 activists were arrested after a 2 hour melee at the Primate Center's entrance. The arrests were made at the discretion of Emory University by Georgia's DeKalb County Police (DKPD).

The police attempted the tactic of "cut off the head and the tail will stop wagging." They arrested Cres and Sheila Vellucci, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Vlasak, and 60 others. However, the remaining activists - more than 100 of them - were grass roots, hard-core, and No Compromise. The action continued with 100 leaders.

When the crowd did not disburse, SWAT teams were called in. The DKPD Strike Force used M-79 grenade launchers to lob CS gas into the crowd. But the crowd surged into the barricade. Ms. Cathy Raffety angered by the police tactics said, "It was like Waco, they were firing on women and children." Tear gas and pepper spray were used to cause the crowed to disperse - but the crowd surged again. This time contact across the barricade forced the DKPD to escalate with reinforcements. Concussion grenades were heaved into the crowd. A number of outraged activists responding to police brutality picked up a barricade section and threw it into the back window of a parked police car.

"Now the world knows how far Emory will go to suppress the First Amendment," said Ms. Jean Barnes Coordinator of the Atlanta chapter of LCA. The protesters chanted:

"One - Two - Three - Four.
This is Civil War.
Five - Six - Seven - Eight.
End this police state.
Nine - Ten - Eleven - Twelve.
Blow Emory straight to hell!"

Of the 64 people arrested 10 were juveniles, and the rest were adults. Those arrested were incarcerated at the DeKalb County Jail. On Monday the 24th the activists were arraigned on charges of from "inciting to riot," to "disorderly conduct," to "destruction of public property."

The Atlanta Action was preceded the previous day by a group meeting, training session and dinner at the DeKalb County Library and the DeKalb County Civic Center near Emory University.

Thomas R. Insel Director of the Yerkes Primate Research Center said of the activists, "They are terrorists." During the demonstration Insel suggested to the media that the demonstrators ought to talk with him to "debate the issue" rather than acting violently. "Its unfortunate that now, after the confrontation, Insel refuses to debate," Said Pam Vlasak, "We're willing to talk, to debate. Why isn't he?" Dr. Ray Greek of In Defense of Animals said, "His position on animal research is indefensible, he can't win a debate, and won't agree to one."

"Rumors are circulating that August may be payback-time, not at Yerkes, but the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)," said Aaron Stone The Atlanta CAFT coordinator, "The government is really looking for it with all this money for vivisection crap. We have never shown them (the CDC) up for the animal torturers they are. I think when all the CAFT kids get in town for trial we'll just have to pay the CDC a visit."



WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED: An activist who U-locked his neck to a security gate.

The Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center is one of seven Regional Primate Centers nationwide. The centers practice vivisection and behavioral engineering experiments on primate mammals. Yerkes is just one of the many facilities of the infamous "Clifton corridor." At one end of Clifton Road there is the home office of the CDC, across the street is the American Cancer Society. Just down the road is Emory University and Hospital with its Wayne Rollins Research Center and across the street the Infamous Yerkes - Named for Robert M. Yerkes.

British Riot Against Vivisection

Consort Beagle Breeder's Facilities Trashed Despite Heavy Riot Police Presence

BY MARTIN BALLUCH









Clockwise from top: The razor wire activists overcame. A riot cop with shield. Activists tipping a shed over to distract police away from the liberators. Activists disperse over fields to conceal who has the rescued dog, while a police copter watches from the sky.

ENGLAND -- There were approximately 500 loud, angry, compassionate people prepared for anything at the Consort Beagle Breeder's Facility...and this is a force to reckon with!

Protesters gathered outside the premises. There were a number of police present and many more officers hiding around the area and inside the compound. Protesters suddenly moved off, down a track, and around to the back of the beagle breeding place. There, police had put up a fence with barbed wire, and some 15 police officers--some with dogs--tried to keep off the crowd.

About 100 yards behind the police was the actual breeding place which was again surrounded by a wall with razor wire all around. Suddenly, without much build-up of emotion, people stormed past the police to the razor-wired wall and fence. Some tried to climb it (and a few managed with success), but most just got stuck outside.

Two guys were able to enter the compound and take one beagle dog and flee up onto the roof of one of the buildings inside. By this time, people were seriously tearing on the fences outside, and the riot police moved in.

The riot police surrounded the building with the two men and the dog visible on the roof. It was at this point, when all the people in the crowd saw the rescued dog and the two men surrounded by police and barbed razor wire, that the protesters showed their true strength of feeling: they tried with all means to get into the area to free the men and the dog. First, some of the fencing on one side was torn down and people managed to get far enough inside to wreck two sheds and destroy everything inside them, dragging out things and setting them on fire. This included a small tractor.

However, even though they were showered with rocks, riot police were able to stop the protesters from moving further inside the area. Next, some protesters further down from the torn-down fencing managed to overcome the barrier by putting bits of an asbestos roof over the razor wire fence. But, again, riot police were able to beat people back.

One has to imagine the scenario at this stage: There are these two masked liberationists on the roof with the beagle dog. The house on which they are standing is surrounded by maybe 50 riot police in full gear, with helmets, shields, batons, the lot. Then there are some more 50 or so police buzzing around inside, many police crews filming everything, and a helicopter above the scene, also filming. Around all those police officers is a heavily-protected fence with a rock wall on some parts and razor wire and rolls fixed over it all the way. And all this is surrounded and besieged by an angry crowd of protesters, attacking from all sides, determined to get those men and the dog out.

Next, a large crowd of protesters attacked again from the entrance gate side, this time smashing up the windows of the cars of employees as well as the manager of the place in the car park.

For those not used to such protests, in order to give you a full picture, I would like to add that most protesters were totally masked up. It was not just one or two activists throwing rocks--it was really everyone. And the people on megaphones shouted, "Go on! Do it! Don't be afraid! Smash the bastards!" It was mayhem. Also, protesters continually changed clothes with each other so that no particular protester could be pointed out.

Protesters were constantly on the alert against police snatch squads and effectively de-arrested immediately when such a squad tried their luck. Then some protesters managed to break through the razor wire by dragging a bath tub to the fence, tearing the fence down, and putting this tub over it. So, within minutes, hundreds of protesters entered the inner area, surrounding the house with the two men and the dog on top.

A line of police posed little resistance, and soon hundreds of people reached the side of the house, smashing up the garden fence and invading the front area. Police with batons stormed in from one side and riot police from the other, but protesters resisted. A wall was broken down and split into handily-sized rocks used as missiles. Another fire was started in the garage and sheds just beside the house.

At this stage the two men appeared on the roof just above protesters and lowered the beagle dog straight into the arms of the protesters. One of the men followed. I don't know what happened to the other. The protesters had managed to resist riot police attacks by then, long enough so that one of the guys from the roof and the dog were safely hidden in the crowd. Afterwards, half the protesters moved off, broke through police lines, and managed to get the beagle safely out of the immediate area.

About 40 people made off with the beagle. Unfortunately, they were spotted by two over-enthusiastic police officers, one with a police dog, who gave chase. Also, the police helicopter was alerted and stayed above those protesters. At this stage, all of the 40 protesters took their jackets off and rolled them up and held them in front of their hands as if they were holding a dog and made off in different direction. This confused police and the two officers chased different people in different directions.

However, the people were not running fast enough, so more and more of those running off were caught and checked, and more and more police officers were getting involved in the chase, being drafted in from the roads. After a two-mile chase, the people with the beagle dog were discovered.

The police dog was set on the people and two were severely bitten. Thirteen protesters then piled together onto a heap, hiding and protecting the beagle with their bodies. More and more police officers were drafted in and eventually moved in and beat the 13 away and took the dog. All 13 were arrested under suspicion of theft. In the meantime, protesters continued to fight police in the area of the beagle breeding farm.

It was then that CS gas was used, and many protesters ended up requiring hospital treatment. Also, the road was blockaded in protest for a while, using equipment taken from a nearby road building site. Later on in

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A **400-pound Bengal tiger attacked and killed his trainer and tormentor**, 50-year-old Wayne Franzen, during a circus performance in **Carrolltown, Pennsylvania**. When Franzen turned his back toward the tiger, the tiger pounced on him, bit into his neck, and started dragging him around the ring. Some 200 children and their parents watched in horror as Franzen was killed.

Australia's Animal Liberation Action Rescue Team entered **Happy Hens Egg World** in Victoria and individually stamped thousands of battery eggs with the message: "Made with Cruelty." They also removed several birds from the horrible conditions. The birds were given veterinary attention.

Chicago Animal Rights Coalition activist **Steve Hindi** was found not guilty of spitting in the face of David Perri, the curator for **Marineland** in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The charges stemmed from a protest at the Marineland back in September of last year. (See *NC* #5, page 3, for story.)

A **Whopper-Eating Contest** at **New York University** was disrupted by a last minute protest of animal liberationists. At the start of the contest, activists bolted to the front table where the grotesque display was being held, surrounded it so no one could see the "event," and started chanting anti-meat slogans. The disruption lasted for the entire length of the contest and an irate crowd of about 60 shouting people added to the mayhem. No arrests were made.

For **World Day for Animals in Labs**, protesters at the **University of Washington** placed 3,000 flags in the school's lawn in memory of the 3,000 animals killed each week in UW vivisection labs. On the same day, animal liberationists' presence at the UW Health Science Fair for local high school students, resulted in nervous vivisectors packing up their tables and leaving.

A **Denver, Colorado** judge dismissed four activists' charges of trespass and disturbing the peace after arresting officer Captain Maldino admitted on the stand that he never asked the protesters to leave. Last October, the activists locked-down at the Denver Coliseum to protest the **Ringling Brothers/Barnum & Bailey Circus**. They were members of **Rocky Mountain Animal Defense**.

The **Law Student Animal Rights Alliance** recommends activists who plan to represent themselves in court read the following books: *Everybody's Guide to Municipal Court* ($29.95), *Everybody's Guide to Small Claims Court* ($18.95), and *Represent Yourself in Court: How to Prepare & Try a Winning Case* ($29.95). These books can be ordered from NOLO Press, an organization of lawyers trying to make the law accessible to people. Call NOLO Press at 1-800-992-6656 to order these titles or ask for their catalogue. If you can not afford these books, ask your local library to add these fine publications to their collection.

The wife of an executive of the **Seattle Bon Marche** went to court for simple assult charges after hosing anti-fur demonstrators who were protesting outside her home. The trial resulted in a hung jury and prosecutors did not want to retry the case. Bon Marche is a department store that sells fur.

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One hundred and fifty **British anti-hunt activists** clad in black ski masks welcomed hunters attending a Hunt Ball taking place at a hotel near **Arundel, Sussex**. Hunter, businessman, and Ball attendee Brian Trafford, 65, told a British paper: "My business takes me all over the Soviet Union, and I've had a few brushes with the Mafia over there--but that was nothing compared to this. Our car was surrounded by 50 or more, banging on the roof. They smashed the back windscreen and the side window and the glass went all over my daughter-in-law. Then one jumped on the bonnet and smashed the windscreen. Then they yanked open the door and tried to pull me out. My driver is only a young chap and he was petrified." Angry activists smashed numerous car windows and the damage was estimated at thousands of pounds. Despite the presence of 80 police, no one was arrested.



Earth First! activist **Judi Bari** died of cancer in early March at the age of 47. She organized protests against logging in the Redwood forests in Northern California and was successful in building coalitions between loggers, mill workers, and forest defenders. In 1990, she was the victim in a car bomb attack which injured her and another passenger of the car. Police and **FBI** tried to implicate her as a suspect in the bombing to discredit Earth First! and further harass forest defenders.

Judi's serious injuries, which kept her in traction for weeks, did not dampen her spirit to fight, and she initiated a lawsuit against the Oakland police and FBI for defaming Earth First! and attempting to destroy evidence in the bomb case. The lawsuit will continue to be pursued now that she's gone.

With Judi's death, the environmental movement has lost a strong and compassionate voice. Her humor, tenacity, and hope will be sorely missed, but her fighting spirit lives on in those of us who continue the struggle for earth liberation.

Just weeks after **36 activists locked down** at the **Bunge Piggery** in **Corowa, Australia**, two investigators were arrested for trespass after videotaping horrendous conditions there. The video shows three sows with maggot-infested, bleeding prolapses, being trampled by other pigs while they squeal in pain. It also shows over 600 pregnant sows locked in individual stalls barely larger than their bodies and tormented, bored, and neurotic animals madly sucking at the bars of their stalls, yelling in fevered distress. The Bunge Piggery is the largest pig farm in the southern hemisphere. It confines over 230,000 pigs in 80 sheds. The judge ruled in favor of the investigators.

Portland Vivisectors Targeted by Conference

Photos by Davida Douglas



By Josh Harper
Liberation Collective

PORTLAND, OR -- Thursday, March 27th, marked the one year anniversary of Liberation Collective and our non-violent struggle against oppression and exploitation. To celebrate our victories and to look to the future, a three-day conference on animal rights was held in Portland, Oregon, complete with parades, free vegan food (courtesy of Food Not Bombs), speakers, live music, a world premiere movie, and, of course, civil disobedience. Activists in attendance seemed overjoyed by the enthusiasm of fellow liberationists.

Legacy Health Systems, however, could not have been more dismayed. On the first day of the conference, activists descended on the corporate office of Legacy Heath Systems. Legacy is the parent company of Good Samaritan Hospital, the organization that pays for the cruel experiments carried out by vivisectionist Jane MacPherson. The police were tipped off to the protest and were out in full force, with several squad cars and mountain-bike-riding-boys-in-blue to enforce the will of the status-quo. After we had circled the building several times, a decision was made to march to the nearby Robert S. Dow Center where the vivisection takes place. Once there, a concept of Martin Luther King's was recalled: that passion without action is futile. The energy of the crowd was intense, but something more was needed.

Spontaneously, another activist and myself sat down to block the entrance of the torture facility. The crowd closed in to show support and soon people were chanting, drumming on windows, and holding up signs for those inside to read. The police seemed afraid of a riot and did little to stop the action until nearly one hour later when horse-mounted police were brought in for crowd control.

Activist Ang Trengaa was picked up by the police and taken to a squad car while I was turned face down and dragged by the chain of



my handcuffs and repeatedly dropped. The police used painful wrist locks to get me on my feet and then violently shoved me into the squad car. Two others were arrested also. One had allegedly spit at an officer, the other was arrested for the "crime" of taking pictures.

Perhaps Legacy thought that this was the end to our "protest." What they don't understand is that we are not a protest group, but a *resistance* group. We do not primarily act to speak against oppression, rather, we act to stop it. And so on the second day of the conference we held a parade complete with a giant paper maché cat being chased by a massive vivisector street puppet.

Over 80 people marched down the busiest street in Portland with an excessive police escort. When we reached Legacy Health Systems offices the police tried in vain to keep us on the sidewalk across the street, but our love of freedom would not allow us to be contained. All 80 of us crossed the street and began chanting outside the offices. The giant vivisector waved at his fellow abusers inside the building while the cat marched and lead us in chants.

A group of five brave activists linked arms and marched toward the police blockade, which consisted of roughly 6 horse-mounted police, 14 riot police, 4 sheriffs, 4 motorcycle police, and nearly 20 to 30 other armed officers. All five activists were tackled and arrested without warning.

Jared Bauer and I used this as an opportunity to scale a fence and pull ourselves onto the roof of the building, where we unfurled a large banner reading: "Vivisection = Death for Humans and Animals." The crowd rushed down to see us and a cheer went up. The executives were all looking outside of their plush offices while we reminded them of the cruelty that they help perpetuate. Perhaps feeling left out on the cruelty issue in some way, eight police officers and three security guards stormed the roof and proceeded to pretend that they were in a kung-fu movie, though none were as graceful as Jackie Chan.

In their haste to "protect the peace and dignity of the state of Oregon," they badly injured my left arm and popped blood vessels on my shoulders. They also repeatedly grabbed Jared's and my testicles. Good job, guys! My peace and dignity have never felt better. Later in the day, a minor was falsely arrested for allegedly cracking a window with his skateboard, an action for which other activists insist he was not responsible.

After all of the excitement of the first two days, the third day was decidedly more relaxed. Javier Burgos premiered his latest production, "Lethal Medicine." A letter from Rod Coronado was read and Jonathan Paul read a letter which contained quotes from several profound animal rights prisoners, including 16-year-old Tony Wong.

Later in the day, a candlelight vigil was held (and, yes, the candles were vegan), where nearly 80 activists marched to vivisector Jane MacPherson's house and stood silently outside in symbolic unity with the cats that MacPherson mutilates and kills daily. Later in the evening a farewell party was held with acoustic music, food, and awful emceeing courtesy of yours truly. Liberation Collective would like to thank everyone for making this conference such a success and invite those who did not make it to please come next time. At our first arraignment, most activists had their charges dropped to a violation. Katie Louis, a dedicated and longtime member of Liberation Collective, faces three months in jail and $1,000 in fines. I am currently facing six months in jail and $2,000 for my actions on behalf of the animals. I would like to take these last few sentences to remind everyone that we will win in our struggle for the rights of all creatures because we will never cease in our activity. We will, whenever possible, trade our freedom for the freedom of others until the oppressors have no one left to enslave. Keep faith and keep fighting so that one day we may sit and celebrate our victories together.

How Immoral Can the Fur Trade Get?

By JP Goodwin
Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade

Mink rancher Lee Moyle of Idaho has been examining the possibilities of cloning mink. Moyle states that cloning would be too expensive for standard mink breeding but that it might have profitable benefits with certain color mutations, which he could make bigger and more productive at breeding.

Moyle states that it will be several years before cloning could reach his farm. This fur rancher would be likely to experiment with this as he has a reputation of being an innovator and for experimenting with new ideas on his fur farm. This would open the door for the animal rights movement to join forces with all sorts of religious sects that oppose cloning. Even Rush Limbaugh has stated that he would work with animal rights groups to stop cloning. As the fur trade dives to new lows they make their abolition that much easier for us.

Militancy Has Firm Hold in Finland

BY TULIRUU

Animal lib greetings from Finland! Finnish activists have been very busy, especially during December.

Here is a small list of some Elainten Vapautus Rintama (EVR = Finnish A.L.F.) actions that occurred in December:

•In Vantaa, near Helsinki, some meat trucks got burned down. This was a first in Finnish A.L.F. history!

•A huge pelt processing building belonging to Finland's second biggest fur farm burned down. The building had 20,000 polecat and 2,000 fox furs in it, plus lots of machinery! It caused millions of Finnish marks worth of damage to the fur industry.

•On a fur farm near Tampere, 50 foxes were painted with red Henna dye. In ONE night in mid December in Helsinki, some 15 fur shops and a few McMurder's got smashed up.

• On Christmas Eve an arson attack on three meat trucks caused millions of Finnish marks worth of damage. The trucks were burned down completely and slogans of "EVR" and "Leave the animals alone!" were painted.

•All over the country there was lots of vandalism of furriers, McDonald's, meat factories and trucks, etc. AND THAT WAS ALL IN ONE MONTH!!!



• At the beginning of 1997, 11 rabbits were rescued from a vivisection lab.

•December also brought a huge angry demo against the international fur auction in Vantaa, near Helsinki. Rich scum bags had arrived to the auction from all over the world on December 3rd. At 7a.m., some 200 Finnish and 20 Swedish activists were waiting for the buses to arrive. When they appeared, activists occupied them, sat in front of and behind them, and climbed onto their roofs. Tons of paint bombs splattered over the buses. Windows were smashed and the scum were terrified.

In one of the buses was the Finnish fur industry's biggest animal abuser, Gustav Smulter, who also got what he deserved from the red paint bombs!

Police were very violent, beating up people and using tear gas on the activists. Demonstrators reported that when a few coppers dragged one activist along the road, his shirt slipped up and his back was covered in blood. At the beginning of the demo, activists de-arrested those who police tried to arrest, but when the police got "extra forces," they were able to make successful arrests.

Arrestees were dragged into a "police bus" (they didn't have enough space in the vans!) and three activists ran away by smashing a window, climbing on the roof, and jumping off when the bus was moving!! Over 40 people were arrested, held for nine hours, and released on bail to go back to be charged.

According to the police, the charges might include rioting, obstruction of the police officer, criminal damage, obstruction of the highway, and violent disorder. In the media the demo was described as "chaos caused by young masked vegans"; newspapers wrote about police getting bruised and described how the violence was started by activists. As usual there was nothing from our point of view, with all claims made by the media untrue.



But, as a whole, the demo was the best ever seen in Finland. It provided lots of new positive energy for activists and showed people's anger towards this horrible, cruel trade where animals are only property and people trying to save their lives are thought of as terrorists. But we know in our hearts that the struggle for the animals is right and necessary. We have got to think of animals as individuals and try to save as many as possible by taking direct action.

One rescued animal means one rescued life; it means EVERYTHING for that individual and is a step towards total liberation. The animal liberation movement is growing all around the world and we must do everything we can to continue the fight for our sisters and brothers and for justice!

More Fur Farms Raided: 510 Freed

BY JP GOODWIN
COALITION TO ABOLISH THE FUR TRADE

The A.L.F. struck a Texas fur farm for the first time on April 9th. Ten chinchillas were liberated from the DeBerry, Texas-based Don Kelley Fur Farm. In an anonymous call to a sympathetic animal rights group, the A.L.F. claimed credit for the action and claimed that the animals would be put in loving homes.

Most fur farmers kill chinchillas by either genital electrocution, foot to ear electrocution, or neck-breaking. This is the first time the A.L.F. has liberated chinchillas during this new anti-fur farm campaign, possibly because chinchillas are not known for being good candidates for release into the wild. Due to the chinchilla's thick coat, they cannot survive in temperatures much over 80 degrees. Mink and fox, on the other hand, have been shown to thrive directly upon release from fur farms.

The A.L.F. claims that the chinchillas freed during this raid are now living with human companions who will care for them and their needs.

Following this action, the A.L.F. moved towards Maryland where they raided the Frank Parsons Mink and Ferret Farm. Five hundred mink were freed from their cages and breeding records for all of the animals were destroyed.

Two years ago, Parsons was caught on videotape killing mink by injecting Blackleaf 40 weed killer and rubbing alcohol into their chests. The mink were going into convulsions and dying agonizing deaths. Hopefully this raid will shut Parsons down and prevent any future animal torture at this site.

Sweden has also seen a string of raids this year. So far, five fur farms have been hit with animal liberations, stolen breeding records, and destroyed equipment. At least one of these farms has closed down now, which is a surprise, as most fur farms don't close until December when they pelt out all of the remaining animals. A group called the Wild Minks has taken responsibility for all of these raids except one where the A.L.F. freed two foxes.

Fallen Warriors

BY BILL BUSSE
BIG WOODS EARTH FIRST!

On May 25, while returning from teaching climbing skills to Animal Rights Activists and Earth First!ers at the Big Woods Rendezvous in Minnesota, a vehicle carrying Greenpeace climbing trainers was involved in an horrible accident. Mario Ponce and Ani Ayaltin were killed.

Mario was 25 and had been active with Greenpeace as a canvass field manager, campaigner, member of the action team and often a member on Greenpeace Ships.

Ani, 30, was a Greenpeacer active with the phone canvass, the door canvass, and always a willing participant in Greenpeace actions and campaign work.

Mario and Ani spent the last weekend of their lives doing what they loved to do, sharing skills with other environmental activists to strengthen the movement.

The smiling faces and loving hearts of these fallen heroes will be long remembered by the many they touched.

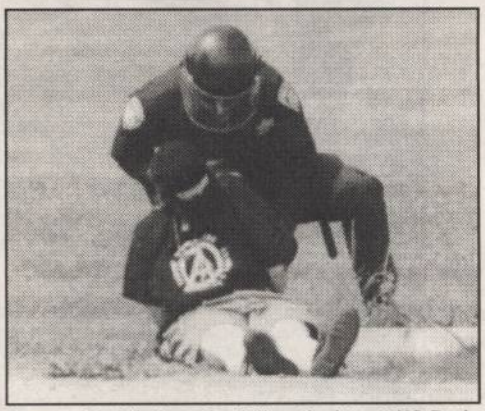


ONE THEY TOUCHED: An animal liberationist practices the climbing techniques she learned at the Big Woods Earth First! Rendezvous.









A peaceful sit-in by animal liberationists at UC Davis is met with violent force by the police who arrested them. photos by Anita Carswell

32 Arrested at UC Davis

By Derek St. Pierre
Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition - San Diego

Davis, Calif.-- On Sunday, April 20th, myself and two other activists watched the sun rise from atop the new primate facility at the University of California's Davis campus which was under construction (the same facility had been attacked a month before by the A.L.F., causing $1,000 in damage). By about 8:30 a.m., the police had arrived in full force in anticipation of the day's events. There were between two and three dozen cops, a prison bus, several vans, and a half-dozen cop cars. None of them knew they were being watched.

At about 11:30 a.m., we finally spotted the activists marching down the street towards the Primate Torture Center. From our hidden rooftop perch we could see about 50 activists marching down the two-lane street blocking traffic in both directions: cars approaching them were forced to turn around, while the ones behind them just followed along. As the activists came down the street, we watched the police anxiously scramble and put on their riot gear. The cops suited up with helmets and three-foot-long metal batons.

As the protesters got closer, the police formed a line across the entrance to the research center. The march did not even slow down--they pushed forward directly into the line of the cops. The cops just started swinging and people went down. A few ski-masked individuals broke through and made a run for the facility, only to be chased down by cops and beaten with batons. I watched as one person came within inches of having his head taken off by a cop who took a full swing at him with his baton. Luckily, the person ducked just in time to avoid it and ended up getting kicked by the cop instead.

Just after the mayhem began at the entrance to the lab, we unfurled a huge banner which read: "Primate Torture Center: 3500 Innocent Victims." We began yelling at the cops and chanting with the rest of the protest. The police were dumfounded as to how we got up there. It was later explained to the police that "we teleported up there.")

At the entrance, the arrests and police brutality continued. Person after person was grabbed by the cops, put into pain and compliance holds, then dragged away. The majority of those arrested went limp and were tortured by the cops to try to make them walk. Eventually they were dragged, leaving many of them with cuts and bruises.

Shortly after the protest began, we were joined by someone who snuck past the police lines to join us. We lowered the ladder and added a fourth person to our occupation of the rooftop. After he was up, we refortified all the entrances to the roof so that we would have no uninvited guests. As the protest continued, the words "FREEDOM," "ANIMAL LIBERATION," and "VEGAN REVOLUTION" began to appear on the front of the building. Who knows how they got spray painted there? Next thing you know, construction material and equipment began flying off the rooftop to the cheers of the crowd below.

After over a dozen of the activists were arrested, a ski-masked figure broke through the police line and raced for the building. The police were not able to respond until he already had a huge lead on them. He sprinted the 300 yards to the main door of the lab. As he got about ten feet away, his arm drew back and fired a fist- sized rock into the Plexiglas front window. He was tackled seconds later, unmasked, and forced to march back to the bus.

As the day went on, the numbers at the front gate began to dwindle as protester after protester was dragged away and put in the police bus.

After occupying the roof for over four hours, the police sent over our attorney to negotiate our exit from the rooftop. Without water and after having most of the protesters arrested, we agreed to come down in exchange for bottled water, a charge of only trespassing and misdemeanor vandalism, and a promise that we would be cited and released.

A total of 32 people were arrested. The three juveniles were released almost immediately. The 29 adults were kept in the Yolo County Jail on charges ranging from trespassing and resisting arrest to vandalism and wearing a mask during the commission of a crime. All were released on their own recognizance by shortly after midnight.

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the day, three employees and the manager of the beagle breeder had home visits and got their houses thoroughly smashed up. Altogether 24 people got arrested. One was immediately released as the arresting officer could not be found.

The reasons for the arrest for the remaining 23 varied from theft to burglary, criminal damage, and assault. As far as I know, no one was charged and everyone was released during the same night and the early hours of the next morning. I was arrested under suspicion of burglary and theft.

Just prior to my arrest, I was attacked by a police dog and severely bitten. The dog-handling police officer encouraged the dog all the way through this attack and praised him/her afterwards. I had to remove the dog by stuffing my sweatshirt into his/her mouth and removing him/her manually. On the drive to the police station, I had the beagle dog on my lap while I was handcuffed which made it impossible to comfort the poor soul in the way she needed.

The dog was a young female and pregnant. Later during the night she was retrieved by an unknown man from the police station. Protesters who besieged the police station managed to initially drive him off, but, eventually, with a heavy police escort, the dog was removed. Most likely, she is dead by now.

Apart from the sad end for the beagle, every second of this demo was worth it. It was such an empowering experience and it shows what 500 compassionate people with bare hands can do against an army of well-armored riot police with batons, CS gas, and barbed razor wire. I am humbled by the selfless determination those protesters showed. There was no fear--there was just simply no fear.

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CIRCUS BLOACKADE: Five members of Compassion Over Killing in DC block the loading dock which Ringling Brothers used to transport the animals into the ring. It took police two hours to remove the protesters.

Macy's West Drops Fur Salons

BY JP GOODWIN
COALITION TO ABOLISH THE FUR TRADE

Several years ago the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT) began a campaign to get fur out of all stores owned by Federated Department Stores, including Macy's, Bloomingdales, Rich's, Lazarus, and Goldsmith's. The campaign has made some dramatic progress as of late, but still has a ways to go. Macy's-West was operating 15 fur salons and 30 bridge outerwear departments which carried fur trim at this time last year. They announced a few weeks ago that the last of the 15 fur salons was closing! This was motivating news as we had been hitting them so hard for quite some time!

The flip-side to this is that the man in charge of the fur salons is now working on the bridge outerwear departments, which are to number 50 for the coming season. These departments will sell fur-trimmed coats—obviously unacceptable to us. Fur trim falls into a long-term, fur marketing strategy.

If they can get people to accept a little fur now on stylish jackets aimed at young consumers, then perhaps any doubts about fur will erode away, helping to stimulate full fur sales in the future. Additionally, most fox, coyote, and raccoon skins are now used for trim. A collapse of fur trim would put a lot of trappers and most fox farmers out of business.

While Macy's-West has shown progress, Macy's-East is totally going in the wrong direction. When the campaign began, CAFT did not have contacts in Macy's-East cities, so they haven't been a campaign target in earnest for anywhere near as long as Macy's-West has, and, perhaps, that is part of the problem. Macy's-East has leased out their fur salon to a Canadian fur company called Birger Christenson (BC). This is the same company that operates the fur salons at Saks Fifth Avenue. They will be doubling the number of Macy's-East fur salons from 15 to 32 this year. This will be BC's first year at Macy's, so maybe we can make them fall flat on their face!

Please help us keep the pressure on Macy's and other Federated stores. Organize protests in your area against Macy's stores. Write or call us so that we can make you a contact group to help take part in national days of action. Please flood them with phone calls and letters as well.

Tell Macy's-West that while closing the fur salons is a step, the sale of fur trim still means that animals are suffering and dying for a frivolous purpose.

Michael Steinberg, Chairman Macy's-West 50 O'Farrell St San Francisco, CA 94102 Phone: (415) 397-3333

Tell Macy's-East that you won't buy while animals die! Point out that Macy's-West is moving in the right direction while Macy's-East seems hell-bent on angering the anti-fur majority so that they can sell to the 1 percent of Americans that actually buy fur.

Harold Kahn, Chairman Macy's-East 151 W. 34th St. New York, NY 10001 Phone: (212) 695-4400 Fur Department Phone: (800) TLC-FURS

Eleven New Jersey Arrests in Solidarity

JULIA WILCZYNSKI
CAFT PHILADELPHIA

REDBANK, NJ -- On April 12 outside Winters Furs, the police were not given the chance to intimidate militant animal rights activists. Thirty-five activists from New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey marched across the street flaunting signs, banners, and a bloodied mink in a trap. We circled the small store for more than thirty minutes in the pouring rain.

The cops told me I couldn't use the bullhorn. I asked if I was being arrested, and when they said no, I continued chanting. "Now you are," they said. I went limp and they dragged me off to the station next door to the fur shop.

I looked in their book to see what I was being charged with and they had written down "Animal Rights." I wasn't aware that animal rights was a crime! Twenty minutes later, I saw ten loud activists literally being dragged in. We were all chanting "2-4-6-8-F*ck this police state!" inside the jail. While I was sitting there chained to a desk, they were flipping through this six-inch thick book of full color photographs and summaries of AR activists. They said, "Oh, Jeff Watkins. Good! He's in jail! Got Mike here...got Dari again. Do you know where so and so is? He isn't at this protest. Do you protest anywhere else? Do you do any other actions?" Every time I answered "no comment," they laughed and said they were "just curious." "What, do you have something to hide?"

Altogether, four juveniles and seven adults were arrested. All were charged with resisting and blocking a public passageway except for Angi Metler and myself. Angi was charged with a felony of resisting (kicking a cop...which she didn't do) and I was charged with using a bullhorn. Looks like I'm getting life for that one!

Winters Furs watch out...the war has just begun!



Making Your Banner Drops Last Longer

Handcuffs are Good for More Than Just C.D.

BY DAN BERGER
ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE - BOCA RATON

BOCA RATON, FL --Aamartin's Furs was the site of an experiment by the Boca Raton ADL. It started out with two people walking down Las Olas Boulevard to Aamartins. Although carrying a ladder and a banner, they were able to do this quite inconspicuously. They cuffed the banner which read "FUR IS DEAD" to the balcony of the fur store. An employee from the store next door (one not making its money from the slaughter of innocent animals) came out and asked to see a permit for this. The activists simply hung the banner and left. As they were leaving, we protesters came onto the scene.

After protesting, an officer arrived and told us to take down the banner or disperse. We told her the banner was there when we arrived, which was true. Timing was very important to our defense! She repeated that we had to take it down or leave. After a while of this witty banter, she told us to take down the banner or she'd call a police van and have us all arrested. We said we didn't put it up and stood our ground.

The officer yelled at the person videotaping that her that the sergeant had talked with our cameraperson about this before--even though such a conversation had never taken place and the cameraperson was not known by her nor her sergeant!!! She yelled at protesters to get out of her face and she wrote out a ticket to no one in particular and gave it to no one! Two other police cars came and, after surveying the scene and talking with witnesses, realized that the other cop was a little off her rocker!

Instead of threatening us, the other two cops brought out a maintenance man with a ladder who cut one handcuff and picked the lock of the other. The banner was up for more than half of the protest, which is wonderful especially considering that the maintenance man had been there the whole time! We had great public support.

After the banner was taken down, the cops did in fact leave!! All of them! There are a couple of things that could have been done better, but the point is that having a banner handcuffed to the building worked a lot better than holding it ever could. We are still new and have not had many run-ins with the law so I'm not saying this will work universally, but we found it helpful--no one got arrested and we had a positive effect on the public. Never fear--more to come!!!!!!!!

For a copy of the video tape, send $4 and a blank video to ADL Boca Raton (see Trenches for address). Checks should be made payable to Dan Berger.

Halt the Hegins Horror!

A Practical Guide to End the Slaughter of the Hegins, Pennsylvania Pigeon Shoot

Hegins--An Orgy of Death

By Hillary Morris
Animal Rights NYC

One after the other after the other, they go down. Some manage to escape but most fall relentlessly to the ground. The noise of gunfire, the smell of roasting flesh burgers and the fear of the animals are palpable. They arrive in crates, jammed together so tightly they can't move, to suffer miserable fates at the hands of men who pay handsomely for the privilege of blowing their heads off.

In Hegins, Pennsylvania every Labor Day, the townspeople hold an annual pigeon shoot. Between three and five thousand pigeons are killed every year. Only a few hundred are saved by activists, to live their lives out in peace in a caring refuge. The rest die miserable, slow deaths. A few of the birds die immediately upon being shot. Many die of blood loss as they lie on the ground. Others are collected by "trapper boys," who stomp their heads or break their necks, and leave them to suffocate in metal garbage cans. Last year, well after the shoot was over, a few birds were found still alive at the bottom of these boiling hot cans, underneath the bodies of their dead brothers and sisters. And, last year, one of the spectators was caught on videotape as he bit the head off a living bird, trying to "impress" his friends.

Activists try to save the animals by running into the field between rounds and rescuing the animals before the trapper boys reach them. Sometimes the activists open the traps and set the birds free. The killers make no attempt to hide their disgust towards us. They chase, harass and surround the activists and everywhere, we feel their anger. But it is nothing, nothing compared to what the animals feel as they huddle in their trap boxes, hungry, thirsty and bewildered, as the door on the box opens up and, suddenly thrust into the bright summer sun, they frantically try to fly away from their near-certain death.

Ending the Shoot Once and For All!

In order to permanently end the shoot, we need to implement the following tactics:

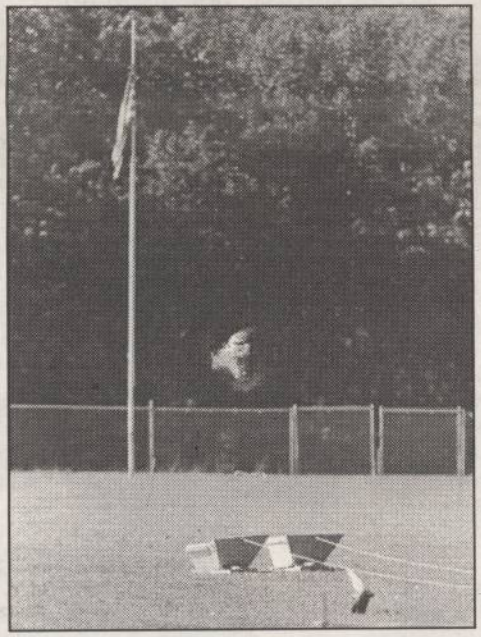
• **YEAR ROUND ACTIONS.** Actions against the shoot need to be year round -- not once a year at the annual death-fest. The shoot needs to be stopped *before* it starts, so we have to be active early and often. The Fund for Animals has done a good job of attacking the hunt from all angles and campaigning against it year round, but grassroots activists need to follow their lead with home demos and direct action at all possible targets.

• **PROTEST IN HEGINS.** On the day of the shoot more protests need to be held *in the city* of Hegins. Most of the authorities will be at the shoot, allowing protests within the city to be less hampered by police presence, and if there are multiple protests within the city, the few police left to monitor them will be spread very thin. Holding the protests in the city will also prevent the confrontations at the field which many of the paying spectators come to watch.

• **GUERRILLA ATTACK GROUPS.** Most importantly, grassroots activists should form small affinity groups and take action against the shoot in whatever way they choose to, with whatever tactics they deem most appropriate.

Find a group, pick a target, make a plan, and carry it out. The small groups would allow for many actions to happen, prevent information on the action from being leaked to the authorities, and eliminate the need for a large communication effort between grassroots activists to effectively organize against the shoot.

If many such small guerrilla units lashed out with actions at different targets, at different times, it would create the chaos necessary to hopefully stop this brutality once and for all!



BRUTAL IRONY: Beneath a flag which supposedly signifies life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, an innocent bird is shot for sport at the Hegins Shoot.

The Culprits

The Hegins pigeon shoot in rural Pennsylvania has become a rallying cry for the animal rights movement. While the annual "tradition" has been held every Labor Day since 1934, animal rights activists began protesting in the mid-1980s. In 1992, led by a coalition of The Fund for Animals and grassroots groups, the protests culminated with more than 2,000 activists converging at the pigeon shoot. Ninety-three of those activists were arrested in one of our movement's largest acts of single-site civil disobedience to date, and 45 of them refused to pay bail and spent two weeks in prison for the birds.

During the last few years, activists have worked on state legislation to ban pigeon shoots, litigation under the state animal cruelty law, a tourism boycott of Pennsylvania, and a myriad of other tactics. Last Labor Day, in an effort to return to the spirit of civil disobedience, twelve activists formed two "octopi" on both sides of the shooting fields—attached by the necks with Kryptonite bicycle locks—and blocked the shoot in both directions from beginning. It took police approximately four hours to remove the protesters, who were charged with trespassing, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and criminal conspiracy.

This variety of tactics is leading to progress, but the shoots still continue. We don't need to tell you how horrible the pigeon shoot is, but we are happy to tell you about several things you can do to help save thousands of pigeons from being gunned down in the name of entertainment this coming Labor Day. Below you will find people and companies to contact and express your opposition to pigeon shoots, and directions to their homes and businesses in case you ever want to organize peaceful protests at these locations.

THE KEY PLAYERS

The Hegins pigeon shoot is organized each year by a non-profit organization calling itself the Labor Day Committee. The Committee claims to raise thousands of dollars at the pigeon shoot to donate to local charities, but, oddly enough, the Committee has never been registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charities.

The two main forces behind the Committee are insurance agent ***J. Robert (Bob) Tobash*** and attorney ***James P. Diehl***. You may want to contact them and let them know there are better ways to raise money than by assassinating thousands of tame birds.

Mr. Tobash and Mr. Diehl
905 E. Main St.
Hegins, PA 17938
Ph: 717-682-9660
717-695-2222 (for Mr. Tobash only)

Directions:
•From I-81, take Exit 34 for Hegins
•Turn left onto Rte 25 West
•Continue about 9 miles
•The office building is on the left at the corner of Main St. and Park La.

You may also want to contact the national headquarters of ***Nationwide Insurance*** and let them know that one of their local insurance agents is also an agent of death. Tell them you are going to boycott their business until they get their Hegins representative out of the pigeon killing business.

Nationwide Insurance
One Nationwide Plaza
Columbus, OH 43216
Ph: 614-249-7111

THE DEALERS

About one week before the 1995 pigeon shoot, members of the Animal Liberation Front drove a truck up to ***Mike's Feed Barn*** in Weishample (the town next to Hegins) and liberated 500 birds who were destined to be shot the following week. They brought the birds to safety—several states away so they would not fly back to Hegins where they were being fed—and released them in a state park that does not allow hunting.

Mike Lennick, the owner of the Feed Barn, had advertised in racing pigeon magazines for "surplus" homing pigeons, for whom he would pay $1.50 each. Lennick wrote in his ads that the birds would be used in the "restaurant trade," but the A.L.F. tracked him down as one of the main pigeon shoot suppliers. It is illegal in Pennsylvania to shoot a homing pigeon, and Lennick was so shaken up by the A.L.F. raid and by the thought of getting caught for supplying homers to the shoot that he is reportedly no longer in the pigeon business. But you may want to give him a call to make sure he has no plans of getting back in.

Mike Lennick's Phone: 717-544-4178

There are several other people who reportedly supply birds to the pigeon shoot. ***Johnny Frantz*** has been charged with manslaughter, so you probably don't want to protest outside his house. But you can contact him and let him know what you think of his pigeon supplying business.

Johnny Frantz
RD 3, Box 101
Pine Grove, PA 17963
Ph: 717-345-8694

Richard Kraeger, Sr. owns ***Circle K Feed Stores***. He supplies feed to pigeon racers, and he reportedly supplies birds for the pigeon shoots.

Richard Kraeger, Sr.
Circle K RD 2
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972
Ph: 717-739-2247

Despite what pigeon shoot proponents say about "pest control," they actually import pigeons from other states for their shooting contests. Two of the known bird suppliers are located in Maryland. Let ***Benny Getka*** and ***Joe Bowers*** know how you feel about their choice of livelihood.

Joe Bowers Exchange Feed Store
Fleet and Ann Sts.
Baltimore, MD 21231
Ph: 410-675-3959

Benny Getka
226 Poplar Rd.
Essex, MD 21221
Ph: 410-574-9294

Directions to Benny Getka's:
•From Baltimore, take Eastern Ave. toward Essex
•Follow Eastern Ave. until it turns into Eastern Blvd. and crosses the Back River
•The property is on the left (backs up to the river) with two German Shepherds on 100-foot leashes.
To access the property from the Back River:
•From Eastern Blvd., take a right at the first light after crossing the river
•A public boat launching facility will be in sight

THE SPONSORS

The ***Woolrich Factory Outlet*** clothing store was a major corporate sponsor of the 1996 pigeon shoot. You may want to contact them or visit their store and let them know they should not support animal abuse.

Woolrich
One Mill St.
Woolrich, PA 17779
Ph: 800-995-1299; 717-769-7401

Directions:
•From I-80, take Exit 26
•Follow Rte 220 North toward Williamsport
•Take the exit for Rte 664 North into Woolrich.

There are also a couple major national companies in Schuylkill County, where the pigeon shoot is held. We should make it clear that these companies do NOT support the Hegins pigeon shoot, but you may want to let them know about the negative image the pigeon shoot is giving to their county—and to their product—and them to take an official stand against the pigeon shoot.

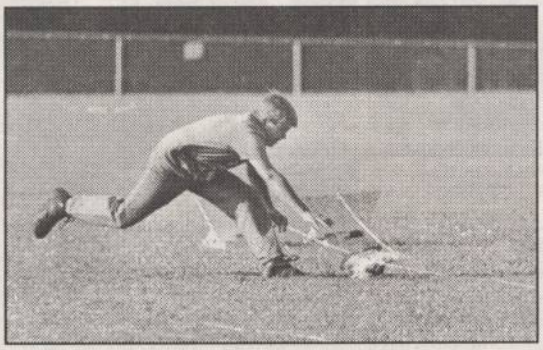
Yuengling Brewery
5th and Mahantongo Sts.
Pottsville, PA 17901
Ph: 717-622-4141

Mrs. T's Pierogies
600 E. Center
Shenandoah, PA 17976
Ph: 717-462-2745

THE GUN CLUBS

While Hegins is the largest and most infamous, it is by no means the only pigeon shoot in Pennsylvania. Several gun clubs across the state hold pigeon shooting contests nearly every weekend.

Don Bailey runs the ***Strausstown Gun Club*** in Berks County, which holds frequent pigeon shoots and annual pigeon shoot "state championships." He keeps hundreds of birds in an outdoor pen at his house, just a couple blocks away from the gun club.







A trapper boy runs after a wounded and helpless bird (above). A spectator holds up the severed head of a pigeon he killed (bottom right). Barrels full of dead pigeons (bottom left). Live pigeons were found buried under dead ones . Photos by Mike Dirks

The Strausstown Gun Club
Gun Club Rd.
Strausstown, PA 19559

Directions:
•From I-78 between Allentown and Harrisburg, take Exit 7 for Strausstown
•Follow Rte 183 North
•After one-half mile, turn left on Gun Club Road
•Gun Club Rd. winds to the right
•The Strausstown Gun Club is on the right

Don Bailey
Schubert Rd.
Strausstown, PA 19559
Ph: 610-488-7882

Directions to Mr. Bailey's home:
•From the I-78 between Allentown and Harrisburg, take Exit 7 for Strausstown
•Follow Rte 183 North
•Take the very first left onto Schubert Rd. (across from restaurant; be careful not to turn left onto the highway entrance ramp)
•Mr. Bailey lives in the third house on the left
•If you get back on I-78 heading westbound and pull over on the shoulder, the pens where the birds are kept are only a few feet from the highway.

The ***Pikeville Gun Club*** (also in Berks County) holds pigeon shoots regularly. They have a pigeon coop on their property, and may also sell pigeons to other gun clubs.

The Pikeville Gun Club
Hill Church Rd.
Oley, PA 19547

Directions:
•From Pennsylvania Turnpike I-76, take the Northeast Extension of the Turnpike (Rte 9)
•Take Exit 32 for Quakertown/Pottstown
•Turn right onto Rte 663 South
•Continue on Rte 663 South for 11 miles
•Follow Rte 73 West for another 11 miles
•Turn right onto Covered Bridge Rd. and follow it for 1.6 miles
•Turn right onto Rohrbach Rd.
•After Rohrbach Rd. becomes Church Hill Rd., the gun club is a half mile up.

The ***Erdman Sportsmen's Association*** (Dauphin County) has two pigeon shoots each year, one in June and the other in October.

The Erdman Sportsmen's Association
Gratz, PA 17030

Directions:
•From I-81, take Exit 34 for Hegins
•Turn left onto Rte 25 West
•Continue through Hegins approximately 18 miles into the town of Gratz
•At the square in the heart of town, turn right following sign for Erdman/Klingerstown
•Bear right following the sign for Erdman
•The gun club is 2 miles up on the right

The ***Powderbourne Gun Club*** (Montgomery County) used to hold pigeon shoots, but halted them because of mass protests. They still raise birds and may be a main supplier to the Hegins pigeon shoot, and there are rumors circulating that they may resume having pigeon shoots.

The Powderbourne Gun Club
Bauss Rd. E.
Greenville, PA 18041

Directions:
•From Pennsylvania Turnpike I-76, take the Northeast Extension of the Turnpike (Rte 9)
•Take Exit 32 for Quakertown/Pottstown
•Turn right onto Rte 663 South
•After 4 miles, turn right onto Rte 29 North
•Rte 29 becomes Main St.
•Follow the road into E. Greenville
•Turn right on Bank St. at First Fidelity Bank on the corner
•Bank St. merges into Tagart St.
•Stay on Tagart St. 6/10 of a mile and turn left at the dead end onto Wassar Rd.
•Stay on Wassar Rd. 2/10 of a mile and turn right onto Bauss Rd.
•The Powderbourne Gun Club is one block down on the left

Paul Mark Perlstein is a wealthy lawyer who shoots pigeons at most of the gun clubs and defends them in court against animal cruelty lawsuits. If you're in Philadelphia, be sure to pay him a visit.

Paul Mark Perlstein
Dranoff-Perlstein Associates
1604 Spruce St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

THE ENABLERS

While most states do not permit live pigeon shooting contests, the Pennsylvania government has turned a blind eye to this cruelty. Please write to ***Governor Tom Ridge*** and tell him to take some leadership to ban pigeon shoots and rid his state of this cruel image.

Governor Ridge
State Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120
Ph: 717-787-2500

If you live in Pennsylvania, IT IS CRUCIAL THAT YOU CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND STATE SENATOR REPEATEDLY. While many of us believe that legislation can never make a difference, we have made tremendous progress on this front over the last few years.

The first time state legislation to ban pigeon shoots was voted on in the 1980s, only 65 state representatives voted in our favor. The last time this legislation was considered, because Pennsylvania activists contacted their elected officials, we won a majority of representatives, 99 to 93. Unfortunately, 102 votes are needed to pass a bill through the House of Representatives, and we fell only 3 votes short.

This legislation will come up again because we now have a few strong advocates in both the House and Senate. Please ask your state representative and state senator to support legislation to ban pigeon shoots in Pennsylvania.

The Honorable _____
State Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120
Ph: 717-787-2372 (House Switchboard)
Ph: 717-787-5920 (Senate Switchboard)

If you do not know who your state representative and state senator are, call The Fund for Animals at 301-585-2591 and they will look them up for you and tell you how they voted last time.

WARNING!

In the months before the Hegins shoot, security guards are stationed to protect the Hegins Park (where the shoot occurs) and the town has increased police patrols. Residents of Hegins have been given notice to contact the police if they see any out of state license plates.

Should you manage to legally obtain bird destined for the shoot, please transport and release them a few states away. Pigeons have a homing instinct which might encourage them to return to their original confines if they are nearby. Do not release the birds in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, or Texas where pigeon shoots are still legal.

The Shooting Starts Sept. 1st
GET BUSY!

Hunger Striking for Animals!

Tony Wong! Jeff Watkins! Nicole Rogers! Chris Tarbell! Stacy Schierholz!

FREE TONY WONG!

Sixteen year old non-violent warrior Tony Wong did not eat for his entire 61 day imprisonment. However, the jail brutally force fed him for 31 of those days. His situation galvanized the worldwide animal rights movement to action on behalf of fur bearing animals while also generated concerns about the lack of rights that minors have in the U.S.'s warped criminal "justice" system.

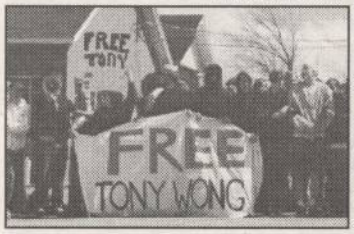
BY TONY WONG
ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE - INDIANAPOLIS



North America activists congregated in Indianapolis to protest Tony Wong's unjust imprisonment.

Photos by Eric Zimmer





Indianapolis, IN -- After spending 12 days on hunger strike in jail and over 2 months on home detention, I entered the courtroom once again to face the biggest animal abuser of them all--our government. On February 24th, 1997 I went before juvenile judge James Payne for sentencing after being arrested in a blockade of a parking lot entrance to Lazarus, a Federated department store, which still sells animal skins as coats and coat trim. I was offered 6 additional months of probation, fines to exceed $1000, a court order to stay away from Lazarus stores, an order to not associate with over 15 activist friends, and an order to reimburse my parents for fines.





Jen Kolar

BURNING BRIGHTER: English activists burn an American flag outside of the U.S. Embassy in support of the hunger strikers and their demands (above). Rocky Mountain Animal Defense march as a chain gang to the Federal building (below) where they burned the bars of "Tony's prison" (right).



Seeing as how restrictive these terms were and realizing the mistake I had made two months previous for accepting an unjust punishment of probation, I told the judge I would serve a reasonable amount of community service or serve time in jail. I was completely unwilling to pay any amount of money to the animal murderers and their government protectors. Fighting for the liberation of our enslaved animal brothers and sisters is by no means a crime and therefore should not be punished but rather encouraged.

SENTENCING

The judge denied the less costly alternative of community service and instead excersized his state sanctioned power by ordering me to the Department of "Corrections" (DOC)--I suspect pressure from Lazarus played a big part in the court's final decision to imprison me.His recommendation was 6 months in the DOC, but the actual length was to be determined by the particular prison facility I would be placed in. I was convicted of three charges: Trespass, Criminal Recklessness, and Resisting Law Enforcement--all misdemeanor charges. The violation of probation charges were dismissed and all pending cases were closed. A battle had then begun.

JAILED!!

The first two days were spent in the county detention center. The second day I was on lock-down (solitary) "preparing" to be taken to the Logansport Juvenile Diagnostic Intake Facility. Here I would be assessed as to which juvenile prison I would be placed in to serve my time.

Upon arriving at Logansport I was put into an inmate unit with 15 others. I spent one week here while awaiting transfer to a permanent prisoner facility. Then the final decision was made for me to be transferred to the medium-security Indiana Boy's School (IBS) in Plainfield, 45 min from my home. I would be leaving much earlier than the 25 others awaiting transfer to IBS because of my hunger strike and the pressure it placed on the institution to rid themselves of responsibility for me.

TRANSFERRED

I arrived at Plainfield filled with hope--I knew I had made the right choice by not paying fines to those who slaughtered innocent life and not award an authoritarian system that protects amoral businesses and imprisons non-violent activists. I had come to the realization that the only thing they could do to us for standing up for the Earth and Animals is to confine our bodies--never our minds.

At Plainfield I was put into one of the less violent inmate units, Cottage 5 as they called it, after spending the first night in lock down in the maximum security unit. My minimum sentence was set for 60 days, yet the prison could cause my stay to extend indefinitely and without limit based upon "my" behavior. Basically the uncertainty of prison time is used to invoke fear and obedience within the juvenile inmate population. In most cases it keeps people in line or further institutionalizes them with longer sentences.

THE DEMANDS

My communication with the outside was limited to daily collect calls to my lawyer, weekly calls to friends, and visits with family on the weekend. Eventually I found out about the Syracuse 3's demand for anti-leg hold trap legislation in the U.S. and joined them in solidarity for the demands.

Then on March 13th, Stacy Schierholz was sentenced to the DOC by Magistrate Rogers for 3 counts of violation of probation and one of Resisting Law Enforcement. Incidentally, Stacy had already completed two of the three probation requirements and was proven in court to be 'wrongfully arrested' on FUR FREE FRIDAY yet still convicted of the Resisting charge. In addition to the same conditions offered to myself, Stacy was asked to apologize to Lazarus. As if the courts wished to make the decision easier, she refused all these conditions and was sent to the Indianapolis Girl's School. During her imprisonment the jail held her incommunicado an attempt to break her spirit. They had failed.

FORCE FEEDING!!

For the first 30 days of hunger strike, Indianapolis experienced a virtual media blackout. Not until the state decided to violate my Constitutional and Human rights by force feeding me did the media cover the story.

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Jeff Watkins and Syracuse Update

By Bryan Pease
Animal Defense League -- Syracuse

Syracuse, NY -- On February 28, three Animal Defense League members were sent to prison for their political activities. Nicole Rogers, the founder of ADL and a student at the Onondaga Community College, and Chris Tarbell, a full time Syracuse University student, both 20 , were co-defendants in a case where they had handcuffed themselves to the front of a downtown fur store.

Jeffrey Watkins, a then 20-year-old full time activist, had also been arrested at that protest and several others where police had arbitrarily singled him out. His 11 trumped-up misdemeanor violation charges, including some stemming from on an act of civil disobedience involving standing on a police patrol car to lead a chant, were all dropped when he pled guilty to felony criminal mischief for spraying red paint on a shopper in a department store who was wearing a fur coat.

Chris completed his sentence on March 9, having lost eight pounds from his hungerstrike. Nicole and Jeff each lost 14 pounds on a 30 day hungerstrike ending March 29, when Nicole was released. Jeff spent his 21st birthday in solitary confinement for defending another inmate who was going to be wrongfully punished by a guard and his release date has been pushed back six days due to another charge brought to trial while he was in jail.

JEFF GOES TO SOLITARY

According to Jeff, he was working in the prison kitchen when a white inmate yelled that one of the guards was a "faggot." The white guard then mistakenly grabbed one of the Black inmates, at which point Jeff spoke up. In a phone conversation from jail, Jeff told another activist "I've had conversations with that guy, and that word is not even in his vocabulary. When I told the guard he had it wrong, he threw me in the hole for three days, during which time I was denied my mail, grievance papers, phone calls and any vegan food "

Thursday, May 8, before an all-white panel, Jeff was given the additional 10 day sentence of solitary confinement. He appealed this punishment, but it was denied. He has also lost his job in the kitchen, which will make it very difficult for him to determine what foods he can eat. Already on one occasion, the jail fed him mashed potatoes which the guards claimed contained no animal products but were later found to contain whey, a dairy product.

EXTENDED SENTENCE

On Friday, May 9, Jeff was found guilty of another charge of violation harassment resulting from charges brought against him by a New York trapper. Dewitt Town Court Judge Jack Schultz handed down the maximum sentence of 15 days, pushing back Jeff's release date to July 22. The charge stemmed from a roadside confrontation last January between Watkins and local animal trapper Al LaFrance. Each claimed the other was following him when both parties pulled over and began arguing (see story last issue). The judge sided with LaFrance despite factual errors in his testimony.

Ironically, Watkins had been driving to pick up his roommate, Joel Capolongo, from jail after he had been rousted from bed and arrested by police -- accompanied by a federal agent -- for the exact same charge of violation harassment against another trapper. That charge was dropped when video evidence was presented showing that the trapper, Al Burns, had actually been harassing Capolongo and other activists. The District Attorney refused to prosecute him however.

The relationship between the law enforcement community and lobbying groups for industries which exploit animals is becoming ever more apparent. Activists who speak out against the killing and maiming of wildlife are being arrested and jailed for 'harassment,' yet trappers who call their houses constantly and pull into their driveways are not charged with anything.

One thing liberationists should learn from this is to always file a complaint and attempt to press charges whenever they become engaged in a confrontation with an animal abuser. Even if the abuser is not prosecuted, you will have more leverage and a better case if s/he tries to file counter-charges.

Jeff's is now facing additional harassment charges from the same trapper. He began another hungerstrike on May 16 because he was not being given vegan food in accordance with his deeply held ethical and spiritual beliefs which are protected under the Constitution's First Amendment. Local activists went right to work initiating a phone blockade, meeting with the jail warden and planning major rallies at the jail.

On May 17, two days before his 21st birthday, he was put in solitary confinement to serve his 10 days for standing up for a fellow inmate. The latest information at press time is that the jail has conceded and is providing him with vegan food, thus he has ended the hunger strike.



The charred husk of the Co-op after the bombing.

Bombing Deals A Million Dollar Blow to Fur Industry

Sandy, UT -- Bombs ripped through offices and four trucks at a Utah mink feed plant in the early morning hours of Tuesday, March 11th. In an anonymous phone call to CAFT, an unspecified, underground animal rights group claimed responsibility for the action which resulted in $1 million in damages. The activists added that the action was done in support of the hunger strikers demands to ban the leghold trap.

The bombs completely destroyed four trucks and the second floor of the administrative offices. No humans or animals were hurt in the action. The Utah fur industry has responded by hiring armed guards and installing elaborate alarm systems to try and thwart further attacks.

The mink feed plant in question was the Utah Furbreeders Agricultural Co-Op in Sandy, Utah. This plant is reportedly the second largest mink feed supplier in the U.S. and conducts animal research aimed at developing feed formulations that will make fur farming more profitable.

The plant was the subject of an attempted arson in 1991 when the A.L.F. planted incendiary devices that failed to go off. The company's experimental fur farm was then raided in June of 1996, and 50 to 75 mink were liberated. This set off a string of mink liberations at fur farms throughout the state.

Contrary to certain media reports, the A.L.F. never claimed this most recent action. The anonymous caller reporting the action never gave any group affiliation. Since the A.L.F. has never used pipe bombs, it is unclear if this signifies the emergence of a new, more militant group.

Meanwhile, it is expected to be at least six months before the plant will be fully repaired.

HELP CELEBRATE JEFF'S RELEASE! JOIN THE PROTESTS & CONFERENCE IN SYRACUSE!

Monday July 21 - Protest at Bristol Myer's Squibb (vivisectors) followed by conference.
Tuesday July 22 at 9:30am - Greet Jeff as he emerges from jail and heads straight to Georgio's for a protest.

For more information, contact the Jeff Watkins Support Committee at 315-541-4710.

SUPPORT JEFF WATKINS

To help Jeff, contact the following people and politely inform them that you are a citizen concerned about his situation:

"Honorable" Jack Schultz, 48 Ely Dr, Fayettville, NY 13066 (315) 446-3557. Judge Schultz is an attorney who is also a part time town judge. His office is the following:333 E. Onondaga, NY 13202 (315) 476-1600.

Albert J. LaFrance, Estey Rd, Manlius, NY 13104 (315) 682-2050. Al LaFrance is a member of the Upstate Fur Harvesters (sic) and he is also the head of S.M.A.A.R.T. (Sportsmen and Merchants Against Animal Rights Terrorism).

District Attorney William Fitzpatrick, 421 Montgomery St. (office) Syracuse, NY 13202 (315) 435-2470. This is the headquarters of all the hired guns sent out by animal abusers to prosecute activists.

Albert Burns 7700 Devaul Rd, Kirkville, NY 13082 (315) 687-1080. This is the trapper who has threatened activists on videotape, been seen at their homes and made threatening phone calls to them.

Onondaga County "Correctional" Facility (315) 435-5581 Fax: 435-5596. DEMAND JUSTICE FOR JEFF!!!

WRITE JEFF LETTERS OF SUPPORT:
Jeff Watkins
PO Box 143
Jamesville, NY 13078

Actions in Support of Jailed Hunger Strikers

* February 28 - Protest for Jeff - attended by Chris and Nicole just before they turned themselves in (NY)
* February 28 - Outdoorsmen (Hunting/Trapping Store) Vandalized and Set Fire (IN)
* March 5 - Protest at Plymouth jail (MN)
* March 6 - Protest at Indiana Boys School (IN)
* March 7 - Protest for Plymouth jail (MN)
* March 8 - Demo at Bragman's (NY)
* March 8 - Protest for Tony (IN)
* March 8 - ADL Prisoner Support Demo (CT)
* March 8 - Demo at Georgio's Furs (NY)
* March 9 - Protest Plymouth jail (MN)
* March 10 - Protest against vivisection (MN)
* March 11 - Million Dollar Blaze at Fur Co-Op Dedicated to Hunger Strikers (UT)
*March 12 - Effigy Burning for Hunger Strikers (MN)
* March ?? - Solidarity Anti-Fur Protest in Salt Lake City (UT)
* March 13 - Protest Outside of Tony's Jail (IN)
* March 14 - Judge's Effigy Hung at Stacy's Jail - 1 Arrest (IN)
* March 15 - Chinchilla Breeder's Convention Disrupted - 4 Arrests (IN)
* March 15 - U.S. Flag Burned in London (UK)
* mid-March - 500 flyers about the hunger strikers/demands placed on cars in Syracuse (NY)
* March 16 - Anti-Fur Protest at Bonwit Teller - Syracuse (NY)
* March 20 - A.L.F. Firebombs UC Davis in support of prisoners (CA)
* March 24 - Nationwide Federal Building Protests - 1 arrest in San Francisco (CA)
* March 25 - NYC Demo for Hunger Strikers (NY)
* March 28 - ADL Burns Judge Effigy at Boy's School (IN)
* March 29 - Protest at Georgio's Furs (NY)
* March 31 - African-Americans Stage Demo for Tony (IN)
* April 1 - Demo in Rochester at office of Assemblyman Robach (NY)
* April 4 - U.S. Flag Burned in New Zealand
* April 4 - Ithaca A.L.F. Strikes McDonald's and Wendy's (NY)
* April 5 - Protest in Finland for Tony
* April 7 - Demos at Judge's Home and Juvenile Jails (IN)
* April 8 - Chain Gang Protest in Denver (CO)
* April 9 - London Activists Burn U.S. Flag (UK)
* April 9 - Holland Demo for Tony
* April 10 - A.L.F. Hit Indy Furrier's Home (IN)
* April 12 - 11 Arrests at Winter's Furs (NJ)
* April 12 - COK Protest at the White House (DC)
* April 12 - Indy Anti-fur Demo (IN)
* April 14 - Meeting with Indy Governor / 1 Arrest (IN)
* Mid-April - A.L.F. Torch Truck at Archer's Meats (IN)
* April 24 - Tony and Stacy Released (IN)

An interview with Jeff Watkins

By Chris Tarbell
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NC: By now I'm sure that virtually everyone reading this has heard about the circumstances surrounding your current imprisonment (if not, read "A Call to Action" on page 3 of *NC*#6), but everyone might not know the idea behind the three demands that you made upon your incarceration. What were these three demands and what motivated you to make them?

Jeff: The three demands, the hunger strike, and the motivation behind the whole thing, resulted from my need to participate in the struggle for animal liberation. Basically, I could stand being a prisoner of the United States government; that was bearable. However, ceasing in my activities for fur-bearing animals was not. I simply couldn't hack doing nothing, incarcerated or not.

So a few days prior to my captivity in a correctional facility, I was looking for the best possible means of combating the fur industry and motivating free activists nationwide. I remembered how inspired I became when I first learned of Barry Horne's ultimatum-oriented hunger strike in England.

So, after some soul-searching, I got the blessings from some loved ones, and the choice was made. I spoke to a few activists in different cities and we concocted the three demands behind a month long hunger strike. They were:

1. a nationwide and federal ban on the steel-jaw leghold trap; 2. an immediate rectification to the developing trade chaos between the U.S. and England over domestic insistence on trapped fur; 3. and a definitive end to the continuous re-introduction of New York Assemblyman Michael Bragman's "Beaver Butchery Bill."

Do you feel that making those demands has proven to be a successful and fruitful move for the animal liberation movement?

I guess that is a question for the entire movement. I've received both praise and criticism concerning the whole thing. On a personal level, yes, I feel that the actions taken have been beneficial for the liberation of animals. But I don't feel responsible for any success, because any victory won or any headway gained belongs to us all. It's a triumph that every dedicated and persistent activist can take credit for.

You were on a hunger strike for about the first 30 days of your sentence. What was that like?

Well, hunger-striking isn't a joke. It's tough on the body, so one relies on the strength existing within. It was the highest mountain I've ever climbed. It's really tough to describe, but the thing I remember the most is the sheer physical weakness. Actually, the human body seeks the nutrients it would receive in food from sleep. So, I was sleeping an awful lot. Would I ever do it again? Absolutely.

You stopped your hunger strike after the 30th day. What was the reason for that?

I discontinued the hunger strike because of health reasons and because the anti-trapping bill was before Congress. The beaver bill was under some public scrutiny and it's unlikely it will pass. I felt at least a little bit victorious. But, it had also come to a critical point.

I had been hospitalized the previous day and I was told that my liver was failing. I didn't believe it, but 24 hours after my first hospital trip, I collapsed in my jail cell.

I fell to the concrete floor beneath me and on the way down, hit my chest and left shoulder on a toilet bowl. My breathing became powerful and rapid. My body went into convulsions and my vision was reduced to a few colors and shapes. I tried to speak to the medical staff, but the muscles in my face and jaw had contorted. There were a lot of Correction Officers around me, as an ambulance crew put an oxygen mask on me and put me on a stretcher. These C.O.s were laughing their asses off. They were telling jokes about Big Macs and fur coats. (All these comedians starving in the streets, and these guys were jail guards...what a shame!)

I was taken in the ambulance to the University Area Hospital where I continued to fight off medical treatment to the extent that I was able to. After almost seven hours, I was returned back to the correctional facility. Almost a day later, my vision wasn't returning and it was time to make a decision. Do I die for the sake of martyrdom? Do I live to fight another day?

I thought about the contributions I have yet to make and the battles I've yet to fight. I thought about the family of young vegan warriors I've yet to raise. I weighed the options very carefully, and after some self-debate and inner-conflict, I tearfully forced down some bread.



I was very disappointed at first, but friends and activists from all over the place indicated that I had made the right choice. I am willing to die for this movement, but I don't think that was the best time to do it. This sparked a lot of discussion among activists across the country and I'm glad that it did.

Hunger-striking is a powerful tool and not everyone is capable of a lengthy dietary deprivation. This is okay! If we, as a movement, use this tool at every opportunity, eventually our opposition will discover a way around it. We need to treat political hunger-striking as the essential and potential tactic that it really is. We should give it the dignity and consideration that it requires in every instance.

What keeps you strong and positive in jail?

Fortunately, I belong to a movement based on courage, kindness, compassion, and logic. So, inevitably, those involved are courageous, kind, compassionate, and logical. I've been blessed with strong, strong friends who love me and worry about me. I'm able to draw strength from these people. They lend me the bravery that this experience necessitates.

Equally strengthening is the knowledge of what awaits me. When those slamming steel doors open for me in July, I have a fight to rejoin and people to embrace, campaign, and crusade beside. There are so many people I want to meet. Not a day has passed where I didn't feel a tangible kindness from strangers. Whether it was letter or a discussion or just strong support, this movement has given me a lot.

I'm also lucky to have an angel of a girlfriend whose love and support has been as essential as the air I've breathed. I'd never have made it this far without her.

You were imprisoned with two other activists for a small portion of your sentence. How much contact were you allowed to have with them, and how did it affect you when they were released?

On the 28th of February I was remanded to the custody of this jail with Nicole Rogers and Christopher Tarbell. These brave souls are two of this movement's finest participants. We were separated even before our arrival here. I saw Chris for a few minutes a day until day ten when I was relocated to his housing unit. We were placed in cells almost next to each other for one day and I struggled to watch my brother be released the next morning.

It was almost devastating to see him leave, but on the other hand, I was happy that his departure from this place would mean his deliverance into the arms of loved ones and comrades. I still had to fight the tears, mind you, but that only lasted for a little while.

Hours after Chris's release, I had learned that some daring and brilliant tactical actions had occurred in Sandy, Utah, courtesy of the A.L.F.! Interviews with the media kept me occupied and distracted for almost a week. I didn't get to see Nicole until the day prior to her release. When she did leave, after a month in captivity, I became overwhelmed with happiness and I felt secure. Secure, because the Syracuse A.D.L. was re-collecting their founder and brightest member. It's been nothing less than an honor to fight alongside someone of her intellect and kindness.

Has the tremendous amount of support you have received from those on the outside affected you in any way?

Words fail me. Everyday I am handed envelopes with addresses on the front from all over the U. S. and England. Those envelopes not only contain letters, but much needed strength. I'm clueless as to how I could even begin to repay what I've been given. And what's more, is the fact that activism has mushroomed. That's the biggest support of all.

Has jail in any way strengthened your convictions? How?

Being in jail will strengthen the convictions of any person. This has been a difficult experience, to say the least, but it has instilled me in a sense of challenge. This entire thing has eradicated the fear from me. The reservations I had prior to this, no matter how little, have simply evaporated.

As activists, we all face captivity in jails across the globe. It could happen to any one of us. But once we've been through it, that's one less thing our opposition can do to us, one less thing for us to be afraid of.

Do you have any advice for other activists in situations similar to your own?

Well, I'm a little reluctant to give advice, because every jail and every activist is different. But, with activism on a steady increase, there is almost a guarantee for incarceration of effective activists. As our fight against the holocaust to animals continues to develop, our opposition will be significantly reluctant to allow us our freedom. I've very little doubt that the future holds more situations identical to that of mine, Tony Wong's, Rod Coronado's, or that of the Mass 4! But, with that comes a very positive aspect of our movement. If we weren't succeeding--if our movement wasn't an extremely progressive and powerful one--we wouldn't have the hurdles in front of us that we have right now.

The jailings, the harassment, the blatant disregard for our civil liberties, the brutality at the hands of law enforcement. These are all tell-tale signs of our increasing effectiveness and the damaging toll we've actually taken against the defilers of Kingdom Animalia. Nobody ever told us that this would be an easy victory or a simple revolution, because it's not. If someone had told us that, they would be lying. We are fighting a righteous fight! It's going to get more difficult, so we need to anticipate--and be prepared for--more political prisoners. And we, as a movement, need to be ready to support them and carry on the fight with dignity.

What are your feelings about the animal liberation movement today, in 1997, and where do you think it is headed?

I see, far into the future, the eventual unification of humankind and animal. This will take a lot of time and effort, but we are involved in a movement that, technically speaking, is in its infancy.

There was a time when Harriet Tubman was called a fanatic, a radical, a terrorist. We now know that Harriet Tubman was, in actuality, a hero--a hero who was confident enough in her beliefs and in her will to act ethically and know that those actions were the morally right things to do...and to hell with the consequences. She stood in the face of adversity!

There was a time when the concept of women voters was considered to be an absurdity. It took a large number of dedicated women who were jailed, harassed, beaten, and even killed, before the tide was turned. They stood in the face of adversity!

Eventually, there will come a time when the humans of the Earth will look back at the fur trade with shame. They will look at the days when laboratory animals were infected with cosmetics and disease, when wild animals were forced to perform cruel stunts for the sake of entertainment, and they will see how wrong it was. How wrong it is, right now. And they'll recognize us for, of course, standing in the face of adversity.

So, we've got some real progress to make, but we can make it. We can do it, because we are morally bound to the laws of kindness and nature, not to the laws of corruption in government and mankind. I think we'll be okay.

A Tribute to Alex Slack:

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Dear Readers, As some of you know, tragedy has recently touched our movement. Someone who actively crusades for the lives and freedom of animals was involved in a serious automobile accident. I've been keeping a journal since my arrival at this facility and have refrained from showing any of it to anyone...until now. It makes me feel better to write my feelings and sometimes share them. So here goes.

DAY TWENTY

Today was weird. It started out with every degree of normalcy--it was equivalent to every other day I've spent thus far.

The Infirmary at 5:00 a.m., sleeping until late afternoon, my visit from Father Peemer (a daily ritual I've grown to love), reading a little, and writing a lot. It was about 6:00 in the evening when I got the opportunity to use the phone and call good friends and fellow activists. I started with a call to Pam and Jerry in Connecticut. They are wonderful people and essential pieces to the chessboard of Animal Liberation. Pam had a lot of good news and we laughed and joked and discussed the typical for about one-half of an hour.

She then asked if I had heard about Alex from Utah. I said no and my mind raced back to the previous summer. I had gone to Memphis with my roommate and his girlfriend. There was a convening of a lot of activists from all over the country there. We had stayed with JP Goodwin, as did several others. I had met new activists and made good friends. It was one of the best times of my life.

Among those I met was Alex. He had made a strong impression on me. He was obviously intelligent. He spoke with an eloquence and a dignity. His dedication and integrity were almost tangible. "You didn't hear about the accident?" Pam asked. I indicated that I hadn't. She then told me that his car had flipped several times and he was, for the time being, confined to a wheelchair with the evident potential that he may never move again.

My heart sank into my empty stomach. I was searching for words and turned up empty-handed. I didn't know what to say. Pam could tell that I was distraught even though I disguised it to the best of my ability. We spoke for a little while longer and Jerry and I spoke for a while. And the three of us engaged in a warm verbal good-bye. I went to my cell and sorted each piece of news I had just gotten, like a stack of mail.

Every time the thought of Alex or the image of a flipping car entered my head, I immediately expelled it with the ferocity of an angry high school principal. I tried to read. I tried to sing. I tried to concentrate on anything but what I had just heard. I did so in vain. Eventually and for the first time, I cried.

For the first time in 20 days, I cried. I didn't cry in the courtroom, when I was looking into the faces of my friends, with the promise of a jail term taunting and teasing. I didn't cry whenever I thought about my beloved Tracey or my dear friends. Never. Not one second in this place has produced one tear, but they were rolling down my face without apology.

I pondered where the movement was headed. Utah, of late, had been a tidal wave of activity and Alex a leader in that neck of the woods. What were we going to do without him? I let my devastation subside for a while and I went about my business in front of the other inmates.

I was still awake when the sun rose. I was ashamed. Somewhere through the night, I had decided that I was wrong for dismissing Alex, he wasn't dead. How dare I give him so little credit. When the time allows, Alex will return to our movement, no doubt. So now when I cry, it will be for his pain and his personal loss, not ours. We didn't lose anything, he'll be back.

And even though I can't begin to understand what he's going through, I'll try to acknowledge from now on that this is the same person I met in Memphis. The same heart beats in his chest and the same eyes rest in his skull. The need to overcome the holocaust and protect the innocent still exists in him. Stay strong, brother Alex. I don't mourn you, because you're not gone. But I implore you to take your time and return when you're ready. Never forget the soldier who lives inside you. Stay strong...You deserve it.

***No Compromise* joins Jeff in sending Alex our support, love, and gratitude. The tireless hours he's devoted to helping animals and the strength with which he endures his recent calamity serves as an inspiration to all of us . Stay Strong Alex.**

Letters of support can be sent to Alex in care of: Final Existence, PO Box 711957, Salt Lake City, UT 84171.

Tony

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Despite attorney intervention, a pending Federal lawsuit to stop the feedings, and lack of parental consent, the prison continued in its brutal, nasogastric tube feedings from day 31 until my release a month later. A lawsuit was filed in Federal court to get an injunction against the feeding of the formula which contained milk products. Not only were the feedings a blatant violation of fundamental human rights, but it also violated my First Amendment of freedom of religion--that is, freedom of practicing my deeply held ethical beliefs to consume NO animal products.

While the lawsuit proved to be unsuccessful during my imprisonment, I still chose to passively resist their physical assaults and at the same time publicized the truth to the newly attentive news media whenever the opportunity arose. The public now began to question the juvenile judicial and "correctional" systems and the lack of respect for the rights of individuals under the age of 18. At the same time the issue of animal rights was entered into public discussion and many people were exposed, through the lawsuit filed, to the idea of veganism as a legitimate moral and ethical belief.

I was released on April 25th, hours before Stacy Schierholz was released 1 1/2 months early than expected. Obviously they had felt the pressure AND always had the ability to release us early (to the contrary of what they were telling us). Both of us were discharged, released without probation or any other restrictions. We had won against a formidable, inherently unjust system and exposed the realities of their corruption and abuse.

THROUGH SACRIFICE COMES CHANGE

Knowing that my imprisonment faltered in comparison to the torture chambers of the animals, I held my head high as I entered into the world of physical confinement, with the strength of the Liberation movement by my side. I begun the hunger strike, refusing all food and drink except for water, to assert ultimate control over my own body and to protest the injustice inflicted upon me for working to end human domination over nature.

By risking injury or death to my body by refusing nourishment, I placed considerable pressure on the system though . Not only does the hunger strike highlight the system's twisted and unfair execution of injustice, but it also draws attention to the urgency of the animals' treatment and to what extent we are willing to fight for Total Liberation. Philosophy becomes a foundation for change when ideas are put into action. Without putting ourselves at risk or making sacrifice, Animal and Earth Liberation will not become realized in time to save those who depend on us most: the animals.

This is one more victory on the road to Liberation, one which was accomplished by the movement as a whole, working together by protesting, hunger striking, demonstrating, and direct action to achieve the ultimate goal of Total Liberation. Where the system has attempted to weaken our struggle, they have only made us stronger. What more can they possibly do other than beat our bodies or lock us up? Nothing. We are an unstoppable force, gaining momentum with each victory.

We will see an end to the Animal Holocaust--sooner rather than later. We will win this war...for the animals.

Getting Political:

Passing the leghold trap ban

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Politicians get more calls and letters on animal issues than almost any other topic. So why aren't they more responsive? The answer is simple: because they know that the animal rights community cannot deliver a block of votes, and votes are what it's all about.

If a politician can totally disregard the wishes of the people, yet still get re-elected term after term, s/he has no vested interest in working to get animal-related legislation passed, especially legislation that is opposed by powerful special interest groups whose very existence depends on the exploitation of animals. These special interest groups pour money into campaign war chests. We can't compete financially, but we CAN beat them in the voting booth, especially as our numbers are increasing every year.

The animal rights movement has spent years influencing public opinion to the point where many Americans are now uncomfortable about animal suffering, where once they weren't even aware of it, but it won't matter how the majority of the people feel as long as the law allows the exploitation to continue.

One good example is the use of the steel-jawed leghold trap, which a recent poll showed 74 percent of the public opposed to its use. That opposition won't help one single animal, because the leghold trap is legal, and as long as it is legal, it will continue to be used by a small segment of the population to trap and torture animals. It is time to translate the sentiment against the leghold trap into the necessary political action that will outlaw this barbaric practice in the U.S. It won't be impossible--most civilized countries have already done so, and we can do it, too, but first we have to change our voting habits.

There are a few reasons why, up until now, we haven't been able to deliver a block of votes the way that other special interest groups do. First, we don't vote only based on a politician's stand on animal legislation. How many Democrats among us would support a Republican candidate and vice versa? Party affiliation should be secondary, as should candidates' positions on other issues, at least for the time being.

Look at the power of the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons). No politician would dare vote for cuts in Social Security for fear that the AARP would mobilize its members to vote them out of office, regardless of their position on other issues. This doesn't mean that retired people don't care about issues like the environment or abortion or military spending; it only means that they have made Social Security their priority. When neither of two opposing candidates will commit political suicide by tampering with Social Security, then retired people have the luxury of picking which candidate best represents their views on other issues. We should be able to do the same!

Of course, there are many activists who don't vote or aren't even registered to vote because of their contempt for the system. That contempt is well-deserved. The system IS corrupt and so are most politicians. But by not using the system to advance our own goals, we are giving the opposition a clear field to advance theirs. So if both candidates for Congress are crooks (which is quite likely), vote for the one who supports the leghold trap ban. If neither supports the ban, vote for a Green candidate, write in Mickey Mouse, whatever, but let all the candidates know that you will use your vote, and that you will cast it based strictly on this one issue. When enough of us start doing this, we'll have come a long way towards becoming a force politicians can no longer ignore.

Doing this actually starts long before election day. Right now, there is a bill (HR 1176) in the House of Representatives that would ban the leghold trap. Everyone who cares about animal liberation should call their congresspeople about it. Tell your representatives that you support the bill and you'd like to know their position on it--will they support it or not? Remember, you won't be speaking directly to the congressperson, you'll be speaking to an aide who passes on information and advises the congressperson on various issues.

Don't be afraid to call and don't be intimidated! These people work for you! The public gave them their jobs, the public can take their jobs away, and they know it, which brings us back to why it is important--no, vital!--for us to become an influential voting block.

When you ask them where they stand, they will most likely try to avoid giving you a direct answer, but don't let them get away with this. If they say they need more information on the issue, offer to provide it. Then contact the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade for a leghold trap package, which you should then send to the person you spoke to. (Always get the name of whom you're speaking). Give them a week to read the information, then call back and ask them how they intend to vote. Be polite but persistent until you get an answer. You have a right to know how your elected officials will vote.

Ask your friends and relatives to call--the more the better. If you belong to a group, even a small one, someone can be appointed to be the political liaison, to monitor voting records, and to identify our friends and foes on a local, state, and national level. When you call your senators, ask them if they would sponsor or co-sponsor a companion bill to HR 1176 in the Senate. By the way, every member of Congress has already received a letter from Animal Rights America, signed by J.P. Goodwin, executive director of CAFT, along with a copy of the survey which shows 74 percent of the public to be opposed to the leghold trap. So, they should all be well-aware of this bill. Your job now is to follow-up and call them.

To find out who your congresspeople are (and to find out how to register to vote), call your local League of Women Voters...and in November, use your vote! The system has been taking advantage of us and the animals long enough. It's time we take advantage of the system and use it to achieve animal liberation!

INFORMERS = TRAITORS

In the last few months five activists-turned-informers have surfaced. As activists take more risks for the animals, the imperative for security increases. In this section we tackle the informer problem, offer strategies to combat it, and expose known informers.

CHOOSING YOUR "FRIENDS"

Those people involved with a direct action affinity group need to choose their "friends" wisely. As our movement's history and recent events show, even A.L.F. activists have informed on supposed comrades to save their own cowardly skin. So it can't be stressed enough how important it is to choose the members of your affinity group carefully and weed out those who are likely to confess to the authorities because of the threat of jail or family pressure.

Unfortunately, there are no guarantees when picking members of your affinity group that they will not turn informer, however, below are helpful hints on how to improve your odds that they won't:

• **DON'T WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT COMMITTED TO ANIMAL LIBERATION.** There are some people who like the danger, excitement and importance that direct action can offer their otherwise boring and purposeless lives. But people who get involved with direct action for the "excitement" of it are the first to brag about their involvement or betray their comrades to get a better deal for themselves should they be arrested.

• **GET FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE WITH A POTENTIAL GROUP MEMBER BEFORE ASKING THEM TO JOIN YOUR AFFINITY GROUP.** Don't let another group member's "vouching" for a new recruit satisfy your concerns about them. People can be blind to their friend's setbacks -- setbacks which might make them unsuitable for direct action. You, as well as all the group members, should meet and socialize with potential recruits under normal circumstances before they are invited to participate. In this way, everyone can develop their own opinions on whether they will be able to trust and work with the new recruit.

• **IDEALLY, YOU WILL HAVE WANTED TO KNOW MEMBERS OF YOUR AFFINITY GROUP FOR YEARS BEFORE WORKING WITH THEM ON SERIOUS DIRECT ACTION.**

• **AVOID PEOPLE WHO ARE NEW TO THE MOVEMENT.** They can be very energetic and passionate, but they are a serious liability. They tend to be naive on security issues and handling the police. They are often blind to the potential serious consequences of their actions and therefore unable to deal with them should they get caught. The strength of their convictions in animal liberation haven't had time to be tested. And, finally, new people who want to get involved with established direct action groups could be agent plants. If they are that serious, let them create their own affinity group.

• **IDEALLY, YOU WANT PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD A WIDE VARIETY OF FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE WITH THE POLICE.** People whose first encounter with the police is being arrested on serious felony charges, often are not prepared for their tricks and lies and succumb to questioning.

• **ONLY WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO PRACTICE GOOD SECURITY** (See the "Security Culture" article on page 5 of NC#6). People who brag about doing direct action or take other security risks, should not be allowed in your affinity group.

• **AVOID PEOPLE WHO ARE VIOLENT OR INVOLVED WITH CRIMINAL ACTIVITY FOR PERSONAL GAIN.** When charged with an unrelated crime, these people are quick to sell their affinity group down the river to get their charges dismissed or decrease their sentence.

• **VISUALIZE POTENTIAL GROUP MEMBERS GETTING CAUGHT.** Imagine how they'd respond to interrogation, fear and pressure from the jail or their relatives, lawyers or friends. Would they be strong enough to bear it? What weaknesses do they have that the authorities could exploit? If it is not hard to see them making a statement in that situation, you don't want them as your comrade.

• **WHEN THE STAKES ARE HIGH -- AS IT IS WITH MOST DIRECT ACTION -- TRUST YOUR GUT.** If you are uncomfortable with any potential cell member for any reason -- don't work with them. PERIOD. It is better to work alone than with someone you don't trust.

What's an Informer?

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Informants are *ACTIVISTS who give damaging information to the authorities* either unwittingly, for personal gain, or because of pressure put on them by the authorities.

The unwitting informer is the activist who can't keep his/her mouth shut. If someone brags to you about what s/he's done, make sure this person never has any knowledge that can incriminate you, because sooner or later, the wrong person will hear of it. These activists don't mean to do harm, but the results of their bragging can be deadly.

By the way, never criticize another activist for not doing enough. You don't know what that person may be doing quietly, and putting people on the defensive, where they feel compelled to justify themselves, creates a threat to security.

Lastly, there is the activist who cracks under pressure and starts talking to save his/her own skin. Many activists get drawn into situations they are not able to handle, and some are so caught up in the "excitement" that they either don't realize what the consequences can be or they just don't think they'll ever have to face them. We are in a war, and wars have casualties.

We have to know the possible consequences of every action we take and be prepared to deal with them. Someone who is easily influenced by his/her parents or dependent on them for support, is not a good candidate for actions, as they can be persuaded too easily to cooperate with the authorities. There is no shame in not being able to do an action because of responsibilities that make it impossible to do jail time. *If others are depending on you for support or you aren't willing to lose your job or drop out of school, DON'T DO THE ACTION.*

Make certain that others in your affinity group are not in situations which may cause them to cooperate with the police or abandon their friends. Don't be afraid to talk about this. Ask hard questions, and if you aren't convinced that someone will be able to stay strong if the worst happens, then designate that person to do support. Make sure that those who go into battle with you are willing and able to take whatever comes, even if it means giving up their freedom--or even their lives--for animal liberation.

REMEMBER THE INNOCENT

Never forget the informer's victims: Liberators, shot down by the poisoned tongue of a comrade they trusted, or the lies of a fellow activist. For it is these warriors who suffer the betrayal, the court case, the long jail sentence, the imprisonment, and the misery.

To inform on a liberator is a double crime: one against the warrior, and the other against the animals who would have been saved had the warrior been free to act.

Informers are traitors to the animals and the cause.

Exposing Informers:

Sorting the Rumors from the Reality

Exposing someone as an informer is *not* a task to be taken lightly. Bad-jacketing an activist -- meaning wrongly accusing them of being an informer -- is one of the worst things you can do to them. In fact, our enemies spread rumors and create "evidence" to bad-jacket good activists in an attempt to undermine their efforts for animal liberation.

In some other movements, the punishment for informing is death. Thankfully, we are not a violent movement, but this does not mean that bad-jacketed activists do not suffer at our hands. It's frustrating, demoralizing and tiring to combat rumors, especially when made by fellow activists. Bad-jacketed activists often lose the cooperation of their comrades -- and therefore some of their ability to create positive change for animals. Time and resources are diverted from animal liberation to fight the rumors and attempt to rebuild relationships. More often than not, serious infighting results and good activists drop out of the movement.

The reason these damaging rumors get out of hand is because too many activists accept them at face value and spread them to their associates, which only exacerbates the problem to a point beyond repair.

This is why we must all take personal responsibility to verify such rumors and determine their authenticity before we go and circulate the information to others.

And how do we do this? First, we should find the source of the rumor. Where did the rumor originate? And what evidence does the source have to back up their claim? Too often the evidence is not evidence at all, but merely "hunches" or speculation. *If that is the case, the person should be reprimanded for labeling someone an informer without hard evidence to back it up and efforts should be made to stop the rumor from spreading.*

However, if there is good, hard evidence against the alleged informer, the next step is to confront them and ask for their side of the story. This is a necessary, but all-too-often over-looked part of the equation. As a movement of direct action activists constantly at odds with an unjust legal system, it is scary how willing we are to convict and sentence other activists without even giving them the chance to defend themselves.

While Rod Coronado sat in jail because of his involvement with the A.L.F.'s Operation Bite Back campaign, damaging rumors about him -- including some which suggested he informed on other activists -- were circulated throughout the movement. These rumors spread for months before he even knew they existed. In fact, the first time he found out about them was when he received hate mail from other activists. The rumors and animosity towards him only served to further isolate and alienate one of the animals' most committed warriors. Thankfully, Rod was strong enough to withstand this persecution and continue the fight, but this is no way to thank someone who has sacrificed so much for the animals and we should be ashamed to have let it happen.

So in an effort to prevent such problems in the future, it is vital that we confront the alleged offender with the evidence and allow them to defend themselves.

In this issue of *No Compromise*, we confront some potential informers. For each of them we list the evidence against them and the response they gave us when we confronted them with the evidence. We include this article because exposing informers is serious business and we don't want people to start accusing others of being informers without hard evidence, as that too is dangerous business and unexcusable behavior.

Finally, to give you practice in verifying rumors, we have provided the phone number and addresses of the informer. Because although we hope you trust the reporting at *No Compromise*, when it comes to the treacherous area of revealing informers, *no source of information should be above question.*

HALL OF SHAME

Anne Davis is a recently exposed informer. The evidence against her and her response to that evidence is printed below. We expose informers to prevent them from harming other activists, and to publicly humiliate them for their crimes against the animals and the people who struggle to attain their liberation. Informers can not and WILL NOT be tolerated.

ANNE DAVIS

1351 Wasatch Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84105
801-583-8821

THE EVIDENCE:

• Anne Davis admitted in a phone call with Freeman Wicklund that she told a grand jury that another activist said "We did that" while reading a newspaper that had a story about the arson attack on Tandy Leather.

• Police reports written on September 7, 1995 state "she [Anne Davis] has been questioned and regarded as somewhat of an informant or possible witness if anything develops in the future" and further "It could be stated that she has been friendly towards the law enforcement community efforts to find whoever is responsible for the acts of vandalism and now the arson problem that we now face."

Anne Davis' Picture Goes Here

WANTED:
A mug shot of informer Anne Davis.

If you have any pictures of Anne Davis, please send them to *No Compromise*. A nice face shot is preferred, however, any pictures of her are appreciated.

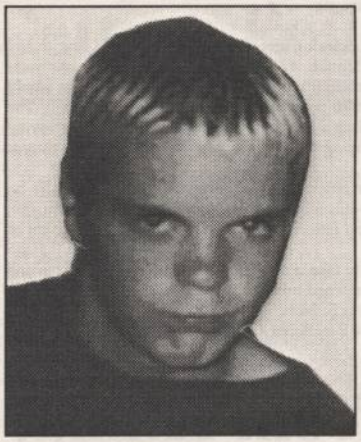
Anne Davis' Picture Goes Here

• A news release sent out by Anne Davis which states, "The Utah Animal Rights Alliance strongly condemns the acts of terrorists who set today's early morning fire at the Fur Breeders Agricultural Coop.... The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, a national animal rights organization, as well as a newly established local group known as ALL, are said to have claimed responsibility for the fire, as well as recent terrorist acts that may or may not have occurred. The Alliance feels that these people are not aspiring to create extended and enduring change on behalf of animals. The Alliance believes that their primary objective is to get their message broadcasted." This news release wrongly implicates the spokesgroups as the perpetrators of the act.

ANNE'S STORY: When *NC* called to find out Anne's side of the story, she said that she liked the person she informed on and planned on paying for her defense with the money she plans on winning from her lawsuit against the authorities who have harassed her. Anne did not testify against the activist, because she feared for her own safety. The charges against the activist were dropped for a lack of evidence. However, in this conversation with her, which lasted over an hour, she tried to incriminate several other local activists. Ironically, the people she mentioned are the same people local authorities have had a major slander campaign against, yet have never arrested.

THE VERDICT: *No Compromise* finds Anne Davis to be an informer. She has incriminated activists at grand jury hearings, through her incorrect news release, and even in discussions over the phone. Her opposition to direct action results in her making flippant statements to strangers about the guilt of other activists. She is unrepentant for her actions, and we advise all activists to avoid working with her as she might implicate you next.

Evidence suggesting that Mikey Foster is an informant has arisen through documents obtained during the discovery process of someone's court case. We print the evidence against Mikey, and his and his mother's response to the evidence .



Michael Barrington Foster

THE EVIDENCE:

• The following are excerpts from an alleged transcript of an interview between Mikey Foster and ATF agents Jeff Long and Devin Heggins that occurred on January 6 of this year regarding animal activity in Salt Lake City, Utah. In it, Mikey implicates many activists in illegal activities. Those activist's names have been changed. The transcript would lead someone to believe that Mikey is informing to avoid charges.

Jeff Long: "Alright. I also told you that there's a possibility taht you could be charged with two second degree felonies for the possession of those [M-80 fireworks] in state court."

Mikey: "Uh-huh"

Jeff: "Okay, and I also told you that, ah, if you cooperate with us, we make you any deals whatsoever [sic], you know, but I can also make recommendations to the District Attorney that you cooperated with us, right?"

Mikey: "Ya."

And Later in the interview...

Jeff: "Tell me what you know of the mink. We're referring to the minks released...the minks that were released form the mink farms and over the last three or four months."

Mikey: "Um, I don't know...the only name I know is about...maybe the Herber Valley one. Um, I don't know if that was the exact one but one time, one of the times the minks were released like, um, a kid named VVV was staying at, um, some kid's house and remembered he got kicked out because he came home all muddy and cause he'd gone out and done the ... the mink farm, whatever, and I don't know, I doubt it's the same one, I think it might be a different one. But the pictures are in the *No Compromise* and maybe you guys..."

Jeff: "Okay, now the *No Compromise* is a magazine?"

Mikey: "Ya, the...it's like a newspaper kinda thing. I was in XXX's room and there was pictures in there maybe you can, maybe you know or maybe it says even which mink farms they were but the kids are wearing masks and um, XXX told me which kids were which. Like there's only one picture of a kid cutting a fence and he told me who that was..." *[Ed note: The photos Mikey is referring to came from the New Hampshire raid, not any raid in Utah, which only exposes this testimony, if true, to be lies used to save his own skin.]*

Jeff: "Who'd he say that was?"

Mikey: "I thought he said it was ZZZ."

Jeff: "Say it..."

Mikey: "ZZZ"

Jeff: "ZZZ? That's right?"

Mikey: "Ya. And, um, and that the pictures were taken by YYY."

Jeff: "During that time that those mink were released?"

Mikey: "Ya."

Jeff: "Yes."

Mikey: "Ya."

Jeff: "Who else?"

Mikey: "Ah, it's...well, I only know possibilities. But I know that VVV was...was definitely involved and YYY and ZZZ. But, other possibilities, maybe, WWW and that's all. 'Cause I mean, he hung out with WWW and that's why maybe he was but...but he told me that it was ZZZ, YYY, and VVV. In those mink raids."

In the rest of the 20 page interview, the transcript also shows Mikey incriminates another activist in the Tandy Leather arson raid.

• Mikey also confided in a friend of his that he lied to the cops and told them what they wanted to hear to protect himself.

MIKEY'S SIDE OF THE STORY: When *NC* contacted Mikey and asked him about the rumors that he was an informer, he responded, "Well, I wasn't as educated as I wanted to be, but the ATF like put allegations into my head. Like how they told me as if they [the people allegedly informed on] had already confessed..." at which point Mikey's mother got on the phone and stopped the conversation.

Mikey's mom's story is that he is not an informer, and that the transcript is a lie. She said she has a tape recording of the interview he had with the authorities and all he says is, "I don't know" and "I was not there."

NC asked for a copy of this tape and she said she would have to OK this through her lawyer. When we called her back to see if she got the approval, she expressed to us that she is unwilling to give us the alleged tape, and told us to never call there again.

THE VERDICT: *NC* is in no rush to decide a verdict. We will send this paper to Mikey and allow him and his mother more time to respond or come forward with the alleged tape. Our main concern is that at least the situation as been aired and that both sides have had an opportunity to state their case.

NC will keep you posted on further updates.

ONCE YOU'VE FOUND YOUR "FRIENDS"

Once you find some high-caliber people and form a direct action affinity group, a few more precautions should be taken to protect the safety of the affinity group.

• **EVERY MEMBER SHOULD BE FAMILIARIZED WITH SECURITY ISSUES AND POLICE INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES.** (Read "Security Culture" on page 5 of NC#6 and "Investigators' Dirty Tricks" on page 17 of NC#5 as well as future issues of NC.) Such knowledge will prevent breaches of security and help activists recognize the police's lies.

• **GROUP MEMBERS SHOULD DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT BEING ARRESTED.** Go to a safe, unmonitored place and have each member discuss their biggest concerns should they be arrested and jail for 5 or 10 years. Would it be their fear of being beaten or raped in prison? Concern as to how they will support their children or animals? Or dealing with the condemnation and lack of support from friends and relatives? This discussion forces people to think realistically about the potential consequences of their actions and reevaluate their suitability for the task. Beware of those people who say they will have no problems should their arrest occur. They have probably not yet accepted the potential consequences of their actions or worse, are trying to impress other activists, in which case, their commitment is at best questionable.

• **CONDUCT A GROUP RITUAL OF SOLIDARITY.** Invent a ritual to do that includes having each group member promise to every other member to never tell anyone outside of the group -- be they cops, friends or spouses -- of their actions. This sort of "blood siblings" ritual helps people through a hard spot after an arrest. It also lets everyone involved know, in no uncertain terms, what is expected from them.

• **VISUALIZE YOUR ARREST.** If you are arrested for animal liberation, be prepared for the consequences. People may run from you in fear or be warned away from you by rumors that are being spread about you. There may be misunderstandings, miscommunications, disappointments and pressure. Your relatives and friends may not support you. You may lose your job. You will be facing a trial and jail time. Lawyers will urge you to save your own skin at the expense of fellow activists. Meditate daily on your strength and how you will overcome these obstacles and be prepared to handle them, so that you can defeat them should these unwelcome problems ever arrive.

At the request of their victims, THREE other recently confirmed informers are not being exposed at this time for legal and/or personal reasons.

FELONY COURT CASES

SEVENTEEN people in the U.S. are facing felony charges for A.L.F. and direct action related crimes. Support for activists facing jail is just as needed as those who are already in jail. An update on each case is printed here so you can offer your moral and financial support to them.

Mass 4

Jamie Roth, 20; Alex Smolak, 20; Grant Upson, 16; and Warren Upson, 18 are strong CAFT activists and mink farm investigators whom local furriers are trying to frame for raiding the Carmel Mink Ranch in Hinsdale, Massachusettes.

Charges: Breaking and entering in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony (felony), larceny of property above $250 (felony), malicious destruction of property above $250 (felony), and trespassing (misdemeanor).
Trail Date: July 28 at 9am for Grant. July 9th at 9am for Alex, Jamie, and Warren.

Send letters and donations to:
Mass 4 Support Committee
PO Box 80632
Minneapolis, MN 55408
e-mail: mass4SC@waste.org

Send protest messages to the District Attorney Gerard Downing encouraging him to drop this bogus case. It is his office that is prosecuting the Mass 4.

Gerard D. Downing, DA
Pittsfield District Court
PO Box 1969, 42 West St
Pittsfield, MA 01202
Ph 413-443-5951
Fax 413-499-6349

Joshua R. Smith, 19

The charges stem from an alleged attack on property owned by Legacy Health System who conducts horrific cat experimentation in Portland.

Charges: Misdemeanor criminal trespass, and two counts of 1st degree felony for criminal mischief.

Letters and donations can be sent to:
Joshua Smith
c/o Liberation Collective
PO Box 9055
Portland, OR 97207

Dari Fullmer & Carol Mehaffey

Dari and Carol allegedly broke the windows of a Kenny Rogers Roasters fast food restaurant causing $3,000 in damage. For the entire story, read the "Interrogating Activists" article on the facing page.

Charges: Reckless endangerment, menacing with a weapon, criminal possession of a weapon with intent to use (misdemeanors), and criminal mischief (felony).
Court date: June 18 at 9:30 Pretrial

Send Letters and Donations to:
NJARA, PO Box 174
Englishtown, NJ 07726
Earmark checks for Dari and Carol

Chatham 3
(informers don't count)

The following people were allegedly involved in a mink farm raid at Ebert's Fur Farm in Canada where over 1,500 mink were released and breeding cards were removed. Damages to the fur farm are estimated at half a million dollars. For the full story, read the article on this page.

Patricia Dodson, 48
Charges: Breaking and entering, mischief, and possession of burglary tools.

Hilma Ruby, 59
Charges: Breaking and entering, and mischief.

Gary Yourofsky, 26
Charges: Breaking and entering, and mischief.

Send donations to:
NA-ALFSG attn: Chatham-3 Fund
Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St.
Willowdale, Ontario M2M 4K3
Canada

Send letters of support in c/o:
Mike Chiado
P.O. Box 432
Royal Oak, MI 48068-0432

WARNING:
Both Alan and Robyn, who were also allegedly involved in this action have given damaging statement's to the police about the other activists. As informers, we don't include them in our support.

Alan Hoffman, 47 - Informer

Robyn Weiner, 25 - Informer

Support for all of the following cases is being done by the Salt Lake City Animal Liberation Support Committee. Letters to the activists and donations for any of them can be sent to them in care of:

SLCALSCC
PO Box 71002
SLC, UT 84171-0002

Joshua Ellerman, 18

Indicted for 16 counts relating to making and detonating bombs. SLC authorities allege he was involved in the bombing of the Fur Breeders Agricultural Coop.

No other information about this case is known at this time.

Jacob Kenison, 18

Jacob spent three weeks in jail awaiting trail, but was finally bailed out under strict conditions -- including severe curfews and not associating with any animal activists.

Charges: Include possession of explosives for allegedly having some fireworks and an arson charge for allegedly burning Tandy Leather.

The McDonalds 4

The following four people's charges stem from an arson at a McDonalds outside of Salt Lake City in August '96 that cause $400,000 damage.

Josh Anderson, 18 (17 when the action happened)
Josh plea bargained plead guilty to some charges in exchange for other being dropped and a lighter sentence. As best we know, he was sentenced to 3 years probation.

Ryenn Durfee, 19
1st degree felony for use of incendiary, 1st degree arson, and 2nd degree use of incendiary devices.

Mark Klein, 19
Mark entered a not guilty plea and was given a probation officer instead of a pre-trail officer.

Jason Troff, 19
Jason plead guilty to 2nd degree arson in exchange for the prosecutors dropping the 1st degree use of incendiary device with gang enhancement and 2nd degree possession of illegal explosives charges.

He is currently serving a 60 day diagnostic evaluation in prison, which has now been extended to 84 days. His stay can be extended if the judge decides to.

Weber 3

The following three people are alleged to have been involved at an aborted arson attempt on the Montgomery Fur Company in Weber, Utah on March 19. They were not apprehended at the scene.

Cameron Michael Kraus, 18
Charges: Attempted aggravated arson
Preliminary Hearing: May 14

Trev Poulson, 19
Charges: Attempted aggravated arson
Trail: August 7

Bret G. Walton, 18
Charges: Aggravated arson (2nd degree felony)
Trial: August 7

Five American Activists Charged with Canadian Fur Farm Raid

Facing $3.5 Million Lawsuit

BY GINA LYNN AND DARREN THURSTON

In the early morning hours of Sunday, March 30th, five Michigan animal rights activists were arrested for allegedly raiding a Canadian mink farm. According to media reports, 1,500 mink were released from Ebert's Fur Farm owned by Tom McLellan, fences were cut, and breeding cards were removed from the cages, effectively costing the fur farmer half a million dollars!

It is believed that McLellan will collect this sum in insurance money but that he will not be insured again. Further, it is probable that this action has put him out of business for good! (The Earth Liberation Front took credit for a similar action at Ebert's Fur Farm two weeks earlier when 250 to 300 mink were released.)

Those charged in the mink raid are Patricia Dodson, 48; Hilma Ruby, 59; Robyn Weiner, 25; Gary Yourofsky, 26; and Alan Hoffman, 47; all of whom live in Michigan. All are charged with breaking and entering and mischief. Robyn and Alan are also charged with possession of stolen property (breeding cards). Patricia is charged with possession of burglary tools.

The five had several court hearings and several delays before they were finally released almost two weeks later, each on $10,000 bail. By this time, two of the defendants--Alan Hoffman and Robyn Weiner--had made damaging statements to the police which were read in court. Alan gave an alleged blow-by-blow account of everyone's actions (including the scouting out of farms in the U.S.), and Robyn's statement included the implication of one of the other activists in a previous raid.

Robyn claims her informing was in the best interests of everyone. However, her co-defendant's legal cases have been seriously compromised by her statements, and it has left them feeling betrayed. If Robyn was seriously concerned about her co-defendant's interests, she would have consulted them first and got their approval before taking such drastic action. But the fact is that her statements are damaging and statements such as hers cannot be tolerated within a direct action movement. The same words hold true for Allen who has also cooperated with the authorities.

Robyn has pled guilty to the charges and waived her right to a trial. She has made a deal with the prosecution and it is expected that she will be sentenced by June 13, when the others return to court.

All five returned to court in Chatham, Ontario, three weeks later, where they were served with a $3.5 million civil suit by Ebert's Fur Farms, Inc. The owners of the farm are seeking:

- $2,000,000 in general damages
- $1,000,000 in specific damages
- $500,000 in punitive damages
- legal costs.

The suit claims that 20 years of breeding information was lost; 1,542 minks were released (1,500 female, 42 male); 95 percent of females were pregnant with an average expected litter of six kits each; 1,500 females would have produced 7,125 pelts at $70 per male pelt and $50 per female pelt. The defendants are accused of cutting a hole in the fence, damaging or destroying 100 pens, damaging or destroying 400 drop-in nest-boxes, and damaging or destroying 2 gates.

The legal fees and other costs yet to be incurred will undoubtedly be enormous--any help raising funds would be greatly appreciated! Information on where to send donations and letters of support is in the box to the right of this article.

Finally, you might want to take a moment to let Mr. Tom McLellan and his son, Bill, know what a wretched mistake they are making by pursuing a lawsuit against accused freedom fighters:

Ebert's Fur Farm R.R. 4 Blenheim, Ontario N0P 1A0 Canada Phone: (519) 676-4969

Letter from Hilma:

One of the Chatham 3

Where do I start?! That I'm overwhelmed! Overwhelmed with the outpouring of support, encouragement and love from activists literally all over the world! I could *never*] have anticipated this kind of outreach. I am so humbled and embarrassed by all the attention. I am deeply sorry for those dedicated and brave activists, those mid-night warriors who have operated under the cloak of darkness and anonymity who have never had the opportunity to be embraced in all the love I've felt.

We are only considered "accused" and "alleged" and I haven't gone to trial yet, nor have I entered a plea in the Chatham 3 case and therefore, will not address the circumstances of my 11-day incarceration while awaiting bail, nor the events that led up to my/our arrests, or for that matter, any information about this case.

Rather, I feel impelled to take this opportunity to reach out with huge,

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INTERROGATING ACTIVISTS

The Story of Carol and Dari's Arrest

BY DARI FULLER

NEW YORK CITY -- On Tuesday, April 10th at 4 a.m., Carol Mehaffy and myself were walking down 9th St. (I think it was 9th) of NYC. I felt a tap on my shoulder. As I turned around I was thrown to the ground and jumped on by a man who my right arm across my neck and knelt on my arm, effectively putting me in a choke hold. I later realized this was a Guardian Angel. For those not familiar, they are a group of vigilantes who supposedly are there to protect the people (but now apparently work as unpaid security guards for large corporations) and are supposed to witness crime and call it in to police (but now apparently just beat people up).

Another guy, in a camo jacket, went after Carol. She was also forced to the ground and has a nice collection of bruises to show for it.

The cops arrived after the Guardian Angel radioed them -- about 12 cars I'd say -- filled the whole block. One came over and the GA got off me. The cop told me to roll over, I did, and was cuffed. They started asking me questions to which I responded "no comment". One said, "What do you think this is, the French Connection?"

Finally I got put in the car along with Carol and driven to the station. The asked more questions, and I told them that once back to the station I'd give them info they needed for the report, and anything besides that would be "no comment."

According to the police, here's what happened: The Guardian Angels observed us walking down the sidewalk by Kenny Rogers *Roasters. They say they observed me pull* something from my waistband and point it at the windows. After we left they approached and found all the windows broken. I overheard a cop say it was about $3000 in damages. They claim the weapon was a BB gun, found on me, which the GA who tackled me claims I pointed at him. They also recovered 3 BB's from the scene, two on the sidewalk and one in the building. Once back to the station I gave the necessary info to the desk officer. They then took a number of Polaroid's and our prints.

THE INTERROGATIONS BEGIN

Once in a while various cops would come in the room and try to question me. I kept answering "no comment.". A lady cop kept asking me where my car was. They kept saying it would be towed if it was left where it was and that they wanted to move it to a safe place for me. (For those who don't get it, they wanted to search my car.) She said, am I going to have to try your keys in every car in the area (keep in mind it's Manhattan, and there's 1000 cars in their district alone). I told her to feel free. After one set of "no comments" she said, "Why do you sound just like Carol?" I said, "No comment".

She though for a minute and added, "Oh, I mean, like Carol used to sound." At this point I broke down and laughed in her face. You always read about them trying to do that -- say the other person put the blame on you -- but I never expected them to really try it. It's like going into the country and seeing people chewing those long grass things, you'd never think they really do that. She left the room in a huff, but stopped before the door, turned, and marched back to the cell. She said, "You know what? The jig is up!" and stormed out. Not only did I break down laughing at this, but my cellmates, even the ones who don't speak English, did as well.

I overheard one officer say, "Yeah, we can just stick a bullshit charge on them, like 'Menacing' or something.

Eventually I was taken upstairs for questioning. They put me in a room with three detectives. I told them straight off that I gave the info they needed to fill out the report and everything else would be "no comment." They each lectured me for a long time. Periodically they asked me if I was ready to talk, and I replied, "no comment."

Throughout the whole thing I looked straight into the eyes of the detective talking to me. This seemed to disturb them a lot, as they couldn't look back for long before having to turn away, especially when they were lying. Eventually they read me my rights too.

Here are some of the things I remember them saying:

- This is your only chance to help yourself.
- We're not out to get you, we're here to help you out.
- We don't want to see you locked up, we want to give you a chance here.
- Just out of curiosity, how many people are in the group?
- I have a kid your age, and I'd hate to see him in trouble like this, so I wanna help you out.
- You're not only facing these charges, but we've got all these other incidents that happened that we can pin on you, here's others from Kenny's (dropping forms in front of me), we've also got others from other locations, and that's just our district, we're contacting all the other districts to get more. For the one's we've got you're already looking at 30 years. Of course they won't give you all 30, but you can be sure to get 6 or 7.
- You're young. Do you really want to screw up the rest of your life?
- What are your parents going to say?
- Did you ever think about the people you are hurting? What about the owner of that store who has to pay every time it's vandalized? What about the workers who have nothing to do with this, and maybe even share your beliefs, and have to cleanup all that glass?
- Are you crazy carrying around something that looks so much like a real gun? If I saw you on the street with this thing I'd blow your head off.
- What's this "no comment" stuff? You sound like a machine. Who programmed you? Are you a law student?
- You'd better watch yourself down in the tombs. you'd better be real careful down there with those people. (tombs are what they call central processing).
- Do you like the Yankees? (I was wearing a Yankees hat, no comment here got them real mad - for those who don't know if direct questioning doesn't work they ask inane stuff to try to get you talking and slowly ease into the real questioning).
- If you just give us some information we can get you right out of here and this will be over.

After this I was taken back to holding, then back to a cell upstairs to be printed again, like 58 ways, by some other guy who specializes in prints. While standing there I overheard my AO on the phone, it sounded like he was defensively trying to explain why I was charged with Reckless Endangerment, as if he was talking to a superior officer who didn't understand why they charged me with that.

After being put back in holding a while they put me and Carol in a car to go to central processing. They drove us around for about 10 minutes and then came back to the station.

Some other guys had showed up to

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Discipline in the Trenches

BY GROOSE RATS & CO.

Have you ever been arrested at a nonviolent protest for animal liberation? If so, read on.

You have become a part of history, a history rich in nonviolent protest actions dating back to the Boston tea party, Harriet Tubman's underground railroad, Henry David Thoreau's refusal to pay war taxes, the suffragette movement, the labor movement, and Mohandas Gandhi's campaign for Indian independence from the British Empire.

Being a part of history takes responsibility, and that responsibility is all about discipline. All militant forces have discipline. If we do not have the resources to set up animal liberation boot camps or visit them overseas, then we have to develop a strong sense of self-discipline to combat the forces working against our efforts toward animal liberation.

Why Discipline? In addition to being arrested at organized protests, one by one, outside of the usual protest situation, we are being brought in by the authorities to be questioned, railroaded, harassed, threatened, and set-up. Seemingly unimportant encounters with the police have resulted in fellow comrades being hauled in for questioning, their homes raided, their computers and files taken, and more. We must be prepared for this assault BEFORE it comes.

Discipline will prevent fear, loneliness, isolation, and insecurity from taking over and causing us additional stress that can lead to tragedy for the structure of our animal rights militia.

DISCIPLINE IN TEN EASY STEPS:

1. Acknowledge and come to terms with the reasons you are in this movement. If these reasons stem from some unresolved conflict with authority, forget it and move on. The animal rights militia needs people committed to animals and to other activists within their cell or affinity group. (Affinity groups are self-sufficient support units of 5 to 15 people who work together toward a common goal. Whether or not you are planning to do civil disobedience, it is important to either form an affinity group or join an already existing one. Affinity groups serve as a source of support and solidarity for their members.)

2. Make a pact with your affinity or cell group. For example, my cell knows that I would never say anything that would incriminate any of them, no matter what. I also trust them to the same extent. This trust was built over many years. DO NOT TRUST ANYONE JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE WILLING TO DO CERTAIN THINGS.

3. If you are participating in a covert action, make your plan as foolproof as possible, but never think for a moment that you will not be caught. If you are caught, stay calm. Keep silent. Be prepared to rot in jail, but take comfort in knowing we are out here supporting you and your efforts. Prisons are not hotels. They can be hell holes and you might be harmed in one. Are you ready for this? If not, don't do anything that might land you in one.

4. Develop the ability to keep silent--in every circumstance. If you have an overwhelming desire to tell people what you have done, then you will eventually volunteer information to the police. They are trained to get information from people who don't speak. What chance do you stand? If you know someone like this, do not get involved with this person, period.

5. If you are arrested, be prepared to be separated and told lies by the police. Lies like: "All of your friends have bailed out," "So-and-so is cooperating," "We are keeping you longer," etc. These lies are intended to make you feel isolated and angry—angry enough to turn on the people who you think have turned on you. DO NOT BELIEVE THE POLICE! Have the discipline to handle the separation and take comfort in knowing that there are people supporting you on the outside. If someone has turned on you, deal with it. Do not make it worse.

6. Plan as much as possible. Before you participate in an action that might lead to an arrest, make sure that your life is in order. Make sure you understand the arrest procedure. Attend as many CD training classes that you can. Discipline falls apart when we are pressured to do something we are not prepared for. All our actions have consequences. If you follow the *No Compromise* philosophy, then you should follow through on it. If your affinity group knows what each person is able to do ahead of time, then chaos will be prevented. Activists who jump in for the fun or the thrill of the moment, might not be able to follow through on what others can do and this can lead to infighting and bitterness between activists.

7. Recognize that the best laid plans can fall apart at the last minute. Be strong. Have a plan B, C, D, etc. Or have a fall-back position, even if it is just knowing the plan can fall through. Be calm and resist causing additional stress by blaming it on someone or complaining about why the plan failed. The time to do an evaluation is later. Nothing is guaranteed.

8. If you are the only one arrested, be prepared to go it alone. If you were part of a larger group and everyone else has been released, stay strong in the knowledge that you will be out soon and things are not what they appear. Do not do or say anything you might regret later. Keep silent.

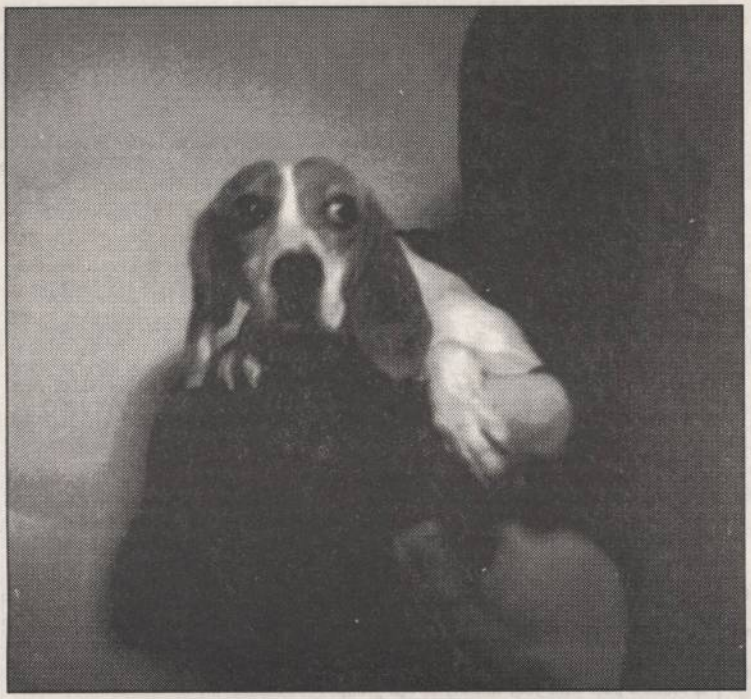
9. If the FBI, local police, or any other agency comes knocking at your door, do not let them in without a warrant. Do not speak to them on the phone either. Call Larry Weiss at (707) 576-1415. Preserve your right to privacy.

10. Learn more about what the government, private industry, and large PR firms are doing to destroy the animal liberation movement. Be aware of the tactics that have lead to other movements falling apart.

If we are prepared, we are strong. If we are strong, we cannot be manipulated. If we cannot be manipulated, then in time, the animals will be liberated.

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER READING:

- *CovertAction Quarterly*, Dept. MFW, 1500 Massachusetts Ave., NW, #732, Washington, DC 20005; <http://caq.com/CAQ/CAQ.html>.
- *Free the Animals! : The Untold Story of the U.S. Animal Liberation Front and It Founder, 'Valerie'* by Ingrid Newkirk
- Institute for Global Communications, East Coast Office, 1731 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20009; <http://www.igc.org/igc/>.
- Nonviolence International, P.O. Box 39127, Friendship Station, N.W., Washington, DC 20016; <http://www.igc.apc.org/nonviolence/>.
- Nonviolent Civil Disobedience Handbook-- <http://www.comedia.com/Hot/activism/nvcdh/>.



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 and distortions that animal abusers disseminate about them. This list is NOT intended to encourage illegal activities. Actions are listed chronologically since the last issue.

No Compromise would like to thank the 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 (2/19/97). Any earlier actions listed here were not covered in the last issue.

12/25/96-Bath, MI; Jack Brower Fur Farm has two fences cut through and approx. 150 mink released. Slogans were left wishing all a Merry Christmas from ELF! **-Earth Liberation Front**

1/-/97-Kirkland, WA; 7 of 8 trucks at Meat Distributors had their windshields smashed out and a message left "Animal Killers! -A.L.F." Local TV news reports put the damage at $5,000. **-A.L.F.**

1/28/97-McComb, Miss.; A fire destroyed a 40,000 square feet supply room at the Sanderson Farms Inc.'s slaughterhouse. **-Unclaimed**

2/-/97-Seattle, WA; Eilers Furs storefront spray painted. **-A.L.F.**

2/6/97-West Bloomfield, MI; Bricker-Tunis Furs window smashed and set on fire. Extent of damage not known. Windows boarded up for 2 days. This is the 3rd attack on Bricker-Tunis, the same furrier that was featuring "Barbie" fur outfits. **-A.L.F.**

2/15/97-Troy, MI; McDonald's women's bathroom walls and commode spray painted with blood-red enamel paint. Slogans included "McShit, McMurder, McDeath, Meat stinks, Meat is Murder." Toilets filled with the personal hygiene bags and toilet paper then flushed. Butyric acid deposited in seating area of restaurant. Bathrooms shut down next day and stinky area closed to public. **-A.L.F.**

2/15/97-Sterling Heights, MI; McDonald's women's bathroom walls and commode spray-painted with blood-red enamel paint. Slogans included "McShit, McMurder, McDeath, Meat Stinks, Meat Is Murder." Toilets filled with the personal hygiene bags and toilet paper then flushed.**-A.L.F.**

2/19/97-NYC, NY; Kenny Rogers Roasters, a chicken restaurant (Sixth Ave and 13th St.), had "Meat Is Murder" painted a window broken and locks damaged. **-A.L.F.**

2/19/97-Salt Lake City, UT; An empty KFC was set on fire, causing extensive damage. **-Unclaimed**

2/25/97-NYC, NY; Kenny Rogers Roasters, a chicken restaurant (Sixth Ave and 13th St.), had a brick thrown through the window, it also broke two neon signs. The brick said "their blood is on your hands" and had the letters "A.L.F." **-A.L.F.**

A.L.F. COMMUNIQUE

Thur. Mar. 6, 1997
Perris, CA, USA

Though Jack in The Box Burgers fast food chain is responsible for the deaths of millions of animals every year, they didn't gain that much publicity until they killed several humans in recent years and made thousands more severely ill by serving them animal carcasses.

However, on March 6, 1997 Jack was about to have some of his karma come back to him (or at least to his CEO puppet-masters.) Members of the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) entered the construction site and quickly searched it for any living creatures. When the building was found clear, two incendiary devices were placed and set.

In a matter of a couple hours, Jack no longer had a box. The entire building was destroyed! The following day, a contact reported driving by the area and seeing nothing but a black, charred, collapsing frame of what once was going to be a fast food restaurant.

This tactic is so effective we encourage everyone out there to do their homework, be careful, and help rid our planet of this cancer called fast food. - A.L.F.

2/28/97-Indianapolis, IN; The Outdoorsman Sport Shop had its windows broken, set on fire, and was spray painted with slogans including "Stop the murder - ALF". The A.L.F.'s communique read, in part: "The Outdoorsman promotes the murder of innocent life through the sale of hunting and trapping equipment and by selling magazines and other literature advocating the torture of animals. Windows were broken, slogans were painted, and the back of the wooden building was burned." **-A.L.F.**

3/6/97-Perris, CA; Jack in the Box under construction demolished by 2 incendiary devices. **-A.L.F.**

3/6/97-Lake Elsinore, CA; 2incendiary devices placed at a Douglas Burgers construction site but failed to ignite. **-A.L.F.**

3/7/97-West Hartford, CT; Lloyd/Roberts Furs locks glued and slogans painted. **-A.L.F.**

3/7/97-West Hartford, CT; Exclusive Furs had their locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

3/10/97-NYC, NY; Trucks at Maggios Beef Corp. and Moore Wholesale Meats had tires punctured. A Gerrback Beef truck had a tire punctured and paint splashed across the front of the truck. Zamir Fur (MacDougal and Houston) almost had their lock glued, but it was found still glued from the last attack. **-A.L.F.**

3/10/97-NYC, NY; Ben + Jerry's (3rd Ave. at 10th St.), East Village Meats, McDonald's (Ist Ave. at 6th St.), East Village Cheese, Dallas BBQ, The Village Tannery, Faicco Sausage, Leather+ Suede, and Guerra, Anthony, and Joe Fish Market all had their locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

3/11/97-NYC, NY; Maggios Beef Corp. and two other meat company trucks had tires punctured. Burger King (6th Ave. at 14th St.) had their locks glued. Balducci's, a food store specializing in meat and cheese, who proudly display large chunks of animal carcasses in their window, had their security gates locked in a down position by locks and chains. McDonald's (6th Ave. at 28th St.) was tagged, had their locks glued, and had " MURDER" etched into six enormous windows, one two-foot high letter in each window. **-A.L.F.**

3/11/97-Sandy, UT; "In the early morning hours of March 11, we attacked the Agricultural Fur Breeders Co-Op in Sandy, Utah...firebombs were set in four trucks and the main offices. More attacks will be forthcoming unless the demands of political prisoner Jeff Watkins are met." said the communique Damages exceeded $1 million at the second largest fur feed company in the U.S. No injuries were reported.

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.

Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service

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

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.

3/12/97-Millstone, NJ; Jack's Prime Meats had their locks glued, A.L.F. slogans spray-painted & windows etched. **-A.L.F.**

3/12/97-Howell, NJ; Sportsmans Shop had "Cowards" spray-painted on floor, locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

3/12/97-Jackson, NJ; Jackson Taxidermist had their locks glued, and slogans spray painted. **-A.L.F.**

3/12/97-Freehold, NJ; Roy Rogers had their locks glued, slogans spray painted, windows etched. **-A.L.F.**

3/12/97-Howell, NJ; McDonald's had their locks glued, "McShit" and "A.L.F." spray-painted. **-A.L.F.**

3/12/97-Howell, NJ; Burger King had their locks glued and spray-painted. **-A.L.F.**

3/12/97-Howell, NJ; KFC had their locks glued and spray-painted. **-A.L.F.**

3/13/97-South Windsor, CT; Meat Distributors had locks glued on the door, painted slogans on the building and on the 5 trucks. Sign paint bombed and windows on every truck and the building were smashed. **-A.L.F.**

3/13/97-NYC, NY; Kenny Rogers Roasters (6th Ave. at 14th St.) had their locks glued *and paint splattered along the entire side* of the building The Village Tannery, and Kentucky Fried Chicken (2nd Ave. at 14th St.) had their locks glued. Wendy's (14th St. at University Ave.) had "Meat Is Dead" etched into their window. Tad's Steaks had "Meat Is Dead" etched into their window, and had their lock glued. Ben & Jerry's (3rd Ave. at 10th St.) had "Dairy Is Rape" etched into their window, and had their lock glued. Zamir Fur had "ALF" etched into their window. **-A.L.F.**

3/13/97-NYC, NY; Approximately 20-30 locks glued in the meat district, 25-35 locks glued in the fur district as well as the locks to the store security system. Anti-fur messages spray painted. To our surprise, several locks had already been glued that night. **-A.L.F.**

3/14/97-South Windsor, CT; New York Meat Products Inc. had windows of the building and delivery vans smashed and locks on the building's main door were glued. Slogans were spray painted such as "Meat Is Murder" and "ALF" on the vehicles and the building. **-A.L.F.**

3/14/97-Robinson Scott Clearcut area near the McKenzie, OR; 47 trees were spiked either with quartz rock spikes or metal rails. In addition, an incendiary device was placed in a forest service vehicle, however it failed to ignite and was removed by activists. **-A.L.F. Eco-Animal Defense Unit**

3/15/97-Huntington, NY; Huntington Furs', Village Furs and a leather store had all locks glued. Several trucks belonging to a meat wholesaler had their locks glued, sugar poured into gas tanks, freezer lines cut and random wires cut. We were prevented from doing more due to sparks shooting out of one of the cut wires. **-A.L.F.**

3/15/97-Blenheim, ON; Eberts Fur Farm was raided, holes cut in the perimeter fence and gates opened. 240 mink released, breeding cards taken, and some cages damaged. Slogans spray painted on the feed shed. **-Earth Liberation Front**

3/16/97 Westbury, NY; Long Island Fur Factory locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

3/18/97-Davis, CA; Incendiary devices were left at the Center for Comparative Medicine, now under construction adjacent to the Regional Primate Research Laboratory at the University of California, Davis. The fiery sabotage of the facility caused 4-5 secondary explosions, 10-15 foot high flames and heavy smoke, said the A.L.F. Ten years ago (April 1987) the A.L.F. set fire to another UC Davis animal lab, under construction, causing $4.5 million in damages. The media reported the damage to be aprox. $1000 **- Bay Area Cell of the Earth X Animal Liberation Front**

3/18/97-West Hartford, CT; Exclusive Furs by Ramon and Lloyd Robert's Furs were both spray painted with slogans including "Ramon = Death" and "ALF". **-A.L.F.**

3/20/97-NYC, NY; Many locks glued in the fur district. **-A.L.F.**

3/22/97-Southington, CT; ``Meat Is Murder'' spray-painted on the outside of Hubney's Meat Packing Co. **-A.L.F.**

3/23/97-Flemmington, NJ; Flemmington Fur Co. had a large rock thrown through their front window followed by a incendiary device of some kind. The fire allegedly caused only a small amount of smoke and fire damage in the front foyer area. It was doused by the stores sprinkler system which also caused an undetermined amount of damage. According to industry and media reports the store was open for business the next day, but had to take customers in through a rear exit. Flemmington Fur Co. is one of the East Coast's largest fur retailers. **-Unclaimed**

3/23/97-Seattle, WA; ACME chicken slaughterhouse raided. Forklifts and other equipment damaged. Two offices trashed and all paperwork and contents destroyed with red paint and muriatic acid. Three chickens liberated and placed in a loving home. "A.L.F." spray painted on a wall. **-A.L.F.**

3/28/97-NYC, NY; Joint compound was smeared over windows, signs, walls, security gates and into locks at a couple of fur stores and fast food restaurants. These and previous actions, however minor, inspired the McDonald's (at 6th Ave and 28th St), who had been hit twice before, to install a security flood light system. **-A.L.F.**

3/29/97-Ithaca, NY; McDonald's (Route 13), Rock hurled through window with decal. Locks glued on corporate office across street. Envelope removed from mailbox containing check was ripped up. **-A.L.F.**

3/29/97-Ithaca, NY; Wendy's, route 13, two rocks sent through windows, one kept going and smashed another window inside. Slogans spray painted. All locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

3/30/97-Minneapolis, MN; In the early morning hours members of the A.L.F. entered the unfinished house of a Dayton's owner at Franklin Ave. and caused extensive damage to show that no one involved in the fur trade will be tolerated. Construction equipment was vandalized, tires slashed, power tools destroyed, power cords cut, walls and windows painted, walls smashed and the blueprints destroyed. **-A.L.F.**

3/30/97-Minneapolis, MN; A blank billboard on East Highway 94 was painted with "pro A.L.F. action" to celebrate A.L.F. week.

3/30/97-Totowa, NJ; Chicken Delight fast food had their locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

A.L.F. COMMUNIQUE

"We took this opportunity to end primate research and to cause as much financial loss as possible to the biggest enemy to animals on the West Coast. We will not allow UC Davis to imprison, torture and murder millions of animals, year after year. Let this fire light the way for others to follow. Let them know that this evil towards the earth and animals will not be tolerated and that fighting for their liberation is more important than a respect for laws that protect slavery and exploitation.

"We did this on the 10th anniversary of the fire set by the ALF in April, 1987, which destroyed the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at UC Davis — the first successful act of fire sabotage by the ALF in the U.S., causing $4.5 million in damages.

"We also dedicate this action to all animal liberation and earth liberation activists currently in jail, and on hunger strike for the millions of animals killed every year in the U.S. using the leghold trap.

"Be patient. Our war for 'their' end has only just begun."

A.L.F. COMMUNIQUE

The Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) takes responsibility for the early morning raid of the Acme chicken slaughterhouse (1024 S King St. in Seattle WA) in the early hours of 3/23/97.

Every year in this country 6 billion chickens are tortured and slaughtered for our own selfish consumption. These innocent beings never bask in the sun or spend one moment free from pain. This selfishness will no longer be tolerated.

We entered the massive killing rooms sabotaging forklifts and other machinery. We also entered two offices in which we destroyed all paperwork by pouring acid and paint over them. We also found 3 chickens left for dead on the killing room floor. We loaded them up and liberated them from a life of certain death.

The video shows 2 of the 3 chickens resting peacefully in our arms. They have been placed in loving homes where they will be able to live out their lives free from torture. Something all animals (human and non-human) deserve.

Until all are free...
A.L.F.- Puget Sound Unit

LIBERATION NOW!!!!!!

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.

3/30/97-Elmwood Park, NJ; Meat market had their locks glued. **-A.L.F.**
3/30/97-Paramus, NJ; A leather furniture shop had their locks glued. **-A.L.F.**
3/30/97-Paramus, NJ; Saks 5th Avenue outlet store (sells leather & fur) had their locks glued. **-A.L.F.**
3/30/97-Paramus, NJ; Burger King had their locks glued. **-A.L.F.**
3/30/97-Blenheim, ON; Ebert's Fur Farm (RR4 Blenheim, Ontario, N0P 1A0, Canada, 519-676-4969 owned by Tom McLellan) raided, fences cut, 1500 mink released, breeding cards taken and cages damaged. It was after this action that five American animal rights activists were arrested for allegedly raiding it.
4/1/97-Davis, CA; Two University of California at Davis vehicles were damaged. The battery cables were disconnected in one of the vehicles. The other vehicle had the battery taken out and most of the electrical wiring cut or pulled from the engine compartment. Both vehicles are used to transport animals to other research facilities. **-Unclaimed**
4/1/97-NYC, NY; Once again, most of the fur stores in Manhatten's fur district get their locks glued. **-A.L.F.**
4/1/97 NYC, NY; Joe's Dairy van had three locks glued, all tires punctured, headlights, hubcaps and front bumper spray painted; both windows, windshields and side view mirrors etched; one windshield wiper broken off, about a dozen various wires and cables cut and paint poured over the front, back, both sides and the roof. **-A.L.F.**
4/1/97-Seattle, WA; Isernio's Sausage hit. All three trucks were hit with heavy spraypaint, locks sealed with Liquid Steel and windshields etched. Tire slashed on one vehicle. **-A.L.F.**
4/4/97-throughout northern NJ; Kentucky Fried Chicken, Roy Rogers, Sabrett Hot Dogs, a butcher shop and 3 McDonald's all had windows broken. **-A.L.F.**
4/6/97-Hartford, CT; "McMurder", "Meat is Dead" and the letters "ALF" were spray-painted on the building in red paint. **-A.L.F.**
4/6/97-Seattle, WA; 8 windows etched at Markethouse Corned Beef. Ruth's Chris Steakhouse billboard painted with "Meat is Murder". Eilers Furs storefront heavily spray painted. **-A.L.F.**
4/9/97-Deberry, TX; Ten chinchilla were liberated in a raid on a Don Kelly Chinchilla Farm. All have been placed in loving homes where they will live out their lives in freedom. It is the first-ever raid of a chinchilla farm in North America. **-A.L.F.**
4/9/97-Indianapolis, IN; The A.L.F. visited the home of John Marcopolis (owner of Elan Furs). Two very nice vehicles in the driveway, were both completely covered with paint stripper. The house was doused on all sides with red paint to symbolize the blood on his hands. Slogans were also painted on his garage door, including "Justice for your victims, A.L.F." **-A.L.F.**
4/13/97-Washington, DC; Andriana's Furs had "Fur Hurts" and "Killers" painted on windows. **-A.L.F.**
4/13/97-Germantown, MD; McDonald's had "McMurder" and "Killers" spray painted. **-A.L.F.**
4/13/97-Rockville, MD; Obrian's BBQ Pit had van and grill 'redecorated'. **-A.L.F.**
4/19/97-Virginia, MD; The soon-to-open Golden Corral restaurant had windows smashed, slogans painted and sprayed red paint throughout the restaurant's entire kitchen area. Among the slogans painted was: "Animals are not ours to eat" $65,00 damage. A nearby McDonald's restaurant, also under construction, was vandalized about the same time but with far less damage. **-A.L.F.**
4/19-23/97 Indianapolis, IN; Sometime this week, a meat truck at Archer's Meats had it's cab set on fire and heavily damaged. In a communique sent to above-ground sympathizers, the A.L.F. stated that they were continuing to cause a maximum amount of damage to businesses that kill animals for profit. **-A.L.F.**
5/2/97-NYC, NY; McDonald's on 28th St & 6th Ave has "Meat Is Murder" and "ALF" etched into 3 windows. Banana Express (a meat market) has "ALF" etched into the window. **-A.L.F.**
5/10/97-San Diego, CA; Kentucky Fried Chicken - windows were broken, locks were glued and "ALF - Meat is Murder" was spray painted. **-A.L.F.**
5/11/97-Parsons Fur Farm in Marylandwas raided and 500 mink were released. **-A.L.F.**

ROBINSON SCOTT TIMBER SALE SPIKED BY ANIMAL LIBERATIONISTS

On March 14 the Robinson Scott Clearcut area near the McKenzie was chosen as the site of the first in a series of solidarity actions between The Animal Liberation Front and the Earth Liberation Front.

47 trees were spiked either with quartz rock spikes or metal rails. In addition, an incendiary device was placed in a forest service vehicle, however it failed to ignite and was removed by activists for fear of harming any operator of the vehicle.

The action was to protest and stop the clearcutting of habitat that is important for owls, voles and woodpeckers, as well as many other species including humans. The clearcut area is near the McKenzie river and siltation caused by logging would harm drinking water and kill fish.

The Spiking was done by a cell of the Animal Liberation Front known as the Eco-Animal Defense Unit, and will be followed by actions from the Earth Liberation Front. Solidarity between these two movements is the worst nightmare of those who would abuse the earth and it's citizens.

Two of the trees spiked with rock are flagged with red paint. All spiking was done at high levels in an effort to avoid any harm to humans. Leave the forest alone and no one gets hurt.

For the animals, and for the earth,
A.L.F. Eco-Animal Defense Unit.

A.L.F. COMMUNIQUE

In the wee hour morning of Thursday, March 6, 1997, members of the Animal Liberation Front closed in on their target. Douglas Burgers located in Lake Elsinore, California was nearly finished with construction of their 23rd restaurant.

Despite an extremely heavy police presence in the area with regular patrols around the construction sight, the freedom fighters were able to gain access to the grounds. After snipping through the construction company's security fence, operatives gained access to the building and quickly searched both levels for any human and non-human animals who may have been sleeping inside the building. When the building was found completely vacant, operatives quickly set to work assembling two incendiary devices and splashing the building with kerosene.

Then, after hiding inside the building for about another twenty minutes until patrol cars left the area, the incendiary devices were lit and the ALF'ers made their quick but stealthy exit. Unfortunately, the devices never ignited. (Operatives who placed them believe that the base of the incense sticks used were too moist from the kerosene to ignite - only the sponges should be covered in fuel!) Though this building still stands, this action demonstrated to all animal killers that no amount of security will make them immune to the A.L.F.

MORE TO COME!

Support All Jailed Eco-Warriors

By Rabbix

In Britain, people have been campaigning against bloodsports for centuries. In 1516, Thomas Moore, writing in his book *Utopia*, described hunting as "the lowest, the vilest and most abject part of butchery." By the beginning of the Victorian period, animal protection groups were starting to emerge, groups like the Society for Preventing Wanton Cruelty to Brute Animals, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (later to be known as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) and the Animals' Friend Society, among others. These new groups promoted kindness to animals.

By the start of the twentieth century, specific anti-bloodsports groups with names such as the League for the Prohibition of Cruel Sports, the National Society for the Abolition of Cruel Sports and the League against Cruel Sports, had been formed. Yet, despite all these groups actively campaigning against bloodsports, they remained legal. Even now, in the 1990's, with the overwhelming majority of British people opposed to hunting with hounds, hunting remains legal.

Recognizing that Parliamentary campaigning would not achieve the abolition of bloodsports, John Prestidge founded the Hunt Saboteurs Association (HSA) in 1963. The HSA was the first group specifically dedicated to using non-violent direct action means to save the lives of hunted animals - methods that have been proven to work and continue to work to this day.

Since the formation of the HSA, Britain and countries across the world have seen the creation of a number of animal and earth liberation direct action "groups" whose tactics range from disruption and civil disobedience, as with the HSA and Earth First!, right the way through to animal rescues and criminal damage actions, such as those carried out by the Animal Liberation Front and the Earth Liberation Front.

Because of the success of these types of groups, many people have been drawn to direct action. For example, in 1980, Earth First! was born in America. Today, there are Earth First! activists across the world with official contacts not only in America, but also in Australia, Canada, Ireland, England, Finland, France, Germany, India, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine.

Anyone who engages in direct action, even if it's just a simple picket, runs the risk of arrest and imprisonment. In Scotland, an Earth First! activist was remanded to prison for a month for shouting "Shame" as they felled some trees. (Shouting "shame" is illegal in Britain as its intended to insult.) In America, three animal liberation activists were jailed for three months for picketing a fur store. I, myself, am currently on police bail charged with Conspiracy to Incite Criminal Damage because I write about animal/earth liberation direct action. I face a possible ten year sentence for WRITING about direct action!

Being arrested is a frightening and isolating experience. Suddenly, you're not in control of your life, you imagine the worst and this is when you need support the most. After my first arrest, in just four days, I lost over a stone in weight due to stress.

As members of the animal and earth liberation movement, it is vital we support those people who have been jailed for acting on their beliefs. Whether we agree with their action or not does not matter. What does matter is that we recognize that their motive was to abolish animal suffering and/or prevent the destruction of the planet.

The jailed Eco-Warrior has acted where others have only talked. They deserve all the support we can give them. As a movement we cannot expect people to carry out direct action if we then, don't support the activist if caught.

To support a jailed Eco-Warrior, there are a number of things you can do. First, and most simply, write a letter of support to the activist. Write a little bit about yourself. Tell the activist any news you think might be of interest. HOWEVER, REMEMBER ALL LETTERS TO PRISONERS ARE READ BY THE AUTHORITIES. DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO A PRISONER YOU WOULDN'T SAY TO A COPPER'S FACE.

When you first write a letter to a prisoner, one of the initial problems is knowing what to say. With my first ever letter of support to a prisoner, I was terrified I would bore the prisoner. YOUR LETTER WON'T BORE THE PRISONER. Prisoners love getting letters and appreciate the fact you wrote. Even if the prisoner doesn't reply to your letter, it is *NOT* because they didn't appreciate the letter. It's because they might be restricted with the number of letters they can send out and

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obviously want to keep their letter writing quota for writing to family and old friends. It is a great buzz for anyone to know they've got support. But, remember the prisoners aren't cartoon superheroes. They are ordinary people who just happened to have acted on their beliefs. So, write to prisoners and befriend them.

Another way you can help is by circulating prisoner lists yourself. Tell your friends about anyone who has been recently jailed and encourage them to write letters of support. If you publish your own newsletter, include a reminder about the prisoners and, either list all the prisoners' names and addresses or, give a contact address (such as the North American Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group) where people can find out details themselves.

The third way to help is to assist in tracking down new prisoners and to let the appropriate people know about a person's arrest so others can be informed. Back in October 1995, animal liberation activists set fire to a barn in Devon, England to protest live animal exports. On November 11, 1995, Devon police arrested Darren Cole, charging him with the arson. On December 11, 1995, Darren was remanded into custody. At the time of his remanding, Darren did not know about the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group (ALFSG). Nor did the ALFSG know about him. Darren could have easily spent his entire time in prison without receiving any support. If it hadn't been for the dedication of one A.L.F. supporter, he very well could have.

On December 11, 1995, the Devon local TV news announced that Darren had been remanded for the arson. Listening to the news was "Jevon." As soon as "Jevon" heard the news, he did everything he could to find out where Darren had been remanded. He even visited the courts that had remanded Darren to find out where he had been sent. Then, as soon as he knew where Darren was, he wrote a letter to both Darren and the ALFSG telling them about each other. Thanks to "Jevon," less than one week after Darren had been remanded, his name and address were circulated by both the ALFSG and Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network (ELP). People WERE informed of Darren's imprisonment. People DID write to Darren. People DID visit Darren and, basically, he DID get the support he deserved.

If YOU hear of a person who was arrested, it's vital that YOU do everything YOU can to make sure the prisoner gets the support deserved. Even if the prisoner does know about the ALFSG and/or ELP, the prisoner will really appreciate what you have done on his or her behalf. And, as for the various prisoner support networks, they would much rather be told about the same prisoner twenty times than not at all.

Supporting prisoners is a vital activity for people involved with animal/earth liberation. If there wasn't any support, it would not stop the actions from going ahead but, if there is support, it makes prison life a lot easier for those unlucky enough to be caught.

SUPPORT ALL JAILED ECO-WARRIORS. DO IT NOW!



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SUPPORT ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

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 A.L.F., 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 - RELEASED!

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 Rd, Birmingham, England B18 4AS
Currently appealing against a 10 year sentence for conspiracy to cause arson. Appeal due to be heard very soon.

Kevin Chapman
HMP Lewes, Brighton Rd, Lewes, East Sussex, England BN7 1EA
Serving 4 years for conspiracy to cause criminal damage to do with the successful Shoreham live exports campaign.

Darren Cole XD2301
HMP Shepton Mallet, Cornhill, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, England BA4 5LU
Serving 3 years for arson on farm buildings used in the live export trade.

Tony Daly
HMP Lewes, Brighton Rd, Lewes, East Sussex, England BN7 1EA
Serving 4 years for conspiracy to cause criminal damage to do with the successful Shoreham live exports campaign.

Kenny Gloster HG3042
HMP Bedford, St. Loyes Street, Bedfordshire, England MK40 1HG
On remand for alleged criminal damage to a Cambridge butchers shop.

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.

Barry Horne VC2141
HMP Bristol, Cambridge Rd, Horfield, Bristol, England BS7 8PS
On remand, awaiting trial, on charges of attempting to cause damage by arson. Has just had additional charges relating to the Isle of Wight arson attack against Boots which caused millions of pounds damage.

Keith Mann EE3588
HMP Long Lartin, South Littleton, Evesham, Worcs, England WR11 5TZ
Sentenced to 11 years for criminal damage to meat vehicles, attempted incitement, possession of explosive materials, attempted arson and escaping from custody.

Dave Palmer - Out on bail with very strict conditions. Awaiting trial for allegedly planting incendiary devices at a lairage, used in 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 GE3743
HMP Lewes, Brighton Rd, Lewes, East Sussex, England BN7 1EA
Serving 6 years for conspiracy to cause criminal damage to do with the successful Shoreham live exports campaign.

Geoff Sheppard MD1030
HMP Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight, England PO30 5NX
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.

Joe Taylor TN2303
HMP Lewes, Brighton Rd, Lewes, East Sussex, England BN7 1EA
Serving 4 years for conspiracy to cause criminal damage to do with the successful Shoreham live exports campaign.

Barbara Trenholm RL1292
HMP Durham, Old Elvet, Co. Durham, England DH1 3HU
Sentenced to 10 years for arson against the White Hart pub which the prosecution claims was in connection with the campaign against live exports. She maintains her innocence.

Justin Wright CE3046
HM YOI Easton, Portland, Dorset, England DT5 1DL
Sentenced to 5 years for arson with recklessness.

Holland

Erik van der Laan - RELEASED!

Frank Kocera - Reg. No 1648820
Penitentiaire Inrichtingen (Over Amstel) Postbus 41901, 1009 CE Amsterdam.
Frank was sentenced to 3 years, with 8 months probation, for various arson attacks against the meat industry as well as painting anti-meat slogans on a butchers training centre. He is due out in November.

RCMP Monitor & Raid Home
Computers, Files, and More Confiscated

Government harassment is still alive and well in Canada these days. Activists in British Columbia report covert and overt surveillance including having their homes and vehicles bugged, being followed regularly by plainclothed cops and, most recently, having their homes raided by the feds. Darren Thurston and David Barbarash, both convicted of and having served prison time for A.L.F. - related "crimes" 5 years ago have been the focus of much of this attention as of late.

Of course, given their history, these courageous warriors are an easy target for stupid cops who apparently have no other leads in their attempt to solve these "crimes".

BY DARREN THURSTON
(WITH ADDITIONAL INPUT FROM DAVID BARBARASH AND DARREN'S PARTNER, GINA LYNN)

VANCOUVER, B.C. -One day, while cleaning Gina's truck, I noticed a black metal box shoved way under the dashboard on the passenger side. Thinking that it was more than a little strange, I pulled it out partially and took a closer look. It looked strange - it had stickers with serial numbers and connectors with several wires coming out of it. It was an audio transmitter, a bug. Although I didn't know who had placed it there, I could take several guesses at who might want to. Assuming that if there was a bug in the truck, there sure had to be one in the house as well, that night I looked around our home doing a fairly intense search of everything.

EXTERMINATING BUGS

At 3 a.m. I found it, hidden in our furnace room (which is located right off of our living room). I noticed some strange looking small gray wires that were shoved way up beside a pipe, in a hole of the ceiling along with some insulation. I pulled them out further to take a look. And, hmm... it looked pretty strange, the first thing I saw was a BC-Telephone pager that had a wire running through it to a circuit board - definitely not your normal home electrical wiring.

We contacted several lawyers to find out what the legalities of removing electronic surveillance equipment were. We did not know whom had placed the device, be it private investigators hired by the fur (or other) corporate industry slimeballs, law enforcement or national intelligence. Legal or illegal? Both transmitters were removed, taken apart to be inspected and photographed. Again, several lawyers' opinions were solicited on the next course of action to be taken. After reviewing the options, it was decided to do nothing and keep the devices secured in a locked filing cabinet.

(In hindsight, the above course of action - to remove listening devices - could quite likely mean the next course of action for the cops will be house raids. Activists take note!)

FISHING EXPEDITIONS

Three days later, having been burned for their surveillance bugs, the National Security Investigations Section (NSIS) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) carried out several raids in western Canada. Thursday morning, March 20, the RCMP served search warrants at 5 locations: Mine and Gina's house, David's house, David's storage locker, David's partner's house and my mother's house. Four of the searches were carried out simultaneously in Vancouver and North Vancouver, British Columbia while the fifth in Edmonton, Alberta was carried out later that evening. An estimated 30 plainclothes RCMP officers were involved in the searches.

The search warrants indicated that they were investigating 21 counts of intent to cause bodily harm (regarding Justice Department razor blade letters sent to big-game guide outfitters in January of '96) and 4 counts of attempted murder (regarding mail bombs sent to three racist leaders and a cattle genetics company in May, June and July of '95).

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The warrants allowed for the seizure of items allegedly relating to those alleged crimes such as unspecified computers (and all relevant equipment), modems, software (programs and instructions), hardware used to create bomb components such as timers, batteries explosive material, etc., dark items of clothing (including threads and fibers), razor blades, utility knives, envelopes, tape, keys and instruction manuals for operating any computer equipment seized. It also listed the electronic surveillance devices by serial number in the search warrants under the list of items to be seized (which is supposed to be a list only of items connected to alleged criminal activity - *not their lost toys*).

The warrants basically allowed for the seizure of anything and everything they wanted to take, by using language such as "...including, but not limited to...". We don't have Grand Juries in Canada - instead we have giant fishing expeditions in the form of these searches.

One of the most ambiguous areas of the search warrant listed: "any documentation and/or files that belong to, or relate to , Darren Thurston and David Barbarash including, but not limited to, letters and correspondence, telephone bills, diaries, address books and lists, notes, receipts, records of purchase, postage stamps, bomb building manuals and other literature relating to the building of bombs, and other papers including communiqués, files and books relating to the offenses described below including newspaper clippings, scrap book collections, diagrams, drawings, notes and texts."

From our house, they took my laptop computer and external hard drive, my entire 4 drawer file cabinet and all of its contents plus 10 boxes of stuff including miscellaneous files, over 100 computer disks, about 15 video tapes, assorted literature, several books, personal correspondence including letters sent to me in jail, photos, cell phone, bolt cutters, typewriter, photographs of the electronic surveillance devices, my daytimer with all of my identification, all of my keys, phone bills, tax records, money, bank book, etc. etc. etc. Besides some of the above items which belong to Gina, they also took letters to her from Rod Coronado, her hairbrush and a pile of her personal papers.

From David's house, his storage locker and his partner's house, they took all of his tapes and CDs, eight boxes of his research and archival files, years of personal correspondence, various clothes, money and tons more (many boxes of) irrelevant stuff (such as elementary school report cards, a box of plastic animals and dinosaurs, and his niece's drawings, among other stuff).

IN THE COURTS

Through our lawyer, we were represented at a hearing May 6, where the RCMP requested to have the information on which the search warrants were obtained sealed from us. Usually these requests are done automatically without anyone present but the cops and the judge. The RCMP, through the Justice Dept., filed a sixteen page affidavit to support their sealing request, but they did promise to release the search warrant information to us, unedited, on June 01. To obtain the sixteen page affidavit

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Warning Signs of Covert Eavesdropping or Bugging

- Others know your confidential business or professional trade secrets
- You have noticed strange sounds or volume changes on your phone lines
- You have noticed static, popping, or scratching on your phone lines
- You can hear sounds coming from your phones handset when it's hung up
- Your phone often rings and nobody is there, or a tone/beep is there
- Your radio or television has suddenly developed strange interference
- Secret meetings and/or bids seem to be less than secret
- People seem to know your activities when they shouldn't
- You have been the victim of a burglary, even if nothing was taken
- Electrical wallplates appear to have been moved slightly or "jarred"
- Dime-sized discoloration has suddenly appeared on the wall paint
- White dry-wall dust/debris is noticed on the floor next to the wall
- Nails and screws previously covered with paint are scraped off or loose
- You notice that the "Phone Company Trucks/People" are spending a lot of time near your home or office doing repair work.
- Telephone, Cable, Plumbing, Air Conditioning repair people show up to do work when no one called them.
- Your door locks suddenly don't "feel right" or are broken
- Furniture has been moved slightly, and no one knows why
- Service or delivery trucks are often parked nearby with nobody in them
- Things "seem" to have been rummaged through
- Indoor pets are mysteriously let outside



Anatomy of The Spooks' Tools

The black metal box was shoved up under the dash on the passenger side of Gina's Toyota pick-up. It's size was roughly that of a box encasing a cell phone (7 5/16" long by 2 1/2" wide and 1" deep). In fact, the device was basically a modified cell phone with the box containing three outputs - antenna and power on one side and microphone on the other.

The power was connected by a direct line to the truck's battery via the fuse box (a job during which the cops had disconnected the horn and some dashboard lights while the truck was being detained late last year under false pretenses, but that's another story...) and the antenna was connected to the then unused car stereo antenna (which was found to be mysteriously raised). The microphone was threaded under the dash from the transmitter and up under the corner paneling (the one between the windshield and the side window) coming to rest across and to the right of where the passenger's mouth would be.

On the box and cell phone were serial numbers and a phone number. Speculation is that the number could be called and reception would be obtained (after entering a touch tone code), at any time, even when the ignition was off. The use of a modified cell phone leads to further speculation about the possibilities of the bug being doubly used as a tracking device, since cell phones can leave traces of which area they are being used in.

Later the next bug was found in the home of Darren and Gina. Shoved up into the roof of their basement suite, behind a piece of ceiling drywall cut out and screwed back in place, was a massive battery pack consisting of twenty-four D cells wrapped in electrical and duct tape. Connected to it was a circuit board 1 1/4" by 2 1/4" wrapped in soft plastic and connected to that was a pager (for turning it on and off remotely). Also connected by a wire to the circuit board was a flat black plastic covered box 2 1/8" by 1 1/4" wide.

On one end, attached to a gold connector, was a long black flexible antenna measuring 5 1/4" long. Also coming out of the box were the microphones - two grey wires that each ended in tiny (1/2" long by 1/8" wide and 1/16" thick) clear plastic pieces, one labeled 'R' and the other 'L'. The microphones were hidden above the drywall and stuck to a pipe which came out of the furnace room and into the living room running a few inches below the ceiling. The metal pipe would make a good conductor of sound. There were serial numbers and a pager number on this device as well.

Animal Rights Commentary

Don't Lie to Feds

By Ronald Davidson

Dear Friends:

I recently came across *No Compromise*, October 1996 issue and was greatly impressed with the quality of your publication.

However, I would like to offer one correction: on pg. 18 in your article " Security: Protecting Ourselves From Government Harassment" you advise your readers to tell law enforcement officials "I don't know anything about that, and even if I did, I wouldn't tell you."

While your intentions may have been good, your advice is very dangerous. Title 18 U.S. Code 1001 makes it a felony to give false statements to any federal law enforcement agent. The penalty is a fine of not more than $10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both.

If it can be proved to a jury or court at a later date within the statute of limitation for federal crimes (five years for most crimes) that in fact the party did "know something" the party can be prosecuted and convicted. Moreover, the phrase "and even if I did I wouldn't tell you," could be considered a sign of guilt by a jury (or court if a non-jury bench trial).

The best advice is only two short statements: 1) "I don't wish to speak with you" and/or 2) "Speak to my attorney." That's it - nothing more.

On another point, I suggest that you inform your readers that they should use the Federal Freedom of Information Act and analogous state laws, eg. Public Records Act (California), Freedom of Information Law - (N.Y.S.), etc. to obtain identities of law enforcement officers who assault citizens in any shape, form or manner.

Ronald Davidson is a jailed animal activist interested in art, music, sports, and reading who would appreciate letters form kindred spirits. He can be written at: Ronald Davidson, #76-A-116, Auburn Correctional Facility, Box 618, Aubern, NY 13024-9000.

NC RESPONDS: When we suggested people make the statement, we did so with the *assumption* that it is true. But you're right, it is important activists realize it is a felony to lie to the Feds, as this is just another reason to keep your mouth shut. Otherwise honest mistakes could be deemed as lies and charges could be brought against you.

Mini Security Conferences

by Justin Taylor

Dear *No Compromise*,

I appreciate your article in issue #6 regarding security. I think with all the new activists who are getting involved in animal rights, it is important to keep bringing up this issue. I know security is touched upon at all of the major AR conferences, but most of the people who are in "need" of security training are not the ones willing to travel to another state for the conferences. That is why I feel that it is the job of each of the local grassroots AR groups to hold their own mini-conference so that we can reach everyone--not just the ones willing to travel across the country.

Security is probably the most important thing to teach if we plan on keeping this movement strong. We need to keep educating everyone on how to remain secure and let them know that by bragging about a direct action, they will not receive praise but instead be scorned. The only way to reach everyone is to hold a local conference in each of our cities touching upon the basics: CD's, security, grand juries, and the *No Compromise* ideals.

This is the section of the magazine where you get to have your say. We try to print everything we receive provided it is to do with Animal Liberation, and is not intended to further some other aim - political or otherwise. The articles here do not necessarily represent the views of No Compromise. Submissions should be sent (on Mac disks if possible) to the No Compromise PO Box, or via e-mail to: NoComp@waste.org

Letter from Darren Cole

by Darren Cole

Firstly, a BIG thank you for sending me a copy of *No Compromise*. It's excellent reading. Strangely enough, it's now the only AR magazine the prison is still allowing me to have. Every other AR magazine has been confiscated, but I'm working to let the prison allow me to have them back and they're thinking about it. Anyway, my time in prison is really going well and extremely fast. I should be released by October 21, 1997! The Governor at Exeter Prison added 21 days on to my sentence for my indoor brewery--Ha! Ha! I was completely legless and laughing my head off. I share a cell with a guy named Alber. We get on extremely well and we have a really good laugh at the prison's expense, i.e., taking the mickey out of officers and governors and generally not letting prison affect us at all.

I go to sleep around 3:00 a.m. as I'm busy writing letters and telling jokes. I'm very touched by the amount of support I've gotten for my action. All I can say is a massive thank you to everybody--keep it coming! All I can say to the police and the prison system is they will never ever stop me from doing what has to be done, and that is to liberate our friends, the animals. My dad asked me in a letter I got this week if I am going to stop doing AR actions as he doesn't want to see me in prison again. Of course I replied there's still loads to do so I can't stop. All my dad said is "God help us!"--Ha! Ha! My stepmom sees me as a maverick within the AR movement--Ha! Ha! I'm just one of those people who doesn't care about an unjust system and I'm proud to be a part of the A.L.F. and I always will be.

Anyway, how are you guys? I really do hope everything is going well for you all. By the looks of *No Compromise*, it looks as if we are getting there slowly but surely--keep it up.

Well, this is only a short note to say hello.

Please take care and God bless you all!

Lots of love, respect, and peace,
Darren

P.S. Has anyone got any spare photos of the U.S.A. I could have? If not, no worries.

Darren Cole's address can be found on page 23.

Don't Believe Oppressors' Lies

by Gary Yourofsky

The following is a response editorial by Chatham 3 (see page 18 for story) defendant, Gary Yourofsky, that he wrote to counter an editorial written in the *Oakland University Post* about the mink raid in Chatham, Ontario.

It's a shame that the media and a majority of society fell into the typical scam perpetuated by police and dishonorable individuals. Most choose to believe the words of the police (whose job is to make themselves look impeccable while making the accused look corrupt) and the statements made by mink killers, who barbarically kill animals for a living. The latter was most disturbing because the mink killers were only trying to intercept the public's sympathy from animal freedom fighters.

According to the furriers, 400 mink allegedly died on Easter Sunday from car accidents and pneumonia after being released from their pathetic 12" x 18" wire cages. However, if 400 mink died that night, then Ted Nugent is a member of PETA and Richard Jewell bombed Centennial Park. For the record, Nugent shoots animals for fun and Jewell was exonerated from any association with the Olympic bombing after originally being found guilty by careless journalists who write whatever they're told.

Why does manipulative hype prevail over common sense and investigative inquiries? During my ten days of incarceration in Chatham, Ontario, four were spent in front of Justice of the Peace Elaine Babcock for a bail hearing. Then, on my request, my lawyer asked the owners of Ebert's Animal Concentration Camp to provide proof of the purported 400 dead mink. They were asked to do so by either bringing in photos, dead bodies, or testifying under oath. Then, surprisingly, the death toll quickly descended from 400 to 300 to 200 to 100 to 20. And, even though 20 deaths are unfortunate, 20 squirrels, raccoons, and opossums collectively die in a certain location on any given night from unnatural causes.

It's thoroughly amusing that the media and a majority of society get so angry when enslaved, tortured animals are liberated. Yet, they don't get upset when enslaved, tortured animals spend their pathetic lives [breathing in fumes from] their own excrement, gassed, or anally electrocuted.

Let me clarify a few issues. Mink are wild animals. And no amount of genetic altering or breeding can take away their instinctive, survival genes. Plus, mink do not get pneumonia running freely through a field. Actually, owners of mink farms get pneumonia seeing their profits running freely through a field. According to the Chatham court, these are the official numbers on the mink: 1,500 released; 1,000 captured; 480 escaped; and 20 dead from cars (most likely those of the farm workers who were trying to recapture the liberated mink). Also, of the 1,000 recaptured mink, the best news is that 70 to 80 percent were pregnant and were expected to abort or miscarry their fetuses.

The animals rights community does not want animals bred into enslavement for profit. A miscarriage is 10,000 times more dignified and humane than a lifetime of imprisonment, horror, and eventual murder.

If pseudo-journalists would use their heads instead of trying to fit into the sleazy world of media-hype, they could have actually produced a brilliant story on animal rights humanitarians and the current paradoxes in our society. For instance, why is it a crime punishable by up to two years in prison for freeing tortured and enslaved animals, but it's not a crime to torture, enslave, and brutally murder animals? Moreover, why do property rights supersede the right to life and freedom?

Furthermore, it's disgraceful that true animal rights humanitarians, who fight all forms of injustice and inequity, were described as terrorists. The FBI and ATF have always stated that no human injury has ever occurred from the animal liberation movement. And that's because it's an unwritten rule that if someone chooses to free animals, physical harm to humans is absolutely prohibited.

In conclusion, taking statements without questioning the source is contemptible. Why

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Meet David Agranoff. In February '96, he was arrested while protesting at a fur store in Syracuse, NY. He was picked from the crowd of protesters by an irate officer who had a personal vendetta against him. Dave initially spent three days in jail for doing nothing more than standing on a public sidewalk. He was sentenced to 6 months in a state prison for committing no crime. Dave has been released pending appeal, but if he does not win his appeal (in March '97), he must serve this incredibly severe sentence. On January 2nd, 1997, 60 protesters were given a police escort to this same furrier, but when they arrived, the police illegally arrested 8 activists - violently assaulting and beating protesters. The arrestees spent 5 days in jail, on a hunger/thirst strike and refused 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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would responsible journalists heed the words of the police, who are experts at manipulation, and abject furriers who collectively murder 40 million animals a year for money?

People who put their lives on the line for a cause should be commended not condemned. Martin Luther King, Jr. once stated, "There are some things so dear--some things so precious--some things so eternally true--that they are worth dying for. And if a man has not discovered something that he will die for--he isn't fit to live."

I wholeheartedly concur.

Saving Animals Takes a Holistic Approach

By Heather Burt

When we free the animals, where will they go if we do not save the environment at the same time? Will they survive once they are released if the land and water are polluted to the extent that people in the area are experiencing physical deformities and have low sperm counts? How about the animals who presently run free? Do they have tumors due to the chemical war being waged against the environment? Can they survive as roads are cleared for timber companies, opening greater access for hunters, snowmobilers and other terrorists to nature and animals? It is important that we, as defenders of non-human animals, consider these questions as we make choices in our lives everyday.

One of the greatest threats to all species is the timber industry. In the last 20 years, 296 million acres have been destroyed at their discretion around the world. And, often as a direct result, 27,000 species of life have gone extinct each year (Hawken, *The Ecology of Commerce*). The timber industry uses powerful machinery to tear up trees, leaving little cover for the native animals and taking no heed of their presence as they destroy.

Once the land has been cleared, leaving a landscape of mud, twisted stumps, and a few mangled trees, the industry often sets to work at replanting the area with the tree species of their choice. Not only do they plant seedlings of one kind, all in rows, but they spray herbicides on the seedlings to ensure their survival and the chemical destruction of "unwanted" plants. These poisons are not only detrimental to the recreation of a natural habitat, but they are deadly for the animals trying to survive in what little is left.

As a final blow, timber companies often spray pesticides as well. Not only does this kill a targeted population of insects, but it also poisons other residents of that habitat, as well as predators to the insects and animals downstream from the spraying.

The killing does not stop in the forest either. The "traditional" process for making paper is also a deadly one for animals. In order to break down the lignin, the tree's natural glue which holds fibers together and produces the soft, white paper consumers have come to expect, paper mills use chlorine, "a compound that is extremely volatile and easily combines with hydrocarbons to produce organochlorides, a toxic family of substances such as DDT and chlordane"(Robinson, *The Great Book of Hemp*, 26).

This hazardous waste spills out of the mills and into the surrounding habitat where it is ingested by animals and builds-up in concentration as one moves up the food chain. The result has been incredible damage to immune and hormonal systems in humans and, therefore, most definitely in the animals whose lives are in the most direct contact. "Dioxin, the chemical present in Agent Orange, is a by-product formed when pulp is treated with chlorine bleach"(Robinson, *The Great Book of Hemp*, 26).

Dioxin is also a phyto-estrogen which means that it imitates the estrogen naturally found in animals. Its presence in the environment is speculated to have led to increasing numbers of females in reptile populations. This, as one can imagine, is not healthy and could possibly mean the end to some species.

What are the alternatives? Well, there are several - many of which date back thousands of years. It was not until the early 1800s that trees were used to produce paper. Before that time, and in many countries since that time as well, fibers were derived from plants. In this country, hemp and cotton were two favorites and are presently available along with many other tree-free paper alternatives. It is essential that all of us look to these alternatives as we work to help other species. There are several choices and I will touch on just a few.

Industrial hemp, an incredibly versatile plant, is making a comeback in industry worldwide. Unlike the United States, many countries have legalized the growing of industrial hemp, a sub-species related to marijuana but not hallucinogenic. There have been many important discoveries of uses for hemp, one of which is paper.

The benefits of hemp, which as an alternative to timber fibers are also benefits for animals, are many. For one thing, hemp is an annual plant. This means that it will grow in one year rather than taking the 40 plus years that trees need to reach the size required by the timber industry. Hemp is also very sturdy and can grow almost anywhere in this country, as well as much of Canada. It does not require fertilizers or pesticides and leaves the soil enriched, rather than depleted of, nutrients. Hemp is the strongest existing natural fiber and makes very nice paper and other products.

Another alternative is 100 percent post-consumer waste paper. This is paper derived from fibers in things recycled by the public. Using post-consumer waste paper keeps reusable items out of landfills, which are rapidly taking up habitat, and reduces the need for virgin wood fibers confiscated from the Earth by timber companies. The difference between post-consumer waste and other recycled paper is that most non-post-consumer waste paper comes from other industries and is often unnecessary waste in the first place. In this way, companies end up making a profit on the waste they produce. Using unbleached, post-consumer waste paper has a greater positive impact for the environment and animals than does depending on industries' waste, "recycled" paper.

There are many other alternative paper fibers, including kenaf, agricultural wastes (e.g., straw), cotton (use only organic cotton because large quantities of pesticides are applied otherwise), flax and bamboo. Some are better than others, but all are important alternatives to the timber industry's destruction of the Earth.

Although choosing these fibers may seem more expensive, mostly due to the fact that the timber industry is heavily subsidized by our tax dollars, it is important to keep in mind the costs of not choosing alternatives. The animals we save need a safe and clean place to live. Like being vegan, making the choice to use these alternatives can become a daily habit that truly makes a difference for animals. At the very least, use recycled paper with a high percentage of post-consumer waste and that is not chlorine bleached.

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Cops Lie

By Bryan W. Pease

If you have nothing to hide and have no information about underground animal liberation activities, what is the danger in talking to an investigator? One important thing to remember is that anytime you agree to talk to one of these agents of repression, what you actually say and what they say you said can be completely different things. Your statements can be misconstrued, distorted, exaggerated or downright fabricated. If you refuse to talk at all, the chances of this happening are less. The best scenario is to have a lawyer (Larry Weiss!) to act as a go-between, because if investigators ever allege that you said something, it is better if you can say that their allegations are impossible because you do all of your dealings through your lawyer.

My father is a federal prosecutor and as far as he is concerned, he would like to see all A.L.F. activists behind bars. Yet when he heard about the Utah firebombing, he specifically told me not to talk to any investigators at all under any circumstances. Obviously he is not interested in protecting those who did the act, but he is concerned about my safety. His concern was not in what I might say, but in what they might say that I said if they did get a chance to talk to me.

So even if you think that you have nothing to hide, know nothing, and can be of no help to any criminal investigation, it is still imperative that you refuse to comment to any investigators except in directing them to your lawyer. Anything and everything you say (and don't say) can and will be used against you and your friends and others in the movement.

History proves that, in the end, it is not the underground activist who is hurt by such babbling anyway. We are the ones who are hurt--the ones who are visible and the ones who are publicly and openly trying to make change happen. The underground activists cover their footsteps and tell no one, and since law enforcement knows this, it is the aboveground, legal activists who will be punished, because it is with us that the true power of the A.L.F. lies. We are the ones who are vocal and can explain why these actions are necessary. Without an educational component, direct action can only go so far. And vice versa.

Think Before You Act!

By Bruce Friedrich

As always, the latest issue is a blast of fresh air, into the usual mainstream drivel. Thanks. As always, I have a few comments which I offer in the spirit of love and dialogue.

I am writing this on a jailhouse typewriter, so please forgive me if my thoughts are a bit disjointed. I am spoiled by technology.

Jerry Vlasak's piece on using the court system to our advantage is superb. I am especially pleased by his tone: Jail is not the end of the world. In fact, I might add, all of us who engage in illegal activity on occasion should expect jail, prepare for jail, and not feel sorry for ourselves when, in fact, we find ourselves there.

With that thought comes, I believe, some serious responsibility on the part of activists who engage in civil disobedience and direct action: Prepare yourself. Don't do actions until you truly understand the repercussions. If you can, attend some trials (esp. civil disobedience trials, but any will do). Acquaint yourself with the basic injustices of our injustice system. Do some c.d. before you do direct action, to assure yourself that you truly understand what a longer sentence might feel like.

Seriously consider your stance on getting caught. Dr. Vlasak suggests that one should "never hire or use an attorney." Figure out if you agree. Make certain that all in your cell agree on this point.

It seems to me that there should be no "rules" for how animal rights people do jail, conduct their trials, etc. Internecine battles aren't helpful, and have already wounded our movement. We shouldn't also, create gurus whose words and views we hold sacred. All of us have complete and direct responsibility to know why we're acting, and to act with conviction and without impulsiveness which we might later regret. We should, within our cells, make decisions which all within the cell can agree to, and some of us may have to agree to something which we might not like (e.g. having or not having legal representation. It looks silly to have some in a group pro se and some with attorneys. e.g. bail solidarity. Again, if one person plans to stay in, all should stay in, unless the reasons are simply too overwhelming, in which case all should consider bailing our).

Once you're in prison, take a lesson form Gandhi and King and so many others: Don't put up barriers between yourself and your sisters and brothers who are also in prison. No human being is a "criminal," *not you and not them. It can be easily* argued that ALL prisoners are political prisoners, and it strikes me as obvious that the vast majority are in because of economic circumstances. I feel strongly that people who think they're better than others in prison/jail (or anywhere else) need a reality check. From a more pragmatic standpoint, opportunity to recruit vegans and animal rights converts continues in jail, and people have a lot more free time to listen to us, read our materials, etc. And if you're on the news, you are a celebrity, making your words even more valuable to guards and inmates alike.

Jail isn't a picnic, but it's also not a vivisector's lab, leghold trap, slaughterhouse, etc. Try, if you find yourself in government accommodations, to stay strong and focused on the fact that you are still in a much better place than billions of animals (and billions of human beings, too, actually).

With regard to hunger striking: Please, again, BE PREPARED. Make certain that you have fasted for 3-10 days a few times before; read about fasting and hunger striking; become articulate about WHY you're not eating, so that you have the greatest positive effect for the animals. Know the other people who are striking/fasting with you. Don't encourage others to strike with you unless you're convinced of their readiness to deal with whatever comes up.

I have participated in many fasts, including two 26-day water-only fasts, and I can assure you that it isn't something to enter into lightly. However, if you are spiritually inclined, you may find that your fasting time is the best time of your life, wherever you are. Once again, I can't stress enough that you should read and prepare yourself BEFORE you decide to fast or hunger strike. Know what you are getting into!

I firmly believe that the animal liberation movement is the most important place that anyone can place herself (or himself) right now. And I believe that anyone who is not working for a more just world is neglecting her responsibility. However, I also believe that the struggle should not be entered impulsively. We need to really understand what we believe and why, and we need to know why we are taking the actions we decided to take. Finally, we should try to harness our anger and use it constructively: Holier than thou attitudes are not helpful; exclusionary self-righteousness is not helpful; opinions which claim to have the best or only method of dealing with a given situation may simply intimidate exemplary activists and cause them to be less involved, or (worse) to totally pull out of the movement. Is this what we want?

IN THE TRENCHES

YOUR GUIDE TO GRASSROOTS ANIMAL LIBERATION
ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT MILITANT DIRECT ACTION

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Adams Primate Protection Sanctuary

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UPDATE: We've welcomed our new resident, a 25-year-old male capuchin. Cappy is doing well on a new and improved diet and receiving much needed attention. He joins three other capuchins living at the sanctuary who were rescued from a breeder who slated their deaths because they wouldn't "produce." Soon after arrival, the female gave birth to Lovelock! Mom's now spayed and all live happily together.

Primates do not belong in people's homes. Please help expose breeders, brokers, and buyers of primates for pets by going on-line and putting these people to shame or by going incognito as a "breeder" or "buyer." We need to expose the cruel business of selling primates in the pet trade. For more information, go to "Heather's Wild World of Animals" and enter the primates page.

Since 100 percent of donations received goes to the housing, vet care, and food for the monkeys, we won't have a newsletter; supporters will receive photos and updates on the primates.

RESOURCES: We have a pamphlet on why primates don't make good "pets" and another on the proper care and feeding of different *primates for individuals who already have* them in their care. We also sell customized companion animal food/water dishes, t-shirts (with sanctuary logo), and drawing/paintings of primates. Please contact us for more information.

Animal Commandos

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I welcome the reality that I'm constantly inundated with inquiries like, "Are you sure that almost all Western religions oppress animals?" The answer is YES, I'm sure. For further clarification, I submit with permission a personal letter received from an Evangelical minister who publishes a book and a newsletter on this disgraceful fact:

Animal Defense League - Bloomington

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UPDATE: The Bloomington Animal Defense League has been concentrating much of its efforts on Tony Wong and Stacy Shierholz - the juvenile anti-fur activists arrested for protesting at Federated Department Stores in 1996. Both were released at the end of April - Stacy was released a month and a half early, thanks to the large amount of pressure that the juvenile system acquired after jailing Tony.

The ADL also had a major rally at the Chinchilla Breeders Convention in Ft. Wayne, Indiana at the end of February. Activists took over the hotel and attempted to enter the convention room, at which point the confrontation between protesters and fur farmers heated up. In the end one woman was hit by a cop as other unknown activists turned over tables, broke windows and made a general mess of the convention.

Back in Bloomington, activists protested two different circuses, leafletted at Earth Day, and carried an animal liberation banner in the Earth Day march through town. Also during Earth Week, ADL hosted a vegetarian forum detailing the advantages of being vegan/vegetarian. Attendance at the forum was quite high.

RESOURCES: For a copy of the ADL newsletter - "one.struggle" - and our 1997 catalog of literature/t-shirts, send two stamps to the above address.

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Since the last issue of *NC*, ADL Boca/West Palm has improved! We have had a few protests and are gaining public support. Our best protest so far was one where a banner was handcuffed to Aamartin's Furs. We have been keeping up with ADL tradition in targeting fur and circuses as our main focus. Donations, which include free/cheap leaflets, posters, etc., as well as monetary, are greatly needed and appreciated. In order to raise money, we are starting up a distro and we need things for that as well (i.e., primers, videos, bumper stickers, shirts, ANYTHING). We hope that if you have anything, we can arrange to buy stuff at wholesale prices. We are also arranging for an Animal Liberation Conference hopefully in December. Please contact us if you can help in any way. We are also having a concert during the conference so if any animal rights-oriented bands (preferably vegan) want to play, please let us know. And, as always, if local (Boca, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm area), get involved with us for ANIMAL LIBERATION!

ADL - Buffalo

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The Buffalo ADL held a protest at Fuddrucker's, a restaurant that hangs carcasses in the window, for the Great American Meat-Out. We had ten activists come out to show their disgust with this barbaric practice. On April 19th, we had an anti-fur protest at Pilanker's Furs. Fifteen activists came out to demonstrate. We currently have 30 members and are recruiting many more for protests to come. We plan to protest at a circus, zoo, and aquarium, and hold an overnight candlelight vigil at Pilanker's.

ADL-Fairfield/Hartford

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ADL-CT has continued to hammer two local fur stores in West Hartford: Lloyd's & Robard's and Exclusive Furs by Ramon. The demonstrations have become increasingly confrontational with the demonic furriers growing more afraid of losing their livelihood. Four activists were arrested there on May 3rd when the police conspired with Russell Johnson, the owner of Lloyd's & Robard's to break up the demo. The A.L.F. has upped the ante, hitting both stores repeatedly with broken windows, painted walls, and glued locks. We will win this one for the animals, and it won't take too long.

Ringling Bros. Circus has been protested and thousands of leaflets have been distributed this spring. The New Haven Rodeo was interrupted when ADL activists went inside and hung a huge banner, resulting in a scuffle with animal abusers that shut the place down for awhile. No animal abuser will be safe in Connecticut if ADL continues to grow in size and militancy!

ADL-Indy

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UPDATE: Hello, brothers and sisters. Indy ADL has been restructured and is now functioning better than ever. Now that Tony Wong and Stacy Schierholz are free (Stacy, over a month early, directly due to fear of pressure tactics and a media circus), we are concentrating our efforts again on Lazarus, Day Furs, and Elan Furs. We're also forming committees to focus on topics such as shutting down the fur trade in the metropolitan area, starting a vivisection campaign and wildlife campaigns, doing public outreach, fund-raising, etc.

INDY ADL is going to be doing a lot more political action for prisoners and in support of legislation, such as the bill to ban the steel-jaw leghold trap. We would like to thank all of the awesome, dedicated activists who traveled to Indianapolis in support of Tony and Stacy. Our scene has blown-up since that day. It was a rad jumpstart. We are interested in starting a coalition of Midwestern activists to travel in support of one another.

RESOURCES: We're happy to help interested kids start ADL chapters, organize stuff, send out press releases, and we'll put together packets of leaflets to pass out, probably for cost/postage if not for free. Get in touch, network, and free the animals! Thanks.

ADL - Long Island

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The ADL-LI has just gotten organized and, although we have very few activists dedicated to the cause, we have been quite busy. We have been targeting two fur stores: John Pappa's Furs in Sayville and Mortin's Furs in Oceanside. We've been trying to hit Mortin's Furs extra hard as they just opened in March, and we want to hurt them before they get started. The ADL has also been joining many other NYC groups on Saturday afternoons to protest Zamir Furs--Soho's only fur shop.

We held a protest here when the Ringling Bros. Circus came to town and we would like to extend our gratitude to the Connecticut and Syracuse ADLs for the help they provided at that and many of our other demos.

Besides our Long Island protests, we've had many demos with the Connecticut and Syracuse ADLs on their "home turf" and will continue to do so in the future.

Our turnouts at protests have been relatively low. If you are in the LI area or can get there, please contact us...WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

ADL - Rochester

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The Animal Defense League of Rochester has been very busy since the last update. We began this period of time with a protest at one of the local fur stores. Then, we tried to help out the Syracuse-ADL by attending two of their fur protests and their demo at N.Y. Assemblyman Michael Bragman's house (Bragman is the sponsor of the N.Y. Beaver Butchery Bill A1635). We also targeted the bill's co-sponsor, Assemblyman Joseph Robach, with a protest here in Rochester.

Rochester was unfortunate enough to have both the Shrine Circus and the Ringling Bros. Circus come to town over the past few months. We attended all 16 showings of cruelty. Nothing unusual happened except for the usual harassment by circus employees and circus-goers.

The ADL-Rochester also attended an Earth Day celebration at vivisectionist Ron Wood's workplace, the University of Rochester. We gave out literature about him and his work, and it was amazing how many people were still unaware of his presence there. We're still trying to get the word out about him.

We were also invited to speak at a 12th grade Social Studies class in Bloomfield (where the mink were released from the fur farm). Surprisingly, all went well.

ADL - Syracuse

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Animal Liberation Collective

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The Animal Liberation Collective (ALC) is made up of students and members of the Guelph community interested in addressing issues of animal use and abuse on campus and elsewhere. We are active on a number of important animal issues, hosting workshops, lecture series, and activist gatherings, as well as organizing numerous protests and demonstrations. Members of the ALC have hosted a weekly animal liberation radio show, "Voice of the Voiceless," on CFRU 93.3 FM for over two years.

Animal Liberation League

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UPDATE: While Jacob Kennison -- a Salt Lake City activist who is being targeted by the ATF for harassment -- was in jail, the Civil Liberties Defense Fund (one of ALL's side projects) was busy organizing support for him and trying to get him released. He is now out.

A year ago, some ALL members were arrested at the Mall of America while protesting Macy's. Because of that we are now embroiled in a court battle to allow for free speech and protest in the quasi-public "commons areas" of Minnesota malls. Both local papers have written supportive editorials and we have received extensive and favorable media coverage. We now await the judges decision.

RESOURCES: ALL Publishes *No Compromise*, monitors government harassment of eco-animal activists, acts as a spokesgroup for underground direct action organizations, and has plans of expanding our efforts as resources and volunteers grow. We also sell informative books, videos and other animal rights merchandise. See our Catalogue on page 31 of this issue.

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UPDATE: We mailed out a new list of participating groups and their campaigns to members. If your group isn't included, call us. We have been working on the bill to ban the leghold trap nationwide, and as a result of our mailing, several groups have included an alert about the bill in their newsletters.
RESOURCES: Tell us what you need, we'll try to help. Speakers, experts fur, vivisection, hunting, animals in entertainment, activist defense, civil disobedience, starting or incorporating a group, low cost fur brochures with your group's name on them, help with harassment from school officials or local authorities, we are here to provide you with any or all of these. No membership fees. United, we can free the animals.

Animal Rights Club of B.T.H.S.

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The Animal Rights Club of Brooklyn Technical High School(ARC of B.T.H.S.) is the largest student animal rights club in New York City, founded by Sara Sohn, now the VP of SEAL. ARC of B.T.H.S. is mainly responsible for educating new student animal rights activists of BTHS. Our "seasoned" members then move on to grassroots actions.

We have conducted Meat-Out events and AR-environmental events at our high school. Current projects include stopping the use of mammary-secretion products as standard fund-raisers for B.T.H.S. student groups and departments, continuing our Cruelty-Free Free Condom campaign to replace free animal-tested condoms, using every chance to educate about animal experimentation and human overpopulation, and working on our citywide anti-dissection campaign to abolish dissection in public schools across the city.

At every ARC of B.T.H.S. meeting an AR topic is discussed and usually, a graphic video is shown--we believe a picture is worth a thousand words. Plans have been made to abolish animal testing "walks," such as AIDS, March of Dimes, MS, and others. We are also working to "take over" the Environmental Awareness Club at our school whose president and officers are pro-hunting. We are helping other schools—including some junior high schools!--with caring students set up AR clubs.

Our "seasoned" members work with NYC-based grassroots groups such as SEAL, SAL, AR-NYC, ART, ADL-LI, and Wetlands, along with other groups such as FARM, FoA, PeTA, and Vegan Outreach. We are looking forward to working with the NY chapter of CAFT and the new Vegan Standard Certification Project. We are anticipating the citywide anti-dissection campaign to be conducted with SAL and other student groups in September.

Animal Rights Connection

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Animal Rights Connection (ARC), joined by EarthSave and other local groups, again organized the annual Great American Meat-Out picnic in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Volunteers prepared hundreds of vegan burgers to be served free to people biking, skating, and walking in the park. This usually successful outreach activity was hampered this year by a late season rain, greatly reducing the number of passersby. However, leftover burgers were put to good use, as they were shared with homeless people taking shelter from the rain beneath a bridge in the park.

ARC placed an argument against Proposition C, the Zoo Bonds initiative, in the San Francisco Voter Information Pamphlet for an upcoming election. ARC proposes that instead of expanding the zoo or acquiring any more animals, the captivity of animals should be phased out and the area be converted into a natural sanctuary.

The group held a demonstration, including street theater, on Mother's Day in a popular dining area of San Francisco to promote vegetarianism as an alternative to feasting on the flesh of slaughtered animal mothers and their offspring. ARC continued its monthly educational leafleting of tourists and area residents while picketing a McDonald's Restaurant and the SF Zoo.

Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition

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UPDATE: ARDAC has not been very active of late. Our recent activities have centered around court appearances and working with other groups, including ARDAC-SD and JIHAD. The highlight of the last month, was without doubt our trip to UC-Davis where two of us were arrested (our first arrests since October!!).
RESOURCES: We have direct action info packs, jurors rights flyers, radical anti-fur flyers, and an ARDAC flyer.

ARDAC - San Diego

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The Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition, San Diego (ARDAC SD) is a "radical" grassroots Animal Rights/Liberation collective, the members of which work in conjunction with other animal protection and environmental groups to abolish the torture and oppression of animals through a variety of tactics, which include:
1. Taking direct action against animal abuse through physical intervention and civil disobedience.
2. Coordinating, communicating, and collaborating with other activist groups around the world.
3. Providing support for our fellow activists who have been jailed or otherwise victimized.
4. Informing the public about animal oppression through various activities.

ARDAC SD formed in September 1996, branching off of the LA/Orange County ARDAC. We are a young group in both age and experience, and we welcome anyone who is interested in ending animal suffering.

Last November, as part of Fur Free Friday, three activists were arrested for locking down to the main entrance of the Macy's in Fashion Valley. Another activist, who leafleted and held gruesome pictures of animals used for their fur, was also arrested. The four were released that evening and later had their charges dropped.

Since then, ARDAC has focused on educating its members about civil disobedience and direct action. Recently, we have focused on various actions, including daily protests at Circus Vargas. With an expanding membership base, we hope that protests in the San Diego area will become increasingly effective and much more attention will be brought to the animal rights movement in San Diego.

ARDAC San Francisco

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This spring, ARDAC-SF has turned a lot of attention to vivisection issues. The UC-Davis action (see article) was our recent highlight. As part of World Lab Week, a big rally on the UCB campus was held, including a 75-person march through Berkeley to the doors of the underground research facility. The march continued to the back door of another lab, and we stormed through five floors of offices and classrooms of research assistants and professors involved in vivisection. Marchers left a trail of debris and returned triumphantly to the administration building where groups from all over the state met. At sun-down there was a moment of silence in honor of all animals imprisoned in research labs.

ARDAC-SF has been establishing links with other local organizations. On World Lab Day, ARDAC tabled with ACT-UP San Francisco in solidarity with those infected with HIV, AIDS patients, and their supporters. ACT-UP SF is against AIDS research-related animal testing for ethical and practical reasons (as AIDS animal research is premised on finding a "cure" for AIDS but really only results in drug companies enriching themselves on the misery of others...proof positive that those who oppress animals are more than willing to oppress their fellow humans).

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UPDATE: ARH closed down an illegal cockfight in central O'ahu. Cockfighting is not legal in Hawai'i, but it continues to thrive -- there have even been attempts to legalize the "sport" in our legislature. We were notified by a resident of a nearby house about this new pit; calls to the police and humane society had been ineffective. We set up surveillance equipment in full sight of the entrance to the pit, and the organizers, after unsuccessfully trying to intimidate us, postponed the fights for several hours. We had cell phones so we could call for assistance if the threats became violent; these people were ARMED!

We followed up by calling the police and photographing license plates of many of the cars parked in the area; we reported unlicensed sales of liquor to the Liquor Commission and unlicensed sales of food to the Health Department. Two weeks later, the site was abandoned (probably to set up at another location), but the season ends in June when the birds start to molt, so we consider this a success.
RESOURCES: ARH has a new anti-cockfighting brochure and a video of a cockfighting tutorial (the video was courtesy of good friends in a state where cockfighting is legal). E-mail us for details.

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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.

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Unfortunately, CAFT-Boston's four main organizers were wrongly arrested in November 1996 for a raid on a Massachusetts mink farm. The legal system has greatly hindered the ability of the "Mass 4" to organize demos, and the situation has forced them to focus mainly on fund-raising for their defense. They recently received a trial date of July 9th at the Pittsfield (MA) District Court.

All is not lost, however, as we protested the Ecko Housewares Shareholders Meeting on May 20th. Ecko owns a company which makes traps. Hopefully this will prove that they can arrest our warriors, but they can't stop us!

CAFT - Ohio

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We have been protesting Jacques Ferber Furs every Saturday since FFF, as well as fur shows that come to local hotels. In the near future, we plan on doing more home demos and holding monthly meetings. Philly-CAFT is also interested in working with southern New Jersey groups to protest Flemington Furs and Zinnman Furs. Our numbers are somewhat small, so if you live in the area, please get involved with us!

Committed Liberation Activists of the West (CLAW)

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UPDATE: CLAW is Colorado's newest activism group and its only direct action, hard-core organization. While founded primarily by animal rights activists, CLAW's focus is on all oppressions: human, animal, environment, and their connections. We are planning on announcing our existence to Colorado through a giant weekend of actions focused on Animal Damage Control on August 1-3. Everyone needs to be here to make these actions just like Davis and Atlanta. We will, at the very least, be focusing on various locations in Denver, the front range, and the new ADC animal experimentation facility in Fort Collins.

We support all actions of the A.L.F. and all those working for liberation of animals, humans, and the environment.
RESOURCES: Lots of activist energy in the empty Mountain West.

Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting

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UPDATE: Alec Baldwin came to Clarkstown to help activists battle against Supervisor Holbrook, who is expanding the goose kill this year. Last June, 250 Canada geese were slaughtered and the same will happen to more birds this year despite public outcry. The Executive Director of the Coalition for the Homeless in N.Y. and other politicians spoke out against him in an impromptu, 400-person packed theater. Media blasted the killer in the paper and on the radio the next day. Holbrook's home phone is (914) 268-7436. To block the caller ID, key in *67 prior to placing your call. Also call County Executive Scott Vanderhoef (914-638-5122). Tell him to get off the fence and speak out for the geese. We'll be in touch through all the lists, so stay tuned. Please share any ideas with us. Thanks for all your help and thanks to *No Compromise*!

RESOURCES: The *C.A.S.H. Courier* is our quarterly newsletter. We have "Who Pays the Tab for Wildlife," "The Starvation Myth," and "The Bowbarians" flyers, "Hunting Sucks" and C.A.S.H. logo buttons, and "Clean Up Clarkstown, Dump Holbrook" and "Keep Geese Flying, Not Dying" bumperstickers. We also have a C.A.S.H. hat (orange with logo of hunter in a rifle's cross-hairs in black) and a C.A.S.H. t-shirt with a Bullwinkle-type moose.

Compassion Over Killing

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UPDATE: Compassion Over Killing (COK) celebrated Meat-Out with a demo at a downtown D.C. McDonald's which got great television media coverage throughout the *metropolitan area.*

Later in the month, we organized a protest against Ringling Bros., during which five activists were arrested for locking themselves together and delaying the circus for almost two hours. All charges were subsequently dropped against the activists.

COK also protested at the White House against the Clinton Administration's opposition to the EU wild fur ban. For World Day for Animals in Laboratories, COK, along with IDA, organized a press conference and demo at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to protest the crack-smoking primate experiments of Ron Wood. Five activists were arrested for blocking the main entrance to the building.

And, as always, our fight against Miller's Furs continues with regular demos at both stores in the area. Currently, several COK activists are involved with upcoming trials in response to false allegations by Miller's Furs.

COK, along with the Fund for Animals, is planning a demo at the Dutch Embassy to demand Paul Watson's immediate release. If extradited to Norway, we will, of course, be visiting the Norwegian Embassy.

RESOURCES: COK's free newsletter, *THE ABOLITIONIST*, is available for distribution. We also have t-shirts ($15 post paid) featuring a dog sitting on a dinner plate accompanied by a fork and knife on either side. The caption reads: "Why Not? You Eat Other Animals, Don't You? Go Vegetarian!"

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Frontline Information Service

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This website reports on the A.L.F. It is regularly updated with photos and news items of recent A.L.F. actions. If you haven't checked it out yet, what are you waiting for?

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February 8, 1997 marked Canada's 8th Annual Anti-Fur Day, and HUFAP/TARA (Trent Animal Rights Association) protested outside of Wm. Lech & Sons Furriers every weekday from noon until 5:00 p.m. for a week, held a candlelight vigil and left flowers on the sidewalks outside the fur store doors (getting excellent media attention), and had a larger protest to end the week. This week-long protest was noted by Canadians for Health Research (a pro-vivisection group) in their publication.

Two members dressed as bunnies and handed out information on World Day of Action against Procter & Gamble, and we encouraged all Trent University students to call P&G's toll-free number. We also had a week-long display outside of the University Library, conducted an on-going dialogue in the University newspaper on fur, and celebrated Earth Day by encouraging students to go vegetarian.

We ran the University group this year via e-mail (we set up a distribution list and had on-going dialogue) and found this to be a great success. Try it if you can! People are much less hesitant to be added to an e-mail list than they are in attending regular meetings.

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Justice through Insurrection by Humans for Animal Defense (JIHAD)

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Our first official act was on May 4, 1997. We organized a week-long protest of Circus Vargas in Garden Grove, California. We intend to hit as many other dates in Orange County as possible. JIHAD has weekly meetings and although our numbers are small (11 so far), we will stage at least one protest a week. Right now we are concentrating on a leafleting campaign to increase our forces. Our goal is to produce an animal rights 'zine; any contributions to that project will be greatly appreciated. JIHAD promotes the ideal of veganism and opposes the exploitation or subjugation of ALL ANIMALS for ANY PURPOSE. The lines have been drawn and our enemies are clear. The Jihad is at hand.

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LSARA is a network of individual law students from all around the U.S. and Canada who want to work for animal rights. We provide legal support to grassroots activists and collaborate on a variety of animal rights related projects.

LSARA did some legal research, with help from the Rutgers Animal Rights Law Center, for the Activist Civil Liberties Committee. They are suing the State of Indiana for violating Tony Wong's rights when they force-fed him. We continue to assist ARDAC-San Diego by asserting their free speech rights at demos. We researched legal issues for New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance since their recent arrest under the New Jersey "hunter harassment" law. We have guided an Orange County People for Animals activist through her trial for obstructing a sidewalk. A member of Students Advocating Vegetarian Ethics has filed a $60,000 lawsuit against the San Francisco Police Department for brutality which was inflicted upon members at a lawful protest (complaint available on LSARA website). LSARA continues to send out legal opinion letters which, to date, have all supplemented successful campaigns by local activists to stop donkey basketball games. We are also helping the Activist Civil Liberties Committee bring a police brutality suit against the Davis (CA) Police Department, as well as the Atlanta (GA) Police Department for their heinous acts against our grassroots activists.

We have recently added a link to jurors' rights flyers and postcards so that activists may inform people of good conscience that they may do the right thing and vote to acquit our activists. We also added a sample complaint initiating a lawsuit to stop a prison from force-feeding a vegan activist. And, of course, we have a sample police brutality/unlawful imprisonment/unlawful arrest/etc. complaint. In the next few months we hope to have forms up on our site which will allow prisoners to initiate civil rights lawsuits and bring all-purpose Writs of Habeus Corpus.

Liberation Collective

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UPDATE: Liberation Collective is continuing its campaign against the feline research program at Legacy Health System in Portland. To date, there have been 18 demonstrations, over 3,000 signatures collected on petitions, a West Coast conference on the subject, and 22 arrests in the campaign to end this fraudulent and immoral program.

We're also preparing for Rick Bogle's national protest tour of the seven regional primate research centers. Rick begins on May 31st at the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center where he will sit for 24 hours each day for two weeks. Liberation Collective is helping to arrange national support for the demonstrations. If you would like to become involved or for a complete schedule please contact us. Full brochures on the national tour are available.

RESOURCES: Liberation Collective has a monthly newsletter dealing with a variety of issues keeping within our focus of linking social justice movements to end all oppression. If you would like to be on our mailing list, please contact us. Liberation Collective also has speakers and presenters available for schools, businesses, and community events.

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Upcoming court date: Fur-Free Friday/ Macy's - June 12, 1997, Eatontown, NJ Call NJARA for details if you are interested in doing court support! Update on the Lewis Morris Trial: All 6 activists were guilty on all 4 charges stemming from the blockade of the Lewis Morris deer hunt in Dec. Final outcome is pending appeal.

Campaigns: Legislation to ban black bear hunting (A.2016) in New Jersey is in full swing. We have a hearing before the committee on June 12, 1997 in Trenton. Your letters have made this hearing possible. So far, in the State Assembly we have 15 YES votes, 14 favorables, 1 NO, and 50 UNDECIDED. We still have a long way to go, but the sponsor, Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole is hopeful. To date, we have collected over 16,000 signatures on petitions and they are coming in everyday! The Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife's annual game code proposal has NO plans in it to kill bears this year. Great news, but we are still working everyday to take this decision out of Fish and Game's hands.

THE SCOTCH PLAINS ZOO IS JUST ABOUT CLOSED: In the last *NC*, we told everyone that NJARA is working side-by-side a wonderful activist named Sherryl Volpone who was getting close to shutting this zoo down for numerous state and federal violations:

1. failure to house animals in a manner which allows the animals to perform normal behavior patterns;
2. failure to feed animals an adequate diet;
3. failure to demonstrate a working knowledge and expertise in handling and caring for such animals;
4. false representations made to induce the Division to issue a permit;
5. illegally possessing animals from the wild stock of this State;
6. and Kafka's eight convictions of guilty pleas on violations of N.J.A.C. 7:25, subchapter 4, within the past two years.

On May 13, 1997 - At an administrative hearing at the Office of Administrative Law in Newark, Scotch Plains Zoo owner Harold Kafka withdrew his appeal to retain his permits to exhibit and own exotic and non-game animals. The hearing had not even gotten underway, when Kafka's lawyer, announced his clients decision to withdraw his appeal. Kafka will now have 15 days to find homes for the up to 80 animals that are affected by this decision. Exotic and non-game species fall under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, and any homes that Kafka Ends are subject to the approval of the Division.

Note: Sherryl is working very closely with Fish and Game (an agency we are usually at odds with!) to give them names of sanctuaries and places that can take the animals. We have very good reason to believe that good homes will be found for all of the animals and none will end up in worse situations, i.e., roadside zoos, canned hunts etc... This is only the beginning. We are now pressuring the USDA - who finally filed extensive charges against this guy in early April - to follow through and take away his exhibitors license so that he cannot exhibit domestic animals (who do not fall under the jurisdiction of Fish and Game).

A new Anti-Fur Committee has formed to combat the fur industry in New Jersey. This committee, headed up by Mike McGrath, held it's first protest in Redbank, NJ on April 13.

North American Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group

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The purpose of the NA-A.L.F.S.G is to support the work of the Animal Liberation Front by ALL LAWFUL MEANS POSSIBLE.

This includes: * support of imprisoned activists * support and defense of the A.L.F. * educating the public as to the need and rationale of direct action * providing a communication forum through the Supporters Group newsletter * raising funds for all the above activities.

The NA-A.L.F.S.G. is a 100 percent volunteer organization. All money raised goes directly to the work of supporting animal liberation and assisting imprisoned activists. The Supporters Group is for those who wish to support the A.L.F. without breaking the law. We encourage the participation of all activists--including those who are unable to, or do not wish to, take part in direct action. Supporters can help raise funds by making personal contributions; promoting our magazine, *UNDERGROUND*, and other SG merchandise; organizing fund-raising events; designing merchandise; and suggesting strategies for our fund-raising and support efforts.

Suggested costs for a membership to the NA-A.L.F.S.G., including a year's subscription to *UNDERGROUND*, is on a $25 to $35 sliding scale. Canadian subscribers can pay in Canadian funds; we ask that U.S. and overseas subscribers pay in U.S. currency (U.S. cheques or money orders). Please make all donations payable to "NA-ALFSG."

Thanks for your support and interest. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to

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Paws for Affection

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Paws for Affection is an animal issues and information community access program. Each edition features adoptable companion animals from Dallas area shelters and rescue groups and topics of interest or concern. The hour long show is taped once a month and aired eight times a month. Air times: TCI Cablevision in Dallas: Mondays, 10:30p.m., Channel 23B, Fridays, 7:30p.m., Channel 25B. *Paws for Affection* is available as a forum for activists. We are at your service.

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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.

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Rocky Mountain Animal Defense is a grassroots animal rights group which works with both local and national issues. One main focus at the moment is establishing a prairie grasslands reserve in our name in order to provide sanctuary for Colorado's frequently attacked prairie dogs, coyotes, and other grassland animals.

Ongoing campaigns include: animals in entertainment, vivisection, bison slaughter in Yellowstone, Nalgene boycott, prairie ecosystem-related issues, and many others. We use every means from working in legislative circles to direct action to bring about positive change for the animals and environment. We are a vegan organization and support all non-violent actions which bring about the end of animal abuse.

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RESOURCES: Student Abolitionist League is a networking organization and resource center for student animal rights groups. We've established a network of NYC student animal rights groups and can help others establish student group networks in their cities.

Your student group can take action under our name, avoiding school-imposed restrictions and bureaucracy . In order to avoid having your budgets reabsorbed into your school at the end of a semester your group can "contribute" to us; we'll hold it for you.

Our literature distro center can provide you with FREE magazines, brochures, posters, stickers, and flyers from a wide range of groups on the major issues addressed by our movement.

Our Activist Starter packs include a wide range of animal rights magazines and flyers, great for new groups. Send your group's literature in bulk to us and we'll distribute it. We publish and distribute a FREE strategy guide on ENDING animal dissection in schools.

We can provide regional contacts anywhere in the country, and supply local groups with potential activists from our database of over 500 student animal rights activists and 300 student activist groups. Student Abolitionist League has dozens of publications, ranging from flyers for demonstrations to activist skills guides. Our information clearinghouse has extensive info on all animal rights issues, which we can photocopy and mail to you.

Student Abolitionist League has amassed a lending library of almost 200 books, several dozen videos, as well as political comic books and graphic novels on animal rights. All of these materials are available for loan FREE by mail. Call us to find out if we have a book or video you need. Call us if you need advice how to get a group started or make your group more effective.

We publicize upcoming animal rights/environmental vegetarian events in Metro NYC through our weekly phone tree, email, and a printed activist calendar. Our Art Committee can prepare professional quality banners and flyers for your events.

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SOAR continues to rally against the slaughter of animals for the fur industry. Along with the other 80 activists from around the country who converged on Indianapolis in huge demos in solidarity with prisoners Tony Wong and Stacy Schierholz and to fight for the anti-fur demands of Jeff Watkins, SOAR sent 13 activists down to the fight. Continuing the theme of solidarity, SOAR was also represented by seven activists in the amazing civil disobedience at Emory University in Atlanta, protesting the Yerkes Primate Research facility.

On the home front, SOAR activists continued to target the onslaught of circuses in Minneapolis and St. Paul with demos and leafleting. Also, at the Midwestern Poultry Convention, five activists locked down--or "octopussed"--as the convention was underway!!

As a recap, SOAR hosted the March 1-2 (Annual?) National Grassroots Activist Conference: Liberation. Over 80 people strong, with states all over the country and Canada represented, the conference discussed security, media, civil disobedience, non-violent direct action, networking, solidarity, and support in activist movements. The conference attendees visited an area McDonald's to illustrate the power of activism. Eighty people screaming "VEGAN REVOLUTION!" has a definite impact.

SOAR - St. Thomas

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St. Thomas SOAR acted as spokesperson for the A.L.F. after a former Dayton's executive's future home was targeted by the A.L.F. We celebrated our second birthday as an approved group on this conservative campus by having a celebration with faculty and students enjoying vegan food. We leafleted the March of Dimes' WalkAmerica event and filed complaints against harassing police officers. At the Midwest Poultry Convention, we organized a five-person civil disobedience that disrupted the conference. The Philosophy Department sponsored a debate between one of our coordinators and a philosophy major about animal rights. All groups on our campus were denied tabling access because of concern over "controversial material." SOAR is applying to regain tabling status and hopes to table very soon. We are now protesting Dairy Queen for "Freedom Friday's" every week.

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SETA recently went on a tour of the Animal Abuse Facility at the UO. We saw mice, rats, lizards, owls, rats, rabbits and rhesus monkeys. The tour created a media opening in exposing the university's animal research and one news station did an extensive report that favored the animal's side for once.

SETA also had a ballot measure which failed that was asking for more funding. Even though the measure failed, animal research on campus became the most talked about and debated issue on campus. SETA is now considered one of the most controversial organizations on campus.

SETA continues educating the campus community and others about animal abuse industries. We also are having fun with administrators getting frustrated with our continual activism in which the vice-provost of research actually called one SETA member "obnoxious". So, we must be doing something right!

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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?"

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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will mean another hearing.

On April 16, without our or our lawyer's knowledge, they obtained a detention order which allows them to keep all of the above for 3 months pending further investigation. As of May 13, they have returned only a bare minimum - some of the items which we asked for by filing an application for a return of things seized (on the grounds that it created a hardship) in the courts - including but not all money, i.d., keys, phone books and a few other things.

MOVING FORWARD

Over the past few years, there have been dozens of actions in B.C. and across Canada taken against animal abusers and their businesses, none of which have been "solved" by the police. These latest searches represent nothing more than a desperate attempt by the cops to appear that they are making progress on these cases, by focusing their attention on two of the most well-known animal activists in Canada. Although extremely stressful and disruptive, it is exactly this type of harassment which we must expect and be prepared for. As we collect the fragments of our files and our lives, we continue to move forward.

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warm hugs and deeply heartfelt gratitude to everyone that has e-mailed, called or written me since this all began. I've received cards, letters and even stationery, stamps and return address labels so I could write back if I wanted to (I called it my little C.A.R.E. package). I have received some of the most wonderful, uplifting mail of my life and continue to do so after all these weeks. I, indeed, have the largest extended family of anyone I know. When things look bleak and I lose faith, all I have to do is go back to those messages of love and encouragement and I am lifted back into balance. I will treasure them forever.

Another message I want to get out in this small article is twofold. The first is that whether I did what I'm charged with or not (thus far I am only accused). I feel terribly guilty for being in the "limelight" and having acquired mini-celebrity status when so many others go unacknowledged and anonymous. I have even been called a hero. I am so humbled by this and feel it is so unfair to the real heroes out there who simply disappeared into the darkness.

The second message I have and want to impress on *ALL* of NC readers with, is that you MUST write or call political prisoners every time you have the opportunity. Prison is the WORST! There is so much deprivation of the senses, intellect and dignity. Mail, visits and phone calls, if permitted, are about the only things that can keep your spirits up. And you must remember these good people well into their incarcerations, not just while the news is "hot." It's kind of like the campaigns to help the poor and homeless that come up every Thanksgiving and Christmas and then after the new year, they're swept back under the rug and forgotten.

You don't need to write much -- a greeting card or postcard with a few lines of encouragement will do (especially one with animals on it). It shouldn't take you more than a few minutes. Your efforts will last hours on the receiving end. Words of hope and encouragement are so important to help one get through the ordeal of imprisonment. Find out if there's anything else they need and can receive (some prisons don't allow packages, etc.). Let's never forget our incarcerated comrades.

Once again, allow me to reach out to all of you that I may have missed and thank you for your support, love, respect, time and energy. A very special thank you to those of you that have organized fundraisers and/or sent monies in for our legal defense.

Your sister in solidarity,
Hilma

INTERROGATION

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question us. Feds, I would suspect. I came in and they tried to be all friendly. Instead of shaking hands they both did the bonk-your-fist-cool-guy-thing. They said, "That's the way we do it." So if someone you meet at a demo or meeting does that to you - think "Fed!"

They told me they didn't want to talk about this case at all. They just wanted to talk to me in general. They wanted to get to know me, and they wanted me to get to know them because they wanted to help me out. They asked a bunch of questions like if I was in school, and so on. I told them I'd given the info for the report and everything else was "No comment." They said, oh, you don't have to do that here, we're just talking in general about you. We just want to understand you.

After the older guy got his fill of "No comment" the younger guy took his turn, trying to be even friendlier. The older guy left the room, and came back in a minute later and said, "You know, you're being a real dick about this." He repeated this a bunch of times, occasionally thinking of even more inane questions to no avail.

They got the hint quicker than the detectives, giving up in about 5 minutes. Oh, the detectives also told me how that "No comment" stuff worked in the '60s, but didn't work now, and how I was going to be locked up for 6 years and nobody would know why and there wouldn't be any demonstrations and nobody would care and if I though this would get media, I was nuts cause they stopped covering releases on stuff like this. They also said that I wouldn't even get bail, I'd be remanded. Notice how if this was a true false test you could answer "F" to everything they say and get a 100%?

We were then taken to central. Pictures taken, strip searched, and put in a big cell which slowly filled up with people.

Around 10 a.m. Wednesday my name was finally called to see a lawyer. I went in the booth and this little old lady with huge hair and enormous glasses sat down and yelled in the crankiest voice imaginable, "What were you doing with a BB gun Mr. Fullmer?" I told her I didn't want to make a statement until I met with my own lawyer. She said, "You wan sit here and wait, fine, sit here and wait." and walked out. A few minutes later she came back and was like, I'm a certified public defendant, I can just handle your arraignment, which is no big deal, and you don't have to make a statement to me. I told her fine and she left.

A few minutes later I was called into court where my lawyer took it upon herself to say how I "did what I did out of deeply held beliefs.", basically deciding on her own that A. I was guilty and B. I was pleading guilty. The judge laughed at this and my lawyer joined him in saying how ridiculous it is. It all happened really fast and I wasn't sure what was going on, so I didn't realize until later that I should have said something.

Carol's lawyer said how the report said I did it and the gun was discovered on me, so there wasn't really anything to charge her with. The judge said she was probably right, but we should wait for the trial on that. He also said, "The case looks pretty thin." I don't know if he was talking just about the case against Carol or both of us, but either way I think that's good news. A bunch of legal talk ensued, which I didn't understand, then we were released without bail or anything.

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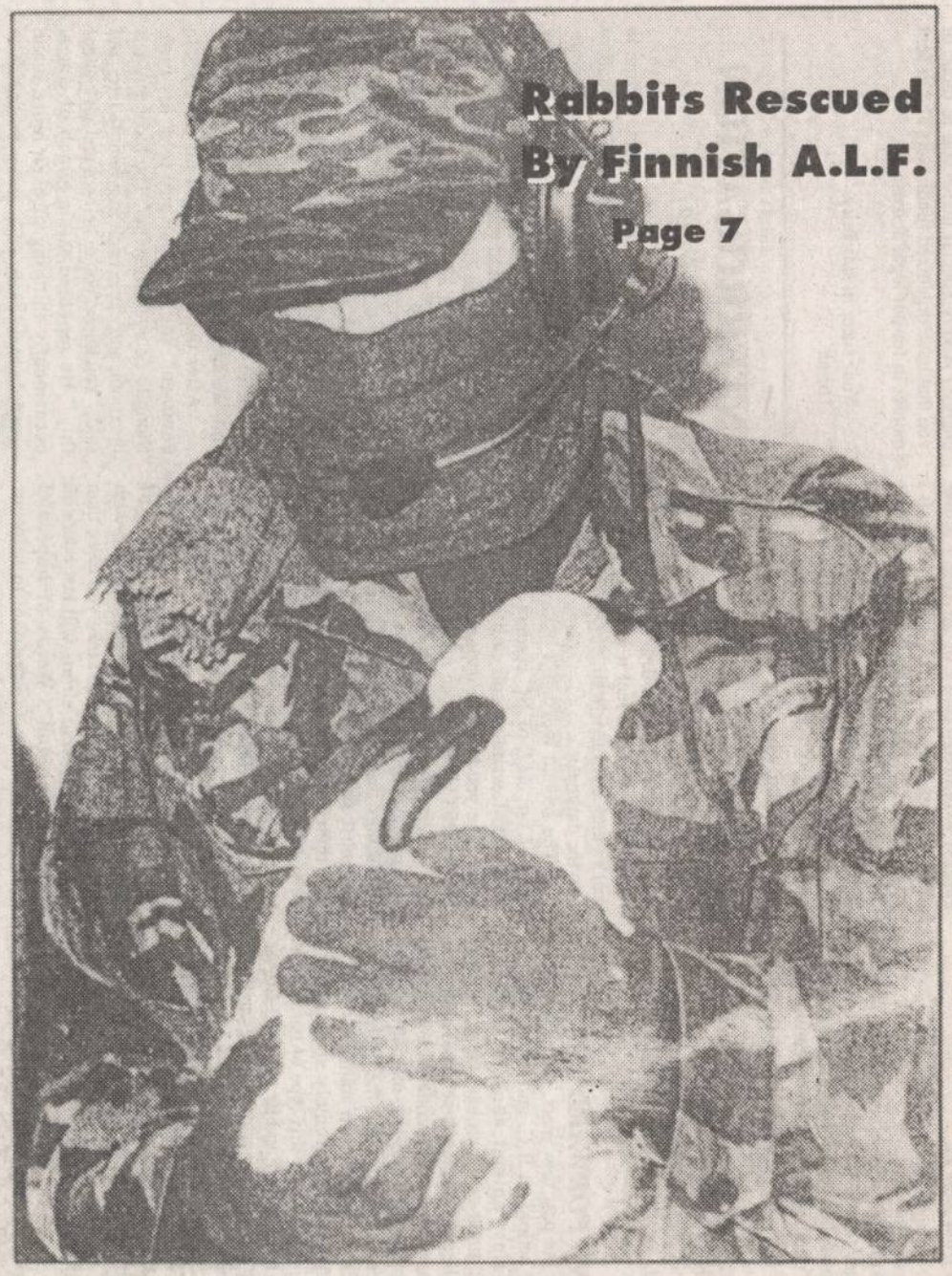
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