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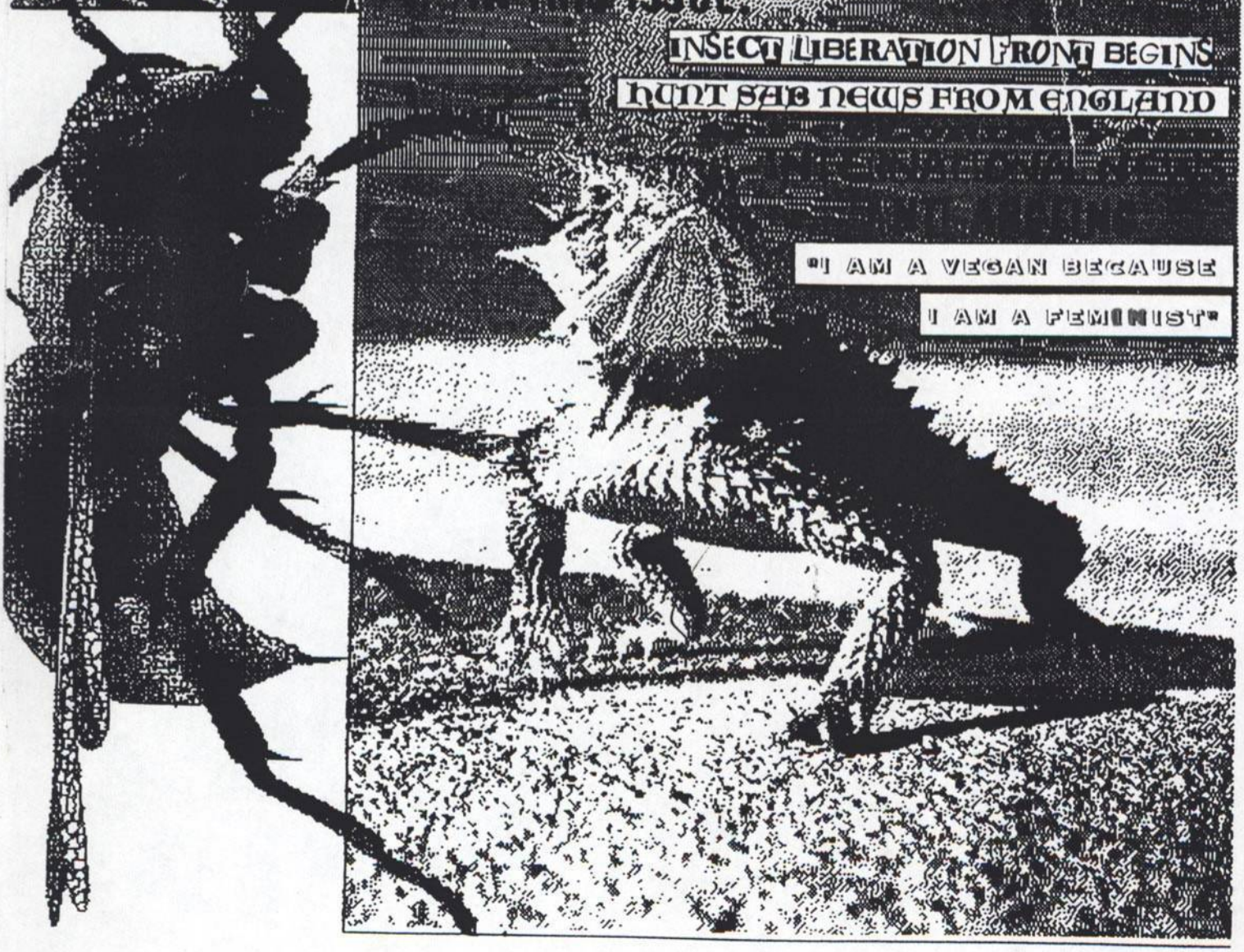
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Welcome to *Out of the Cages!* If this is the first time you have read *Cages*, welcome. *Cages* is intended to be read and used by activists as well as folks who are interested in the animal liberation movement. We intend to bring animal lib. news to you from around the world. Also, we want to connect with the many small local groups across North America and publish their efforts and actions. Local groups around North America are often ignored by the large corporate groups that dominate.

The large groups have had many great victories on behalf of the animals. However, we believe that there are many times more small victories happening all over that go unnoticed except by those directly involved. This causes a sense of seclusion and depression--after great and successful actions--which leads to activist burnout and group disintegration.

We need your help to get this going. If you are in a group, send us a paragraph or two about the actions you have taken over the last few months, send us info. on upcoming actions, send us some press clippings, your ideas about tactics, and subscribe to *Out of the Cages!* If you are not in a group but are just interested in animal liberation or if you are "underground," send us your thoughts, any press clippings you find on animal liberation, send us info about any private actions you may or may not have been involved in, and--of course--subscribe. We welcome all contributions and donations. This issue features news from Britain. We receive publications from both ARKANGEL and the Hunt Saboteurs Association. Both are great publications showing what an animal movement that is moved by activists and not business people can become. If you would like us to send you a copy of either publications send us $3 and tell us which one you want.

We have also received a series of news that has thrown us on to our butts with joy. Our good friend Jonathan has been set free! Jonathan is an example to us all, of the sincerity, dedication, and unbendable trustworthiness that the people within this movement have. By sticking to his guns, Jonathan has brought us all up another notch in our dedication and our pride. Also, we just heard of the impending doom of the ADC. Can it be true? The most murderous and bloody-handed government agency (next to the military) ended? Let's watch and see. And keep the pressure on. Also, we heard from a new animal group that is now forming. The Insect Liberation Front! We wish them well and have offered help in any way possible to get them going.

We would like to tell the ILF that we include every living thing within our sphere of compassion. The ILF is right to point out that we may consent to the killing of our exoskeletal brothers and sisters by not mentioning them in our actions and not fighting for the insect cause outright, but no more! Hierarchy leads to injustice. We should always resist prioritizing our actions and compassion based upon a hierarchy. That is what the opposition does.

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REALLY DUMB QUOTES:

"Those dolphins are happy where they are! It's dangerous out there in the ocean where those mean ol' sharks can eat 'em!"

A woman going into a high-brow auction for Long Marine Lab at UC Santa Cruz ***actually*** *said this to us while we were protesting the event. The lab had just secretly sent four dolphins that they had captured and trained to Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. The transport began in a truck with them laid out on wet material, their skin covered with zinc-oxide. The auction featured caviar and calamari, and among the items were two passes to a clam bake! Ah, don't ya just love the ocean--*

PASS THE MALT VINEGAR!

JONATHAN PAUL FREE!

On the morning of April 9, I was in the attorney's booth in Spokane County Jail discussing with my attorney the probability of Judge Neilson releasing me under the Grumbles motion. At the time everything seemed hopeless although we did feel we were now on the offensive and in time we would win. After our discussion, I went back to my cell feeling frustrated and accepting the fact that I would spend at least another four months in jail.

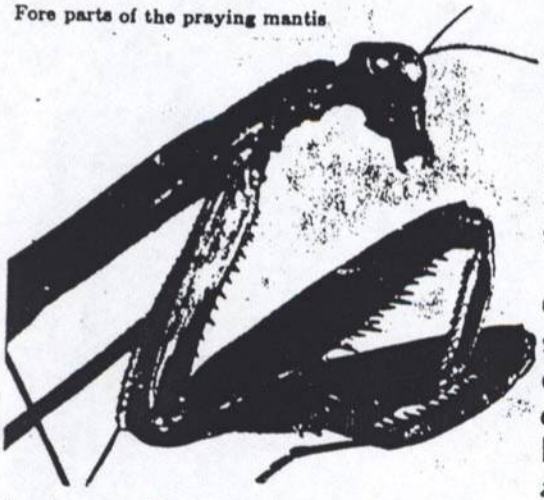
About an hour later, I was called back to the attorney's booth. I figured my attorney wanted to discuss the L.A. Times interview coming up in a few hours. I walked into the booth to see him smiling. "The judge just released you," he said. I sat down in disbelief. When it really hit me, I did a jig and went to pack my things. After 158 days, nine hours and ten minutes, I was walking out of the jail into a throng of media barraging me with questions. My first words were: "I won." I knew I would beat the government at their game, even if it meant 18 months in jail.

Even after I boarded a plane, I was still thinking that I was dreaming and that I would wake up in my cell. I never did. I just kept thinking to myself, "I won, I won." I finally beat those dirt bag oppressive government cronies.

Lets not forget Rik Scarce.

Jonathan Paul

WORD FROM THE INSECT LIBERATION FRONT



Fore parts of the praying mantis

To PAL, we here in the ILF are happy to see your journal expanding to a larger audience. We are also glad to hear that your journal is open to publishing all stories and writings done by radical animal folks. Too often, the shiny mainstream animal mags devote their space to big national issues while your everyday liberation or small group action goes unnoticed and unpublished. Thanks, we'll be sending you stuff.

INSECTS ARE ANIMALS! If you don't know this, educate yourself! Go get a book on insects. The class Insecta has more individual species than all plant species and all the rest of the animal species combined. The fact that insect issues are not taken seriously or even discussed is proof that speciesism exists even in the animal liberation movement. We are not pointing fingers at anyone, we are as guilty as anyone to this omission. What we are doing is raising :he issue. So next time someone calls you a bunny hugger, tell 'em your also a spider kisser!

Okay, okay, spiders are not within the class Insecta—they're Arachnids. But we are not a scientific jroup. In fact, we argue that western scientists, with their pin-it-on-a-board and name it mentality are :he greatest threat to all life in this Universe. We also shun the stereotype of the dorky insect lover :hat is so prevalent in the media. We are warriors.

A biological war is being waged against the majority of species on this planet and all of the species ire caught in the crossfire. The biological weapons used in the Insecticide are killing the birds, the fish, ind the humans. We must destroy the weapons of the Insecticide. The "pest"icide industry and all the :ompanies that support it and sell its weapons must be targeted. The time is ripe because the industry is ot expecting it.

What the ILF needs now is your help. We don't need your money, we just want your action. If you ire a writer and are interested in insect liberation or just know about insects and their plight in this world, /rite about it. If you have ever performed an insect liberation, tell us about it. We want to hear about all he possibilities and methods that folks can use, and get that knowledge out to others. Poetry, artwork, nything, just send it. We don't have an address, a phone number, or a newsletter yet so we have rranged with PAL to use their P.O. Box to receive mail. Also, PAL has kindly promised the ILF that our /ork will be published in OUT OF THE CAGES! So if you ever wanted be involved at the beginning of a ovement, here's your chance.

I AM A VEGAN BECAUSE I AM A FEMINIST

Cheryl Farley

"I don't drink cows' milk for the same reason I don't drink rats' milk, for the same reason I don't drink cats' milk--for the same reason I don't drink your mother's milk."[1]

This is how a friend of mine answered an argumentative, "Why don't you drink milk?" one day.

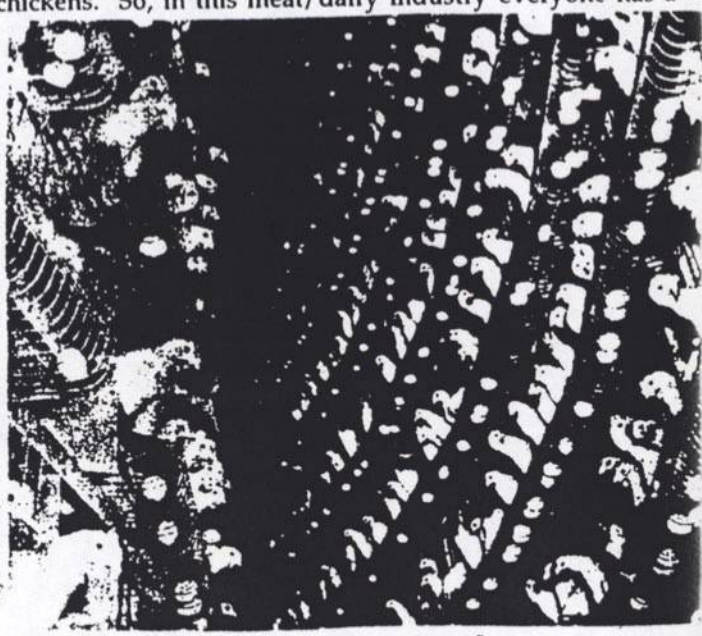
For me, that question was always a little difficult to answer simply, but I think my friend's answer touches on at least part of the large reason why I choose not to consume dairy products or eggs, as well as meat.

Ask a child where milk comes from, and she will probably be able to tell you "a cow." Ask her why, and she probably won't know. I was an older child when I realized that humans produced milk for their babies. I was probably seventeen when I understood when and how it occurred. I can honestly say that I never really thought about why a cow has milk until I became involved in animal liberation. As an animal liberationist, the idea became so clear: all mammals produce milk designed especially for their offspring, not other species. But there is something more than that, something about the last part of my friend's comeback--"for the same reason I don't drink your mother's milk"-- I mean, if Gerber could easily bottle human breast milk for a profit, don't you think they would do it?

A woman once told me that she didn't feel bad about drinking milk because cows needed to be milked. But think about how and why that cow began producing milk.

A successful dairy farm must keep production high. This means that the cows are kept in a constant state of pregnancy or lactation. Calves born male are usually sold elsewhere to become "beef" or "veal." But calves born female are valuable at a dairy. On most dairy farms, copulation does not occur between cattle. Instead, cows are lined up and restrained in what are known by some farmers as "rape racks" (obviously, those dairy farmers know exactly what they are doing) while they are artificially inseminated. Of course, the romantic notion is that perhaps Heidi skips out to the barn and milks Clara, the beloved family cow who is living out her life joyously on a quiet farm in Iowa. The real story is that the dairy industry is a huge arm of the meat industry (both subsidized by the U.S. government), and the American Dairy Council is a mega-lobbying group. Dairy production in this country is big business.

The same can be said of the egg industry. It is well-known that "hens" are valuable commodities, and that, therefore, rooster chicks are often killed in droves by being shoved into plastic bags and smothered to death, sometimes then being ground and fed back to the other chickens. So, in this meat/dairy industry everyone has a purpose.



"Silo-type egg factory." USDA picture from ***The Dreaded Comparison****, M. Spiegel. 1988.*

The detachment or denial surrounding the lives and deaths of animals produced through meat and dairy industry can be explained by Carol J. Adams' theory of the "absent referent"[2] (Read *The Sexual Politics of Meat*). Her theory, put simply, is that consumers of meat and dairy products detach themselves from the origin of those products. For instance, a dead animal is literally detached and her body parts are distributed, not necessarily as a "shoulder" and "thigh" but as a "shank" and "round." She is no longer a dead animal, but "beef," "pork," or "McNuggets." Thus we become detached from her.

Our language about meat, about the killing of animals at all levels ("cull," "put down," "sacrifice") is perpetuated by a strong willingness to re-label and, therefore, make absent the suffering of the being and the being herself. Of course, as with any big industry, we are led to believe many things through simple ad schemes; they don't want us to think about the true nature of the industry. Frequently, animals are pictured as happy to produce or be produced as food--the all-too-happy chicken on the egg carton, the smiling cow on the milk carton, or the famous pig who is a butcher!

According to Adams, there are two kinds of protein derived from animals: "animalized" and "feminized."[3] Animalized protein is the flesh of animals. Feminized protein is milk and eggs. Adams notes that "besides the bee's production of honey, the only beings who produce food from their own body while living are

females of child-bearing age who produce milk and eggs.... When their productiveness ends they are butchered and become animalized protein."[4] It is no surprise, then, that the majority of animalized protein that people consume in the U.S. is female flesh[5] (Note our language regarding cows. A "cow" is a female, yet "cow" is the word we use to identify the species of cattle. We note a "bull" as unique, separate and different from the species of "cows"). All in all, seventy percent of protein for Americans is derived from feminized and animalized protein; in comparison, "80% of the protein in the Far East is from vegetable proteins."[6]



Calves chained in a confinement nursery at a dairy. Calves are removed from their mothers immediately after birth. ***The Dreaded Comparison****, M. Spiegel. 1988.*

Business, business, business. That's what I'm talking about--money. The egg and dairy industry is often viewed in a brighter light by consumers and those who choose not to eat meat but see eggs and dairy as "okay because they don't kill the animals." True, they don't kill them too soon. Production of feminized protein is industry that thrives on the production through, and regulation of, female bodies. Cows do not magically lactate because they are cows; their bodies are regulated by humans who want to reap the profits. People do not drink cow's milk because it is just available; it is made available and sold to them through ads like "Milk. It does a body good." Chickens aren't just running around laying eggs for humans to pick up and throw into a carton; they are made to lay in crowded, usually dirty conditions to fulfill the demand of the egg-eating public. Yes, there are exceptions to what I am saying, but those exceptions are rare and don't supply this country with the majority of its meat, dairy, and eggs.

The meat/dairy/egg industry is in the business of selling female bodies and killing and butchering all bodies; it epitomizes and, therefore, upholds the dominant view of women as productive vessels and the dominant desire to control their sexuality and their bodies. I am a feminist, and therfore, I reject this system of female regulation. This is why I don't eat eggs. This is why I don't drink milk.

NOTES

1 thanks to Tracey for these words.

2 Adams, Carol J. *The Sexual Politics of Meat.* Continuum: New York, 1990.

3 Adams, 80.

4 Adams, 80.

5 Adams, 72.

6 Adams, 81.

The Story of Coyote Nations: (just one chapter..)

Hey is that you? Sitting there on the hill? Watching us tonight?
Have you come to let us out of here? We've been waiting for you. Crying every night. Trying to tell you hoping you would come.
Have you heard what they are doing to us in here?
Listen, 140 coyote people crying in distress. Each with their own story of separation, pain, torture and death.
Listen, they're trying to tell you, enough to break your heart. All True.

Brother. You got to let us out of here.
Warrior, listen in case you're questioning your next move. They starve us in here, then tempt us with sheep, radioactive poison sheep.
And they watch us die. Feeding our pain into a computer to study.
Sister-warrior listen, in case you are unsure.
They mate us to have pups, then steal them, maim them, poison them, we never see them again. Only sometimes we hear them, only children.
They cut us open, take our wombs, poison us, watch us die, see if we can still have pups. And when they are done with us, they dump our bodies by the ton, in a mass toxic grave.

Lightning-womyn sister of mine, let us out.
Thunder-man brother, pay them back.
We are coyote, and our medicine is strong, even now.
You and I, we are the same. You coyote warrior, we coyote. Spirit healers.
It is our way, always wild, never die.
Morning has come and you are leaving, our hearts are sad, and we cry to you.
But we listen to your promise to return.

Hey it's you again! You are back!
This time you stand tall, proud, brave hearts forward as you walk the road.
Not come to watch. To act!
We see you there, cutting fence with their tools.
Coming closer, we sing, coyotes in distress, coyotes excited.
We are sick, and our tribes broken, but tonight some will go free.
We howl. One heart together with you, to give strength to our weak, love to the ones left behind, hearts break, crying in sorrow.

Run coyote. Head to the hills. Run and be free. Be coyote again.
Do not look back.
We hear your warrior cries, you are strong, and use our medicine well.
You take heart from us, and we from you. Still there are some that are our sisters, brothers, all star soldiers.
Maybe we will make it... at least some.

Coyote Warriors where are you tonight?
Today we watched the laboratory burn. The one where our torturers hide.
We watched the flames as the sun came up, danced and sang like coyote again.
Now we must run, and so must you. But forever, our hearts shall be as one.

Hey Coyote Warriors! Where are you? We've been looking for you.
We need you. We wait for you in the deserts, mountains, plains, our home.
You coyote warriors belong here too.
Born to the humans, still living among them in their crazy cities.
The time for you to leave is now. Come home. There is much to be done.
Many of our wild ones still imprisoned, remember?
Being tortured, killed, destroyed. We never forget.
Yours is to fight, this fight dog soldier. Keep our wild spirits alive!
Sacred hoop strong, it was never broken.

And your home is here, among us your wild sisters and brothers.
We have much to teach you, remind you of our power.
Come home coyote warriors. It is time to reweave the web, the tribe to each other, all to the earth mother.
Build your fires, and there we will sing to you. Tell you of the days long ago, when we were all one. Coyote medicine is your strength.
The Earth spirits are strong, and are poised to help you... if you listen.

Warrior societies, your time is now. Find each other. Come back home.
You should only be among the enemy to raid.
All you warriors, keepers of the dream, do not let them have you.
Do not go down.
What makes you think you do not have to hide? We must
But we are free. We are still wild, and always will be.
We have coyote medicine to help you stay free.
Re-member what it is like to live. Wild. Proud. Together. Free.
Prepare earth warriors.
Trickster is coming.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

MINNEAPOLIS STAR-TRIBUNE Nov. 9, '92

Animal rights activists suspected in firebombing

By Susan Feyder
Staff Writer

Five trucks belonging to a Minneapolis meat wholesaler were firebombed Sunday after being spray-painted with slogans including "Meat is murder" and the initials of an animal rights group.

The five trucks were destroyed, said LeRoy Mann, owner of Swanson Meats Inc., 2700 26th Av. S. Mann, who has operated the business for 12 years, estimated the damage at about $100,000, and said insurance will cover some of that.

The firebombing appears to be the worst local case of vandalism related to protests against the meat industry.

Mann said this is the second time in recent weeks his business has been targeted by vandals who left messages behind claiming they support animal rights. Four weeks ago, the windshields of all his delivery trucks were broken and some trucks were spray-painted with slogans and the initials ALF. Mann and others believe that stands for the Animal Liberation Front, a loose-knit group of animal protection supporters.

Minneapolis police said yesterday they have no leads in the case.

After the first incident, Mann said, he moved the trucks from an open parking area in back of his business to an area closer to 26th Av. That's where the trucks were about 3:30 yesterday morning when a cab driver passed by, noticed they were burning and called police, Mann said.

The only other damage at Swanson Meats was quick-hardening glue put into the locks of the building. That's similar to the damage suffered by other meat companies and other businesses in recent years from vandals who leave messages claiming to be part of animal rights groups.

Last year, Ready Meats, 3550 NE. Johnson St., had its windows broken, siding smashed and locks glued shut. "Don't kill the animals" was spray-painted on the Johnson Meat Co. building at 1735 Nicollet Av. in Minneapolis. Also last year, workers at Simek's Meats and Seafood, 905 45th Av. NE. in Hilltop, found the words "Meat is dead and you are next" spray-painted on the store's back door.

Summit Meats and Deli, 14637 County Rd. 11 in Burnsville, has been vandalized several times in recent years. On one occasion, a pet store and restaurant in the same mall as the market were vandalized the same night.

The Animal Liberation Front is considered a loose federation of activists in the United States and Great Britain that has been classified by the FBI as a terrorist organization. ALF members have claimed responsibility for numerous acts of vandalism at animal laboratories costing millions of dollars, thefts of lab animals and the bombing of at least a half-dozen stores in England.

No spokesperson for the group could be reached last night. An official of the Animal Rights Coalition (ARC), a separate Twin Cities-based, animal-protection group, condemned the firebombings.

"ARC does not condone violence, even to property," said Dan Oldre, a board member of the group. "We're against animal suffering, and we speak out against industries like the meat industry, but we're definitely against that kind of action." The group has demonstrated against the meat and fur industries as well as practices in animal research that it believes are inhumane.

BIRMINGHAM POST (Sept)

Arson claim

Animal liberationists said they made the arson attack which caused £91,000 worth of damage at Adams meat products depot near Reading, Berks.

WED. 8/12/92

Two charged with vandalism

Police Tuesday charged two men with vandalism over $500 in the spray-painting of Horton's Master Fur Service last Sunday.

A special task force arrested Michael Scott Karbon, 19, of 305 N. Willett at the scene at 673 Avon. John Paul Goodwin, 19, also of the Willett address, was arrested later at his home.

A third man, Jessie G. Keenan, 18, earlier was charged with vandalism over $500 after he was arrested at the Willett address.

—*Lloyd Holbeck*

Fur store is defaced; 3 people arrested

8/10/92

By John Belfuss
The Commercial Appeal

Three young people were arrested early Sunday after a fur store was vandalized.

The three — a 19-year-old man, an 18-year-old woman and a 16-year-old girl — were caught shortly after midnight by plain-clothes police officers who were staking out J. Holloway's Furriers at 673 Avon. The store had been similarly vandalized in June.

According to police, the 19-year-old man who was arrested kept a lookout for passing cars while the 16-year-old spray-painted the words "Fur Is Death" on the roll-down front cover of the business. Police arrested the trio at the scene.

The incident was the latest in a series of vandalisms that have occurred during the past year at fur stores, meat markets and restaurants. In some cases, the vandals poured glue on door locks, broke windows and spray-painted anti-meat and animal rights slogans.

The growing animal rights movement has created controversy locally and nationwide in the past year. Some people say animals should not be harmed for use by human beings under any circumstances, including medical research. Others are against the use of animals for fur or food.

Anti-fur protests have been held outside Goldsmith's department store and other locations, but most protesters say they oppose actions that are destructive

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

A SMALL SELECTION FROM THE PAST FEW MONTHS

Animal rights group attack town shops

TWO shops in Stevenage town centre came under attack from a newly formed cell of the Animal Liberation Front on Tuesday night.

Report by MAUREEN ALLEN

Windows at Boots and McDonald's restaurant were daubed with etching fluid — a corrosive substance which although unharmful to the skin eats into the glass.

Attacks

The ALF afterwards issued a statement claiming responsibility for causing damage. They said the attacks were part of a nationwide campaign against Boots for the use of animals including beagles in two testing laboratories in Nottinghamshire and against McDonald's, which as one of the largest fast food businesses was responsible for the death of many millions of farm animals and birds each year.

An ALF spokesman said: "It is intended as economic sabotage to encourage companies to find a way to continue without relying on animal abuse."

He added that members of the same cell also attacked Boots store in Hertford that night.

A spokeswoman for Boots said the company provided a policy statement for its customers on animal testing, which was never done for its cosmetics and toiletries. It was only carried out in pharmaceutical laboratories when satisfactory alternatives did not exist.

Boots' policy was to support both financially and with technical help the development of alternative forms of testing and it was working to get these accepted by the government and other authorities.

Damage

Both companies said the police had been informed but McDonald's added that the damage to the Stevenage restaurant was "minimal."

A police spokesman said three windows at Boots were affected and the incident was first discovered when staff reported for work on Wednesday morning. Both cases were being treated as criminal damage.

LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK COMET (Sept)

ALF attacks the 'start of a big campaign'

by PHILIP THORNTON

THE FISH farming industry in the Westcountry is preparing for attacks from animal rights campaigners after arson incidents in Dorset.

The Animal Liberation Front has widened its activities from its normal targets of butchers shops and research laboratories to businesses involved with the fish trade.

Two Dorset fish merchants have already been hit by petrol bomb strikes and police have warned firms to be on the guard against attacks.

An ALF spokesman called police to claim responsibility and police were stepping up vigilance after another attack near Bournemouth yesterday.

DC Mark Dobbs, of Wareham CID in Dorset, said the latest attack indicated a campaign.

Robin Webb, spokesman for the ALF, said: "If there are fish farms in Devon and Cornwall then certainly, with the recent activities against the Ministry of Agriculture in Cornwall, I would have thought that the cells responsible for that could equally carry out attacks against fish farms."

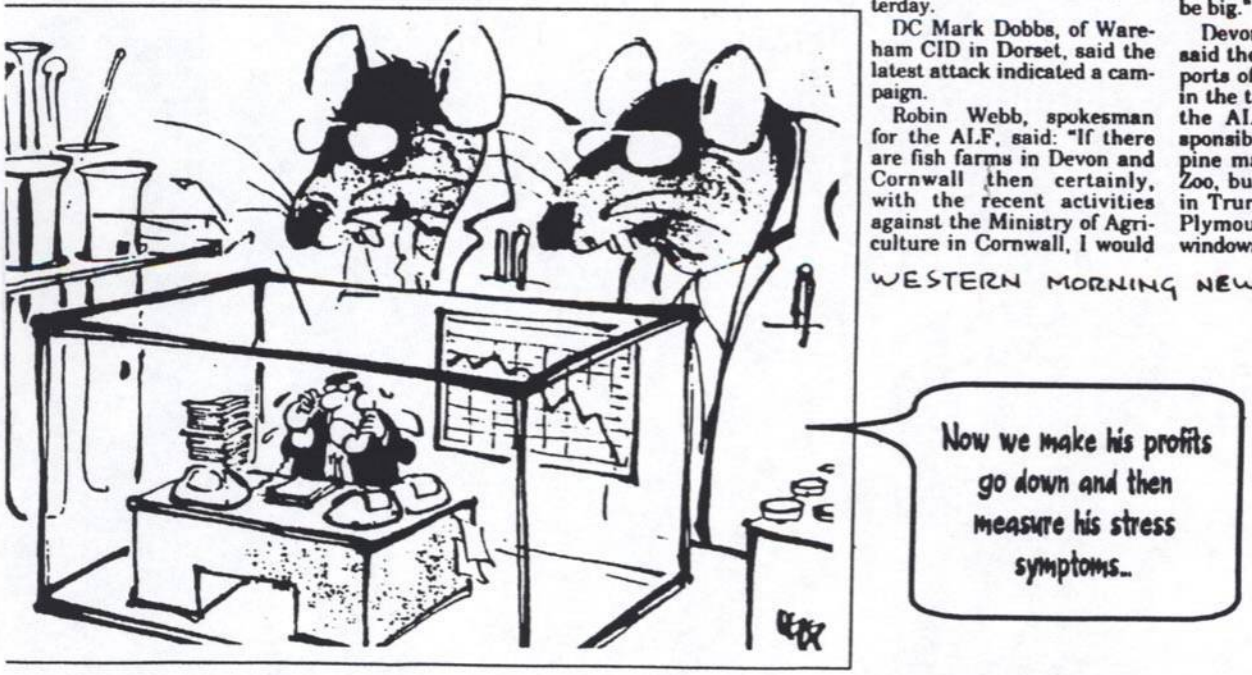
Mr Webb stressed he was never informed about any future action, only told when a local ALF cell had claimed responsibility for an attack.

The Dorset attacks were at a fish merchants in Swanage and a fish smokery near Dorchester where two lorries were set on fire.

The alleged ALF activist who phoned the police said: "This is a new campaign to make sure the public knows about the issue. It is going to be big."

Devon and Cornwall police said they had received no reports of any possible attcaks in the two counties. Recently the ALF have claimed responsibility for freeing two pine martens from Paignton Zoo, burning MAFF vehicles in Truro and breaking eight Plymouth butchers' shops windows.

WESTERN MORNING NEWS (Aug)



@ On September 5, 1984, there was a bomb threat at the California Primate Center, and a bomb threat and vandalism at the home of the center's director.

@ On December 22, 1984, death threats were received by researchers at the University of California at San Diego.

@ On April 16, 1987, at the University of California at Davis, a research lab was burned down--causing $3.8 million worth of damage--and 18 campus vehicles were vandalized.

@ In December of 1988 , four individuals were killed while building pipe bombs at the Brazilian Consulate in New York City. One of those killed had been a student leader in the animal rights movement at the University of California at Berkeley. {ed. note: that last one is reaching a little, eh? For a more accurate list of ALF actions, see the next article.}

At this writing, bombings continue in England and France.

ALF Tactics

There is limited reliable information regarding ALF's tactics, most of it garnered from magazine and newspaper articles based on interviews with ALF members. ALF members are not always residents of the communities under attack. In fact, intelligence indicates there is a core of ALF members living in California. And it is possible that additional members have been flown in from England or other European countries.

ALF's typical modus operandi is as follows:

@ Plant an individual inside the research structure or organization targeted by ALF.

@ Through the Public Information Act, obtain any building blueprint information or government grant funding information associated with the facility.

@ Obtain the names of the individuals associated with animal research and begin to systematically disrupt their personal lives. *{ed. note: the police would like this to happen before a liberation--then they would have some warning. Most likely the disruption of researchers is done by the local animal rights group.}*

@ Perform several surveillance raids, including taking pictures of the facility, filming inside the lab research areas if possible and photographing the type of alarm systems used at the facility.

@ Plan to defeat the alarm system or stage a police call away from the attack area.

@ Conduct numerous dress rehearsals on how the attack will start, what parts each attack team will play (including all specific tasks) , how to react to police involvement, how to avoid leaving physical evidence at the scene, and where to safely place the stolen animals.

@ Obtain police scanners to monitor police activity in the area prior to and during the attack. Establish prearranged signals to announce police presence if diversion tactics fail and police stumble into an attack in progress. (To date, no police agency has apprehended an ALF member in the act of destroying a research facility.)

@ Probe existing security measures surrounding animal research sites to ascertain how electronic security will monitor intrusions and how local security or police will respond to suspected intrusions on the attack site.

@ Videotape the actual attack and prepare to send it to PETA headquarters for possible transmittal to a local television station following the attack.

@ Prepare a detailed press release claiming responsibility for the attack, explaining exactly what the group did and how effective the attack was in deterring medical research in the area by releasing these animals. Have the press release distributed at all media facilities 45 minutes after the attack is complete.

@ Pose as reporters and contact local police to ascertain any plans for extra security at animal research sites--particularly during Animal Liberation Month--as wall as police reactions to animal rights attacks.

Following an ALF attach, these types of slogans will appear on the walls and/or floors of the destroyed laboratories: **"Nazi Torture", "Animals Liberation Now!" 'No more Torture", "SCUM", "Nowhere is Safe", 'We Shall Return", "You Can't Hide from the ALF", and "Animals are Not Research Tools"**. These slogans are sprayed and hand-painted in red enamel and red latex paint. All of these actions are characteristic of this group's activity reported to police in California, Arizona, Missouri, and Illinois.

As threatened, ALF returned to the University of Arizona approximately one year later, joining forces with Tucson's local Voice of Animals (VOA) group in March and April 1990. The president and treasurer of the Tucson chapter of VOA were arrested after being caught inside one of the new animal research construction sites at 2 a.m. on Easter Sunday. On April 21, 21 demonstrators out of 100 were arrested when they chained themselves to a construction fence at an animal research construction site, entered a construction site posing as architects, and took over an administration office in the Micro/Pharmacy building. During the next two weeks, UAPD arrested 20 additional persons associated with the VOA for probing our security, *{ed./ note: what this little sentence is supposed to do is to frighten you into not doing any actions with fear of arrest. True they may have arrested 20 people, but did they say how many were actually charged? How many were released on false or circumstantial evidence?}*

In addition to these incidents, UAPD officers noticed a large number of California vehicles in and around our animal centers, many of these vehicles were found to be directly associated with the local VOA group attempting to probe our animal security.

What the Future Holds

Based upon statements of numerous ALF members, I believe we in law enforcement can expect the violence to continue. The questions, what can we do about it?

By effectively utilizing existing technology and taking full advantage of our professional network, we can successfully deal with ALF. {ed. note: in plain English that means "we can use illegal shit such as bugs and taps to spy on 'em." technology indeed!} Any police department that has any type of animal research in its jurisdiction is subject to an ALF attack. None of us is (sic) exempt, and we must work closely to track the acts of civil disobedience, criminal damage, animal theft, and arson committed by ALF across the country and around the world.

Local efforts could be strengthened by enacting federal legislation to make any attack on an animal research facility a felony, and by involving the FBI in investigating and gathering intelligence on this organization that is not just national but international in scope.

I believe the FBI should maintain a hotline to handle the intelligence information generated from all agencies involved in ALF arrests, actions and anticipated problems. There should also be a coordinated effort with the FBI and local police when investigating any ALF attack. ALF has had very few of its members arrested and no agency has successfully planted an undercover agent in this organization. Thus, the only hope for maximizing the available information to maintain a highly efficient, closely linked network with other agencies.

Prevention of an ALF attack is complicated, but the best overall strategy is education. Although there are limited resource materials of any real value to law enforcement, the books listed below can provide background information on ALF and its related groups--PETA, VOA, AND TRUE FRIENDS:

@ *The Mini-Manual of the Urban Guerrilla* by Carlos Marighella

@ *Action for Animals*, a handbook designed specifically for ALF members

@ *Ecodefence*--A field guide to Monkeywrenching by David Forman

UAPD's Response

recovering from this systematic vandalism, burglaries and two arson fires was a complicated task for all UAPD officers. Within 45 minutes of the first fire, UAPD had discovered the other two destroyed research laboratories and began its crime scene investigation. The various crime scenes indicated ALF had thoroughly prepared for this attack.

UAPD found little or no evidence left behind at any of the four crime scenes, which is characteristic of an ALF attack. An examination of ALF's history indicates that the organization places personnel inside the planned target, prepares extensively for its strikes, leaves little or no trace of physical evidence for police purposes, and operates at peak efficiency. UAPD estimated that ALF's attack on the university took approximately 90 minutes.

One of the biggest factors confronting UAPD in investigating this crime is its significance for the university community. The academic community tabulated the cost: 1,100 mice, four rats, 11 frogs and 16 guinea pigs. Not all of these were being used in medical research; 60 mice were being used in heat studies. It is hard to determine the monetary value assigned to the loss of government grants and the devastation suffered by each researcher. Despite the six weeks of intensive investigation, the running down of 150 leads and the extensive networking between UAPD and California police departments, there have been no arrests and no suspects identified to date.

Community Reaction

The university community was quick to react. Four hours after the attack was discovered, the university held a press conference featuring the university president, the vice president of research, the director of animal research, the vice president of public relations, and the police. The media were given statements on what types of research these stolen animals were being used in, how this would affect future medical research and what the future held in dealing with additional attacks by ALF.

Once the crime scenes were processed, the university authorized UAPD to immediately fund the hiring of off-duty police and security officers to guard all of the animal research areas on campus. As a result, all police agencies within Pima County were contacted by UAPD's payroll coordinator and a massive scheduling task began. By 1700 hours on April 3, 1989, 11 research sites had 24-hour police or security coverage. This intensive coverage continued for six weeks following the attack.

To facilitate the security effort, the vice president of research ordered the immediate centralization of all animal research from 11 locations down to three locations. Once the animals were moved, police administration and the vice presidents of research and administration began an ongoing review of the police coverage that lasted for months and resulted in continuous modifications to the coverage. Complications occurred immediately as a result of the centralization of all animals. At first, professors could not and would not move their animal's experiments; then it took eight weeks after the attack to complete the centralization process. The shifts of police officers guarding these facilities were constantly modified in the summer of 1989, with the final result being police coverage at all locations from sunset to sunrise.

As the hours were reduced, the cost associated with guarding these areas decreased from $40,000 per week to $10,000 per week.

Among the long-term direct results of the ALF attack were: the hiring of six additional full-time police officers assigned to patrol the university farms five to seven miles from the main campus; and the purchase of a campus-wide security system capable of meeting all levels of security needs to protect research areas on campus.

Like the university reaction to the attack, the public's reaction was quick and to the point: the Tucson community was outraged and, to date, its feelings remain unchanged. *{ed. note: every political, police, or military force uses the "public's support" as legitimacy--and it seems like the "public always agrees with them. Ask yourself: who in the "public" do they specifically ask for their opinions on these things" Do they even ask anyone?}*

Media Attention

With the ALF statement in each Tucson paper and on each television and radio station, the media response to the university was immediate. Film crews and reporters toured the damaged laboratories, the burned penthouse and the director's office. The media were assisted by the university's director of public relations to ensure that all affected areas of the university were covered. Dean's, directors, graduate and undergraduate students, and employees were interviewed. The overall reaction was outrage.

Available Intelligence

A terrorist arm associated with the animal rights movement, ALF has been associated with 85 break-ins within the US since 1977, including the $3.8 million destruction of an animal research facility at the University of California at Davis. The organization, founded in England, has developed a very closed membership; consequently, there is little known intelligence on ALF. Everything known about ALF is gathered from magazine or newspaper articles *{ed note: I hope you caught that one! when writing about the ALF being anonymous. remember: loose lips sink ships.}* such as the article described below.

Following the university attack, a local newspaper reporter, Carla McClain, sought an audience with an ALF member in an attempt to understand why the ALF had attacked the U of A. Some excerpts from that interview follow:

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

ALF member: Unfortunately, right now there is no other way to rescue animals to prevent their torture. I don't like to risk going to jail. This was not done on a whim.

McClain: Who are you? Why did you decide to take such risks for this cause?

ALF member: I am a pretty normal person--I have a job, a house, a mortgage. I got into the animal movement years ago, during my first year in medical school. I dropped out in my first semester because of the dog lab. I couldn't handle cutting open live dogs and killing them for that purpose. I'm embarrassed to say now I did nothing about it at the time except to leave school...Before you can join ALF, you are checked out thoroughly--for your sincerity, your commitment, years of action in the movement, a willingness to go to jail if you have to. It is not easy to get into ALF. To be honest, I'd really rather have a normal life. But now that I know what goes on in the labs, on the factory farms, I can't ignore it. I feel a sense of personal responsibility about what society does to animals. It is as if I were living in Nazi "Germany and in my town where was a Buchenwald and I knew it and did nothing. People who tried to stop those horrors got killed for it. At least I won't be killed for this.

Historical Data

In 1962, Ronnie Lee and Cliff Goodman founded the Hunt Saboteurs Association, one of England's earliest animal rights organizations. At the time, Lee stated in a magazine article that he had founded the group following the principles of the Irish Republican Army. The group changed its name to Band of Mercy in 1972, and five years later it took its first actions in the US, stealing two dolphins at the University of Hawaii.

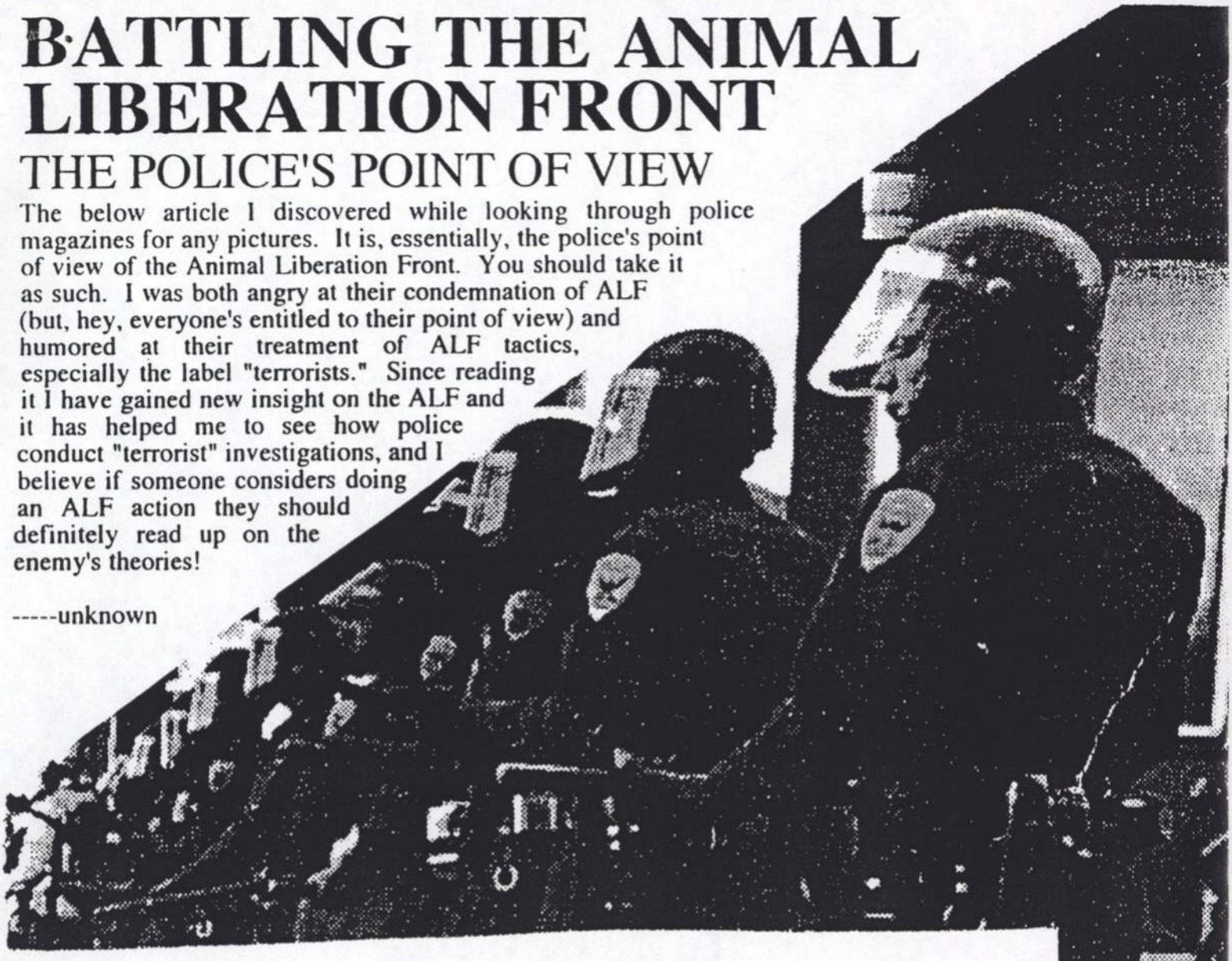
ALF developed as a terrorist arm of the Band of Mercy, blowing up an animal research facility in Bristol, England, in the mid-1970's. Other documented incidents of violence include the following:

BATTLING THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

THE POLICE'S POINT OF VIEW

The below article I discovered while looking through police magazines for any pictures. It is, essentially, the police's point of view of the Animal Liberation Front. You should take it as such. I was both angry at their condemnation of ALF (but, hey, everyone's entitled to their point of view) and humored at their treatment of ALF tactics, especially the label "terrorists." Since reading it I have gained new insight on the ALF and it has helped me to see how police conduct "terrorist" investigations, and I believe if someone considers doing an ALF action they should definitely read up on the enemy's theories!

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On April 3, 1989, between 0000 and 0500 hours, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) destroyed two research laboratories and burned a penthouse research center and an off-campus office at the University of Arizona. The attack caused $300,00 in damages, and led the university to divert $1 million into animal research protection.

ALF represents one of the newest terrorist groups confronting law enforcement in the United States today. In this article, we will examine a brief hisstory of ALF, the tactics it employs, the way the University of Arizona Police Department (UAPD) reacted to the incident, the community's reaction, the existing intelligence about ALF, the media response and the anticipated impact on law enforcement in the future.

What Happened

On April 2-3, 1989, between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m., ALF systematically attacked four university buildings using two or three terrorist teams. In the West building, ALF members broke into a ground-floor door, took an elevator to the sixth-floor research area an took 965 animals before destroying the laboratories. While this attack was in progress, another team took off an air vent cover approximately 12 feet off the ground, entered an air shaft, then broke into a ground-floor research laboratory in the Shantz building. Once these attacks were completed, one team broke into a ground-level door in the Micro/Pharmacy building, entered an elevator and went to the penthouse, where team members took additional animals, destroyed a laboratory and an autopsy room, then burned the entire area by pouring gasoline on the walls and floor. As this team left the area, the other team went to the office of the director of animal research, located in a house off campus. there, team members pried off a plywood subfloor covering, placed several charcoal briquettes under the wood floor and lit the briquettes. The subsequent fire destroyed the house and all of its contents, and damaged the animal research data located in the area.

Forty-five minutes after the last fire was extinguished, ALF distributed a one-page press release to Tucson's two newspapers and three major television stations. Twenty-four hours later, ALF released a videotape of the destruction, filmed by its own crew, to one local TV station, Channel 9. Transmitted via satellite from the headquarters of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) in Washington, DC, to Channel 9, the tape was shown on the three major television stations as the lead story on their evening news reports the day after the attack.

ADC SHOT DOWN!

By Jim Flynn

No foolin'! After filing appeals on only eight districts, a Humane Society lawsuit set in motion a virtual shut down of Animal Damage Control programs on **all** BLM [Bureau of Land (mis)Management] lands in most western states. BLM lands in Arizona, Montana, Utah, and ten other western states are off limits. Additionally, ADC activities are shut down in Idaho due to other BLM appeals.

After the suit was filed, officials in Washington, DC, conceded many more areas may not be abiding by policy. So in a directive authenticated by Dawn Slaughter and sent to all field offices, **the BLM ordered predator control stopped everywhere**, that annual predator control plans and environmental reviews are not current. BLM Deputy Assistant Director Kemp Conn told the Billings Gazette, "We told our offices, 'If you don't have an approved plan, tell ADC they shouldn't be out there.' We just reinforced our standing policy."



Tom Skeele of the Predator Project said the BLM's abrupt step now only proves "they're not following their own policies and they haven't been for years."

The livestock industry is *freaking*. "This is a disaster for us," said Carolyn Paseneaux director of the Wyoming Wool Growers Association. "It's ;like a car salesman getting cars stolen and he can't do anything to protect them." The ADC is really *freaking*. **The ruling excludes government trappers from over 168 million acres in the West**, except in emergencies. State or local hunters would take over. "If that's what it does, I feel it'll destroy the [ADC] program," said Larry Dickerson a wildlife biologist for the ADC (oxymoron?) in Montana.

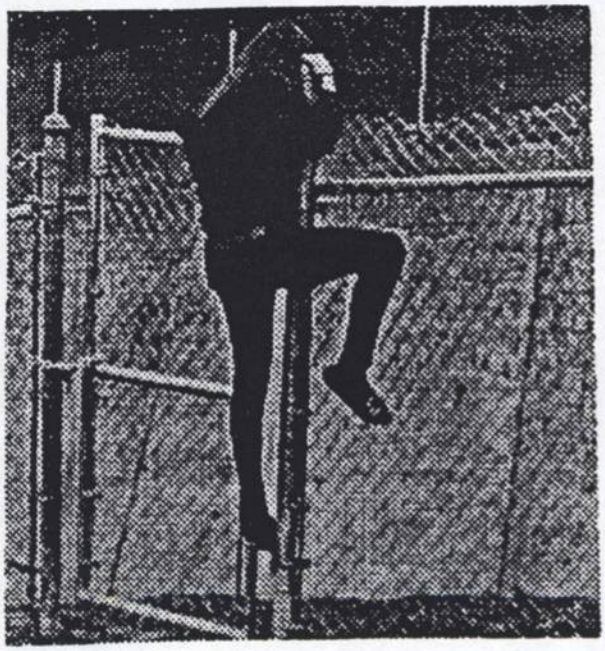
It could be the bullet that finally does the program in. "Unless we can get some kind of workable situation set up, we may not be able to function anymore," said Bill Rightmire, director of the ADC in Wyoming.

Emergency control of predators may be allowed in specific cases where ranchers have sustained livestock losses. But preventative **controls to reduce coyote populations are shut down.**

With the new ruling the ADC has to file an environmental assessment for any action taken. All predator controls must be targeted only at the "offending animal." Control measures are limited to a three mile radius of the "damage."

This is a clear victory folks. Even if state and local hunters take over the killing, they won't have anywhere near as much funding of impact. I think this calls for a **HOWL!**

This story is from the Beltane 1993 Earth First! Journal. The Journal is a great source of information on direct action in defense of biodiversity. A one-year sub. costs $25. Send to **Earth First! Journal PO. Box 5176 Missoula, MT 59806.** Jim Flynn is a recurring Journal staffer from Stumptown and his dog is his friend. This article was drawn from a series of stories in the Billings Gazette.



SUPPORT NEEDED FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION ACTIVIST

In the early morning hours of June 1, 1992, twenty-nine cats were rescued from a fate filled with pain--neurological experiments. The cats were liberated from a kennel belonging to the University of Alberta in Edmonton. The Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the action, which caused over $50,000 in damages to offices and labs.

In the late evening hours of June 19, armed men raided the home of Darren Thurston and arrested him for break, enter, theft over $1000, and mischief over $1000. Confiscated were all his clothes, books, files, computer and computer disks. Several days later police pulled Grant Horwood off a bus and charged him in the same incident. Grant was given bail at $4000 cash, ordered to live with his mother in Calgary, and not to associate with anyone involved in animal rights. Darren has been denied bail three times now. Police have also issued a Canada-wide warrant for the arrest of another "suspect"-- an activist living in BC.

Among Darren's files taken by police were all those relating to the ALF Support Group and its publication COMBAT. In a move similar to the arrest of ALF members in Toronto in 1987, the police have charged Darren with almost every ALF action that took place in Edmonton over the past year. His files contained press releases and communiqués mailed to the Support Group from ALF cells claiming responsibility for various actions. It seems that, to the police, possession of these documents warrants charges.



To date, Darren has been charged with the following (in addition to the three U of A charges): Arson, in connection with a firebombing of three trucks belonging to Billingsgate where 18 tires were slashed; Three counts of mischief over $1000, in connection to the paint-bombing of Fur Council of Canada billboards; Break, enter, and arson, in connection to an attempt to burn an Ouellette (egg) packers van.

It is typical of police to lay on the charges in the beginning so as to have an advantage in plea bargaining. At this point we are unaware of any physical evidence in regard to any of the charges Darren and Grant face. The only clue comes from an Edmonton Journal article (June 23) which states, "A picture sent to the Journal -- showing two people holding cats -- led police to a local hotel room and, eventually, to the suspects.

Darren's trial is now set for September 20 to October 1, 1993. At the time of this writing (5/31/93) Darren will have been in jail for 346 days. Vegan food is a far off memory for Darren and letters of support are what is needed most. Also, donations to cover legal expenses should be sent to the ALF Support Group--Canada. The ALFSG-Canada is changing to the North American ALFSG and is in the process of moving its headquarters to the west coast, either Vancouver or Victoria, BC.

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Sabbing News

FROM BRITAIN



A national gathering was held on January 22nd 1993 to disrupt the Essex foxhunt. The purpose of such a massive turnout was to challenge the assumed authority of the notorious Estate Management Services, whose rent-a-mob personnel "protect" foxhunts from any threat to their "sport".

Estate Management Services (hereafter referred to as EMS) agents have a legal right to remove trespassers on hunt property, using minimal force, by directing them towards the nearest public access area. However, the EMS have taken it upon themselves to also remove hunt opponents from public footpaths, common land, and neighbouring farms using brutality not consistent with "minimum force".

The disruption of the Essex foxhunt was, in fact, a response to the hospitalisation (through head injury) of a young saboteur by EMS personnel.

Around midday of the Saturday, the EMS thugs became involved in a fracas with a group of sabs at Stagden Cross, near Felstead who disputed the public accessway to a farm. In the ensuing violence a Portsmouth hunt-saboteur was set upon and his head split open - requiring immediate ambulance transport to hospital. An EMS employee was airlifted to hospital in a police helicopter after he was allegedly sprayed in the eyes with a substance used to dampen down fox scents. The hunt later claimed that the substance was ammonia. If this was indeed the case, then hunt-sabs are going to have to seriously consider the implications and possible consequences of someone in their midst carrying such a noxious and potentially blinding substance... However, considering that this allegation was made in the hunters' propaganda weekly "Horse and Hound", perhaps we should take it with several grains of salt - especially since it appeared alongside a piece claiming that a hunt saboteur had "declared he would drive through the police line and at hunt supporters and hounds". (The article continued, "Police fought to seize the keys of the vehicle and eventually the driver turned back" - implying that the driver had indeed already attempted to "drive through the police line..". As one who was actually standing on the roof of the landrover above the driver's door, I can state categorically that the vehicle never moved! I'll elaborate shortly...)

ha The hunters themselves became trapped in a small barnyard on the property they were hunting. Over 150 demonstrators assembled at the entrance gate and sat down on the road to deny the hunt an exit. With police reinforcements drafted in from metropolitan London, a stalemate followed which lasted three hours in the drizzling rain.

By 3pm, with the demonstrators thinning in number and police numbers approaching 70, the road-sitters were herded back to allow the hunt to escape from the farm. Police then formed a human chain (by each gripping the belt of the officer in front with their left hand, as witnessed during their assault on poll-tax marchers in March 1990) leaving their right hands free to grab and arrest those demonstrators still in the vicinity.

Brighton huntsabs then started the engine of their landrover in order to turn on the heater. Considering that they were completely surrounded by a cordon of "linked" police officers, and that three people were standing on the roof, it seems highly unlikely that their intention was to drive off! However, Police Sergeant 089 of the Essex Constabulary reacted angrily and demanded the engine be turned off - which it duly was. Sergeant 089 then began frantically clubbing a group of huntsabs who were trapped inside the police cordon, and in a rash and sudden move he smashed the landrover's driver's side window and snatched the keys from the driver's hand. The driver's eyebrow was gashed by flying glass and required stitches. Then later, as we attempted to turn off the road to go to the hospital the police created a roadblock and forced us back.

Not surprisingly, the police then demanded all

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documentary evidence taken by the demonstrators of their comrades' arrests - of which there were 26 - going so far as to mount roadblocks so as to search vehicles and confiscate film and videos from witnesses. Unfortunately, they can do this under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act - although those present had a sneaking suspicion that the intention was to suppress any evidence of the window-smashing incident by Sergeant 089. The League Against Cruel Sports' Laurie Payne had his video film confiscated, along with the Anglia Television reporter's footage.

Hired Thugs

Hired security firms are becoming increasingly common on hunts throughout southern England. The Old Surrey and Burstow (based in Felbridge, East Grinstead, Sussex) and the Surrey Union (from Oakwoodhill, Ockley, Surrey) are now employing the services of brown-shirted henchmen - disturbingly like Adolf Hitler's private army of Brownshirts, forerunners of those genocidal psychopaths the SS (but don't let that put you off!).

The Secretary of the Portsmouth Green Party, Jason Fazackarley, was punched to the ground and kicked by hunt supporters during a meet of the Hursley and Hambledon foxhunt at Privett, near Petersfield, Hampshire. Kenneth Mansbridge, 38, of Battery Hill, Winchester, claimed "self-defence" stating, "I only kicked him and punched him once." Referring to the six others charged with assault (and later cleared because of insufficient evidence) he added, "There were only the two of us there. I didn't see anyone else attack him." The jury returned a unanimous verdict of unlawful wounding.

Perhaps the most sinister aspect of these violent attacks was Portsmouth Crown Court Judge Michael Addison's comment that Mr Fazackarley, who was at the meet in connection with a Green Party conservation report, "Brought the misfortune on his own head." Was that a joke Judge? Mr Fazackarley suffered serious head wounds - not very funny... but perhaps huntsabs are considered fair game for hunt-thugs?

Are you having problems with

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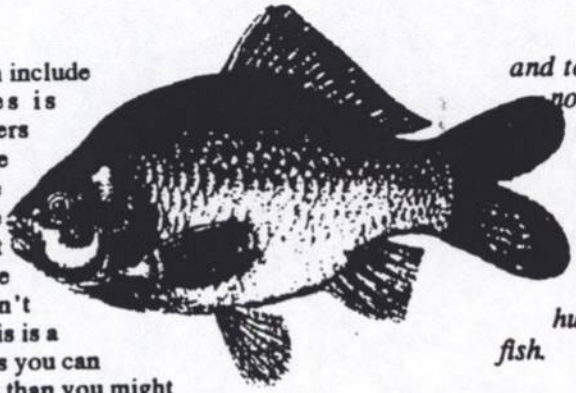
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SABBING ANGLING



The number of sab groups which include angling in their activities is increasing. On the whole, anglers are less likely to get pleasure from the suffering they cause than are hunters. They enjoy the mindlessness of trying to outwit fish - encouraging them to impale themselves on hooks - and don't tend to be inherently violent. This is a bonus if you are a small group as you can sab a greater number of anglers than you might otherwise wish to confront if they were all blood-crazed terrier boys. Also, sabbing angling can make a satisfying end to a day earlier spent dealing with mammal hunters!

A number of different tactics have been effectively employed so far:

1. One of the best has got to be the use of a canoe or rowing boat to make the anglers pull in their lines and to disturb the fish. They may not even realise you're sabbing them unless you've got a purple mohican!

2. The fish can be disturbed by throwing medium-sized stones into the water - not huge rocks which might stun the fish.

3. Standing behind anglers, having a noisy chat about how many they've caught, can cause a shadow which disturbs the fish.

Pre-feeding is not now thought to be a good idea, chiefly because unless huge amounts of food are used you will only attract fish and encourage them to feed, and over doing it may leave uneaten food which will rot and cause pollution.

CANADA

The city of Toronto has banned the use of performing animals in circuses. Such acts have already been banned in Vancouver and Victoria. (The AV Magazine-September 1992)

The proposed round-up and killing of up to 800 wild horses in Alberta has been postponed due to public pressure. (Humane News-November 1992)

FRANCE

After protests and occupations by A/R activists, France's only woman bullfighter has been forced to close her boutique in Paris which featured clothes made in bullfighting colours. (Animaux Magazine-October 1992)

A planned bullfight at Lezignan was prohibited after protests by animal rights campaigners. (Animaux Magazine-October 1992)

Following a complaint to the police by the Society for the Protection of Animals, a commercial animal breeding centre near Calais has been closed down because of the terrible conditions there. All of the animals were handed over to animal protection groups. (Animaux Magazine-October 1992)

By the end of 1993, France is to introduce new legislation to control and reduce the use of animals in medical scientific experiments. (The AV Magazine-January 1993)

GERMANY

According to a public opinion poll, 69% of those asked supported the inclusion of animal protection in the German constitution. (Recht Fur Tiere-September 1992)

The state of Niedersachsen has laid down stronger regulations concerning the transport of live animals to other countries. All animals transported from the region must be fed and watered within 24 hours and if taken to a Mediterranean port a vet must certify that this has taken place. (Recht Fur Tiere-September 1992)

HUNGARY

In October, a Hungarian anti-vivisection movement was officially launched at an international conference in Budapest. (Impronte-December 1992)

ISRAEL

The Chief Rabbi in Tel Aviv has issued a ruling forbidding the wearing of fur coats and of killing animals for that purpose. The ruling followed an argument at a religious music recital between fur-wearing concert goers and A/R activists demonstrating outside. (Humane News-November 1992)

ITALY

In the first five months of 1992, the sale of 'sporting' guns was down 17.2% compared with the same period in 1991.

In a public opinion poll taken in Sessa in Southern Italy, 94% said that animals should be respected, 45% believed vivisection to be morally unacceptable, 80% were for the total abolition of cosmetic testing on animals and 40% were opposed to zoos. (Impronte-December 1992)

Following letters from A/R campaigners, vegetarian food is now available on certain Italian trains. (Impronte-December 1992)

JAPAN

The owners of Noboribetsu Bear Park on the island of Hokkaido have made a commitment to adhere to a new ecologically sensitive bear management policy and to design a more natural park environment in order to reverse a decade of abuse and neglect that has resulted in suffering and death for hundreds of bears. (The AV Magazine-September 1992)

In Kobe, the municipal government has voted to stop supplying abandoned dogs and cats for experimentation at the local university. (The AV Magazine-January 1993)

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africans for the Abolition of Vivisection have won their fight to save two baby chimpanzees. After international pressure on the South African Department of Nature Conservation, the chimps are to be sent to a sanctuary. (The AV Magazine-January 1993)

SPAIN

During the Olympic games, only 2,000 people, a third of the capacity, turned out to watch the bullfighting in the Barcelona Arena. (The AV Magazine-October 1992)

For the first time in centuries, thousands of flamingoes have returned to breed in the Spanish Nature Reserve. (Humane News-November 1992)

The radical Spanish animal protection society, Alternativa parla la Liberacion Animal is continuing to grow, with new groups in Valencia and Madrid.

The local council in the Tres Cantos area of Madrid has banned bullfighting at local festivals.

The monumental bullring in Barcelona made a loss of about £150,000 in 1991 and one whole day of its 2-day Easter bullfighting festival had to be abandoned last year, because so few entrance tickets were sold. (Liberacion Animal-November 1992)

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