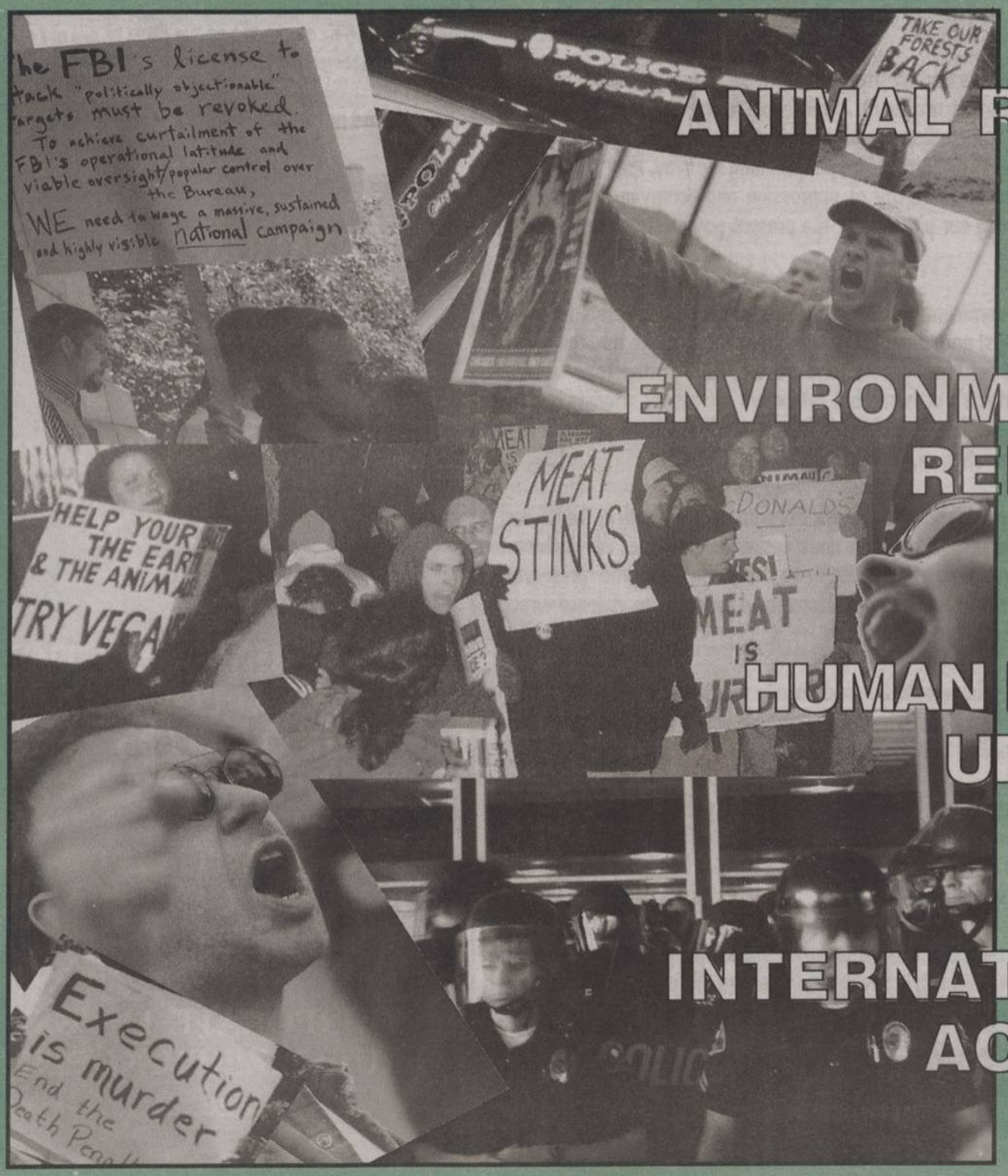
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welcome to ONE STRUGGLE

One Struggle was formed as a result of our recognition that in our roles as animal rights activists, environmental activists, and human rights activists, we are a part of the greater role of activists who are fighting for radical change, freedom for all beings, and freedom from oppression for all life.

It is imperative that people realize that all struggles for freedom and justice are simply one united struggle, and that is what we are about. Until people realize that the battle is to fight the overall power structure rather than working on isolated "causes", especially if we oppress or ignore other "causes" or "groups" of people along the way, then we will simply be rearranging our places in the hierarchy of oppression and occupying ourselves in a meaningless battle of redefining our place under the present power structure, never truly attacking its core.

This is of course what the government and corporate interests in power desire, for we will be caught up in fighting amongst each other and never have time to make true change. It is time to realize that we do not fight for "causes" and are not "AIDS" activists or "women's rights" activists or "animal rights" activists, but rather we are simply activists and more importantly, simply people who have shed these labels which divide us and are in one struggle together for total liberation of the earth and her inhabitants.

We support the Animal Liberation Front and all such freedom fighters, both in the US and in the world, recognizing a code of respect for all life and a desire to harm none. We furthermore recognize the struggle for liberation as a part of our same struggle in times when preservation of ourselves and those we protect requires more force as a response to violence wrought upon us by our oppressors.

We are made up of people who would be traditionally identified with many different movements and from many different backgrounds. The purpose of this magazine is to motivate, to unite, and to fight a true radical battle.

This is our first issue and we ask you to be patient if it is rough in spots. This is an experiment and we will only improve. Please write to us with suggestions, corrections, and any input. If you would like to join our list of grassroots organizations and/or know others who would like to as well, please send your information.

Additionally, we would welcome any artides or news stories people have to share and welcome anyone interested in becoming active in helping create this magazine to contact us.

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GRAND JURY!

PORTLAND, OR - Liberation Collective activists Craig Rosebraugh has been fighting a battle with a federal grand jury convened here since last September.

In late January he was forced to give fingerprints, and in 2 earlier "calls" to be a witness - in which he refused to attend - he was dragged, and handcuffed to a grand jury room.

His plight has resulted in several large protests at the federal building, and the grand jury -- allegedly convened to investigate the recent Northwest actions of the Animal Liberation Front and the Earth Liberation front - remains stalled.

Activists have held signs protesting the grand jury system, like: "THE FBI ARE THE REAL TERRORISTS!".

Following are excerpts from a summary Craig wrote to share his experiences help others understand the threat of abusive federal grand juries, and the nonviolent tactics some people use to discourage such tactics.

THE HARASSMENT BEGINS:

"A few weeks after the mink raid in Oregon which released some 10,000 animals, I received a visit from an FBI agent at my home. Apparently since I was using my 1st amendment right to free speech and political opinion by verbally supporting the ALF action, I was as good a target as the agent could find to begin the harassment. After attempting to question me regarding the mink raid he left, I am sure quite frustrated that I would not answer his questions....

"A month or more later, the ALF struck again in Oregon, this time destroying a horse slaughterhouse causing $1 million in damages. Again I spoke out to the media in support of the action and to let them know that this and other ALF actions are not just random acts of lawlessness. They have a clear social and political motive which is to end the animal abuse industries....

"A few weeks after the event, an ATF agent arrived at my door. He also attempted to question me and then left soon again frustrated at my noncooperation. He actually returned the same day to inform me that I was "walking a very thin line." I of course said thank you, and he left....

"I should mention that during this time and well before vehicles with an obvious purpose had been seen many times outside the house and nearby. Our tactic at the time was to simply ignore them....

"In mid-August, the FBI agent reappeared at my front door issuing me a subpoena to testify before a federal grand jury in Portland. The subpoena was issued to me just four days before I was supposed to "testify." I immediately called the US Attorney in Portland who signed off on my subpoena and asked for a delay so I could consult an attorney.....

"The obvious vehicles continue to watch outside our home. Less than a week before I was scheduled to "testify" the FBI agent again showed up at my front door, this time accompanied by his partner. He issued me a new subpoena that had the "correct" date on it. Before leaving he had the nerve to say that his visit and the investigation were not meant to harass me....

"September 17 arrived, and for me began early as I delivered a formal letter of objection to the US Attorney regarding my subpoena to the grand jury and the outright harassment that I and my housemates have been putting up with.

THE UN-APPEARANCE

At 9:45am I walked into the lobby of the federal courthouse to ask a marshal if I was going to get a response from the letter I delivered to the US Attorney. I had asked that he reply to my demand for the grand jury to be accessible to the public. (Instead) I was escorted into an elevator and transported to the second floor. I was placed in a room that seemed to be filled with federal agents. FBI and ATF agents who had visited my home were present in the room. I did not know what was happening....

"Fifteen to 20 minutes later I was escorted out of the room and into a room filled with people. I was placed in a seat located in the front. Facing me were some 20 people that made up the grand jury. To my left was the US Attorney and to my right the court reporter and more grand jury members. Once I got in there I was naive enough to think to myself "OK. I never wanted to come in here. But how bad can it be, I will just take the fifth amendment and the people will see that the government is harassing me....

"It wasn't the fact that I was intimidated or scared by their tactics at all, I WAS JUST PISSED! And I became more angry as the questions went on. I was in this room for over an hour and a half and some 100+ questions seemed to be asked to me. A small number of questions pertaining to the ideology and organizational structure of Liberation Collective I chose to answer due to the fact that (it) is public knowledge and record. ...

"To the other 95% of the questions, I responded with my fifth amendment right to silence. This really pissed them off. It seemed the questions and the conduct of those asking the questions continued to be some more insulting and rude. It was quite obvious that these people had made up their minds that I was guilty of a crime, any crime, before I ever entered the room.

"Supposedly I was not the "target" of this grand jury and yet they attempted to treat me as if I was some subhuman terrorist. They would ask me a question about the ideology of Liberation Collective, for instance, and expect a one word response. When I (talked) someone in the grand jury or the US attorney would sharply interrupt me telling me to "get to the point...."

"As I became increasingly angry, I began talking back to them. By the third or fourth "get to the point" I finally stopped and said "you asked me a question regarding the philosophy of Liberation Collective...Are you going to allow me to answer or are you going to keep cutting me off?" It just got worse from there.

GRAND JURORS 'CHILDISH'

I remember vividly explaining the importance of educating people as to the similarities involved with social justice issues. When I finished people were snickering and making extremely childish sounds of objection. The sounds just continued.

"Before I was escorted out of the room the US Attorney stated to me that I had refused to answer a great deal of questions. He then asked if I realize that I can be called back in to "give" the answers to those questions. I didn't say a word. A grand jury member had the nerve to ask me why I was not cooperating and that it looked like I was hiding something or guilty of something...

"Here is where I really lost it. I began talking about the harassment from the FBI, ATF, & other policing agencies. I spoke of the harassment of the grand jury. I was again cut off and this time I was escorted out of the room. I was told I "could" leave for now. The US Marshals then proceeded to escort me out of the building. From the questions inside I realize that this is the beginning. I feel that another subpoena will be issued for me and other here will be subpoenaed for the first time. I feel that our home will be searched and equipment confiscated at any time.

"The day after the grand jury an unmarked police vehicle was again outside our home watching. My roommate came out of the neighbors and stared straight at the individual who immediately left. As my roommate told me about this later that afternoon, I glanced out the window and the same car puled back up by our rear driveway. This time both of us went out and I began taking pictures of the vehicle and the individual. After a short not-to-pleasant exchange of words he immediately drove off. Meanwhile we continue to be penalized for working towards a planet free from exploitation, greed, and oppression...

DECEMBER: APPEARANCE II

"On Friday, December 12, I was issued two subpoenas to testify before the grand jury regarding the recent actions After taking the fifth amendment for an hour I was asked where the items were that had been subpoenaed. I responded by saying that the only items subpoenaed were those which related directly to the three incidents listed on the front of the subpoenas. I said the only items Liberation Collective has are copies of the press releases that you already have in your hand. I asked what the benefit would be of bring in more copies of something the government already has..."I was told that not to ask the questions."

(NOTE: The next issue of OS will carry a comprehensive look at the history of abuse of federal grand juries in the U.S.)

"I NOW REALIZE THAT RESISTING GRAND JURIES AND REFUSING TO GO INSIDE IS THE ONLY REAL WAY TO (FIGHT) THE HARASSMENT!"



"Grand Jury Comix" depicts grand jury abuse and advice for fighting it, and was produced in 1978 by progressive groups harassed by the grand jury system. Copies of this, and other grand jury defense information, are available from The Activist Civil Liberties Committee, PO Box 19515, Sacramento, CA 95819

1997 In Review

The North American Animal Liberation Front

1997 was a good year for animal liberationists in the USA. Despite the growing number of arrests and convictions, the A.L.F. managed to visit fur farms, slaughterhouses, vivisection labs and fur salons across the country- freeing thousands of animals and causing millions of dollars in damages. There was an increase in the number of serious actions causing maximum destruction to animal abusers - sending a signal of solid commitment to animal liberation. The following is a listing of some of the most memorable, creative and successful actions of 1997. There is no doubt that many more will follow in 1998.....

January

1st-On the first day of the new year, animal liberation activists from THE BAND OF MERCY paid a visit to the Cornell University's Poultry Virus Research Lab. Pictures of conditions within the lab were taken by activists and are being distributed through local channels to the media. We have been informed that a map containing the names and phone numbers of Cornell experimenters was also removed during the raid. As reported in the Cornell Daily Sun, Researcher Quimby said that he angered the protesters, who retaliated by posting his name and home phone number on the Internet. "I've been getting harassing calls 24 hours a day," he said. "The police and the FBI are involved," Quimby said. "If we ever find out who did this, they will pay." No one has been apprehended in connection to the raid.

27th - Members of the Northern Utah A.L.F. set three incendiary devices in the back entrance of Producers Meats in Slat Lake City. Additionally, a Simpson's meat billboard is set on fire. Unfortunately, the fire was soon put out by the wind.

COMMUNIQUE

On January 1, 1997, at 12:00am, we entered the Poultry Virus Research Lab at Cornell University. The building is shaped like an "H" and consists of corridors connecting approximately 50 cells where experiments are being conducted. Each cell has a heavy metal door going to the outside which is locked with a padlock. By cutting one of the locks, we gained access to the entire building except for the main office. Once inside, we photographed the condition of the birds imprisoned there and took notes on the operation of the facility. Each cell is closed off from the main hallway by two heavy metal doors with a sterilization chamber in between. A slip of paper on the outside notes the experimenter's name, level of contagiousness (A, B, C or D), and other information. Most of the chickens were crammed in tiny wire cages as the pictures that we took illustrate. Some were kept in constant darkness, others in constant light. The ones in cages with other chickens were huddled together against the cold. What is the reason that these vibrant, conscious creatures have been stripped of all that is natural to them, never viewing sunlight, their feet never touching the ground? Why are they not being allowed to exercise their bodies and give and receive pleasure a whole being? The answer is selfishness and greed. The poultry industry, which raises and slaughters billions of chickens every year, is constantly looking for ways to avoid economic losses caused by the intensive confinement that they subject these highly social creatures to. Placed five in a cage the size of a record album, with a slanting wire floor, chickens are forced to endure the incessant smell of feces and the noise of their neighbors squawking. They are debeaked with a searing hot blade to avoid cannibilism caused by the psychological torture they endure. Now the industry is looking for ways to reduce the disease that it has caused, or at least postpone its effect until after the body parts of the chickens are already on the dinner table. Cornell University is attempting to make a morally bankrupt industry more profitable. They are doing this by imprisoning living, vibrant creatures in wretched and squalid cages and deliberately infecting them with diseases.

We will continue our attempts to expose crimes against nature being committed behind closed doors in hopes that the collective conscience of the public will awaken and correct these injustices.

The Band of Mercy

February

Throughout the month of February, animal liberation activists in Michigan are busy hitting fur coat pockets with the extremely stinky substance, butyric acid. According to one communique, "...Security at Hudson's "Gigantic Fur Sale" was so tight that women's handbags were being searched, pockets emptied and coats taken before one could enter. Customers were followed on a nearly one-to-one basis everywhere, but despite security presence the A.L.F. made it inside and managed to release butyric acid in a $10,000 fur coat pocket, scattering customers from the sale."

19th - Petaluma, CA; the Rancho Slaughterhouse was attacked by activists of the Bay Area Cell of the A.L.F. At least one semi-trailer rig was reportedly heavily damaged by fire. "We placed 4 incendiary devices in a double, semi-trailer truck used for live animal transportation. We used a total of 5 liters of flammable liquid, which we placed in the engine, the top of the cab and the connecting wheelbase. The slaughterhouse, which kills mostly veal calves and dairy cows, was the subject of a blockade by animal rights activists last October.

March

11th - A.L.F. causes massive damage to the Agricultural Fur breeders Co-op in Sandy, Utah, the second largest fur feed company in the United States. Pipe bombs were set in four trucks and the main office, causing damage to exceeded one million dollars. The attack was dedicated to political prisoner Jeff Watkins on hunger strike in New York for his part in a civil disobedience protest. No injuries were reported.

In an UPDATE to this story, a 19 year old animal rights activist confessed to this action and was recently pled guilty to 16 counts of using destructive devices. The judge handed down a 35 year prison sentence in a Kansas federal prison! This is the longest ever animal rights related prison sentence. As with all federal courts, a prisoner is required to serve 85% of their time, unless they cooperate with the prosecution and narc on others.

14th- Members of the A.L.F. Eco-animal Defense Unit visited the Robinson Scott Clearcut near McKenzie, Oregon. 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.

15th - Members of the A.L.F. raid Eberts Fur Farm in Ontario, Canada. *(See Comunique Next Page)*

18th - 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 by the Bay Area Cell of the Earth X Animal Liberation Front. 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.

24th -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." spraypainted on a wall. *(March Continued Next Page)*

COMMUNIQUE

"Greetings from the Earth Liberation Front,

Furriers beware the ides of March! Like the evil Roman empire before you, your kingdom of cash and cruelty will fall by the weight of its own iniquity (or with a little help from our friends).

On March 15, our band of eco-anarchists paid a visit to the Eberts fur farm in Blenheim, Ontario on Mink Lane Rd. We were amazed at the openness of the operation. The sheds were practically next to the main road, with no attempts being made to hide the farm from the public. This made our work somewhat more difficult, as traffic constantly passed us while we were on site.

There were some 12 sheds, though at least a few were empty. We cut several holes in the perimeter fence, but also opened the driveway gate leaving plenty of exit routes for our friends to choose from. We entered the first shed and had some trouble opening the cages. Once we figured out the latches, we started opening the cages and collecting the breeding cards. When possible, we damaged the cages. The mink were ready to party, rushing past us to the nearby safety of wooded farmland. We also knew that Rondeau Provincial Park was not far away, offering plenty of suitable habitat for our sleek brown buddies.One of our group left a spray paint autograph on the feed shed, just to let them know that we care. When we had released about 240 of our captive comrades, a truck pulled up to the front gate that we had already pried open. Saddened to leave without finishing our intended business, we managed to escape detection by hopping the back fence and meeting our driver up the road.

Though it is maddening to have been so close to freeing so many, we are somewhat comforted by Mother Jones words: 'Mourn the dead and work like hell for the living!'

-A.L.F."

March *(Continued)*

30th - Minneapolis, MN; In the early morning hours of 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.

30th - 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. In an UPDATE to this story, five American animal rights activists were arrested and charged with the raid. Two of them confessed to the raid, the other three are awaiting trial.

April

9th - Ten Chinchilla were liberated in a raid on the Don Kelly Chinchilla Farm in Deberry, Texas. All have been placed in loving homes where they will live out their lives in freedom. It is the first-ever raid on a chinchilla farm in North America.

9th - 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." Also, during the same month, an Archer's Meats truck had it's cab set on fire and was heavily damaged. An ALF communique, said the ALF will continue to cause a maximum amount of damage to businesses that kill animals for profit.

May

11th - Salisbury, MD; Parsons fur farm is raided and 500 mink are given a new chance for freedom.

28th - Lebanon, OR; Lou Masog Mink Farm is raided and 80 mink are given a new chance for freedom.

June

1st - In the largest ever mink release, A.L.F. activists set 9,000 mink free from a farm in Mount Angel, OR. Fur Farmer Mr. Arritola complimented the fine work of the liberationists and said he was suprised the intruders got past his alarm system, "They were professionals. It took a lot of people to do what they did."

July

4th - Cle Elum, WA; In an independenceday celebration, the A.L.F. liberates between 3,000 and 6,000 mink from a fur farm near highway 970.

21st - Redmond, OR; As reported in The Oregonian newspaper, "There was a bright moon in those first hours of July 21, but no one reported seeing the assault team. Probably wearing masks and dark clothing, the saboteurs carried 35 gallons of jellied gasoline — they call it "vegan Jell-o" — a container of acid, three electrically timed detonators and a drill. To bypass alarms and gain entry into the Cavel West horse slaughterhouse, they drilled holes in an outer wall. Since 1988, the Belgium-owned Redmond company has sent thousands of tons of horsemeat to European dining tables. Once inside the old building, they acted quickly, drilling more holes into the refrigeration unit. Next, they poured most of the jellied gas through the holes and assembled the detonators. Other team members entered an adjacent building and spread the flammable jell. Two gallons of muriatic acid were dumped into the air conditioning vents to contaminate any horse meat not destroyed in the planned inferno. The result was one of the most spectacular blazes in the city's history. It also was among the most [successful] acts committed by the Animal Liberation Front since it became active in this country in 1981.

Cavel West is now a charred ruin. This action was carried out by the Equine and Zebra Liberation Network of the A.L.F. It caused over one million dollars in damage and the entire plant is closed and out of operation. Vergie Ries, Redmond's interim city administrator, said that zoning regulations complicate rebuilding the plant. The property, located within the city limits, is not zoned for slaughterhouses. The plant was allowed to operate under a "grandfather" clause because it was built before zoning. If the Belgian owned company does rebuild, city officials have made it clear that it must correct persistent environmental problems. The 60-year-old plant, which Cavel West bought about 10 years ago to supply horse meat to European tables, has long dumped great amounts of blood into the city sewer system. Odor complaints also have been made through the years."

August

19th - The premises of Wildlife Pharmaceuticals Suite 600, 1401 Duff Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80524 (970) 484-6267 was raided. After holes were drilled and incendiary attack was made. Unfortunately only minimum damage was sustained. Wildlife Pharmaceuticals is the solitary manufacturer of Prime-X melatonin implants for the fur farm Industry in North America. The implants are used by mink and fox farmers to unnaturally speed up the fur growth process allowing the animals to be killed 4-6 weeks earlier. Pounding the final nail's into the fur industry, Animal Liberation Front.

September

1st - The A.L.F. cut 9 holes in the perimeter fence of the Ide Fur Farm, Downers Grove, IL. According to a communique, "We opened cages and freed at least 3,500 mink. Hundreds of breeding cards were torn up or smashed. Theses innocent creatures now have a chance at freedom, where otherwise they would have faced a life of confinement and death in this fur farm concentration camp. BEWARE to all animal murderers! THE ALF IS WATCHING YOU!!!" The business is owned by Charles Ide, Jr., who is also the president of the Mink Breeders Association of Illinois.

1st - In addition to the above ground activities at Hegins this year, activists did damage all over the area, including: The business of Mr. Robert 'Bob' Tobash, the hunt organizer, had three of it's windows smashed out also a flag was torn down from one shop. Aprox. 50 hunt supporters vehicles had extensive damage done. Windows were smashed out, tires slashed, paint scraped, and many were doused with paint stripper.

Red paint splattered on the interstate highway into Hegins. Reports of shattered windows at the home of one of the Hegins Shoot organizers. Reports of two to three vehicles being set on fire in a far parking lot. Despite such reports of mass direct action being carried out in daylight only one person was cited and released for allegedly damaging windows.

2nd - Howell, NJ; The A.L.F. visited Jersey Cut's Meat Co. and used fire to destroy 3 delivery trucks worth $60,000 a piece. Later that night they placed incendiary devices at the "Seafood Connection", a building that was under construction.

6th - Ithaca, NY; The Band of Mercy raided a laboratory in Cornell University's Large Animal Teaching and Research Unit at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Activists destroyed identification cards on sheep cages, turned off the freezer, destroyed vials of blood and confiscated paperwork and keys. In addition, the activists observed two cows stretching to "snuggle" each other and opened the stalls where the cows were being held for research, allowing them to roam free.

20th - Anderson, IN; At least 200 foxes were freed after activists cut fences and broke open cages during an early morning raid at Adam's Fox Farm.

October

1st - Rockville, MD; Two bottles of fox urine were opened and the contents were poured onto the carpets and merchandise of a Sports Authority store. The urine, collected on fur farms, is sold by the national retailer for use by hunt scum attempting to cover their foul odor while out killing innocent animals. The urine has quite a smell and sends customers running for the door. Activists are urged to visit their local Sports Authority and open a bottle in memory of the animals killed for their fur and urine.

5th - Crystal Lake, IL; Frye Mink Farm 5,000 mink liberated by the A.L.F.

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6th - Preston, ID; Palmer Mink Farm 5,000 mink liberated by the A.L.F.

12th -Upstate NY; 21 chickens destined for slaughter were rescued by the A.L.F.

16th -Sioux City, IA; Circle K Fur Farm 5,000 mink and 100 fox liberated by the A.L.F.

17th -Watertown, SD; 3,000 mink liberated from the Turbak Mink Ranch by the A.L.F.

25th - Independence, WI; Smieja Fur Farm 800 mink liberated by the A.L.F.

26th - Tomahawk, WI; Ottis Mink Farm 300 mink liberated by the A.L.F.

26th - Medford, WI; Jack Dittrich Minkery 3,000 mink liberated by the A.L.F.

29th -Hebo, OR; Empty mink farm possibly entering the rabbit business raided 6 rabbits liberated by the A.L.F.

November

Communique

***5th** - Ft. Wayne, IN; "In the early morning hours of Wednesday, November 5th, the Animal Liberation Front raided the Lair Fox Farm on Shoaff Rd. (owner Blaine Leffers). As we approached the farm we noticed a bright flashing light and heard loud music blasting from a radio. This was an obviously weak attempt to deter liberators from breaking in and setting the prisoners free. The cover of the loud noise from the radio allowed us to cut two 8 foot long and 3 foot high holes in the surrounding fence. Once inside, we opened the cages. A total of 125 foxes were liberated. "Free the Enslaved-ALF" was painted on a wall. All of this was accomplished in full view of a security camera on a nearby barn. As we left, we saw many of these bluish-silver foxes run to freedom."*

29th - Burns, OR; The E.L.F. and A.L.F. release 500 horses and set fire to the Bureau of Land Management corral. An adjoining building was then set on fire and destroyed, causing $75,000 in damages. This latest action was designed "to help halt the BLM's illegal and immoral business of rounding up wild horses from public lands and funneling them to slaughter," said both the ALF/ELF in a communique. "The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) claims they are removing non-native species from public lands (aren't white Europeans also non-native) but then they turn around and subsidize the cattle industry and place thousands of non-native domestic cattle on these same lands. This hypocrisy and genocide against the horse nation will not go unchallenged! The practice of rounding up and auctioning wild horses must be stopped. The practice of grazing cattle on public lands must be stopped. The time to take action is now." Zoning regulations prohibit any slaughterhouse from being re-built on the property.

An UPDATE to this story, in a desperate attempt to catch members of the Animal Liberation Front connected to the successful actions in Oregon, authorities are wasting time and money by harassing above ground animal rights activists. Portland activist, Craig Rosebrough has been served subpoenas to testify before a grand jury three times in the last six months. Please read the article on Craig's non-cooperation with the witch hunt elsewhere in this issue of One Struggle.

VICTORY!

December

The NA ALF took December off after its year of successful actions. For more ALF actions around the world, see the International Section.

FUR FARM RAIDS

One of the most successful currently running campaigns is being waged against fur farms across the country. Despite reward attempts by the Fur Information Council, the A.L.F. has already freed animals on the following farms:

Other members of the A.L.F. chose to continue the merry making of lock gluing, window smashing, spray painting, and other miscellaneous mischief.

Here is a breakdown of activity levels:

UT:4	WA:12	NY:32	TX:8
OH:9	CA:6	NC:1	NJ:40
MI:6	PA:3	IA:2	IN:8
CT:7	MD:9	MN:1	OR:7
FL:2	IL:3	SD:1	ID:1
WI:3			

1.August 13, 1995 Annendale, MN Davidson Fur Farm 1 coyote liberated
2.October 24, 1995 Chilliwack, BC Dargatz Fur Farm 2,400 mink liberated
3.November 14, 1995 Aldergrove, BC Rippin Fur Farm 5,000 mink liberated
4.November 16, 1995 Olympia, WA Jordan Mink Farm 400 mink liberated
5.November 16, 1995 Pleasant View, TN Mac Ellis Fox Farm 30 fox liberated
6.January 15, 1996 Sheboygan, WI Zimbal Minkery 400 mink liberated
7.April 4, 1996 Victor, NY L.W. Bennet Fur Farm 1,700 mink liberated
8.June ?, 1996 Snohomish, WA Brainard Fur Farm 80 mink liberated
9.June 7, 1996 Sandy, UT Fur Breeders Agricultural Co-Op 75 mink liberated
10.June 21, 1996 Riverton, UT Riverton Fur Farm 1,000 mink liberated
11.July 4, 1996 Howard Lake, MN Latzig Mink Ranch 1,000 mink liberated
12.July 4, 1996 Langley, BC Akagami Mink Ranch 400 mink liberated
13.July 17, 1996 South Jordan, UT Holt Mink Ranch 3,000 mink liberated
14.August 9, 1996 Hinsdale, MA Carmel Mink Ranch 1,000 mink liberated
15.August 12, 1996 Alliance, OH Jorney Mink Ranch 2,500 mink liberated
16.September 28, 1996 Alliance, OH Jorney Mink Ranch 8,000 mink liberated
17October 2, 1996 Salem, UT Paul Westwood Fur Farm 1,500 mink liberated
18.October 5, 1996 Lindboro, NH Gauthier Fur Farm 35 fox and 10 mink liberated
19.October 11, 1996 Hinsdale, MA Carmel Mink Ranch 75 mink liberated
20.October 23, 1996 Lebanon, OR Arnold Krohl Fur Farm 2,000 mink liberated
21.October 25, 1996 Coalville, UT Reese Fur Farm 1,500-2,000 mink and 150-200 fox liberated
22.October 29, 1996 Victor, NY Bennett Fur Farm 46 fox liberated
23.November 28, 1997 Hinsdale, MA Carmel Mink Farm 12 mink liberated
24.December 14, 1996 Snohomish, WA Brainard Fur Farm 50 mink liberated
25.December 25, 1996 Bath, MI Jack Brower Fur Farm 150 mink liberated
26.March 15, 1997 Blenheim, Ont. Eberts Fur Farm 240 mink liberated
27.March 30, 1997 Blenheim, Ont. Eberts Fur Farm 1,500 mink liberated
28.April 9, 1997 DeBerry, TX Kelly Fur Farm 10 chinchilla liberated
29.May 11, 1997 Salisbury, MD Parsons Mink Farm 500 mink liberated
30.May 28, 1997 Lebanon, OR Lou Masog Mink Farm 80 mink liberated
31.May 30, 1997 Mt. Angel, OR Arritola Mink Farm 10,000 mink liberated
32.July 4, 1997 Cle Elum, WA David Smith Mink Farm 4,000 mink liberated
33.July 8, 1997 Medina, OH Tom Mohoric Mink Farm 41 mink liberated
34.July ?, 1997 Alliance, OH Unconfirmed raid on Jorney Mink Ranch 500 mink supposedly liberated
35.September 1, 1997 Downers Grove, IL Ides Mink Farm 3,500 mink liberated
36.September 20, 1997 Anderson, IN Adams Fox Farm 200 fox liberated
37.October 5, 1997 Crystal Lake, IL Frye Mink Farm 5,000 mink liberated
38.October 6, 1997 Preston, ID Palmer Mink Farm 5,000 mink liberated
39.October 16, 1997 Sioux Ciry, IO Circle K Fur Farm 5,000 mink and 100 fox liberated
40.October 17, 1997 Watertown, SD Turbak Mink Farm 3,000 mink liberated
41.October weekend of the 24th, 1997 Independence, WI Smieja Fur Farm 800 mink liberated
42.October weekend of the 24th, 1997 Tomahawk, WI Ott Mink Farm 300 mink liberated
43.October weekend of the 24th, 1997 Medford, WI Jack Dittrich Minkery 3,000 mink liberated
44. October 29, 1997 Hebo, OR Empty mink farm entering the rabbit business raided 6 rabbits liberated
45.November 5, 1997 Ft. Wayne, IN Blaine Leffers Fox Farm 125 foxes liberated

These men and women are political prisoners. They are in jail because they decided another creature's life was more important than their own and dared to challenge the laws of our society which protect torture and oppression. Please write to them and show them your support!

Animal Liberation Prisoners in the U.S.

Ryan Z. Durfee
BA03 c/o Oxbow Jail
Inmate Mail
3148 South 1100 West
Salt Lake City, UT
84119
Convicted of 2nd degree Felony Criminal Mischief. Sentenced to 36 months of probation upon the conditions that he serve 365 days in jail.

Jason D. Troff
Section 9040
c/o S.L. County Jail
450 South 300 East
Salt Lake City, UT
84111-3207
Convicted of 2nd degree Felony Arson. Sentenced to 36 month of probation upon the conditions that he serve 365 days in jail. He was also ordered that upon his release from jail he cannot association with anyone from the "vegan, straight edge, or ALF gangs".

Jacob Kenison
c/o S.L. County Jail
450 South 300 East
Salt Lake City, UT
84111-3207
Sentenced to a year in jail and ordered to pay moe than $30,000 in restitutionfor firebombing a Tandy Leather store in June, 1995. Kenison is already serving a 16 month sentence for violating federal firearms laws. He failed to mention a previous conviction on a federal firearms purchase .

Rod Coronado
03895 000
FCI Unit SW
8901 S. Wilmot Rd
Tucson AZ 85706
Sentenced to a total of 57 months for aiding and abetting arson and handling stolen property in connection with acting as spokesperson for the North American ALF, and damaging government property to protest the treatment of native Americans (Rod is a member of the Yaqui Nation).

Mark S. Klein
AA45
c/o Oxbow Jail
Inmate Mail
3148 South
1100 West
Salt Lake City, UT
84119
Convicted of 2nd degree Felony Arson. Sentenced to 36 months of probation upon the conditions that he serve 365 days in jail.

Trev Paulson
Inmate # 9375
Housing Unit
Wasatch A West
Utah St. Prison
PO Box 250
Draper, UT 84020
2 years for fur farm raid

Clinton Colbly Ellerman
c/o S.L. County Jail
450 South 300 East
Salt Lake City, UT
84111-3207
fur farm raids

Each issue we will be highlighting different political prisoners from many different movements. If you feel we have left anyone out or wish to send us a list of political prisoners, please contact One Struggle at: os@envirolink.org or write to: One Struggle; PO Box 2013; Boulder, CO. 80306

Environment

Destruction at Taylor Ranch

La Sierra: A Homeland in Peril

From San Luis Ancient Forest Rescue:

San Luis, Colorado, looks like a peaceful town that time and the outside world have forgotten; all seems content here. Chicano/a farmers and ranchers busy themselves with the livelihood which has sustained them for seven generations. Fields rich with beans, corn and alfalfa stretch from the lowlands, to the east, straight to the heart of the mighty Culebra mountains, known locally as La Sierra. But beyond the beauty lies the struggle of the local community to maintain use rights and protection for the mountains which are part of their home. Here, in these majestic Sangre de Cristo mountains, a war is raging!

The 77,500 acre Taylor Ranch dominates the Culebra range and is home to the largest logging operation in Colorado, perhaps the largest in the continental United States. Ranch owner and North Carolina resident, Zachary Taylor has released documents indicating a potential 210 million board feet at a profit of over $73,000,000 to be logged within the next few years. The logging is devastating the mountain ecosystem (a mix of conifer, ponderosa and pinion forests ranging from early successional communities to old growth) with uncontrolled road building and horrendously irresponsible forestry practices. Eroded hillsides crumble into the tributaries and end up in the valley water supply. "The acequias [traditional irrigation ditches] are like the arteries of this community. When they become full with sediment from the logging, like cholesterol in our human arteries, they will cause a heart attack and kill this community," expresses local rancher Joe Gallegos.

As the forest canopy is diminished, species that rely on dense growth are killed or displaced and the snow on the forest floor melts faster. For the farmers this means a rush of water early in the season and crops that are left dry in the late months of summer when they need water the most.

Destructive logging of La Sierra is just the latest slap in the face from the Taylor family to the locals of Mexican, indigenous, and Spanish descent who came to the valley before them. The mountains were used as commons land and relied on for hunting, fishing, wood gathering and spiritual retreat until the ranch was purchased by Jack Taylor in the 1960s. He fenced out the locals and brutally punished 'trespassers'. A court case challenging the Taylors' domination of the mountain is being pressed by the people of the Culebra watershed, the heirs of the mountain under the original land grant. The first step in the case, establishing that Taylor denied the locals due process of court when he took the rights away in the first place, was won last September.

In the mean time, a unique coalition of environmentalists, locals, and Chicano activists have dedicated themselves to stopping the industrial logging of La Sierra. Grassroots organizing, outreach, political pressure, litigation, and nonviolent direct action are some of the methods they are utilizing. Civil disobedience at the gates of the ranch, and most recently at the US Forest Industries mill, has resulted in dozens of arrests. Activists have laid their bodies on the line to physically stop the logging trucks' passage, using methods ranging from strategically placed sit-ins, to lock-downs on gates and the hauling trucks themselves.

Logging still continues though, and over 40 loaded hauling trucks have been counted leaving the ranch in just one day. This unthinkable violation of human and environmental rights continues to take place right under our noses. For seven generations San Luis had been a model of sustainable agriculture and respectful land management. It is imperiled as long as the devastation continues.

Many protests and civil disobedience actions have taken place in and around the town of San Luis, joining the forces of local farmers and grassroots activists. Most recently, on January 12, six activist attempted to shut down the South Forks Saw Mill. An activist was to the arm of each of the mill's two loaders, preventing the loaders from being operated without threatening the lives of those locked. The mill was unable to process any new logs without the use of these unloaders. Four more protesters waited on the ground to support those locked to the machinery and to facilitate communication with the mill workers when they

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SAN LUIS NAT'L ACTION

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Headwaters Comes to a Head

Tales of Chemical Warfare and Redwood Destruction

By Jennifer Kolar

In late October horrifying news hit the press, that even the most conservative and a-political of viewers watched with shock. Armed with cotton swabs coated in pepperspray, police in Humboldt county, California, forcibly wiped pepperspray into the eyes of young female nonviolent protesters who were locked to a redwood stump placed in the office of Congressman Frank Riggs. Riggs then got up in front of Congress and defended his actions against the protestors he described as "reckless, wanton, lawbreakers." He declared that he felt his life was under serious threat and such force was justified. Riggs' spokesperson, Beau Phillips, stated, "police do what police do. We're not going to tell police how to do their job. It's a sad fact that sometimes deadly force — and non-lethal force — are needed in certain situations." Of course, he failed to explain how protestors who had their arms locked together and were laying on the ground could possibly threaten his life. His stories haven't convinced the media who have taken a strong stand nation-wide on the side of the protestors, nor seemingly the FBI, who are investigating the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department.

The year before found protestors chained to a similar redwood stump in Senator Diane Feinstein's office. Clearly no friend to the cause of Headwaters or of activists, Feinstein wrote a letter criticizing Humboldt county sheriff and deputies' actions saying, "I believe the use of pepper spray in a situation where it appears the demonstrators posed no threat of injury is unwarranted and unnecessary."

The use of pepper spray has come under a great deal of scrutiny as more cases of pepper-spray related deaths have been reported, with the American Civil Liberties Union reporting 31 pepper spray-related deaths in California since 1993. Pepper spray has been used in two previous protests in Humboldt, and protesters have filed a federal civil rights suit against the Humboldt County authorities in response.

The fight is over 60,000 acres of the endangered ancient redwood ecosystem, Headwaters Forest, in California that activists are desperately trying to save. The forest is privately owned by Pacific Lumber, a company that has a record of repeated violations in their logging practices. Pacific Lumber/MAXXAM and the state and federal governments have negotiated an agreement which could potentially lead to the protection of parts of the Headwaters Grove and Elk Head Springs, two ancient groves in the forest owned and threatened by Pacific Lumber. However, even if this deal goes through, only 7,500 acres would be protected and the rest of Pacific Lumber's 60,000 acres, including the other four ancient groves, would be completely destroyed. This ancient forest is home to endangered species such as the marbled murrelet, who are protected by the Endangered Species Act. The California Department of Forestry had decided that they would not issue Pacific Lumber Company a renewed Timber Operating License in 1998 due to Pacific Lumber's repeated (103 noted) failures to comply with the State Forest Practice Rules. Unfortunately, this stopped Pacific Lumber only a few days. After only a small legal slap on the wrist and a fine insignificant to such a corporation, Pacific Lumber was back destroying the forest.

Headwaters National Day of Action

The next Headwaters National Day of Action will be March 15, 1998. Actions and rallies will be held in Humboldt, SF, Houston, Washington DC, NY and wherever you make them happen. Come to Headwaters for this gathering or plan one in your own area! The forest is falling while we wait. Contact 707-825-8911 for info.

EVIL EMPIRE

Only Grassroots Coalition Stands in Way of Threat To Vail's Pristine Forest

By Nicole Rosmarino and Jennifer Kolar

Vail Associates, owners of the Vail, Keystone, Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, and Arrowhead ski resorts in Colorado, want to engulf yet more primitive, national forest into their evil empire. They are not counting on the grassroots effort that will stand in their way.

A coalition of grassroots environmental and animal rights activists are the David taking on the Vail Goliath. And we aim to be masterful with our humble slingshots!

We oppose Vail's gluttony for its further desecration of Colorado's forests, and as co-owners of the public land on which Vail tightens its strangle-hold. We refuse to let Vail further endanger the wildlife which seek refuge in the area which Vail has targeted for clearcutting, bulldozing, and the construction (destruction!) of a 20,000 square foot restaurant, three ski lifts, and seven skiways.

In particular, Vail's planned expansion will most likely result in the extinction of lynx in Colorado. Even those most faulty of wildlife "managers", the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), have said as much. According to CDOW, "If there is any critical lynx habitat in the state, this is it!" Vail's expansion will destroy this critical habitat, and will therefore eliminate any chance of lynx persistence in the area.

The lynx was petitioned for emergency listing under the Endangered Species Act and, while the FWS has admitted that the lynx merits listing, it has as yet failed to list the species. Meanwhile, FWS, CDOW and Vail Associates are brokering a deal to dump 200 lynx from the Yukon into Colorado to avoid listing the lynx. Survival of these introduced lynx will almost certainly be low, as, according to a wildlife biologist hired by Vail Associates itself has stated, "[W]e don't know squat about Colorado lynx..." It looks like another animal experiment, all for corporate greed.

The lynx is a solitary and timid creature who is incredibly rare and endangered in the lower 48 states. They are highly affected by human encroachment or presence of any kind, and a development encompassing skiers, lifts and condos is sure to significantly impact any remaining lynx. Due to their private nature, and their scarcity, lynx have rarely been seen in recent years. However, according to lawyer Ted Zukoski of the Land and Water Fund, the last three of four confirmed sightings and confirmed pawprint identifications have been in the proposed "Category 3" expansion, as it is being called. US Fish and Wildlife biologist Lee Carlson says additionally that the lack of recent tracks means little due to the reclusive nature of the lynx. Additionally, no complete studies have been done of these forest areas to monitor lynx populations. Even if no lynx are alive at present in the Two Elks Roadless area, this expansion would wipe out one of the last suitable areas remaining for lynx reintroduction in the US.

There are other concerns involved in Vail's eco-terrorism, however. Deer and elk cover, vital especially during calving, will be seriously depleted. In addition, other forest creatures, adapted to the conditions of a healthy forest, with its delicate natural processes, will suffer with this massive destruction project. Finally, Vail's expansion will destroy roadless values in the area, and will fragment habitat in an essential wildlife corridor.

What is most striking about Vail's voracious appetite for (public!) land is that Vail doesn't need one more acre or one more trail. The Vail ski resort is the largest in the United States, in terms of trails and acreage. Vail is one of the two largest resorts in North America. In fact, the congestion and housing problems sure to result from the expansion should compel Vail, out of self-interest, to avoid the expansion!

Vail's Category 3 expansion proposes to add 1000 skiable acres to Vail's already massive 4644 acres at present. The expansion will take place south of Vail's back bowls in the Two Elk Roadless area of the White River National Forest.

Their proposed development will slice the only corridor between the Holy Cross and Eagle's Nest wilderness areas, and really, one of the only corridors between the northern and southern forests of Colorado, which are segmented due to the massive development along the I-70 corridor.

This corridor is essential for wildlife who live within these forests, and especially for the incredibly fragile Colorado lynx.

The battle over the Vail expansion has been a long and heated one, initiating in 1994 when almost bankrupt Vail enterprises was purchased by its present owners at which time they sunk over $8 million dollars into renovations, building, and water rights.

In August of 1996, the local Forest Service supervisor initially approved the expansion with the USFS giving final approval in September of 1997.

Only two permits remain in between Vail and the Category 3 expansion: A wetlands permit from the Army Corp of Engineers expected to be granted on February 1st, and approval from the Eagle County Commissioners office. If these permits are achieved, then Vail plans to hurriedly begin their destruction on July 1, 1998, the first day after the closure of the area due to elk calving is removed. Activists with Ancient Forest Rescue have been staging protests in Vail for the past few years.

Most recently, Rocky Mountain Animal Defense (RMAD) activists have taken an active role in fighting the Vail expansion. RMAD activists were present at the Vista Bohn ski area of Vail on December 20th, where 4 people snowshoed up a slope in front of the main lifts carrying banners decrying the destruction of lynx habitat and Vail's increasing decimation of forests for money and greed.

AFR is planning on filing a legal injunction to stop the expansion if the permits should go through. However, if this injunction is denied, the only thing that will be between Vail's bulldozers and this important forest are activists like YOU. AFR will be working on presenting slide shows around the state and country to bring activists to Vail this summer to aid in protest of this destruction.

The important Eagle County Commissioner's meeting which will decide the fate of Vail will be On February 25th, and as many activists as possible need to be present at this meeting.

It's a sad story: Vail is planning to destroy land it doesn't even need, while the lynx struggles for its very survival, while the deer and elk search desperately for a refuge from hunters, while the forest is relentlessly divided into tiny fragments, unable to sustain its creatures.

We are all that stand in the way of a tragic ending.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Send a message to Vail that their limitless greeed will meet with stiff opposition.

Call 1-800-525-2257 to tell Vail "No." Tell Vail that you oppose the planned Category III expansion. Tell Vail it is big enough.

Also, contact the Eagle County Board of County Commissioners, PO Box 850; Eagle, CO 81631 to urge them to reject the planned expansion. Eagle County Commissioners are Mr. George "Bud" Gates, Mr. James Johnson Jr., and Ms. Johnnett Phillips.

Express to the Commissioners that the expansion 1) will be bad for Eagle County, as it may cause severe congestion and housing problems; and 2) will destroy elk and lynx habitat.

For more information, contact: Rocky Mountain Animal Defense at 303-449-4422 or Boulder Ancient Forest Rescue [Ben Doon, University of Colorado at Boulder, CB 331; Boulder, CO. 80309. 303-492-8308. <benjamin.doon@colorado.edu>].

Saw Mill

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arrived. One man was locked by his neck 60 feet above ground on one machine, while one woman was locked through a lock box 40 feet above ground on the other machine. The mill workers dropped the platform that the man's neck was attached to by 6 feet, dangerously yanking him down by his neck.

The locks attaching his neck to the machinery were cut through with a torch and the man was lowered by the fire department to the ground, as he was passively resisting and not aiding the officers in their arrest. These six activists were held in el Norte county jail on charges of trespass and await trail.

One additional activist was arrested outside the jail, as he simply sat on the lawn playing guitar. Police charged him with inciting a riot and later added a charge of disorderly conduct. He too is awaiting trial later in February. These acts of civil disobedience are but the most recent in a long battle against Taylor ranch and its decimation both of a culture and of a old-growth forest which is home to a myriad of life.

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OP-ED

Is 'Non-Violence' Just 'Ass-Kissing'?

(This is an unsolicited Op-Ed piece by someone calling herself or himself "Spike and friends." It relates specifically to Earth 1st! apparently, but may have applications, or not, to other movements. ONE STRUGGLE welcomes Opinion (Op-Ed) pieces).

I think it's time for a sober appraisal of this "movement" and the effectiveness of it's tactics, in particular where the nonviolence code is concerned.

Nonviolence is reactive, a negative objective, -however, it's becoming increasingly clear that the tactics employed by the EF! (and other) movement(s) can be better described with a positive, pro-active term—namely, ass-kissing.

And, it's time to face the fact that ass-kissing is not an effective tactic for social change—ever.

Nonviolence is a potentially empowering concept, not to be confused with complacent ass-kissing, which helps reinforce traditional hierarchical relationships within society instead of challenging them. What started out promisingly as a genuinely radical alternative to the moribund carcass of mainstream environmentalism, has become effete and formulaic, a masturbatory exercise in defeat.

Earth First! (and other movements) cannot be effective and continue practicing the brand of non-violence it currently professes. Our numbers simply are not sufficient. Even at large campaigns where there are a couple of hundred people, only a fraction are willing to risk arrest or defy the police.

A prime illustration of this is the '97 Headwaters campaign. The "rally" was nothing more than a party, and the political dialogue there was virtually indistinguishable from that which might be overheard at the local McDonald's. A vast majority of those gathering "for the Earth" were unwilling to walk the couple of hundred yards from the parking area to the rally site.

This necessitated a huge fleet of shuttle vehicles which spewed an endless supply of noxious vapors into the atmosphere. Even the local papers recognized the "rally" for what it was: a gathering of nostalgic, harmless liberals, about as intimidating as a Promise Keeper's rally.

In fact, the organizers were so terrified that this "rally" would be mistaken for an actual protest that they were compelled to provide their own security force, dubbed "Peace Keepers", although "Ass-Kissers" would have been a more appropriate term. Their primary function seemed to be to remind the participants that they were there to party, not to protest. We could only hope that we had made a wrong turn and ended up at the H.O.R.D.E. festival.

The next day, about 200 people walked from the C.D.F. in Fortuna to Newburgh gate. The next few hours entailed listening to a variety of watered-down, uninspiring propaganda that would have had us believe that our presence was impeding the progress of MAXXAM Co. in its effort to exterminate the redwoods. The fact was that no logging was planned that day, but that was all right because it was a "Good Action".

More excellent examples of this sort of more or less cowardly "risk free" activism can be found in an October 9 Headwaters action alert which was mailed out by either the Mendocino Environmental Center or the Art and Revolution Collective (it's hard to tell who because so many groups and contact numbers are listed, each eager to be associated with these "radical" actions).

The action alert begins with a greeting from the Headwaters base-camp and almost immediately launches into a self-congratulatory, delusional rave about giant puppets and street theater shutting down MAXXAM. More rallies, more lock-downs, more base-camp politics (Yawn). Then, after wading through an ocean of generic EF! rhetoric, I saw a paragraph that caught my eye:

"Immediately after the rally cleared out, we transformed into base-camp and dove right into action. On Monday the 15th, 200 folks marched from C.D.F. in Fortuna to the Newburgh road gate, where fifteen women held a line across the gate, and wood elves hiked around to the road above. The Humboldt County Sheriffs and California Highway Patrol stood stone-faced as we rallied, ranted, and prayed, [Authors Note: I bet they were scared] until reinforcements arrived in riot gear and got into military formation.

After removing activists from the road above, the police focused on the crowd who were peaceably assembling and allowing police vehicles to pass [Authors Note: What an embarrassment!]. They declared us an illegal assembly and ordered us to disperse by threatening us with chemical agents! We circled up to seek consensus but at the last moment the police charged us and most of us moved.]

In my opinion, this one paragraph says more about the present state of our "movement" than the last 20 issues of the EF! Journal put together. As anyone who is actually out on the front lines will tell you, we are badly in need of some new tactics and of some type of long term revolutionary strategy that links our actions with those of other resistance movements around the globe.

The fact that the authors of the above-mentioned Headwaters action alert went out of their way to mention "consensus" (which, along with the Non-violence Code, constitutes their religion) and actually boast about obeying the police shows that the real priority of many activists is not protecting the Earth but protecting the reputation of Earth First! as a law abiding, non-violent protest group that "plays by the rules".

At a typical Headwaters rally, you'll usually hear people shouting things like "we're not extremists, we all have jobs, we all pay taxes; we're not against logging, we just want to see it done differently". Signs that read "Jail Charles Hurwitz" and "End Lawless Logging" are everywhere.

In 1998, as we teeter on the brink of total ecological devastation, this type of liberal ass-kissing is intolerable. Asking the system that created Charles Hurwitz to punish him can only be described as pathetic; if Hurwitz ever went to jail it would only be as a shill for the capitalist system whose very raison d'être is resource extraction.

Let's return to the text of the action alert: "On Thursday 21 activists locked down in cement-encased lock boxes across Fisher road, the controversial site of the last two September Headwaters Rallies. Again, authorities ordered us to disperse, which we chose to do willingly as a sort of Aikido move".

Now Aikido is based on the concept of leading your opponent, of harmonizing with your opponents' charge and turning their aggression against them. Yet nowhere in this flyer is it ever explained how this clever "Aikido move" was used against the police; in fact, it never gets mentioned again. This is because no Aikido move ever took place and self-styled "Earth Warriors" of Humboldt County are only trying to make themselves appear heroic, when their actions clearly betray their lack of revolutionary courage and cringing obedience to authority.

The police did the leading in this situation and the crowd scattered, probably because most of them were new recruits under the insidious influence of the power-tripping liberals who try to set policy for the entire environmental movement. What is this policy? Ostensibly, it is contained in the Non-violence Code, the holy scripture that the liberal environmentalist adheres to with all the religious zeal of any fundamentalist fanatic, seeking to convert those who have not yet "seen the light", at least until the letter of the law conflicts with the single most holy precept conceivable to the "believer" ass-kissing.

Not coincidentally, the only rule included in the non-violence code that doesn't explicitly call for ass-kissing is also the rule most EF!'ers have no compunction about breaking: We Will Not Run. Oh, yes—we will run, and darn fast, when cops or loggers are after us.

The non-violence code, aside from being archaic and ineffective, can be downright dangerous when used as a shield for cowardly behavior. Strict, dogmatic adherence to the non-violence code often endangers the safety of fellow activists who place themselves in vulnerable positions, at the mercy of hostile forces (loggers, law enforcement) with only their "support group" as protection.

An excellent example is an action I recently took part in at Dillon Creek.A young EF!er locked down to a water truck in the middle of the roadway that leads to the units. When the loggers arrived, about half of the support team fled, leaving about six of us.

The loggers opened up a valve and began dumping hundreds of gallons of water on the poorkid's head. We still had them out-numbered, and I tried to convince everyone to band together and shut off the water, but no one would back me me up, and I wound up facing down two loggers alone.

I nearly got my ass kicked for nothing, as they physically prevented me from shutting off the water and finished emptying the water upon their unfortunate target who had been abandoned by most of his support group.

Then, they chased one of our number through the woods and hit him with a shovel, and another one of us got thrown on the ground. Later, when I chastised my fellows for not forcing them to shut the water off, one of them looked at me aghast and said, "that might have provoked violence".

I don't think he was joking. The fact is, they did get violent—but not with anyone who stood up to them. This demonstrates that an attitude of subservience is no guarantee of personal safety; and in fact is an insult to the memory of effective non-violent movements whose members risked life and limb standing up to and defying their oppressors. None of the great successful non-violent movements were ass-kissing in nature; they were developmental and progressive, not dogmatic and inflexible, and the very notion of resting on ones laurels is antithetical to the idea of calling something a "movement".

People in Earth First! need to become familiar with the history of non-violent resistance before they begin to espouse a political philosophy they cannot even claim to understand. Further evidence of the depraved toadying that passes for activism can be seen in another of the fascist rules included in the Non-violence Code: We Will Not Destroy Any Property. How can a creed that was fashioned with the ostensible aim of preserving the Earth even acknowledge the idea of "property"?

This is an inescapable paradox, and a fatal flaw in our strategy. Clearly, this movement is suffering from an identity crisis. For too long we have relied on gurus and ideologues to define us and our shared philosophy. "Deep Ecology" is an intellectual concept about "putting the Earth first" created by college professors who are environmentally radical but politically reactionary and who push their own reformist political agenda that will never take us far beyond fairly limited forms of lawful protest and lobbying.

Are we willing to concede to this kind of tyrannical manipulation? There is a police-like mentality at work that should frighten anyone concerned with real social or ecological change. The movement must be what we decide it should be, not what self-appointed leaders decide for us, especially when decisions were made in a different era.

This type of intellectual brow-beating would be inexcusable in an effective social movement. It's time to jettison the Non-violence Code, and allow this movement to be redefined in the terms of its actual participants.

Murderous Mining
Tale of the Taku Watershed

Peggy Wilcox
Earth First! Journal

(Dec/Jan. 98)A new road would carve lines into a rare blank space on the map.

At stake is a 7,000-square-mile intact watershed—the Taku. On one side is a Canadian mining corporation. On the other are the Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRT) and British Columbia conservationists. Caught in the middle are the salmon.

The Taku is the largest unprotected wilderness river system on the western shore of North America, stretching from southeast Alaska to the Yukon and bisected by the American/Canadian border, a line drawn from mountain peak to mountain peak along the Coast Range. A recent proposal to reopen a mine and construct a new road in the Taku would carve lasting lines into this rare blank space on the map.

Mining isn't new to the Taku; the area was active during the gold rush of 1898 and then again after the 1930s when small-scale mining reappeared along the rich mineral belt Alaska shares with Canada. In the 1950s, Cominco Corporation operated the "Tulsequah Chief," located about 50 miles by air from Juneau, at the confluence of the Telsequah and Taku Rivers. But globally depressed copper prices forced Cominco to close the mine six years after start-up. In 1995, a Canadian-based mining company, Redfern Resources Ltd., purchased the defunct Tulsequah Chief copper mine and wants to open it, despite the fact that copper, considering all costs, is worth less than when Cominco gave up on the mine.

But this is more than just a mine proposal. If the Tulsequah Chief mine starts operations, the owners will have a heavy, low-value product mined from a remote watershed with no road or rail access. Air transport can be cost-effective for gold, with its relatively high value per ounce; but copper isn't worth enough to pay its way.

Fifty years ago, Cominco used a water route, barging the ore down the river to southeast Alaska. But glacial recession and rebound combined with dramatic floods, have played havoc with the Taku. Glacial changes and floods affect channel paths and deposit tons of glacial debris, making the lower part of the river extremely difficult to navigate. From the perspective of Redfern, these inconveniences mean there is only one way to get their copper to market: a road. Redfern proposes a 160-kilometer road stretching from Atlin to the Tulsequah Chief mine site, with multiple stream crossings along its course. As we've learned in Southeast Alaska, every river and stream crossing has potentially damaging effects on the salmon habitat downstream.

All this for a mine that Redfern admits will probably operate for a maximum of ten years. Millions of public dollars and months of construction, just to reach a mediocre ore body that will dry up in ten years? To make the project worthwhile, the proposed road and mine would likely be just the beginning of commercial activity in the watershed, but the Taku is rich in timber and other mineral deposits. With such a wealth of resources, the Taku would be prime territory for new industry.

And you can bet that if BC carves a new road into the heart of the Taku, clearcuts, more mines, and even more roads wouldn't be far behind.

Today, the orange-colored runoff from the abandoned Tulsequah Chief is clearly visible as you fly from Juneau to Atlin. Acid pollution from the Tulsequah Chief continues to leach toxic sulfuric acid into the river—50 years after the fact. Drafts of Redfern's proposal to the British Columbia government state that "reactivation of the [mine] could result in chronic discharge of effluent contaminated with acids, heavy metals, petroleum products, and/or toxic reagents." In addition, failure of the proposed tailings impoundment is almost guaranteed: Two or three times each summer, melting glaciers cause sudden and extreme floods on the Taku—at times releasing 65 billion gallons of water over a 12-hour period. Release of the mine tailings could devastate down stream fisheries, which make millions for Alaskan and Canadian commercial fishers. At a time when Canada and the United States find themselves at odds over salmon resources, reopening the mine and endangering salmon runs is irresponsible.

The Atlin-based TRT is also dismayed by Redfern's proposal. The Taku is part of the TRT's traditional land range, and they are currently in negotiations with the BC government, seeking redress of their land claims.

To the TRT, it is an obvious breach of good faith by the provincial government to allow development of the watershed before the issue is settled, especially after the TRT has expressed strong disapproval of road building in its traditional lands.

The TRT is currently developing a land protection plan for the entire watershed and has established alliances with both local and regional environmental groups, including the Taku Wilderness Association, also based in Atlin.

When roads are developed in previously unroaded areas, resource after resource is exploited, poaching increases, and the area quickly loses its habitat and wilderness values. Any developments conceived for the Taku region should be considered only after the final settlement of the TRT's treaty negotiations.

Despite our growing knowledge of the value of wild places to the health of the planet, these unique areas are continually sacrificed for short-term industrial development. The Taku stands out as more than special; it is the very last large, unprotected, unroaded watershed on the West coast of North America. If we lose the Taku to roading, mining and logging, the planet will lose an irreplaceable treasure.

Peggy Wilcox is a grassroots organizer with the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council.

What you can do to help: Contact Governor Tony Knowles at POB 110001, Juneau, AK 99811-0001; fax (907) 465-3532. For further info, contact Southeast Alaska Conservation Council at 419 6th St., #328, Juneau, AK (907) 586-6942.

Peoples' Movements Vs. "Free" Trade

Worldwide Conference Held; Protests Set

Hundreds of representatives from movements around the world met in Geneva in February to establish a platform for action against trade liberalization: The Peoples' Global Action.

The first big-scale action will be a wave of decentralized mobilizations and protests around the world paralleling the Second Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, May 18-20.

If you want more information about demonstrations, contact Play Fair Europe!, eV., Turmstr. 3, 52072 Aachen, Germany; +49-241-80 37 92, fax +_49-241-88 88 394; e-mailplayfair@asta.rwth-aachen.de http://www.agp.org.

DAY OF ACTION AGAINST THE WAR ON WILDLIFE

Activists around the country protested on March 2 predator control programs such as leghold trapping, aerial gunning, denning and poison collars by the U.S. "Wildlife Services" agency (formerly Animal Damage Control) in the name of rural development and factory farming.

The national day of action against the war on wildlife, co-sponsored by Earth First! and ARDAC (Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition), seeks to bring together as many organizers and activists from both the Earth and animal liberation movements as possible in the states where ADC operates.

For more information about ADC actions, contact Regional Contacts for Day of Action Against War on Wildlife:

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OREGON: Sis, Orca/EF!, Cascadia ForestDefenders<earthfirst@igc.apc.org>

Local groups are encouraged to organize an action in their area in defense of the animals being slaughtered by the government every day. Activists need to fight back, especially in areas such as Ohio, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Wisconsin, and Michigan, where the war on wildlife is raging.

Every year, the government (local and state) spends millions of dollars (your tax dollars) on wildlife slaughter without any public involvement in making policy decisions.

Every year, millions of animals--including wolves, foxes, bobcats, geese, beavers, raccoons, rabbits, cats and numerous other species of wildlife--are slaughtered to satisfy rich, lazy ranchers who fail to employ any kind of measures to prevent predators from damaging their crops or so-called "livestock."

Speak up for the animals! Big or small, organize an action to let the public and government know we will not tolerate the slaughtering of wildlife, or any life!

For more information or to become a contact organizer for ADC actions in your area, contact:

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NO MORE LOGGING!

Public Land Logging Costs Taxpayers; Even Congress Looking for Way Out

By Michael Kolar

After 100 years of destructive logging on public lands, even congress is starting to demand a halt. Since logging began in National Forests in 1897, most of America's forest cover has been logged, with more than 40 million acres clearcut. Less than 5 percent remains, almost all on public lands. Unless public land logging is stopped, even this small remnant of our original forests will be lost forever.

Backed by job blackmail, large campaign donations, and expensive TV ads, giant logging companies have successfully manipulated officials, promoting an agenda that calls for zero regulation of the 78% of commercial forests in private hands and zero enforcement of logging regulations on public lands.

The financial cost to the American public—probably what is finally getting congressional attention—is staggering. In 1996, the US Forest Service spent 1.3 billion dollars financing the timber sale program on our national forests—a program that produced nothing of use, and which failed to return a penny to the treasury. Only 3.9% of US wood products consumption is tied to public lands logging, an amount that can easily be replaced with the most modest recycling efforts.

National Forest Protection & Restoration Act Introduced in Congress

On October 31, 1997, Rep Cynthia McKinney introduced the National Forest Protection and Restoration Act. Nearly a dozen representatives, ranging from Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) to Rep. Jim Leach (R-IA), have already signed on as co-sponsors of the bill. Following is an excerpt from a press conference by Rep. McKinney and others introducing the act.

"Today we are introducing a bill to end one of the most environmentally and fiscally irresponsible federal programs in existence — the timber sale program on our National Forests. For decades, the U.S. Forest Service has allowed the timber industry to dominate these forests, while American families are left with stumps, mud slides and polluted drinking water.

"Ninety-five percent of the great forests that once covered this country —our natural heritage — has been lost to logging. The cost to our families, our resources and our economy is high.

"Timber sales on our public lands have a devastating effect on our environment. If commercial logging continues at the current rate, there will be nothing left for our kids and grand kids. The pollution of our water, the destruction of recreational facilities and the devastation caused by floods and mud slides are permanent.

"With the help of Congress, the timber industry has cleverly disguised their abuse of public lands. They use euphemisms like "meadow enhancement," "linear wildlife opening," "cross-country ski trail enhancement," and "vista enhancement" to describe their dirty deed. And the list goes on and on. Because they know that the American people oppose logging on our public lands. In a recent poll, 96% of Americans agree that no commercial logging should be permitted on federal public lands. But the timber barons always manage to get their cut and dupe the people at the same time.

"Last year, American taxpayers underwrote the timber industry by $791 million. You'd think that with all that money going around, we — the American people — would get something in return. However, Forest Service figures show that in 1996 not one dollar from timber receipts were returned to the federal treasury. While the timber company fat cats get fatter, the rest of us pay the price.

"We've already seen how the Forest Service is encouraged to deceive the public. Federally subsidized and unaccountable, the program breeds corruption and encourages abuse. By allowing perfectly healthy trees to be earmarked 'salvage' — just to make a quick buck -the Forest Service has demonstrated that they are as irresponsible and dishonest as the timber companies who have laid waste to our natural treasures.

"The National Forest Protection and Restoration Act will end the federal government's timber sale program and begin the task of saving our public forests. This is both ecologically and economically beneficial. Recreation and tourism activities create 31 times the number of jobs and generate 38 times more income than logging.

"This bill would phase out commercial logging in several stages: First, the bill would immediately prohibit the Forest Service and other federal agencies from offering new timber sales;

"Second, existing timber sales — those that have already been sold to logging companies -will have 2 years during which they could be logged under their existing contracts. After 2 years, however, such timber sales would be canceled, and logging operations would not be permitted to continue.

"Third, our most ecologically sensitive lands would be immediately protected — the bill would immediately make our remaining pristine forests off limits to further logging and road construction.

"Finally, this bill would seek to mitigate the damage done by one of the worst environmental laws Congress has ever enacted: the so-called Timber Salvage Rider. Vice-President Gore has called the Rider "the biggest mistake" of the Administration. While this egregious act officially expired last December, thousands of acres of healthy, green old-growth forests are still slated to be clearcut, immune from citizen oversight or the enforcement of environmental law. Our bill would immediately cancel these "rider sales."

"This bill would eliminate the multi-million dollar annual subsidy to the timber industry, saving taxpayers over $300 million annually.

"The bill would end the abuse of the Forest Service's off-budget, revolving accounts. The monies in these logging funds — namely the Salvage and K-V funds — would be redirected towards worker retraining programs; continued payments to counties at current levels of "revenue sharing" through 2003; and would establish a $30 million federal grant program for developing environmentally sound wood alternatives, providing employment for many Americans.

"The bill initiates a scientifically-based ecological restoration program for federal public forests.

"The Secretary of Interior is directed to appoint regional committees of independent scientists to help develop regional Natural Heritage Restoration Plans for each region. These Plans will be carried out by a Natural Heritage Restoration Corps to be established by the departments of Agriculture and Interior for the purpose of doing the work of restoring logged areas — activities such as replanting of native tree species, prescribed burning, stabilizing soils, obliterating old logging roads and stream restoration projects.

"The Forest Service should be in the business of protecting our natural resources on our behalf — not selling it off behind our backs. It's time to stop doling out millions of dollars in corporate welfare to underwrite the timber industry. It's time to break the cycle of devastation of our natural resources. It's time to place the interests of our families and valuable resources over and above those of corporate special interests. Simply put, it's time to take the federal government out of the logging business."

WHAT CAN YOU DO!?!

Contact your representatives. Demand that they end logging of our forests and redirect logging subsidies to restoration and community aid.

Signatures in support of Zero Cut are being collected. Obtain petitions from Forest Guardians, 1413 Second Street, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Or call (505) 988-9126 for petitions.

For more information on the urgent need for ZeroCut legislation, see the Native Forest Council's Website: http://www.envirolink.org/orgs/forestcouncil/pubs.htm.

The Native Forest Council can also be contacted at P.O. Box 2190, Eugene, OR 97402 (541) 688-2600, fax (541) 689-9835. Or contact the Native Forest Council's Washington DC District Office (Karyn Strickler), 817 Silver Spring Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 587-8306, fax 587-8063.

RESISTANCE:

Quechan Nation Resists Cyanide Gold Mine Instrusion Into Its 10,000 Year Old 'Indian Pass' Sacred Area

By Daniel Patterson
Earth First! Journal

(Dec/Jan 98) - Way down in the southeastern corner of California, not far from the Colorado River, there is a remote and spectacular place called Indian Pass.

It is home to sacred Indian sites, microphyll woodland habitat and desert wildlife, including 22 plants and 61 animals listed or proposed for listing as threatened or endangered on the state or federal endangered species list.

Indian Pass is yet another southwestern desert wonderland sentenced to death by multinational corporations and irresponsible Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managers.

It is a place where the Quechan and other tribes of the Colorado River Native Nations Alliance have joined with tough desert conservationists to stop a proposed gold mine.

The proposed 1,571-acre mine is situated on public land managed by the BLM and open to multiple abuses, including 1872 Mining Act rip-offs. The site is a de facto wilderness about nine miles west of the Colorado River. The Vancouver, BC-based Glamis Gold, LTD. wants to turn this sacred desert wilderness into the Imperial Project, a cyanide heap-leach gold mine, feeding a worldwide "need" for gold. Eight-five to 90 percent of this gold will be used for jewelry.

Our national heritage is being ripped up for Rolex watches and gold plated sport-utility vehicle bumpers.

Indian Pass has been sacred to the Quechan Nation for over 10,000 years. It is surrounded by four distinct types of mountains, each formed by a different natural process.

The mountains, the four natural creation ways and the four directions have great spiritual meaning to the Quechan people. Indian Pass is still used for native religious ceremonies. Young men are brought to ancient sleeping circles to fast and prey under the guidance of tribal elders. It is also a powerful place that any desert rat would love: one-hundred mile vistas, jagged peaks, big ironwood washes, bats, silence, power.

Last winter, a draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) was released for public review. Quechan leaders and Southern California conservationists say this is clearly and inadequate document under the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act.

The BLM held hearings across the region. At each meeting the public expressed that the impacts of this mine were destructive and unacceptable.

At a hearing last winter, Pauline Owl, chairwoman of the Quechan Cultural Committee, told the BLM El Centro Area Manager Terry Reed that is he approved the proposal Quechans would occupy the site and, "you would have to kill us [before we'll allow the mine]."

Activists also blasted the laughable $30-per-acre reclamation plan that included leaving a 900-foot-deep hole and 300-foor high waste rock and heap leach piles.

Habitat compensation for microphyll woodland, and important sensitive desert wash habitat for which BLM does not even know area distribution of viability, was set much too low, mitigating only one acre for every pristine acre destroyed. In addition, an estimated 33 to 57 threatened desert tortoises would be killed as "incidental takes."

Due to strong opposition from the Quechans, conservationists and US Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), the BLM was forced to prepare a new EIS/EIR for the Imperial Project, delaying any possible BLM decision until the winter of 1998.

Paperwrenchers are working on legal challenges which may result in an important case between the 1872 Mining Act and laws about Native American rights.

On Thanksgiving, about 50 Quechan leaders and desert activists gathered at the site to feast and strategize. Preston Arroweed led the Quechan men in singing as young Quechan women danced.

Lorey Cachora, a Quechan archaeologist, talked about the spiritual significance of the area Glamis Imperial wants to mine, "It has a couple of windows we can use to go into other worlds. There are dream trails we use to learn whatever we need." Mr. Cachora also indicated that Quechans were prepared to "bring out the Eagle feathers," a sign that they are ready to make an uncompromising stand to defend Indian Pass.

Indeed, the area is rich with ancient sacred significance, natural desert wilderness beauty and native habitat supporting biodiversity such as the Yuma puma, flat-tailed horned lizard, California leaf-nosed bat and the rare fairyduster plant.

The new EIS/EIR is out and, not surprisingly, the project still stinks. BLM managers in the California Desert District favor the mine project (imagine that!). A decision could come as soon as February. Cyanide mining for gold is totally unacceptable, especially in the sacred wilderness. The people will stop this project. Quechans are planning the next Indian Pass gathering for around New Year's.

Please help the campaign by contacting the BLM immediately and tell them, "No mine at Indian Pass! Period!" Douglas Romoli, BLM El Centro RA, 1661 S. 4th St., El Centro, CA. 92243; 909-697-5237; fax 760-337-4490. Imperial County Planning Dept., 939 Main St., El Centro, CA. 92243; Contact Glamis Gold, Ltd. 3324 Four Bentall Centre, 1055 Dunsmuir St. V7x1A1. For campaign support info contact Baja Ecotopia EF! at POB 7745, San Diego, CA. 92167; 619-581-3250; email: sdef@envirolink.org.

Radioactive Waste Targets Spokane Indian Nation

By Lindsay Brown
On Indian Land.

(Winter 97/98) The Spokane Tribe, of eastern Washington, is fighting the Dawn Mining Company near Ford to insure that their federally reserved Tshimikain Creek is protected from radioactive contamination.

Dawn owns the Midnite Uranium Mine on the Spokane reservation and a uranium processing mill adjacent to the reservation. Currently, Dawn is negotiating to fill a gaping pit at its defunct uranium mill with 30 million cubic feet of mildly radioactive rubble from NY and St. Louis and the tribe is opposing this initiative.

Dawn Mining Co. first opened the mill in 1957 and has been trying to clean it up for the last 10 years. Proper cleanup of the site requires the filling and capping of a 28-acre tailings pond labeled TDA-4. The state and the Spokane Tribal council requested that the mining company use clean dirt as a fill which would cost Dawn $10 million.

Dawn informed the state that if they were required to use it they would walk away and leave the clean-up bill with the state and taxpayers.

The Spokane Nation has already felt the effects of radioactive contamination from Dawn's operation.

Tshimikain Creek was reserved for the Spokane Nation as a fishery for time immemorial. The Creek runs along the mill and the water treatment plant and the Tribe operates a fish hatchery downstream. Contaminated water has been detected seeping out of the aquifer under the mill site, and into Tshimikain Creek. The water treatment plant is supposed to keep contaminated water from the abandoned mine from entering the Tshimikain Creek by pumping seepage into a pond behind the mill where it is turned into sludge.

The Dept. of Heath and Dawn have determined that the source of the contamination is three older, unlined tailings impoundments. They claim to have resolved the problem by capturing the contaminated plume and pumping it out of the aquifer into the 28-acre, plasticlines tailings pond TD-4.

Dawn Watch, a public interest group formed to fight Dawn's fill plan, claims that TD-4's liner has outlived its one-year warranty and fears that the seams are not sufficient holding devices for nuclear waste which has a half-life of 10,000 years. Tribal members are also attacking Dawn's proposal to transport the rubble on Highway 231, the road that Tribal members use to get to Spokane. The road winds through a deep canyon and has inadequate shoulders and guard rails. Last April a Dawn Mining truck spilled radioactive sludge on the road, illustrating the danger that transporting waste through Spokane could pose.

Protection of the area's wildlife is also of concern, as there have been signs of duck on the ponds and deer tracks on the liners. Klicitat/Cascade Chief Johnny Jackson, who has seen the effect of radioactive contamination on the fish in the Columbia River, said the government has found a new form of genocide, and it's called hazardous nuclear waste.

For more information contact the Spokane Tribe; POB 100; Wellpinit, WA. 99040.;509-258-4581 or Dawn Watch 509-233-8523.

Bison In Yellowstone: Survival, or Slaughter?

By Jennifer Kolar

The last remaining wild bison live in Yellowstone National Park, in Wyoming, a meager few hundred ancestors of the once millions of bison who roamed the prairies.

Yellowstone, however, is not a complete ecosystem in that it contains no winter range for its many grazing animals, such as elk and bison. Thus, when the winter snows come, these animals seek the lower grasses in national forest land outside the northwest corner of Yellowstone, near Gardiner, Montana.

Each year as these animals have ventured out of the park they have been shot, some in the name of nuisance or property destruction, but more commonly in the name of protecting cattle from brucellosis, a disease which, when manifested in cattle, causes cows to abort their fetuses and thus is a financial blow to the cattle industry. Both bison and elk can carry this disease, however there is no recorded case of cattle ever contracting brucellosis from bison.

However, this last winter, which was a very harsh season in Yellowstone, took the lives of roughly 900 bison while the Montana Department of Livestock (DOL) murdered nearly 1100 more, leaving a herd of only 1500, down from the 3500 alive prior to winter.

An important note is that the US Forest Service had the opportunity to buy land just west of the park which would have provided winter range for Yellowstone's grazing animals. They balked on it, however, and the Church of the Universal and Triumphant bought the land for a ranch, where the majority of last winter's killing took place.

For at least the past decade, bison have been shot each year in the name of brucellosis. States such as Montana and Wyoming guard their brucellosis-free status which is essential to the "beef" industry in order to ship cattle and their flesh across state lines.

From 1985 to 1991, the DOL organized bison winter hunts in Yellowstone, but these turned into a mass slaughter where bison were brutally gunned down each year and under mass protest from citizens, the hunts were stopped. Montana authorized state wildlife officials to shoot bison as they left the park and over the next five years at least 400 bison were killed each year.

In 1995 the Montana DOL, the Forest Service and the US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) agreed on the Interim Bison Management Plan which tied the Park Service into cooperating with the killing of bison as they left the park each winter. Based on this plan, the Park Service expected no more than 569 bison to be killed last winter, a large enough number in itself. However, more than double this number died at human hands, either gunned down by officials or sent to slaughter houses.

What has not been mentioned is that during all of these years, the Intertribal Bison Council, a group of 41 Native American tribes, offered solutions to the killing including allowing the bison on their land. Other activists in past years have tried to bring in food to the starving bison to help keep them within park boundaries, but each time they were stopped and arrested.

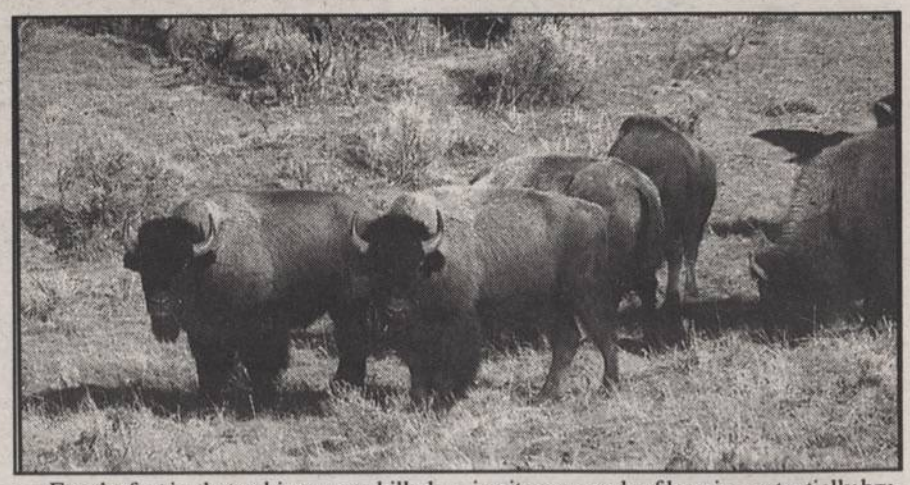
Last year a quarantine facility was built just north of Yellowstone to capture any bison who left park boundaries. These animals were tested for brucellosis with the supposed intention of releasing any who tested negative. However, APHIS and DOL officials refused this release and all captured animals were shot, shipped to slaughter by park service employees, or sent to Texas A&M for use in experiments to develop a brucellosis vaccine.

Many groups have been involved in this struggle to save the bison. Earlier in the decade, hunt sabs were common where activists would stay with the bison to prevent their slaughter. However, recent years saw an end to the sabs. Despite this, public outrage and activism continued alongside the killing under the brutal interim plan.

The interim plan was intended to be just that, an interim plan, but it was never addressed until this last winter. A meeting was held in Gardiner, Montana with Montana governor, Mark Racicot, the US Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, and other high Montana and Wyoming officials.

Ranchers, land owners, environmentalists, native peoples and animal rights activists filled the meeting room to give testimony on the problem of the bison.

A short time into the meeting, an activist with Bison Advocacy Group (BAG) dumped a bucket of entrails hand-delivered to her by the Montana DOL, on the desk in front of Glickman and Racicot, splashing Racicot's clothing and covering the table with a vicious display of the state's handiwork.



For, the fact is, that as bison were killed, they were gutted on the spot, split into manageable pieces and carried away, leaving their entrails and stomachs behind to rot in piles over the land- hardly a condition safe from brucellosis if the random cow happened by the site.

This winter the bison have had some reprieve from the slaughter, thanks to the diligent work of the Buffalo Nations (BN), a group of activists and native peoples who remain with the bison each day to ensure their safety from government officials and ranchers alike.

They avoid hazing the animals or otherwise interfering with their migration to much needed feeding grounds outside of the park whenever able. However, as bison are considered livestock outside of the park and only wildlife when within, hazing them out of danger is sometimes the only means to prevent a slaughter.

Locals have called the BN rather than the DOL when unwanted bison enter their lands, allowing the bison to be moved to safety. Other locals have asked the BN to post "Buffalo Safe Zone" signs on their property which warn the DOL that they are not allowed to harm any bison on the property as well as providing a safe spot for activists to move bison in an emergency.

However, the Montana Department of Livestock is doing everything it can to still kill bison, this time trying to draw bison out of the parks themselves to justify killing them. Clearly the DOL is contradicting its own goals of keeping potentially brucellosis-infected bison away from the cattle, by drawing bison in closer to town. The DOL has placed hay as bait just outside of the Park in West Yellowstone, where the capture facility awaits to take the bison and ship them to slaughter.

On Jan 22, 1998, five bison were captured and shipped to death. These are the first bison killed this winter by the DOL, as the BN have managed to protect the bison until now. At 11:30am on Jan 22, 1998, BN volunteer Dan Howells locked himself to a trailer containing four bison who were captured by the DOL. He was cut off and charged with obstruction, a misdemeanor. A federal judge has conceded that at least 100 more wild bison can be killed this winter. These animals' lives are depending on the state of Montana stopping the DOL from doing any more killing.

Please express your outrage at the state's wanton killing of these animals.

Contact Montana Governor, Marc Racicot at email addresses<momholtmason@mt.gov>and <amalcolm@mt.gov> to decry the resumed slaughter of the last wild bison. For updates on the tenuous situation of Yellowstone's bison and to get involved in the struggle contact: Buffalo Nations PO Box 957 West Yellowstone, MT. 59758 406-646-0070 406-646-0071(fax) <buffalo@wildrockies.org> http://www.wildrockies.org/buffalo

Mitsubishi HQ Blockaded in NYC Action

By Michael Kolar

NEW YORK - Activists brought a message to Mitsubishi headquarters during NYC's World Rainforest Week, successfully blocking several doors at their corporate headquarters an, occupy the building and disrupting their operations.

The protesters demanded that Mitsubishi, the world's largest corporation, cease its worldwide pillage of forests and ecosystems.

Activists wheeled two 600 pound concrete-filled barrels, painted as tree stumps, into the south lobby of the building. The barrels were hidden in cardboard boxes and loaded in on dollies. Announcing that the building was closed, activists placed the barrels to block the main entrance and in seconds six activists were locked down.

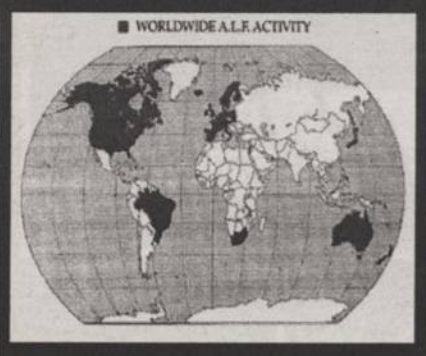
After working for hours to cut, saw, and jackhammer through the lockboxes, police arrested ten activists. But as Earth First! Journal states, "We made Mitsubishi's life hell for a day and got our message out with great newspaper, TV, international newswire, and internet website coverage, bringing home the message: 'Earth First! Profits Last! Boycott Mitsubishi!'"

Mitsubishi, the world's largest destroyer of forests has been the subject of boycott by more than 200 organizations, led by the Rainforest Action Network since 1991. Mitsubishi's legacy includes forest devastation, pollution of waterways, and oil spills. They are the largest exporter of whole logs in Washington and Oregon and the largest exporter of plywood from Indonesian rainforest stolen from indigenous occupants by the hideous Suharto regime. Working with the Mexican government, a subsidiary of Mitsubishi is attempting to build a salt refinery in the breeding and birthing grounds of the endangered California grey whale- Baja California.

Boycott Mitsubishi products, including Kirin Beer, Bank of California, Mitsubishi fax machines, film, art markers, computers, TVs, cars, trucks, Nikon photography, and Mitsubishi Bank.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS



1997 has been a productive year for animal liberationists worldwide. Most notably, Scandinavian countries have been leading the way in the fight against fur, with the A.L.F launching an aggressive attack on farms and freeing thousands of animals. Additionally, a tremendous victory was achieved in the U.K. with the campaign against Consort beagle breeders, and their subsequent closure. Along with the good news comes news of repression and violence from animal abusers, as is to be expected when we challenge the profits of those who exploit animals for a living. Non-violent activists were shot and wounded on farms both in Austria and Finland, and the longest ever sentence for an animal rights activist was handed down to British activist, Barry Horne. If one thing is clear, it is that these acts to silence and demoralize us can only serve to increase our dedication and commitment to the cause of Animal Liberation. The level and strength of actions continues to rise as does communication and support among animal rights activists worldwide. It is our hope that this international news section will serve to inform readers of what is happening on a global level, as well as encourage the sharing of ideas, tactics and victories. Contact: os@envirolink.org or write to One Struggle, PO Box 2013, Boulder, CO 80306



HOLLAND



ADDRESSES OF GRASSROOTS GROUPS AND ZINES

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Dutch Earth First! Chain Themselves to Bulldozers

16 January and the once verdant nature area known as Ruigoord and Groenoord is again the scene of a showdown between riot police and activists from Groen Front (green Front) and from the Groenoord permanent protest camp.

Activists have chained themselves to bulldozers and other vehicles being used to rip up the remaining nature area left after the first, second and third evictions of the permanent camp, which yesterday celebrated it's first full year in existence.

After the first violent eviction in October activists reoccupied the area that had been mowed flat and built a massive fort, and have remained there in spite of bitter cold winds (particularly as this area is particularly flat and windy) and with minimal financial support and resources from the outside. After three evictions and three reoccupations Groenoord activists are still going strong and getting more militant in their methods of protest.Today was a show of that new anger.

First Dutch Chapter of ADL forms in Amsterdam

After several years of very little animal rights activity in Holland, December 1997 saw an upsurge in activity from young activists.

Anti-McDonalds demos and fur pickets are now regular events in Amsterdam. In December a three day fur picket at one of Amsterdam's last remaining fur shops called BONT (FUR) received extensive press coverage. This store will be the target of regular pickets in 1998 until it closes down. Activists from the sXe-vegan hardcore community have now banded together to form the first chapter of American initiated Animal Defense League.

The group here includes members of Driven, one of Holland's biggest HC bands who have strong AR-vegan lyrics and when touring loudly promote militant animal rights philosophy. This is aiding and abetting the spread of animal rights to the younger public in Holland and neighbouring Belgium.

Red Rooster ALF Kick Start 1998

1998 started with a bang in Holland when, on Sunday 4 January, nine meat lorries at a poultry slaughterhouse in Barneveld were burned to the ground. Responsibilty was claimed by a Dutch ALF cell called de Rode Haan (the Red Rooster). Their communique stated : "A good start to 1998". They have also promised to carry out more arsons against the meat industry this year. The arsons received extensive national coverage, including TV coverage on all the main channels. Damage is estimated at millions of guilders.

International AR Holland Gathering

From **Thursday 9-16 April** an Animal Rights Gathering is being held in Holland. It has been organised to assist, encourage and unite grassroots animal rights groups and activists to network on an international as well as a local level. There will be three days of demos, which will be announced at the gathering. There will also be workshops, discussion groups and presentations on tactics and campaigning from activists present from the countries attending. There will be stalls from different countries. Catering will be done RAMPENPLAN, well known for their excellent vegan food.

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SLOVAKIA



Diary of Actions:

September:

Near Zilina (Sillein), Northern Slovakia, Eastern Europe - Fox farm raided. Every single fox , aprox. 300 were taken out of their cages and carried out of the farm and released into the woods in the surrounding area.

Near Zilina (Sillein), Northern Slovakia, Eastern Europe - Another fox farm raided. Every single fox (12 approx.) were liberted. The foxes were carefully taken out of their tiny cages, fed and set free.

Near Zilina (Sillein), Northern Slovakia, Eastern Europe - The last farm was raided again. Two newly built security fences were quickly cut down. Every single new fox was carefully removed from their cages and set free hundreds of metres outside the farm. Altogether 100 new foxes were liberated. The farm was methodically dismantled and destroyed. Every single cage was cut and smashed to bits, all electric wire and the electrical system was burnt, all mechanical and electronic equipment was smashed, including a fridge and a generator, and even the shed was dismantled and everything smashed.

Campaigning: British Style

Traditionally Britain has been known for its high level of campaigning and animal liberation activities. Currently activists are focusing on:

Fur farms- The New Labour government promised before the election that they would close down the remaining 15 fur farms (now 16) left in the UK. They have reneged on this saying it would cost too much in compensation to the fur farmers to close them down. They have just renewed their fur licenses for another 3 years. There are now three full-time fur farm campaigns and another will be starting by the end of February. Britain has also seen several mink releases by the Animal Liberation Front.

Vivisection- We are concentrating on the breeder of animals for vivisection. Consort Beagles was the first. A group of people concentrated on picketing them everyday, holding home demos for the workers, and every few weeks organising national demos/riots which were attended by a crowd of over 400 every time. After 8 months of hard work the place closed down! Now we are concentrating on a cat breeder called Hillgrove Farm. Pickets everyday are complemented by national demos once a month; the last attracted 500 people and resulted in only 7 arrests.

Hunting - Hunt sab groups go out sabbing all over the UK, every Saturday and some weekdays. An anti-hunting bill is going through the UK parliament, whether it becomes law is debatable. Recently on December 13, the Portman Hunt in Dorset was the sight of a clash between hunt supporters and animal rights activists. 44 out of 70 masked activists were arrested on charges of smashing hunters windows and headlights and injuring 3 hunt supporters. This action was claimed by the Hunt Retribution Squad as retaliation and self defense for violence inflicted upon sabs and the countless number of animals slaughtered in bloodsports

Public support is good but actual numbers campaigning are low, however those people who do come out are brilliant and are putting in the work of thousands. If the police used the letter of the law they could TRY and stop us from campaigning completely. But they know that this would only encourage us more.

GREAT BRITAIN



GROUPS AND NEWSLETTERS-

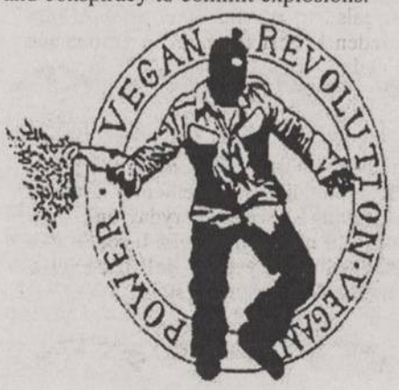
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Political Prisoners

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

Greg Avery AP7905, HMP WOL, Hollesley Bay, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1P12 3JW, England Sentenced to 6 months as part of a demo against live exports.

Mel Broughton AP7966, HMP Woodhill, Tattenhoe St, Milton, Keynes, M4 4DA, England On remand, awaiting trial on conspiracy to commit criminal damage and conspiracy to commit explosions.



Andrew Caines AP7907, HMP WOL, Hollesley Bay, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1P12 3JW, England. Sentenced to 6 months as part of a demo against live exports.

Dave Callender HV3314, HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Rd, Birmingham, B18 4AS, England Sentenced to 10 years for conspiracy to commit arson to assorted animal abuse establishments. Recently reduced to 8 years on appeal.

Michael Green AV2923, HMP Ashwell, Oakham, Leicestershire, LE15 7LF, England Co-defendant of Melanie Arnold (recently released). Sentenced to 5 years for conspiracy to commit arson on a slaughterhouse and attempted arson to cattle transporters.

Kevin Hickley AP7904, HMP WOL, Hollesley Bay, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1P12 3JW, England. Sentenced to 6 months as part of a demo against live exports.

Tony Humphries AP7965, HMP Woodhill, Tattenhoe St, Milton, Keynes, M4 4DA, England. On remand, awaiting trial: conspiracy to commit criminal damage,conspiracy to commit explosions.

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

Noel Molland CK4321, HMP Guys Marsh, Shaftsbury, Dorset, SP7 OAH, England Sentenced to 3 years for incitement as his part in the "Gandalf" trial.

Gillian Peachey RL3415, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, London, N7 0NU, England On remand charged with conspiracy to use incendiary devices to cause damage/arson on a poultry farm.

Toby (Kamal) Phipps VX2596, HMP Onley, Rugby, Warks, CV23 8AP, England. Sentenced to 6 months as part of a demo against live exports.

Geoff Sheppard MD1030, HMP Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5NX, England Sentenced to 7 years for possession of a shotgun and possession of items for making incendiary devices.

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

Justin Wright GE3046, HM Young Offenders Institution, Easton, Portland, Dorset, DT51DL, England Sentenced to 5 years for the same offence, as Barbara Trenholm. He maintains his innocence.

Barry Horne VC2141, HMP Bristol, Cambridge Rd, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8PS, England. Recently found guilty of charges relating to the attempted incendiary devices in Bristol and the successful incendiary devices on the Isle of Wight. Sentenced to 18 years, the longest in the history of animal rights prisoners. Below, an account of his court sentencing hearing: "There was uproar in the packed public gallery from Horne's supporters when the sentence was announced. Around 20 angry animal rights campaigners hurled abuse at police and banged on the windows sealing them off from the body of the court as Horne punched the air when he was led from the dock. Dozens of police were on duty in and around Bristol Crown Court and officers were forced to clear the public gallery. In the corridor outside the courtroom women, supporters broke down in tears as police moved in to usher campaigners from the building. In the street outside, one of the campaigners issued a statement. Tony Humphries said, 'First of all I would like to say that Barry Horne denies he played a part in the arson attacks he has been sentenced for. We would like to condemn the hysterical media coverage which followed his conviction. Barry Horne would never harm anyone. The sentence today is more than most child rapists and murderers would receive. This politically-motivated sentence shows how much the authorities value property over life. This can only make our movement more determined than ever to fight for justice for animals."

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UK ALF Diary:

October 13; Dalsland - Sometime through the night 700-800 minks were liberated from Bjsrkebo fur farm. A couple of hundred have been recaptured, but the majority of the minks are still free! -A.L.F.

October 17/18; Karlstad - A meat shop was hit again, slogans painted and several big windows smashed. The crushed glass flew into the machines so they was damaged! The company's boss who spoke to the media said "This can mean the death for our company!" He also stated that he can't afford any more sabotage! -A.L.F. **October 17/18**; Karlstad - A hunting company gets it's windows smashed and slogans painted including "For all the dead elks" -A.L.F.

October 21; Dalarna - Fur farm raided and 200 minks freed. Only a few recaptured. October 30; Dalarna - Fur store attacked. Smashed windows. "Killers" and "1'st warning" sprayed. -D.R.A. DjurRSttsAktion, "AnimalRightsAction"

Early December; Varberg, outside Gothenburg - 16 tires slashed on trucks belonging to a fish company, and 10 windows were smashed at an egg-factory. -A.L.F.

December 24; Umea - Biopol (Vivisection laboratory) has 5 windows smashed by santa who got mad when he heard what Biopol is involved in!

Late December; Umea -A meat truck is severely damaged; all windows and spotlights were smashed, all tires were slashed and slogans spraypainted. **December 31**; Umea - Biopol has 15 windows smashed and electronic equipment destroyed.

January 1/98; Umea - Biopol was attacked one more time during the first hours of '98. Many windows were smashed and according to a local newspaper a large amount of damage was caused!

January 10/98; Umea - Biopol and Zoophysiologic institution had bombthreats called in.

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SWEDEN



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***Description*:** Founded in the autumn of 1996. An anti-fur group with main office in Stockholm. Has several local groups. Works like a resource center for local activists that can order list of fur farms addresses, leaflets, posters and get advice. Also organises demonstrations and CD-protests. Do not carry out illegal direct action, but is the only group in Sweden that supports direct action openly. Publish " The Anti-fur activist" with useful info about protest and the industry.

DJURRATTSALLIANSEN (Animal Rights Alliance) Box 6092 S-906 24 Umea Sweden
***Description*:** Animal rights group that has several local groups all over Sweden. Is a grassroots group that does all kind of activism, support and use CD. Publish a newsletter. Sometimes supports direct action, sometimes condemns it....

AUTONOM DJURRATTSKAMPANDE UNGDOM (Autonomous Animal rights fighting youth) Box 289 S-462 23 Vanersborg Sweden
***Description*:** Group fighting for animal liberation. Organise demos and support and use civil disobedience. Mainly active in the south of Sweden.

CIRKUS EMPATI (Circus Emphaty) Box 159 S - 523 24 Ulricehamn Sweden
***Description*:** Anti-Circus network of local activists over Sweden. Organise demos and protests against circuses with animals. Has a homepage with all circuses' tour dates and information about what to do against circuses.

Attacks on Vivisection

Since the summer of 1996 militant animal rights activists have protested and taken action against the Zoophysiologic and Bisam institution at the UN of Umea. Although the place has been subjected for sporadic actions since the 70's, a campaigning was loosely structured in 96.

Zoophysiologic Inst. is responsible for the death of hundreds cats and other animals every year, although it is just one part of the UN's massmurder of tens of thousands of animals a year. Bisam breeds and keep animals before experiments, while lectures are also held for bloodthirsty students at the same place. Both institutions are located in the same building, and so are several others.

The campaigning began with smashing of windows and slogans spraypainted several times. In the middle of summer of 96 activists broke into Bisam and freed three cats. It was their third try and a great success for the rescued animals.

The police, the institutions and the local media flipped out! The media covered the action extensively and a newspaper also published an interview with the activists. The institutions upgraded their security radically and for approximately three months hired 24 hour guards! Paid with money ripped straight from their vivisection projects!

Actions continued and in the beginning of 97 the lab cried out in local media. The estimated that only the spreypaintings had cost them 800,000 SKR ($100,000), and claimed to have been forced to boot several employes and freeze "important projects" based on animal research. We all sob with you, not!

In 1997 a new animal rights group had

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Rejuvenated Swedish Movement's War

The animal rights movement in Sweden has been rejuvenated during the past year.

There is one major animal rights organisation "Nordiska samfundet mot plagsamma djurforsok" (Swedish society against painful experiments on animals) with 53,000 members. Their major issues are vivisection, fur and animals for food. They are unfortunately not a grassroots organisation and condemn civil disobedience and direct action. As a result, several small grassroots groups have emerged, such as Eliminera Palsindustrin (Eliminate the fur industry) and Djurrattsalliansen (Animal Rights Alliance).

Since winter of '96 the major issue for all animal rights activists has been the fur industry, whether they be legal and grassroots campaigners or direct action liberationists. In March, the fur farmers had a meeting that 100 animal rights activists decided to attend resulting in a riot with several windows smashed. There are ongoing campaigns on the part of many grassroots groups against fur shops all around Sweden, with most of them using civil disobedience.

The direct action group "The Wild Minks" has raided 27 fur farms during 1997, released 12,000 minks and 260 foxes into the wild, causing tremendous economic damage, especially to the loss of breeding work.

In Sweden there are approximately 200 fur farms left, the majority being mink farms, as well as 15 fox and 15 chinchilla farms. The farming of foxes in cages is to be banned by the year 2000, and will make it extremely unprofitable for farmers to continue slaughtering these animals for their fur. As a result of this, Sweden largest fur farm in Hofors has already decided to close down in January 1998.

Apart from fur, the major campaigning in Sweden has been focused against circuses and the promotion of veganism. The animal rights movement in Sweden is growing stronger everyday and draw more and more supporters. It seems like 1998 will be a year in hell for animal abusers. We are here to stay!

Hundreds Target Stockholm Furriers

STOCKHOLM - Since late summer (97), animal rights activists in Sweden's capital, Stockholm, have targeted the 2 largest fur stores owned by the same owner.

Regular pickets are being held and during three weeks in December, activists were outside the shop from when it opened until it closed giving out leaflets. On September 20 there was about a 100 people strong demonstration outside one of them.

People shouted slogans and was holding signs and after a few minuted red paint is thrown over the furs on display outside the fur shop and several furs was destroyed. The police arrived and arrested a few activists, but the rest of the activists continued to the other fur shop.

The police were already present at that one but that did not stop the activists that threw a bottle of red paint through the window of the fur shop damaging furs for an estimated 1 million SEK ($120.000). 24 people were arrested and held for a couple of hours.

In the beginning of January (98) the activists tryed a new tactic against that shop. About 40 activists sat down in front of the shop and 5 activists chained their necks with motorcycle-locks to a bench owned by the fur store.



A fox being freed

Slogans such as "Fur is torture, fur is death, free the animals - ALF!" was shouted and the police arrived and removed most of the activists.

It took the police over 1 hour to remove the five activists with locks. The five people with locks were arrested.

Fur Farming Protest Ends In: R I O T !

SKARA — Early on the morning of march 1st (97), about 100 animal rights activists from all over Sweden arrived to the hotel in Skara, where a fur farmers meeting and pelts competition was to begin.

The police had been notified before and had put up riot fence all around the hotel where the meeting was with fur farmers from all over Sweden. The original plans was to make the way into the hotel and disrupt the meeting, but that was not possible because of the large police presence.

The activists started a peaceful demonstration outside the hotel and yelled slogans and blew whistles as much as possible to disrupt the meeting. After a short while activists tryed to climb over and pull down the riot fence. The police reacted violent and took in police dogs to scare the activists.

The activists then went around to the other side of the hotel where there were fewer police officers and when the animal rights activists saw the fur farmers in the windows at the hotel waving at the protesters and smiling, all hell broke loose.

Stones and other things were thrown at the hotel and several windows was smashed. After that, the protesters made their way back to the other side of the hotel and once again tryed to pull down the riot fence. On the way back, windows at police cars and at the police station was smashed when the police arrested a couple of activists.

The police then decided that this was a violent riot and chased the activists through the town and then promised the activists that no one would be arrested if we stopped the demo at that time.

The protesters trusted the police and they were right, they did not arrest any one, but they identified almost all activists and filmed them and took the names on them.

A total of 5 arrests was made during the day. This was the first real protest against the fur industry in Sweden and the fur trade was really scared.

Meat Producers Meeting Hit Hard

JONKOPING — The Swedish meat producer's Annual General Meeting was held in October. A big demonstration was organised through the town and about 400 protesters turned up to make a statement against meat. After the big demonstration, about 100 activists tryed to get in at the meeting but were stopped by the police. A few arrests were made.

Umea Lab

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been organized, Animal Rights Alliance, they started to organize regular pickets, and a couple of CD actions were also brought up against the lab, including rooftop demos. Around 20 arrests were made by the police but none have ended up in court.

During the spring, the campaigning intensified and pickets were performed several times a week. As a result of some attacks against the staff, they became very nervous and called the police as soon as the saw anyone/anything suspicious. The activist could after a time single out the staff involved in vivisection and the animal imprisonment and that meant more pressure against them - it's really effective to picked them individually, activists discovered, some have a tendency to breake down quite fast!

After the summer the UN had had enough! There had at that point been 13 break ins/ trespassings during daylight during July - August, and a total of 1.3 million in damages ($160,000). The regular pickets continued and every fourth week marches from the center of Umea up to the institution were arranged. From 70 to 200 persons participated.

The campaigning continued and on the 9th of September a peaceful picket ended up in confrontation and violence broke loose, resulting in many arrests. On December 19, a large demo was held and the following day a group of 20 - 40 activists attacked researchers, smashed everything smashable and threw around 40 colourbombs. No arrests were made as the first police car took 40 minutes to arrive.

During 98 there have been some actions, including a bombthreat and some smashed windows. Pickets are performed 3 times a week. An anti-vivisection group has also been formed at the UN, and the interest seems to be big!

The campaigning will continue as long as they use animals in their research!



Swedish Animal Liberation Front Frees Fox in Daring Fur Farm Raid

Circus Protests Begin in Sweden

There has never been a real resistance against circuses in Sweden. Until the summer of 1997 that is...

A network called "Circus Emphaty" was founded and provided activists all over Sweden with useful information about the circuses. All over Sweden there has been demonstration and civil disobedience actions against circuses.

There is many circuses going around all over Sweden and they have elephants, zebras, horses, dogs and sea-lions. There is a ban to have tigers or lion in Swedish circuses since a long time because it´s believed to be cruel.

Some circuses have been targeted on every place and every performance they have done. At several occasions activists have been assaulted by the staff of the circuses.

As well as regular pickets there has also been damage done against the circuses and circus posters has been removed.

While the world sleeps, Swedish ALF awakens:

Date unknown: fur shop in Lulea spraypainted
Date unknown: fur shop in Karlskrona has window smashed
Date unknown: fur shop in Eskilstuna has several windows smashed and slogans sprayed.
Date unknown: fur shop in Ostersund spray-painted several times.
01.03.97 - 2 meat-lorries at Scan (meat company) in Stockholm is burned out and 2 other is damaged
01.?.97 - The hunting tower belonging to the Swedish king is blown up in Vanersborg.
01.07.97 - 2 meat-lorries at Scan (meat company) in Stockholm is burned out and 1 more lorrie is damaged only 3 days after the first attack.
Jan-Feb 97: In Stockholm, fur shops looses windows, locks glued and slogans painted almost every night.
Jan-March 97: In Umea, the campaign against the university continues and 7 windows are smashed, slogans painted and several attempted break-ins are made.
02.?.97 - A hunting tower in Kalix are blown up
02.?-97 - 8 battery hens are rescued from Roslags-egg in Osthammar
02.02.97 - A new build meat factory is burned and slogans sprayed in Umea. Action dedicated to Jill Phipps.
02.20.97 - a hot dag bar in Boras is sprayed with "Meat is Murder".
02.24.97 - The main building at an empty fur farm in Eksjo is burned by the new group "The Wild Minks".
02.26.97 - Activists break in at a lab animal breeder outside Stockholm to liberate guinea-pigs but find the breeding unit closed. They leaves a message to the owner to never start up again.
March 97 - In Umeå, the leather shop is sprayed and signs destroyed. A hot dog bar has 3 windows smashed. In Kalmar, an attempted break-in is made at a museum where they have live rats in so called "art". Slogans sprayed.
Also in march, in stockholm, 2 meat-lorries are burned and slogans sprayed.
03.07.97 - 200 circus posters destroyed in Arvika
03.19.97 - 2 red foxes freed from Alunda fur farm
03.13.97 - 500 birds (pheasants, pigeons, ducks, geese and others) are released from Oster-Malma hunting school outside Gnesta. Lots of damage is done as well.
03.31.97 - Horsnas minkfarm outside Bodafors is attacked and 500 breeding cards taken, 550 cages destroyed, 10 mink traps destroyed, slogans painted.
03.31.97 - Umea university loose windows and slogans are painted
03.31.97 - 4 meat-lorries burned in Boras
03.31.97 - 3 meat and dairy lorries are damaged in Jonkoping
03.31.97 - 2 meat lorries damaged and slogans sprayed in Vetlanda
March-April 97 - lots of damage done to meat shop in Sundsvall in several attacks.
In Malmo, McDonalds signs are sprayed.
April 97: lots of paper is stolen from Umea university and a security camera destroyed, 3 search-lights, 1 window destroyed.
Meat company Scan´s homepage on the net is hacked by animal-libbers
04.04.97 - 2 hunting tower is destroyed in Vingaker
04.19.97 - 46 minks freed, office emptied on paper, 300 breeding cards stolen, feeding machine destroyed at Ugglekarrs fur farm.
04.20.97 - 50 minks freed and slogans painted at a mink farm in Eksjo
04.24.97 - meat destroyed in Boras
04.24.97 - 25 rabbits liberated from a vivisection breeder in Norrtalje
spring 97, north of Sweden: several roe-deers released from enclosures where they are kept for hunting
spring 97: A mistreated dig is liberated from Umea
05.?.97 - Huddinge fur shop has windows smashed and slogans painted
05.?.97 - A car from a circus id damaged in Lulea
05.?.97 - a hot dog bar in Umea has 5 windows smashed
05.?.97 - Circus Maximum is in Umea and posters are destroyed
05.?.97 - A meat shop in Malmo has locks glued and slogans sprayed
05.?.97 - A meat company in skelleftea has slogans sprayed
05.01.97 - 750 breeding cards taken and 8 minks freed from Kolmardens mink farm outside Norrkoping
05.04.97 - 58 foxes freed, office destroyed, killing device stolen, cages destroyed, lorrie destroyed and breeding cards taken from Kristdala fox farm
05.10.97 - 70 breeding males (minks) freed, 600 breeding cards taken and slogans sprayed at Trangsas mink farm outside Eskilstuna
05.?.97 - 550 pheasants freed from hunting breeder outside Eskilstuna
05.03.97 - fur shop in Eskilstuna has slogans sprayed
05.05.97 - leather shops and butchers has slogans sprayed in Lund
05.13.97 - 68 minks (breeding males) freed, 1000 breeding cards taken and slogans sprayed at Sjyberga mink farm, outside Kumla
06.?.97 - A fur shop has slogans sprayed on Oland
06.?.97 - A fur shop has slogans sprayed in Karlstad
06.29.97 - 1200 breeding cards taken, car destroyed, torture equipment destroyed at Westfox fox farm in Hofors
07.?.97 - Huddinge fur shop has 5 windows smashed and slogans painted and the owner has her car smashed the same night.
Juli-August - In Stockholm, mainly fur shops has windows smashed and slogans sprayed and glue in their locks
07.09.97 - 2 pet shops, 1 fur shop had slogans sprayed in Lund
07.?.97 - fur shop in Falkenberg has slogans sprayed
07.?.97 - McDonalds signs are damaged and destroyed in Varberg
07.?.97 - So called art containing a live fish in a small aquarium in Umea looses the fish that is set free
07.25.97 - The walls at Umea university is filled with red paint and slogans
07.28.97 - The same walls receive the same treatment
07.30.97 - one window smashed at Umea university
07.30.97 - slogans sprayed on fur shop in Gothenburg
07.31.97 - hot dog bar in Umea painted with slogans
07.?.97 - 20 hunting towers in Ulricehamn destroyed
07.?.97 - signs belonging to pet shop in Lulea destroyed
08.06.97 - butcher shop in Karlstad has slogans sprayed
08.07.97 - meat company has locks glued in Vellinge
08.08.97- meat lorrie in Malmo have slogans painted
08.11.97 - 2 meat lorries in Lulea is destroyed by fire
08.11.97 - fish net destroyed and fishes liberated from the net in Skelleftea
08.12.97 - butter acid poured at Mcdonalds and Burger king toilets and at a butcher shop in Lund
08.13.97 - 5 windows smashed at fur shop in Huddinge
08.14.97 - 1200 minks freed from Horsnas minkfarm in Bodafors
08.?.97 - 3 rats freed in daylight raid at Stockholm university vivisection lab. Action dedicated to Barry Horne
08.21.97 - Bomb hoax against fur farmers meeting in Jonkoping. Meeting cancelled!
Summer/autumn 97: In Karlstad; fur shop sprayed and window smashed. Butcher shop sprayed 4 times and other damage. The butcher shop closes after a while and in the window it was a sign: Closed because of harassment from ALF=vegans hunting shop has windows smashed.
150 empty cages destroyed at Hynboholms fur farm. 1 guinea-pig and 1 hamster rescued from cruel pet shop. Meat factory painted and smashed windows.
McDonalds bomb-hoaxed.
Autumn 97: 5 windows smashed at fur shop in Malmo. 2 activists arrested and sentenced.
Autumn 97: Varberg: 2 windows smashed at meat factory. 16 tires slashed at fish cars, 10 windows smashed at egg-central.
09.01.97 - 10-15 foxes freed from fox farm in Ornskoldsvik.
09.?.97 - 4 windows smashed at fur shop in Boras
09.08.97- hunting tower destroyed in Lulea
09.11.97 - 100 foxes released from fox farm in Hultsfred. 50 of them had fur dyed with non-toxic colour.
09.18.97 - 40-50 foxes freed from in Ornskoldsvik
09.18.97 - 4 foxes freed from fox breeding farm in Vingaker.



FINLAND

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PUBLICATIONS:

You might be interested to check out some radical magazines from Finland. Both of the magazines are totally supporting illegal direct action and mainly cover the grassroots-level news. Both of them are well produced, so you can atleast enjoy the layout while practising your Finnish!

Muutoksen kevat, PO Box 847, 33101 Tampere, Finland. Ecorevolutionary magazine with circulation of 3000. Covers issues from animal liberation to globalization etc.

Sudenhetki c/o jarjestokeskus, hataanpaan valtatie 11 A, 33100 Tampere. THE animal liberation magazine from Finland. With 1500 copies printed of every issue. Sudenhetki is major source of information about animal liberation movement in Finland.

The Land of 2000 Fur Farms

Finland is the worlds biggest fox pelt producing country. About 2.5 million foxes and an equal amount of minks are killed on Finnish fur farms every year. This is why the grassroots animal liberation movement is mainly working with the fur issue.

A radical new energetic animal liberation movement appeared in to the headlines of national newspapers in 95 when several fur stores got smashed up in Helsinki, 4 fur farms were raided in the Pohjanmaa area, and international fur auctions were greeted with demonstrations. Since then the movement has been growing all the time and the debate over fur farming and animal rights in general has been intensive.

But, the strong multimillion dollar industry's presence shows also in the pub

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Finnish ALF actions

Elainten vapautusrintama, EVR is the direct translation of Animal Liberation Front in Finnish. Illegal direct action started in 93 with smaller sabotage against the fur shops in Helsinki. The tactic then started to spread all over the country, to Lahti, Kuopio etc. 1995 was a great year for EVR, when 6 fur farms were raided and two fur feed suppliers were burned to the ground. Sadly, three women were arrested of raiding 4 fur farms, and later sentenced to 9 months of probation.

The main target of EVR has always been the fur industry: fur farms, fur feed suppliers and fur stores. This will probably be the case in the future as well. Also the meat industry has been targeted a couple of times. Meat trucks have been burned, two slaughterhouses were broken into and smashed up etc. Also animals have been liberated from vivisection.

Last year was good for EVR. At least 13 fur farms were raided, resulting in hundreds of liberated animals and huge amounts of economical losses for the farmers. Also on one fur farm in Porvoo 400 foxes were dyed with red henna to ruin the pelts' value to farmer. This has proven to be a good tactic against fox farms as the survival of the farmed fox in the wild is not likely. The greatest amount of economical pressure is surprisingly not from the raids it self, but from the raising security costs. Just a couple of raids have created a panic among the farmers and now every other farmer sleeps at their farms, hires security guards, buys electronic security etc. It has been estimated that fur farmers spend now about 20-30 million FIM (about $5-8 million) more on security than before the raids. Also animals were saved from vivisection. In January, 11 rabbits were taken from a lab in Helsinki and in October, a beagle was rescued from Karttula breeder. In September, 28 rats were saved from a vivisection breeder in Tampere and on the next night 4 beagles were rescued from Karttula beagle breeder. Sadly police found two of the dogs and returned them to the hands of vivisectionists.

Activists SHOT!

In the early hours of 6th of December, 5 activists tried to go in a fox farm in Orimattila. They had 18 litres of red henna with them for obvious reasons. Before they had a chance to do anything, the farmer shot at them 7-8 times with a shotgun.

Activists managed to escape, but 3 of them were wounded by the bullets. They were later stopped by the police and arrested. One of the activists, Jani Seppala, was sent to hospital because one of the shots pierced his lung and he was in bad condition. He was hospitalized for 7 days.

Others were sent to jail. The shooter was only questioned for few hours and then released. He will be charged of aggravated assault even though he shot the activists in the back while they were running away. 3 of the jailed activists were released after 4 days, but police decided to jail one woman, Elina Salonen, for four weeks. Only after campaigning by outside supporters and Elina's hunger strike did the court decided to release her.

On the same day that Elina was released, police arrested Jani Seppala for 2 weeks, questioning him as a suspect of dog liberations. He is now released after police realised that there was no point of keeping him inside as he wasn't helping the police a bit!

The police are trying to link several other animal liberation incidents to the Orimattila 5, so we're not sure yet what the charges are going to be like. For a fact, all will be charged over aggravated breach of domestic peace (we don't have conspiracy laws in Finland).

Oikeutta Elaimille

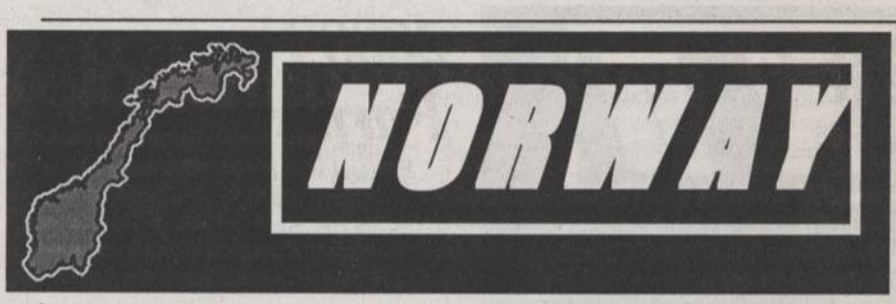
Oikeutta elaimille (OE) is radical grassroots level animal rights group founded in -95. It is a legal campaigning organization with nowdays over 20 local groups which are independent in a sense that each group make their own decisions about which campaigns they wish to participate, what kind of methods will they use, etc. Once or twice a year the local groups get together in national gathering to discuss about used tactics, future campaigns, declarations etc. Oikeutta elaimille is a legal group apart from civil disobidience. It uses grassroots level tactics from leafletting to demonstrations, from public meetings to producing information.

Ongoing campaings include: International fur auctions in Fur Center (radical demos several times a year); pressuring the local fur shops up and down the country; rabbit and beagle breeder in Karttula, Kuopio; putting out information about vegetarianism and veganism.

New Finnish ALFSG!

EVR-Tukiryhma is ALFSG in Finnish. It emerged after the arrests in Orimattila. The prisoner support is in good shape in Finland - we already have a support group before there are any prisoners! The support group will work like SGs everywhere: they support animal liberation prisoners both morally and financially and try to keep the movement aware of the importance of prisoners support.

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lic opinion. With trained PR-persons, massive Pro-Fur -campaigns and good media contacts, the fur industry has managed to stay accepted by the public. They are using the tactic of marginalization against the animal liberation movement by labeling them as young trouble makers and misfits. But the movement keeps becoming bigger and stronger, and soon they won't be able to label us as a marginal group of people. And we are getting results as well. Several fur stores have been forced to close down, the number of vegetarians and vegans is skyrocketing and the fur industry in on the defence. There's no doubt that in the future will bring us victories, one after another. You can help our desperate situation of the fur issue by keeping up the pressure on the fur industry locally. Fur farming is the most global issue of all animal abuse. It's ups and downs are totally dependent of global markets for fur and the pressure to ban fur farming follows the global trends as well. Every time there's news about England, Sweden or Holland banning or restricting fur farming, it creates pressure to do it in Finland as well. We reckon that due to the huge size of the Finnish fur industry the only way to get the killing stopped is by international pressure. So keep up the good work, where ever you are!



A L F

Late December 1996, Dyrenes Frigjsrings Front (the Norwegian ALF. Hereafter DFF) formed a group in the city of Bergen in Norway.

Multiple small actions were performed against the commercial fur and meat industry. Atleast 10 actions so far in 1997.

January 4th, 1997, they attacked the largest corporation in Norway selling eggs from battery chickens, Prior. Slogans like "Ban Battery Farming" and "Hens out of Cages," were spraypainted on the building. Windows were smashed and locks glued. Three trucks were also painted and windows were smashed, locks glued. Total damage is estimated to be £ 15.000.

The largest sabotage action by DFF was done the 16th of July 1997. The attack was against the largest slaughterhouse in the area, Fatland. At the slaughterhouse the buildings were spraypainted, windows smashed, locks glued and a manifest was pasted on a door. One large truck and a van, were first spraypainted, before they both were torched and burnt to the ground. Total damage has been estimated at £ 65.000.

Whaling Vessel Sunk!

On Tuesday, November 11, a Norwegian fishing/whaling vessel was sunk. The ship was owned by the "famous" whaler Steinar Bastesen, a well known whaler and fisherman and former leader for a pro-whaling organisation. Environmental activists are believed to be responsible for the attack and the police are searching for Swedish people. Earlier in 1997, a new group called "Agenda 21" claimed responsibility for an arson attack at an Norwegian whaling ship.

The following week the press informed that the slaughterhouse owner had received a death threat on his and his family's life, signed DFF. DFF claimed no responsibility for this, and went against such means through the press. Later, it has been revealed that the police investigators, in conspiracy with the slaughterhouse owners, sent this death treat in an attempt to discredit DFF and their means. 5 DFF actions have now been caught by the police due to very extensive investigations and media hysteria. They are all pending trial in early 1998. A couple of members of the legal animal rights group, NOAH, were prosecuted and charged. But charges have now been dropped, and NOAHs name has been cleared. Two of the DFF activists were put in police custody, but have been released now. One of hem sat in jail for 55 days. Being a vegan, he hardly received any food, but he is now doing ok...

ALF Diary:

June-Bergen, A fair number of meat trucks have been reported to have been burned out by activists. **July**-Bergen, dyrenes Frigjoringsfront (Norwegian ALF) accused of sending a death threat to a slaughterhouse owner. The man has now been granted police protection.

AUSTRIA



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The Destruction Of the Austrian Fur Farm

Five years ago there were 43 fur farms in Austria. When AR groups focused their attention on them (with occupations and loads of inspections and publicity), it became clear that those farms were operating in a legal vacuum. There were basically no laws regulating fur farming in either of the Austrian provinces (Austria is a federal state with different animal laws in the different provinces).

So, AR groups used laws regulating the keeping of wild animals (as opposed to domestic ones) and brought many of those farms to court. In the legal battles that followed, some farms had to close down.

The provincial governments reacted by introducing new laws regarding fur farming in each separate province. So far, five of nine Austrian provinces have outlawed fur farming outright. Three of the remaining four made the new regulations so restrictive that all their farms had to close down. The last province, Lower Austria, introduced a new law regulating fur farming in last July. Originally, it stated that the animals should be kept on a floor different to wired mesh and mink need to have access to swimming water. In a concerted effort of the fur lobby, this regulation was watered down in the last minute and says now things like the animals need to be kept in a way that they "can satisfy their species' needs for movement", and they need to feel "comfortable" and so forth.

Two local vets were appointed to report to the government whether those remaining teo farms would satisfy the new laws as they are. Two months later the two vets stepped down and said they were incapable of deciding that. So, another two vets, this time state vets, were appointed. They are expected to report back any minute. In about 14 days, we were informed, the government will announce their decision.

In the meantime we mailed 50,000 postcards to sympathetic people asking them to lobby the government against the fur farms by sending those postcards on. About 2000 fur information folders were distributed in the underground services and another 5000 paid adverts were put up all over Vienna. We toured through schools and did public talks distributing petitions and collecting thousands of signatures. Further, we were present almost daily in the last four weeks approaching Christmas in the city centre of Vienna, collecting signatures and donations there. On average we collected 1 signature every 10 seconds, and got around 800 pounds sterling donations every day! We have applied for a date to hand those signatures over to the head of the Lower Austrian government within the next two weeks.

Also direct action pressure mounted on the farms. The last two fur farms were raided three times in one year, with up to 600 mink released in one raid. Each farm has only about 3000 mink. The country around the farms is prime mink habitat, but the local European mink have been exterminated by fur trappers already decades ago. The mink in the cages are American mink.

The district government informed us that one of the last two farms have now succumbed to this pressure and will not restock the mink this year. They have withdrawn their licence application.

What remains is one fur farm of 43 present only five years ago. Just a tiny push, a little more effort, and Austria might be free of fur farms altogether!! Trapping fur animals for fur production has been outlawed decades ago! Hence, basically, any "production" of fur in Austria will be illegal.

But, unfortunately, there still is the right to trade in fur, and to stop that will be nigh impossible if other countries, especially in the EC, do not follow suit and abolish their fur farming. Trapping fur animals has been illegal in the EC since 1995.

As you know by now, we have only one single fur farm left in Austria, and the decision whether it has to close or not according to the new anti-fur farming law, is being made at the moment. Hence we are out on the streets collecting signatures against it 8 hours a day.

Believe it or not, in the last week Austrians socialist Prime Minister and his wife both came to us picketing a fur shop and SIGNED OUR PETITION. Later in the week, the spokesman for the conservative party came too and talked with us about the issue and SIGNED the petition too!!

Lucky for us, the province with the last fur farm has provincial elections in due course. The conservative governor of the province is the one who has to decide. The socialist counter candidate published ads in daily newspapers, showing

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Austrian Activists Viciously Attacked By Circus Workers

AUSTRIA - This year Austrian AR activists had a concerted effort to protest against the Austrian National Circus, run by Swiss Louis Knie. The campaign was prepared with visits and videoing during three shows in Tirol at the beginning of the year. Then, material was put together and first the Tirolean activists started protesting outside the circus where ever it showed up.

The first protests in St. Johann and Kitzbuehel led eventually to an attack on the protesters by circus staff. People were brutalized and the video camera was smashed. On the next day, police were present to protect activists. Protests continued in Woergl, where 4 circus elephants were brought out and led to trample the info stall and posters. Police presence meant that the worst was prevented. Similar scenes occured in Kufstein, where a mob of circus people was physically restrained by police. In Innsbruck, Tirol's capitol, eventually the circus director came out in person and attacked people. He was removed by police.

Protests continued in Knittelfeld, Styria, with AR activists from this region. Again people were attacked and beaten by circus staff. A.R. people then planned a big national protest against this circus at its shows in Salzburg. Strangely, this show was cancelled. Instead the circus moved temporarily into Germany. German activists were alerted, and in Rosenheim a well attended (50 activists) protest was had - without circus violence. A first!

Then the circus returned to the Western most corner of Austria, Vorarlberg, where the local activists took over the protest. A group of young local AR people were attacked and threatened by circus staff. Next the protests moved to Eastern Austria, which has the highest population density and the largest number of AR activists. Protests happened in a number of cities with quite a few activists present. Tension was high and quite a bit of scuffling went on. All came to a peak in Purkersdorf, where the circus clown attacked one protester in front of the circus. Before the next show, the same clown ambushed the protester alone in a park and it came to a serious fight. Fortunately, the clown came off worse and left in a hurry.

Lastly, the circus came to Vienna for a whole month. Different AR groups took it in turn at least to cover all weekend shows of the circus. Just before the premiere, hundreds of circus posters had a "cancelled" slip on them over night - which was the only action related to the circus protests that got into the media, despite a lot of trying by circus protesters. Protests went by without serious violence. What remains is a court case for libel that the circus started against the Tirolean AR group.

Brit, Austrian Hunt Sabs Unite

Hunt sabbing took place a few times last year. It is very difficult to get information on when and where hunts are meeting. There is no hunting with hounds apart from fox and badger digging with terriers. The hunts we sab are shoots with beating lines that beat a whole host of animals to the guns. We sab it by standing in the way of the guns as much as we can, and running off police if necessary. The last hunt we sabbed was a driven shoot for hares and foxes. We managed to stop them killing not more than three hares and nill foxes. After some 3 hours of trying they packed up - not before they had punctured the tyres of our unattended cars though!

Further, we had protests outside of major hunt balls in Vienna and 4 days consecutively outside the big major hunting fair in the city centre for almost 8 hours a day on every single day. Loads of trouble was had but protesters stood their ground against hunter and police harassment. The hunt ball protests turned out quite heated and loud. On the last one, Mon 26th in the night, about 50 Viennese AR protestors shouted at every single hunter entering, including the minister of the defence and his wife in a fur coat. About 20 police officers were present to 'protect' the hunters from the public outrage they cause. Four British AR activists were present too, supporting the protest, and commenting that scenes were reminding them almost on similar protests in Britain. What a compliment!



400 m banner hanging off Vativ Church in central Vienna. Banner reads *"stop the bloody EC- Live Animal transports, Mr. Fischler"* while activists in lockboxes and concrete block lorries.



ALF Diary:

There were liberations of 2000 battery hens and 500 pigs from factory farms. Loads of farm equipment was damaged and the barn containing the 500 pigs was trashed (including floor, ceiling, feeding computer and ventilation) and 35 steel doors were removed. There were more than 6 farm animal liberations last year, some of which with substantial damage. Shooting shops and fur shops were attacked with butic acid (15 in 1 night, and a number more on other nights, all across Austria but mainly Vienna), super glue and sling shots. Fur wearing people were sprayed and had sticky substances poured over them on the streets.Police reacted with 4 house raids and 2 arrests, one of whom stayed 2 weeks on remand. The other was slapped in the face during the interview and then released. Charges were brought against both activists.

BLOCKED

Activists Stop Live Animal Transports

AUSTRIA - During 1997, AR activists blockaded live export lorries on at least eight occasions at the border, sometimes for many hours.

The general strategy is to stop the lorry, climb on its roof and lock on into steel pipes with concrete coats so that you are not removable. During those blockades the demands were that the animals in the lorries should be inspected by a vet and brought to a lairage for at least 24 hours resting.

At the last such protest in August 1997, demands were met and activists removed themselves after 6 hours of blockading. They were arrested but then released without charge. The animals were brought to the lairage and one bull was killed there and then as he was not deemed healthy enough for transport.

The lorry itself broke down at the lairage and needed to be replaced. The animals had been fed and watered by the activists during the blockade, which happened at the German-Austrian border. During the protest, an anti-live export rally went on, with about 300 people attending.

We had four huge banner drops (400 square metre) at Castle Hohensalzburg, Vienna St Stefans cathedral, Innsbruck Martins wall and Vienna Votiv church.

No-one was arrested at the first, all 3 activists were arrested at the second, but not charged, the banner was just saved from being confiscated at the third, and 3 of 4 activists were arrested and charged at the last of the banner drops.

There were a number of public stunts against live export in different capitols of Austrian provinces during the year. Notably, there was an action when 10 activists busted into a conservative economy meeting with EC agricultural commissioner Mr Fischler about to speak.

Five activists managed to get through the guards and stormed onto the stage, unfolding a banner and using a megaphone to inform the audience of about 500 people what Mr Fischler is responsible for. The activists then "slaughtered" an activist with fake blood on stage and blood was squirted all over the place.

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him with a cat in his arms, saying that he wants new Austrian animal protection laws and saying he wants a nation-wide ban on fur farming and the last Austrian fur farm closed!! The ad ends with a space for name, signature and address, which you are supposed to sign and send to him if you agree with those AR demands and want the last fur farm closed! The bad news is that the estranged wife of the Austrian president is ardently anti-AR. She publicly wore fur and praised it, and appeared at the opening gala of the Austrian National Circus in Vienna, which is the worst circus animal-wise there is. This circus was followed by AR demonstrators throughout Austria and even into Germany for the whole year 1997.

In the fur issue, the Austrian nation seems to be totally divided, at the moment. No one is indifferent about it, with a clear majority against fur.

Animal Liberation, Aotearoa Style

Aotearoa is the original name for the sheep farming country of New Zealand. The meat industry is regarded as the backbone of the economy so anyone who dares speak against it is regarded as a bit of a freak. Despite this, there has always been a few animal rights organisations here. It is only recently that the more radical grassroots groups have moved towards civil disobedience and confrontational tactics.



The first animal rights civil disobedience took place here just 18 months ago when four Auckland activists barricaded themselves into a vivisectors office during a fundraising day for an animal research charity. Arrests have become more common in the last twelve months as protests and actions have become more direct.

1996 started with a national animal liberation conference in Wellington, and grassroots groups in most of the main centers organised a variety of local campaigns. The main focus for anti vivisection campaigners here has been the Cancer Society, which raises money for vivisection. Protests are organised against their "Daffodil Day" street appeal in August, and against the Cancer Societys "Winter Ball", an exclusive $100 a ticket event where hundreds of rich people in fur coats gather to raise money for vivisection. As you can imagine, the protests outside (and occasionally inside) this event are always very noisy! There was a lot of anti McDonalds campaigning last year, especially around the McLibel verdict, and a very successful day of action against NZs only Dolphinarium. A vivisectors conference in September was besieged by angry activists and the first stages of our new factory farm campaign were organised in November.

The main effort in 1996 was organising protests against plans by the Department of Conservation to kill hundreds of wild horses in the Kaimanawa ranges. We joined forces with local Maori people opposed to the killings and with horse welfare groups as well. The campaign was ultimately unsuccessful as we failed to stop the killing, but lessons were learnt about direct action and working in coalition with other movements.

The Animal Liberation Front has been very active this year in many of the main centers. Meat retailers and fast food chains are the most common targets for sabotage, and "Daffodil Day" is often marked by ALF actions against Cancer Society property.

Auckland activists concentrated on vivisection which resulted in some unwanted attention from the police. Several arrests were made during protests outside vivisectors homes, but after months of waiting, charges were dropped in every case.

Further south in Wellington, we have been concentrating an a long term campaign against factory farming. We are in the early stages at the moment but direct action tactics will be used and we hope to expand the campaign nationally.

Our main weakness in the past has been to spread ourselves too thinly and try to do everything at once. This year we plan to focus on issues where we can achieve victories that will result in change for the animals.



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Direct Action Diary:

A stick of gelignite was found attached to the helicopter that the company is using to airlift the logs out of the forest. No fuse or detonator was with the explosive. Timberlands West Coast, who are currently clearfelling 800yr old trees in the South Island. -Unclaimed

Trees Spiked in Intense NZ Sabotage

NEW ZEALAND - Waitutu Holdings, a logging company, has been the target of sabotage since October last year. Someone has been nailing spikes into the trees that had been marked for milling.

Loggers have discovered 14 spiked logs so far. Most had been found before they went into the mill, but several spiked logs had been through the mill and wrecked several sawblades costing thousands of dollars of damage.

Logs are now being checked with a metal detector. The fact that the damage has been done to the mill blade and not to chainsaws, inplies that who ever did it, spiked the trees quite high up where it would not be a danger to the person chopping down the tree, but would only cause damage when the log was put through the sawmill.

Forest & Bird (yes them again) have condemned Maori Protesters who have set up an occupation site by the shore of Lake Waikaremoana, to protest against the pollution of the lake by excessive tourism and the DOC (Dept. of Conservation) use of 1080 poison in the area.

Fifty people from the local Tuhoe tribe moved into the forest near the lake last week and are protesting against 1080 poisoning, the spread of giardia parasites in the water (caused by loads of tourists shitting in the lake), and the government (DOC) consistently ignoring the wishes of the local people. Protesters said Tuhoe had never given up customary use of the land around the lake and were taking back control of the lake again.



JERICHO '98: Free Political Prisoners March

From the Prisoners Rights Project:

On March 27, 1998, progressive people from across the country will march on Washington to publicize the injustice being done to men and women who are incarcerated solely for their political views and actions.

Some of these people, as well as many others, were convicted of crimes they did not commit and sentenced to disproportionately long prison terms. In addition, they have often been targeted for extremely harsh treatment while in prison, including imprisonment in control units and in other forms of extreme isolation. These political prisoners include people from the Black Panther Party, the American Indian Movement, the Puerto-Rican Independence Movement and Anti-Imperialists -- all of these men and women have struggled for justice and dignity for the poor and oppressed in this country and abroad.

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Victory Gardens: An Inner City Food Program

From the Harlem-Maine Food Project

We are living in a time of crisis, particularly those of us living in the inner cities.

The political and economic system that control and manipulate our lives also accelerate the economic decline in inner city neighborhoods.

The objective of the present economic system is the protection of the rich suburban areas at the expense of the poor urban inner-city communities.

Our resistance against such a system must be solidly grounded in a strategy that utilizes the strength, skill and the positive experience of every individual in our community.

We are a misplaced rural people with under utilized rural skills.

However, we feel that certain things are critical both to rural and urban peoples in our efforts to maintain some autonomy in our lives.

Basic shelter, food and education are essential ingredients in all of our lives. We have chosen food and food production as the focal point in our struggle to take control of our lives and restore our economic well being. Over the years we have increased food quantity and quality to the point where we produce most of our own fresh food for consumption, which includes winter canned goods and stored root crops.

With this experience has come great physical and mental health, and a greater economic independence. We are fortunate enough to know that this should not be a part of self-indulgence.

Hence, we have utilized this privileged situation to be able to increase our political activities in educating people. Now we would like to help others tap into this strategy for food production that will translate into greater opportunities for resistance to the present developing system of totalitarian government.

If the System under which we live is the tool of our enemies, likewise food production and distribution is a tool, not only for controlling us, but also weakening and sickening us with its poor quality and high concentration of pesticides.

Good food will help us to be strong and healthy and producing it ourselves will propel us to independence.

Food controlled by our enemy is a weapon, but in the hand of our people it is a source of nutritional strength and economic power.

BACKGROUND

In the fall of 1996, we arranged for a surplus delivery to the Philadelphia MOVE Organization to assist them in their efforts to free death-row political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal, and MOVE political prisoners collectively known as the MOVE 9 imprisoned since 1978.

This was the undertaking of a small community and resulted in the delivery of a half ton of organically grown food from Maine.

We have been approached to do this again this year with the food going to the inner-city community of Harlem.

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Police Murders Continue: Even On Christmas Day

By Frank Chapman
People's Weekly World

(Jan 10, 1998) New York City police were responsible for the deaths of three men during the holiday season: 22-year-old William Whitfield, gunned down on Christmas Day; Rafael McKensie dying while in police custody on Dec. 30 and Reginald Bannerman, brutally beaten by a half dozen police and chased into a subway station where he fell onto the tracks and was hit by a passing train.

The murder of Whitfield, shot in the chest by police officer Michael Davitt, was particularly suspicious and has aroused a great deal of anger in Brooklyn's Canarsie neighborhood.

Davitt has a long record of violence against minorities, having used his firearm on atleast nine occasions in the 15 years he has been on the force.

At a Dec. 29 rally protesting growing police violence, James E. Davis, an African American police officer said, "When you find someone involved in one, two, or three shootings, you take a step back. When you hear eight or nine, there should be an investigation."

Protestors were also incensed a the "48-hour rule" which requires that investigators wait 48 hours before investigating instances of police brutality.

Norman Siegal of the New York Civil Liberties Union says the rule, part of the collective bargaining agreement between the police department and the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, "only increases distrust by the community with regard to getting accountability from police officers." The case against Davitt went before the grand jury Jan. 5.

"The police are acting as judge, jury, and executioner," said John Bachtell, chair of the New York District of the Communist Party. "The recent wave of brutal murders is a tragic demonstration of the need for civilian control of the police. It seems as though the state of mind of the NYPD is that of a lynching bee, driven by blood-lust and hatred of oppressed and working people."

Bachtell added, "The Civilian Complaint Review Board CCRB needs teeth. It needs subpoena power and the ability to kick violence-prone cops and racists off the force.We must invigorate the struggle for a demilitarized, civilian-controlled police force."

Kathryn Lee of the October 22 Coalition Against Police Brutality said the CCRB has sunk to the lower depths in its efforts to give respectability to this bloodletting, by the NYPD. She called for a "strong and organized people's movement against efforts to criminalize the youth, particularly the racially oppressed and working class youth. Unfortunately police violence is very predictable... there is an epidemic of police murders... having no future for the youth the system criminalizes us in order to rationalize murdering us."

Mass Protests Held for Mumia Abu-Jamal

From the "Free Mumia" Campaign:

Mumia Abu-Jamal is an unrepentant Black revolutionary who has been unjustly imprisoned on Pennsylvania's death row for over 15 years -- on Feb. 26 events were held across the country to protest his jailing.

But each day that passes without a new trial makes the threat of Mumia's execution more real. Right now Mumia's case is at the State Supreme Court of PA.

While they try to gage the depth and determination of Mumia's support and whether or not to grant a new trial, we need to raise our voices.

We must make our demands clear. Mumia must have a new trial. Mumia must be free. Since his earliest days as a journalist in the Black Panther Party at age 15, he has proven that young people can and must play a leading role in the fight for justice.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Call a meeting, get as many others involved as possible.
- Ask teachers to let you speak to their classes or show a video about Mumia's case.
- Get other student groups involved.
- Send a money donation to help publicize this event to Refuse & Resist! at the address below.
- Get up stickers, posters, and banners to make sure that people see Mumia's face everywhere.
- Get people to wear Mumia buttons or ribbons to show their support and spread the word.
- Invite a speaker.
- Get on your nearest college radio station to spread info about Mumia
- Hold a rally or a march.
- Hook up with local artists, poets, rappers, bands and others to organize a cultural event to raise awareness and maybe even some money.
- Organize a Mumia book-reading.

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Call (212)713-5657 for more information on this day and where to order Mumia posters, buttons, ribbons, and books.

Massacre Stuns World

Worldwide Rallies Protest Death Of 45 Chiapas, Mexico Peasants

By Daniel Vila
People's Weekly World

(Jan 17, 1998) NEW YORK - About 200 people demonstrated in front of the Mexican Consulate here Jan. 12 to protest the massacre of 45 Indian peasants in the Mexican state of Chiapas last month. The demonstration was in response to a call for world-wide solidarity made by human rights groups in Mexico.

On Dec. 22 paramilitary forces operating in the town of Acteal attacked several hundred Tzotzil Indians as they were preparing to pray. Nine men, 21 women, 14 children and a baby were killed. Survivors said the paramilitary force involved members of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI). Indians in the state of Chiapas have been organizing for a redistribution of the land which is mostly owned by rich families.

Peasants have accused the Mexican government of secretly organizing the paramilitary units as a proxy army to fight the peasants. Many peasants have expressed their sympathy with the guerrilla organization, Zapatista Army for National Liberation, which has been organizing in the state of Chiapas for years and which led takeovers of municipal buildings four years ago.

Organizers of the New York protest demanded that the U.S. government stop selling arms to the Mexican government. They also demanded that all of those responsible for the massacre be punished for murder, and not just removed from their posts as has been done with some members of the state government.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press reported that a police official has admitted giving arms to civilians who later used them in the attack in Acteal. The attorney general for Mexico has filed criminal charges against Felipe Vazquez Espinosa, head of the police in the sector where the paramilitary units were operating. The official said that he was only following orders.

Vazquez Espinosa has also admitted giving orders to use police vehicles to distribute arms to the paramilitary groups.

Forty-eight people have been arrested including local elected officials and 40 others are being investigated, including the PRI state governor who stepped down last week as a result of the political crisis in Chiapas. But even as people around the world protested, Mexican police in the town of Ocosingo opened fire Jan. 13 on thousands of people protesting the Chiapas murders. A woman was killed, her daughter and a teenager were wounded.

In Mexico City over 100,000 persons demonstrating against the Chiapas murder were also informed of the Ocosingo attack. Tens of thousands also took part in demonstrations throughout Mexico.

In the U.S., protests were also held in Los Angeles, San Francisco and other cities. In Rome, protesters occupied the Mexican embassy. Another protest was held in front of the Mexican consulate in New York Jan. 9 called by Pastors for Peace. A delegation led by Rev. Lucius Walker met with the Consul of Mexico to express its solidarity with the people of Chiapas. After the meeting Walker said the consul failed to demonstrate genuine concern over the massacre in Chiapas.

Walker told the World that his organization will lead a solidarity caravan to Chiapas this April. Judith LeBlanc, labor-community relations director of the Communist Party USA, was a member of the delegation which met with the consul.

She linked the poverty in Chiapas with NAFTA and said that the only way to solve the long-term problems in Chiapas is by eliminating the poverty that is at the heart of the social injustice prevalent in the region.

Mexico City Radio Station Occupied, Protestors Blockade Stock Exchange

By Daniel Vila
People's Weekly World,

(Jan 10, 1998) MEXICO CITY - Some 32 people occupied a radio station and dozens of others blockaded the entrance to the stock exchange in Mexico City Jan. 5 protesting the massacre of 45 Indian peasants, mostly women and children, in the state of Chiapas on Dec. 22.

Survivors of the violence in the mountain village of Acteal said they were attacked by paramilitaries firing automatic weapons indiscriminately.

Mauricio Rosas president of the Red Cross in the nearby town of San Cristobal de las Casas said that in addition to the 45 dead there were dozens of injured. Nine men, 21 women, 14 children and a baby were killed.

The violence in the region has been increasing for several months. In November at least 10 people were killed by paramilitary forces.

The right wing violence is a response to efforts by Indian peasants to organize for social justice and land reform.

In some towns Indians are not permitted to walk on the sidewalks. Those who took over the radio station transmitted news of the massacre in Chiapas and condemned the press for censoring the news. Hundreds of people gathered in front of the station and when police attempted to arrest the protestors the public interfered and the protestors escaped.

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Harlem-Maine

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We believe that our efforts this year will deliver a ton of food from local growers. We would like this year's food distribution to be more than a charitable handout.

The food will go out with each bag informing people about the New York 3 political prisoners, Herman Bell, Anthony Jalil Bottom, and Albert Nuh Washington.

They are former members of the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army and have been imprisoned for over 20 years after two trials, the first one hung with most jurors voting to acquit.

Of course, we realize the political aspect that the role of food production plats in this system's efforts to control us, just as the new prison industrial complex is being used to control people of color.

The New York 3 are a high priority example of the system's intentions to squash efforts towards self-help in the inner-city neighborhoods.

The criminalization of individuals who have ventured to liberate the African-American community through programs of self-help must not be forgotten.

We can publicize the food program and the need to support our Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War. As a long range plan, we would like to introduce food production to as many people as we can, and invite them to come to Maine to learn to grow their own food.

WHAT WE NEED

Our long term needs include money for seeds, the arrangement of adequate land to grow on and the costs of production (fertilizer, tilling, mulch, etc.). In the future, we will need money to be able to primitively house and feed people willing to come to Maine and participate in the work.

This should include atleast two different groups in the growing season. We will need to travel to harlem to participate in organizing sessions. Funds are also needed to help defray the costs of photocopying, postage, phone calls and gas. Unexpected expenses will undoubtedly come about. All efforts will be made to keep expenses down.

For more information, to donate materials/money, or to help with production or distribution contact:

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Clinton & Nukes: The Same Old Song

From Rocky Mountain Peace Center:

For years nuclear weapons were a cornerstone of US Cold War military policy. With the Cold War over, we are now at a crossroads. We can continue with a military policy that perpetuates fear and danger at home and abroad, or we can choose to lead the way in developing a secure, safe world that is not threatened by weapons of mass destruction. President Bill Clinton is shrinking from seizing this historic opportunity.

In November, the Clinton administration issued a presidential decision directive (PDD) that updates guidelines set in 1981 for the targeting of nuclear weapons. While the PDD rejects the Reagan policy that a prolonged nuclear war is winnable, it reaffirms the role of nuclear weapons as a central element of our foreign policy.

In statements made in the December 4 Washington Post, Robert G. Bell, a high-level defense policy advisor to the president, asserted that while "nuclear weapons now play a smaller role in our security strategy... it would be a mistake to think that nuclear weapons no longer matter, or that they no longer matter to this administration." He added that nuclear weapons are still required to deter "aggression and coercion" by threatening a response that "would be overwhelming and devastating." In addition to continuing US targeting of military and civilian sites in Russia, and preserving the first strike option, the PDD adds new options including nuclear weapons use in retaliation for chemical or biological weapons attacks. This would mean that non-nuclear nations would now be targeted for attack.

Such is the thinking of the White House and the Pentagon, and Clinton is helping to push nuclear weapons as a pillar of our military posture, be establishing a nuclear weapons development and production program for the 21st century. If you think that there is something wrong with this picture, we urge you to contact:

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Also, you could organize creative demonstrations which would gain media, public, and political attention.

OPINION: The Military 'Myth'

By Derek

"It's not just a job, it's an adventure!?!" This old cliché has been used by the navy for decades to bring in new recruits.

All of the branches have one. It's just like any other corporate propaganda. They develop a catch phrase that rings in your head like the unwanted rhythm of an awful song.

I've been in the navy for four and a half years and I am fed up with the lies and emphasis of trivial matters.

I grew up in the South and desperately needed an escape. Being uninformed about the military, I contacted the recruiter. He sold me a sweet deal. I was told that upon completion of my electronics school in the navy, I would get an A.S. in electronics (which wasn't true).

In addition to this, I got a $1500 bonus for completing the school (which didn't amount to much after taxes). I was also promised a $20,000 re-enlistment bonus (this was later taken away).

Then came boot camp. It's quite a difference. At the recruiting office they try to be your best friend. They even buy you booze sometimes. But the minute you arrive at your recruit training, you're a worthless piece of meat that has no business being alive.

They make this clear from the beginning. You are screamed at from the start until you are so dehumanized that you actually feel worthless. They start spouting contradictory orders at you, so that when you mess up they are justified in correcting your deficiencies with harsh personal attacks.

The whole point of boot camp is not an endurance test or the testing of one's self in a noble challenge. It is the government's way of mentally breaking you down, and rebuilding you in their model, military mold.

When I was in boot camp, a company commander was so verbally brutal to a fellow recruit that he vomited on the spot out of nervousness. In boot camp you are taught to pay attention to minuscule details.

You are expected to fail, so they can further degrade you. Their most effective method of control is by making an example out of someone. They make everyone in the company suffer hours of punishment while you sit and watch what you've caused. Later that night, you may be paid a visit by your angry, fellow recruits.

I once worked with a guy who had been a recruiter. He summed it up for me and said, "basically, you have to sell them a product that they don't want to buy." Recruiters go to a special school that teaches them how to manipulate your needs to fit their quotas. Their routine is simple. They try to find a common ground with you. Once they discover your interests, they tell you how you can fit right in and excel. I had a mohawk, and they told me that in the service everyone accepts you for who you are. Looking for relief from racism and sexism, I bought it. Boot camp is so ridiculous. The biggest emphasis is placed on how well you can fold your clothes to the most minute detail of how they told you to do it, make your bed, and endure an onslaught of conflicting orders and personal attacks. You will do this until the redundancy drives you insane.

After boot camp you usually attend some sort of school. There is always a weeding out process. In my electronics school, they were constantly looking for a reason to kick you out to the fleet as a general laborer. This meant that you would spend the rest of your enlistment chipping paint and cleaning crevices or working in the food service all day and night.

Something that's always bothered me about the system is that the new people are treated like trash. Their philosophy is that new people are a problem because they are inexperienced and create a new burden for those who are already there.

Every time you check in somewhere, you feel like you don't belong, and when someone new checks in, it becomes your right of passage to do the same to them. You can see the effect that the military has on people.

If you live near a base, you can almost always spot a military member. There seems to be some nullifying effect that makes everyone dress and act the same. The military seems to act as some kind of personality void.

I joined under the premise that everyone would get along and I wouldn't be judged for my beliefs. Everywhere I've been I've encountered racism, sexism, and general ignorance. I may seem like a disgruntled worker who seeks revenge, but I assure you that what I tell you is true. In fact, I have had a very successful "career" while serving in the navy.

I disagree with many aspects of the military. I do not like the military's way of training you for a job. What you learn in school is a lot of information crammed into a few weeks of training. I also don't agree with its means of teaching leadership. A lot of times you are handed a task which you are not ready for.

You are expected to rise above and beyond the challenge in the implementation of this task. If you fall short, you will suffer come evaluation time. I also do not agree with the evaluation system. It is based largely on favoritism. As a result of the drawdown, I was the new guy for three years at my last station. Because of this, I got stuck doing all the work while the others played cards.

They called it training. I kept to myself a lot, because I didn't have anything in common with anyone I worked with. As a result, I got poor evaluations compared to others in my shop. You must have good evaluations and test taking skills in order to advance. The latter is how I beat them at their own game.

I feel so out of place because everyone around me seems so serious about what they think they stand for. I still keep to myself. The military is a very lonely place for someone who does not follow suit. Personally, it is difficult to be vegan while on board the ship, but I must sacrifice. People notice right away if you do not have any meat or animal products on your tray.

It is a lonely life for anyone who joins. You are thrown into unfamiliar territory with unfamiliar people. A lot of guys put up a macho front that makes them seem like some party animal from the 1980's, out to win the ladies and take charge. I guess everyone has their own way of dealing with their insecurities and inadequacies. Most of them are just lost and lonely little boys and girls.

From what I've experienced, the local communities don't like having military members around. I feel the same way, these guys come in and act like they are the kings of the land. Does anyone actually believe that all of those foreign countries want us in their homeland?

There is a lot of anti-Americanism abroad, and it is very understandable why. The promised adventure part of the job is cut short to just a few tourist attractions. I am embarrassed to be thought of as a part of Uncle Sam's global police force. I feel no pride in my contributions to the system. I only joined for the college

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WOMEN! A new multi-focused zine-

LET IT BE KNOWN will be a zine about women's experiences in activism. We'd like to get a collection of writings and drawings from women about what they have done, their experiences (good and bad) and what they've learned. This is a way for both women and men to change their perception and treatment of women activists. Sharing our stories gives us strength. We hope that this will also be an inspiration for women to continue their work, share their knowledge and support and talk to each other.

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Announcing a New Film: All Power to the People!

The new documentary by award-winning filmmaker Lee Lew-Lee begins by asking where all the activists of the 60's have gone.

"'All Power to the People!' shows how the 60's might have been viewed had the era been reported from the perspective of a gifted, albeit radical, journalist of color. Subtitled 'Black Panther Party and Beyond,' the film is not a paean to the Panthers. ... The contemptible megalomania, corruption, narcissism and excesses of the Panthers are exposed as dispassionately as are their inspiring self-reliance, idealism, vivaciousness and courage [LA Times, 3/13/97]."

Lee Lew Lee, former Black Panther Party member and Afro-Chinese American, says of his film, "My film is about society. ... The 'they' are always people who become, at a certain point, intoxicated by power. Whether 'they' are Huey P. Newton, the KKK and the white supremacists, or J. Edgar Hoover."

This film, a full 1 hr. and 54 min. in length, tells the riveting, inside story of the rise, fall, and destruction of the US Human Rights movement by the FBI's insidious COINTELPRO programs as well as examining the role of non-violent as well as armed revolution. It clearly demonstrates that the extremely volatile social problems that now engulf the US were not only encouraged but often created by the US Government through illegal intelligence operations in the 1960's.

To purchase a copy of 'All Power to the People!' send a check or M/O for $24.95 with your name, mailing address, phone, fax and email address to:

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Military Life

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benefits, but these turn out to be quite a scam.

There are many stipulations that are attached that the recruiter somehow doesn't mention. The famed Montgomery G.I. Bill and each branch's college fund can only be used at institutions that are recognized by the V.A. To be eligible for it you have to pay $1200 at the start of your career. If you do not complete three years of service before you are discharged, you lose all. This applies even if it is a medical discharge with the government at fault.

My national interests rest here in this country where I feel that we need to get our act together instead of telling other countries how to run theirs. I will leave you with a few facts:

1) A lot of the skills you learn in the military are not applicable to the outside market.

2) The military may boast many promising programs, but when you actually try to take advantage of them, you must find your way through repetitive paperwork, strict deadlines, and a general lack of knowledge from those who supposedly are in charge.

3) The VA estimates that one-third of homeless people are vets.

4) When you sign into your enlistment, you surrender your freedom, DNA, civil rights, and peace of mind. You legally consent to be the lab rat for any experimental drugs or training techniques they may administer.

Biotech companies try experimental inoculations via the military. Remember Gulf War Syndrome, Agent Orange, Atomic Testing? In boot camp, you are intimidated, humiliated, dehumanized, and forced to be something you aren't. While in the gas chamber, they make you try to say your name, rank, and social security number while gagging and gasping for air. Many vomit, pass out, and suffer for hours from this.

5) Once in the military, you become government property, literally. I have seen guys get punished for getting sunburned. The charge: Damage to government property.

6) Women and minorities are at the top of the list for recruiters. They have strict quotas which they have to fill. Yet, racism, sexism, and homophobia run rampant in the service.

7) Civilian companies do not look favorably on military service anymore. It may actually be a hindrance instead of a bonus on a resume, because the military is notorious for having a relaxed attitude towards work, as well as poor quality of work.

8) When you enlist, you actually sign up for eight years. For example, if you sign up for four years of active duty, you also have an obligated four years of inactive reserves.

9) The money promised for college is hard to obtain, and amounts to only as much, if not less, than various forms of financial aid. Also, it can be taken away or changed at any time without notice.

10) Your contract can also change without warning. In fact, the first thing they taught us in boot camp was to forget everything that the recruiter had told us.

11) The military tries to develop a sense of unit camaraderie through pointless, stringent inspections, menial tasks, and manipulation of freedom. Some say it builds character.

12) Don't be fooled by the glory of Hollywood, Rambo does not call the shots. Civilians are in charge of every important decision that involves the military.

13) The military no longer offers a good retirement system. They used to pay over fifty percent. Currently, it's about thirty-five percent and declining.

14) Even if you go to school and get specialized in a skill, it doesn't mean that you will actually use it. Sometimes, you will be stuck doing something completely unrelated to your specialty.

15) With a few exceptions, the military doesn't use state-of-the-art, high tech systems. In fact, the military lags the private sector by several years in technology. Everything the military buys is from civilian contractors, but by the time the paperwork is processed, and funds allotted, the technology is outdated.

16) As mentioned earlier, whatever foreign ports you do travel to have many off-limits areas to military personnel. If you get into trouble there, you will be severely punished.

Most foreign nations do not like Americans, only their money.

17) The military's famous benefits system is going away. Medical and dental service is very substandard, and is no longer going to be free for dependents. Also, the military is considering charging members for the once free housing, which is also substandard.

18) Service members' families come second to the needs of the government. You are away often, and even make six month deployments or longer, every year or so. Also there are some places that dependents can't go. Meaning you won't see your family for up to three years.

19) Once you join, you're stuck for that amount of time. The only way to get out is through means that will leave you with something other than an honorable discharge. You basically have to lie or do something that puts you at odds with the military. This means that, for the most part, any college benefits you may have been working towards are now void.

20) The military can keep you in for much longer than what you sign up for. If you are at a unit that is decommissioning, it interrupts your tour. When they send you somewhere else, you are obligated to complete a two-year tour at your next station. I have seen people that were up for shore duty get stuck doing double sea tours. This is between 6 and 10 years at sea, with six-month deployments occurring about every year to a year and a half. Personal relationships easily get shattered.

In all essence, the military is nothing more than a dictatorship supposedly protecting a democracy. If you know someone who is thinking about joining, inform them of the whole truth.

Recruiters are trained to lie to you. Don't let them sweet talk you with stories of fame, fortune, and adventure. The pay may seem impressive to someone just out of high school, or with no experience, but after taxes it doesn't amount to much.

No matter how much the recruiters try to entice you with the 'opportunities' for college, do not forget that the military only exists for one reason: To kill.

HAVE AN OPINION TO SHARE??

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Hyundai: Stolen Labor

By Lindsay Parme

A struggle has been taking place at the Han Young maquiladora where workers are trying to form an independent union.

A maquiladora is a manufacturing sweatshop in which multinational corporations make mass production in low wage countries. Over 65% of the workers are women. Most of them have no other choice and need to keep their job just to be able to feed their children.

The Han Young maquiladora, near Tijuana, Mexico, produces parts for Hyundai. There are 110 workers in this plant and they each make less then one dollar per hour. They also do not have safety equipment, which often leads to loss of visions, burns, and poisoning. Recently, the workers have been organizing themselves to form their own union.

On November 12, 1997, twelve workers were fired because they supported the union. Then on Nov. 24, four of the workers began a hunger strike, consuming liquid only, to demand higher wages, better safety conditions and the right to choose a union. On Jan. 5 they were rehired.

What you can do to help:
**Boycott Hyundai and all things made in a maquiladora*
**Organize a protest at Hyundai offices and dealerships*
Contact Campaign for Labor Rights for more information:[1247 E Street SE; Washington DC, 20003 (541) 344-5410]

Chiapas: What Made Murders Possible?

(Jan. 10, 1998) *"Brothers and Sisters; Why? How many more? Until when?"*
—Subcomandante Marcos
Zapatista Army; Dec. 97

By Mumia Abu-Jamal

The brutal, premeditated massacre of at least 45 indigenous poor men, women and children several days before Christmas, 1997, by armed paramilitaries of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) sent shock waves through the international community.

In a slaughter of the innocent that took over four hours in duration, the so-called PRIistas revealed their malevolent intent, to attack and disable the indigenous (Indian) support network for the Zapatista Army.

Thus, the ruthless killing of 45 civilians had a clear political objective, one verbalized by the "Red Mask" paramilitaries as, "We are going to put an end to the Zapatista seed" (Nuevo Amanecer Press, 12/26/97). Seen in this light, the 45 men, women and children of San Pedro de Chenalhó were but a means to a dastardly end.

How, one wonders, can such a thing happen? Until we address this question how can we begin to answer those posed above? For over 50 years, especially after the Nazi period in Europe, psychologists have studied this destructive type of phenomena.

Some, like the famous Milgram Studies (of 1963) taught us of the limits of "destructive obedience," where so-called "normal" people shocked innocent others up to 450 volts, up to levels reading "DANGER: SEVERE SHOCK," only because authority figures told them to do so, with 65% obeying to the end (other Milgram Studies found over 90% compliance).

Scholars H.C. Kelman and V.L. Hamilton have advanced the notion of "sanctioned massacres," no stranger to American or world history: "within American history, My Lai had its precursors in the Philippine war around the turn of the century-and in the massacres of American Indians-(o)ne recalls the Nazi's "final solution" for European Jews, the massacres and deportations of Armenians by Turks, the liquidation of the Kulaks and the great purges in the Soviet Union, and more recently the massacre in Indonesia and Bangladesh, in Biafra and Burundi, in South Africa and Mozambique, in Cambodia and Afghanistan, in Syria and Lebanon. (Political Psychology, by N.J. Kressel, p.223). In many of those cases, we find the "sanctioning" of heinous massacres by authorization, routinization and dehumanization.

Authorization is when persons in power order or allow atrocities to occur in furtherance of political ends. Routinization is the internal process by which those authorized make it 'okay' to do what is an obvious evil, like slaughtering babies.

Dehumanization is the social and ideological process by which a people are projected, perceived, and then treated as somehow less than human. In each of the historical instances noted above, we have seen these diabolical features at work.

It happened in America, where the declaration of independence wrote of "merciless Indian savages" and where children learned the phrase, "the only good Indian is a dead Indian" at and early age.

Such a mindset made Wounded Knee an historic inevitability. These same features were found in the Chiapas area where minions of the state attacked the most powerless and the most maligned segment of Mexican society: Indians, the indigenous peoples.

For centuries they, as well as Africans, have been subjected to dehumanization, where, as in Chiapas they were not seen as full human beings, with inherent rights, but as tools used in the "dirty war" of the government against the Zapatistas.

"How many more?," Marcos asked. "Until when?," he wonders.

The true shame is that we cannot say.

Solidarity Boosts CF&I Steel Strikers

Wells Fargo pressured to divest from union-busting steel firm

By Tim Wheeler
People's Weekly World

(Dec. 10, 1998) Santa Claus arrived early at the steelworkers union hall in Pueblo, Colo.,
handing out gifts to the children of 1,200 steelworkers who have been on strike against Colorado Fuel and Iron/Oregon Steel for the past 13 weeks.

Pueblo is a stone's throw from Ludlow, where National Guardsmen, in the service of Rockefeller-owned Colorado Fuel & Iron, massacred striking coal miners, their wives and children in the infamous Ludlow massacre of April 14, 1914.

Ernie Hernandez, president of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) Local 2102 in Pueblo told the World in a phone interview Dec. 23 that the holiday spirit among the workers and their families has never been so bright.

The Dec. 17 Christmas party overflowed with so many presents the children thoughts they were in toyland, he said. This was followed by a feast of turkey, ham and all the trimmings.

"We relived what I remember from growing up when we went down to the union hall and picked up a Christmas stocking filled with candy and gifts," said Hernandez, a third-generation steelworker at CF&I's Pueblo works.

"There were more than enough presents to go around," Hernandez said of the union Christmas party. "Santa was there and a chorus sang Christmas carols. The kids got a real kick out of singing karaoke. It was a family thing, everybody together nobody going without."

Hernandez said the workers have been moved and inspired by the outpouring of solidarity from working people in Colorado and across the nation. "The camaraderie [the strike] has created among our union members is the highest it has been in 30 years," Hernandez said.

Then last Saturday, Dec. 20, they staged a strike rally with 600 workers at the main gate of the steel mill which is operating at a fraction of capacity with strikebreakers.

"We were able to turn around several semi-tractor trucks as they approached the main gate, " he said. "I told the crowd the union is demanding a `wall-to-wall' safety inspection of the mills because there has been many injuries since the strike began and we know it is unsafe." He expressed pride that of the 1,100 workers in the mill, only 92 have crossed the picketline.

Gilbert Romero, a member of the Colorado legislature and a candidate for the US Senate, told the crowd that he would not remain neutral in the strike. " I choose to side with the steelworkers. My father worked in the Colorado mines and my roots go two miles deep," he said.

CF&I is the wholly-owned subsidiary of Portland-based Oregon Steel which broke the union at its Oregon mills in 1983.

Now the company is demanding that the CF&I workers accept a wage two dollars per hour below the industry norm and a pension half the industry average. The company also refuses to offer a standard job security clause.

Like Ebeneezer Scrooge, the company demands the givebacks despite $50 million in concessions by the workers during the 1980s and another $35 millions in the past four years as CF&I pleases that it was going broke.

Oregon Steel reported $23.6 million in profits in 1996. It all sounds suspiciously like Ron LaBow and Wheeling-Pitt which provoked a futile 10 month strike to smash the Steelworkers union.

Hernadez said the struggle on the picketlines has been reinforced with a nationwide corporate campaign against CF&I/Oregon Steel. On Nov. 4, protestors rallied in front of the Wells-Fargo Tower in Portland to demand that the bank, main financier of CF&I/Oregon Steel, pressure the steelmaker to end its strikebreaking activities. Among those arrested in civil disobedience was Father Robert W. Krueter, pastor of Portland's St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church.

Later, Krueter wrote an open letter to Joseph Corvin, president and chief executive officer of Oregon Steel. Citing church doctrine on the "primacy of labor over capitol" and the right of workers to organize and bargain collectively he wrote, "In my view, the actions taken by CF&I can only be interpreted as an attempt to break the union... I further see in this action the devaluation of labor to simply another means of production subordinate to capital, indeed, to be purchased at the lowest possible cost for the maximization of profits regardless of the consequences for the workers, humanity or family well-being." He urged the company to negotiate a fair contract.

Rep. Elizabeth Furse (D-Ore.) also wrote to the company protesting the treatment of workers at Oregon Steel mills in Portland and they exercise their legal rights to organize as a union.

"And of course, to the same degree, the treatment of workers at Pueblo, Colorado, is also unconscionable," she wrote.

"I would urge you in the strongest terms to discontinue the use of replacement workers, resume negotiations with the Steelworkers union until such a time as a labor agreement is reached, and discontinue the interference into the rights of the workers to organize."

Furse also blasted CF&I/Oregon Steel for its flagrant violations of environmental law. "The company still pumps excessive amounts of emissions into the atmosphere resulting in a penalty of $56,000," she said.

Jail Support 101

Things You Absolutely, Positively Need to Know When Your Comrades Are Arrested, Taken to Jail

Direct action and civil disobedience, two key strategies in fighting the oppression and torture of animals in our society, most often involve "risking arrest."

And, while "risking arrest" is usually an effective and strengthening tactic, there is an equally important and effective role that must be played out alongside that of those risking arrest.

Prior to, during, and after any action where there is a risk of arrest, it is important to have a support team that is ready and willing to perform whatever duties necessary to aid and support their fellow activists who are risking arrest and may be jailed.

In most cases, a support team is important for the individuals risking arrest as well as for media purposes. However, it should be noted that not all actions involving a risk of arrest need a support team.

JAIL SUPPORT IF VITAL!

For instance, if security is a major factor or if the action is intended to be anonymous, it is better not to have a support team before or during the action. If/when the individual(s) is jailed, jail/prison support becomes vital.

As activists, we often experience police and other law enforcement overstepping their boundaries and abusing their powers. And, as a result, sometimes find ourselves or our fellow activists, in jail. When this happens, it is important to maintain constant support for that activist while also keeping a focus on the cause for which the activist was arrested.

ESTABLISH A SUPPORT TEAM

Prior to any event where there may be a possibility of arrest, it is important to establish a support team, whether it be one person or ten people. It is the support teams's responsibility to maintain constant support for jailed activists and to ensure that all of their needs are taken care of--feeding pets, calling work, calling parents, etc.

As soon as an activist is arrested, it is important to immediately ask a police thug where that person will be taken and send support people there immediately (this will initially probably be the police station). It is essential that no one leave until it has been confirmed that the activists have been taken to jail.

Presence at the police station is important, as it puts pressure on the police to either release the activists or process them in a more timely matter and also lets the police know that they do not have an average "criminal" on their hands.

NOTIFY OTHER ACTIVISTS

At this time, it is also a good idea to notify as many activists as possible (and, if possible, post it on e-mail lists and the internet) about the arrest and give everyone the police station number to call and ask why peaceful protestors are being detained.

At this point, it is vital that a person who has been pre-established as a phone contact in case arrests occur at any protest be at her/his post. This person is solely responsible for keeping the arrestees informed about what is going on outside of the jail as well as letting the other supporters know what is really happening to the arrestees.

It is also good for some of the supporters to have a cell phone or pagers so that important messages can be passed along immediately.

DO NOT TRUST THE POLICE

It is extremely important to remember that you cannot and should not trust the police.

They typically lie to both the protestors and the arrestees so that both sides will be discouraged. This is why the contact person is so important--direct communication between the activists is the ONLY reliable and true means of knowing what is really happening.

If/when the activists are taken to jail, a good, strong, presence at the jail is essential. That means ACTIVELY letting your presence be known, by visiting the activists to find out what is really happening on the inside--as guards and other jail "officials" will often lie--and let the activists know what is happening on the outside.

CHECK ON ARRESTEES OFTEN

Also, keep in frequent contact with the Watch Commander (who makes all the decisions) and other jail personnel (but don't harass them) and periodically ask about the conditions of the activists.

It is also important to keep other activists up-to-date with the location and phone number of where the activists are being held so that they can call and check on the activists' condition.

The jail/holding station will be flooded by phone calls from angry activists who will make it clear to the officers that these people are activists, and not people that would normally be considered "real criminals." If anyone should be in jail in this society, it's the vivisectors, furriers, and other abusers NOT nonviolent activists!

APPLY JAIL PRESSURE

At the jail, the support team should apply pressure to get the arrestees released on their own recognizance (OR) as soon as possible, and any minors should be released to a "responsible adult" with no charges pending.

CHECK WITH LAWYERS

IF there is a lawyer on the activist support team, that individual should be able to put additional pressure on them to have the arrestees released and serve as a legal resource.

SEND OUT NEWS RELEASES

It is also extremely important to keep the media interested, which generates additional pressure on the jail and informs the public about the plight of the jailed activists as well as that of the animals.

News releases updating the media should be sent out daily (or more if there's sufficient news) and the support people should hold press conferences outside the jail, hold protests/candle light vigils outside the jail and at the sight of the arrest, and set up interviews with the jailed activists and the media.

ARRESTEES & COMPLAINTS

Inside the jail, the arrestees should be making complaints to the jail regarding their (mis) treatment, and those complaints should be followed up by the support team and relayed to the media.

Basically, it is important to let the jail know, as well as the public, that we are political activists, not average criminals and that their so-called justice system and its "sentences" are not going to silence us.

If the jail knows that there is a support network outside and that the public knows about the activists, that will put pressure on them to release the activists and/or treat them with some civility.

TALK TO WATCH COMMANDER

The importance of contacting jail personnel cannot be emphasized enough. By personally talking to the Watch Commander (who makes the decisions) and pushing for better treatment of the jailed activists and letting the concern for the activists be known, the support team can effectively improve the treatment and/or jail conditions for the jailed activists.

CALL THE JAIL,ORGANIZE

And calling other jail personnel, such as the head nurse or medical liaison, reminds them that they cannot mistreat the activists and get away with it.

If the activists are going to be in jail for any length of time, support people should organize national days of action in support of those individuals.

WRITE LETTERS, PROTEST

Others should send letters of support to the prisoners, a legal person or team of people should work on writs, appeals, and preparation for the jailed activist(s) court case, and support should remain strong for the entire time.

Most importantly, whether risking arrest or supporting those risking arrest, remember we are doing it for the animals and our punishment will never be comparable to the agony and suffering that they animals must endure during their short lives at the hands of the callous, inhumane, and cruel abusers.

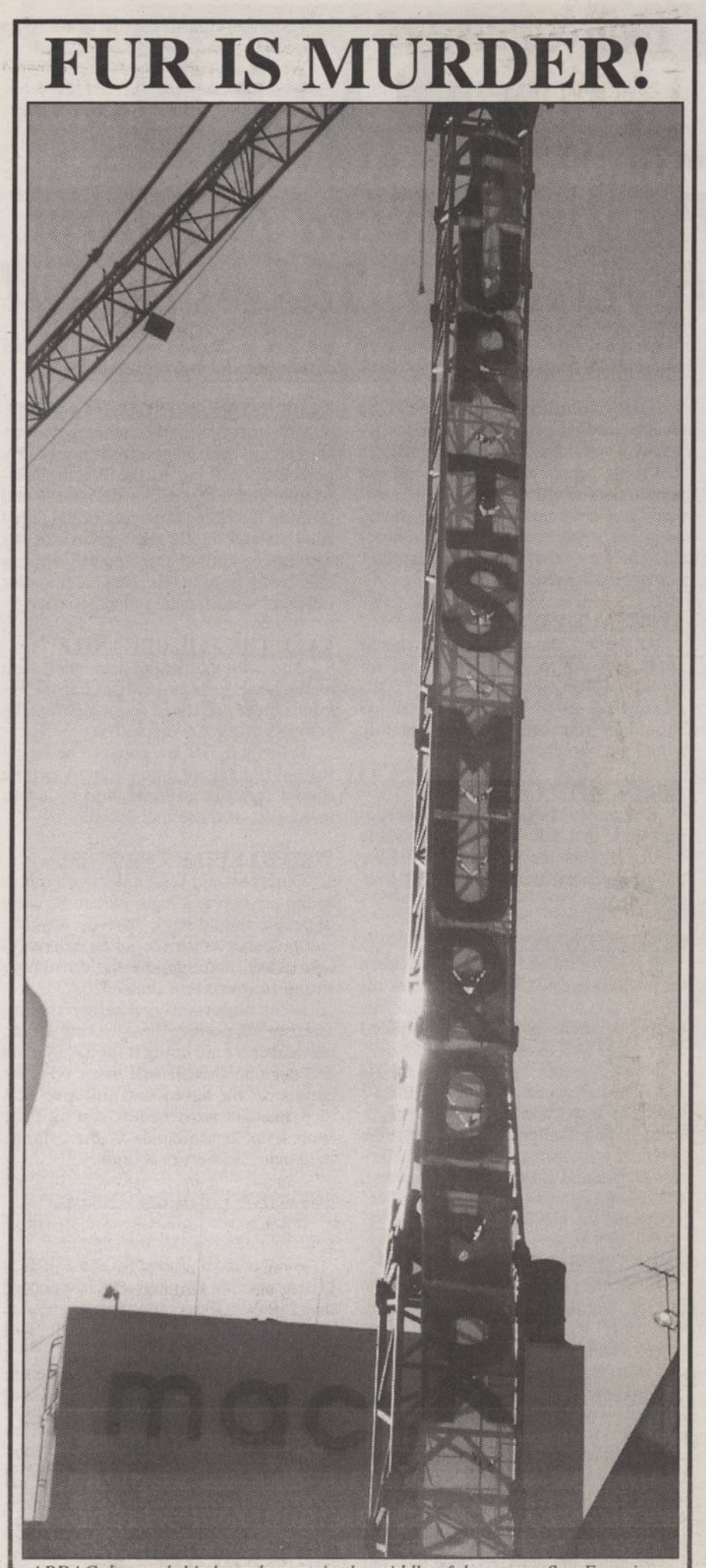
SUPPORT YOUR COMRADES

Each action calls for its own set of guidelines and tactics for support.

What is most crucial for the arrestees is to know that they have the support of their fellow activists and animals and that they have contact with activists who will tell them the truth.

For more information, or to report the jailing of activists, write or call local groups in you area or contact:

Activist Civil Liberties Committee
(regional offices or national office)
PO Box 19515
Sacramento, CA 95819)
Message (916) 452-7179
Fax: (916) 454-6150



ARDAC dropped this huge banner in the middle of downtown San Francisco.

Some Injuries Reported

96 Arrested In Militant Fur Protests

At least 96 activists were arrested and some were injured in November during an estimated 100 separate demonstrations against the sale of animal furs, and the leghold trap - on a day dubbed "Fur Free Friday" across the U.S.

Fur Free Friday began in 1986 as part of a militant grassroots effort to blunt the fur industry's increased sales -- and the day has been declared a success, with fur sales dropping from about $2 billion in the mid-80s to $1.2 billion today. This year, the "day" was extended to other protests throughout the month of December.

Arrests were reported in the following cities: New York City (22), Minneapolis (17), Garden City NY (13), San Francisco (12), Dallas (10), Beverly Hills (8), Albany (4), Eatontown, NJ (2), Atlanta (2), Philadelphia (4), Wilkes-Barre (1), Boston (1).

Actions were direct in other cities, although there were no arrests, including Chevy Chase, Md., where more than 80 Compassion Over Killing activists converged upon Miller's Furs.

In Beverly Hills, 8 activists were arrested — and one was hospitalized after a seizure following use of police "pain holds" — after blocking the front entrance of an exclusive "Rodeo Drive" furrier (Fendi Furs). About 100 activists participated. Activists were held several days, and have since retained lawyers to file a civil suit against police for brutality against several activists, including two physicians who were arrested.

In Dallas, 10 anti-fur activists were arrested – and several had to be sent to jail hospitals for treatment of minor injuries – after police overreacted and began beating demonstrators opposed to the sale of fur at the Neiman Marcus flagship store. There were about 80 protestors overall.

In Minneapolis, 18 were arrested after they locked onto a Neiman Marcus sign.

In Long Island (Garden City, NY), 13 activists were arrested early today after they locked themselves together at the main entrance to a Macy's mega-store.

In Eatonville, NJ, 2 activists were arrested for blocking the entrance to Macy's.

In Atlanta, 2 activists were arrested for disrupting sales at York Furs.

– In Albany, NY, 2 were arrested at Beck's Furs.

Protestors are opposed to the killing, by neck-breaking, anal-electrocution and suffocation, of 40 million animals a year to make fur garments.

SF Activists Takeover Macy's Crane

SAN FRANCISCO - It was about 4 a.m. on FFF when 5 activists from the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition managed to get past security guards and into a constrction site at Macy's in San Francisco, climbing a 200-foot high crane overlooking the busy Union Square area.

Police arrived at the scene immediately, but had no way of removing the activists. They watched as a group of 40-60 cops set up police barricades in preparation for the day's protests. As the protests began at around 10:30 am, they dropped a 90-foot banner reading "Fur Is Murder" down the crane.

They then secured the banner to the sides of the crane so it would take the police longer to remove, and prepared to lock themselves to the ladder. The police made no attempt to remove the activists, however, fearing someone would be seriously injured.

About 100 protesters marched through Union Square to every department store, and three activists lockboxed themselves around a tower at the entrance of Neiman Marcus. They remained locked for more than an hour before they were cut out by the police and arrested, along with one of the support people.

In all, 12 were arrested and everyone was taken to the S.F. County Jail and charged with trespassing and felony conspiracy. It took the police hours to get the banner down, and it was still up during the 10'o'clock news. Protesters were held in the jail for a day before they were released. Conspiracy charges were dropped.

LI Activists Use 'Decoy' In FFF Action

EAST GARDEN, NJ - Activists from the Animal Defense League of New York City/Long Island used a decoy demo at the Fur Vault, located just down the block from the Roosevelt Field Mall.

The decoy demo started at 11am and lasted for about an hour, while other activists proceeded to Macy's at Roosevelt Field Mall, where 5 activists locked their arms in steel pipes festively decorated by wrapping paper and bows, and in front of live TV coverage, swiftly walked into the mall and laid down around a security gate at Macy's entrance on the bottom floor. They "unwrapped" the lockboxes with their feet to reveal "Fur is Dead" and "No Blood for Vanity" stickers.

Immediately following was a banner drop from the top floor of the mall right outside of Macy's that read "Fur is Murder: Boycott Macy's." As the banner was unfurled, "Boycott Macy's" literature filled the sky of Roosevelt Field mall.

By this time, a large crowd had gathered around Macy's and the nearby escalators, reading the anti-fur literature. The other protestors then joined the locked-down activists and started chanting and holding signs.

Patrick Kwan and Rachel Strum were soon arrested for allegedly giving out literature. Patrick was also accused of "harassing" a mall security guard. They were carried down to the mall "jail" where they waited to be transported to the precinct.

Security started to panic and one guard approached an ADL member, accusing her of holding a bag of literature when in fact it was a video camera of Justin Taylor's, who upon taking it, was promptly tackled by security in front of the media.

Out of concern for Justin's safety as painholds were applied to his neck and arms, Kim Berardi jumped on top of him. Seconds later they were joined by Ryan Shapiro and Mike Sullivan in a last-minute civil disobedience action. Minutes after the four were carried away when Dave Cavalcante was arrested for chanting.

At about 2 o'clock, the Nassau County Police had only cut off one of the five lockboxes. In a surprise move by the authorities, however, a group of about 14 officers gathered around the 5 activists, lifted them still locked together and carried them downstairs and out of view of remaining ADL activists and other onlookers.

This "move" caused the activists a great deal of pain, as they could not remove the devices from their arms and the police force was not very gentle in doing so.

'Deliverymen' Lockdown at NJ Macy's

EATONTOWN, NJ - Three activists arrived here at the Macy's on FFF, and milled about nervously, looking around, whispering to each other, bending down to tied already-tied shoes, and so on.

It's what happened the year before, and exactly what quickly gathering security personel expected.

Well, not quite.

Eventually the three cirlced the second floor, and on the other side removed jackets to reveal Animal Liberation shirts. Security, by now gathered totally in this area, told them they would have to leave.

But, then, a fourth activist appeared up , nodded to them, and said, "it's done."

While the security guards were gathered upstairs, three activists, dressed like delivery people, had entered the mall, pulling a hand-truck with a large cardboard box. As they approached the main entrace to Macy's from the mall, the box was lowered to the floor, and one activistdisappeared with the hand-truck.

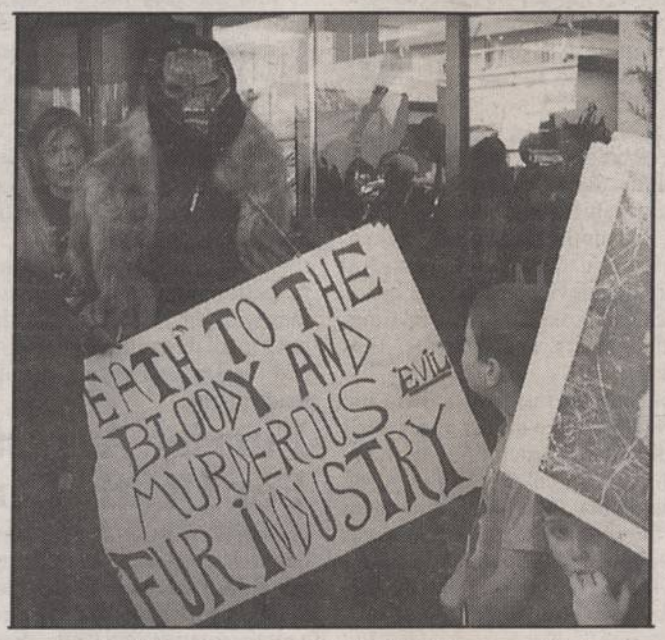
The remaining two, Mike Nicocia of Hewlett, NY from the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade - Long Island, and Greg Wilkens of Ocean, NJ from the Animal Defense League - New Jersey, each punched a hand through a side of the box, locking into the 200+ pound concrete-encased lockbox hidden within.

The box was torn open to reveal "Fur is Murder" and "Boycott Macy's" slogans painted across the barrel, and anti-fur posters glue to the inside flaps of the box. Shirts were opened to reveal T-shirts underneath bearing similar messages.

After approximately 45 minutes the police had brought a jack hammer amoungst other tools, and had begun cutting the two free.

Over an hour later only the steel lockbox remained, and police attempted to carry them out still locked together. This caused the activists a great deal of pain, and as one Macy's shopper saw what was transpiring, she complained to police and was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Along with her two children, she was placed in the back seat of police car and driven to the station to be booked. The day later she returned over $100 worth of merchandise to Macy's.

Nicocia and Wilkens were bothed charged with Tresspassing, Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting Arrest. Wilkens, a minor, was released to his parents. Nicocia was held on $5000 bail, and immediately went on hunger and thirst strike. After three days his bail was reduced to $250.



Anti-fur Protestors Get Serious on FFF

Fur is NOT Back!

During this last fur season the industry tried to promote their product with a barrage of press releases stating that "fur is back".

As evidence theyclaimed that more fashion designers are using fur than ever before, fur saleswere up 5% in 1996, the strong economy will help stimulate the sale of luxury garments, and that people are tired of being told what to do.

Animal rights groups continued to organize, and rebuild a movement that virtually fell apart in the early 90's because of a lack of action and direction.

Nearly 100 people were arrested in direct actions at department stores on Fur Free Friday, the ALF set another record for animals liberated from fur farms, and as proof of our effectivness, Neiman Marcus security guards attacked and beat two prominent animal rights activists.

The question then is, is fur back or not? After researching the facts I believe fur is not really back, but very well could be brought back with all of this publicity the industry has bought and paid for.

The industries claim that sales were up 5% in 1996 is misleading. The dollar volume the industry handled was up 5% but the average price of a coat was up 14% because of a drop in skin production which made it harder to produce a fur coat.

With fur coats selling for 14% more, you'd think they could point to more than a 5% increase in dollars.

However, this proves that the fur trade actual sold less individual fur coats. They even admitted this in industry publications.

With the bought and paid for fashion press helping to promote their product, you'd think they would do fine in 1997, but the year saw a large number of furriers going out of business. In fact, 1998 started off with 4 furriers in New Jersey all announcing that they are leaving the trade.

With imports accounting for about 60% of US fur sales, and imports of fur products down 20% for the first 10 months of 1997, you'd be correct to believe that the fur industry is painting a deliberately misleading picture.

It only makes sense that they would have to do this. People have not worn fur because they did not feel it was socially acceptable. Therefore the industry has to tell people that it is back, or they will close down for good.

At the same time, several prominent department stores are still pro fur, and in one notable case, violently pro fur. The industry generated a tremendousamount of coverage that was favorable to them,and that had to influence sales to some degree. This shows that as anti fur activists we still have a lot of work to do.

We must prove to the world that fur is not back, and it is not a socially acceptable product. We must stop major department store chains from promoting fur to the mainstream consumer as this will cut off a major marketing avenue for the trade.

We must organize politically to stop trapping and fur farming. The US is far behind in this arena. Finally, we must be persistant and strong. With many of these campaigns it is a test of resolve.

When the opposition realizes we will never give in then they are more likely to determine that it just isn't worth it to engage in a protacted debate with us.

(The author is JP Goodwin, founder of Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, a grassroots organization which coordinates anti-fur campaigns, including FFF. CAFT can be reached at PO Box 822411, Dallas, TX 75382)

Protestors Win, Cops Lose Big in Syracuse Trial

By Rachael Astrachan

SYRACUSE, NY - An almost perfect victory in early January in the trial of protesters added fodder to the developing civil suit against the Syracuse Police Department for a pattern of harassment and police misconduct.

Of 4 defendants arrested for a Jan. 2, 1997 protest, the jury found only one guilty of disorderly conduct in the trial, which stretched from Jan. 5-12, 1998.

First, Judge Sandra Townes dropped charges against Adam Weissman of New Jersey because there was no testimony to convict him.

Townes also nullified the charge of obstructing government administration against Amy Theel, of Syracuse. The six jurors found her guilty of disorderly conduct and sentenced her to 25 hours of community service, but Theel will appeal.

The jury decided Seth Stevens, of Bloomington, Ind., and Jerry Vlasak, of Los Angeles, were not guilty.

At the trial, Sgt. John Brennan of the Syracuse Police Department testified he did not allow ADL members to protest in front of Georgio's Furs, an often targeted store.

"Brennan came over and grabbed me and pushed me onto the pavement," Stevens said. "He had three to four police officers with him. They shoved me down and cuffed me from behind."

Theel said the police started grabbing ADL members without provocation.

"Brennan grabbed (Stevens) first and threw him on the ground," Vlasak said. "That pulled the banner down." Vlasak said. Brennan grabbed him by the shirt and threw him down.

"I'm a pacifist," Vlasak said. "I've never hit anyone. I went limp because I was not going to assist in the illegal arrest. I was dragged through slush and water to the paddy wagon."

Vlasak was arrested for disorderly conduct, obstructing government administration and resisting arrest.

In his cross examination, Richard Marris, lawyer for the defendants, reminded Brennan that he cannot stop people from protesting because of the First Amendment.

"There was no intent to break the law," said Denise Lynn, member of the Syracuse ADL.

"Jan. 2 was an attempt to exercise our civil rights in Syracuse because of previous problems," Stevens said. Vlasak testified he attended not only to protest the fur industry, but also the previous police treatment of Syracuse ADL members.

Marris said there was no problem until Brennan told the protesters to stop. "They were orderly," he said. "All the problems happened because of an illegal police order."

HARRASSED!

Corporate Security Thugs Brutalize Peaceful Picketers

DALLAS, TX - Last September, Dallas area animal rights activists arrived at a Neiman Marcus store in downtown Dallas to distribute flyers which called attention to Neimans roll in the fur trade.

Little did they know that 2 of them would later be attacked, and one hospitalized, simply because they dared to speak out against cruelty and killing.

Two of the activists, J.P. Goodwin of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade and Lydia Nichols of Animal Liberation of Texas, were quite used to harassment from authorities and animal abuse industries, and had learned to watch over their shoulders at all times.

The week before these two activists had noticed that the door lock on the passenger side of their vehicle had been tampered with, but that nothing had been taken. Months before that these same activists had found a bugging device inside their apartment, which had broken into several times and sensitive papers, and computer files taken or erased.

Tired of being harrassed, Goodwin and Nichols went around a corner and waited for the individual to catch up with them. Discovering that his cover was blown, the agent declared that he could follow them all day as he was on the clock. Goodwin politely explained his situation and asked the man to leave. He agreed to stop following them, but the activists knew this was a ruse.

Once they got to their car it was discovered that Rod Lewis, head of security, and another woman from Neiman Marcus were recording the activists license plate numbers. At the next stop light Nichols got out of the car and demanded that Lewis turn over the paper with her license plate number on it.

Independent witnesses agree that at this point Lewis jumped out of the car and began beating Nichols. She was knocked to the ground, her head bashed into the pavement, and kicked repeatedly. Goodwin tried to intervene but was blindsided by the same guard who had been following him earlier.

After a lengthy skirmish police arrived and Lewis was arrested for assault and transported to the jail. Nichols was rushed to the emergency room, while Goodwin was released.

Within a week animal rights groups across the nation were responding with angry demonstrations at Neiman Marcus stores. One protest in San Diego drew considerable media coverage.

It was announced that Nichols and Goodwin had hired an attorney and were suing Neiman Marcus.

In the hearing concerning Lewis' arrest, Nichols was asked to testify, and she estimated that 85% of the questions had nothing to do with case, but it was clear that the district attornies office was in bed with Neiman Marcus. Charges against Lewis were dropped and Nichols - amazingly - was charged with assault!

Neimans is even claiming Lewis was never arrested. The police department only to find that they had lost all records that proved Lewis was arrested. Fortunately, Goodwin and Nichols acquired those records before they were "lost".

Seemingly unaware that the activists have police reports proving Lewis was in fact arrested for assault, Neimans has threatened a SLAPP suit (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) against Nichols and ALT.

Nichols and Goodwin are in hopeful anticipation of such a suit, contending that they will win, and that such a trial will bring out a lot of things that both Neiman Marcus and the Dallas Police Dept. do not want made public.

Furrier Arrested For Death Threat

NEW YORK - A New York City furrier and board member of a prominent national fur trade organization was arrested in January for making death threats against a representative of a Dallas-based anti-fur group.

JP Goodwin, national director of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, said he was not surprised to hear about the threats, noting that "an industry that gasses, electrocutes and breaks the necks of animals certainly wouldn't have qualms about making death threats."

Police nabbed Fur New York treasurer Steve Cowit after an undercover operation found Cowit was making threatening phone calls to Mike Nicosia, a Long Island representative of CAFT. Cowit, who was arrested on Aggravated Harassment charges, also works for Henry Cowit Furs, a major NYC fur manufacturer, whose retail division, Madison Avenue Furs, has annual sales estimated at about $2.5 million.

Nicosia said he alerted police after he began receiving death threats months ago. Cowit apparently was making the calls from a pay phone, and was arrested Thursday morning when police caught him making one of the calls to Nicosia.

"This type of criminal behavior by the fur industry indicates the anti-fur movement is having success. If we were not having an impact then Cowit would not have reacted this way," said Nicosia.



Police Batter Down Doors, Charge Protest Organizers With Felony

DAVIS, CA - State police, with guns drawn, broke down the front door of the home of longtime national organizers and civil rights activists Crescenzo Vellucci and Sheila Laracy in May, 1997, extralegally searched their home, and stole hundreds of documents computer disks, computers and other information - including cruelty free shopping bags and coffee mugs.

The seizure is all part of a harassment campaign in the aftermath of 32 arrests in April, 1997 at a peaceful protest at the University of California, Davis primate center. Police used batons to hit nonviolent activists, including Vellucci, who was acting as a legal aide advisor.

Vellucci and Bhaskar Sinha, the student organizer at UCD, are being charged with felony conspiracy for helping organize a protest. Six are even being tried for having a news conference within view of the UC labs.

Grand Jury Targets Philly AR Activists

PHILADELPHIA – Members of the group Vegan Resistance for Liberation (VRL) – and militant animal rights and civil rights activists from Pennsylvania, New York , New Jersey Washington DC, and Maryland – staged a series of protests in January against abusive federal grand juries, and specifically one that has setup shop here.

Brett Wyker, a political activist with VRL and a target of FBI and Justice Dept. harassment, was been the target of the harassment, and is being furthered harassed with a subpoena to appear in February. He said he will not appear.

Wyker charges his group is being subpoenaed as part of the US government's attempt to disrupt – much like similar government grand juries plagued progressive anti-war, women's and labor groups decades ago – VRL, who fight to end human exploitation, animal abuse, and environmental destruction.

"Grand juries are political tools of repression used to force activists out of the movement out of fear." claims Wyker, who says he will not cooperate with the grand jury, unless it is made open to the public and news media.

"They are conducting these star chamber proceedings in secret to stop us. But, it won't work. We believe in our constitutional right to peacefully dissent, and we will resist any attempts to rip those rights from us, or any other American," he added.

Wyker said he'd gotten a "communique" from an "extreme animal-liberation group" calling itself "the Justice Department." Fed up with the annual turkey holiday "holocaust," the group claimed they had "contaminated" thousands, the Vegan press release warned.

" I'm not gonna cooperate," Wyker said. "I refused to comment. It seemed like they were tryine to pin it on me." As for the original communique, Wyker says he threw it away.

The story added: "Wyker said he's rather go to prison for up to 18 months for contmept than tell a grand jury anthing. He called grand juries "unconstitutional tools of repression."

"He doesn't like going in there and being asked who his friends are," said attorney Larry E. Weiss, of Santa Rosa, Calif., an animal-rights lawyer whom Wyker has consulted about the subpoena. "He doesn't feel the grand jury has the right to ask these things."

Weiss contends the feds are trying to intimidate animal-rights' spokesmen.

Federal authorities declined comment.

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Mink Rancher Protest

MILWAUKEE – Anti-fur militants whose protests have led to hundreds of arrests since November at anti-fur disruptions picketed the 51st annual International Mink Show – the largest mink ranchers convention in the U.S. – when it met in January here.

Activists from through the Midwest staged their own "Cruelty-Free Fashion Show" to counter one with real animal skins at the convention.

Anti-fur campaigners are opposed to the torture killing of mink, and other animals, because they are killed unnecessarily and through means such as neck-breaking, suffocation and anal-electrocution. Factory fur farms are also responsible for massive soil, air and water pollution.

Judge Dismisses Case

DALLAS – Charges against two prominent animal protection advocates – arrested at an anti-fur protest at the Galleria Macy's more than a year ago – were thrown out and the jury dismissed in December by a judge who chastised the district attorney for being unprepared.

The surprisingly development came after the prosecution rested, and before the defense presented any evidence in the case of Lydia Nichols and J.P. Goodwin, both of Dallas. They faced a year in jail if convicted of the "obstruction of a passageway" charge.

"The judge told the district attorney they had wrongly charged us, and we could see that the jury was already leaning that way. Justice was done today in Dallas," the two activists said in a joint statement.

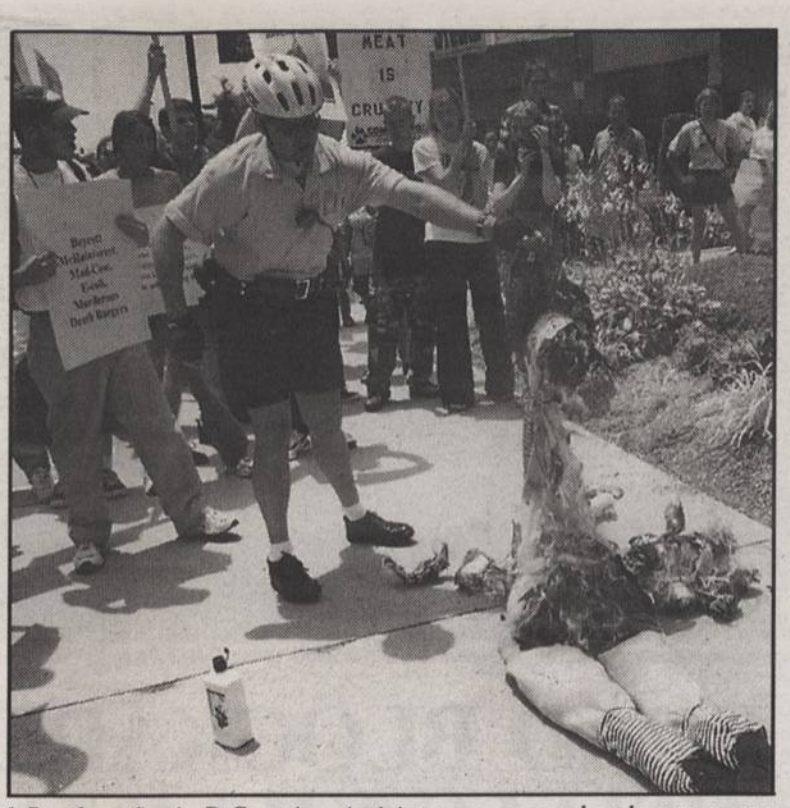
Ms. Nichols is the co-founder of Animal Liberation Texas, and Mr. Goodwin is the founder of Coaliton to Abolish the Fur Trade,. a national animal protection organization based in Dallas.

Researcher Effigy Torched

ATLANTA – After torching an effigy of a primate researcher at Yerkes during the day, dozens of militant animal rights activists held a late-night protest at the home of Thomas Insel, Emory researcher and director of the Yerkes Primate Center in December.

Animal Rights and Gay Rights activists torched a life-size effigy of a Yerkes Primate Center animal researcher as part of a major protest at Emory. About 60 riot clad police kept protestors off Emory property. There were no arrests.

Activists had feared another round of police brutality, which led to injuries and 64 arrests in April when Emory and DeKalb County police violently used stun grenades, tear gas and pepper spray to disperse a crowd protesting the use of primates at Yerkes.



McDeath on fire in D.C. action. Activists were arrested and peppersprayed.

In a related development, Nicki Falciatano, of Atlanta, was jailed Jan. 23 when a judge denied her the right to have an attorney present, and then summarily ordered her to jail for 30 days. Her only crime was trespassing during a demonstration against animal cruelty.

She was denied food she can eat (she is vegan), and weight loss from the lack of nutrients. She has lost an estimated 5-10 percent of her weight (120 pounds on a 5-8 inch frame) since jailed.

A legal aide organization, the Activist Civil Liberties Committee, in investigating possible federal and state violations, including denial of counsel, and conditions of her incarceration.

5 Lockdown in Fur District

NEW YORK - On the morning of August 29, 1997, the NYC-LI ADL shut down approximately forty fur retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and other fur related stores for about three hours. All forty stores were located in the office building located at 345 Seventh Avenue.

Besides being in the heart of NYC's fur district, this location is particularly offensive due to the banner hanging from its upper levels which proclaims "FUR: An Industry That Cares."

To distract the authorities, a decoy protest was held at the Macy's down the block. At about 7am, ADL actvists stormed the interior vestibule area of the 345 Seventh Avenue location and proceeded to run chains through all the door handles to secure the area. Then, the five activists used lock boxes to lock themselves together. ADL activists hung a banner in response to the one already on the building which read "Fur: An Industry That Kills." He then proceeded to U-lock himself to one of the lock boxes.

As soon as the activists had locked down and secured the vestibule, the decoy demonstration was alerted and about thirty protesters marched from Macy's to 345 Seventh Avenue to protest the fur industry and show their support for the act of civil isobediance in progress.

The lockboxes, however, were covered with two inches of tar, gumming and destroying the police saw blades. This bought us valuable time. All in all, it took close to three hours for the police to cut through the pipes. All forty stores remained closed the entire time.

P&G Demo in L.A.

LOS ANGELES - In Defense of Animals, ADL-Los Angeles, Vegan Militant, Jihad and others gathered 60 strong at the People's Choice Awards in Santa Monica on Jan. 11.

The awards show, which is similar to the Academy Awards but the public chooses the winners, was sponsored entirely by the "murderers and torturers of animals" Proctor and Gamble.

A masked activist was in the street with a bull horn yelling" Boycott Procter and Gamble" while twenty odd police looked on in disgust.

Limosine after limosine drove past us as we chanted and held up graphic pictures of a rabbit during an irritancy test and also the monkey who was forced via gastric tube to injest nasal decongestant and then laughed at and thrown against the cage by the experimenters.



Two activists participated in a civil disobedience action at the 1996 "Turkey Olympics" in Connecticut.

ROAD BLOCKADE STALLS KILLING

By Christine Matyasovsky

NEW PRESTON, CT – The Animal Defense League of Connecticut recently gained a major victory for turkeys around the world.

The Inn at Lake Waramaug's "Turkey Olympics" were cancelled! This infamous event, which was scheduled to take place on Sunday, November 23rd, was cancelled due to protests and letters from animal rights activists around the world. The 18 year tradition of the "Turkey Olympics" has ended.

The 1997 "Turkey Olympics" event was accompanied by approximately 50 chanting animal rights activists. Two of those activists performed a civil disobedience action.

The CD was very successful. Two activists drove a *huge* car, decorated with animal rights slogans and a demand list, to the Inn at Lake Waramaug. They quickly blocked the road with the car and locked on to a lock-box that had been welded into place underneath the car.

It took police hours to detach the lock-box from the car. The fire department used the jaws of life to release them.

The activists were then taken to the hospital to remove the lock-box from their arms.

This story made headline news on several newspapers throughout Connecticut. Jay Leno even made a joke about it during his opening monologue and Rush Limbaugh spoke about the demonstration on his program.

In all, four activists were arrested at the demonstration. Two individuals were placed under arrest after they stood upon the car and held a banner. The other two participated in the civil disobedience.

The cancelation of the "Turkey Olympics" brought about extensive media attention and much controversy. Animal Defense League spokespeople had the opportunity to be interviewed by several television and print news agencies.

A popular radio talk show also gave ADL spokespeople an hour long interview on the air. Several issues were brought up, but the biggest one was the question of why animal rights activists opposed the event.

In order to hold the "Turkey Olympics," about 30-40 turkeys are imported from a nearby turkey farm. A select few are called 'family pets.'

Participants then dress up the turkeys in ridiculous and humiliating costumes and compete in events, such as the 'high jump' and 'best dressed.'

Last years winner of the 'best dressed' category was 'Turkey Dinner.' The turkey wore a costume with a dinner table upon it.

The owner/operator of the Inn claims that she is a vegetarian, but doesn't see anything wrong with the event.

The Animal Defense League believes that 'family' events like this one may make children adore turkeys, but unfortunately they don't make the connection between the animal they adore one day and the food that will be on their plates the next.

The Inn at Lake Waramaug has told sources that they may hold the event again in 1998.

Please write them a polite note telling them that you hope they will choose the compassionate choice.

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ADL Claims Yellow Rat Bastard Win

SOHO, NY - This summer the NYC-LI chapter of the Animal Defense League began its campaign against Yellow Rat Bastard, a hip hop/rave clothing store in SoHo, that displayed live albino rats in the window as a publicity ploy.

When the store first opened last autumn, they had approximately 60 rats in tiny window-front glass cages. The rats were imprisoned in these cages twenty-four hours a day every day, often times without food or water.

On one occasion, we witnessed several of the rats actually feeding on the corpse of one of their fallen brethren who had not been able to survive the horrific conditions imposed upon them. By June, only 40 of the rats remained alive. All looked sickly.

On a particularly sweltering late June day, several activists noticed that the rats were without water and politely asked the storeÆs owner to provide them with some. The owner quickly responded by throwing a bucket of water on the activists, while shouting sexist and racist epithets.

On July 12, 1997, in the first official protest of the newly expanded NYC/LI ADL, activists Brian Smith, Dan Roth, Mike Nicosia, and Janelle Soto utilized lock-boxes to chain themselves together and block the store entrance for several hours. They were released in 3 hours and were actually out in time to rejoin the protest!

The ADL kept up militant protests nearly every week, visibly perturbing the storeÆs owner and employees. The name of the landlord of the building was given to the ADL and a campaign was started to try and persuade the landlord to ask the owner of YRB to surrender the rats. Several nighttime visits by the ALF left the store front painted red and the owner even more frustrated.

After a particularly heated protest in July, the owner agreed to meet with a representative from the ADL. Several meetings later, the owner finally agreed to let us have the rats, if we reimbursed him for the six dollars each he claims to have paid for them when he bought them from a laboratory.

After some debate as to whether or not we should pay for the rats, we decided it would be a small price to pay for the freedom of these rats and more importantly, the guaranteed end of any and all live animal displays at Yellow Rat Bastard.

On September 17 (only two months into our campaign), we were handed 37 beautiful (but seriously unhealthy) rats, and both the owner and members of the ADL signed an "agreement" which stated that as long as Yellow Rat did not display live animals in its windows, we would not protest the store. We had won!

Editor's note: The ADL would like to thank everyone who helped with this campaign , especially those fellow activists who traveled to New York City, including Connecticut ADL, New Jersey ADL, Massachusetts ADL, Syracuse ADL and activists from Virginia, California and all over. Also, special thanks to Dari Fullmer, Amy Halbohm, Mike McGrath, Ryan Sholin, and Matt Dunn for help in taking care of rats and finding homes for them.

Connecticut, ADL Join Forces

A chapter on the Coalition to Abolish the Fur trade (CAFT) has recently been established in Connecticut. CAFT has been working along side of the Animal Defense League (ADL) to battle the Federated chain, specifically Macy's. There are four Macy's locations within the state. These stores are targeted almost every weekend by ADL and CAFT activists.

Activism Leads to Law

An ordinance was implemented in December as a result of hard-hitting ADL activism at two fur stores in West Hartford. Lloyd and Robart's Furriers and Exclusive Furs by Ramon have both become major targets of ADL-CT since its formation in 1996. The newly passed ordinance states that five or more individuals can not demonstrate or parade in the town without a permit. The town admitted that this ordinance is an attempt to halt anti-fur activist. This ordinance has resulted in great media attention. The Connecticut Civil Liberties Union (CCLU) was quoted in one paper as saying this law is "unconstitutional." The ADL will continue to protest without a permit.

2 FFF Protests

CAFT and ADL had joint Fur Free Friday demonstrations. Macy's (Trumbull Mall) was targeted in the morning. Holiday shoppers were greeted with a huge banner and several graphic signs. An activist profile landed the event in front page news! The second demonstration was at Lloyd and Robart's Furriers and Exclusive Furs by Ramon in West Hartford. Over fifty activists showed up! The event was covered on all of the major television news stations.

Banner Demos

Two banners were put up last month over Interstate 95 on both the northbound and southbound directions. Banners reading 'BOYCOTT MACY'S: Fur is Dead' were seen by activists in Stamford right near the exit for Macy's.

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Action For Animals
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Action For Animals has actively been fighting fur sales at our only local furrier store: Koslow's. A No-Kill Millennium for the Austin animal shelters has recently been passed as well.

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The ADL has started back up in Albany in full force. The first official event was Fur Free Friday, resulting in 4 arrests. The Albany ADL is part of a nationally active, grassroots, animal liberation and defense organization, that works to inform the public about animal abuse issues on a local level. We are dedicated to exposing animal abuse in all of its forms through vocal demonstration, literature distribution and public education, as well as civil disobedience. Any ADL activist arrested for civil disobedience follows the "no compromise" ethic. The ADL is not involved in any kind of illegal activity, but wholeheartedly supports underground groups, such as the Animal Liberation Front.

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The ADL-Boca Raton has tried to expand the issues it tackles. We have lately began to focus more on education but still keep up with militant protests. Our biggest problems with protests are lack of media but sometimes we are fortunate. One of the local furriers, Aamartin's, recently closed one of their locations. Only one remains and business is bad (who needs fur in Florida anyway?). Aamartin's is self-proclaimed Florida's Oldest Furrier and, with any luck, Florida's oldest tradition of cruelty and murder will be out of business! We have also stepped up protests against Federated Deptartment stores, such as Neiman Marcus. More to come later but, if in the area, please get active now! Any and all help is appreciated.

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Sarah Whitman
DL-Connecticut has teamed up with the newly formed chapter of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade in a unified effort to eradicate the fur trade. We recently had a wonderful victory. The Turkey Olympics were cancelled last Thanksgiving after an awesome CD action by ADL in 1996. Join us at our weekly demonstrations to help us be victorious over all the animal abusers.

Animal Defense League-Los Angeles
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The newly formed ADL-Los Angeles is beginning to pick up steam. As co-sponsors of the Anaheim demonstration against the American Association for Lab Animal Science, we were nstrumental in getting nearly 150 people together for a 2-day conference prior to the demo. The demo was exceedingly effective in permeating the entire conference and intimidating hundreds of vivisectors. This was followed by a civil disobedience on Fur-Free Friday, resulting in the arrest of 8 members, 6 of whom spent nearly a week in jail. Numerous civil-rights violations were documented, and a lawsuit is in progress; trial date has yet to be set. ADL performs at least weekly demonstrations against the fur trade at Macy's and Bloomingdale's., two Federated Stores. We also routinely have targeted P and G (65 protestors at the People's Choice Awards sponsored by P and G), as well as the meat industry, circuses and rodeos.

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ADL-Syracuse has been keeping busy in recent months. One of our activists just concluded a week long trial for her involvement in an anti-fur protest last year, and shortly before Christmas the news broke that Bonwit Teller department store, a long-time protesting target in Syracuse, has stopped selling full-length furs. In addition, we have been focusing our efforts in other areas of the animal liberation struggle, including organizing a demo against police brutality and protesting a dairy farmers' convention.

Animal Liberation Now!
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Animal Liberation Now! is a new student group formed at the University of Texas in Austin, focusing mainly on educating the 50,000 student population. Often, we work with Action for Animals at local protests. We also have the long-term goal of exposing the hidden truths of the U.T. Animal Resource Center to the school's population.

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Breaking Free video magazine aims to create an outlet for footage of civil disobedience and direct action done to further the causes of animal and earth liberation. It will be made available up to three times a year. We are currently seeking any and all footage of protests, lock-downs, building takeovers, A.L.F. actions, etc. Please send all tapes (S-VHS, C-VHS, VHS, Hi-8, 8mm, etc.) to the above address. Issue number one should be available by late March of 98!

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The newly formed Connecticut chapter has been hitting the furriers hard! Our specific target is Federated Department stores, but was also visit our local furriers on a regular basis. Please join us for weekly demonstrations.

CAFT/Chicago
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We are just starting out and need all of the help we can get because Chicago is the second largest fur market in the US. We are currently building our activist base and have only had a few actual protests- all protests have been targeted at Bloomingdale's. Most of our demonstrations have been small, but at our first protest, red paint was thrown on an effigy of a woman wearing a fur coat. One person was arrested.

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CAFT- Syracuse has just recently formed, but already has been working on a plan to get trapping banned in Onondaga County, which Syracuse is part of, and worked in conjunction with a local wildlife group to halt beaver slaughter by the Department of Environmental Conservation. Also, CAFThas joined forces with the local Animal Defense League chapter to continue putting pressure on local fur stores, including Georgio's Furs and Skaneatles Furs.

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Compassion Over Killing is Washington, D.C.'s only grassroots animal rights activist organization. Founded in 1995, COK believes in granting basic rights to sentient nonhuman animals and, therefore, in ending institutionalized animal exploitation. In order to achieve these goals, we must eradicate the property status which humans have placed upon other animals. To this end, COK's main function lies in organizing public protests, educating consumers, and actively working to cut the profits made by animal exploiters—profits gotten from the tortured and abused lives of countless nonhuman animals.

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Food Not Bombs beleives that poverty is violence. By spending money on bombs and jails instead of addressing human needs, our government perpetuates the violence of poverty in our society. Millions of Americans go hungry every day and childhood malnutrition contributes heavily to infant mortality rates, which are higher in part ofthe US than in some Third World nations. Inadequate of non-existant health care, police brutality, and class discrimination are also forms of systematic violence against poor people. Food Not Bombs has chosed to take a stand against violence. As a group of individuals we are committed to non-violent social change through the celebration and nurturing of life by sharing free vegetarian food. We are actively engaged in distributing free food to local people in need, distributing literature pertaining to food and peace, and providing hot meals at demonstrations and events. In Denver we are presently fighting a battle against the city which is trying to prevent us from distributing food outdoors.
We invite you to work with us to provide desperately needed services and information in our community.

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The National Activist Network provides media relations, and organizing information to grassroots organizations throughout the U.S., acting as a resource for groups undertaking local campaigns by providing advice on tactics, and strategies. Activist Civil Liberties Committee provides advice and lawyer referrals to activists who are arrested at protests, or are being harassed by government or corporate agents.

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NJARA is a state-wide non-profit organization dedicated to ending animal exploitation, period! We are a no-nonsense group strictly focused on the bottom line. Our comrades are tight-knit and unmovable in our passion for doing what is right for the animals who live each and everyday of their lives in agony. We encourage and empower people to become active and join the fight for animal liberation! Activism Works! We are grassroots and strong! Activism always begins at home, in our local communities. By joining NJARA, you become part of a growing number of people who will no longer condone, by their silence, the suffering of millions of animals.

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The Prisoner Rights Project (PRP) of the Rocky Mountain Peace Center is a grassroots group dedicated to ending control-unit prisons and abolishing the death penalty. The PRP is presently planning a campaign of events throughout Colorado to raise awareness about the existence of political prisoners in the US.

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Rocky Mountain Animal Defense (RMAD) is an animal rights group that works to end all animal exploitation through a mix of education, legislative action, protest, and direct intervention. RMAD members are presently involved in a number of legal battles. Last summer when a prairie dog killing contest was taking place, RMAD members locked down onto the field, blocking the shooters from the prairie dogs. They were subsequently arrested and charged with several crimes including hunter harassment. These members are now working on challenging the constitutionality of Colorado's hunter harassment law in state court. RMAD has recently become more involved with Denver's Food Not Bombs group and is working to help facilitate the creation of a Boulder chapter of Food Not Bombs. RMAD has also been active in fighting the expansion of the Vail ski resort in Vail Colorado which threatens a critical wildlife corridor between two wilderness areas and will destroy some of the last remaining Lynx habitat in Colorado. Espousing a vegan philosophy, RMAD supports all non-violent direct action that furthers the fight toward the end of oppression of all beings and of the earth. We see the battle for earth, human, and animal liberation as inherently connected, and thus struggle for total liberation, accepting oppression of none.

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After a long time of working together, Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition-San Diego and Vegan Militant Movement have combined to form one group in order to be more united and vigorous in the struggle for animal liberation in San Diego. We have come together as the Vegan Militant Movement, a non-profit group campaigning in the struggle for animal liberation through means of direct action against those who exploit and murder innocent life. We believe in one ethic—that all life has the virtue to live out life from birth to natural death free from all unethical values. For those who would like to become part of our group, we ask you to follow a few elemental guidelines: live a life free from drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, promiscuous sex, bigotry, and other self-destructive acts that can harm and alter one's state of being. One must liberate one's own mind and body before liberating other life. Please get involved with us! VMM has recently focused on a variety of animal abusers throughout Southern California and we are now working on more intensive campaigns against vivisection and animal slaughtering in San Diego.
RESOURCES: VMM carries a variety of publications, including Primers, Declaration of War, Diet for a New America, etc. We also have a variety of Animal Lib. T-Shirts. E-mail or call for more info.

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Include a brief summary of your actions.

ONE STRUGGLE

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We have formulated a "Grassroots Bureau" system. It serves to "decentralize" the production of One Struggle, and keep its focus in the community, where it belongs, and not in only one, centralized location.

News and information evolve first from "News Bureaus," located regionally across the U.S. and the world, and then are produced in "Production Bureaus," and distributed through local "Distro Bureaus" - all on a regional basis.

"Grassroots Bureaus" are designed to be multi-movement. Human rights, environmental rights, animal rights all will be shared through the "Bureaus." If you have news or other information to share, or want to help in any way, we encourage you to work with your sisters and brothers in these multi-movement "Grassroots Bureaus."

If you wish to participate in news gathering through "News Bureaus" near you, or write an Op-Ed or volunteer for a "Production Bureau" or - most importantly - a "Distro Bureau" please feel free to contact us immediately. If you found this magazine (ie - in a cafe, bookstore, etc.) rather than being referred to it, please consider taking a part in or supporting One Struggle in any way you feel comfortable. Don't be intimidated by this project - it is big, and it is has enormous potential, however <u>everyone</u> is encouraged to participate.

A Grassroots Newsmagazine.

It is produced, and paid for, by grassroots activists, because we believe in the power of a cooperative venture and a joining of movements.

And, it is run in a consensus manner in which those participating in the production also participate in determining the direction of the publication.

And, while this kind of "shared" control is at times unwieldy, the alternative - control and dictates by a "ruling" elite - is repugnant to those of us who cherish freedom for ourselves, for the planet and all living things above all else, even our lives.

To that end, we have attempted to design into our first issue a plan for full participation by those from different movements and different regions around the U.S., and indeed, the world.

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