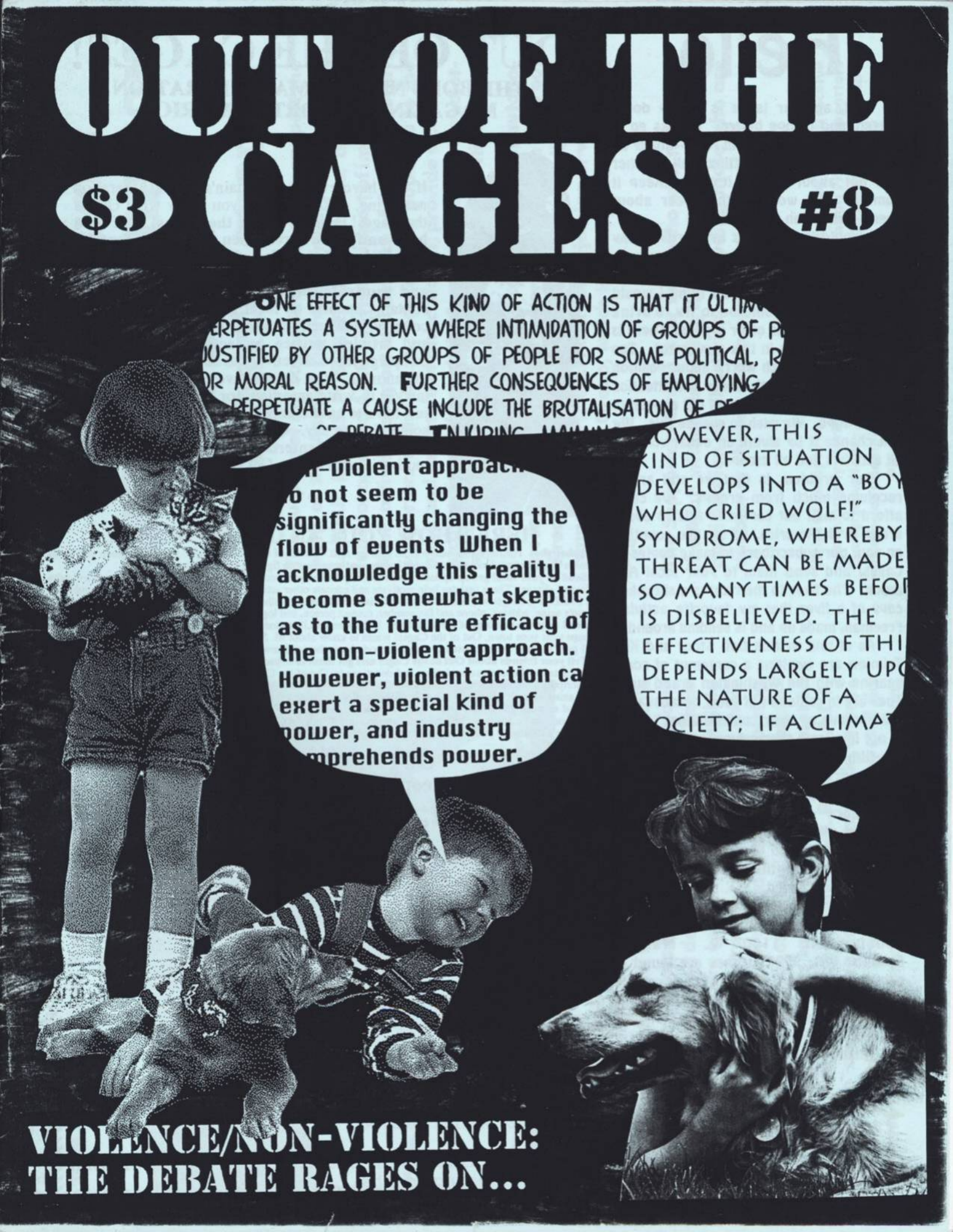
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VIOLENCE/NON-VIOLENCE: THE DEBATE RAGES ON...

Hello

Well, another issue is finally done. Bigger, and I hope better. Thanks go to everyone who sent stuff in to us--finally we can just worry about putting it all together and not about finding it also. Keep it coming! We would rather hear about events twice than not at all.

I would like to start by clarifying my views about the large national groups. They are great! I love 'em! Love 'em! PETA is the best! The last thing I would ever want to do would be to try to bring PAL up by knocking other groups. There is too much division in this movement. Too much ego. To much worry about position and power. Too much money and attention going to national groups and not enough to local groups. We wish to change this. We will change it by giving an equal voice to all activists and all groups.

Our problem is that we still aren't receiving much from groups. We can't afford to mail out copies of this to every group in N. America, so we are counting on you, our subscribers to make copies of Cages! and send them to your local A/R group. The flyer to the right is a shrunken copy of a flyer that my favorite activist, Freeman, made up and is sending around.

As of this writing Deb Stout and Kim Trimiew are awaiting a contempt of court hearing with the Washington grand jury. They are in contempt of court because they will not give up their constitutional "right" to not implicate themselves in any crime--the fifth amendment of that pesky bill of rights our gov. would like to do without. **They are throwing activists in jail for years without trials!!!** We all must act. We all should be pissed off to the point of rioting! But I hear very little. Probably because there are no places for activists to be heard.

Please send letters of support to Kim and Deb. They will be at the **Spokane County Jail, 1100 W. Mallon, Spokane WA, 99201** if they are found in contempt. Please send letters soon and often, and don't wait for the next issue of Cages! to come out and tell you that they are in jail.

Thanks,

Tony Farley

Deadline for next issue: April 20.

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LAST MINUTE NEWS!

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT NOV. 26 CELL REPORTS:

OPERATION HAMMER- California

Saturday, January 15
Display window of American Express in Beverly Hills smashed to protest promotion of fur.

Thursday, January 27
Display window of Somper Furs in Beverly Hills smashed. Display window of Adrienne (furs) in Santa Monica smashed.

An escalation in actions is planned for the succeeding months.

SOAR

Student Organization for Animal Rights
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ALF T-shirts

to benefit Student Organization for Animal Rights

Pictures activist pointing like Uncle Sam
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If not you, who?
If not now, when?"

- black on gray shirt
- all X-Large
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- All proceeds go to SOAR a non-profit, grass-roots, direct-action and education group that needs **your** support.

Make checks payable to Student Organization for Animal Rights:
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Animal abusers are feeling the heat. We have protested the circus, The Nature Conservancy's Symposium, The Nature Company, and have held numerous fur protests at the airport, downtown, and at fur retailers.

The University of Minnesota campus has been wallpapered with animal rights stickers proclaiming "ALF Saves Animal's Lives," "Animal Research is Scientific Fraud," "Go Vegan," and other enlightening sayings. Most of the campus stop signs have been doctored to say "Stop eating animals," "Stop vivisection," or "Stop wearing fur." The mural for the pro-animal research group was redecorated with slogans such as "Murdering Butchers." "Thanksgiving is Murder on Turkeys" posters were wheat pasted on doors and windows of many local schools and universities. Although we have not been involved with these actions ourselves, we find them excellent in increasing awareness of animal issues.

SOAR did put up a display in our student union full of Animal's Voice pictures of animals being slaughtered for food, fur, and vivisection. It educated hundreds of people.

SOAR also held an Animal Rights Benefit Concert where we raised funds, gave away AR posters, showed videos, and distributed literature. We made over $300 while educating and entertaining over 100 paying people!

Finally, we would like to send out a heartfelt "Thank you" to the brave activists who are using non-violent direct action to bring about animal liberation.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA UPDATE

Here's a report from the San Francisco Bay Area, where I've been staying for the past few months:

Since the summer, animal liberation activists have been busy around the Bay region. In defense of Animals, based in San Rafael, has held numerous protests at Marine World in Vallejo over the imprisonment of marine animals. IDA also held an anti-Loreal demo in July, and a demo against the Alaskan Wolf kill on Sept. 24. Attendance at these events ranged from 25 to 70. The group continues its legal proceedings against the vivisector Russel DeValois at UC Berkeley.

Animal Rights Connection does weekly pickets at fast food restaurants, the rodeo, and the circus. Action for Animals in Oakland has been busy in trying to stop rodeos in the East Bay through legislation. Berkeley Students for Animal Liberation demonstrated against McDonalds and campus vivisectors this fall. The Coalition for Animal Liberation held a march in San Francisco on October 2, World Farm Animals Day, against the meat and dairy industries. Over 100 people attended. The Infoshop, a Berkeley anarchist space, held an animal liberation week in November with films and a large vegan Thanksgiving dinner.

Fur Free Friday demos were held in San Francisco and Saratoga, with a "fur funeral" procession and a large crowd at Union Square in S.F.

As far as direct actions, local media reported that dairy industry billboards have been defaced in Berkeley. The ALF claimed several attacks against local businesses in the Fall'93 issue of Slingshot, and on Fur Free Friday, Channel 2 News reported that fur stores on Union Square had paint thrown on them. Also, flyers were posted at UC Berkeley with the home address and phone number of Russell DeValois.

Several other animal rights and vegetarian groups exist across the Bay Area, and animal liberation activities will certainly continue to grow here in 1994!

LETTERS!

Hello at Out of the Cages,

I was given a Xeroxed copy of your latest issue. It's excellent-just what we need for the movement in this country. I don't want to criticize the big groups and the big magazines because they are bringing thousands of people into a concern for animals. But at the same time, there has never been much grassroots co-ordination and communication among people who are already convinced of what is right. There are far too many who think that all they can do for animals is mail checks to big groups-as opposed to the situation in England, where hundreds of local groups and magazines like Arkangel inspire people to stand up and act.

I hope that perhaps, in time, you can become the Arkangel of the American movement. I'd like to disagree that the movement is stagnant, though. I've traveled around a lot, and it seems like there is more happening on local levels than ever before, all around the country. The continued growth of the movement is confirmed by the numerous right-wing groups and industry scum like Putting People First who monitor us. They all report large increases in demos, groups forming, etc., in the past two or three years. We just don't hear about it all because we have little means for communication. Keep up the good work, don't ever give up, you will undoubtedly inspire a lot of activists!

Really Dumb Quotes:

"This isn't real fur--its only rabbit."

from a woman in San Francisco responding to a protester as she walked through Union Square.

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for my first copy of "Out of the Cages!" It was a highly informative and emotionally rousing issue. I look forward to my next one.

Your inclusion of sabbing activities was particularly interesting. My husband and I have just received the address of a local Non-hunters Rights Alliance & are probably going to be joining. We are sickened every weekend by the hunters' activities near our very rural home site.

I do have one question for you regarding a statement in your sabbing news referring to Anthony Hopkins being put in the hospital after being pushed under an all-terrain vehicle during a sabbing event. Was that Anthony Hopkins, the actor? Just Curious. Respectfully, Jill.

DEAR CAGES!, HERE ARE SOME FURTHER IDEAS FOR HUNT SABOTAGE

In addition to direct confrontation with hunters to bring your viewpoint to the public, there are other ways to scuttle and sabotage hunting with virtually no legal or bodily risks.

At all costs, hunters want to avoid the following: 1) Noise; 2) Scents and odors (gunsmoke, human smell, etc.); 3) Visibility. Now, bogus hunters can supply the above three deterrents to successful hunting.

First of all, the anti-hunter must look like a hunter; act like a hunter; and talk like a hunter. To make it absolutely legal, it is necessary to secure a hunting license. Then, engage in the following tactics: 1. Have some common type of flagrant, bright-colored piece of clothing (hat, vest, etc.); 2. Plot your area of coverage and travel in pairs (cover as much of a hunting area as possible); 3. Get a safe shooting shotgun and use high power shells -- they make more noise; 4. Alternately and periodically shoot into a dead stump or dirt bank (also talk and chatter as you hike through the woods); 5. Smoke cigars and cigarettes (don't burn down the forest) or use other odors like gun oil, ammonia, stink bombs, citronella oil, camphor; 6. Get some of those military training whistles for dogs -- above the frequency of human hearing. If a dog can hear those high cycles, so can all other wild game animals; 7. Watch for sitters (that is, hunters who wait for the drivers to push game toward them.)

The above will alert the game and make them wary. It will also cause them to hole up and scatter to safer areas. Oh, I know! It spooks them but would you rather be spooked a bit or dead? It will work and it is all legal. No warden or law enforcement officer can do a thing about it.

ONE LONG LETTER

Dear PAL

I want to thank you for putting out your excellent 'zine, it is very informative and inspiring. I was getting very frusterated, always looking for people with strong beliefs and morals they were willing to act on. I am shocked speechless by the lax shortcuts and denial I observe in many people who KNOW BETTER. Protests and direct action aside, I would like to see people make positive changes in their daily lives, like going vegan and not making exceptions, or conciously re-using and avoiding paper and plastic trash. We need to be thinking and innovating constantly, just in the movement of our daily chores. The dominant culture's blind wastefullness and cruelty-full food IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, but because we are surrounded by it it is easy to give in to laziness and roll with the flow. As individuals we need to make the radical decision to evaluate all the ways we interact with our ecosystem and work together to LIVE POSITIVELY. And of course we have to act out, to shake things up and bring the issues we can see to the forefront of other people's minds, so that they too can contemplate and make their own decisions, rather than flow along with majority rule.

To Cheryl Farley I would like to say, RIGHT ON! Your issue 6 article "I am a Vegan Because I am a Feminist" was powerful and concisive, the graphics are very provocative. I photocopied the article and am sending it to friends in this country and others, and have posted it around town to catch eyes and minds.

Your "Feminism and Animal Liberation: Losing the Fear" article hit a chord for me again, I aggree strongly, MIX THE ISSUES! Racism, sexism, speciesism, Industrial "progress", xenophobia, homophobia, etc., etc., all have their roots in the same mire of fear and ignorance in the human mind. I believe we are all working towards the same goal, liberating other humans from their own self-defeating negativities.

I question the illustration in isssue 7 called "Great moments in Chicken History", however. I like the artwork and can sympathize with the emotion, but I do not think that pursuing violent revenge fantasies is beneficial. Why liberate one life form and attack another? That makes us as fascisitic as the US Government. I strongly believe in working from a premise of love for the entire unity of life, knowing that animal torturers are hurting themselves as deeply as they hurt any animals, and that when liberating animals and destroying the tools of torture, one is working to liberate the scientists as well. If anyone does have arguements for violence, I am curious to hear them. I read in your list of other 'zines that the British ALFSG newsletter ran an article arguing the pros and cons of killing vivisectors! I will have to get ahold of it.

Thank you for pulling people together with "Out of the Cages!' May it have a long and powerful life!

May the forces of nature aid you in your endeavors! May all beings live in harmony together.

Love, Amber

April 24-30 World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week 1994



- You are cordially invited to participate in this year's international effort to expose the vivisection industry's fraud, cruelty, and waste.

- We will redouble our efforts to refute the scare tactics of the vivisectors, support the rights of students not to dissect or vivisect, publicize the effectiveness of non-animal research technologies and preventive medicine, and educate the public about the many doctors who oppose vivisection on scientific grounds.

- Please start planning your event(s) and alerting your members today! We will most benefit the animals if we stand prepared, united, coordinated and informed.

- If you would like the attendance of a medical professional, or need assistance investigating and critiquing a research project, please notify us ASAP!

- Contact IDA, (415) 453-9984, today to order a WLALW'94 Organizer's Handbook with guidelines and materials for events and media outreach, or a Teaching Curriculum with text, visual aids and supplements.

A LETTER FROM PRISON: ANTHONY MILLER'S STORY

Greetings from within---I just received your invitational letter dated 1-13-94 and an issue of "Out of the Cages!" Thank you so very much for writing me and offering your support. I hope our corresponding will develop into a long and lasting friendship and that together we can continue our liberating fight for animal rights.

At the onset of my incarceration, I was pretty green to the laws of the criminal element and also, I had no idea that there were animal rights coalitions and organizations. I was pretty naïve to the animal rights movements and knew very little of animal rights activists. I acted solely out of compassion and love of animals and for the wild horses in New Mexico. I was hired in 1990 as a sub-contract independent trucker by the U.S. government to assist in hauling wild horses to holding pens for processing. The wild horses were removed from the wild because they were starving, due to over grazing by area ranch cattle who shared the open range with the wild horses. The program in itself from the outside looking in appeared to be a very worth while program. But what I discovered was a lack of humanity by the horse caretakers and handlers. The wild horses were shipped via semi truck livestock trailers and left contained on board without adequate water and food. Horses that expired (died) during transport--which I felt died needlessly--were taken away to rendering plants.

What I did was to steal the loaded horses that were left unattended at night to be unloaded the following morning---and to release the wild horses back into the wild open range. Afterwards I destroyed the government livestock trailers by cutting the trailers up with a gas powered carbide saw.

Some of the wild horses I relocated in the state of Nebraska in the open range of the Sandhill region--plenty of prairie grass and water was available.

WHAT I DID WAS TO STEAL THE LOADED HORSES THAT WERE LEFT UNATTENDED AT NIGHT TO BE UNLOADED THE FOLLOWING MORNING---AND RELEASE THE WILD HORSES BACK INTO THE WILD OPEN RANGE. AFTERWARDS I DESTROYED THE GOVERNMENT LIVESTOCK TRAILERS BY CUTTING THE TRAILERS UP WITH A GAS POWERED CARBIDE SAW.

I was apprehended first in Nebraska and posted bond in May of 1990. From there I also posted a similar bond in New Mexico. I jumped bond in March of 1990 and was later apprehended again in Albuquerque NM. in June of 1990. I was then held without bond in both NM and Nebraska.

Originally, I faced 16 charges for a possible total of 130 years. With the federal government pressing for convictions. I was given a plea bargain offer. The feds dismissed charges so long as the states involved would press charges on a state level.

New Mexico agreed to a plea bargain to give me a total of 5 years. I pled guilty to count 1--receiving and transferring a stolen motor vehicle (1 yr) and count 2--horse theft (4 yrs). Both sentences are to run consecutively for a total of 5 years.

In the State of Nebraska, I was given 6 to 10 years to run concurrent with my New Mexico prison sentence of 5 years. So over all, I'm doing 6 to 10 years total. After plea bargaining in Nebraska and having numerous charges dismissed as a condition of the plea bargain process, I was given the following: count 1--unauthorized use of a propelled motor vehicle (1yr.), count 2--animal theft (2 yrs), count 3--dismissed, count 4--criminal mischief (1yr), and count 5--theft by unlawful taking or disposition (6-10 yrs). All sentences from Nebraska were made to run concurrent for a total of 6 to 10 years. Also, my Nebraska sentence is running together with New Mexico's 5 years--or concurrent. I will finish my New Mexico sentence 3/29/94, but will have 3 1/2 calendar years remaining on my Nebraska sentence yet. My release date without parole will be October 21st of 1997. I've completed half of my entire sentence to date.

Ironically, the wild horse program has been disbanded in New Mexico since my convictions. But this doesn't stop me from my fight for animal liberations. I spend every day of my incarceration campaigning for animal rights and fighting against animal abuse and abusers. I write a bi-monthly newsletter that I fund from my wildlife and ecology art that I make and sell. All profits from my art are used for animal liberation. I have had very little support or funds from the U.S.A at this point in time. Mostly because I spent the first 2 years of my incarceration being shuttled back and forth to court in Nebraska & New Mexico. As of now, all my court battling is over. I owe $2,700 for court costs which I also pay for out of my art sales when I can. Mostly, I scrape by the best I can.

Recently the N. American ALF Support Group provided me with art supplies so that I can continue making art drawings to sell in support of animal liberation causes. The ALFSG from London is also in the process of helping me replace my electric type writer that I used to publish my A.R. newsletter---My typewriter burned up about 4 months ago. I'm anxiously awaiting the typewriter so that I can get back in the swing of things with my newsletter again. I pay for all costs of mailing and supplies and at times become quite frustrated with dealing with the obstacles of being in prison. But I am very determined and love the challenge.

Most of my support comes from the British ALFSG. Support from the U.S.A. has been very scarce to say the least. I feel this is because in America we have very few animal rights prisoners and the social structures against "crime" in America is over-shadowing those of us who do give up their freedoms for animal rights. Our sacrifices are unnoticed because of the overpowering crime in America, the drugs and murders take the spotlight of American society.

The human species is a selfish one as a whole. A lot of it has to do

with our culture and social conditioning which I pointed out previously. We are socialized into thinking about the individual rather than the collective. Short term aims override the long term goals. At times, the world can seem very depressing. But we must remember, there is hope. People are fighting back. People are thinking about others. Environmental activists are helping our planet. Animal liberationalists are saving lives, etc. etc.--People are standing up to say "look," we are not going to stand for this! Hope remains and exists while the fire of freedom and liberation burns within the activists' hearts, the selfish can only wonder how long until they become burnt.

I ask that if anyone sends financial support, that they please not send personal checks or cash. The mail room at the prison inspects and censors all my incoming and out going mail. If personal checks or cash are found, the whole letter is sent back--I never receive the letter. I can receive money only in the form of money orders or cashier checks. Anyone can send money orders or cashier checks. In the past I've received numerous letters and personal checks of support that were returned without my knowledge. I find out about this event several days later by notice of returned mail from the mail room. It's very frustrating, especially when I thirst for letters from supporters.

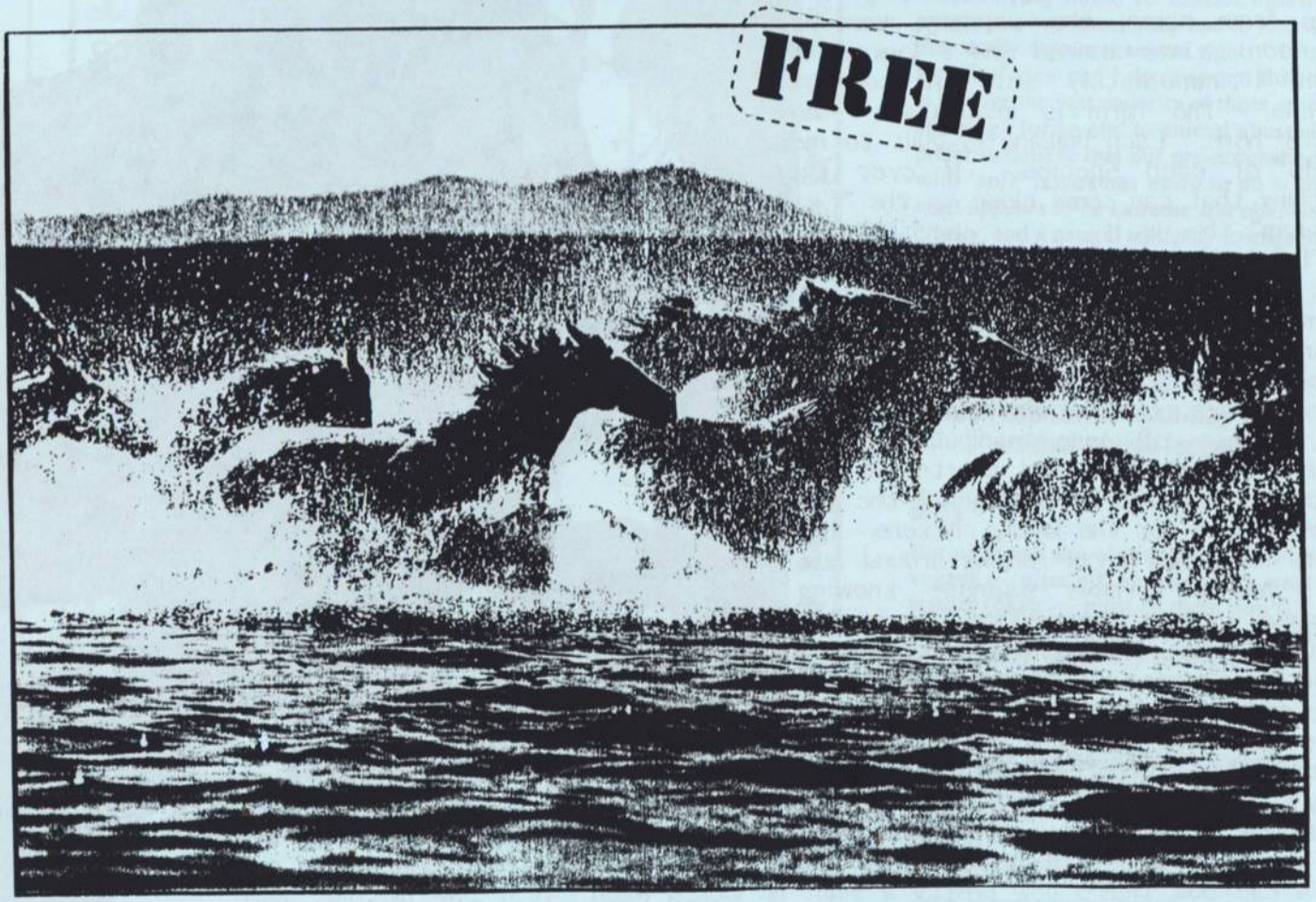
I am allowed to receive packages from the outside, only if the packages are sent with the vendors/store address on the return address. Also, the contents of the package must have the sales receipt from the store enclosed. I am in desperate need of typing paper as I anticipate receiving the new typewriter soon--from the British ALFSC Also, any art supplies for my producing wildlife art would be very helpful, such as poste mat board for framing art I sell, rapidiagraph technical ink drawing pens-0.018" an 0.025", and quality art paper for ink drawings 14"x17". All of these things I use i support of animal liberation by giving back to help our animal friends--to be a voice for th voiceless.

I have a prison job as a grounds keeper which nets me about $12.00 a montl All of which I use to pay for my postage costs for writing to supporters and soon to b used for mailing out my newsletter.

I'm originally from Chesapeake, Virginia and do not know anyone from Ne Mexico, so I never receive any visits. Keeping contact with the outside animal activists i very important to me--I'll answer every letter I receive from any animal activist supporte and welcome new news on the animal liberation movement.

On a personal need, if anyone asks, I am in need of an AM/FM stereo cassett recorder. Again--it must be sent from the vendor or store and can't have detachabl speakers/portable model. I have been sent animal rights tapes and haven't any way t listen to them because I can't afford a radio tape player. I am telling you this onl because I know supporters may ask, and these are immediate needs that I'm unable t afford. For now, I'm doing everything I possibly can to use every waking moment of m prison time to support animal rights. Take care,

in love and liberation,
Anthony D. Miller



PLEASE SUPPORT ANTHONY:

- Remember, don't send cash or checks. Send money orders or cashiers checks.
- Packages have to be sent by a vendor or store with the sales receipt from the store enclosed.

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Farm Sanctuary

Ana Garcia



I've been a member of Farm Sanctuary for two years. And as the name implies, it is a sanctuary for animals used for food that were left dying at the stockyards. In June 1992 I decided to make arrangements for a 3-day stay at the Sanctuary. What motivated me was a need to see the animals alive and not as cold cuts in someone's lunch or as a dinner entree. To me they are sentient beings deserving of respect and of living out their lives as devoid of cruelty as possible.

Although it was approximately a 4-hour drive from home, the scenery was beautiful. As soon as we arrived and I looked over my room, I immediately set out to meet the animals. The farm is immaculate. No funny smells here. Each building is built to meet the needs of each species. If ever there is anything that can come close to the "Peaceable Kingdom" this is it.

The turkeys are a loquacious group and it was fun carrying on a "conversation" with them. They're beautiful white birds but despite their friendliness, they are scarred with the effects of "factory" farming. They were missing toes, cut off without any pain killers, and because of gene manipulation, much too large for their feet and hearts. Even though rescued, they live an average of one year. The same is true for the lovely chickens. It was so much fun seeing them running around and happy, but I felt a terrible sadness knowing that, because of the brutalities faced by these sociable birds in factory farming conditions, their life spans were reduced severely to one year in this peaceful haven. The next day I spent even more time with the piglets, pigs, rabbits, ducks, geese, cows, sheep, and goats. They approached me in a friendly manner. I fell in love with the piglets. They're so much fun. There was a calf named Lee, a victim of the veal crate industry, struggling and desiring very much to live. Physically he was a wreck: the skin of his hind legs had fallen off, revealing raw, red tissue. Lee's face and body looked more like a calf doll, that's how pretty a sight he looked when I first saw him, but again that deep sorrow overtook my senses when I saw his hind legs. Despite the abuse and neglect, he was lovable and friendly. He was a week old and dying when he was rescued at the stockyard.

Suffice it to say, all of those animals have backgrounds filled with unspeakable horrors. The fact that they are alive, friendly and beautiful is certainly attributed to the TLC they all receive.

I cannot imagine their suffering not moving people to tears. I decided years ago that the only lifestyle I could adopt was one not connected with cruelty. Hence I decided to become an ethical vegetarian. I also wear clothes that express that decision. To me, as a woman much concerned with the effects of oppression, this lifestyle also makes a statement against oppression. And yes, I do love the animals. And no, I don't apologize for sentiment. There is nothing wrong with love and compassion. We all need it.



Illust. S. Whitelock

THE LEATHER ISSUE

David Lane urges us to give the leather industry a long overdue tanning

I remember someone once telling me that the animal rights movement is more concerned with class conflict than with concern for animals. He supported his accusation by pointing to our high-profile campaigns against hunting and shooting, and the wearing of fur coats, while we appear to neglect angling and the wearing of leather — activities which are far more widespread, but far more affordable.

Perhaps my friend had read the following piece by Germaine Greer writing in *The Independent Magazine* (13.1.90): "the reasons for the animal liberationists' campaign against fur . . . seem, on the face of it, to have very little to do with animal liberation and a lot to do with class antagonism. No attempt has been made to discredit the wearing of leather, which has increased in Britain during the Eighties, perhaps because a concerted campaign against leather would bring home to most English people just how much they had to lose if they really espoused animal rights." It is a cynical view and I don't accept that it is true for the vast majority of those who campaign for an end to animal abuse. I prefer to believe that our pre-occupation with 'soft' issues has more to do with what *appears* to be extreme and obvious cruelty, and a natural tendency to engage in more easily won battles.

The campaign against leather will be more difficult and face more resistance than any other animal abuse issue

Duty

But what has any of this got to do with vegans — after all, vegans don't wear leather (okay — most of them don't!)? The answer is simple. If most vegans have chosen their way of life because they detest all forms of animal abuse it is they who "really espouse animal rights", and it is they who must bring home to people (not just the English) the obscene cruelty inherent in the production of leather, and it is they who must inform them of the very real practical alternatives which exist.

Resistance

There can be no doubt that the campaign against leather will be more difficult and face more resistance than any other animal abuse issue. Leather is an incredibly versatile material, virtually everyone uses it, and it is very big business. If that's not enough, its use dates back at least 600,000 years and it has played a significant part in the development of human civilization! But, as

Dave Macauley writes in *The Animals' Agenda* (Sept/Oct 1988), "However, what has been for centuries a family trade, an art, and a means of survival for indigenous people is now a highly profitable business that depends upon the death of millions of animals each year".

The acceptability of leather, even amongst many in the animal rights movement, is probably due largely to the perpetuation of myths and ignorance surrounding its production. Of course ignorance is bliss — few meat eaters would care to know the real history of a veal cutlet, and have you ever tried to persuade a vegetarian that there is cruelty in the dairy industry?

Leather production is intimately bound up with the obscene cruelty of the dairy/veal industry

Myths

The first myth to dispose of is the "by-product" one, as in, "Whilst people continue to eat meat, it is only respectful to the animal not to waste its skin." This memorable quote is from Fiona Weightman of Lynx! Forgive me if I state the obvious when I point out that this stance also suggests a moral obligation to use the animals' blood for fertilizers and pet foods, to use its hair for brushes and to stuff furniture, and to use its horns, hooves and bones to put into everything from sweets to soap. The point is that every last part of the animal is sold and used, not out of respect for the animal or to avoid waste, but to make the whole bloody business profitable. The skin alone represents something like 10% of the animal's total value which, it seems to me, makes it pound for pound the most valuable part of the unfortunate creature. I see no difference *in principle* between buying a pair of leather shoes and buying a piece of steak.

The term "by-product" is misleading. It suggests something which has little consequence in itself and which is only produced incidentally in the making of something else. But, I suggest, even if everybody stopped eating meat tomorrow there would still be a huge demand for leather products, and animals would still be slaughtered in large numbers to provide them — even though the price would rise dramatically.

The second myth has to do with suffering. For many, a fur coat will immediately conjure up an image of a blood-soaked baby seal or of a fox suffering in agony in a leg-hold trap; the animal is recognizable and its pain cannot be ignored. The wearer is blatantly indifferent to the suffering they cause. Maybe it's a pity that there is nothing much about a leather coat or a pair of shoes which really resembles an animal. Of course, if pressed, a user of leather will tell you that it comes from old cows which probably spent contented lives down on the farm. Quite apart from the fact that there is no such thing as an *old* cow, the leather used to make shoe uppers, jackets, gloves and wallets usually comes from very young animals — chiefly calves. The very best quality leather, the softest and most desirable leather is made from the skin of an unborn calf. Leather production is intimately bound up with the obscene cruelty of the dairy/veal industry which keeps cows in an almost constant state of pregnancy, takes calves from their mothers soon after birth and subjects the calves to the most appalling trauma and suffering of transport and confinement just to satisfy a human desire for tender meat and soft leather. The cruelty involved in leather production can be no less severe than that involved in fur production, but the scale is vastly greater.

Crocodiles and alligators are caught with giant hooks or are clubbed to death with hammers

'Specialities'

Although cattle hides provide the source of most leather, the skins of goats, sheep, pigs and deer are also widely used. Speciality leathers are made from alligators, lizards, sharks, snakes, crocodiles, kangaroos, ostriches and many other species. The kind and severity of abuse and the method of killing the animals who possess these valuable skins varies according to species. In South Africa one abattoir processes 700 ostriches a day, while in many parts of the world crocodiles and alligators are caught with giant hooks or are clubbed to death with hammers. Elsewhere snakes are skinned alive.

I write this article in the hope that vegans will be better prepared to argue the case against leather from both an ethical and a factual standpoint. However, experience has shown that rights and wrongs and the explosion of myths often isn't enough. Many people, even when convinced of the truth of all the above, refuse to accept that there is any alternative to leather — especially for their feet! The 'vegan from the ankle up' is not uncommon and generally gives two reasons for his/her position — lack of comfort or practicality, and environmental or ethical concerns for the alternatives.

Excuses

The first objection is perhaps the hardest to overcome. In many ways it is reminiscent of the difficulties we all faced when we first decided to become vegans; it was neither comfortable nor practical. I hated soya milk, and I didn't like vegetables much either! Now I drink soya milk neat and I love vegetables (but not sprouts!). The point is that taste is acquired and the body adapts to a change of lifestyle *given time* . If canvas shoes are impractical in some circumstances there are always synthetic or rubber alternatives to leather. I used to find plastic shoes unbearably sweaty; now I don't — my feet have become accustomed to them.

Tanneries . . . produce some very unpleasant pollutants including lead, zinc, formaldehyde, dyes and cyanide-based chemicals

The second objection, concern for the environment, seems, on the face of it, to be a valid concern. After all, we all like to do our bit for the environment! However, the details can become extremely complicated. If we accept that we must wear something on our feet then we must also accept that there will be consequences for the environment. Certainly, natural fibres such as cotton appear to be preferable to either leather or synthetic materials, but in any case most shoes have synthetic soles. We know about the pollution associated with plastic, but is the production of leather, a 'natural' material, pollution free? No, of course not. Tanneries not only stink, they produce some very unpleasant pollutants including lead, zinc, formaldehyde, dyes and cyanide-based chemicals.

If all else were equal we might conclude that on environmental grounds leather shoes are marginally better than synthetic ones, although the point would be debatable. But things are not equal. They are nowhere near equal. The leather industry depends upon the deaths of hundreds of millions of animals each year, and as vegans, *that* must be our primary concern.

The campaign against leather is probably *the* most challenging of all vegan/animal rights issues to address, but up until now it has been badly neglected as a campaigning issue. Let's do something about it!

For further information about the leather issue and for details of alternatives to leather, contact: *Campaign Against Leather & Fur (CALF), BM Box 8889, London WC1N 3XX.*

ALF STRIKES ALASKA!



The Whitehorse STAR, Thursday, December 16, 1993 3

54 tires slashed

While it may be a case of random vandalism, the RCMP aren't ruling out the possibility that wolf-kill protestors punctured more than 50 tires at the Department of Renewable Resources compound in Whitehorse this week.

There has been no contact from anyone claiming responsibility for the incident, nor damage done to two tracking antennas on aircraft in Haines Junction, Const. Rob Diack said today.

However, the possibility the vandalism is related to a wolf-kill protest is an avenue being investigated, he said.

A youth was arrested Wednesday night in the compound and appeared in court today, but it doesn't appear the incidents are related, Diack added.

Police are asking the public to assist them by providing any pertinent information.

A preliminary damage estimate to replace the 54 tires on 17 vehicles punctured sometime Tuesday night is $5,000.

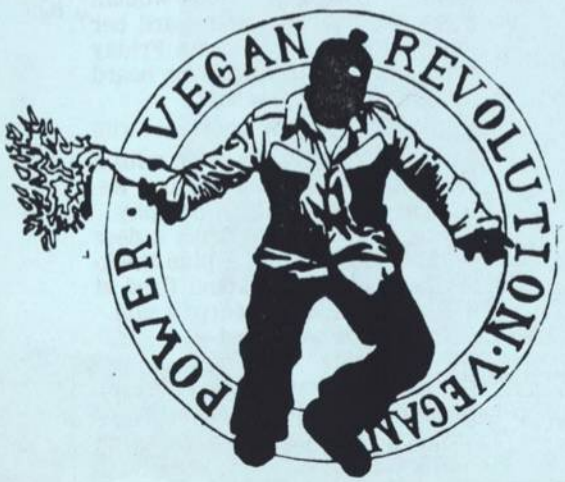
Dennis Senger, Renewable Resources' communications co-ordinator, said the department is considering putting an alarm system in the compound.

Senger said the department is waiting for the RCMP to conclude their investigation before making a decision about additional security. He wouldn't speculate on whether the incidents are related to the wolf-kill protest.

Tuesday. December 14

A.L.F activists cut barbed wire on top of chain link fence and entered the D.R.R compound in Whitehorse YUKON TERRITORY ATF vehicles had tires slashed and windows broken the raid took less than ten minutes

A L F



The Yukon News
Friday, December 17, 1993

Wolf friends deny involvement

Friends of the Wolf denies slashing the tires of 17 Renewable Resources vehicles in Whitehorse this week.

By Andrea Buckley
News Reporter

"We have absolutely no information whatsoever," said Al Decker, co-founder of the B.C. chapter of the animal-rights organization.

"It's unfortunate the situation the government has put itself in that people would want to do that, if it is related."

RCMP said 54 tires were punctured through the sidewalls. The damage has been estimated at $5,000.

The vehicles were parked in the locked and fenced compound at the Renewable Resources building on Burns Road.

About nine members of the group are currently living somewhere in Whitehorse. They are here to disrupt the aerial wolf kill planned for the Aishihik area.

Const. Rob Diack said the RCMP suspects the group might be behind the incident. It also thinks there is a connection with another recent case of vandalism in Haines Junction.

Someone ripped the antennas from two aircraft used to do aerial wolf surveys in the region.

"That's an option we're investigating but they're as much a suspect as anyone," said Diack.

Renewable Resources communications co-ordinator Dennis Senger declined to speculate on who was behind the vandalism.

"It's a hard one to call. There has been the occasional vandalism in there from time to time but nothing of this consequence."

The group has not contacted anyone in Renewable Resources, he said. "I'm not aware of anybody in the department who has been contacted."

THE A.L.F. STRIKES AGAIN!

ANIMAL LIBERATION NEWS

In eastern Tennessee, a county stockyard was burned to the ground by the Animal Liberation Front in July. The remains of the structure and a computer room were razed, and damage was estimated at $100,000. Arson attacks on the meat industry have also been reported in Wisconsin and lower level attacks on animal killers have been reported in several states this year.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

A SMALL SELECTION OF NEWS ARTICLES FROM THE PAST FEW MONTHS

NATIONLINE

FROM USA TODAY'S NATIONAL NEWS NETWORK

Anti-fur activists blamed in Chicago store fires

By Sandra Sanchez
USA TODAY

As thousands of shoppers crowded Chicago department stores Monday, federal and local authorities continued searching for matchbox-size devices that are blamed for five weekend store fires.

The Animal Liberation Front, an "underground" animal-rights group, says it planted nine incendiary devices in four downtown stores to protest fur sales.

Late Monday, Chicago police and FBI agents had retrieved eight devices from four department stores. Most were hidden in lunch-size paper bags and were made of matches attached to 9-volt batteries that were ignited by a timer.

Agents recovered one device Sunday in the silver and china section of Neiman-Marcus, near crowds of holiday shoppers, says Chicago police Sgt. Edward O'Donnell. The device did not ignite.

"There's possibly one device left," says O'Donnell.

Other devices were found at the Carson Pirie Scott and Marshall Field stores in the Loop, and at trendy Saks Fifth Avenue in the glittery North Michigan Avenue shopping district.

Five minor fires were ignited Saturday and Sunday at Marshall Field, Carson and Saks. Most were in storage areas and were extinguished by in-house sprinklers. None caused extensive damage.

> "While we don't condone (extreme tactics), we don't condemn it."
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> — Dan Mathews, PETA

As agents scrambled to locate the last device, store officials beefed up security and tried to calm shoppers.

"We're taking every precaution to secure the safety of our shoppers and store associates," says Neiman-Marcus spokeswoman Liz Barrett.

Barrett says merchants often fall victim to animal-rights extremists during the holidays. "This is typically when incidents like this likely are to occur because (activists) get a wide audience of attention."

The Animal Liberation Front is known for taking responsibility for such attacks.

Founded in England in the 1970s, it has been declared a terrorist group by the FBI. The agency had been investigating the group's connection to at least 21 incidents in which damage totaled more than $10,000 each.

The Justice and Agriculture departments said in a November report to Congress that the group is composed of several small clusters of activists who don't know each other, and "there are no formal membership requirements beyond the willingness to inflict damages upon an animal enterprise."

The group claimed responsibility for the weekend fires in a letter sent to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"And while we don't condone it, we don't condemn it," says PETA spokesman Dan Mathews. "We understand why some activists are driven to more extreme tactics."

TEXAS

Pet's cruel owner gets bread and water

HOUSTON — A man who nearly starved his dog will be fed only bread and water when he spends a weekend in jail. 12-17-93

Harris County Court-at-Law Judge Michael Peters made the diet a condition of Jimmie Wesley Hall Jr.'s punishment. Hall, 34, was convicted of cruelty to animals and sentenced to the jail term and two years' probation.

Raleigh (N.C.) News & Observer

Fur Age Weekly
5.17.93

Fur Vandalism

The Fur Council of Canada reported that on May 4, two fur stores in the Montreal market were vandalized by animal-rights activists, who painted slogans that included "Paint Panthers."

Del Haylock, executive director of the Fur Council, would not speculate if the attacks were connected with Paint Panther attacks in Washington, DC and New York City in December, 1992 and earlier this year.

ANIMAL-RIGHTS PUBLICATION DENOUNCES ALF TERRORISM

The planting of nine incendiary devices in four Chicago department stores over the Thanksgiving weekend to protest their sale of furs was an act of terrorism so odious that even many people who work for the animal-rights cause were horrified. When the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), a loosely organized underground activist group, claimed responsibility for the act, it made enemies within its own community. Shortly after the news broke (ALF issued its statement via People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals on Monday, Nov. 29), the new animal-rights publication *Animal People* issued a vehement and lengthy statement condemning ALF and those who condone violence to promote their cause.

Editor Merritt Clifton used strong words, saying, in part, "One cannot make peace by waging war...It is thus with particular disgust that we report in this issue how the nightriding cowards of the Animal Liberation Front mindlessly planted nine small firebombs in four Chicago department stores, to protest the sale of fur garments."

The statement was actually an advance release of Clifton's editorial for his January publication. He sent the article to *Fur Age* on Dec. 2 with a cover letter that said, "In the statement we make plain and unequivocal our contempt for the politics of violence and terror, regardless of pretext. *Animal People* circulates 20,000 copies per month to an audience consisting in more-or-less equal parts of humane society personnel, animal control officers, animal-rights activists and veterinarians. We reach the executives of more than 4,000 animal shelters and 900 animal-rights groups."

The editorial itself continued, "As appalling as the recourse to violence itself is the arrogance of the ALF attempt to terrorize stores into discontinuing items that should be discontinued *not* because someone is afraid to buy or sell them, but rather because most people make th moral *choice* to not buy or sell them. People who have choice taken away from them do not have to think about what they do; do not have to choose to be better, kinder, wiser, gentler people; do not grow, and so remain as susceptible to thoughtless participation in violence as ever."

Man guns down wife while stalking deer

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALEXANDER, W.Va.—A woman trying to drive a deer toward her husband was shot to death Friday when he fired at a noise he heard in a thicket, officials said.

Jule Gordon, 57, shot his wife Pansy, 55, once in the chest with a rifle, said Division of Natural Resources spokesman Hoy Murphy.

"She was trying to drive a deer toward him through a pine thicket. He heard a sound and fired at it, hitting his wife," Murphy said.

No charges were filed.

"I'd be afraid that the fur police would spray red paint on the magazines."
—**Marsha Williams** on why her husband **Robin Williams**' ample body hair prohibits the actor from posing nude

Court rejects grand jury witness' appeal

BY KEN OLSEN
Staff Writer

Investigators throughout the country will probably find out what Kim Trimiew says to a federal grand jury in Spokane investigating the Animal Liberation Front.

But that doesn't mean she is entitled to immunity from prosecution across the nation, a three-judge panel from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday.

If Trimiew is indicted by one of the four other grand juries investigating the ALF, she can request a hearing where the government has to prove it didn't use any of her testimony against her, the judges ruled.

That finding could mean Trimiew returns to the Spokane County Jail, where she was held on contempt charges for two weeks in October for refusing to testify before the grand jury. Her attorney, Stephen Houze of Portland, could not be reached for comment Friday.

In an earlier interview, Houze said if the three-judge panel rejected the appeal, he would ask the full appeals court to reconsider.

Trimiew, 21, is an Oregon activist and a target of grand jury investigations in Washington, Oregon and probably Michigan. She was subpoenaed to Spokane to testify before the grand jury investigating the 1991 ALF raid at Washington State University in August.

Trimiew only has immunity from prosecution in Washington. Her attorney argues that since there are so many jurisdictions investigating the ALF raids, she will never be able to tell whether her testimony helped bring about her indictment other places. The federal government rejected his request for extra safeguards for her, like broader immunity.

U.S. District Judge W. Fremming Nielsen jailed her Oct. 5 for contempt after she twice refused to testify. The appeals court freed her on bail Oct. 20, pending its decision.

Animal rights group suspected in arson

y MIKE MULVEY
aukesha County Bureau

Brookfield — The under-ound Animal Liberation Front suspected of starting a fire at a ell-known fur shop in what au-orities say would be the radical oup's first arson in Wisconsin, was learned Thursday.

Investigators found the letters "ALF" and the words "We skin you alive" painted on an exterior of a wall at Chudiks' West Inc., 4120 N. Calhoun Rd., which was the site of a Sunday morning fire.

ALF is the acronym of the Animal Liberation Front, which took credit last month for several arson fires at Chicago department stores.

Chudiks, a fur retailer, suffered at least $125,000 in damage to its building and furs, said Deputy Fire Chief Richard J. Ronan.

No one was injured in the blaze.

"These ALF people are animal activists who are against animal laboratory testing and the selling of furs," Ronan said. "The fire remains under investigation, and it's being investigated as an arson.

"Our arson team, the Brookfield police, the state fire marshals office and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms are all working on the case.

"The writing would lead us to believe someone wanted to take credit for it. This is believed to be the first fire started by ALF in the state, but ATF has said the group has been more active elsewhere in the country."

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An angry Barth W. Chudik, store owner, said the blaze was the latest in a series of incidents at his store.

"It's them (ALF), all right. I've had vandalism committed by animal rights' organizations in the past. I've had acid thrown on my van. I've had slogans written on my building. I've had my store's locks glued shut. I've received threatening phone calls.



Chudik: Will stay in business

"But no one has ever tried to burn my place. And no one has ever tried to kill me. Now, I've been a victim of the former. I hope the same isn't true of the latter."

Chudik said he doesn't know what he can do to protect himself or his business.

"When people are this far off the edge, there isn't much you can do," he said. "I'm going to stay in business and be around for a long time. We're not going to run and hide. I'll take whatever security measures I can."

The Chudik family has been in the fur business in Brookfield since 1916 and has run its store on Calhoun Road for 24 years.

Ronan said it appears the fire was started with some type of flammable liquid on the northeast corner of the building. He said authorities are unaware of any local ALF organization.

Last month, ALF took credit for placing eight fire-starting devices outside of four downtown Chicago department stores that sell furs. The devices started three small fires that were quickly extinguished. No one was injured.

In taking credit for the Chicago fires, ALF vowed to intensify its sabotage against businesses dealing in animal furs.

ALF also is suspected in the 1992 torching of several delivery trucks at a Minneapolis meat wholesaler.





Chudik: Will stay in business



Five trucks belonging to Swanson Meats Inc., Minneapolis, recently were firebombed and sprayed with graffiti in an incident that appears to be related to a nationwide increase in violence against meat packers and animal research laboratories.

The graffiti included the intitials A.L.F. and the slogan "Meat Is Murder."

The FBI is investigating the recent firebombing of five meat trucks owned by Swanson Meats Inc., Minneapolis, as an act of "domestic terrorism."

Graffiti tied to radicals

By Rebecca Goldsmith
Journal staff writer

Radical animal rights activists claimed responsibility for Sunday morning vandalism directed toward D'Artagnon, Inc., distributors for Commonwealth Enterprises, the nation's oldest producer of foie gras.

The Animal Liberation Front painted graffiti on the St. Pauls Street company's trucks after trying to strip them of paint and glue the door locks shut, said Steven Simmons, spokesman for a mainstream animal rights group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Simmons said an anonymous ALF member called PETA early yesterday morning to inform them of the project. The ALF said the incident is the "first direct action against the foie gras industry," Simmons said.

"Frustrated with 'inaction by the criminal justice system and mainstream animal rights organizations,'" Simmons said the ALF's vandalism is a protest of Commonwealth's mistreatment of ducks whose livers are processed into the delicacy foie gras.

In April, cruelty charges were brought against Commonwealth by the district attorney of Sullivan County, N.Y., following an undercover PETA investigation, Simmons said. The charges were dropped within the month, Simmons said.

But D'Artagnan's warehouse manager, Frank D'Anna, said the vandals left no trace of their motive.

Instead of a coherent message, D'Anna said vandals spray-painted six trucks with "scum" and other four-letter words, in green, red, black and "every color that you could imagine."

In contrast, Simmons said the ALF wrote "Duck Torturers" and "Meat is Murder" on the trucks.

"Those messages would be easy to interpret," he said.

By mid-afternoon yesterday the vehicles were virtually clean after a morning of scrubbing. Replacing the company's partially erased logo and repairing the fleet's white finish would cost $2,000 to $3,000, D'Anna said.



Anti-fur duo admits vandalizing stores

Associated Press

MEMPHIS — Three men have pleaded guilty to vandalizing Memphis fur stores that were pelted with bell peppers filled with red paint or had their door locks packed with glue.

Pleading guilty were John Paul Goodwin, 20; Michael Karbon, 20; and Jessie Keenan, 19.

They were sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in jail and ordered to make restitution. The men remain free on bond until May 17 when Criminal Court Judge W. Fred Axley will consider a request for probation.

The tires of a delivery truck at one store were slashed and the vehicle was painted with the slogan "fur is dead," authorities said.

The three were arrested last summer after police staked out one of several Memphis fur stores that had been vandalized.

Nashville Banner, Wednesday, April 21, 1993

Earthweek

A diary of the planet
For the week ending Dec. 10, 1993

■ Fighting back
A Norwegian fisherman described how a 25-foot-long minke whale attacked and chased his 15-foot boat for 15 minutes. Norway's Labor government allowed whalers to catch 226 minke this year in defiance of a 1985 worldwide moratorium on commercial whaling.

■ Mexican Chill
Frost and freezes in northern Mexico have claimed the lives of 570 people, mainly children and the elderly, during the past two months. Sub-freezing temperatures have been recorded in Ciudad Juarez and the city of Chihuahua. The government blamed the population's carelessness and "disregard for the elementary means to protect themselves from cold and infections" as the cause for the high mortality rate.



■ Chicken
Four men who accepted a $15,000 challenge from a British animal-rights activist to live for a week like hens in mechanized chicken farms chickened out after just 18 hours in a cold, cramped cage. The men, who each accepted the bet for their one-fourth share of the booty, emerged from the cage sore and hungry, and blue with cold. The containment area was only three feet square and just over six feet high, and had no sanitation facilities.

■ Double Threat
Massive brush fires and rampaging elephants are devouring vast tracts of farmland in northern Ghana. Agricultural officials warned of food shortages due to the loss of 25,000 acres of rice, sorghum, millet, and beans. Police are attempting to divert the marauding elephants from neighboring Burkina Faso without further provoking them.

■ Elephant roundup
Indonesian conservation officials announced plans to round up thousands of wild elephants in an effort to reduce the chances of further deadly rampages. The pachyderms will be transported to the Way Kambas elephant school, which trains the animals to work in the lumber and entertainment industries. Recent deadly rampages have resulted from the elephant's shrinking habitat which led them to forage in human settlements.

WARNING! VIOLENCE.

THE NEXT FEW PAGES CONTAIN DESCRIPTIONS OF VIOLENCE, AS WELL AS ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF VIOLENCE TOWARDS HUMANS. NEITHER PAL, NOR THE MOVEMENT NECESSARILY SUPPORTS ANY OF THESE IDEAS OR ACTIONS. WE PRINT THESE ARTICLES BECAUSE MAIL-BOMBS HAVE BEEN SENT, AND HUMANS HAVE BEEN INJURED. DEBATE AND ARGUMENT IS NEEDED AND WE INVITE YOU TO CONTRIBUTE YOUR IDEAS.

JANUARY, 1994: "JUSTICE DEPARTMENT" SENDS XMAS MAIL BOMBS

(From BLACK&WHITE&GREEN)
by Alec Smart

BOMBS

Six mail bombs were posted by so-called Animal Rights' extremists, reaching their destinations on Tuesday 22 December 1993. Four were defused at their respective locations, when police or bomb-disposal experts were called in to investigate. A fifth was intercepted at a postal sorting center in Godalming, Surrey. The sixth exploded, injuring four people.

The bomb that detonated was packed in a 60 cm cardboard poster tube, the type commonly available in post offices throughout the U.K. When opened at the office of Vet Diagnostics, in Small Dole (near Henfield, West Sussex), a 45 year-old man suffered burns and abdominal injuries. Three others were treated for shock and temporary deafness. Hypodermic syringes within the cardboard, allegedly filled with HIV contaminated blood, were scattered by the blast. As the AIDS virus cannot live for long outside the human body, it no doubt would have deteriorated to a 'harmless' substance.

Scotland Yard Anti-Terrorist Unit suggested that the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) was involved; however, ALF press officer Robin Webb blamed a new militant organization known as the Justice Department. The Justice Department, in operation since October 1993, is believed to be responsible for dispatching bombs to 13 targets so far. Robin Webb was sent a video by them detailing the construction of a letter bomb. Robin did not believe that the Justice Dept. would contact him again, as they would assume he was under surveillance.

TARGETS

The four other premises that received the cardboard tube-bomb packages were as follows: Hyline Rabbits of Warrington, Cheshire; Harlan Por Cellus, a laboratory animal breeding center at Firgrove Farm, Cross-In-Hand, East Sussex; Biological Research Institute of South Kensington, London; and the premises of a rabbit breeder in Chadderton, Greater Manchester.

Animal Rights' militants, presumably the Justice Dept., have in the past sent similar devices to a fur company, a Buckinghamshire farmer convicted of cruelty to animals, an Oxfordshire cat breeder, and people involved in Bloodsports/Foxhunting. In Padington, a 47 year old man opened a device containing a distress flair. The flair exploded, injuring a three year old girl.



INCENDIARIES

A concerted campaign over Christmas by these shadowy Animal Rights' militants also saw the discovery of incendiary devices in many stores, primarily Boots' the chemists. On December 24th, a highstreet store in Liskeard sold a hair dye kit that had been tampered with. The woman purchaser, upon returning home, found that it contained batteries and an ignition device. (Hair dye kits, particularly those used for bleaching or lightening hair, come supplied with a bottle of Hydrogen Peroxide, a corrosive liquid that will cause blindness if it comes into contact with eyes.)

On Tuesday, December 28th, an incendiary device was discovered in a C.R.S. Living department store. On the same day, another incendiary ignited in a Boots' chemist store in Bodmin, Cornwall, causing a small fire. The Justice Dept. informed ALF's Robin Webb that "5 or 6 Boots' stores in the south" had also been visited and incendiary devices left behind.

Boots, when queried as to why they might be targeted, replied with their standard response: "We don't test our cosmetics on animals." (In fact, they own a large research laboratory in Nottingham where they experiment on animals such as beagles with their pharmaceutical products.)

AN END TO DISCUSSION?

Myc Riggulsford, from the Research for Health Charities (which represents 15 medical charities involved in vivisection), stated: "Such attacks are self defeating. It does nothing to help laboratory animals because all it does is stop discussion."

In the past, bomb hoaxes have been effective in evacuating people rapidly from a chosen area. The effectiveness of this depends largely upon the nature of a society; if a climate of tension exists, where placing explosive devices is an established practice, people will more rapidly believe that their life is at risk when the threat is made. However, this kind of situation develops into a "Boy who cried Wolf!" syndrome, whereby a threat can be made only so many times before it is disbelieved. Then one must back up the threat with actual force (in this case an explosion) to reinforce the sinister sincerity of that threat in the future.

One effect of this kind of action is that it ultimately perpetuates a system where intimidation of groups of people is justified by other groups of people for some political, religious, or moral reason. Further consequences of employing murder to perpetuate a cause include the brutalisation of people and the censorship of debate. Injuring, maiming, or killing the opposition only creates a scenario where the debated topic becomes muted or distorted, and draconian laws are drafted that serve to repress those

involved in the 'reasoned' area of campaigning. In turn, the opposition also resorts to injuring, maiming, and killing...End of discussions.

MY MORALS ARE MORE MORAL THAN YOUR MORALS

Consistent with the mindset of political or moral murderers is the dogma that they cannot ever foresee change in the opinions of their opponents. Animal Rights is primarily an ethical consciousness whereby one considers other life forms as having the fundamental 'right' to exist (without fear of manipulation, exploitation, or death at the hands of humanity.) Exalting humans over other life forms is termed 'Speciesism', and the debate within the framework of Animal Rights concerns the extent to which one species can claim superiority over other species (for instance, should a wasp have as many 'rights' as a whale? An Xmas tree as many as a turkey?.. etc.)

Animal Rights activists often claim to be on a "higher moral plane" than other people. The determination of what constitutes 'higher' morality is in itself potentially fascistic. John Stockwell (the highest ranking member of the CIA ever to go public and expose this sinister secret police force) has lectured on morality. He stated that "although the values are real, there are counterfeit approaches to morality...One of them is called 'Relativism'...and that is, what makes for a good moral judgment is that the moral agent is at peace with it." I suggest that the 'Justice Department' or the 'Animal Rights Militia' (a similar extremist group that predated the Justice Dept.) have allowed themselves to fall prey to their own cynical 'Relativism'. If the moral grounds concerning the 'rights' of other species is that life is sacred, then to maim or kill a human being to prevent them from maiming or killing another being negates this central argument. It is there that we descend into the realm of terrorism.

DIRTY TRICKS INCORPORATED

The Animal Rights' movement (and a 'movement' it has become in the U.K.) has set its own moral agenda. The more radical groups within the campaigning system, such as the ALF, have a policy of causing no harm to other beings, particularly in relation to their strategy of liberation.

The ALF were themselves blamed for two car bombs that exploded consecutively in early 1990. They took the immediate initiative to issue a press statement denying responsibility. The circumstances and characteristics surrounding the two bombs were suspicious to the extent that many believe that an MI5 'Dirty Tricks' department were involved in the operation, in an attempt to discredit the 'Animal Rights' movement. One of the car bombs fell off the vehicle onto the road and detonated outside a children's school, severing a baby's finger with the blast.

Shortly afterwards a high-profile expensive poster-campaign, produced by the besieged Fur industry, appeared on advertising hoardings throughout England. This featured a baby, with the caption, "The only animal that Animal Rights extremists aren't afraid of hurting." One wonders if they offered these advertising hoardings in advance, with someone saying, "Be prepared for a propaganda coup, you can use these prime sites after this particular date." Around this time (mid 1990), a certain Mr. Newberry-Street, bloodsports enthusiast, was jailed for nine months for making bomb hoaxes and placing a mail bomb under his own car in an attempt to discredit animal rights activists opposed to hunting.

MOVING THE GOAL POSTS

Concerning this latest mail-bomb campaign, the future looks grim. Extremists have moved the goal posts on an already unlevel playing field. Similarly, 6 letter bombs exploded in New York, USA, sent by a protective parent, and killing their victims...'Right-to-life' campaigners mail letter bombs to abortion clinics in America...The IRA bombing campaign in Britain has seen a legal backlash with the erosion of civil liberties, including police stop-and-search procedures, 'security zones', and house ransacking carried out under the auspices of the notorious Prevention of Terrorism Act. Hunt saboteurs provoked into violence by hunt security forces have been filmed and presented to the public as marauding thugs. This precipitated the introduction of the Criminal Trespass Bill, another significant loss in civil liberties, giving police unprecedented powers to detain lawful demonstrators.

Will the letter bombing campaign inspire laws giving police authority to open and inspect all mail in their search for 'terrorists'?? Once your freedoms have been taken away they are gone forever. Do you think that the police will stop searching homes and vehicles if Ireland is given back to the Irish and the various armed groups announce a cease-fire??...I think not.

....Alec Smart



ANIMAL LIBERATION, ARE YOU WILLING TO KILL FOR IT?

A debate on violence

The ALF Supporters Group Newsletter from Britain explored the issue of violence and the endangerment of human "physical well being" in the Summer 1993 issue. In order to bring as much of the debate across the ocean as possible, *Out of the Cages!* has provided a summary of the two arguments that were presented.

The first article, "A Band of Mercy Discussion Paper on Violence", argues that violence towards humans will inevitably prove to be counterproductive in promoting animal liberation. This article starts off with the recent revival of the Animal Rights Militia, focussing on a deliberate product contamination action and the planting of an "intricate explosive device". The article moves quickly into a recent history of contamination and car bomb actions in England, stressing that all of these actions "received wide condemnation from both outside and within the movement" and have generated image problems for the Animal Liberation movement. This leads the authors to question if violence will, in the long term, "achieve its wielders intended aims." While the authors acknowledge that a frequent short-term result of violence is that of spectacular economic sabotage and hard-hitting pictures on the front of newspapers, they still ask: "What of the long-term effects?" To explore this, they examine the hypothetical consequences of three possible scenarios: the assasination of a vivisector; the poisoning of goods derived from animal abuse; and the armed hijacking of a lorry.

Concerning vivisector assasination, the authors theorize that such action would tarnish the movement's name and promote a fearful siege mentality in the vivisectors quarters, leading to even more torture and murder of animals. More importantly, the movement would be less able to recruit members, while activists, if caught, would likely face much longer prison sentences and state-orchestrated show trials.

As for the "de facto" poisoning of goods derived from animal abuse, the authors stress that extremely harsh state repression will commence if any member of the public is genuinely harmed by

contaminated products sold to the public. Again, show trials and long prison sentences will be prevalent while fewer campaigners will be out on the street. New recruits will be hard to find and an overall smaller movement will emerge.

Concerning armed hijacking, the authors predict that such actions will prompt the authorities to use more armed marksmen and markswomen, decoyed lorries, and more lethal force against hijackers intercepting decoyed lorries.

In sum, violence will lead to serious recruitment problems, more serious state repression, and the spectre of dead activists.

The second article, "Violent Response", is a specific counter-response to the claims and arguments of the first article. The first part challenges the historical representations of the first article, emphasizing that some of the bombs were planted with the intent of minimizing damage to living creatures. The author also notes that direct action is an end in itself and should not be assessed in terms of its ability to gain publicity or attract new members to the movement. The author states that Direct Action "not only steps outside the law but also [outside of] the reasoning behind 'normal' campaigning." The point of many, if not most, actions is to intentionally hurt or punish animal abusers or destroy their property, or rescue animals. Such actions have the primary goal of stopping on-going animal exploitation, and anything else gained is a bonus while anything lost is unfortunate but largely unavoidable. As for the criticism from movement leaders that frequently accompanies such actions, the author states: "if activists listened to the condemnation of national or local groups, there would be no ALF or even Hunt Sabbing for that matter."

The author then responds to the "Three Scenarios", focussing mainly on the police and state reactions. The author notes that sentencing policy has been going up for a while, especially as ALF activity has increased, and this should be viewed as a sign of success. [ed. note: It is my opinion that the blame for state repression lies solely on the shoulders of the state.] As for show trials, the author simply does not think a mass roundup of activists is likely, given that the past actions have not prompted such a roundup already. Concerning the image of dead activists, the author points out that most activists using guns know what risks are entailed and are probably prepared for the worst. In any case, activists are already getting killed, shot at, and beaten up even when they are not using guns.

In concluding, the author points out that recruitment is not a problem of the ALF or other groups --if people feel strongly enough, they will take action, regardless of the National or Local groups' strength or weakness in numbers. Longer prison sentences are unavoidable -- a storm to be weathered -- as is the current reality of dead activists. The author answers the chant question "Animal Liberation? Are you willing to die for it?" by stating, "Some have, some will, and some will always be prepared to!"

VIOLENCE TOWARDS HUMANS

By the Devils Advocate

Why does everyone get so worked up about violence towards humans? I discern two common arguments, one that is ethical and one that is strategic. The ethical complaint: violence toward animal and Earth-destroying humans promotes self-brutalization and violation of the very values promoted by the movement. The strategic complaint: violence towards humans inevitably backfires, reducing the movement's ability to build support within the broader society while generating a very threatening state and industry retaliation. I recognize these arguments but do not find them completely persuasive.

Concerning ethics, I agree that violence to humans does amount to a contradiction in values and could lead us down that road towards a brutal "ends-justify-the-means" fanaticism. Still, we must acknowledge that a war is going on, and it is a very one-sided war. The animals and the earth are being slaughtered. If our primary goal is to reduce (and even stop) that slaughter, then we need to remain open to any approach that might alter the course of the war, including approaches that might contradict or violate our ethical codes. For me, maintenance of ethical consistency is far less important than reducing the widespread slaughter and exploitation of the innocent. I do not want to sound cavalier, as I too am seriously concerned about the potential for a callous drift toward self-brutalization. Still, I am not going to condemn violence towards humans until I can be persuaded that such violence is truly counter-productive to overall efforts to stop the exploitation and slaughter.

So then, we must ask: does (or will) violence towards humans undermine our efforts to stop the slaughter? To approach this question, I suggest we explore the effect of violence upon: coalition building (and the



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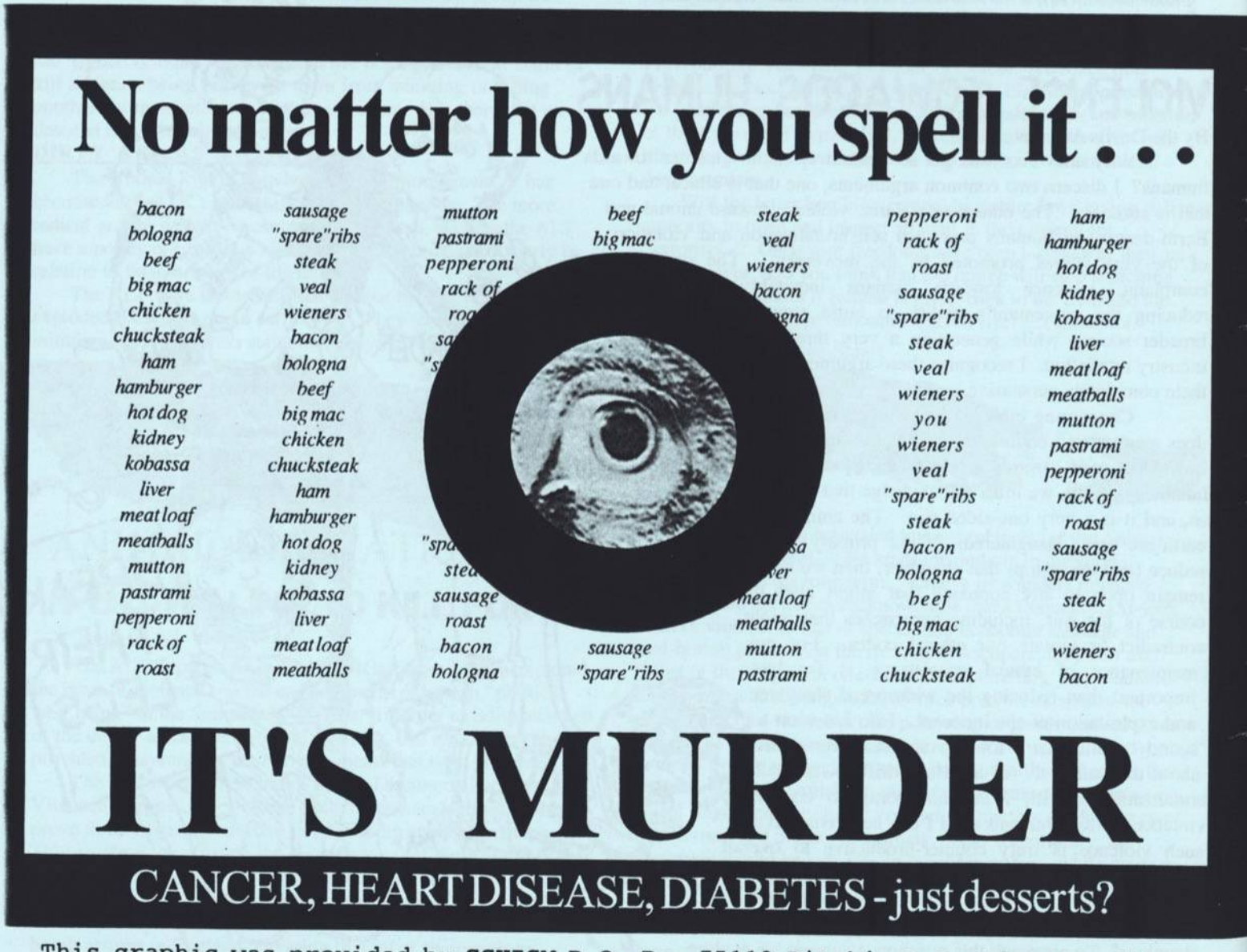
viability of coalition building as a strategy); state repressive activities; and the industry being targeted.

First, violence to humans probably does tend to undermine the possibility of mass-based coalitions, as more skittish coalition partners back off from joint action for fear of being labeled terrorist. Non-violent, mass-based direct action strategies will usually be undermined. However, the question " so what?" must be asked.

Non-violent, mass-based strategies usually achieve limited a gains (if any) which are frequently nullified by renewed state and industry efforts to recoup their losses. These mass-based strategies consume vast amounts of time and money and tend to inhibit the formation of hard-hitting property-destroying approaches. I find this unfortunate. The world is going down the tubes fast and non-violent approaches just do not seem to be significantly changing the flow of events. When I acknowledge this reality, I become somewhat skeptical as to the future efficacy of non-violent approaches. So what is left then? Whatever it is, we must consider it seriously.

Concerning state repression, others have argued succinctly that the movement faces greater repression, regardless of whether it is violent or not -- people get killed and jail sentences grow longer as long as we try to slow down the machine. Violence may speed the pace of repression, but it is going to get worse anyhow. The state considers resistance dangerous to its interests, and it is going to hammer us, so we might as well get used to it.

Last, and most importantly, we must consider the impact of violence upon industry. Assaulting the perpetrators of ghastly deeds may provoke a nasty revenge, but it might also discourage similar and future practitioners from carrying out similar deeds. Such action will definitely notify the industry that the resistance is serious, determined, dangerous, and not easily co-opted. Violent action exerts a special brand of power that industry understands. Such power can cost the industry vast sums of money through added security and insurance costs, as well as through depletion of needed technical expertise and information. Such power may even force the industry to explore and consider alternatives more seriously. But most fundamentally, such power can discourage people from participating in the enterprise at all levels, and this, by itself, may reduce the slaughter. All the more reason, then, to remain mum when it happens again. And believe me, it will happen again, so we best get prepared for it. Violent direct action towards human has arrived big time in the early 1990s and is probably here to stay.



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DEAR ANNA MALIB,

A SPACE FOR DISCUSSION OF CREATIVE MEANS TO FIGHT THE POWERS OPPRESSING ANIMALS. NEITHER PAL NOR THE MOVEMENT NECESSARILY ENCOURAGES ANY OF THESE TACTICS OR IDEAS

Bear breaks window to attack worker

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A polar bear crashed through a window at a remote Air Force radar site and mauled a worker, critically injuring him.

Donald Chaffin, a 55-year-old civilian mechanic, was in critical but stable condition Wednesday at an Anchorage hospital with a collapsed lung and cuts.

The attack occurred Tuesday night in the station lounge at the Alaska Long Range Radar System at Oliktok Point, 600 miles north of Anchorage.

Chaffin heard a noise at the window and turned to see the bear with its face and paws pressed against the glass.

Chaffin swatted at the pane with a rolled-up paper. The 8-foot-tall bear ducked and then crashed through the window.



Lion Mauls Worker At Animal Park

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Katrina Dillon, a wildlife worker whose jugular vein was severed by a lion at Lion Country Safari animal park, was recovering yesterday after emergency surgery after the mauling.

The 450-pound lion apparently attacked Dillon in an enclosed hut area.

Reuters



This activist acted just like an animal

The tale of a really extreme case of animal activism comes to us from Boise, Idaho, where Gov. Cecil Andrus and his pal, Dr. Richard Meiers, are under a doctor's care.

It seems they went hunting, taking along Andrus' faithful mule, Ruthie, as beast of burden. A successful day of stalking an antlered victim concluded near the town of Loman, and the two outdoorsmen were loading a butchered elk onto the mule when the full import of what was going on came to Ruthie in a flash and she kicked back with a full hindquarter roundhouse, connecting soundly on both targets at once.



Andrus is being treated for a deep laceration, possible broken nose and two black eyes, while Meiers is down for head and scalp injuries.

Our spies in the stable say the elk is still dead . . . but Ruthie can't stop chuckling.



Dear Anna Malib,

Two days ago I thought that I would go to the bookstore and check out Kathleen Marquardt's new book Animal Scam to see what the silk worm torturer was saying about our movement. When I went there, I found all of her books to be damaged. Apparently someone had left numerous large, mucousy spits in between the pages of her book. Nobody in their right mind would pay $24.95 for such a damaged book, least of all me. When the manager found out, he had to send the books back to the publisher as damaged merchandise. Luckily for me I hadn't planned on buying the book. After all, why would I give money to the scum who propagate animal torture?

--Montag

Dear Anna Malib,

I just received issue #7 and I feel obligated to write to you concerning your printing of the cartoon titled "Great moments in chicken history." The comic shows chickens tearing the testicles off of Colonel Sanders! I must say that I am very disturbed by this comic. Surely there are more peaceful ways for the animals to struggle for their liberation. What kind of world do these chickens think they are creating when they use violence as a means? Surely the Colonel would listen to reason if the chickens held a peaceful protest, or just bothered to communicate their displeasure over their slaughter and abuse.

Just a few weeks ago a lion mauled a wildlife worker at the Lion Country Safari animal park in West Palm Beach, Fla. (I'm sending you the press clipping along with two others). If we start condoning these blatant acts of violence, what will the future hold? Cattle kicking and biting workers as they lead them to slaughter, bulls would feel totally justified in stepping on and shish kabobbing cowboys at rodeos, monkeys would have no morals keeping them from spitting at or biting vivisectors. Mayhem, I tell you! Mayhem and Anarchy!

To denounce human violence against non-human animals and not also denounce non-human animal violence against humans is completely speciesist. Just think of the opposite; if you say it's O.K. for animals to be violent toward their oppressors and torturers, to keep from being speceisist you would also have to conclude that it is O.K. for human activists to commit acts of violence against humans who oppress and torture animals.

Thank you for listening,

Sincerely, A. Shole

LIES, DAMNED LIES, AND THE BRITISH PRESS

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID – AND DIDN'T SAY – ABOUT TOM WORBY'S DEATH

The media reaction to the death of Thomas Worby was little more than a callous campaign of misinformation. "Nazi past of hunt death saboteur" declared *Today*, in typical Murdoch-rag psycho-pathological style. Journalists had "discovered" that Thomas had been picked up for the day's tragic outing by Margaret Flynn, married in 1981 to (and now divorced from) neo-nazi Terry Flynn. The suggestion was that Flynn – who is not a HSA member – had "recruited" Thomas.

Ignoring the vital question of who had killed who, an editorial continued: "The hunting fraternity may be bad, but there are clearly people among the anti-hunting fraternity who are even worse."

The truth is that Thomas had been invited to come along by his girlfriend.

The *Express* tried to infer that by watching an episode of the BBC's *Casualty*, in which a saboteur was killed by a horse, Thomas had "been warned" about the dangers of hunt sabotage. To further trivialise matters the *Express* labelled Thomas a "problem child living in Council care" – in fact Thomas was living at home with his parents just before his death.

The other tabloids battled it out to detract from the real issue, ie: that a second hunt saboteur had been killed. As one sab asked, "Who is the victim and who is the victimiser? A boy has been killed – shouldn't the papers be asking why?"

The following week the *Sunday Telegraph* was still trying to smear Thomas Worby. In an article about the BFSS's attempts to have trespassing criminalised, the suggestion was made that Tom was "recruited at school by neo-nazi enthusiasts."

A week after the tragedy many newspaper reporters attended the memorial rally in Cambridge, but none reported it – presumably because it was a well attended, well-behaved event. Instead the press attempted to smear the HSA by alleging connections with the ALFront and attacking *Foxcubs*, the HSA's junior campaigning group. In a so-called "exclusive" the *Mail on Sunday* declared that "hunt saboteurs are secretly trying to recruit children as young as seven into their ranks."

The *Foxcubs* organiser, Anne Llewelynn, was branded "an ultra-extremist" with a "fanatical devotion". The *Mail on Sunday* totally ignored the issue of Tom's death, and then had the audacity to refer to Anne as a "dedicated propagandist"...

27 September 1992: Nick Herbert of the British Field Sports Society tells reporters: "From now on we are going to start hunting the saboteurs!"
3 April 1993: Thomas Worby, a 15-year-old schoolboy, is killed under the wheels of a 7 ton truck belonging to the Cambridgeshire Foxhounds hunt

SABOTEUR KILLED AT HUNT

The British fox, stag and hare hunting season ended with the tragic death of a young hunt saboteur, the catastrophic result of a season astonishing in the degree of violent conflict between hunt supporters and saboteurs.

Saturday 3 April 1993: 15-year-old Thomas Worby, from Conniburrow, Milton Keynes, was out with a group of hunt saboteurs at the Cambridgeshire foxhunt. The day had been a successful one for the saboteurs, a fox having escaped unharmed when the hounds on its trail were called out of a covert near Low Farm, Everton, on the Cambs/Beds border.

The hunt eventually boxed up their pack and drove the hound van down a narrow lane away from the meet, as about 30 saboteurs strolled along in front. Eyewitnesses allege that the driver of the hound van began revving the engine and nudging the vehicle forward. The saboteurs quickly scrambled for the side; however Tom Worby's jacket apparently became snagged on the left wing mirror, and he was dragged a considerable distance before gaining a foothold on the truck's running board. Saboteurs allege that the young man banged on the window to encourage the driver to stop, but the vehicle continued and Thomas lost his grip and fell to the roadside, only to rebound underneath the vehicle. His head was crushed by the rear wheels of the seven ton truck and he died shortly afterwards.

In a statement put out after the incident, saboteurs allege that hunt supporters laughed and jeered on hearing of Thomas' death. Other saboteurs said they were taunted by followers of the hunt who apparently found the young boy's death "amusing."

53-year-old Huntsman Alan Ball, who was driving the vehicle, was questioned by Cambridgeshire police. Outrageously, the CPS have since decided that no further action will be taken against him.

500 MOURN AT CAMBRIDGE RALLY





Uninvited guests at the rally: A Fitzwilliam FH supporter armed with video camera (left) and brown-shirted David Dunn (right) of Countrywatch Security

Around 500 people attended a memorial gathering in Parker's Piece, Cambridge, to mourn the death of Thomas Worby. A hunt follower also turned up, and tried (unsuccessfully) to cause trouble by hurling abuse at the crowd from the roadside.

Speakers at the rally included Ben Ponton (HSA Press Officer), Dave Fox (spokesperson for Cambridgeshire sabs) and Rorke Garfield from the National Animal Rescue Association.

Rorke Garfield asked for a show of hands of those who'd ever been attacked by hunt supporters – only a handful of those in attendance didn't raise their hands.

As well as the elderly Fitzwilliam supporter, another unwanted figure appeared at the rally, sitting himself on a bench on the outskirts of the gathering, with one of his "rentboys". David Dunn, co-ordinator of Countrywatch (a militant security firm who dress in brown shirts), is an ex-soldier who took his "stewards" to 13 hunts last season. His attendance at the memorial was in particularly bad taste.

Dunn was asked why he had come, and why three of his employees were dismissed last season for carrying weapons whilst pursuing saboteurs. On the advice of the police he soon left the area.

HORROR STORIES

We often look back to points in our lives when we experienced something traumatic having to do with animals. We may or may not have been conscious of our trauma at the time, but ultimately we have acted on these experiences, either continuing to resist our real feelings or making the decision to confront them and do something about the way we live and think. Some of our stories are tales of revelation and others are often events that we remember from childhood while becoming aware of society's odd set of ideals--others are both of these.

Please send us your horror story.

The Ants

By Kyle

One of the first memories of mine is from when I was in kindergarten. In one corner of the playground there was a colony of red ants. My friends and I believed that these ants could sting us so it was a favorite pastime of ours to kill them. One day, we found a veritable multitude of them milling about for some reason and took the opportunity to inflict mass slaughter by stomping up and down on them repeatedly. Everywhere we saw signs of life, we killed it.

Afterwards, I surveyed the destruction. Literally thousands of dead ants lay before me. I noticed one ant who was not quite dead trying to move. Half of its poor body was crushed but it still struggled. It dragged itself to some nearby dead ants and finally stopped struggling--it too was dead. All of a sudden, I felt a wave of revulsion sweep over me as I realized what suffering I had caused. I didn't become a vegetarian until many years later, but the memory of that day has lived with me always.

CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

BY TONY FARLEY

I remember my mom used to make chicken and dumplings. It was one of my favorites. The hot yummy broth with large cloud-like dough balls floating around made for good table games as well as good food. So when I was wondering what to make for for my wife and I for dinner one evening a few years ago before I became vegan, I thought, "Hey, why not chicken and dumplings?" We had a box of that all-purpose-make-anything- doughy aluminum-powder-filled necessity for those who don't know how to mix flour and baking powder, called Bisquick. We also had in the freezer a whole five pound rubber-banded-shut extra cheapo buy in mass quantity and save a bundle in the long run but half goes rotten from freezer burn, bag of chicken wings and legs.

So, armed with all the ingredients and the recipe that is conveniently on the box of Bisquick, I set off to make it just like mom used to. Of course, I didn't plan ahead like mom used to, and I hadn't put the body parts out on the counter in the morning to thaw out. No problem though, we had a microwave.

The recipe didn't call for the whole bag o' parts, and I didn't want to thaw out the whole thing just to have to freeze the unused legs and wings again--that wouldn't be energy efficient. So I started to smack the big frozen blob with anything heavy I could find. This didn't work very well so I went out on the porch and bashed it down on the concrete a couple times (in the bag of course). This broke a couple of pieces off, but not enough. I then started hacking and cutting at it with a large knife until I cut into my finger while pulling on a wing tip and trying to cut through the bone in the elbow of a wing. Since I didn't want to add my own body parts to the soup, I ended this plan of action and put it all back in its original bag and shoved it in the microwave. I figured that if I could just thaw it out enough to get the individual pieces apart, I could then put the half thawed pieces that I didn't need, back in the freezer. So after about five minutes on "defrost," it became obvious that this mass of meat was not going to be phased by a wimpy micro on power level three, so I gave it full power for ten minutes: I was sick of playing around.

When the timer went off I opened the door to a splash of gooey-foamy blood and fat that had dripped through the holes I created in the plastic bag by bashing it on the concrete. The counter-top was a bloody mess and I had to sop it clean with a sponge. Then grabbing the mass, I pulled it out and it started dripping more so I tumbled it into the sink and opened the bag. It sat there steaming. Frozen still in the middle, but half baked and oozing on the surface. I was now able to peel apart whole legs and wings from the gob. And by the time that I got to the icy core I had a good supply of flesh.

Then came the deboning. I had to scrape every piece of dripping skin, muscle, and veins from the legs and wings. After a while I had one pile of flesh and one pile of bones.

At dinner, my enthusiasm for the meal I had made was considerably less than when I when I made an occasional vegetarian meal, and I had a hard time looking at it while I ate it. I told my story to my wife, and said, in a pleading kind of manner, next time we'll just have dumplings. O.K? Vegetable soup and dumplings. No more chicken.

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1) Interviews With Animal Liberation Front Activists
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Issued in 1986, this booklet details tactics used by the ALF in Britain. Includes photos and diagrams.

2) An Animal Liberation Primer
32 pages, 1/2 size $1.50
Originally produced by the Canadian ALFSG, this booklet details ALF tactics.

3) BWAP!
Spring 1990, 4 pages, 2 stamps
Fall 1991, 4 11x17 pages, $1.00
The publication of the California Hunt Saboteurs.

4) Combat
#1, 1990, 16 pages $1
#2, 1992, 8 pages, $1
The publication of the Canadian ALF Support Group, with action news, etc.

5) The Militant Vegan
#1, 20 pages, Spring 1993, $2
#2, 12 pages, July 1993, $1.50
#3, 12 pages, October 1993, $1.50
Covers ALF news, prisoner support, building the vegan movement, etc.

6) The Liberator
16 11x17 pages, 1988, $3
A newspaper issued by the old U.S. ALFSG. Lots of action news, an excellent historical guide to direct action in the 80's.

7) Howl
#50, Fall 1992, 24 pages, $2.00
English Hunt Saboteurs' magazine. News, tactics, legal advice, more.

8) Southeast Liberator
#2 Fall 1992, 14 pages, $1
#3 Winter 92-93, 26 pages. $2
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10) Wildlife Actions/Grand Juries file
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11) Arkangel
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Arkangel is the most inspiring animal liberation zine there is! Packed with news from ALF to the moderates, opinons, and a great emphasis on the grassroots movement. Absolutely essential-get them all!

12) ALFSG (UK) Diary of Actions
#2 July 1987, 5 pages, $.50
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Just send a couple of stamps or request them with your order!
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3) Hunt-Sab How-To
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1) Soy, Not Oi, 112 pages, 1 $3
Humorous. Essays, Drawings, Punk Rock!

2) Bark & Grass 48 pages, $1.50
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3) Raggedy Anarchy's Guide to Vegan Baking, 92 pages, $3
All deserts. All bad for you (Vegan Warriors beware!). Rants.

4) Vegetarian Cooking for a Better World, 32 pages, $1.50
Publication of the North American Vegetarian Society (Vegan!)

13) Out of the Cages
#6, 16 pages, $1
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This is a Santa Cruz-based magazine with opinions, action clippings, and reprints from Arkangel.

14) Without a Trace
24 pages, 1/2 size $1.50
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15) Front Line News
Spring 1988.
32 11x17 pages, $4
Front Line News was published by the old Canadian ALFSG. Full of international ALF news-a great source of info on action in the 1980's.

16) Report to the Congress on the Extent and Effects of International and Domestic Terrorism on Animal Enterprises
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Released in August 1993 by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Agriculture. See what the government has to say about the ALF.

17) Amnesty #2
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20 pages, $2
News about Animal Liberation prisoners, exposing fascism,more.

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PLEASE TELL THEM YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT 'EM FROM CAGES!

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NORTH AMERICAN ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT SUPPORT GROUP

The SG is publishing a newsletter with information about ALF actions, arrests, and prisoners. Membership is $20 employed, $15 unemployed/low income. Membership money also goes to the Activist Defense Fund to support arrested and imprisoned activists. Send checks to ALFSG PO BOX 75029, RITCHIE P.O., EDMONTON, AB, T6E 6K1 CANADA.

ALF SUPPORTERS GROUP NEWSLETTER

The British ALFSG newsletter contains information concerning A/R prisoners and defense funds, articles and news. It is full of letters from jailed activists as well as addresses to write back to the activists. Also, the articles printed in the newsletter argue the A/R issues of the times. The most recent newsletter argues the pro's and con's of killing vivisectors. Also in the issue are discussions of "grasses," people who tell the cops what they want to hear in order to shorten their sentence. Send $25 to BCM 1160, LONDON ENGLAND, WC1N 3XX.

FEMINISTS FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

FAR publishes their high-quality magazine twice a year. It consists of articles on animal liberation issues in feminist frameworks, and it also includes poetry, resources, reviews and great merchandise. The articles are always intriguing and imformative; contributers often include members of FAR's large advisory board, women such as Carol J. Adams, Marti Kheel, and Greta Gaard. Though FAR's main headquarters is in New York, there are regional coordinators all over the U.S. and one in Toronto, Canada. In the past, FAR has assisted PAL in setting up feminist/animal liberation forums by providing excellent slide shows and speakers. If you have never seen a FAR publication, you are missing out on important issues in the movement. Send $4 for one copy or become a member for $15-$25 (sliding scale): Feminists for Animal RightsPOB 694, Cathedral Station, New York, NY 10025-0694.

HOWL

HOWL is the magazine of the Hunt Saboteurs Association in Britain. It reports the actions of the many Hunt Sab groups across the nation. Things are getting hot over there as you will find in the Hunt Sab report. The 'zine is done very well and is packed full of pictures and detailed tactics. PAL would like to encourage people to form Sab groups in N. America. I don't know if they can handle foreign currency, but it can't hurt to send a check. If they can't use it, they'll have to rip it up. I'm sure they'll find a way to use it. Send $25 to PO BOX 1, CARLTON, NOTTINGHAM ENGLAND, NG42JY.

BUNNY HUGGERS' GAZETTE

the BHG is a comprehensive source of current information on animal protection issues. It has pleas for letters to be written to different politicians and business leaders to pressure them to stop exploiting animals. Also, it has a comprehensive list of current boycotts of companies and why. As well as updates of current legislation. A one year subscription is $13 ($17 for first class postage). Send it to BUNNY HUGGERS' GAZETTE, PO BOX 601, TEMPLE, TEXAS 76503.

Rights, Camera, Action!

RCA is a 'zine put out by People Acting for Animal Liberation. PAal is based in Winnipeg, Canada. The 'zine is graphically wonderfull. The content of the articles concentrates on regional issues and getting folks involved around their area. Send $12 (Canadian 'eh), send a bit more if you must send US $. Send to PAaL 15-222 Osborne Street South, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3L 1Z3.

PROGRESS

What kind of world are you progressing to,
Industrialist slime?
What kind of world do you visualize
Nighttime come and your mind in your chain
Of abrasions
Drinks
And frigidity?
Ah, brothers you break my heart
You taint my sky, you rut my flesh
You murder my organs and still
You pray to your white god of commerce
To wring from me the coins
That will make you fortune
That will built you mansions
That will fuel your automobiles
Indefinitely
As if I was a Kmart
With a store room of extra boxes piled to the ceiling
With a sales people who can fill out an order form and send it
to the factory
Where supply is endless
Where we never run out
Where it is never too late
Where there is only hope for bigger and better and cheaper things
Tomorrow
At the blue light special.
NO MORE ROADS

The scars you have inflicted outnumber my ability to heal.
NO MORE CLEARCUTS
You have exposed my flesh to the elements,
My blood dries and crumbles into polluted rivers.
NO MORE TORTURE
My children animals, your brothers and your sisters.
Can't you hear their cries?
Can't you feel your connection
To every living creature?
When you cannibalize the flesh
Of your tortured family
Can't you feel the vibration of horror
Electric and writhing
through your bloodstream?
Capitalists, Industrialists, Bureaucrats, Republicans
How can I despise you,
When you are my own flesh and blood?
How can I do more
Than reprimand your actions
And beg you
To show your siblings
More respect.
I can only ask you to feel me
My presence within you
And try to love yourselves
More deeply
and completely
Than you do.

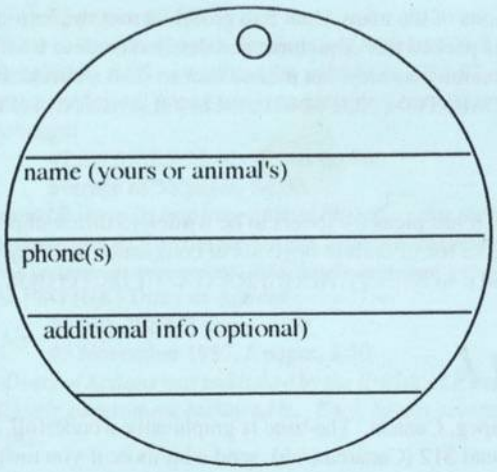
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