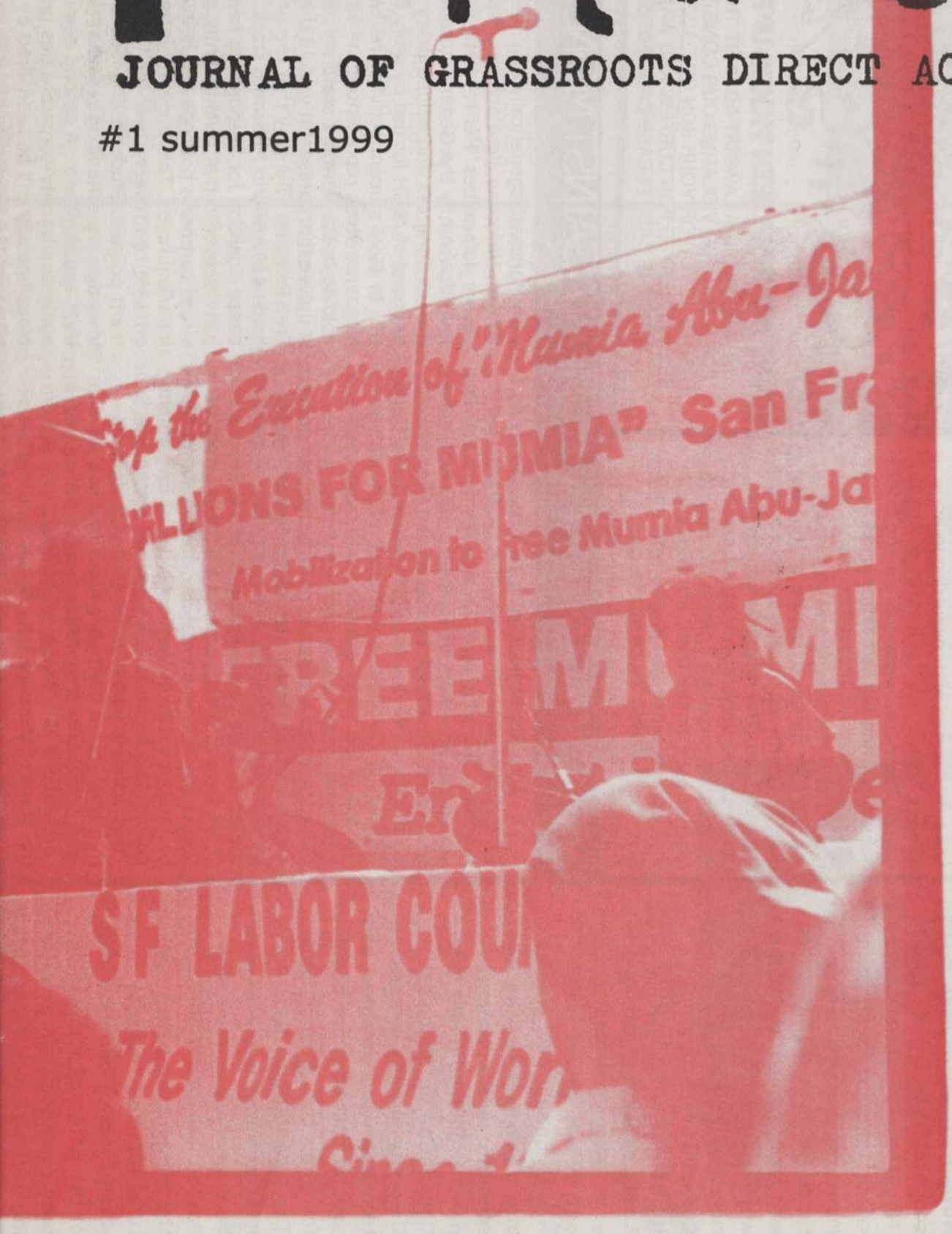
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welcome,

PROCTOR & GAMBLE ARE THE WORLDS LARGEST PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY, NETTING PROFITS OF $37.2 BILLION LAST YEAR. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORTING REPRESSIVE REGIMES IN BRAZIL, CHINA, COLUMBIA, EGYPT, INDIA, INDONESIA, KENYA, LEBANON, MEXICO, MOROCCO, PERU, THE PHILIPPINES AND TURKEY. THEY HAVE OVEREXPOSED THE FACTORY WORKERS IN THEIR PULP PLANTS TO TOXIC CHEMICALS LIKE HYDROGEN SULFIDE. THEIR PLANTS CONTINUE TO OMIT EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AMOUNTS OF POLLUTION, LIKE THE 50 MILLION GALLONS OF WASTE WATER THEY DUMP IN THE FENHOLLOWAY RIVER EACH DAY FROM A SINGLE CELLULOSE PLANT IN FLORIDA, CONTAMINATING FISH WITH DIOXIN AND AND RENDERING LOCAL WELL WATERS UNSAFE TO DRINK. THEY ALSO TORTURE AND KILL THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS FOR THEIR FRAUDULENT PRODUCT TESTING PROGRAMS EVERY YEAR.

THE PROBLEM WITH P&G IS NOT ONLY THAT THEY CHOOSE TO TEST THEIR PRODUCTS ON ANIMALS, OR THAT THEY EXPLOIT THEIR FACTORY WORKERS, POLLUTE RIVERS OR SUPPORT BRUTAL MILITARISM OVERSEAS. THE TRUE PROBLEM LIES DEEPER IN THE NATURE AND PHILOSOPHY OF THIS SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS THESE LARGE CORPORATIONS TO EXIST.

INSTITUTIONS LIKE P&G EXIST ONLY TO MAKE MONEY. THEY ALMOST ALWAYS WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO BEST ACCOMPLISH THAT IMMEDIATE GOAL, REGARDLESS OF MORALITY. RARELY DO THEY THINK TWICE ABOUT THINGS LIKE DESTROYING LIVES OR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WHEN IT COMES BETWEEN THEM AND PROGRESS, AND FOR THAT REASON ALONE THESE OPPRESSORS NEED TO BE PUT TO REST.

TARGETING PROCTOR & GAMBLE SOLELY ON ONE OF THE ABOVE ISSUES AT BEST COULD CAUSE THE END OF THAT SPECIFIC VIOLATION, WHILE IN THE LONG RUN ALLOWING THE LARGE CORPORATION TO EVOLVE AND CONTINUE TO CAUSE FURTHER EXPLOITATION IN OTHER AREAS. BUT BY UNITING OUR EFFORTS, WE NOT ONLY COULD ALL-TOGETHER BRING AN END TO OPPRESSORS LIKE PROCTOR & GAMBLE, BUT POTENTIALLY COULD BRING ABOUT THE KIND OF SOCIETAL CHANGE THAT IT IS GOING TO TAKE TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE THE EARTH AND IT'S INHABITANTS ARE PUT BEFORE POWER AND PROFITS.

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~lesliejames, editor

Activists arrested during an anti-vivisection demonstration at U.C.S.F. on April 23rd for the alleged destruction of research equipment



INTRODUCTORY TO THE MOVE ORGANIZATION. JANET, DEBBIE, & JANINE AFRICA



To quote MOVE's Founder, JOHN AFRICA, quote - THE MOVE ORGANIZATION IS A POWERFUL FAMILY OF REVOLUTIONARIES, FIXED IN PRINCIPLE, STRONG IN COHESION, STEADY AS THE FOUNDATION OF A MASSIVE TREE. A PEOPLE TOTALLY EQUIPPED WITH THE PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING OF SIMPLE ASSERTION, COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT, UNBENDING DIRECTION. OUR WAY IS TRUE, DIRECTION SAFE, OUR POWER OF PURPOSE COMPLETELY FIXATED, AS WE ARE THE MOST ORGANIZED BODY TO EVER WEAR THE TITLE OF HUMAN WITH TOTAL COMPREHENSION. WHILE THE SO CALL EDUCATORS TALK OF LOVE, MOUTH THE NECESSITY FOR PEACE, WE LIVE PEACE, ASSERT THE POWER OF LOVE, COMPREHEND THE URGENCY OF FREEDOM. THE REFORMED WORLD SYSTEM CANNOT TEACH LOVE WHILE MAKING ALLOWANCES FOR HATE, PEACE WHILE MAKING ALLOWANCES FOR WAR, FREEDOM WHILE MAKING ALLOWANCES FOR THE INCONSISTENT SHACKLES OF ENSLAVEMENT. FOR TO MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR SICKNESS IS TO BE UNHEALTHY, TO MAKE CONCESSIONS WITH SLAVERY IS TO BE ENSLAVED, TO COMPROMISE WITH THE PERSON OF COMPROMISE IS TO BE AS THE PERSON YOU ARE COMPROMISING WITH. SICKNESS IS NOT TO BE ALLOWED, IT IS TO BE ELIMINATED, HATRED IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED, IT IS TO BE ABOLISHED, THE ENSLAVING PERSON OF WAR IS NOT TO BE CONCEDED, ACCEPTED, TEMPORARILY OBSCURED BY THE ILLUSION OF PEACE, IT MUST BE COMPLETELY CUT DOWN, DIRECTLY DONE AWAY WITH, TOTALLY DESTROYED THROUGH THE REALITY OF PEACE. TO ATTEMPT TO PROMISE THE TRANQUILITY OF PEACE IN A LIFESTYLE THAT FROWNS ON THE MEANING OF ABSOLUTE, SCOFFS AT THE MENTION OF PERFECTION, GETS UPTIGHT AT THE MERE SUGGESTION OF ONE DIRECTION, IS TO ADMIT TO DECEPTION, NULLIFYING YOUR HONESTY,.... - end quote. JOHN AFRICA. LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA FOREVER!

THE MOVE ORGANIZATION is a revolutionary organization, we are the vanguard, the spearhead of JOHN AFRICA's revolution. Our work is to confront this system by exposing the corruption in this system. Our work is to show people through MOVE's example of unity, consistency that they can fight this system and win once they realize this system is the cause of all their problems.

MOVE ain't talking about changing governments, replacing this corrupt system of government with another, MOVE is talking about eliminating all forms of external government and replacing it with the government of self, for if external government was right it would work, but it don't work. Every government that has ever been so called established by man has been a disaster,



PHOTOS BY KEITH WILSON

MILLIONS FOR MUMIA

SAN FRANCISCO by todd x

April 24th—In San Francisco nearly 25,000 people joined more than 25,000 others across the country in solidarity to to demand the release of Mumia Abul Jamal. Joined together to show their disgust with a judicial system that dispenses with iniquity instead of justice. Joined together to their contempt for the prison industrial complex is fast becoming a new slave ship. Joined together to cry out for the lives of the more than 3000 men and women on death row. People from all across the country lent their support to the thousands of prisoners of politics, conscience, and unjust laws currently living their lives behind bars so that their collective voice could be heard.

Thousands took to the streets all across the US to show that there were more than just small band of revolutionaries discontent with a justice system that imprisons innocent men and women. A justice system that offers get out of jail cards to those that can afford them. A justice system that gives cops the license to brutalize, frame, and kill. Thousands came together this past April to cry for freedom for Mumia Abul Jamal and everything he stands for.

Something happened during the March for Mumia that has given me a new found hope that the revolution is gaining force. In San Francisco, police had taken two individuals into custody in front of the procession of supporters for Mumia Abul Jamal. This blatant act of intimidation on the part of this occupying force (their presence was not and is not wanted) was thwarted by the marchers. Because of their sheer numbers they were able to liberate the two and bring them into their fold. They were able to do so because they realized they could. This to me was the single greatest event of the day. It showed that the power of the people can literally take back what is rightfully theirs. And I made the connection, (perhaps prematurely), that if we band together like this more often and that if we continued to participate in direct actions that undermined that power structure that seeks to marginalize our existence our only struggle will be how to make the world an even better place for our future.

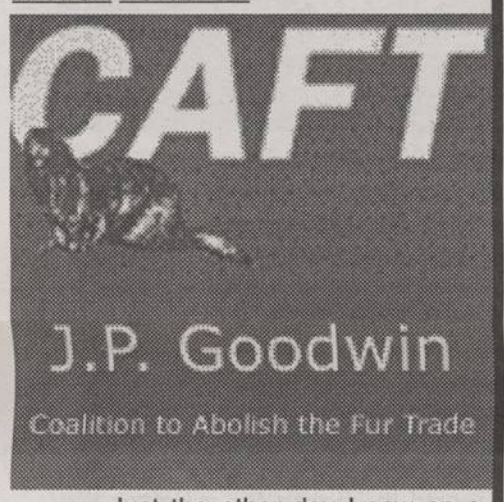
It has been almost twenty years since Mumia Abul Jamal has experienced life outside of prison's walls—and still he perseveres. Mumia has resisted , quite effectively, every attempt, the system which has imprisoned him, to be marginalized. In fact he has become one of the most important voices of dissent of our time. Mumia has the ability to show us how all struggles against tyranny are connected. How the plights of others are also our plights. Mumia Abul Jamal has never spoke primarily for himself. Angela Davis reminded us just what he has fought for even behind the bars that hold him in her address to the March in San Francisco, ". . . .Mumia speaks out against the US military. He speaks on behalf of the Kosovars that are victims of NATO's intervention. And he speaks on behalf of the people of Rwanda who are victims of genocide. And he speaks for the people who come here from countries all over the world in search for a better life; then find that they are incarcerated in INS detention centers, work prisons, and jails. Mumia speaks for the Puerto Rican political prisoners and prisoners of war. And Mumia speaks for Leonard Peltier. "

But it is not that Mumia merely speaks out against tyranny and lends his voice to those that have been oppressed by this tyranny. Nor is it because he does so quite eloquently. It is because his plight is not unique. There are thousands of people just like him behind bars because they chose to defy the inhumanity of corporate profits, they chose to defy governments' complicity in this atrocity, and they chose to defy the Gestapo like practices of a police force that now occupies our cities and towns enforcing the policies that have been emplaced to ensure that this cycle can continue. A cycle that dominates all of our lives. A cycle that has allowed the ingredients essential to our survival to become a poison that is slowly killing us. The air that we breathe, water that we drink, and the food that we eat is filled with the waste of profits that we will never see. Profits that ensures poverty maintains a crippling hold upon us so that we will do anything just to survive.

Mumia Abul Jamal reminds us that we are the only ones concerned with our future. That anyone that would poison the air that they breathe, the water that they drink, and the food that they eat is not someone that is concerned with our future, because they are not even concerned with theirs. Mumia reminds us that the power base that would sign their own death warrants cares nothing for the people it dominates. Mumia reminds us that all struggles against this self-destructive tyranny must join together if we are to have any hope for the future. We need to free Mumia—his liberation will be the beginning of ours. Free Mumia Abul Jamal!

a failure. Why must people attempt to believe in a government, a monarch, a ruler, that is totally unreliable, ungovernable, unruly.

JOHN AFRICA, THE COORDINATOR of MOVE teach, it's foolish to think people can trust a government that has consistently proven to be untrustworthy. So long as people attempt to invest their life in the failing deception of external government they can expect failure, ain't nothing safe, the whole thing is disastrous, for there is only one government, one system, one establishment, the government of self, system of commitment, established direction of common consistency. LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA's REVOLUTION! MOVE ain't talking about making jail so called better, MOVE is fighting to do away with prisons and the mentality that allows prisons to exist when freedom should be the only force realized. MOVE don't endorse criminality of no kind. MOVE, through the strategy of JOHN AFRICA is working is working to eliminate the conditions that cause crime, working to eliminate this entire system, JOHN AFRICA, MOVE's COORDINATOR, is the master strategist behind MOVE and got the power, the wisdom to stop this system, it's corruption and this system know it, that is why this system wants to stop JOHN AFRICA, stop MOVE, but JOHN AFRICA will not be stopped on no level, at no time. THE POWER OF TRUTH IS FINAL! LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA FOREVER!



Just the other day I saw an e-mail from someone claiming they were not an activist organization, but an education organization. I can't quite seem to figure out the difference. What does this person think activism is?

Another group, whose main objective is to promote veganism,has recently made claims against direct action and protests. This group claims that they are about education, by passing out leaflets, one person at a time.

These individuals seem to lack an understanding of what direct action campaigning and protest are about. This sort of attitude expresses a very serious naiveté about effective political campaigning. To see leading organizations display such a lack of campaign expertise is very scary.

I'm going to come out and say it very bluntly, limiting your campaigning to passing out flyers guarantees you will not win any but the smallest of campaigns. The fact is, this nation has 260 million people. We can't possibly reach all of them, or build a mass movement, by doing nothing but passing out flyers.

Direct action, especially when done in a strategic manner,puts our message into millions of living rooms via the mass media. That is what real education is about.

Initial coverage of direct action tends to focus more on a groups tactics, but it puts the issue out to millions, instead of hundreds. Persistent campaigning leads the public to ask "why are these people so fanatical about this?" That is when you really open the door to mass education.

Distribution of printed materials



The Case of Mumia Abu Jamal, by Terry Bisson
(from New York Newsday, 1995)

In 1978, Philadelphia Mayor (and ex-police chief) Frank Rizzo blew up at a press conference, threatening what he called "the new breed" of journalists. "They [the people] believe what you write and what you say," said Rizzo, "and it's got to stop. One day—and I hope it's in my career—you're going to have to be held responsible and accountable for what you do."

What the "new breed" was doing in 1978, and is still doing today, was exposing police misconduct. A cop had been killed in a confrontation between Philadelphia police and the radical MOVE organization (the same MOVE that was fire-bombed by the city seven years later), and the police version of who shot first hadn't been accepted without question. Rizzo feared a new trend, and he was right. The trend has continued. Today, the Mollen Commission, the NYPD "party"in DC, the Rodney King case and hundreds of other local scandals have exposed the dark underside of police misconduct nationwide. Ironically, the most prominent of the "new breed" of journalists at whom Rizzo's outburst was directed is awaiting execution on Pennsylvania's Death Row, the victim—many believe—of a police frame-up.

Mumia Abu-Jamal began his journalism career with the Black Panther Party. The Panthers were the original "affirmative action" employer, and Mumia (then Wesley Cook) was Minister of Information for the Philadelphia chapter at age 15, writing for the national newspaper. A heady beginning for a West Philly kid. After the Panthers fell apart (helped by a stiff dose of FBI harassment) Mumia turned to broadcasting. He had the voice, the writing talent and the ambition, and by age 25, he was one of the top names in local radio, interviewing such luminaries as Jesse Jackson and the Pointer Sisters and winning a Peabody Award for his coverage of the Pope's visit. He was president of the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists, called "one to watch" by Philadelphia magazine.

But Mumia was still a radical. The Philadelphia Inquirer called him "an eloquent activist not afraid to raise his voice," and this fearlessness was to be his undoing. His vocal support of MOVE's uncompromising life-style lost him jobs at Black stations, and he was forced to moonlight to support his family. The mayor's outburst marked the beginning of a campaign of police harassment that included such subtleties as a cocked finger and a 'bang bang' from a smirking cop, and escalated to a late-night police beating of Mumia's brother on the street. Mumia was driving a cab that night. It is undisputed that he intervened. It is undisputed that both he and officer Daniel Faulkner were shot, and that Faulkner died. What is in dispute is who killed Faulkner. Mumia says it was someone else, and several witnesses saw another shooter flee the scene. Mumia's legally registered .38 was never decisively linked to Faulkner's wounds.

Mumia's murder trial was a policeman's dream. Denied the right to represent himself, he was defended by a reluctant incompetent who was later disbarred (and who has since filed an affidavit in Mumia's support detailing his delinquencies). Mumia was prosecuted by a DA who was later reprimanded for withholding evidence in another trial. He was allowed only $150 to interview witnesses.

But best of all was the judge. A life member of the Fraternal Order of Police, branded as a "defendant's nightmare" by the Philadelphia Inquirer, Judge Albert F. Sabo has sentenced more men to die (31 to date, only two of them white) than any other sitting judge in America. A fellow judge once called his courtroom a "vacation for prosecutors" because of bias toward convictions.

Sabo wouldn't allow Mumia to defend himself because his dreadlocks made jurors "nervous." Kept in a holding cell, he read about his own trial in the newspapers. A Black juror was removed for violating sequestration, while a white juror was given an court escort to take a civil service exam; in the end all the Black jurors but one were removed. A policeman who filed two conflicting reports was never subpoenaed (he was "on vacation"). Mumia's Black Panther history was waved like a bloody flag: Had he said, "All power to the people?" Yes, he admitted, he had said that. Character witnesses like poet Sonia Sanchez were cross-examined about their "anti-police" writings and associations.

Thus with Judge Sabo's help, an award-winning radical journalist with no criminal record was portrayed as a police assassin lying in wait since age 15. After Mumia's conviction, Sabo instructed the jury: "You are not being asked to kill anybody" by imposing the death penalty, since the defendant will get "appeal after

is not something I discourage, because it has its place in a campaign. However, to use this as your main means of getting your message across insures that your audience will be extremely limited. Even passing out 10,000 flyers means little in a city with 1million people.

On the other hand, something newsworthy can educate millions. In March of 1999 a group in Eugene, OR did a civil disobedience action at a circus. The protesters, who were opposed to the vicious training methods used to make elephants and bears do tricks, were arrested after locking themselves together and carrying out a blockade.

This action caused Court TV to do a special piece on the treatment of circus animals. A nationally recognized expert on circus animals discussed the bull hooks, electric shock and food deprivation used in the circus industry.

Most circus protests consist of nothing more than passing out flyers.When a group stepped up and did more, their message was heard by millions, not hundreds.

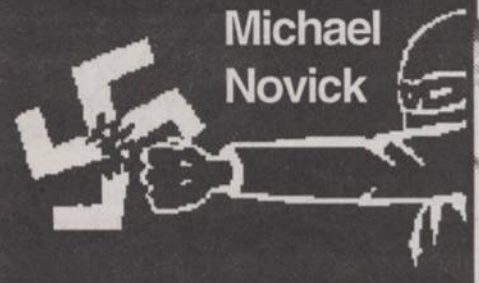
That said, leafleting can be used effectively when carried out hand in hand with more aggressive actions. At many department stores animal rights groups have used blockades and in store disruptions to send powerful statements to management.

Often times these actions are followed up by persistent leafleting. When activists pass out flyers at a store that was targeted by a militant protest a week before, the security will spend their time watching the activists. This is effective because a stores security resources are spent dealing with an animal rights campaigner, taking away from what the management would otherwise want them to do. This is effective. However, it has to be done hand in hand with a more direct action to have the desired impact.

The point of all this is to urge people to do more and not limit themselves. Step up to the plate and do something that is effective. Animals don't have 1000 years for us to convince everyone one at a time, when instead we can convince them thousands at a time.



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People Against Racial Terror

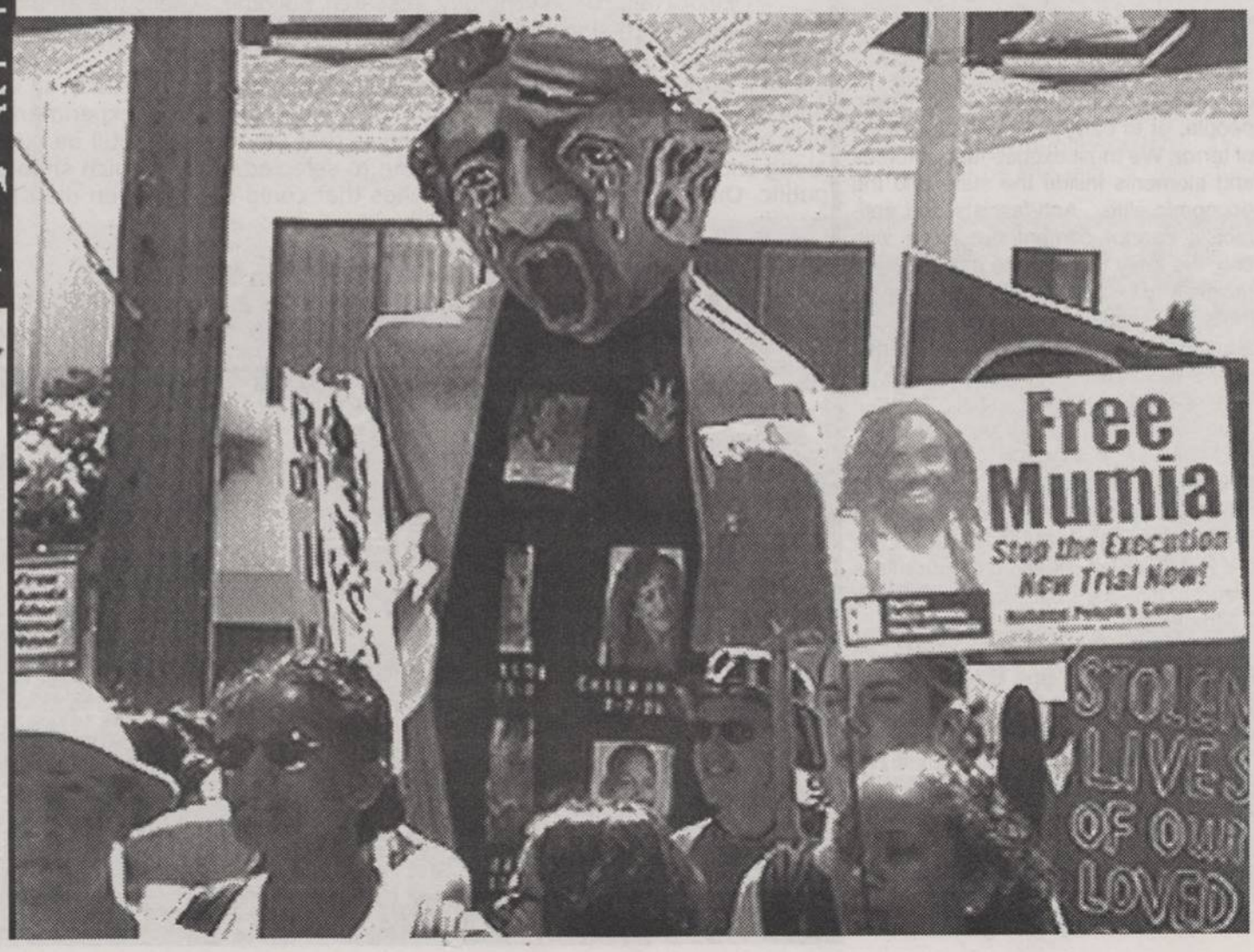
Classic definitions of fascism claim that the rulers turn towards this method of rule when they are incapable of ruling in their ordinary way.Usually, this is said to be caused by the strength of the workers' movement combined with economic crisis. Yet today, the forces for liberation in US society seem relatively weak, and we are supposed to be in the midst of an unprecedented period of"stable economic growth and prosperity." However, this country seems to be taking an undeniable turn towards fascism anyway. We have mass imprisonment, with nearly two million incarcerated. Militarization of all aspects of society including the schools and the police has culminated in constant military adventures and the latest NATO aggression. The state apparatus is not shrinking, but growing,while turning the

appeal after appeal." Such instruction, grounds for reversal since Caldwell vs. Mississippi, was allowed in Mumia's case. Mumia's appeals have so far gone unanswered. After being on Death Row for thirteen years, he is now the target of a police-led smear campaign. Last year NPR's "All Things Considered" canceled a scheduled series of his commentaries after the Fraternal Order of Police objected. Mumia's book, LIVE FROM DEATH ROW, has been greeted with a boycott and a skywriter circling the publisher's Boston offices: "Addison-Wesley Supports Cop Killers" Officer Faulkner's widow has gone on TV claiming that Mumia smiled at her when her husband's bloody shirt was shown—even though the record shows that Mumia wasn't in the courtroom that day.

Mumia and his supporters want only one thing—a new trial, with an unbiased judge and a competent lawyer. Defense attorney Leonard Weinglass has entered a motion to have Judge Sabo removed from the case because he cannot provide even the "appearance of fairness." The struggle became a race against time last month, when Pennsylvania Governor Ridge, though fully aware of the many questions in the case, signed a death warrant scheduling Mumia for execution August 17.

Mumia Abu-Jamal was not surprised. Several of the essays in his book deal with America's frantic "march toward the death chamber." As he wrote several years ago in the Yale Law Journal, "states that have not slain in a generation now ready their machinery: generators whine, poison liquids are mixed, and gases are measured and readied."

Unless Mumia Abu Jamal's final petition is answered, and he gets the fair trial he deserves, America will see its the first explicitly political execution since the Rosenbergs were put to death in 1953. Frank Rizzo's angry threat will be fulfilled, for one "new breed" journalist at least. It will stop. We won't hear any more criticism of the police from Mumia Abu-Jamal. Forever.



power of the state directly over to private corporate interests. There is shrinking tolerance for any dissent or opposition. Extra-parliamentary, paramilitary type forces are being used against dissidents -- anti-abortion terror, Klan arsons, attacks on environmentalists and animal rights activists. Note the use of random racial terror by law enforcement and neo-nazi groups alike, and the scapegoating of immigrants and gays with official sanction. The mechanisms of fascism -- glorifying the state, corporatizing society, relying on naked military might, mobilizing the masses with militaristic propaganda, extra-judicial violence to amass and sustain power-- are all pre-existing in the system of colonialism, particularly settler colonialism, which requires the subjugation of an oppressed resident population. The German fascists learned some of their racial theories and methods of organization from German-American Ku Kluxers in the period after World War I.They perfected their methods of extermination in their colonial holdings in Africa, such as Namibia. And when it was necessary to restore the profitability of German industry, the power of the German empire and the stability of the German state, they applied these same methods within German society itself.

As the global economic system comes face to face with its deepening crisis, the fascist option is coming more and more to the fore once again. We are seeing the application of the methods of colonial rule -- enslavement and a garrison state -- to domestic operations. Fascist political formations have been growing in France, Italy, Russia,Scandinavia, Germany and the eastern European new "democracies." Here in the US clerical fascist forces inside the Republican Party, and extra-parliamentary fascist forces such as the Ku Klux Klan, nazi boneheads, and various racist and reactionary 'militia' and para-military groups are growing steadily. We must seek to defeat fascist forces and incipient fascist power structures, and we must also prepare for operating under conditions of growing fascism.

This requires several interrelated efforts. We must build decentralized networks of resistance, not susceptible to government infiltration and decapitation. We must be prepared for concerted, often physical opposition to every linitiative we take for liberation. We must challenge the open fascists and deny them the opportunity to organize unchallenged, to intimidate people, or to carry out their campaigns of terror. We must expose fascist forces and elements inside the state and the economic elite. Anti-fascists and anti-racists cannot content ourselves with only the easy targets, the self-declared racists and fascists. We have to take on the entire social, economic and political structure of colonialism that gives rise to fascism. Let's look at the state of Wisconsin as a case in point. This is a state with a long history of progressive populism; yet it is now a social laboratory for twenty-first century fascism in the US. This process certainly has a role for nakedly racist/fascist forces like the Ku Klux Klan. But a far bigger role is being played by Gov. Tommy Thompson.

While declaring himself an opponent of the Klan, Thompson has entirely eliminated welfare and parole, creating a new pool of slave labor for the corporations. He has privatized public education in the state, turning state resources over to institutions of religious indoctrination. In higher education, the state has placed ideological limits on the use of student association money. While increasing the prison

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIBERATION OF 116 ANIMALS FROM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, WHILE DESTROYING VIOLENT RESEARCH.

Minneapolis, MN-- On April 5, 1999, the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) claimed full responsibility for the strategic, nonviolent liberation of 116 animals from the University of Minnesota campus. In ananonymous communique sent to sympathetic animal rights groups, the A.L.F. describes the animals that were released: "The following animals will never be harmed again at the hands of> vivisectors: 27 pigeons, 48 mice, 36 rats, and 5 salamanders."

According to the guidelines of the A.L.F., all animals have or will be placed in loving homes and will live their lives free from further exploitation and oppression.

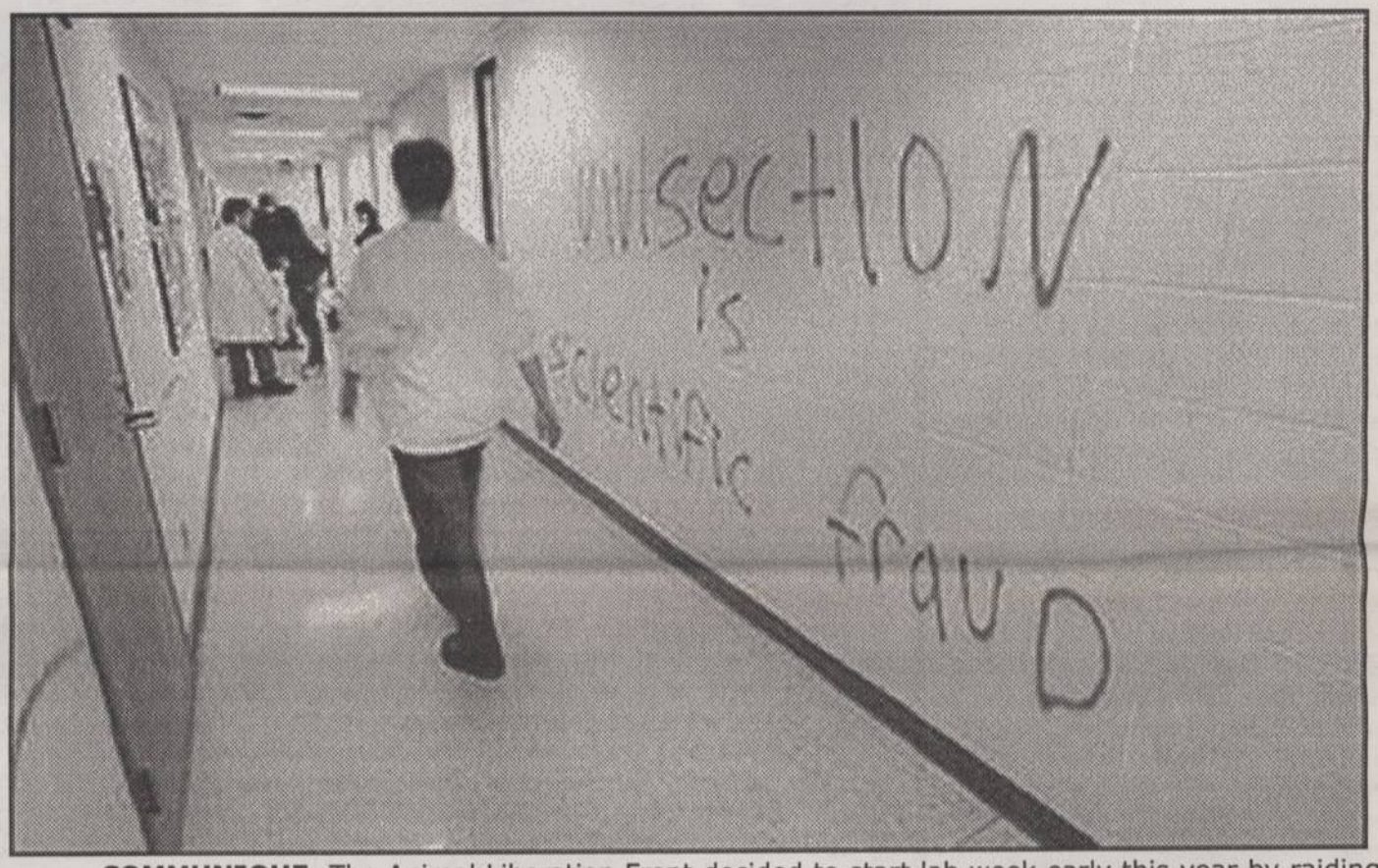
Along with the animals being liberated, economic sabotage was employed to decrease profits to the animal abusers in both Elliot Hall (Psychology Building) and Lions Research Building. The cages and equipment were damaged, research documents were taken and are being reviewed, and walls were painted with animal liberation messages.

Almost all equipment on the 4th and 2nd floors of Lions Research Building was severely damaged. "Vivisectors' own video footage of experiments were taken along with computer files and research notebooks," states the communique.

"The University of Minnesota tortures 130,000 animals every year with wasted taxpayer money. Medical doctors from around the world denounce vivisection as harmful to humans and animals," states the A.L.F. Press Office.

"This shows that lab raids can still be successfully completed. A video along with still pictures will be arriving to selected groups which should be immediately released to the public," states the communique. The A.L.F. Press Office will be distributing the videos and pictures as soon as they arrive. "Our hearts go out to our friends that could not be taken, their futures depend on you...Act now," ends the communique.

Note: The NA-ALF Press Office is an independent pro-A.L.F.organization that has no knowledge of the person(s) carrying out any courageous A.L.F. actions.



COMMUNIQUE: The Animal Liberation Front decided to start lab week early this year by raiding laboratories at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

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Elliot Hall, the Psychology Research Building, where the animals were rescued from, had the walls painted with slogans, cages and equipment damaged, doors broken and research documents were also taken and are currently being reviewed.

Lions Research Building was also visited and had virtually all equipment on the 4th and 2nd floors severely damaged. Vivisectors' own video footage of experiments were taken along with computer files and research notebooks. This shows that lab raids can still be successfully completed. A video along with still pictures will be arriving to selected groups which should be immediately released to the public. Our hearts go out to our friends that could not be taken their futures depend on you ...Act now

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population, Thompson has begun shutting down state prisons, a paradox made possible through privatization and the process of shipping prisoners out of state, to cheaper institutions in low wage states, a mirror of the process of NAFTA in private industry. Hey, perhaps that's next; maybe Wisconsin will contract with a prison in Mexico to warehouse the victims of its proto-fascist economic "reforms."

We need to define our own 'wedge issues' -- exposures and controversies that drive a wedge between the rulers and their base of mass support, that radicalize,educate and inspire a new generation of oppressed people and their allies.Such issues include government criminality, such as the CIA involvement with cocaine; the mass impact of racist police brutality and unjust imprisonment; environmental devastation and injustice; corporate power; and the right of women, gays and lesbians to express themselves without fear of violence.

We have to fight for the hearts and minds of oppressed people,and for those of people who have enjoyed the privileges of empire up to this point. Doing so requires a recognition that privilege and oppression grow dialectically out of imperialism. To be free, we must give up an identification with and as oppressors.Defeating fascism requires de-colonization on a mental, physical, spiritual, economic and political level. Both the colonizer and colonized can play a role in this process. We must unite our forces, which can only be accomplished on the basis of solidarity, respect for self-determination and a commitment to direct action and mutual aid.

ROD CORONADO



When governments and corporations hide the truth, brave citizens must take the necessary action, though sometimes illegal, to reveal it. It has never been popular to take such action, and often those in our society who most directly challenge societal laws by questioning them with action end up either dead or imprisoned Before I went to prison for animal liberation and Earth defense actions prison was my greatest fear. I loved my freedom, the ability to travel where I wanted and with who I wanted with, the choice I had to live a life that reflected my personal beliefs that also mirrored the beliefs of my ancestors. But only by going to prison was I able to truly learn the value of such liberties and overcome my fears. Liberties I learned are nothing one is given, but are things one must constantly fight for, especially when your definition of liberty differs from that of your own governments. And as a people who still hold true to a way of life in harmony with the powers of earth our definition of freedom is most different. We have been born into a society that places greater value on corporate and private property than life. A society that awards freedom to an elite few who amass their wealth through the denial of freedom to the many. Liberty to the US government does not mean the freedom to live life in accordance to the laws of nature, but to the laws of man. Laws that label what

INTERVIEW WITH A ZAPATISTA

interview and translation by Cristina Cantu

On January first, 1994, the unexpected took place in Mexico. The Zapatista National Liberation Army descended from the mountains to occupy several towns in the state of Chiapas. Masked and unmasked, with weapons ranging from machetes to submachine guns, they declared that their actions were driven by desperation: "Venimos aqui porque no aguantamos." Their demands resounded in a familiar tone: electoral reform, autonomy for indigenous communities, and above all, land reform.

More than five years later, these demands remain intact, as the government has shown little willingness to ameliorate the desperate conditions faced by indigenous communities in Chiapas and the rest of Mexico. A peace agreement signed in San Andres on February of 1996 has yet to be honored, and in fact, President Ernesto Zedillo has outright rejected it.

Violence directed at members of the Zapatistas and other rebel groups has escalated in recent years. On December 22 of 1997, at least 45 pro-Zapatista civilians were killed when an armed group, linked to the local government, opened fire at a church in Acteal. The week of June 15, 1998, military attacks took the lives of at least six members of the Zapatista army in Chiapas, and 12 members of an insurgent group, also indigenous, in the state of Guerrero. Such events have prompted the UN Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to pass an unprecedented resolution asking the Mexican government to "combat the impunity of perpetrators of serious human rights violations, especially those suffered by numerous members of the indigenous populations."

The Zapatistas have also been hard at work in preventing other great atrocities and in continuing to bring attention to their cause. Last month, 5,000 delegates of the Zapatista National Liberation Army left their homes in Chiapas to visit all corners of Mexico, and to ask for support for a referendum calling for indigenous rights. The referendum, which was held on March 21, 1999, was comprised of four questions on the rights of indigenous people to have autonomy and to be included in the national discourse. The present interview took place during this weeklong campaign in Guadalajara, Jalisco.

C: I was thinking about the types of questions to ask and I'm not sure if to address you as individuals, or as members, delegates of the Zapatista movement . . . what is you opinion about this?

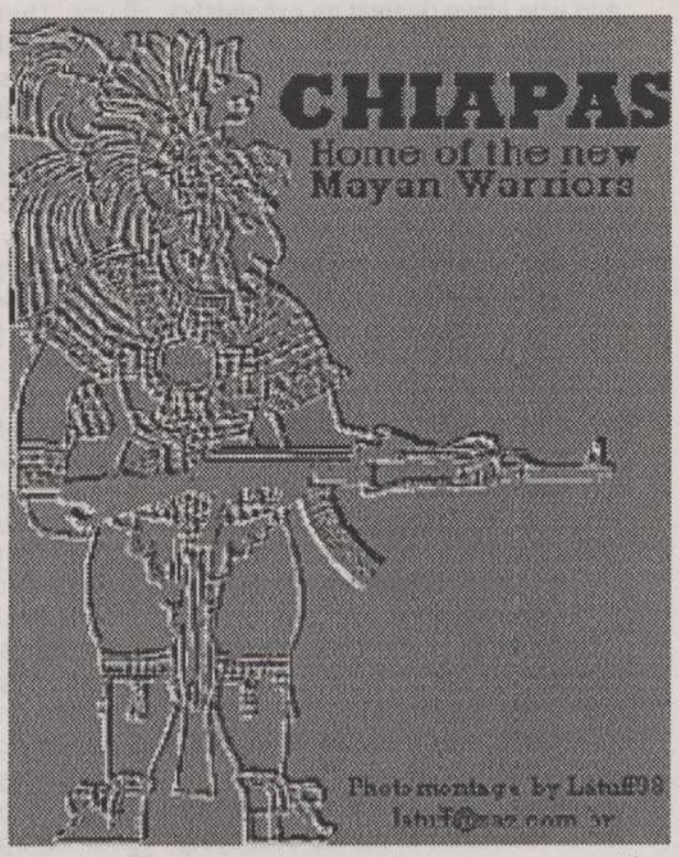
JACOBO: Well, we see ourselves as a movement, and it's at a national level, Mexico, but also inclusive of Latin America. We are part of this movement because we want the government to abide by the San Andres accords signed on February 22, 1996. When those accords were signed, fifty-six ethnic groups from throughout the country were witnesses. Because of this, these fifty-six groups have now decided to organize this referendum. And we began to organize so that all Mexico can be heard through our voices. That way the government will take us into account. We are trying to impel them to adhere to what they have signed.

C: Can you explain to me how all these groups came together? How did you make contact between you?

JACOBO: We began to organize because it was not only a single community, not only a single municipality that had problems. As we saw that the same problems touched everyone, all other fellow indigenous groups, we began to analyze how we could make the government listen. Because a single person cannot address the government without being threatened.

C: In which way? Can you say more?

JACOBO: Well, previously we tried to make petitions regarding our needs, and requests by indigenous peoples had been placed, and the government never addressed them. Because of that, we began to come together, community by community, so that, in being a group, we could be heard. That way we began to build, from four to five people, it began to grow.



And today, to date, we have come up with an analysis, and agreed upon calling for a referendum. All those that were witnesses to the accords have requested a referendum so that change may occur.

C: So what I am understanding is that among you, you decided that something should be done to bring attention to the accords, and this was the emergence of the referendum. Among you, you asked what might be the next step . . .

JACOBO: Among all of us, we wished for a true peace and for dignity, and we wished to accomplish these things by pacific means, not through violence. We Zapatistas do not wish to divide the country. On the contrary, we want the government to include us, because up to now, they have simply marginalized and exploited us.

C: Maybe each one could tell me about the experiences that brought you to the Zapatista movement. For instance, what did you experience before, and what moved you to participate?

EFRAIN: Before we were, as indigenous people, working the land. But we started to see that in our country, peace does not exist, justice does not exist, democracy does not exist. As we saw all this, our dissension took form. We began to get together, thinking about how we could organize. That is how our fight began. So we came together to ask the government to comply so that there will be liberty, so that, not every other moment, an indigenous person is taken to jail without having committed a crime.

C: That is happening in Chiapas?

EFRAIN: Yes. We wanted to halt the frequent practice of putting people in jail without a crime. That is how we began to organize. That is how it happened. Well before 1994, we took several actions because we have many needs. We had no places to live, we had no health care, we had nowhere to work because we had no land.

C: What about the land?

EFRAIN: Well, the ranchers have grabbed the land. If an indigenous person begins to take up any land, he is quickly removed.

C: How?

EFRAIN: The soldiers. Well, before 1994, we made petitions, requests, claims, but the government did not respect all our efforts through pacific means. Through our peaceful struggle we only found deaths, disappearances, incarceration, murders . . . All their deafness led us to armed struggle. After seeing that the government had discounted us, our armed forces arose in 1994. And while in '94 we took up arms, nothing has changed, things remain the same.

C: But there is more military repression, I imagine . . .

EFRAIN: Yes. Look, before . . . well, presently in the state of Chiapas there are many government-sent troops. They're in our communities, everywhere. There is the federal army, and it's doing much damage to the indigenous peoples. They are bringing in prostitution, they threaten to kill us, and sometimes do.

C: How? Do they arrive into your homes? When you are working?

EFRAIN: Yes. Much of the time, they are watching over us. If we go outside, or to work, they are there. The federal army is looking over

and who I love dearest as expendable resources, terrorists, research subjects and fur bearers. Animal liberation and Earth defense to me is not the end product of any philosophical progression I've made through life, it is simply what I believe to be an obligation as a member of the most destructive species on earth. An opportunity to demonstrate to the natural world that some of you have yet to abandon our relationship with all the other nations,races and tribes of beings we share Earth with. It is my attempt to rekindle the most ancient of relations we as humans once held with all other life, where we sat within the circle of all life rather than apart from and above it. My actions though illegal are simply the price my generation must pay to protect the earth, animals and our own children from those selfish and greedy forces now destroying all that we love and live for. And it is a price I as a citizen of Earth an honored to pay. I would sooner commit the time-honored act of resistance to the life-destroying forces now plaguing our Earth and face my darkest fears than passively turn a blind eye to what my heart knows are the greatest crimes of possibly all human generations. We are in the Eleventh Hour of man's war against the natural world and we now have no other choice but to either be a part of the problem or a part of the resistance that proposes the solution. Our solution being a return to a harmonious way of life that history itself proves is our greatest hope for long-term survival. If you witness an attempted rape or murder and do nothing to prevent it, you become partially responsible. Equally, as witnesses to ecological crimes committed against our Earth mother by doing nothing to prevent them we become as guilty as those committing them. And if there's one thing we can be assured of having to answer to in order to explain our irresponsibility in preserving a livable planet for future generations, it will be not whether we stayed within unjust laws in our resistance efforts, but why we didn't do more to reverse the deadly tide of ecological genocide we now bear witness to. These are the things I thought of in my 4 years of federal prison. I didn't feel sorry for myself, I felt humbled that my sacrifice was so tolerable when compared to that of so many other warriors who fight against the dark forces of evil. I thought of the ten brave Irish Republican Army Volunteers who starved themselves to death in prison rather than be labeled common criminals. I thought of the courageous members of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement who now languish in Peruvian prisons eating rats because they dared to be free. I remembered my coyote relations at University of Utah laboratories who are intentionally starved and then forced to eat poisons because man continues to wage war on their people for remaining wild and free. I felt almost embarrassed that I had it so easy when so many of my animal relations who know a freedom we can only ever dream of obtaining, sit in wire cages for their entire lives until death or madness releases them from their suffering. I felt privileged that I was not being beaten or tortured as so many of my human relations are for the very same beliefs that I too share. Though we in AmeriKKKa are yet faced with the role of creating a sincere guerrilla resistance and all its involved responsibility, we are faced with realization that repression more familiar to such a struggle is coming. We do not have much longer before we are forced to either abandon or adhere to the culture of comfort and privilege we have experienced for most

us. That's how it is. That is also why we are doing this referendum; to bring attention to these practices, as well as to the agreements signed in San Andres in 1996. The government already signed, but now they are going back on their word and no longer want to comply. Before they may have thought what they signed applied only to Chiapas, but now they see it applies to the whole country, and they are going back on their word.

C: So your aspirations are reflected in the accords of San Andres . . . what you wish for the future.

EFRAIN: Our struggle should be taken into account by the government for the benefit of our children, for the future of our children. That's what we're asking for.

C: How do you see the future? If it could be an ideal future? Would you return to Chiapas and carry out . . . what kind of life?

EFRAIN: Well, as indigenous people, those of us that are here have to go back to Chiapas. Currently we are here, in many different Mexican states only to consult with other indigenous and non-indigenous people to see if they agree or not with what we are doing and what we are demanding. Because, as you can imagine, it is not only for Chiapas but also for the whole country. As my companero said, we do not want to separate from Mexico. What we want is to become united, to unite. We want to be Mexican, but respected; our rights, the rights of women also, respected by the government. That is what we are asking.

C: And how does autonomy fit in? Because the referendum calls for the autonomy of indigenous communities. I do understand that both can coexist at the same time, but could you say more about this?

JACOBO: Well, regarding autonomy, we have realized that the government does not want our opinions as indigenous people. The government does not ask for the opinion of Mexican citizens. In the case of the Free Trade Agreement, all of the natural resources that Mexico possesses were put up for sale. That is, oil, metal, the telephone industry, and our infrastructure, everything that belonged to our ancestors. The government has sold that which belongs to its citizens. Now, the Mexican telephone industry belongs to other nations . . . the highway system is under management of outsiders. We do not even manage our own natural resources. It's as if we're no longer owners of what we have here in Mexico; we are being displaced. And so we wish for a change, that we will not be displaced from our own country. The government should respect all citizens, including indigenous people, equally.

Regarding autonomy, we want autonomy to maintain our ways, not to lose these.

C: Not to sacrifice these by entering the larger society.

JACOBO: Yes, and we do not want to forget everything given to us by our forefathers. We want to continue as they did. For that, we need the government to respect us.

C: You spoke a bit regarding your customs and traditions. Could you tell me to which indigenous group you belong, and also the groups represented in the Zapatista movement?

JACOBO: We are all indigenous and speak our own language. Each region has its ways and its own dialect. In Chiapas there are five main dialects: Tzeltal, Chol, Tzotzil, Tojolabal, Zoque. And speakers of all languages are here with us [in Guadalajara].

C: And what have been your impressions of Guadalajara, of the long trip you have made to get here? How have you been received?

JACOBO: Well, we have been received with joy, with anticipation, with high spirits. We arrived last Sunday at midnight and were greeted with cheers.

C: Is that what you expected?

JACOBO: We arrived to a big surprise. On the way, since we were not familiar with the state of Jalisco, we wondered "What if they do not welcome us?" or "What if they treat us badly?" There were doubts. But we told ourselves that we have to have faith in our struggle. We are not being harmful; we are not damaging anyone. On the contrary, we are taking off the blindfold. So that people may see. Because people have been wanting to organize, but they have seen no possibility of doing this, of reaching out to others. And, upon arriving, we've sought to begin a dialogue about how to organize, and how to analyze the problems we face. An exchange begins . . .

C: The movement begins to expand on its own.

JACOBO: That is how we started, by planting a small seed, and watering it.

C: Is there something else you would like to say, an additional message that I might not have addressed?

JACOBO: Our companera will speak, but, our apologies, she will speak in Tzeltal, our native tongue, and I will translate her words. We haven't an education, at most we have reached the second-grade; in truth, we do not have schools, we are abandoned. The little we know, we have taught each other.

C: So the Spanish you've learned came from school?

JACOBO: Well, yes, among us we practice, and ask each other "how do you say this?" Well, one of us will know this, and the other knows that, and so there we go, combining our knowledge.

EFRAIN: That is why our demands include education, as well as employment, housing, women's rights, autonomy.

C: Human rights.

MARIA: Speaks in Tzeltzal . . .

JACOBO: Her explanation is that she and others, as rural women, well, they cannot go out since the Mexican army has come into the communities. If they try go their usual route, as they are accustomed to working in the countryside, going to gather water (since we don't have running water), walking several hundred meter to get it. The army men, upon seeing the women go out, begin to block their way trying to bother them. They have tried to rape them. Women cannot be at ease for this reason.

Her statement is that she does not want to see the Mexican army there any longer. The women want to be able to work with tranquility. These women have their customs, which include spending time in the countryside with their families. She wants the government to comply with the demand that the troops return to their barracks. Because we are not animals whose every move needs to be watched. That is what she states.

C: So the army is attempting to destabilize your communities by harassing the women?

JACOBO: Yes. The government may say that Chiapas has everything, that there's no longer poverty. That is a pure lie . . . huge quantities of soldiers are sent into our indigenous communities, war tanks, because they want to finish . . . they do not want peace. They want to finish off the indigenous people, like what happened in Acteal, when 45 people claimed their rights, asking for peace. They were praying at church, when the military came in and ended their lives within a few seconds.

C: And do you feel this could happen now? Do you live with such fears?

JACOBO: We live with such fears because we are indigenous people. That is the fear we have, any moment we could be done with.

C: Could you speak about why you wear the ski masks?

EFRAIN: We wear them for security. Imagine, since long ago there have been activists who fought without such coverage: Hidalgo, Guerrero; they fought without concealment and they were betrayed and murdered. We wear these for our safety.

JACOBO: We follow the example of our predecessors in wearing this mask. Secondly, it is also symbol for the Zapatista Army, because, as indigenous people, we are faceless. Third, we need to avoid reprisal from the government. Those are the three reasons we wear the masks.

EFRAIN: So, to conclude, we are calling for this referendum, on March 21, which is tomorrow. We want to demand that the government comply with all the requests we are making. We require this for our well being, for the well being of our children. That is why we are doing this referendum, it is not that we want to replace the government; we simply want them to deliver on their promises.

On March 21, 1999, three million Mexicans voted in support of the referendum.

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of our lives. We have yet to see our dearest friends and relatives dragged from their beds at night never to be seen again. Until then I am very comfortable with the level of resistance I have chosen to be apart of. I have destroyed only property, never life and if the price of striking at the enemies of Earth is federal grand jury inquisitions, the occasional police beating and a few years in prison than so be it. Nothing I've endured so far has yet to compare with what others in our struggle are forced into for their own participation. Whether as a free-roaming bison or wolf or a firebomb carrying revolutionary, we all are part of the same spirit and we must never allow our fears to force us to surrender to the forces of darkness. We are the power of Earth and only in our individual uncompromising actions can Her spirit ever remain truly free.

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LINKING SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENTS TOWARDS AN ACTUAL SOCIETAL REVOLUTION

By Craig Rosebraugh

In 1994, while pursuing an undergraduate degree in political science from Portland State University, I enrolled in a special studies course on the Vietnam War protest era. Hoping to gain more insight into this revolutionary time period, I eagerly arrived on the first day of class and was met by a professor who had been involved in the anti-war movement. Feeling as though he was a credible source, I was ready to accept further information to help me understand why the 1960s was such an amazing time of social change.

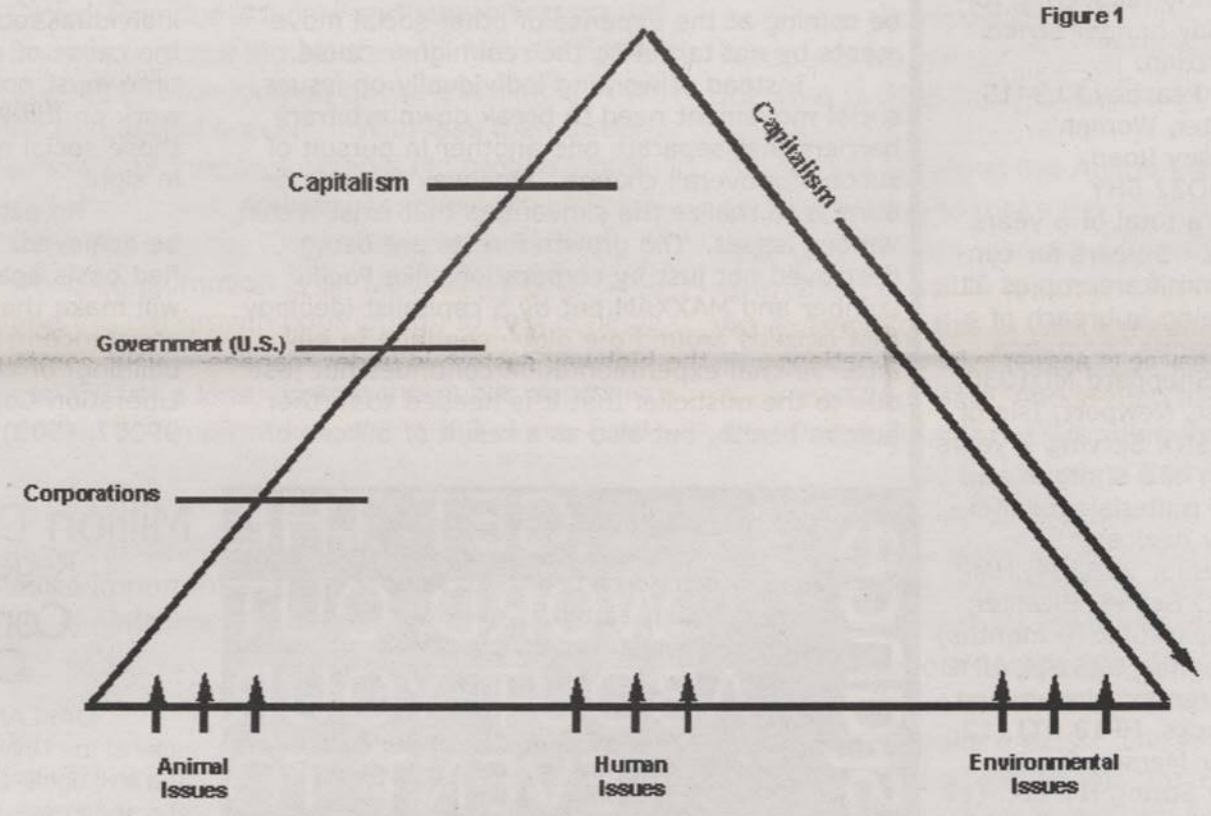
The second week of class the professor began by stating that no matter how much social progress occurred during the 1960s, true social change never was accomplished. Granted, this man had lived through and participated in this time period, but I still found his statement difficult to believe. All I was taught through education and the popular media about this time period was that it was a time of revolution, of social justice and freedom. How could my professor even begin to suggest that social change never occurred?

And then he explained himself. Yes, it was true that the 1960s were a great time of social activity. There was the civil rights movement, anti-war movement, the beginnings of the women's movement, and more. There was no doubt in his mind that this was a time of intense social and political activity. His argument was that while indeed all of these groups and movements were crying out for peace and justice, they were not crying out together. Real social and political change could have well been had during this time period if only a conscious effort was made to join and combine struggles.

The first question that can easily come about in criticism of the above notion is that the only way these groups and movements could have come together is if they had a common opponent or cause. Was there any similarity between the civil rights movement, the anti-war movement, and the women's movement? I will argue that there was and that similarity appeared in the form of the same opponent which continues to create much of the social problems of today.

To begin to make any recognizable progress toward a complete social and political revolution a strengthened effort must be made to identify social problems not as separate issues and entities on their own but rather as mere symptoms of larger causes. I will use a triangular model, one that I feel covers the conceptual basis on which social movements have traditionally worked upon, to illustrate my point.

Figure 1



Imagine a triangle with the base representing all of the social problems that exist and the social movements to combat those problems at any one given time. (See figure 1). Traditionally, human, environmental, and animal issues have all been separated from one another and even from themselves to some degree. This is represented here with a few examples listed for each category.

Now, what sort of larger societal problems can be identified as causing one or more of these symptoms listed on the base line of the triangle? Corporations, particularly multi-nationals, have been increasingly identified as entities causing social problems. While it is indeed true that not all societal problems are caused by corporations, it is safe to say that a growing number indeed stem from businesses placing profits ahead of life.

Already, noticeable coalitions have formed, such as the End Corporate Dominance Alliance, as a means of working against these negative forces. More individuals must begin to hold corporations and their executives responsible when they perpetuate exploitation and carelessness at the expense of the natural environment and all species, including humans, that cohabitate in it. But are corporations the highest level we can move to on the triangular model?

What is the structure, in the political sense, which allows corporations to exist in this country? The United States government can be identified as the political structure enabling corporations to exist and grow. It can also be argued that not only does the government of this country create social problems from supporting and empowering corporations, but it in addition is directly tied to the creation of problems on its own. I do not have to go into detail on the vast amounts of oppression and repression caused by the United States government since its formation. History speaks for itself.

But the governmental structure of this country is not the highest step we can be on as far as attempting to identify the most significant social problems and cause of the symptoms on the base of the triangle. There is an ideology, a story if you will, that allows the United States government (and I would argue any government) to exist. That ideology, especially in industrialized countries, is capitalism.

The capitalist ideology allows the United States government to function as it does, thereby also allowing corporations to exist creating at least a majority of social problems at the base of the triangle. The importance of this stage in the triangular structure must be increasingly emphasized as it continues to form the basis of the story this culture identifies and promotes. Reinforcers of the capitalist story can be found in every advertisement, in school systems, professions, and many other areas. Throughout our lives, beginning at birth, we come into contact with millions of these reinforcers telling us how we must live, what me must value, what we must look like, and really think like. The capitalist reinforcers are directly

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Barry Horne VC2141, HMP Full Sutton, Nr Stamford Bridge, York, YO4 1PS Sentenced to a total of 18 years for arson at several premises on theIsle of Wight and attempted arson in Bristol. Currently recovering following a 68 day hunger strike against vivisection.

Gillian Peachey RL3415, HMP Winchester, Women's Annexe, Romsey Road, Winchester, SO22 5HY Sentenced to a total of 6 years and 9 months - 5 years for conspiracy to commit arson plus 21 months for being in breach of a previous suspended sentence.

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

Tim Senior BV6384, HMP Bullingdon, PO Box50, Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX6 0PR (9 months) Thomas Monaghan BV6144, HMP Spring Hill, Grendon Underwood, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 0TJ (12 months) Peter Merson-Davies BV6385, HMP Spring Hill etc. (12 months) David Lakeman BV6386, HMP Spring Hill etc. (9 months) Paul Holliday BV6387, HMP Spring Hill etc. (12 months) Lucy Richards DT4387, HMP Eastwood Park, Falfield, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucester, GL12 8DB (8 months) Sue Amos DT4388, HMP Eastwood Park etc. (12 months Melanie Arnold DT4543, HMP Eastwood Park etc. (10 months) All sentenced for "violent disorder" during a demo at Hillgrove Farm vivisection cat breeders last April. Peter Merson-Davies and Sue Amos were also given 14 days and 3 months respectively for "assault" on police officers. Steve Caine and Adam Gould have been released. Rebecca Green has been released under an electronic monitoring scheme.

Robert Byott BV6392, HMP Spring Hill, Grendon Underwood, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 0TJ (4 months) Karen Rodgers XT3702, HMP Drake Hall, Eccleshall, Staffs, ST21 6LQ (5 months) Both sentenced for "threatening behaviour" during a demo at Hillgrove Farm vivisection cat breeders last April.

Gamal Eboe DD6568, HMP

responsible for promoting the idea of monetary wealth and the disgusting notion of profits before people.

The nature of capitalism is to expand. It thrives on expansionism. Corporations exist not to sit in a static form but rather to grow. Those that do not fall victim to competitors and easily die out. As the nature of capitalism is growth and expansionism, the base of the triangle continues to grow. As previously mentioned, at any one given time all of the social problems and movements to combat those problems can be identified at the base of the triangle. With the growth of capitalism, the bottom of the triangle also grows on a continuous basis thus creating more and more social problems. Proof of this can easily be found by looking in even the most conservative newspapers in this country. Each day there are new tales of human rights abuses, and acts of environmental exploitation around the globe which largely can be attributed to the negative realities of capitalism.

Historically and to this date, social movements have for the most part worked individually isolating themselves from one another. The problem with this practice is that incredible amounts of effort and resources are used in these individual movements with arguably little success. Sure there are the occasional victories, a lawsuit passed here and there or a ballot measure winning, but my argument is that in most of these cases, the effort placed into these isolated actions does not equal a real victory. This is due to the expansionist aspect of capitalism creating more and more societal problems each day. So while one social movement may be achieving success, during that same time period many more social problems will have been created. That one success may in fact be coming at the expense of other social movements by not targeting the real higher cause.

Instead of working individually on issues, social movement need to break down arbitrary barriers that separate one another in pursuit of successful overall change. One way this can be done is to realize the similarities that exist within various issues. Old growth forests are being destroyed not just by corporations like Pacific Lumber and MAXXAM but by a capitalist ideology that citizens around the globe continue to buy into. Animal experimentation continues not just due to the misbelief that it is needed to further human health, but also as a result of billions of dollars being spent per year towards it. So many of the societal problems today continue to be caused by individuals placing the desire for profit over any respect for life. I would argue that this learned reality comes directly from the capitalist story being told to us throughout our lives.

By realizing the similarities existing in various social justice movements, a unified resistance can be made against the capitalist ideology, the realistic drive in industrialized societies which continues to expand throughout the globe. It is not as though working on individual issues has to be given up. On the contrary, this new approach to social justice will enhance the work on individual issues as it will mean in a best case scenario the end to many issues at once. In addition more support would undoubtedly be drawn to various issues as people would begin to see the connection.

So how do we go about starting to work against this higher problem of capitalism? Already there are individuals and organizations, who after realizing the need for a unified resistance, that have been working against some of the higher causes previously mentioned. In addition to the End Corporate Dominance Alliance, there are groups working on Buy Nothing Day activities which educate the public on the excess of consumption that occurs in society. These two coalitions are clearly on the right path by poking at the real problem, the capitalist ideology.

But it needs to be taken a step further. There needs to be a conscious effort on the community level to join together efforts designed at positive social change. Time must be devoted at least every month (even though I would argue every day!)toward activities designed not only at individual social issues, but more importantly at the cause of all those social issues. Again this time must not be seen as taking away from the work on individual issues, but rather as furthering those social movements with a true successful end in sight.

An actual true positive social revolution can be achieved. Recognizing and working on a unified basis against the capitalist ideology can and will make that revolution a reality. I welcome any assistance in the way of coalition and community building, or criticisms. Craig Rosebraugh, C/o Liberation Collective, P.O. Box 9055, Portland, OR 97207, (503)525-4975, libcoll@aracnet.com.

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Million Dollar Suit Filed Against UC Regents, Police Officers; Conspiracy To Violate Civil Rights Alleged

OAKLAND – Details of a million-dollar lawsuit filed against the University of California for battery, conspiracy and civil rights violations will be released for the first time at a short news briefing Friday at 2 p.m. outside the offices of UC Regents (300 Lakeside Drive/outside downstairs main entrance).

The suit, filed in Oakland Superior Court on behalf of 17 plaintiffs, stems from a peaceful demonstration at the University of California, Davis in April of 1997. Thirty-two people were arrested. But virtually all charges were dismissed or thrown out by the judge.

One demonstrator was hospitalized, and several others were severely beaten by baton-wielding UC police officers at the animal rights demonstration.

The suit alleges that University of California, and officers from both the Davis and UC Berkeley campuses "are guilty of malice, oppression (and) fraud," and caused the plaintiffs "physical injuries, loss of freedom, fear, loss of feelings for safety and security, extreme emotional distress and mental anguish and suffering."

The suit also claims the officers and university "did conspire" to deny the federal and state civil rights of the plaintiffs, falsely arrested them, jailed them illegally, "battered" them and violated due process rights of the demonstrators.

The director of a civil liberties organization was arrested after the demonstration for having a news conference about the brutality, and the front door to his home was broken down by police to effect the arrest. Those charges were later dismissed by a judge.

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Blakenhurst, Hewell Lane, Redditch, Worcs, B97 6QS Sentenced to 4 months for burglary in relation to attempting to rescue beagles from Consort lab animal suppliers during a demo there some while ago. Consort has since closed.

Tony Humphries AP7965, HMP Pentonville, Caledonian Rd, London, N7 8TT Sentenced to 7 years for conspiracy to cause explosions plus 2 years concurrent for possession of explosives.

Darren Cole and Dan Poustie have been been released. Dave Blenkinsop and John Hughes have been released on bail. Keith Mann has been released on parole.

USA

Rod Coronado, Community Corrections Center, 75 W. 5th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401, USA Has been released to a halfway house from a sentence of 57 months for aiding and abetting arson and handling stolen goods while acting as spokesperson for the North America ALF. Also for damaging a US government display offensive to native Americans (Rod is a member of the Yacqui nation). He would still appreciate letters.

Brian Ozzie Knecht #7137910, NFCF / A-N-167, 1605 East Main, Sayre, OK 73662, USA Serving an 18 year sentence for liberating mink from a farm in Wisconsin and setting fire to the sheds in 1996.

Jacob Kennison, c/o Oxbow Jail, Inmate mail, 3148 S. 1100 W., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, *US Has about 6 months left to* serve in connection with two raids on fur farms in 1996, in which mink were released and over £100,000 damage caused. This prison does not allow inmates to receive blank paper, envelopes, stamps, tape, glue, stickers, crayons, or photos larger than 4" by 6", so please do not send any of these.

Adam Troy Peace, Salt Lake Metro Jail, 450 South 300 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84111-3207, USA Charged in connection with the destruction of a major feeding and research facility for the mink trade, owned by the Fur Breeders Co-op in Utah.

SWEDEN

Kristofer Aberg, KVA Tygelsjo, Box 68, 230 42 Tygelsjo, Sweden David Zackrisson, Fack 11, S 610 31 Vikbolandet, Sweden Sentenced to 4 months for two mink farm liberations. Kristofer was due to be released today.

CANADA

Hilma Ruby Pat Dodson both at Vanier Center for Women, P.O. Box 1150, Brampton, Ontario, L6V 2M5, Canada Sentenced to 90 days in jail and a $35,000 fine for their part in a mink liberation at a Canadian fur farm. Both due to be released on April 22nd. Anja Hermans and Lindsey Van Keer have been released from prison in Belgium.

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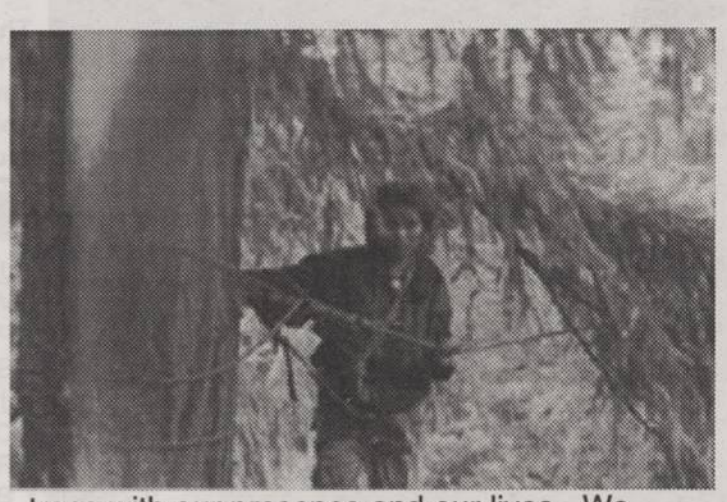
Written by Leprechan

Judging from the recent snowfall we've received, it may not be readily apparent, but spring has sprung at the Fall Creek tree sit. Throughout the winter we have endured beating rain, bitter cold, and harrowing windstorms. Now we are gearing up to face the most daunting enemy of them all, the United States Forest Service. Again this year they will return to attack the voice of reason, and behind them the loggers waiting to liquidate our last remaining old growth ecosystems. Again this year we will be ready to fend them off, with our lives if necessary.

The Fall Creek Direct Action was conceived April 1998 to protect the Clark Timber Sale, thirty miles east of Eugene, Oregon. The Clark sale is ninety-six acres of lowland temperate rain forest covering ten separate units. The trees are old growth douglas fir with an understory of western hemlock. It is home for many flora and fauna, including the Northern Spotted Owl and the endangered Red Tree Vole, neither of which are documented in the Forest Service Environmental Impact Statement.

The Fall Creek tree sit is maintained by Red Cloud Thunder activists and supporting groups from throughout the Northwest. We are firmly opposed to the logging of this magnificent habitat for several reasons. With less than three percent of Oregon's original old growth forest still intact, there are simply no reasons to continue the cutting. Only 3.9% of the nations wood consumption is derived from public land, and the old growth contribution to that is negligible. Virtually all timber sales on public land are sold at a loss, costing the public approximately 791 million dollars in 1996 alone, (verified by the Congressional Research Service). Yes folks, that was 791 million big ones. Aside from the issues of revenue, however, is the more important issue of preserving biodiversity . By diminishing biodiversity across the globe we are effectively savaging the complex ecosystems upon which our very survival depends. Even congress understands this to some extent, and laws have been passed to prevent the destruction. Unfortunately the Forest Service has arbitrarily decided that they are not beholden to those laws. Specifically, the Clark timber sale violates the 1990 Willamette Forest Plan, the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan and the Endangered Species Act. For these reasons we feel it is imperative that the reckless and illegal practices of the Forest Service be halted immediately. Lacking any further means of legal recourse, Red Cloud Thunder has taken to the trees to defend our forests physically with Direct Action.

The Red Cloud Thunder action consists of six tree platforms in unit thirty-six (a nine acre portion of the sale). The sits themselves vary in size and shape, all connected by traverse and cargo lines. Our lowest platform is one hundred-fifty feet high, our highest two hundred-six feet! From high in the canopy we protect these



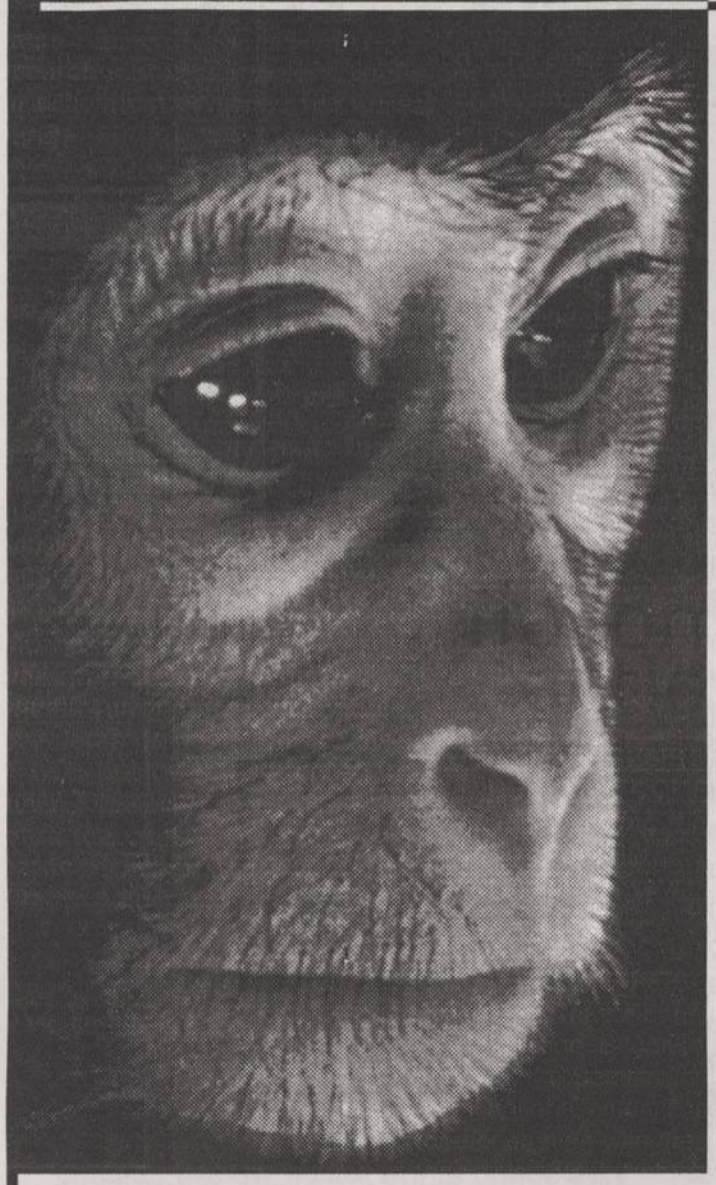
trees with our presence and our lives. We monitor Forest Service activity to insure that their trespasses do not go unnoticed or undocumented. Red Cloud Thunder has also employed a variety of road blockade tactics to further deter the loggers. Last summer we built structures, dug tunnels, and occupied lockdowns. Of course, the USFS does not approve of our 'illegal activity' and such defiance comes only at a price. Law Enforcement Officers have harassed and assaulted our activists, they have burned and confiscated our gear, they have arrested people on trumped up charges that were later dismissed in court. Yet we are still here, and we will continue to be here, to fight for what is right, to do what must be done.

This spring at the Action we are building and organizing to make the campaign even stronger. We are working diligently, doing everything possible to accomplish our goals. An example of this is the newly erected Windberry tree sit. Winberry is a separate sale, near the Clark Sale, and is also maintained by Red Cloud Thunder. Defending these large fragmented areas presents a formidable challenge, and we can only expand to the limits of our resources. Whereas activists may live in trees, they certainly don't grow on them. Consequently, we are always looking for new people to join our campaign. Direct Action cannot exist without the dedicated individuals who are willing to make it exist. Those individuals are us, and those individuals are YOU. Whoever you are, wherever you live, whatever you do; there is some way in which you can help us to succeed. By donating supplies, money, or time you can insure that Red Cloud Thunder will continue to protect your old growth forests. We need your support to make this happen! I encourage anyone who can to visit our Action, it is a liberating, empowering, spectacular experience.
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The 1999 Primate Freedom Tour will Be Stopping at:

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Washington Regional Primate Research Center
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Davis, CA

June 17,18,19
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Mesa, AZ

June 22,23,24,25
Coulston Foundation
Alamogordo, NM

June 28,28,30
July1
Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research
San Antonio, TX

July 3,4
University of Texas
Bastrop, TX

July 7,8,9,10
University of Southwestern Louisiana's New Iberia
New Iberia, LA

July 12,13,14,15
Tulane Regional Primate Research Center
Covington, LA

July 18,19
National Center for Toxicological Research
Jefferson, AR

July 21,22
Squirrel Monkey Breeding and Research Resource
Mobile, AL

July 24,25,26,27
Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center
Atlanta, GA

July 29,30,31
August 1
LABS of Virginia
Yemassee, SC

August 4,5
Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

August 7,8,9,10
Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center
Madison, WI

August 12,13
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

August 16,17
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic
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August 20,21,22,23
New England Regional Primate Research Center
Southborough, MA

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- Organizing events for the tour. If you live in an area where the primate freedom tour will be stopping, contact CEPE immediately and we will put you in touch with other people in your area. If you live outside the areas where the tour will be stopping we still need you to help educate people and promote the tour.
- Educating by distributing infomational materials against primate experimentation in your area.

Tour Needs

The 1999 Primate Freedom Tour needs the following items or services donated:

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- Buses, Vans, Cars,
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- Fundraising
- Area Promotion
- Area, regional coordinators
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In addition, Food Not Bombs and Anti-Racist Action will be taking part in the 1999 Primate Freedom Tour.

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JAILED ACTIVIST DENIED FOOD, MEDICATION

DECATUR, GA – A longtime animal rights activist began serving a 6 month sentence here March 31 at DeKalb County Jail for simple trespassing at an animal cruelty demonstration – and has major health problems.

According to family members, 55-year-old Sue McCrosky *hasn't* eaten since she turned herself in after an appeal to the Georgia Supreme Court was rejected. The jail has also failed to give the activist her doctor-prescribed medication to control high blood pressure.Her reported blood pressure at the jail was 200 over 125.

In a previous stay in DeKalb County Jail for a protesting against cruelty to animals, Ms McCrosky spent 27 days on a hunger strike,suffered a stroke and was hospitalized. Protests in support of her took place in a dozen U.S. cities when it was learned the jail was refusing her life-saving medication, and vegetarian meals.

Ms McCrosky was originally arrested during a demonstration at Emory University's Yerkes Primate Center in April, 1997 when police used tear gas, pepper spray and stun grenades to attack peaceful demonstrators.

She served 8 days of this sentence, the maximum under law for trespassing, in October of 1997. She was – over the objections of DeKalb County Judge Mathew Robbins – eventually released on $5,000 bond to allow time for her appeal.

Most of the 64 people arrested were allowed to accept fines,or community service. But Judge Robbins singled Ms McCrosky out for a trial, and refused her counsel of choice. Within two hours, a jury was picked,the "trial" held and she was convicted and sentenced.

For more information contact Activist Civil Liberties Committee (916) 452-7179.

GRAND JURIES

(Provided by the Activist Civil Liberties Committee. For more information about your rights and organizing support for grand jury abuse, write: PO Box 19515, Sacramento, CAS 95819)

Many activists shudder when they hear "Federal Grand Juries." But, they do so for no good reason....because we can overcome abusive and thereby illegal federal grand juries. They have been beaten in the past, and they will be in the future.

For instance, several Portland, Oregon grand juries have disbanded after activists called to testify refused to cooperate, or filed court motions to blunt these attacks. A New Mexico grand jury ended when virtually no one cooperated.

However, the use of these oppressive federal grand juries to attack and disrupt social justice movements has been a very, very successful tool for the powers that be for decades in the U.S.

To deny this fact, and the threat, is to do nothing but aid those who would oppress people, animals and the planet. Those who wield grand juries use the history of this effective weapon – almost as if they were reading down a checklist – to deny us, and our movements the freedom that we are supposedly guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution.

But, knowledge, as they say, is power. And, knowledge about federal grand juries, and how they work, is the foundation for combating them and most importantly, not allowing them to destroy our movements.

The fact is that grand juries indict very few of their "targets." Actually, virtually none of them. In the animal rights movement, hundreds have been questioned this past decade, and until 1998, only one person had been indicted from a federal grand jury (although 3 others were indicted as a result of one in a state grand jury).

That is because the goal of the grand jury is NOT to indict or arrest. The real goal is to disrupt, and destroy movements. Indictments and arrests are "extra" benefits to the government's intrusion in our political lives.

The government tactic is simple. FEAR is used to breakdown activists, even so-called "hardcore" activists, so they inform on each other. Or, collaborate to such an extent that they provide - even unwittingly - information to their inquisitors that can be used against others, or themselves.

Because ANYTHING you say in a grand jury room can, and will, be used against you and your friends. Anything.

But, like most things, FEAR can be eliminated once you know who that "bogey-man" is. Remember the spooky, dark closet in your room as a child? It did look frightening, but once you looked inside and saw nothing but limp clothes, it wasn't scary at all, was it?

That's the story with federal grand juries. Eliminate fear of the unknown, and you have little to worry about.

But, far too many activists have collaborated with the state, and too many activists have become informants to "save" themselves. But, if activists know more about grand juries, then they can protect themselves, and others - and the movement.

There is no doubt the FBI, ATF and Justice Department have abused the legal system, and under the guise of attacking "terrorism" have become the real terrorists by harassing people because of their political views and beliefs.

In fact, the grand jury is used as an instrument of political repression because it does frighten activists, forcing them out of a political movement and causes others to inform on their former friends and comrades out of fear.

In California, where the first federal grand jury convened against animal rights activists in 1987 and early 90's, activists turned informants by giving up other activists' names, addresses and phone numbers and repeated rumor, innuendo and hearsay which resulted in the harassment of still other activists.

To make matters worse, other activists, instead of acknowledging the ethical wrongs of the now informants, embraced them, inviting them back into the movement. As a result, two large, hardcore groups disappeared, almost without a trace. Because the activists were ill prepared to deal with FEAR and the grand juries. Groups were destroyed completely, yet no one was indicted by these federal grand juries.

The National Lawyer Guild's primer on grand juries says: "For many political activists, the historic and principled way to avoid these dilemmas (informing on others) has been the invocation of absolute non-collaboration with grand jury investigations of political movements. (It) has discouraged the subpoenaing of further witnesses and on some occasions, the withdrawal of all subpoenas."

Once we become informed, and then empowered, not only will FEAR not affect us, but we also can resist the unconstitutional abuse of these undemocratic tribunals. We can even turn the power of the government back against itself. The "Lexington Six," an anti-war group jailed for non-collaboration with a grand jury decades ago, said it best:

"People must mobilize around (grand juries). To do this, people must first become familiar with the grand jury and its abuses, publicizing the facts and educating others as to their rights. Secondly, it is important to engender in others a commitment to the resistance of these abuses including, but not limited t one's refusal to testify before the grand jury. Thirdly, it is necessary to keep in mind that while court battles can be fought and sometimes won, these abuses of the law are not abnormalities in a basically good system – they rather illustrate the true intentions of a BAD system *more openly and graphically* than other more insidious practices (and) this should dominate our thinking as we organize."

In fact, when you're threatened by a grand jury, or if there is a rumor one is around, or the FBI or ATF try to get you to cooperate by claiming there is one (which, by the way, is illegal and itself an abuse of the grand jury process), there are several things you should do immediately:

(a) Remember than it is legal to not talk to the FBI, ATF or police. Tell them you'll have your lawyer call them, and walk away. There is no such thing as an "innocent" question. And, if you lie or mistakenly answer a question (even if it's an innocent mistake), you are liable for felony perjury (in a grand jury setting), or a felony (for lying to a police officer). That's why activists should avoid saying anything. If they are guilty of some "crime" it doesn't pay to talk, and if they are not guilty of anything, what are they afraid of? There is no reason to "look innocent." Don't talk.

(b) Form a Defense Committee of lawyers, activists and friends. If you are subpoenaed or think you will be, work with others to determine a correct strategy for the liberationist cause. Do not let lawyers determine that strategy (very often they just tell people to cooperate). It is an activist movement, and activists should decide the ethical and political course.

(c) Share information/community unity. The government's real goal is to obtain information, and to disrupt your movement. Our goal should be similar. The more information we have about the actions of a grand jury the better prepared we are to resist it's abusive actions. All motions, all "testimony" even if brief should be shared. To not do so causes doubt between activists, accusations and in the end, disruption and destruction of the group and cause. Beware. Lawyers will resist this cooperation among activists...tell them it is your movement, not theirs, and follow your heart.

(d) Do not believe anything the FBI or government says. When they say they are "investigating" a crime, don't believe it. When they say they already "know everything," then the obvious thought you should have is: "Well, if they know everything they don't need me." In fact, they

BARRY HORNE'S APPEAL TURNED DOWN

On Friday 26 February Barry Horne appealed against conviction of various arson related 'offenses' on the Isle of Wight, and his overall sentence of 18 years. His appeal was rejected on both counts by judges who were probably influenced by the huge success of Barry's hunger strike while they deemed him to be 'caged and out of action'.

The Background

In 1997, at Bristol Crown Court, Barry was found guilty of several arson-related charges on Bristol and the Isle of Wight, and was given an 18-year sentence. Whilst Barry pleaded guilty to the Bristol charges, he has maintained his innocence of the charges relating to the Isle of Wight.

Yet there was a total lack of evidence connecting Barry to the events on the Isle of Wight. For instance: Barry was arrested in 1995 and questioned about the fires and released due to no evidence.

Barry voluntarily attended 14 separate identification parades, and was not picked out on any of them.

Unable to find any concrete evidence, the prosecution scrabbled around and found a tenuous link between the type of incendiary device used at Bristol and at the Isle of Wight. The judge then focused on the similarities between the devices and suggested to the jury that they must be the work of the same person. He ignored the differences, which would suggest that the devices could easily have been the result of two people working *from the same blueprint. In doing this,* he misled the jury.

The judge then went on to say *that Barry was the only suspect of the Isle of Wight arsons, that there* were no other possibilities. The fact is that several people were arrested in connection with the arsons (including the leader singer/bassist of pop band Level 42!).

The Appeal

In court on Friday Barry looked as if his physical health had improved and he gave supporters in the public gallery a wave of solidarity.

Barry's barrister argued that Barry was innocent of the Isle of Wight arsons, and that his outrageous sentence of 18 years should be reduced.

Despite the total lack of evidence brought forward connecting Barry to the events on the Isle of Wight, the Appeal Court still saw fit to uphold the conviction for those offenses, and to give Barry no reduction in the sentence of 18 years that he initially received.

Barry's Health

Since ending his hunger strike Barry's health has not improved as we would have hoped and his first appeal date of January 22nd was cancelled. Many considered Barry still not fit to attend on February 26th but he was duly brought down from the hospital wing of Full Sutton prison to attend his appeal at the Royal Courts of Justice in London.

Barry's short-term memory presently still fails him badly, with recall of the hunger strike being practically non-existent, and with many of last year's events being very hazy. A nutritionist who visited Barry at the end of January submitted a report to the

don't have "everything" because if they did they wouldn't want to talk to you and your friends.

(e) Do not show fear. Grand juries feed on fear. One activist in California in 1990 refused to respond to a grand jury subpoena, and held a news conference instead condemning illegal, abusive tribunals. She was never bothered again. Others who cooperated, if only to say no at their grand jury questioning, were harassed over and over again. Cooperation is seen as "fear" by the U.S. attorney.

Here are some facts about grand juries that might help.

ATTACKS AGAINST PAST PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS:

Today's movements are not alone in being attacked unjustly by abusive federal grand juries. We have plenty of good company. Literally thousands of activists from the antiwar, women's and civil rights movements were subpoenaed and threatened with jail in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

According to attorney Brian Glick, who wrote "War at Home: Covert Action Against U.S. Activists," the grand jury has been used as a way of getting around our Constitutionally-protected rights which activists have used to blunt illegal questioning by the FBI about their personal and political lives.

"This process has been manipulated to turn the grand jury into an instrument of political repression," writes Glick.

Frustrated by juries not convicting those accused of political crimes in the 1960s, the government convened more than 100 grand juries in the late 1960s.

Pursuit of alleged fugitives and alleged terrorists was the "usual pretext," said Glick. Some activists were so terrified they dropped out, and others were jailed for contempt without any criminal charge or trial.

"The use of the contempt power is a...version of the political internment employed in South Africa and Northern Ireland," insists Glick.

Consider the real history of grand juries in this country. They have been used to:

* Capture escaped slaves in the 1850s, but never to hunt down those who terrorized African-Americans.

* In 1977, FBI agents spread the rumor that political activists supporting the independence of Puerto Rico were responsible for a rash of arson fires - this after a grand jury failed to indict them.

* In the 1960s, thousands of antiwar, and women's movement
activists were subpoenaed to appear before grand juries in all parts of the country and were questioned about friends, relatives and political activities.

* Between 1980 and 1983, several dozen people were jailed for contempt arising out of investigations in the Puerto Rican, Black and Native American Movements.

ATTACKS AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL/ANIMAL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS.

Federal grand juries have been convened against environmental and animal rights groups in at least a dozen cities in the past decade (since 1989), including three in Sacramento, CA; several in Eugene, OR and Portland, OR; Syracuse, NY; Denver, CO; Grand Rapids, MI; Spokane, WA; Salt Lake City, UT; New Orleans, LA; Albuquerque, NM. Because of the secrecy of such government tactics, there is no way to know exactly how many grand juries are underway, or have been conducted.

The good news is that very few indictments have come from these federal grand juries. Others, refusing to cooperate with these tribunals, have been jailed for as much as 5 months, including Henry Hutto (1990-45 days), Jonathan Paul (1992-158 days), Rik Scarce, Kim Trimiew and Deb Stout (jailed from 1993-94, for as much as 159 days).

But those jailings often did more for the movement by causing activists to work together to fight these oppressive, illegal and abuse grand juries.

However, the grand juries did harass the movements using terrorist-like methods, and, in the process, negatively affected many, many lives of people whose only crime was to believe that cruelty to animals, and the planet, are wrong.

Hundreds of activists have been harassed with federal grand jury subpoenas since 1990. Further, it appears a new tactic is to subpoena activists' family - mothers, fathers, siblings - in an attempt to further harass those who are involved in a political movement.

These attacks - and that is what they are - are exactly the same as those carried out against other social justice movements. In Brian Glick's "War at Home," he explains that the attacks are part of a "vast government program to neutralize domestic political opposition." He adds that the government carries out political repression secretly or under the "guise" of law enforcement necessary to stop "terrorists."

Virtually every scenario outlined by Glick has been used against environmental/animal rights activists the past few years, including burglaries of their homes, electronic surveillance, disinformation campaigns against key activists and infiltration by informers and government agents.

According to Glick, and our investigation, the FBI and police exploit fear to "smear genuine activists." The use of the subpoena has intimidates activists in past social justice movements - and the same can be said for the environmental/animal rights movements.

The grand jury is so unlike anything most Americans - even those in the legal profession - have experienced, that is almost inconceivable that such a system of no real legal rights for citizens can exist.

But, it does. And, the true picture is as frightening as any totalitarian state.

The grand jury as an institution began in 1236 in England, in the same vein as the Grand Inquisition and compulsory testimony. Over the next 550 years in England, thousands of people resisted these "star chamber" proceedings, although they were charged with religious and political heresy for not testifying.

They were thrown in dungeons until they talked; they were tortured and sometimes killed. Because of these atrocities and affronts to our most basic rights, the U.S. Bill of Rights for created - to protect every American citizen from these kind of government-perpetrated injustices.

In fact, no where in our Constitution is anyone or anybody given power to compel unwilling testimony by torture or coercion. Specifically, this is forbidden by the 1st, 5th, 6th and 9th amendments.

In theory, our grand jury is designed to protect a citizen from unfounded charges brought by the government. The grand jury was to act as a shield. The grand jury, however, has never fulfilled this purpose. It has not even come close.

According to the National Lawyer's Guild "Representation of Witnesses Before Federal Grand Juries" handbook for lawyers, the grand jury "rather than protecting the individual from government, has been used as an instrument of power and repression for those in authority." (* For more about the grand jury's abuses, see Deutsch, "The Improper Use of the Federal Grand Jury: An Instrument for the Internment of Political Activists")

The federal grand jury has been reduced to being not much more than an investigating arm of the prosecution and law enforcement. And, witnesses, as opposed to potential defendants, have become the real targets of the grand jury.**

As it is used today, the federal grand jury allows the government to use it as an instrument to harass, disrupt and possibly destroy lives and movements without being hindered by due process, defense attorneys and other rights guaranteed in a free society.

Some glaring examples of this include:

* Your right to an attorney is nullified. Those testifying have no right to an attorney with them in the courtroom. There's not even a judge inside a grand jury room. And, the prosecutor - who tells the grand jury what to do - is not even required to inform the jury what an investigation is about or why he wants to question certain witnesses.

* You have no right to remain silent. Witnesses have to answer all questions, including those about their personal lives, friends and relatives. Witnesses must repeat rumor, innuendo and hearsay, which can be used - unlike real trials - to indict people. The prosecutor can put hearsay evidence or mere gossip into the record. A former federal prosecutor suggested a few years back

prison doctor advising certain remedial actions that could help Barry's recovery. Although receipt of the report has been acknowledged there appears to be no regards for its content, and apparently none of the actions have been implemented.

At this time it is more important than ever that Barry receives messages of support and solidarity (Barry Horne VC2141, HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane, York YO4 1PS). Similarly, we must remember why Barry undertook these hunger strikes in the first place, and fight even harder to bring an end to vivisection. There are many campaigns being fought at this very moment and all of them demand our fullest efforts (details will be posted shortly). Every one of us should be prepared to campaign that bit harder so that Barry's endeavors will bear even greater fruition.

Rejection of Barry's appeal by the authorities is proof of his effectiveness. 'Justice' may have failed us again, but the fight for both Barry and the animals will continue with a renewed vigour.....

McLIBEL APPEAL - MORE McAGONY FOR THE FAST FOOD GIANT

Further defendants' victories on McDonald's nutrition and employment practices:

The verdict for the McLibel Appeal was handed down at 11am today, Wednesday 31st March, in Court 1 at the Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand. There was a lively celebration picket by supporters outside the Court.

In their verdict today, Lord Justices Pill, May and Keane added to the damning findings of fact made by the original trial judge, Mr Justice Bell, against *McDonald's core business practices*. They ruled that: 'it was fair comment to say that McDonald's employees world wide do badly in terms of pay and conditions' [Appeal Judgment p247], and true that 'if one eats enough McDonald's food, one's diet may well become high in fat etc., with the very real risk of heart disease.' The Lord Justices went on to state that this last finding 'must have a serious effect on their trading reputation since it goes to the very business in which they are engaged. In our judgment, it must have a greater impact on the respondents' [McDonald's] reputation than any other of the charges that the trial judge had found to be true'. [Judgment p264]

On June 19th 1997, after a 314-day trial - the longest in English history - in which the defendants had been denied Legal Aid and their right to a jury trial - Mr Justice Bell had ruled that "various of McDonald's advertisements, promotions and booklets have pretended to a positive nutritional benefit which their food high in fat &salt etc) did not match"; that McDonald's "exploit children" with their advertising strategy, are "culpably responsible for animal cruelty" and "pay low wages, helping to depress wages in the catering trade." Significantly McDonald's did not appeal over these damning rulings against them, stating that the Judge was 'correct in his conclusions' [McDonald's written submissions 5.1.99].

The Appeal Court also stated that it had 'considerable sympathy' with the defendants' submissions that the leaflet meant 'that there is a respectable (not cranky) body of medical opinion which links a junk food diet with a risk of cancer and heart disease', that 'this link was accepted both in literature published by McDonald's themselves and by one or more of

that the grand jury system was so sympathetic to prosecutors that: "I could indict a ham sandwich if I wanted to."

* There is no immunity from prosecution even if the government says it has given immunity. That's because the government, in the early 1970s, passed laws that allow a grand jury to take away a witnesses right to remain silent, guaranteed by the 5th Amendment. They can ask you about your sex life, and you have to answer. Unless you resist.

* Those not talking face months in jail, or can jailed until the grand jury ends. And, those so jailed are refused bail. However, if you've demonstrated your desire to not cooperate early on, you can be released - or not even jailed - because of that very fact. You are only jailed to "coerce" you to testify. If they know, or you can prove by your past actions, that you never will cooperate, then they must, and will, release you.

* Federal prosecutors can do anything they want. They can convince any number of special grand juries to conduct simultaneous and parallel investigations. These juries fire off batches of subpoenas to disrupt activities of targeted organizations or movements, harass their members and intimidate its supporters. "Shotgun" techniques like this can bolster a weak case, creating publicity and headlines that virtually convict a person on popular suspicion.

* Individual Abuses. No where, in all of this, is the example of the government's abusive use of power more evident than in that of Jonathan Paul, an environmental investigator for several animal rights/environmental organizations. He was not accused of any crime, and the government admits he was not even a suspect.

Yet Paul spent more than 5 months in jail in Spokane when a federal judge determined he did not have the right to remain silent - andfurther, he did not have the right to have an attorney present at his one and only hearing to determine his rights. He also was not allowed to have counsel during the entire grand jury questioning process.

Jonathan was released April 13, 1993 -- 158 days after his incarceration. His "crime" was to refuse to answer private questions - about girlfriends, for instance - and questions about his political affiliations, including his clients, who were accused of no wrong doing. The government just said it wanted "information."

During his "hearing" - albeit without an attorney - Jonathan attempted to explain why he believed he had certain rights. "It is a free country," he asserted to the judge.

The judges reply - which pretty much summed up the proceedings: "Pardon me?"

GOVERNMENT CONSPIRACY WITH INDUSTRY:

The possible link between industries that abuse animals and the environment, and this latest government harassment of grassroots activists against such abuse, is intriguing.

And, it is not without precedent.

A report in the Commercial Appeal of Memphis (Tenn.) in 1993 revealed that the US Army spied on members of the civil rights movement, and collaborated with the Ku Klux Klan to do it. U2 spy planes were also used to gather information on civil rights activists.

In a Denver Post story (late 1988), the U.S. Justice Department admitted collecting information provided by fur retailers on the activities of animal rights activists nationwide.

The revelation has much relevance when one notes that the series of grand juries in the Northwest (Oregon, Washington and Utah), allegedly involve protest and other actions against endangered species research, and fur ranching.

"The Justice Department has asked for any information that we have...and has encouraged us to have photographs taken of demonstrators in front of fur stores," said the New York-based Fur Retailers Information Council.

And, Jim Carvino of Justice Department, admitted he accepts information from furriers and turns it over the FBI.

The bottom line is that the justice department and FBI have conspired to investigate members of other social justice movements, including the civil rights and antiwar movements, and they also have worked with the very industries that environmentalists oppose - the fur industry, for example - to harass and disrupt them.

Much has been written about grand juries - and their abuses, and how they can infringe on the rights of every American. While the writings are not exactly required reading in school, they ought to be.

Because, when abused by the government, the grand jury is a star chamber, a freedom mocking quasi-judiciary proceeding that attacks the rights of everyone no matter what their political persuasion.

That is why activists are being jailed as this is being written for simply refusing to talk about their political beliefs, or who their friends are, or are not.

That is why news reporters, and political activists have been forced behind bars. The good news, perhaps, is that because of people like them our rights are at least a little more preserved.

The sad part is that our nation's founders wanted to avoid these kind of proceedings by creating grand juries that the people control so that they could - in secret - investigate corrupt government officials.

Now, grand juries are used as a form of political coercion by the government against our own people - a sad, sad commentary, indeed.

Very much the same occurred in England in the 1930s, when the grand juries there - after which we modeled ours - began to harass citizens, rather than the other way around. The result? England banned them.

While there is a place for grand juries, especially on local levels, civil libertarians should be working on a remedy to the excesses of government, and the use of grand juries to stifle political opinion, freedom of the press, freedom of speech and association.

These recent, seemingly coordinated attacks through multiple grand juries in multiple states against environmentalists and animal rights advocates are only the latest manifestation.

Hopefully, they will be the last.

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McDonald's own experts and in medical publications of high repute', and that therefore 'that should have been an end of this part of the case' [p169]. However they ruled that their hands were tied by a procedural technicality so the appeal didn't succeed regarding the 'cancer' issue.[p170-2].

As a result of their further findings against the Corporation,the 3 Lord Justices reduced Mr Justice Bell's award of 60,000 damages to McDonald's (who'd spent an estimated 10m on the case) by 20,000. However, it is an outrage that McDonald's has been awarded any damages at all in the light of all the serious findings made against the company. No sanctions have been taken against the company,despite these findings.

Despite strong arguments by the Defendants the Court of Appeal has failed to provide any real protection for the public's right to scrutinize and criticize companies whose business practices may affect people's lives, health and environment. The court ruled out the submission by the McLibel 2 that multinational corporations should no longer be able to sue for libel over public interest issues,stating that although 'that may be seen as an argument of some substance' they rejected it [p287]. Their view was that it was a matter for parliament, and 'a course which is not open to us' [p23].Helen and Dave intend to appeal over these and other points to the House of Lords, and then take the UK Government to the European Court of Human Rights if necessary.

The Appeal began on 12th January 1999 and lasted 23 days in court, ending on 26th February. Helen Steel (33) and Dave Morris(45), representing themselves, challenged the use of libel laws as a form of mass censorship, and argued for the overturning of the parts of the *original v erdict which went against them in the controversial case* brought by the McDonald's Corporation.

Channel 4 news said at the end of the original trial that the case would go down as 'the biggest Corporate PR disaster in history'. McDonald's aim of suppressing the"What's Wrong With McDonald's?" leaflets has spectacularly backfired, with over 3 million handed out in the UK alone since the writs were served, 400,000 in the weekend after the verdict - and they are now being distributed worldwide. The 'McSpotlight' website containing over 20,000 files about McDonald's & McLibel has been accessed over 65 million times.

Note: Background information on the case, verdict and appeals available from the McLibel Support Campaign, or by visiting the McSpotlight website (details at top of page).

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GATEWAY GREENS DUMPS MILK AS SHAPIRO AND MONSANTO STOCKHOLDERS WATCH

Security Outnumbers Environmentalists 100 to 1, April 24, 1999. St. Louis, Missouri. As Monsanto CEO Robert Shapiro addressed the company's annual stockholders meeting, Gateway Green Alliance (GGA) member Steve Cassilly stood up, saying, "I would like to talk about labeling of genetically altered food. "I will get to that later," Shapiro retorted.

"We need to discuss it now!," Cassilly insisted. "There are real safety concerns about Monsanto's blatant refusal to label their genetically altered food. This is being voiced by people all over the world....And your company wants to deny them their rightful choice.. If your food products are so great why don't you advertise them as genetically enhanced."

Shapiro refused to answer the question put to him. Cassilly continued to prod him for an answer. He added, "Hey Bob, I would like an answer to my question." In protest Cassilly then poured a container of milk onto the carpet saying loudly, "This is what I think of your hormones in our milk." His action referred to the Monsanto produced rBGH (recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone), which is injected into cows to increase milk production. Many independent health experts believe the hormone is responsible for health threats to both cows and people. The future of rBGH is dubious, as the US remains the only industrialized country allowing its use.

Stockholders watched as Cassilly then dismissed himself from the meeting escorted by a number of security personnel and eventually by local authorities.

During discussion, one shareholder, a farmer, voiced concern about the closed market in Europe and the announcement by Archer Daniels Midland not accepting genetically modified crops. He also added that he was troubled by the huge benefits and compensation being given to board members while dividends remained almost non existent. Shapiro glossed over the market issue and replied to the farmer that, "We are working very hard at this company, we're not just sitting around smoking cigars." Referring to the amount of money executives are making.

Some stockholders commented on the intense levels of security. One asked Shapiro, "With so many guards, how did those people ever manage to throw a pie in your face?"

According to Tammy Shea, the other Gateway Green present, "With over 200 security guards, they outnumbered Steve and me 100 to 1. There was a lot of confusion created when the meeting was changed from its announced location at Monsanto World Headquarters to the Solutia compound.

The supposedly independent Solutia separated from Monsanto in 1998.

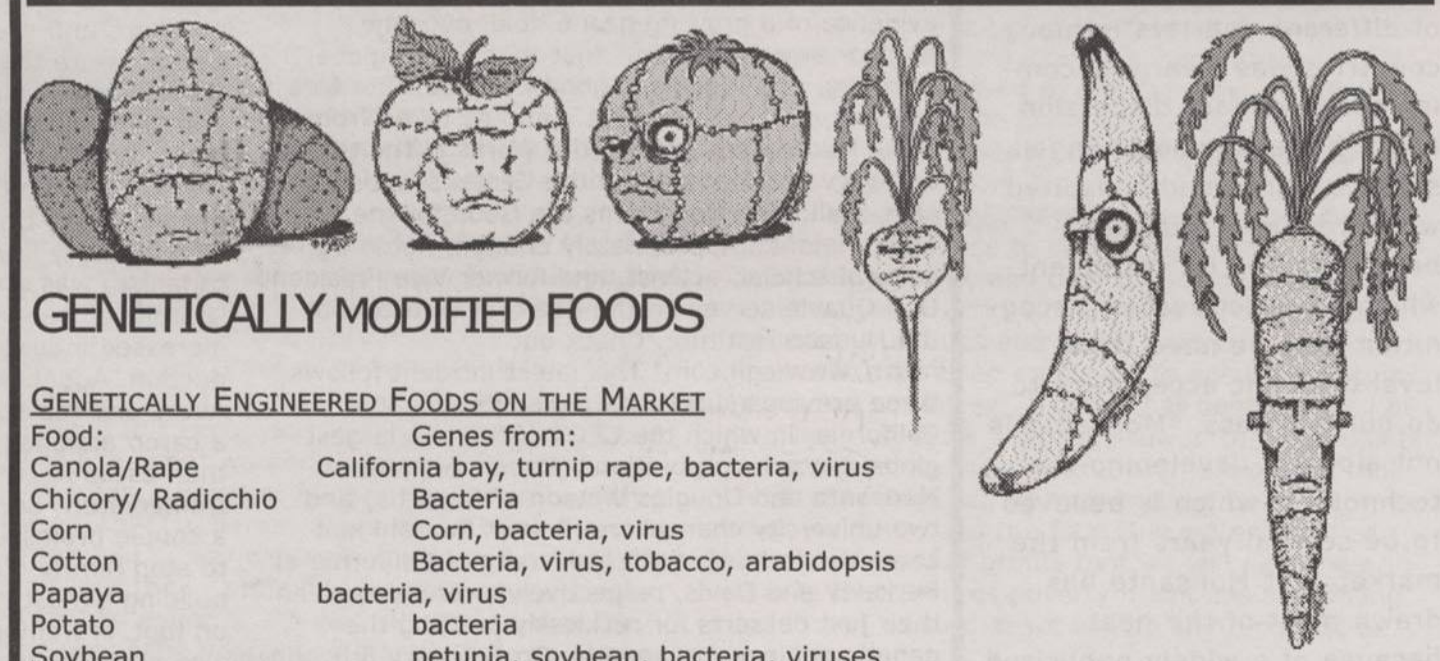
"Guards followed me wherever I went," she noted. Monsanto security had attempted to block her entrance into the meeting. When she connected them by phone to her stockbroker, they reluctantly stood back. Shea felt that, "A lot of stockholders are worried. Clearly the topic of what to do about the European markets not being completely open to genetically modified imports is a touchy one with Shapiro and shareholders. When I asked Shapiro to offer further opinion on that subject, his response created an unsettled feeling that was clear to everyone."

Outside Monsanto World Headquarters, two dozen GGA members picketed and chatted with reporters. Asked why they were there, Don Fitz explained "We want to urge Monsanto stockholders to consider the viability of a company which is putting all of its effort into genetic engineering at the same time the technology is being protested throughout the world."

The environmental group is particularly concerned with the high levels of cancer-causing Insulin-like Growth Factor (IGF-1) in milk. GGA spokesperson Daniel Romano stated "It is clear that cows injected with rBGH release IGF-1 into their milk. When people drink this milk, they have an increased risk of colon, breast and prostate cancer."

The Gateway Green Alliance is a chapter of the Missouri Green Party and the Greens/Green Party USA, one of several organizations participating the "Global Days of Action against Genetic Engineering." During April 22-28, demonstrations and teach-ins are being held in the US, Canada and Europe. *For more information* Contact: Tammy Shea, 314-458-5026 (voice/fax); Don Fitz, 314-727-8554

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Papaya	bacteria, virus
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Soybean	petunia, soybean, bacteria, viruses
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Cherry Tomatoes	bacteria
Tomatoes	tomato, bacteria, virus

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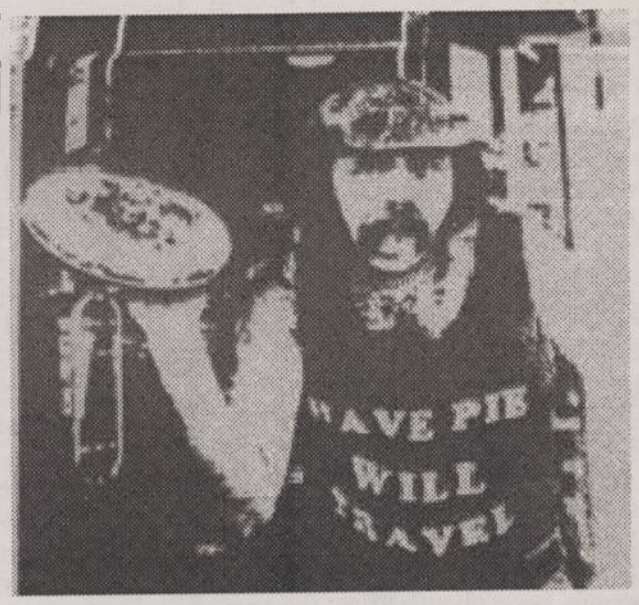
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TERMINATOR GENE TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Monsanto's "terminator technology" may not be terminated, but neither will it be germinated soon because of the global furor it has caused. St. Louis-based Monsanto Co. announced Thursday that it would not market the controversial new gene technology until the completion of studies that examine the environmental, economic and social effects. "We believe that the concerns about gene protection technologies should be heard and carefully considered before any decisions are made to commercialize them," the company said in a statement. So-called terminator technology is one of the seed-sterilization methods being developed to prevent genetically modified seeds from being used for free. If crops produce sterile seeds, farmers must buy new seeds at the next planting. For Monsanto, Thursday's announcement amounts to a retreat from its spirited defense of the technology. Philip Angell, Monsanto's director of communications, said the company had taken its new position "because the reaction to terminator in a lot of different quarters in many countries was clearly becoming the dominant discussion about biotechnology." Angell said Monsanto had consulted with prominent scientists before issuing its statement, which he described as "recognition that we need some level of public acceptance to do our business. "Monsanto is not alone in developing the technology, which is believed to be several years from the market. But Monsanto has drawn most of the heat because of a widely publicized U.S. patent for sterilization awarded last year to the Department of Agriculture and a Mississippi seed company that Monsanto is acquiring. In parts of the world, seed-saving is fiercely protected. Farmers and their advocates fear the loss of this age-old practice along with diminished seed choices that

BIOTIC BAKING BRIGADE STRIKES AGAIN



For Immediate Release: April 8, 1999
Grinnell, Iowa--The Biotic Baking Brigade (BBB) delivered yet another pie to a deserving recipient today, this time to free market biotechnology advocate Dennis Avery at the "Biotechnology and Agriculture"conference on the campus of Grinnell College.

The Central Iowa Anarchist (CIA) cell of the BBB conducted"Operation: Avery's Savory" to target the man who serves as Director of the Center for Global Food Issues at the Hudson Institute, as a response to his shameless and flagrant support of biotechnology and industrial factory farming. The pastry incident occurred around noon at the Herrick Chapel during the conference's convocation. As Avery delivered a keynote speech,BBB/CIA Agent Carob suddenly appeared and replaced the bald spot on Avery's head with a delightful vegan and mostly organic (it is Iowa, after all--no Mecca for health food, indeed) carob/almond/apple sauce pie. Agent Carob then escaped on foot and disappeared, as they say, without a trace. "Dennis Avery is especially known for his industry-biased neoliberal analyses of trends in food demand, productivity, and global farm competition; in other words, he's a shill for industrial factory farming and the so-called 'Green Revolution.' Likewise, the Center for Global Food Issues is a front group for 'Big Agriculture,' which increasingly is focused on using biotechnology to create a 'Next Green Revolution.' If we don't stop these mad Frankensteins from polluting our food chain now, we will have a nightmarish agricultural monster to deal with later. And as the BBB always says, a pie in time saves nine," declared Agent Carob. Avery served nearly a decade as a senior agriculture analyst for the U.S. Department of State, and has conducted policy analysis for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He authored "Saving the Planet with Pesticides and Plastics," and also wrote "How Poverty Won't Save the Planet"-- a response paper to John Robbins' "Diet for a New America." Avery wrote in American Outlook magazine (a quarterly publication of the Hudson Institute) that "consumers of organic and 'natural' foods are eight times as likely to be attacked by a new strain of E. coli bacteria," a claim which has been completely debunked. He also claimed that, "We've never found a single consumer death from pesticide residues, and only a few dozen cases of consumer illness."The Hudson Institute's Center for Global Food Issues serves a key role for agriculture that 'Wise Use' movement groups do for mining and logging: the propagation of misinformation and lies under the banner of science. Avery argues that "there is no evidence of a growing ozone hole, over the Arcticor anywhere else," that there is no global warming, and logging is good because, "if a tree isn't cut, it will die and rot" (quotes taken from "How Poverty Won't Save the World"). The title of an Avery articleposted on the Center's website says it all: "Big Hog Farms are Good for the Environment." Appropriately enough, noted agricultural scholar, activist, and former Vice President Dan Quayle serves on the Board of Directors at the Hudson Institute. Check out http://www.cgfi.com/ This latest incident follows three previous successful pie operations in California, in which the CEOs of the two largest global biotech corporations (Robert Shapiro of Monsanto and Douglas Watson of Novartis) and two university chancellors (Robert Berdahl and Larry Vanderhoef of the University of California at Berkeley and Davis, respectively),were also given their just desserts for recklessly pushing the genetic engineering agenda. On February 5th, the group Welsh Action Against Genetics(WAAG) attempted to pie the United Kingdom's Science Minister, Lord David Sainsbury, while he was on a tour of Swansea University. Regrettably, a WAAG operative failed in her/his organic cream pie delivery, though Lord Sainsbury was forced to scuttle around the university and hide sheepishly in doorways as other activists attempted follow up actions. The minister was last seen been bundled into a car and being sped away from his group of "admirers.""Operation: Avery's Savory" is dedicated to our fellow BBB agent-comrades who bravely face down the criminal 'justice' system, and who will change the world or pie trying. This pie-by splooshing goes out to the Cherry Pie3, sentenced months for the Mayor Brown pie incident, as well as to Agents Pecan (Bob Greenberg) of the BBB--Midwest Faction in Minnesota and Creamy Genes (Dave Pike) of the BBB-Nor'eastah Irregulars in New Hampshire. Both agents are facing serious charges as a result of delivering just desserts to a pie-falut in' state senator and a genetics/animal cloner, respectively. San Francisco Judge Ernest Goldsmith thought his draconian sentence for the Cherry Pie 3 would deter any further pielitical pressure, and Lt. Col.Steve Mengelkoch of the Minnesota State Patrol recently asserted that "we will deal aggressively" with Agent Pecan. But in point of fact, the opposite reaction to what the forces of law and order want has occurred, and political re-pie-sals have increased dramatically throughout the industrial world. As Max Stirner wrote many decades ago, "The great appear great only because we are on our knees. Let us now pie."

A first-hand account of "Operation: Avery's Savory," received at the BBB--Ecotopia's General Command somewhere in the mountains of the Headwaters Forest, via an encrypted and anonymously remailed communique from Agent Almond of the BBB/CIA.

Agent Apple, Here's an account of today's operation. Grinnell College has asymposium all week this week about "Biotechnology and Agriculture." Grinnell is an incredibly liberal school, and does not usually support the dominant paradigm, but the professors from the environmental studies department, the poly-sci department, and the biology department brought a series of speakers here almost all adamantly PRO genetic engineering and biotech. Only one speaker (from the consumer's right-to-know group) was against it, but she had to call herself to ask to be added to the schedule, and then wasn't even added until the last minute, so she wasn't in the brochure and she spoke over lunch and only five people were there. To the Grinnell community, a slanted symposium like this is surprising. We don't see shit like this at our "liberal" school very often. Anyway... At the most important speech, the "convocation" (big deal around here, LOTS of people there) Dennis Avery began the faithful biotech party line. As he held forth on why vegetarianism was a waste of time and how there are "primitive" people starving who need to be fed by increased industrial and biotechnological food production, Agent Carob suddenly appeared behind Avery and replaced the bald spot on his head with a carob almond apple sauce pie. Agent Carob then escaped out the side door by the stage. Immediately, several of the previous speakers and a couple professors who were in the first row tried to stop him/her, and one who made it outside the building almost caught Agent Carob, who escaped on foot. A woman who was standing by the door also allegedly went out and jumped on a bicycle, but was intercepted by one of the earlier speakers rom the symposium--Monty Miller. This man, who currently heads a corporation called Performance Solutions, "from 1981-1990 held numerous management positions with the Monsanto Company" (quoted from Grinnell's brochure about the speakers and the symposium). He ran at her and her bike, physically grabbed her and knocked her down, resulting in her falling with her ankle twisted and all the weight of not only her and the bike, but also Mr.Monty Miller. He then proceeded to hold her down despite her screams that her ankle was hurting, though he did however lift most of his own weight off of her. She spent four hours in the hospital. Her ankle was x-rayed: not broken,

they see resulting from recent consolidation of seed companies by Monsanto and its rivals. Farmers have reacted angrily, even violently, to the prospect of these changes. In November, members of a farm cooperative in India - where 70 percent of farmers save seeds - burned two of Monsanto's experimental fields. Meanwhile, scientists and farm economists in the world's largest agriculture research network - the Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research - voted late last year to condemn the technology. It was unclear who would conduct new studies and when. A United Nations scientific and technology panel organized under the Convention on Biological Diversity already is studying terminator technologies, and several countries are pushing for wider U.N. involvement. The International Food Policy Research Institute also may be studying the issue. Phil Pardey, are search fellow for the Washington-based institute, referred Thursday to "a woeful lack of understanding of the potential impacts on both developed and developing nations." Jim Moody, president of Washington-based *InterAction*, said he had agreed to help disseminate information about the technology to the 160 organizations under his umbrella. InterAction is known primarily for helping refugees and disaster victims. The Rural Advancement Foundation International, which has offices in the United States and Canada, coined the terminator technology phrase and has been the most vocal critic of plant sterility research. The foundation's Hope Shand predicted that studies will recommend that the technology be dropped. Monsanto often has fought for global acceptance of biotechnology with little help from rivals, and it may be alone in the terminator controversy. A spokeswoman for Swiss-based Novartis, Monsanto's main rival in the business of genetic science, referred to the issue as "a Monsanto matter" and declined to comment. A DuPont spokesman said his company had no plan to pursue the technology.

but severely sprained. She spoke to her lawyer and is consider filing assault and battery charges as well as false imprisonment charges against him. The last charge because he never said, "I'm making a citizens arrest," and since no charges were filed against her, Miller had no right to detain her. The school threatened the woman with expulsion in an attempt to find out the identity of Agent Carob. The police were notified and briefly questioned her, but left rather quickly after receiving no information. Avery's response to the pie-ing was to remark that he felt "flattered" by the action, and then he continued to take questions from the audience. The response among the students was very mixed. About serving 'dessert' to corporate crooks: my English teacher used to say there are two 's'es in that word because you always want more! Give them MORE. Yours till the cookie crumbles, Agent Almond for the BBB/CIA



VERMONT ACTIVISTS TAKE ACTION AGAINST MONSANTO

Activists Scale Burlington Water Tower to Protest Monsanto-University Ties On Earth Day morning, Thursday April 22, two Vermont activists scaled the University of Vermont's 150 foot water tower to hang a huge banner saying "Reclaim the Earth. Monsanto out of UVM." One of them, Darini Nicholas of Plainfield, spent much of the day at the top of the tower speaking with supporters and local news reporters by cell phone and walkie-talkie. Nicholas is a native of Sri Lanka, an active member of NorthEast Resistance Against Genetic Engineering (NERAGE), and a graduate student at theInstitute for Social Ecology (ISE) in Plainfield. "I am here at great personal risk to draw attention to the environmental devastation supported by the University of Vermont's (UVM) investment policy," said Nicholas in a prepared statement. "This action is part of a movement to demand that UVM invest our public funds in a socially and environmentally responsible fashion rather than in corporations like Monsanto. "A noontime rally on the steps of the university library featured speakerson the hazards of genetic engineering and Monsanto's sordid history from NERAGE, ISE and the Native Forest Network, and music by Seattle-based songwriter Jim Page. Ties between Vermont's state university and the Monsanto company have beena matter of controversy for ten years. In 1989, a veterinary pathologistat UVM's experimental farm revealed that cows injected with Monsanto'sgenetically engineered Bovine Growth Hormone were aborting fetal calves with severe deformities. Her revelations led to an investigation by the General Accounting Office of the US Congress and helped delay government approval of rBGH for use by dairy farmers in the US. In 1997 student activists revealed that Monsanto stock represented the single largest holding in the Vermont state university's portfolio. A university representative told the Burlington Free Press on Thursday that the university now holds $192,500 in Monsanto stock. The campus-based Coalition for Responsible Investment (CRI) has discovered that UVM recently sold off its individual corporate holdings and is instead investing inmutual funds. This is clearly in response to growing controversy over the university's investment policies. Students and local activists are also investigating continuing research ties between UVM and Monsanto. A second demonstration against university-corporate ties promoting biotechnology will be sponsored by NERAGE and others at the University ofMassachusetts on May 6th.

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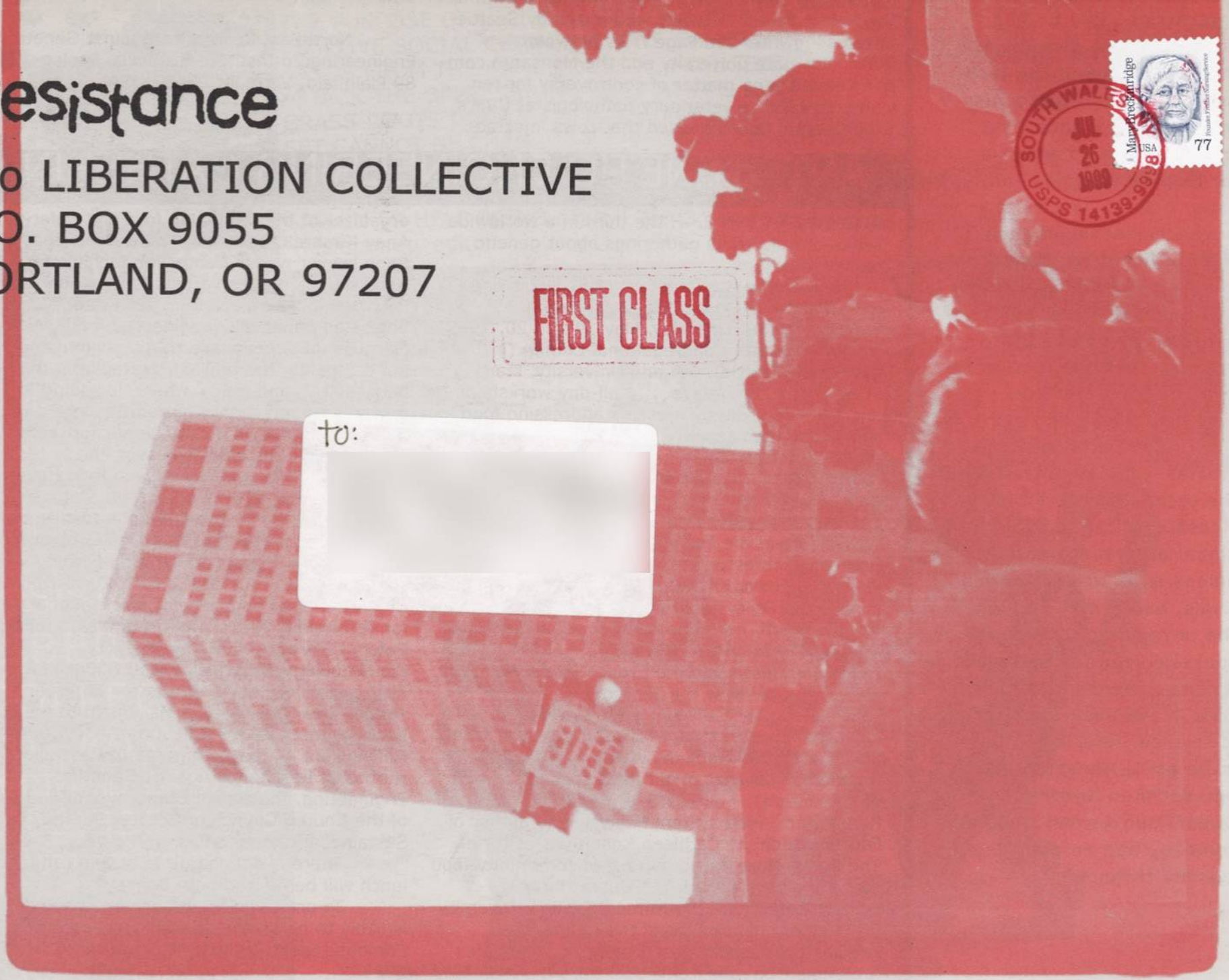
ANTI-GENETIC ENGINEERING GATHERING

BIODEVASTATION 3. . . the third in a worldwide series of grassroots gatherings about genetic engineering

(following in the footsteps of St. Louis and New Delhi) . . . in Seattle, Washington, Wednesday and Thursday, May 19 and 20, 1999 . . . at Plymouth Congregational Church (in downtown Seattle), 6th and University, starting at 8:30 a.m. both days . . . all-day workshops and evening strategy sessions addressing food safety and food security, patenting of seeds and other life forms, environmental issues, monopolization and industrialization of food production, etc. . . . featuring such major critics of science and technologys: * Brian Tokar (writer/critic for Z Magazine and the Ecologist, author of Earth for Sale, and professor at Goddard College's Institute for Social Ecology), * Dr. Michael Hanson (Consumer Policy Institute scientist, expert on bovine growth hormone, mad cows, and most of the insanity in our food system), * University of Indiana Professor Martha Crouch (biologist, critic, and author of "How the Terminator Terminates..."), * Oregon State University Professor Elaine Ingham (the soil ecologist who first shared the problems with an engineered microorganism that might have spelled the end of agriculture), * Brewster Kneen (editor of The Ram's Horn, food system analyst, and author of Farmageddon), * Cathleen Kneen (co-editor of The Ram's Horn and organizer of community food councils across Canada), * Debra Harry (renowned critic of the Human Genome Diversity Project and Coordinator of the Indigenous Peoples Coalition Against Biopiracy), * Ronnie Cummins (guardian of Global Days of Action and organizer of the Campaign for Food Safety), * Andy Kimbrell (author of The Human Body Shop,lawyer whose Center for Technology Assessment battles various federal agencies over BT crops, bioprospecting in Yellowstone, and unlabeled genetically engineered food), * Charles Margulis, of Greenpeace USA's genetic engineering campaign, the brilliant strategist in the fish-berry suit, * and many others, including RAFI researcher/campaigner extraordinaire Edward Hammond, long-time campaigner for techno-sanity and civil rights UW Professor Phil Bereano,techno-eugenics maven Rich Hayes, activist/ecology Professor Doreen Stabinsky, and more. . . hosted by the Edmonds Institute and Washington Biotechnology Action Council; co-sponsored by: Food and Farming Forum, Greenpeace U.S.A., Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies (West Bengal,India),International Center for Technology Assessment, Campaign for Food Safety,Diverse Women for Diversity, Biotechnology Action Montreal, Council for Responsible Genetics, Center for Ethics and Toxics, the Gateway Greens, Institute for Social Ecology, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, Non-Violent Action Committee of Cascadia, Northeast Resistance Against Genetic Engineering, the Global Economy Working Group of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, Sustainable Communities, and others.

There is NO charge to attend (and free lunch will be offered both days).

To pre-register and ensure space at what is likely to be acrowded event, contact the Edmonds Institute, beb@igc.org or 425-775-5383.



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