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For Earth, Animal and Self Liberation

"Fuelled by the fires of compassion and justice we will strike back at those who see themselves as above the laws of nature. Man has raped and tortured the Earth for too long and now we have no choice but to fight against those supporting this desecration. By whatever means necessary we have to and we will win this war."



Arson attack on Dutch furriers car - 2004

"Dedicated to all those taking action to fight back against the destruction of the Earth and the genocide inflicted upon its animal nations. Until all are free we will not lay down our weapons of liberation."

Lying in her hiding place under the full moon she smiled...

she'd failed them... failed to become another cog in the machine, failed to become another obedient worker drone...

she had failed them... but not the animals and the Earth, which she so deeply loved...

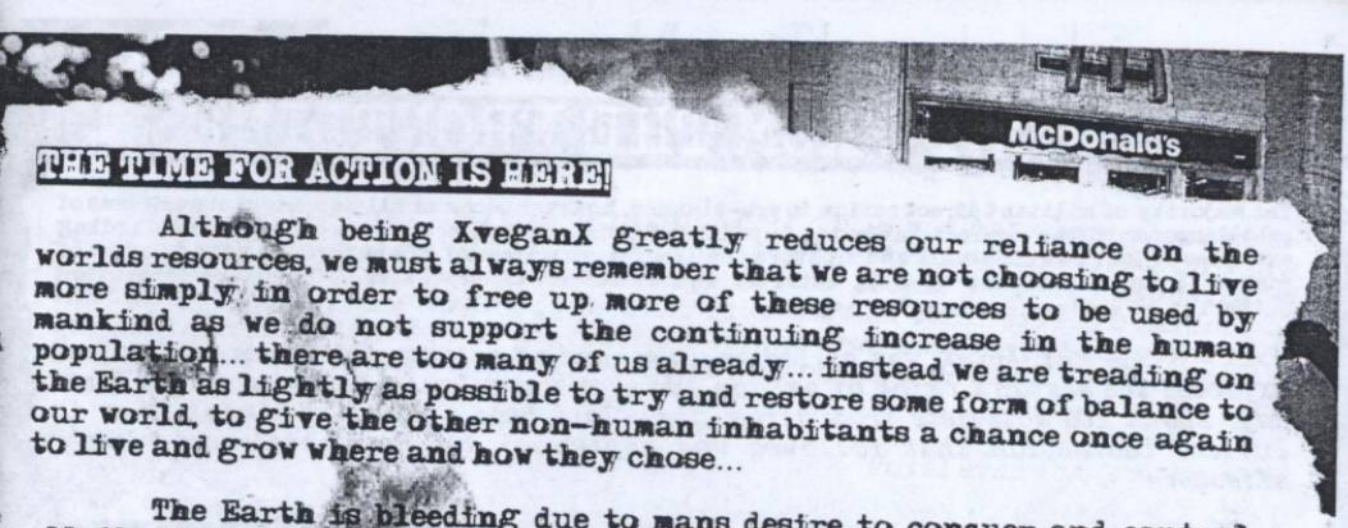
as a cloud past over the moon she crept from her hiding place...
and with a clear mind and strong heart...

she stepped forward to lay waste to the property of the abusers...

another night closer to victory!
another day closer to freedom!

NO COMPROMISE... NO RETREAT...
NO SURRENDER...

Smash Yamanouchi - HLS collaborator
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THE TIME FOR ACTION IS HERE!

Although being XveganX greatly reduces our reliance on the worlds resources, we must always remember that we are not choosing to live more simply in order to free up more of these resources to be used by mankind as we do not support the continuing increase in the human population... there are too many of us already... instead we are treading on the Earth as lightly as possible to try and restore some form of balance to our world, to give the other non-human inhabitants a chance once again to live and grow where and how they chose...

The Earth is bleeding due to mans desire to conquer and control all. We fight to heal this wound and restore Gaia to her former glory. We must defeat the enemies of the Earth, but we must also defeat apathy and the ingrained cultural idea that despite man having as much right to live on this beautiful Earth as all other species, the earth was not solely made for our use. We are not at the top of some hierarchal evolutionary tree - merely one branch of many. Unless we break free from this misguided idea that we own the world, an idea enforced by religion and the 'stories' we are taught from birth, then human civilisation will come crashing down into the dusty lifeless ruins of our planet.



It scares us the way in which the majority of mankind is distracted from what is such an enormous problem. Whilst we stand around, uncaring, oblivious, wondering what to spend the money on that we've made during another wasted day at work, new clothes? new TV? more alcohol? another burger? ... the Earth is being murderously ravaged. We cannot blame people for thinking how they do, such thought is part of our culture, but we can blame people for not changing how they think. How many more times do we have to hear that 100's of species are made extinct each year, that we are running out of fossil fuels, that the rain forests are fast disappearing, that climate change is well advanced... before we realise how much of a crisis is upon us.



The time for talk is over, action must be taken, a dramatic shift in our culture is required, a return to sustainable Earth-friendly living. We do not have all the answers but we feel that being XveganX is part of this initial shift, and an important part, one we would encourage others to make. A dramatic change in our materialistic self-centered lifestyles, combined with militant direct action is the only way we feel we can start to pull man back from the brink of the abyss towards which he is walking. We must halt this apparently relentless conquest of the Earth, which is supported by the majority of human kind.

As our war against the Earth destroyers continues, we hope that the spirits of the great animal-nations and indigenous tribes decimated and wiped out by men of our culture will be with us, as we once again affirm the principal that they followed, that we should be living with the Earth rather than against it.

The fight continues... Until all are free!

Running Fox - 2004

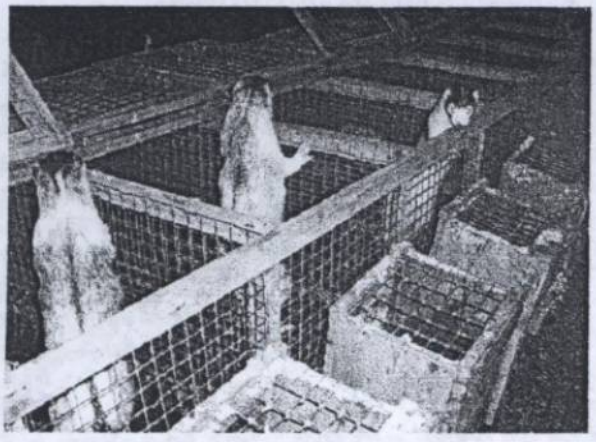


REPORT FROM THE FRONTLINES

The majority of militant direct action is pre-planned, however occasionally spontaneous orgasms of rebellion occur, the unpredictable and impulsive nature of such actions makes them outstanding examples of just how adaptable and creative the liberation movement can be. Here we have a report of just such an action sent by a UK activist who attended the September 2003 Animal Liberation Gathering in Holland. Read and be inspired...

"The gathering was billed as a weekend of action, not words, but no one expected the action to kick of as soon and as spectacularly, as it did! On the first day, about 200 activists from across the globe paid a visit to a mink farm in Putten. The action that followed was unplanned, uncoordinated, and bloody effective!

As activists approached the farm, the group split in two. Half descending upon the farmer's house, the other half running towards the imprisoned mink. The determined activists charging at the farmer's house picked up stones, and a number of his windows were smashed in the first volley. The farmer, who was in his garden entertaining guests, decided it would be a good idea to run after people with a camera. This however was duly smashed, and the farmer forced to retreat as a torrent of stones flew in his direction. The front door of the farm was kicked in, more windows were smashed, and the cars parked on his drive trashed.



Meanwhile, other activists were tearing down the fragile wall that enclosed the mink sheds. Once the wall had been smashed, several people entered the sheds, which stank from the rotting bodies and faeces of thousands of mink. The cages were of poor design, and were easily flipped open. A dozen activists ran down the aisles of the sheds, releasing hundreds of mink peering out The sight of the before jumping of their cages, captivity, and free from their the compound was truly beautiful. As most the activists began to leave the farm, running out of nearly all of those remaining in the sheds decided it was time to leave. 2 brave warriors however continued to open cages for another quarter of an hour - enough time to liberate every mink on the farm!

As everyone returned to their vehicles, one of the farmer's inbred friends tried to run people down in his tractor. He was stalled for a few moments as a brick flew through his windscreen, but was soon back to his psychopathic rampage and unfortunately although many activists fled the scene, the tractor careered into the one remaining coach, preventing it from leaving the area. The 48 people on the coach were soon arrested by the Dutch police, who hijacked the vehicle and had it driven to a local police station. Here the activists were crudely tied up, lined against a wall and after several hours were dragged one by one to be interviewed, fingerprinted, and photographed. Activists have reported disgusting levels of police brutality, as the filth attempted to extract information. Despite frequent requests no one was allowed to speak to a solicitor & some were withheld this basic right for over two days. After 4 days of violent interrogations most prisoners were bailed to return for their court case. Ten prisoners were kept on remand until the trial a month later, however at the trial only one person was found guilty, and they had already served their time on remand. The other forty-seven were found not guilty, despite the Dutch government calling for harsh sentencing and wanting the ALF classified as a

terrorist organisation. The case is due to be appealed by the police in six months, but it seems unlikely that the verdict will be any different.

This action was truly inspirational. It could not have been planned, as its brilliance was its spontaneity. The way people acted in this situation was a true measure of their character, the majority of people present demonstrated that they were willing to lay down their freedom, and their lives in defence of our brothers and sisters from the animal nations. Over 2000 lives were saved from a life of hell in a spontaneous expression of anger. This is animal liberation at its most fundamental level.

Until every cage is empty..."

You Don't Support the ALF Because Why?

"We are a non-violent guerilla organisation, dedicated to the liberation of animals from all forms of cruelty and persecution at the hands of mankind." – Ronnie Lee, ALF founder

The ALF grew out of the hunt saboteur movement in England in the 1970s. Activists turned from legal tactics of hunt disruption to illegal tactics of sabotage when they grew weary of being assaulted and jailed. A hunt sab group known as the Band of Mercy broadened the focus to target other animal exploitation industries such as vivisection and began to use arson as a potent tool of property destruction. Two of its founders were arrested in 1974 and released a year later. One turned snitch and left the movement, the other, Ronnie Lee, deepened his convictions and began a new ultra-militant group he called the Animal Liberation Front that would forever change the face of direct action struggle. The ALF migrated to the U.S. in the early 1980s and is now an international movement in over twenty countries.

The ALF breaks into and enters animal prison compounds to rescue animals, they reveal the horrors committed behind locked doors, and destroys property to prevent further harm to animals and to weaken exploitation industries economically. The ALF are guided by the belief that however righteous their anger, no human being must ever be harmed in the struggle for liberation of others.

Despite the incriminations of animal exploitation industries, the state, and mass media, the ALF is not a terrorist organization, rather they are a counter-terrorist outfit. They are best understood not by comparing them to Al Qaeda or Saddam Hussein's republican guard, but instead to Gandhi and the Indian independence movement, the Suffragettes, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King & the civil rights movement, and Nelson Mandela & the African National Congress. The ALF models itself after the Underground Railroad movement that helped fugitive slaves reach Free states and Canada and after freedom fighters in Nazi Germany who liberated war prisoners and Holocaust victims and destroyed equipment such as gas chambers.

There are indeed real terrorists in today's world, but they are not the ALF. The most violent and dangerous criminals occupy the top positions of U.S. corporate and state office, they are the ones most responsible for the exploitation of people, the massacre of animals, and the rape of the planet. Anyone quick to condemn the tactics of the ALF needs a lesson in history as many key struggles and movements have employed illegal direct action tactics to advance human rights and freedoms.

Our indirect system of representative democracy is irredeemably corrupted by money, power, cronyism, and privilege. Appealing to the lessons of history, direct activists insist that one cannot win liberation struggles through

education, moral persuasion, political campaigns, demonstrations, or legal action alone and instead directly confront the figures of social power and oppression they are challenging.

Moral progress does not work through gentle nudges or ethical persuasion alone. Society is inherently conservative, and change is blocked either by the corruption of the powerful or the apathy of the powerless. Sometimes society has to be pushed into the future, and justice forced past the barricades of ignorance and complacency by the most enlightened people of the time. Within this framework, direct action and civil disobedience are key catalysts of progressive change.

"The Earth Liberation Front realizes the profit motive caused and reinforced by the capitalist society is destroying all life on this planet. The only way, at this point in time, to stop that continued destruction of life is to by any means necessary take the profit motive out of killing." – ELF website

"We're very dangerous philosophically. Part of the danger is that we don't buy into the illusion that property is worth more than life. We bring that insane priority into the light, which is something the system cannot survive." – David Barbarash

There are textbook cases where legal codes violate codes of ethics and justice: Nazi Germany, U.S. slavery, and South African apartheid. In such situations, not only is it legitimate to break the law, it is obligatory, to fight such oppression people had to break the law, destroy the enemy's property, or commit violence, in return they were beaten, jailed, killed, and denounced as extremists or something like terrorists. Yet who today will argue that their actions were wrong? People forget that the Suffragettes in England and the U.S. used arson and bombs to help win the emancipation of women.

The ALF believes there is a higher law than that created by and for the corporate-state, a moral law transcending the corrupt and biased statues of the current political system. When the law is wrong, the right thing to do is to break it. This is often how moral progress is made in history, from defiance of American slavery and Hitler's anti-Semitism to sit-ins at "whites only" lunch counters in Alabama. By destroying the property of animal oppressors, the ALF helps to prevent future destruction to life as it weakens – and in some cases, eliminates – industries by making their bloodletting more costly.

Opponents of direct action believe that illegal actions undermine the rule of law and they view civil disobedience as a threat to social order. However this perspective assumes the system is legitimate and that it cannot be improved upon. It also misrepresents direct activists as people who disrespect the law, when arguably they have a higher regard for the spirit of law and its relation to justice. Champions of direct action renounce uncritical allegiance to a legal system. – Blind obedience to laws and social decorum led millions of German Jews to their death with almost no resistance.

We are witnessing the dawn of a new civil war between those who will kill every last living thing for power and profit, and those prepared to fight these maniacs tooth and nail. This is a guerilla war, fought by ecowarriors who go underground, don masks and balaclavas, operate at night, and strike through sabotage. Through guerilla warfare, David can defeat Goliath.

The ALF argues that animals have rights, and these rights trump property rights. Hence, the ALF does not "steal" animals from laboratories because they never were anyone's to own. The ALF rescues, restores, and liberates, it does not commit a wrong, it rights a wrong against life. For the ALF, whenever property is used to injure or take a life, it is legitimate to destroy that property. This is not vandalism or hooliganism because it has a high moral purpose – it is ethical sabotage. This idea that life has more value than property violently opposes capitalist world view that property is sacred and life is profane.

Animal and Earth exploitation industries can massacre billions of animals and tear down the rainforests as respectable businessmen, yet anyone who challenges their right to do this is vilified as a terrorist.

"Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission – to be of service to them whenever they require it." – St. Francis of Assisi

How can one be "violent" toward a van or be a "terrorist" toward brick and mortar? How does one harm or terrorize a laboratory or fur farm with spray paint or a firebomb? The ALF is not a terrorist organization because (1) they never physically injure people, and (2) they never target anyone not directly involved in the war against animals. The ALF are acting in defense of the defenseless, they are combatants in a just war, animal exploiters are legitimate military targets. Why ought the human "right" to kill be protected over an animal's right to live through a code of nonviolence?

ALF victims such as a vivisectors, foie gras chefs, or fur farmers whose homes, cars, or offices are damaged may suffer fear, anxiety, and trauma. Their business, livelihood, research, or careers may be ruined, and they are harmed psychologically, economically and professionally and none of this is good from their point of view. But surely that sabotage is the lesser violence compared to what it tries to prevent. Violence, including physical attacks against human persons, is acceptable and legitimate in a war against the warmongers. Since animals are not only sentient, but also psychologically and socially complex beings, every injury to an animal ought to be considered injury to a person, and hence violence.

"The question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kinds of extremists we will be. The nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists." – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Crimes of enormous proportion are committed against animals that the legal system ignores. The ALF are people who distrust the system, who hurt when life hurts, and who feel the urgency of the crisis and want immediate effect and change. Would you be content to write letters to your newspaper if your family members were locked up in a laboratory? Would you not break in and free them if you could and destroy the property so that others would not be tortured? Would you not liberate your neighbour's dog if it was being abused and the local police were indifferent?

Meaningful social change will not result from the use of one or a few tactics alone – all strategies and tactics are needed. The animal rights movement needs people to write letters, work with local and state "representatives," educate students, do vegan outreach, demonstrate and protest, and so on. But it also needs underground direct action. If you care about animals, if you care about the values of peace, freedom, and justice, if you care about human moral progress, if you value logical consistency, you should support the ALF.

[Abridged version of essay by Dr. Steven Best, Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, University of Texas.]

USEFUL DIRECT ACTION WEBSITES:

www.shac.net – Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty
www.arkangelweb.org – Animal Liberation Resource
www.directaction.info – Animal Liberation Resource
www.earthliberationfront.com – E.L.F. Website
www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk – Prisoner Support
www.guineapigs.org.uk – Save The Newchurch Guinea Pigs
www.nocompromise.org – Animal Liberation Resource
www.freebeagles.org Legal resource for activists
www.speakcampigns.org.uk – First it was the Cambridge monkey lab, now it's Oxford!

Art of War - Sun Tzu

Ancient wisdom of extreme relevance to the liberation struggle...

In war, the way is to avoid what is strong and to strike at what is weak.

Hold out baits to entice the enemy. Feign disorder, and crush him. By holding out baits, you keep him on the march, then with a body of picked men you lie in wait for him.

If he is secure at all points, be prepared for him. If he is in superior strength, evade him. Attack him where he is unprepared, appear where you are not expected.

To fight and conquer in all your battles is not supreme excellence, supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting.

He will win who knows when to fight and when not to fight. He will win who knows how to handle both superior and inferior forces. He will win whose army is animated by the same spirit throughout all its ranks. He will win who, having prepared himself, waits to take the enemy unprepared.

To secure ourselves against defeat lies in our own hands, but the opportunity of defeating the enemy is provided by the enemy himself. Hence the skilful fighter puts himself into a position, which makes defeat impossible, and does not miss the moment for defeating the enemy.

In all fighting, the direct method may be used for joining battle, but indirect methods will be needed in order to secure victory.

The clever combatant imposes his will on the enemy, but does not allow the enemy's will to be imposed on him.

All warfare is based on deception.

Do not repeat the tactics which have gained you one victory, but let your methods be regulated by the infinite variety of circumstances.

If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.

Learn to be invisible and inaudible, hold the enemy's fate in your hands.

Let your plans be as dark and impenetrable as night, and when you move, fall like a thunderbolt.

Ponder and deliberate before you make a move. Be disciplined and calm, to await the appearance of disorder amongst the enemy - this is the art of retaining self-possession.

Beware of dangerous faults which may affect a war: Recklessness - leads to destruction. Cowardice - leads to capture. And a hasty temper can lead to irrational judgement.

Be subtle! be subtle! and use your spies for every kind of business.

WEAPONS OF WAR – part I

This guide is for your entertainment, information, and general interest only. It's not meant to encourage the activities described within. We would never dream of encouraging someone to use these proven-effective methods to free innocent beings from the depths of hell, or to destroy the tools used to torture, mutilate, and murder them or the Earth. We'd much prefer you sit at home watching TV and remain apathetic.

'Direct action is nothing to take lightly. The moment you carry out your first action you are at risk of being arrested. Direct action is very demanding, physically and mentally. Are you in top physical shape? If you were being chased by a police officer, could you outrun him? Could you scale a barbed wire fence? Living under the constant stress of possible arrest can take its toll mentally as well. A.L.F. activists should remain drug and alcohol free, as these things decay physical and mental ability, give the police another reason to investigate you, and waste money better spent on supplies. Veganism is obviously encouraged, as it is both morally responsible, and will better your physical condition.' – www.animalliberation.net

This guide is an abridged compilation of useful tips, tactics and knowledge, based upon information available in a number of ELF and ALF booklets/guides (e.g. The A.L.F. Primer, The Power Is Ours, The Final Nail, As Darkness Falls, Without A Trace, Interviews with A.L.F. Activists and EcoDefense) as well as information freely available on the internet from websites such as www.earthliberationfront.com and www.animalliberation.net ... basically we've not come up with these things ourselves. The second part of the guide will be included in issue # of xultramilitancex.

GETTING STARTED

- Always work with people you know well, people you know you can rely on.
- Starting your own cell is better than joining an existing one, since if you know of an existing one, their security obviously isn't too good.
- Use the minimum number of people needed for each action, but don't forget the importance of look outs.
- Progress as a group, starting with minor actions to get used to each other. Debrief after each action, what went well, what didn't, how can you improve and hit harder etc.

PLANNING

- After selecting your target become totally familiar with it and the surrounding area. Carefully study a map. Plan escape routes *rendezvous* points, entrance points, identify the locations of CCTV, security lighting, security guards (including their routine), guard dogs etc...
- Visit the target at the time you plan to strike to get a clear idea of how things will be on the night. Don't visit too often though!!
- Leave nothing to chance. Work out every detail. Plan for things to go wrong. Make sure everyone is well aware of their role in the operation.

PREPERATION

- Consider leaving your immediate area for actions, repeatedly working close to home can be a tip off to police.
- Do not keep a regular schedule of days and times.
- Weekday, overcast, stormy nights are good nights for action.
- Have a story set if stopped by the police.
- If using your car for actions, remove all bumper stickers. Alternatively rent a car specifically for use on the night. Drive carefully and legally.

- Cover tattoos and piercings. Wear dark colours with no identifiable markings, all black can look suspicious, so keep it dark but not unusual. Balaclavas are useful but be ready to ditch them if need be – they can be very incriminating. A hooded sweatshirt, baseball cap, and scarf are a better idea in some locations.
- You may want to wear oversized shoes, socks over your shoes or cover the soles in duct tape to avoid leaving tell tale footprints.
- Buy clothes just for the night &throw them away afterwards or wear boiler suits/baggy outer clothing, which can be removed quickly.
- Always wear gloves and be mindful of fingerprints. Fingerprints go through thin latex gloves, so if using them wear 2 pairs. Remember fingerprints will be left on the inside of the glove, so dispose of them separately from any other evidence.
- Whenever purchasing equipment for an action, purchase everything far away from home, always with cash, and as long before an action takes place as possible.
- Don t use materials that will give away where you are from.
- Wipe everything you are taking with you to remove fingerprints, you will have to scrub hard, some soap or rubbing alcohol may help.
- Take as little as possible with you, connect whatever you take to your body. Leave jewelry, keys, credit cards etc. at home. Don't drop anything!!
- Do not have drugs, weapons, or anything else illegal on you.
- If using tools such as crowbars or bolt cutters file them after each use, slight markings on the tool can leave traceable marks on what's opened.
- Never keep tools at your house or buy cheap tools, your freedom and animal's lives are on the line, so go for the quality equipment.

SECURITY

The government actively monitors animal liberationists, particularly suspected members of the A.L.F. They are opening mail & tapping phone lines, so never say anything incriminating over the phone, via mail, or e-mail. Always assume you are being watched. Your house may be searched at any time, never assume anything is hidden well enough. Discuss direct action on a need-to-know basis. Never tell anyone anything that they do not absolutely need to know or discuss actions with people not involved. Keep in mind that homes, cars, and anywhere else can be bugged. Discuss actions in secure areas, take a walk through the woods, for instance. Bringing up old "war stories" is an unnecessary risk. This may seem like paranoia, but the government will go to any length to stop activists.

METHODS OF ATTACK

Start small, then move on to bigger things. Even the simplest actions take practice to get right. Use tactics in combination to really ruin an abusers day (be sure to do the quietest bits first). Outlined below (and continued in the next issue of xultramilitancex) are general methods used by the A.L.F, however as locations and builds differ, these methods may need modification to suit the specific area and target. Be creative & come up with new ways to do damage! this will make you more effective and harder to catch since you are less predictable.

Windows - (probably the easiest target available)

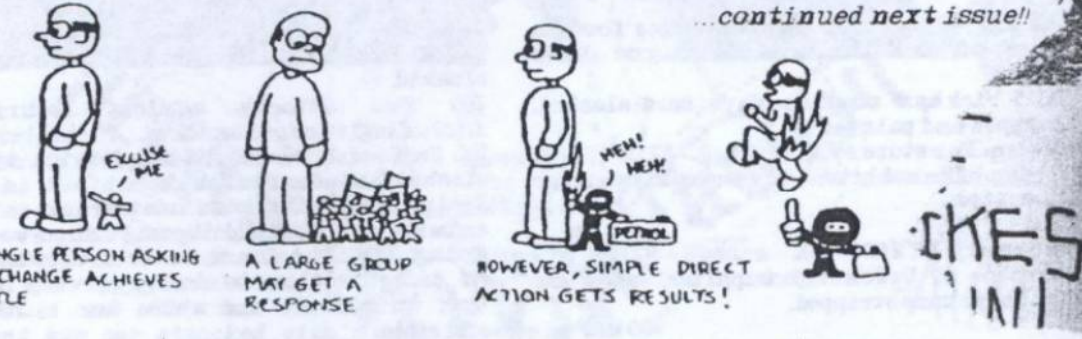
- *Glass etching fluid.* Available in arts and crafts stores. Put in a squeezy bottle and off you go. The cream can be applied with a paintbrush, allowing slogans to be written. Be careful not to get it on your skin! You ll probably make a mess with the bottle, so bring a plastic bag to throw it in when you're done.

- ***Smashing windows*** It's loud, so get ready to run! Aside from throwing a brick or rock, a popular method is with a sling shot. The advantage being that you don t have to be right next to the window to break it and can even be effective from moving cars! Fire symmetrical objects such as ball bearings. Whatever you shoot, wipe them for fingerprints first. Ensure there is nobody in or near the target that you could injure while firing. Glass splinters from smashed windows travel a long way and can be identified in clothing.
- ***Hammers*** Tilers hammers are best because of their pointed design. Windows, especially shatter proof, are tougher than they seem, so use a hammer of some weight. Go for the corners, as these are the windows weak spots!
- ***Glass glue*** Permanently sticks glass to glass. Attaching a piece of glass with a slogan painted on the inside will require them to replace the whole window.
- ***Shutters*** If dealing with shutters that are a grid, or bars, etching fluid or sling shots will still work fine. Hitting the shutter with a sledgehammer may both damage the shutter, and possibly break the window if they are close enough together. It's also possible to simply padlock the shutter, or glue the locks.

Paint

Vehicles, billboards, and buildings are all paintable. Spray paint is one option, splashing paint from a container such as plastic drinks is another. To get more range a spray hole can be put in the top. Paintbombs can be constructed by filling Christmas ornaments or light bulbs with paint (www.directaction.info/economic/swedish_paint_attack/index.htm). Such paint bombs are surprisingly quiet. Be positive they are print-free first! Transport them in sealed plastic bags, in case one ruptures. Mix paint about 50:50 with water or paint thinner so it splatters better. Paint on glass is easy to get off so get it on wood, metal, or stone exteriors. Remember paint is a messy business and has a tendency to get everywhere!

...*continued next issue!!*



It's a personal decision, but we do not feel we can afford to indulge in selfish escapism whilst there's a world to save. Time is running out... & there's far too much that needs to be achieved before we can waste a precious second drunk or intoxicated. For us there is no other way to maintain the pressure on the Earth & animal abusers in the struggle for total liberation, as only with clear minds can we continue the fight to the best of our abilities.

X vegan straightedge 'til death. The flame will never go out. X

DIRECT ACTION UPDATE...

Although the international fight against animal abuse continues strongly on all fronts, a major focus for direct action attacks is of course Huntingdon Life Sciences. Because of this, actions against suppliers or customers of HLS are marked in *italics*.
Let the fight continue... This is just the beginning!

February 25, 2004 – Sweden
Fur store smashed.

February 24, 2004
UK: Yamanouchi worker has 2 cars stripped.
UK: Yamanouchi workers home painted.

February 23, 2004 – UK
22 chickens liberated.

February 22, 2004
UK: Wickham lab workers home trashed.
UK: 2 Yamanouchi workers have cars slashed and stripped.
UK: HLS worker and CEO director have cars and houses trashed. – 'For the lonely, tortured and dying in HLS. We will avenge you.'

February 21, 2004
UK: 7 Wickham lab workers cars stripped during work hours. – 'Never underestimate the ALF – you will pay the price for the lives of the innocent that you have killed.'
UK: 5 Wickham workers have cars slashed, stripped and painted.
Sweden: Fur store etched.
Sweden: 12 rabbits and two chinchillas liberated.

February 14, 2004 – UK
Director of Newchurch supplier, Calor Gas has three cars stripped.

February 13, 2004 – USA
Animal control centre is sloganised and tyres slashed on animal catching vehicles.

February 12, 2004 – Sweden
4 attacks (broken windows, paintbombs, locks glued) against new fur shop.

February 11, 2004 –
New Zealand: 44 chickens liberated.
Sweden: 4 fur and 1 leather shop glued and painted.

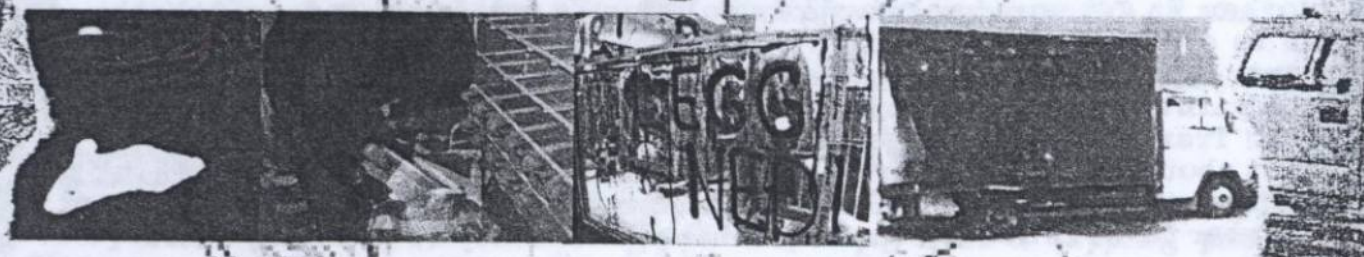
February 10, 2004 – Sweden
8 rabbits liberated.

February 8, 2004 – UK
Power poles cut down at Newchurch Farm.

February 7, 2004
UK: Newchurch Farm phone lines cut on three separate occasions. – "These actions were carried out in the name of animal liberation in our continued efforts to rid the world of the animal abusing psychopaths the Halls."
USA: Construction equipment at 30-acre development site targeted, including bulldozer set on fire.

February 5, 2004 – Italy
Two RBM vivisectors have car tyres slashed and paint stripped.

February 4, 2004 – UK
Windows of fur shop and fur shop directors house smashed.



February 3, 2004
UK: 6 Express Dairy trucks have tyres slashed.
UK: Two attacks against Securicor, including windows smashed.
UK: Seafood business attacked twice, tyres slashed & windows smashed.
Spain: Arson attack on meat truck. – "The animals can't defend themselves, so we are going to fight for them. We are going to do direct action to destroy every tool used to torture and abuse our brothers and sisters."
Turkey: Stones thrown at 3 Butcher shops: "If you slaughter we will attack... Direct action against animal slaughter..."
Italy: Two vivisectors from a lab using Morini animals have their houses sloganized.

February 2, 2004 – Finland
3 fur shops attacked with paint and super glue.

February 1, 2004
Sweden: 7 fur shops painted.
Sweden: Director of Santen Pharma has house spray painted.
Finland: 6 fur shops attacked with glass etching fluid.

Holland: ABN AMRO bank which supports the BPRC primate lab has cash machines, windows and doors attacked.

January 28, 2004
Germany: All Yamanouchi cars in basement carpark of their German HQ covered in paint stripper. "For the countless animals that suffer behind the locked doors of animal concentration camps across the world – we will avenge you."
USA: Polluting Hummers vandalized over several weeks, tires slashed and vehicles spray-painted

January 26, 2004 – Holland
Arson attack on fur traders car. – "This man has the blood of 2.8 million mink and 20000 foxes on his hands."

January 20, 2004
UK: Main window broken at KPC.
UK: Phenomenex has windows smashed with hammers.
UK: 2 directors of Emerson Orbit have cars attacked.
UK: 2 more Emerson Orbit directors have cars attacked.
Holland: Tyres slashed on Yamanouchi workers car.
Finland: 4 fur shops attacked.

January 19, 2004
UK: Director of Fisher Scientific, visited. Tyres slashed on 3 cars, cars then covered in paint stripper.
UK: Director of Emerson (letter holder for Yamanouchi building) has house covered in paint and tyres slashed on car which was then covered in paint stripper.
UK: State Street director has cars covered in acid and then the tyres slashed.
UK: Director of Thorton Facilities Management has car attacked with paint stripper.

January 18, 2004
UK: Tyres of 7 vehicles at Sigma-Aldrich Chemicals in Dorset slashed and several building windows smashed.
Italy: Week of chaos for Morini farms, including spraypainting, blockades, locks glued and phone & fax blockades.

January 16, 2004
UK: Newchurch farm home attacked. – 'The front and back of the house was painted and trashed inside and out. This action was part of the ongoing campaign to destroy David Hall and Partners and leave them floundering in financial ruin.'
UK: Vitech security director has car paint strippered, tyres slashed and neighbourhood spray-painted.
UK: Cardiff—University researcher who uses guinea pigs from Newchurch has car covered in paint stripper.

January 15, 2004
UK: Water Farm Goat Breeding Centre has 6 vehicles attacked.
USA: KFC attacked with rocks, BB gun and spray paint.

January 14, 2004 – Italy
Windows of Mitsubishi Bank smashed.

January 13, 2004 – UK
9000 badger traps destroyed since 1998.

January 12, 2004
USA: Burger King drive-thru speakers hacked allowing alternative responses to food orders to be given. – 'You are too fat to have a Whopper.'
Sweden: 6 fur shops glued and painted.

January 11, 2004
Ireland: 2 chickens liberated.
UK: Letting agents for Daiichi's UK has car paint-strippered and locks glued. – 'Any company that supports animal abusing companies are a legitimate target for us'.





January 10, 2004 – Sweden
Art using dismembered animals destroyed.

January 9, 2004 – Sweden
Windows smashed on fur shop.

January 8, 2004
Russia: Hunting and fur shops painted.
UK: Newchurch guinea pig farm owner has water stop tap outside house turned it off and sealed in place with quick drying cement.
UK: Landlord of Yamanouchi has property damaged.
UK: Asahi Glass worker has house and car attacked. – 'No mercy for those who work for puppy killers.'

January 7, 2004
UK: State Street Director has car attacked. – 'Midnight struck, and so did we. As the Champaign popped, the tyres on his cars did too. As 2003 faded away,

the paint job on both his cars followed suit'
UK: State Street Director has street painted with slogans
UK: Yamanouchi director has car attacked. - "Come on Rodney you plonker, do you want 2004 to be a fresh new start - or the beginning of your worst nightmare?"

January 6, 2004
Sweden: Animal abusing shops painted and glued.
Norway: 1500 mink released.

January 5, 2004 - UK
CED building glued and painted.

January 4, 2004 - Norway
Fur farm arson and more fur shops attacked. Norwegian ALF have caused $3million damage to the fur industry since last summer!

January 3, 2004 - Norway
20 windows of 5 fur shops painted and smashed.

January 2, 2004 - Spain
Slaughter house truck torched.

December 28, 2003
UK: Fur store in Wales (Annies Place) painted.
UK: HLS supplier Vitech gets windows and door smashed.

December 27, 2003
UK: Yamanouchi employee has car attacked. - "Get out of HLS Yamanouchi, get out of the torturing business."
UK: Cardiff Yamanouchi employee has 2 cars and house attacked with paint.
Italy: RBM lab worker has car slashed, stripped and smashed.

December 26, 2003
UK: Yamanouchi employee has 2 cars stripped.
UK: Director of Gregory Friar Associates has 4 cars attacked.

December 24, 2003
Canada: Turkey poisoning scare, corpses recalled to Safeways store. This marks the fourth time in 10 years such claims have been made!!.
Austria: Butyric acid attack at fur store. (Peek & Cloppenburg is the target of a German and Austrian wide campaign against the selling of fur.)






January 1, 2004 - Italy
Hunters cars attacked and circus trucks torched. - "The show is over. ALF".

December 31
USA: Attack on Sumitomo executives home and car, as well as regional Sumitomo office.
UK: Home of Newchurch guinea pig farm owner attacked. - "Farmhouse front windows all put through with bricks. Bottles of red paint were then thrown through the smashed windows."

December 30, 2003
Sweden: 2 fur shops attacked. - "We intend to close down all of the furshops... and we will. Smash the fur trade! Swedish ALF."
Finland: Arson at fur farm storage facility. Fire completely destroyed the 375 square metre building.

December 29, 2003
Italy: Arson at hunting facility. "Hunters: if animals are your target, you are ours".
Sweden: Meat poisoning scare at 9 Stockholm stores.

December 23, 2003
New Zealand: Tegal chicken directors get cars stripped.

UK: Animal Rights Militia sends threats of violence to all Yamanouchi & Daiichi workers and the directors of their letting agents and landlords. - "For the animals dying in their cages killed by the monsters we will use all means at our disposal to finish off HLS."

December 21, 2003
Italy: Mink farm emptied!
Italy: RBM lab worker has car slashed, stripped and smashed.

December 20, 2003 - Italy
Vivisector from RBM (a contract testing lab) has car attacked.

December 19, 2003
UK: 21 goats liberated from Water Farm Goat Centre by the ALF.
UK: Industrial Supplies building attacked with paint and bricks.

December 18, 2003
UK: Secretary for security company ADT has vehicles attacked. - "Would you have

provided security for the camps of Auschwitz too? ALF"
UK: Manager of Industrial Suppplies has car and home attacked - "Your time is up. We are on to you...ALF."

December 17, 2003 - UK
CED (Cambridge Export Documents) director has vehicles attacked!

December 16, 2003 - UK
700 mice liberated from Wickham labs - "This is not an isolated incident, this is part of the much wider war for total animal liberation."

December 15, 2003 - Finland
Fur farm storage building burnt to the ground. The fire caused tens of thousands euros worth of damage.

December 13, 2003 - Russia
HLS website dismantled, employees receive 100000 e-mails a day.

December 12, 2003 - UK
2 HLS suppliers, Industrial Supplies and CED, get bricks through their windows.

December 11, 2003 - Italy
Stinky shit! left at the main entrance of IMS Health. - "Merry Xmas vivisectors!"

December 10, 2003 - UK
Asahi Glass Fluoropolymers employees home painted.

December 9, 2003
UK: Yamanouchi employees home and cars painted and stripped.
Germany: Houses of Covance directors hit by vegetable militia! - "Next time we'll come back with harder vegetables like Celery and Pumpkins!"

December 8, 2003
Spain: 12 mink released from fur farm. "Until all cages are open ALF."
USA: 1 mouse liberated from mouse trap. (Every little action helps!)

December 7, 2003
USA: Sumitomo regional office painted and glued.
Italy: Morini supplier Seminoles Farm painted. After this action Seminoles severed their links with Morini!

December 6, 2003 - UK
CED Director and Pioneer Chemicals secretary have cares paint-strippered.

December 5, 2003 - Finland
500 foxes dyed with non-toxic henna & breeding cards destroyed.

December 4, 2003
UK: Head of Yamanouchi UK gets 2 cars stripped. - "This is just the beginning Yamanouchi."
UK: Arson attack on 11 M&J Seafood vans.

December 3, 2003 - Sweden
2 fur stores painted and U-locked. - "The struggle continues! Swedish ALF."

December 2, 2003 - Holland
Yamanouchi director gets home paint-bombed - "Dedicated to Barry Horne. ALF."

November 30, 2003 - USA
Home of Forest Pharmaceuticals director attacked by Vegan Dumpster Militia using rotten food!

"12 liters of gasoline were placed under a refrigerated truck, property of an industrial slaughter house. The flames did their work, reducing the vehicle to ashes. For us, sabotage and arson is the most pure and irretrievable expression of our desire for liberation and of our solidarity with our brothers and sisters being murdered, dominated, jailed, tortured, gutted, vivisected, poisoned, shot, struck, cut up and cooked. We urge activists to liberate animal prisoners and to go to war on exploiters. Their victims can't talk so we must speak for them." ALF! - Spanish ALF communiqué 2/01/04.

www.directaction.info

www.earthliberationfront.com

"They kill the Earth and its animals for a living... We fight for animal and Earth liberation as a way of life... Our commitment is infinitely more than theirs, this is why we *will* win this war... We watch, we wait. We know their weaknesses and we know where to strike. As darkness descends so do we. They cannot seek solace in times of apparent quiet for this is when our greatest plans are made... They have made the Earth their enemy. We have made it our ally and we fight to protect it... We follow no nations flag. We obey no master. We bow to no one. We are the animal and Earth abusers worst nightmare and we are angry... Until the last cage is empty and the last Earth raper broken, we will not lay down our weapons."

The fight continues... until all are free!

NEW WINDS

CLARITY IS THE WEAPON THEY FEAR

This interview was conducted with Bruno, vocalist from the Portugese hardcore band, New Winds, in February 2004. The commitment, dedication and political awareness of this band cannot be doubted. They refuse to sit back and watch the world die and provide a beacon of hope amongst an often overtly fashion conscious and apathetic hardcore-punk scene. With respect and solidarity we wish them all the best of luck for the future.

"We did not ask you white men to come here. The Great Spirit gave us this country as a home. You had yours. We did not interfere with you. The Great Spirit gave us plenty of land to live on, and buffalo, deer, antelope and other game. But you have come here, you are taking my land from me, you are killing off our game, so it hard for us to live. Now, you tell us to work for a living, but the Great Spirit did not make us to work, but to live by hunting. You white men can work if you want to. We did not interfere with you, and again you say why do you not become civilized? We do not want your civilization! We would live as our fathers did, & their fathers before them."

– Chief Crazy Horse

1. Could you start with an introduction to New Winds & the message the band spreads?

NW: New Winds is: Bruno Break - vocals, Bruno & AlexXx - Guitar, Tiago - Bass and Carlos - drums. We began in Lisbon 6 years ago as a positive HC band. With time & as the line-up changed, the band assumed the Vegan-Straight-Edge philosophy & lifestyle. Today all the members live the Vegan Straight Edge. More than ever, we are all commited to these goals: Human, Animal, and Earth Liberation. Our first release around '97 was the 7" "Seeds Of Hope" (completely sold-out) & We've released 2 Cds: "All Things Are Possible For Those Who Believe", in '98 (also completely sold out); back then, the sound more melodic although the lyrics dealt with the same topics as today, and then around 99-2000 we released "Refusing To Live By Your Lies" which was re-released by *Still Holding On* from Belgium and released in South America by the Brazilian Label *78 Life Sudamerica Recordings*. In between, we released some live tapes as benefits for Animal Sanctuaries Political Organizations that we deal with. We also included some songs on 2 or 3 Portuguese compilations. The last one came out as a 7" on *Best Times Records* (peter x@clix.pt) covering all the Portuguese SxE bands at the moment. We also included songs on the Commitment Worldwide SxE Compilation and on the Catalyst Animal Rights Benefit CD "The Path of Compassion" (www.xcatalystx.com). Right now we only have copies left of the Brazilian version of the "Refusing To Live By Your Lies" that contains 2 Extra Tracks. We have 2 Distros: *KabbalaH Communications* (www.kabbalah.pt.vu or xsobersouljahx@hotmail.com) and *Sparks Of War Distro* (Sparksofwardistribution@yahoo.co.uk or newindsha@yahoo.com). We also publish some zines: Bodhisattva and Dedication. *(If you're interested in these Zines or receiving a catalog regarding the literature we distribute, you can use any of the contacts above.)*

We are concerned about bringing social awareness to so many issues beyond just being Vegan and Straight Edge, because that is just a drop of water in a whole ocean. We want to tell people who are the Zapatistas & what is their struggle, what is the Landless Workers Movement in Brazil, what are the demon power games this system builds around us, what are problems like Homophobia, Immigration, Racism, who is the TUPAC Amaru rebellion in Peru, who were the Black Panthers and what did they want to achieve, we want people to be aware of Police Brutality, we want people to join the Anti-Capitalist struggle & support these demos, we want people to know what Anarchism is, we want people to realize the Slave-Trade supported by companies like Disney, Nike, Ralph Lauren, K-Mart,

Adidas... The list is endless. We chose the name New Winds basically because of the 7 Seconds theme: New Wind. With time, we dove deeper into that concept and re-arranged our definition of the term. For us, New Winds is much more than 4 or 5 people. New Winds is a collective of people who are tired of centuries of exploitation, who want an uprise on their lives, who want to be commanded by their own thoughts and dreams and who do not want to interfere with other people's freedom. New Winds is a product of a society that forbids you to act in your self-interest to make your life better. New Winds is a disease, a disease that wants to kill the BEAST. The BEAST of this world's greed and their puppets. New Winds is a struggle like many others that fight for equality at all levels, be it for our neighbour next door to the animal in the slaughterhouse waiting to die a horrible death. New Winds is anyone who dreams of breaking these chains of apathy and that struggles to be more compassionate and to have knowledge regarding the world's horrible problems. New Winds might be someone who passes on the street & is not linked to only one sort of philosophy or lifestyle. This is not only about being Vegan and Straight Edge as those are just two components of an immense struggle.

2. How strong is the Portugese Vegan-Straightedge scene? & the hardcore scene in general?

NW: I think there is some sort of myth around Portugal when talking about the HC Scene and a wrong one I must say. I think people who do not live in Portugal think the Portuguese HC scene is a political one and a very active one. That is not true at all. The politics and activity is due to the effort of some people in some bands who really make things socially-politically active. There is no Vegan Straight Edge scene at all. At the present time people are very busy fighting each other because of some










division of opinions rather than using that energy in fighting the real enemy, which is, this state, this system of wage slavery. While we are busy fighting the people on our side, we are being controlled, manipulated & stupidly reduced to slaves. I think this is not strength at all, not unity, it is not dedication. It's all about people trying to prove who's right. The thing is, people think they will change a few things if they all live the same way. And I think this is wrong. HC here is becoming a fashion and it's losing its essence. It has become those who play instruments professionally but do not have the minimum essence of social / political / spiritual background. It's a fashion trend - who has the latest T-Shirt or Record. Just for you to be more aware of what I'm talking about, in my Distro, the things I sell most are PINs and T-Shirts. It's because of esthetics. No one buys literature, no one wants to be informed. To be informed means you have to lose time, you have to read, you have to debate, to think. And to do this, you have to work hard. It's preferable if someone tells them what to think instead of them thinking for themselves. Maybe I'm putting things here in a negative way, but I think no one can discuss that this is the real situation we are living at the present date here...and I think will become worse and more and more separated. On the other hand, we sure prefer our little crews who at least do something different rather than those in many countries which have almost no one doing anything.

3. You have a lot of animal liberation pictures in your 'Refusing To Live By Your Lies' CD, is the ALF or ELF active in Portugal at all? Seeing as it's sprung up in Spain in recent years we were wondering if it had crossed the border? How about the Animal Rights/Liberation scene in general? Is there a major focus on confronting bull fighting?

NW: There have been actions in Spain claimed by such groups, but no ALF or ELF activity so far here in Portugal, at least not anything I know of. The only activity here are some Demos against Bullfight, but nothing with the power and strength of many countries we hear about. Bullfight is nothing but a cruel blood-sport disguised as a tradition. There used to have many more demos than the ones existing nowadays. I think people are falling into a brutal state of apathy & just sit around waiting

for others to change what they feel is wrong. Even I find myself being like that and it really sucks. It would be good to have people having ideas and putting them into practice as that would make others to come and fight for an equal goal. As you understand, whenever we are surrounded by people who live to fight for an ideal, it is a strength and a motive to carry on with our objective. It's called unity. I remember the last Bullfight demo I went to a year and a half ago: I was beaten up by the cops just because I was protesting and because of a Bullfight affiliate who came with his horse towards the crowd and generated a whole fucking confusion. I ended up in hospital and had to take stitches in me head. Those Bullfight lovers almost killed us. We were only 60 against 500 or 600! Crazy! It was an unimaginable fury, which was right before our eyes...their hate, was visible towards us. But so was ours, against what they insisted and still insist in defending.

4. Is SHAC Portugal still carrying out actions against HLS related targets?

NW: Unfortunately not. People are not so active in Portugal as I'd like. I think we should learn from the strength, determination and dedication of the U.K. animal rights activity. We used to be part of SHAC but things just started dying as time moved on. Most of the companies who are still with Huntingdon Life Sciences do not have representation in Portugal so protesting here doesn't make that much sense. The ones who used to have, like Marsh, had big demos happening here in Portugal, although not as big and dedicated as the ones we see everyday when we enter SHAC's Website (www.shac.net). SHAC Portugal always wanted to be a group of people wanting to do something more than what had happened in Portugal before, but we are now limited to individual protests and no longer hang-around. There were some tensions inside the group. I personally gave up because there was this sort of hierarchies, like Manager and Director and shit like that. I hate that sort of lack of humility and that lack of simplicity in people. That is like "Green Capitalism" which, in my opinion, will never work. It will never work out as long as people think they are someone else's Boss who self-elect themselves and decide what people should say. That's what separated people.

5. If we visited Portugal which parts would you recommend going to?

NW: First, we should meet eachother! ;) & I would definitely tell you to go and visit our South Coast and enjoy the 400 KM of beaches with sun almost all year. The contact with nature is a big one there. You feel like never leaving...I would also suggest a visit to Parque do Gers, a national park, classified as world heritage, where trees, animals, rivers and lakes all live in harmony. Another must! Also, Cascais is a place where you find a lot of peace and harmony. It's some kind of "Posh" area but there are a lot of beaches too with clean water and sand. Cabo da Roca is another must and which is near Cascais. There, you'll find yourself in the most western point of all Europe. In the past I used to go there to the ravines and stay there all afternoon reading Herman Hesse's books! I hope you manage to come here for a couple of days so that you can be aware of what I'm writing in these lines!

6. Seeing as your share a common language, have you toured South America at all?

NW: No, but it is a dream and as a matter of fact is one of my present main objectives. I realized last summer why South America bands always showed a great sense of social-political activism in their lyrics no matter what type of music they played, be it HC or Samba. It's a current issue everywhere. And it has a meaning behind it. If you travel to Brazil someday, you'll understand why I'm saying this. It's an immense country where you can die of hunger and paradoxically you can die of indigestion! It's such a rich and poor country at the same time. You find people scavenging crumbs of food and a place to dig their graves and on the other hand people with so much money... it becomes unimaginable how it's possible to have this enormous difference. Because of this & many other issues, you find every band using music as a vehicle to spread a message to the world about the system they live in. Poor conditions, no food, no shelter, no justice, no peace, a society full of drugs, robberies, hunger & most of all, a great amount of corruption. The wages are so low that it's normal for the Police & members of state departments to be corrupt. That's why I'd like to tour Brazil & other South America countries, as their rebellion is a reality, they are willing to risk their lives for a better future for them & their children. They are tired of

tears, suffering, pain & agony. Since the 1500's when Indian cultures were completely raped and destroyed by colonization we unfortunately see nothing's changed. It's a 500 year struggle with no choice, to fight with all your might or to die in the graves of suffering and pain. The fact is, this suffering is derived from a single source: A system that wants you to bow down to their plans of misery and get rich at the cost of billions. The lack of food, shelter, education, food is nothing but a consequence of an immense wealth in the hands of a few raised by the cost of millions of lives...so, change the system, share the resources and most problems are solved. The thing is, wealthy people do not want to share this, do not want to make the right thing. Not as long as low wages keep profits high. And people, in order to survive subject themselves to this slavery...it's a cycle, a prison.

7. Are you still planning on releasing a record with xCatalystx Recordsx, wasn't it meant to be released at the end of last year? It sounded as if it was going to be amazing with videos, poems, pictures etc...

NW: This is a long story but I don't mind resuming it. It started a few years ago when we were invited by Robert Matusiak from *Refuse Records* from Poland to record an album through his label. We definitely agreed as Robert was and is a very dedicated, compassionate and caring person. A brother. Since that invitation all we wanted was to record this next album with him. But a lot of changes happened in the band and songs just didn't come out at that time. Seemed just like we were stuck and no ideas were coming! It was really frustrating believe me! Anyway, we went on tour and after some luck, we were invited to play in the Vort N'Vis festival in Belgium. A band didn't come and someone asked if we wanted to play for 20 minutes. We said "Yes!" and there we were on stage. Despite not having that much time, we wanted to talk a little bit to the public and we focused on the importance of writing to Political Prisoners and on making HC an alternative to the "standard" society. People really liked what we said and after playing some New Winds songs and also some Old-School covers, Kurt from Catalyst invited us to do a record with him! We were soooo happy! It was like a dream come true! There was only one problem: We had already compromised with Robert and we would not fail to Robert. After this, we started working on new songs and they finally appeared...



At the present time we have 15 new songs & a poem to be released first by Refuse Records and the Catalyst release has to wait a couple of more months. Kurt is still into it, but we could not let Robert down. And we didn't. This record will be released with his label in April 2004 and will be entitled as "A Spirit Filled Revolution". Along with the CD, there will be a 150 page book I'm writing at this time. This Book will have lyrics and explanations, texts by friends & political prisoners who I write to, recommended Links and Reading, Thoughts, Poems, Photos, excerpts from interviews, etc. I think this will be a really alternative release with a real cultural essence. More than music you will have something to think about after reading all the texts & other information on this Book. I think it will be a "never-seen CD" in the Underground HC scene. I hope it manages to cross many borders and have a good distribution so that people can read about our ideas, thoughts and also our friends and prisoners thoughts and ideas... The release with Catalyst will be a reality but only in the future, hopefully as soon as possible, we are already having ideas of what to put in that record.

8. Is there much of a drugs problem in Portugal compared to the rest of Europe?

NW: Well, we think that the problem is more or less the same eveywhere, we wouldn't say that Portugal is better or worst, is just simply the same problem, and it is not a portuguese or a spanish or a colombian or an american problem, is a global problem we would say, controled by the same very elites that control it everywhere else. From the production of its material basis at any 3rd world jungle to its consumption in any 1st or 2nd world metropolis ghetto, there is a link that cannot be tottaly cut.

Portugal as far as we know is not a producer of coca or heroin or whatever, but as the other european countries is definitely a consumer, so how does it come that a country that doesn't produces it is able to consume it with daily fixs being served in any corner of the largest cities? For us is clear that without the help, convenience and interest of the governement this situation wouldn't be so easy. It's physically impossible to import the quantities of drugs that are being consumed in europe without the help of governments, agencies, mafias and secret services. From the counter-revolutionary use in the well-known cases of the Black Panthers, the hippie opposition to the Vietnam war, to the "fire-water" served to the indians before the "treaties" (Legal robberies), to the financing of death-squads that terrorize workers associations in latin america, there is the shadow of a global elite that manipulates the production, commerce and consumption of it in the world. the logical weapon we have is our total uncompromissed abstinence in a first step, and a dissident educationalaction at all fronts in a second stage. Sober Revolution!

5. You had loads of essays up on your old website, have any in particular had a major effect on you? I'm reading Ishmael at the moment by Daniel Quinn (have you read it?) Towards the beginning of the book Ishmael says that man will only realize he's captive & so will only escape from the captivity of our culture when we start to see the bars to our cage, do you think by being vegan-straightedge we have broken some of those bars?

NW: Information is a very good tool for you to make you think about every product you buy or company you support. That was the main objective of the New Winds site & that is still what we think about in the future when a new Site is produced. Even if New Winds broke up (hope not!), it would still function as a collective of people interested in alerting the masses to situations. We would still have tons of info on the Site. What I want with this band is an alternative way of interacting with people from all forms of thinking so that they can be aware of situations and problems they might not know at the present date, debating, presenting, sharing views, exposing truths, etc...

Ishmael. Yes! One of the greatest books I've ever read. I've never read a book that has given me such a great insight of what is natural order and of so many ideas like Ishmael did. Also, it made me think about what evilness man has made into this world by eradicating all sorts of natural orders that this Earth has. Man has always tried to interfere with nature by trying to control it just as he does to people and animals. The main message is that this world, an existing world without man's interference for a long time managed to survive more perfectly and without problems than with man's interference.

Vegan Straight Edge is a weapon of political resistance. Believe it. If people dive deep into the concept of Veganism and of Straight Edge in all their fronts, they will easily realize the great impact it has in society. It does break a lot of bars but I must admit not all. Nowadays language is nothing but economics. Almost everyone understands numbers. And as long as there are numbers to be fed, no matter how much suffering we witness, money will talk louder & will overcome any border. Veganism and Straight Edge are weapons against numbers but also weapons against control, oppression, surveillance, suffering, pain, etc. Veganism fights against a frenzied "meat n' fish-diary-suffering industry" that kills endlessly at every second of life. You cannot deny that this way of life is a very political choice. Imagine the scenario, where everyone became Vegan: What would happen to the meat industry, responsible for the everyday mass murder of animals, pollution and deforestation of this Earth? Total collapse. Will they want that? I really don't think so as that is a business of millions. Killing animals is profitable. Very profitable. And to defend their business the meat n'fish industry will spend millions in advertisement stating how their food is nutritious and good for "our" health. This means that as long as we live in a capitalist society, where everyone profits from misery and exploitation, Vegan SXE is definitely a weapon of political resistance.

The SXE issue cannot be separated from the Vegan issue. Denying alcohol and drugs are one of the greatest measures of political resistance I can think of. Denying such products is denying control, denying cash crops, denying indigenous exploitation, animal testing, capitalism, slavery, genocide, etc. It is denying games like the FBI committed against the Black Panthers in the 60's and 70's disrupting

such collectives and groups with drugs infiltrated in poor neighborhoods. It's denying substances that hide you from your true self, it's denying a destructive way of life, it's making real that *Clarity Is The Weapon They Fear*. They want people to consume endlessly, they want people to fall into their web so that they cannot be sober enough to think how fucked up we are, becoming more and more controlled everyday, forgetting about our real needs and fighting for a better and more sustainable life. Although this does not end with Drugs or Alcohol or even Tobacco... how many of us still find ourselves addicted to TVs, fashion, coffee, chocolate, dogmas, prejudice? Those are drugs too as they not only alter your state of mind, they also involve the suffering of millions, of slaves, African, indigenous. We must not however take SXE or Veganism to a point where they too become drugs. We must not close our minds to the point where whoever isn't Vegan or SXE has no value. Many people who are Vegan and SXE and don't do nothing at all and people who are into eating meat or doing light drugs do real things. We must find balance by never taking it to a higher level that can make things lose their sense. Look at this: Would we despise the Zapatistas just because they might smoke pipe? Would we despise the Indians in Northern and South America just because they brew their own alcoholic drinks? Will we put them apart just because they do not fit into our vision of SXE or Veganism? Vegan and SXE are not for everyone in this world. Live with that. Deal with difference. I think we should take all parts of this philosophy and try to make the best we can with them and not forget that if we want to live in a better future we should not be divided. People will get there if we try to show them the sensitivity of the issues. But that is a work we can all do inside ourselves. And not everyone wants to do that. Changing yourself is hard work and most people are too lazy to do something for them or others.



10. If someone asks you how they could help to stop the destruction of the Earth by man, what would you say?

NW: Education. But "education without action does nothing" I heard once. We have to change our views, our way of seeing we have an impact on this Earth and that every action we do is political because it will always impact someone or something. The efforts on education must be 100 times more than the ones we are receiving nowadays. Education along with action will change people's views and will achieve results. Unfortunately, people are very busy fighting for the misery of their lives so that they can take some time to fight for this planet. Their first worry is putting food on the table, feeding their children, having some money to buy a car or a house, while others are trying to make up what all the fucked up



companies on this world are doing to our Mother-Earth. Basically, people must be consciously aware what we are coming to and that will only happen if we are bombed with information about what is it we are arriving to. We need to hear & see at every corner we look that there is a warning about the extinction of our own species other animals and plants. We need to have those warnings in a way similar to Nike ads. Those warnings and that sort of education must be omnipresent. Unfortunately, my views about man evolving with these issues, which definitely concerns them, are a little pessimistic. I think we will sit back and watch the world being destroyed and we will cry a little bit late. But that is my vision. Apart from this, my vision about this matter is simply education too. As long as we know who is it who is destroying our planet, we are aware of the support of companies we give our money to everyday. Be it clothing, food, wood, fuels, etc. We should know who they are. We should know we are their puppets, we should know our lives are controlled by them, we should know they rule this world. And we should know that those who rule the world are the ones who are destroying it. Everyone will pay a higher price for this. Me, you and everyone else. Even those who are destroying it. They'll eat their shit too. Their sons will play with teddy bears instead of animals, they will be in touch with artificial nature instead of trees. They will have to go to pools instead of going to the beach. They will have to eat GMO instead of natural food given by this Earth. We will all have to have fun between steel and stone instead of trees and animals. This will happen and many things worse will, if we do not stop now. But I mean now. And take action. Bulldozers broken down. Eco-Defence. NOW.



11. Can you explain your statement: 'the spiritual is political & the political is spiritual'?

NW: We are all spiritual beings. Everything we do is connected to our will of doing it or not doing it, that comes from the inside, from our heads & hearts and surely every attitude we assume, it's spiritual. The spiritual has a place within everyone's lives, whether we want to accept it or not. We have a brief explanation that I think, suits perfectly as an answer to your question. It states: "...To believe that we're just these bodies without Spiritual Essence and to deny that we are Spiritual beings, reminds a lot of the failed Bolshevik experiences...On the other hand, to believe that we're just Spiritual beings without any relation to this material world, fits in what the powerful political and religious institutions want us to be and to become: cold Spiritual beings, unable to show interest to improve the life circumstances of our Brothers (Humans and Non-Humans) who live around...For humans like Gandhi, Tolstoy, Crazy Horse, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Yeshowa, Ali Khalid Abdullah, Leonard Peltier, Rod Coronado, Guru Nanak, and thousands of other wise men and wise women, where is the line between Spirituality and Politics? The Spiritual is the Political. The Political is the Spiritual". Basically, we cannot deny that every move we make and every position we assume in our lives whether defending a cause, whether talking to friends, we are doing it with our own mind, with our own spirit inside. That's why we cannot say, in my opinion, that we are not Spiritual beings or that we don't have a place for Spirituality in our life. We must at all times consider we are being Spiritual whenever we engage in deep thoughts about things that happen to us and therefore, we are using our mind and Spirit to find a cause or a solution for them. We aren't separate entities, body and soul. We are one. One doesn't exist without the other. The spirit lives on and on and the bodies get replaced by other bodies through different stages. This has nothing to do with religions or books, it's just something we believe in and we try to explain it this way. We don't follow any Gurus (Although we admire some), religions or masters, we think for ourselves and this is the way we think about body and soul, body and spirit.

This world needs a Spiritual Revolution! But what do we mean by "Spiritual Revolution"? A Spiritual Revolution is the moment you recognize that the world does not revolve around you. It's when you realize you are not the center of this world. It's when you realize how tiny you are, how unimportant you are. Imagine the millions and millions of beings that ever walked this earth each one thinking that he is the center of the world, each one so absorbed with its own ego. We must realize we are like grains of sand in a beach, a universe of beings. And nowadays, each one is trying to be the biggest one, the richest one, even the wisest one, but sand is sand and in your dying moments you'll notice the ridiculous of all this. We are not separate, independent entities. We are one, one with the other humans, one with the animals, one with the trees, one with the cosmos. We are the same energy in different shapes and wherever you turn you can see it, whether in the blooming flowers, in the birds singing, in the worms eating a corpse. Your matter is a condensed form of energy and it will never die, it will change shape, it will appear in different shapes, it will unite with other particles to form other beings but it will never be lost. Your conscience is a deeper thing, but also made of this subtle energy that surrounds us, that lives within and outside of us. There will be a moment you'll understand these things, the moment when you'll realize how stupid it is to work, how stupid it is to spend all your life chasing consuming goods or working to buy a simple fridge! This is why this is radically revolutionary, because it puts you in contact with your inner core, with the questions that really matter. This is a Revolution, a Spiritual Revolution. Were not talking about an old white god in the sky, were not talking about churches or priests, we are not even talking about books, dead words written in papers that will rot, we're talking about life! Living energy. That's why it is also completely political. You cannot liberate yourself until you also liberate others! If we are a body, it would be ridiculous for the liver to stand up and say: Hey, Im free!", if the rest of the body was still in bondage. The individuals liberation is also an ego illusion. Real liberation is total liberation. It is the Bodhisattva vow. A Bodhisattva denies its own liberation until all the creation is able to liberate itself. That's why in its upper forms, the Political is the Spiritual and the Spiritual is the Political!

12. Do you feel being sXe is important to the struggle for liberation?

NW: Definitely. We say that Straight Edge is the ability to do without. It is an important foundation in our ideology. In a system completely dependent on intoxication Straight Edge cannot be anything other than a weapon of political and social resistance. If you look nowadays to our society, the common pattern you'll find is the tremendous effort this system does to hide you from yourself. You'll find it in the advertisement, trying to push unto you products that you don't need. You'll find it in schools and in all the anthropocentric, chauvinist, patriarchal values that they teach you. You'll find it in every church, in every mosque, in every synagogue, where people learn to be parrots and monkeys, just imitating, just speaking words out from their mouths, words that are completely in disregard with the nowadays social-political environment. You'll even find it at your home, where boys learn to be men & girls learn to be women. These drugs are far more important than the others, as we believe that dropping the others is easier. Who is completely free of all the prejudices we learned since our childhood? Who is completely free of all the political, religious, moral patterns that this society instilled in us? Who can say that is completely Drug-Free? Of course that if we just concern about the physical drugs like Tobbacco, Alcohol, Heroin, Cocaine and even Sugar or Chocolate, of course you'll find a lot of Drug-Free people. But if you dive deeper into yourself, you'll find a lot more addictions than you expected. Truth is, you'll find yourself dependent on tons of situations, on a lot of people, on a lot of pleasures & the only function they have is to hide from you the misery place you are and the shitty life you're living. Straight Edge is not a status, nor a moment, instead, it is a (R)evolutionary process. It really is a process that normally begins with the need and the awareness to give up all the common drugs and upgrades into a stage where you start to realize that you're not only dependant on those things. Then two things can happen: You stay happy with your clichés and your "Drug- Freeness" or you dive deep into yourself and try to find the answers. This is the path were trying to follow.



Also, we say that SXE is politics because of many issues: The world is being burned in every corner at the speed of light - SXE is politics. For every suffering being on this planet that needs our help - SXE is politics. For Indigenous lands that are raped by drug-dealers and governments that don't care a single bit about cultures or lives - SXE is poltics. Animals are being murdered in a mass-scale - SXE is politics. We are consuming endlessly, working more, living less & giving in into the insanity - SXE is politics. Being poor is a crime in this man made hell, governments want poor people out of sight so they can have more wealth and more space to infect this world with their Nikes, McDonalds and Oil industries - SXE is politics. It's a shame that we call people terrorists who cannot wait any longer and take up guns to fight the constant oppression of governments and security agencies - SXE is politics. A lot of people cannot wait for a change in the consciousness of humanity - SXE is politics.

Industries like Oil, Drugs, Guns, Meat, Clothing, you name it, are all friends of governments and kings and they step on those in their way. The Earth is being ravaged by machines built to destroy this paradise. No longer do we want to hear children screaming at night, to hear the desperate agony of our beloved brothers and sisters (Human and Non-Human) because of man's greed. No more will we tolerate an unjust system of wage-slavery that rapes our lives whenever it wants; in every mosque, every church, every tax, every policeman. No more will we tolerate the destruction of ecosystems to pay for futile luxury. No more will we ignore the cries of the Indians, seen as trash in this hell made by the greedy capitalist machine. No more will we ignore the cries of animals dying at the hands of man. No more will we ignore the 57 Million slaves on this planet at the hands of the American carpet industry, the Belgium chocolate industry or the clothing industries in this world. Do you need any more reasons as to why we feel SXE is important to the struggle for liberation?

13. Is the vegan revolution on its way? Do you get feel the time of worldwide revolution is drawing near? Or is man too apathetic & will sit back and watch as the world's destroyed?

NW: I was thinking about this yesterday & about the difference of speed between the destruction of the Earth and the speed people are becoming more aware of the state of this planet. I was thinking we will all be screwed despite the education that many scientists, institutions and other groups constantly mention. I was thinking how we are being warned all the time about so many issues like the ozone layer, GMO, all sorts of diseases growing on animals because of the antibiotics that we feed into them. But apathy embraces people and they just sit on their lazy asses waiting for someone to do their job. Well, guess what? No one will act except ourselves. Don't know if there's going to be any "Vegan Revolution", but don't count on that. I mean, do you really think we will have a Vegan world? I mean, can you imagine so many cultures abducting their culture and taste for food switching this for Vegan food? For a Vegan diet? I really don't think so. I think we should count with a revolution in the minds of people so that we can interact with one another. This is just what I feel about this.

14. Do you support armed struggle as a means for fighting for social change? Do you support groups such as the Zapatistas and the Palestinian Intifada?

NW: Anyone seriously committed to making this world a better place, has to understand the necessity of armed struggle, of direct action. At every turn we see sins being committed & we tolerate them because they become normal. We see this in every corner of this world. One day the most disgusting thing happens and people get shocked. The next day, it's nothing new. They become more used to it and suddenly what seemed impossible and unbearable is normal in the eyes of the world.

Society make no sense if there wasn't rebellion, it's what has been keeping us alive for years and years. Look at how the slaves got free in North America & Africa (Although we are all slaves and many still in the old manner), look at how we got rid of Nazi Germany, at how Portugal and Spain got free from Fascism, at how Gandhi freed India, how Martin Luther King and Malcolm X fueled the Civil Rights Movement. It was because of rebellion & we need rebellion to be free. We need people to fight against this Babylon, to fight for moral values, for ethical education, for justice, peace, food & shelter, which should be our birthright but are not! If the future was built according to people's demands and rights, rebellion wouldn't exist. It exists because governments show no alternative.

I believe in violence. I believe in the use of strength. I believe most people & animals cannot wait for a change in humanity's consciousness. I believe that sometimes it's more violent to allow a certain act to happen rather than using violence to avoid it. I believe that it's also a shame to pick up guns so people can finally hear what you have to say. That's what happened with the Zapatistas in Mexico. Their government gave them no choice. The government wears a mask of indifference towards the indigenous people. The only thing they have eyes to, is the richness of the lands they live in, which fuels their corporate profit. Coffee, wood, oil, etc...I cannot talk about the Zapatista cause in a few lines only. I would need books and books to talk about the reasons why they chose to live in the jungle away from the ones who want to shoot them all one by one. Paradoxically, they must wear masks so people can see they exist, (that) they are real, (that) they are human beings striving for recognition and that they fight for things that should be theirs by birthright. No one ever saw Indigenous people before. They started to be seen because they started to cover their faces with balaclavas, both men and women. They were silenced, they were faceless, they were nameless, they had no future, they did not exist. They did not count, they did not produce, they did not buy, they did not sell. That is why they became soldiers, that is why they remain soldiers. Because they want no more death and trickery for there people, because they want no more forgetting. They are there. They will not surrender. They are a product of 500 years of struggle. They are men and women for whom "democracy", "liberty" & "justice" should be a reality. To die fighting for this goal is an honor. The continuance of Zapata's work in the Mexican Revolution in the beginning of the 1900's which was to fight for the 10 demands: Housing, land, employment, food, education, independence, democracy, liberty, justice and peace.

I also believe that tolerance sometimes turns to apathy. I don't agree that much with that "MLK/Gandhi Atittude" although I really admire these wise men and truthfully respect them. Too much goodness makes you a puppet on a string. Regarding the "Israel-Palestine" issue, it is clear Palestinian people refuse to be puppets. Fuck Zionism and all that bullshit. Although I do understand and believe that there are a lot of Israeli people fighting for Palestinian liberation I think that these shouldn't be treated as separated issues as all is connected. Freeing Palestine is freeing Israel and the world. I do understand why people attach bombs to their bodies and why their dreams are shaped as slingshots. I would probably do the same if someone tried to "steal" what was mine and the way Israel does that. I am against the state of Israel. I consider this issue as a "David Against Goliath" issue. Stones against tanks, Molotov Cocktails against missiles, bullet proof soldiers against "dead-dream boys and girls". This is too much of a subject to talk in just a few lines.

There is also the reverse of the coin too: many innocent people die. It might seem a little bit cold of mine to say this, but this is a revolution. People will die as they did in many revolutions. Until all are free, many have died along the way. This issue, as many others around the world, got to a point where diplomatic dialog does not bring any results to the cause. There's too much hatred, too much fear, too many "Jewish Lobbies", too many policies fed by the Power in the United States. Fuck their promised land. People have no hope there. Nothing seems eternal there, one day you're alive, the next you're dead. There seems to be no objective in life in that place. You don't know if today is the day you'll shut the door from your home one last time. It all seems so irrelevant, it all seems so pointless. No hope, only fear, anger, pain. Fuck their wars, their weapons, their money, their lobbies. Free all the people. Free ourselves. Palestine and Israel is Dar Al-Harb (A War Zone).

15. *Thanxxx for doing this interview. Any last words to fuel the fires of liberation?*

NW: We would like to thank you so much for letting us express our feelings towards this world. Support Political Prisoners around the world. Write to them, know their causes, spread the word! They are in there for us, we should be out here for them!

Please be aware to who you're giving your money to and please try to have the least impact in this world so we can one day be able to see the world has changed. We're sure this won't happen within our time, but we hope our children and grandchildren are able to follow our steps and ignite this world with sensitivity, love and revolution...

"The greatest weapon in the hands of the opressor is the mind of the opressed..." – Steve Biko

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VICTORY!!

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Despite the outspoken support of Tony Blair, Lord Sainsbury (Minister for Science), John Prescott (Deputy PM), Sir David King (Chief Scientific Advisor) and the detestable Colin Blakemore (CEO of the MRC), plans to build the largest primate lab in Europe on the outskirts of Cambridge have been abandoned!

Another battle has been won in the fight for animal liberation. The idea that humans can do what they please with other species has again been forced further back... We are winning & we will win. The war continues.

Until every cage is empty...

New target – Oxford University animal testing centre – www.speakcampaigns.org.uk

LET'S ALL BECOME TRAITORS TO OUR DESTRUCTIVE SPECIES...

Man has an unhealthy desire for control. Everything must be managed and organized to make it safe, or even better, of use to man. That which can't be controlled is wantonly destroyed, or intensely feared.

All plants must be of use to man, those that aren't are removed and replaced with cash crops. Huge swaths of forest are destroyed so man can fuel his lust for timber, ancient ecosystems are swept aside as cattle ranches clear all before them.

Any animal which can't be used to feed, amuse or clothe man is seen as a pest and destroyed. Any animal which dares to exact well justified revenge against man is too destroyed. It's the easy option, who cares if fish stocks are dwindling because of mans arrogant over-fishing, we'll blame it on the seals, who cares if man got the SARS virus from civet cats by keeping them as food in horrendous over-crowded conditions we'll kill all the civets to solve the problem, who cares if cows get TB from living in filthy conditions wading in their own excreta we'll blame it on badgers, 1000's of animals developed foot and mouth and rather than improve farming practices we take the easy option and kill all the animals.

We want pigeons and rats out of the city, we want foxes, badgers and rabbits out of the countryside, we want a sterile environment completely under our control. We only want high yield monoculture crops and who cares about the vast number of native species wiped out by modern intensive farming.

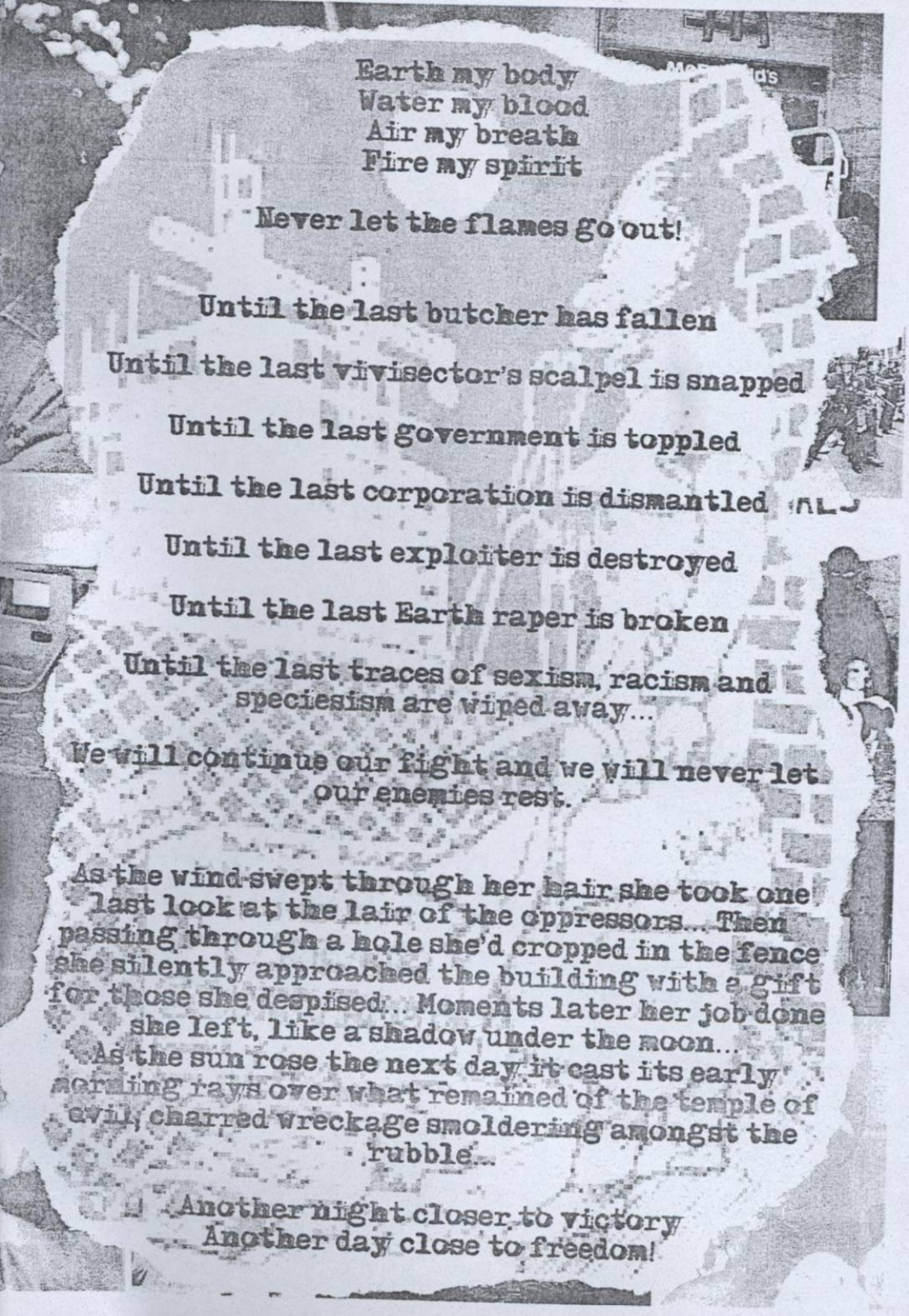
The waves of concrete, human selfishness and stupidity are stretching over more and more of the globe leaving only small areas still wild, free and unhumanified. We want these areas to increase, we rejoice in that which has not been tamed and controlled, the old growth forest, the unspoilt mountain stream, the early morning play of fox cubs, the activist hurling a blazing petrol bomb at lines of riot cops, the vegan warrior torching a vivisectors car.

This is what we fight for, the liberation of all animal nations (including man) and the Earth from the grip of mans self-centered and self-destructive nature.

We don't want industrial chimneys blocking out the sunrise, city lighting blocking out the stars, Earth rapers digging new mines, bill boards glaring down at us, politicians keeping us anaesthetised and scared, animals killed simply for being caught in the occupied (human) territories after being forced from their homelands, or factories continuing to churn out weapons which have the sole purpose of taking life.

If the majority of the population is not with us than the moral minority will continue and win the fight. There is no option, we have to win. Until all are free... this fight continues.

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Earth my body
Water my blood
Air my breath
Fire my spirit

Never let the flames go out!

Until the last butcher has fallen

Until the last vivisector's scalpel is snapped

Until the last government is toppled

Until the last corporation is dismantled

Until the last exploiter is destroyed

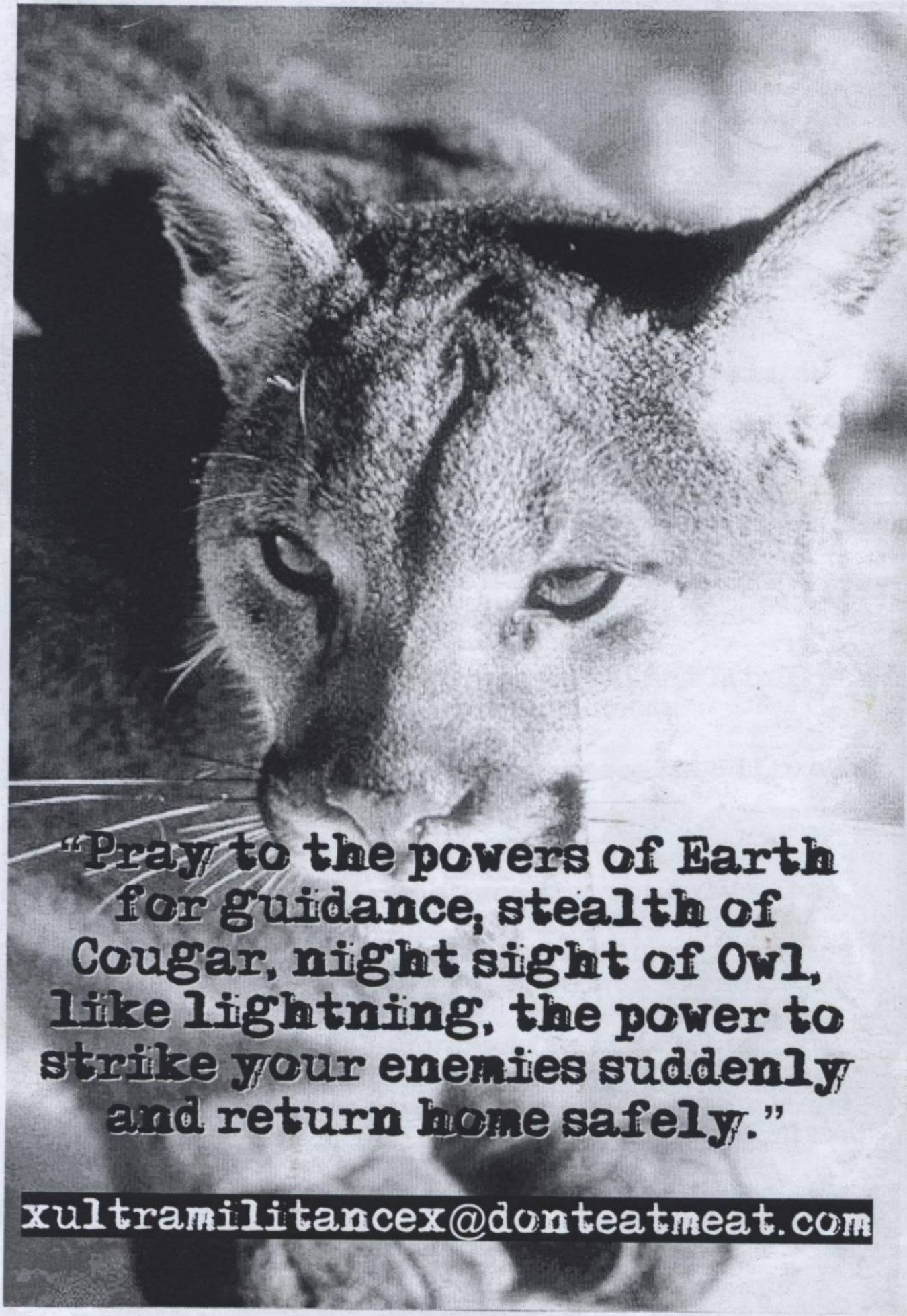
Until the last Earth raper is broken

Until the last traces of sexism, racism and speciesism are wiped away...

We will continue our fight and we will never let our enemies rest.

As the wind swept through her hair she took one last look at the lair of the oppressors... Then passing through a hole she'd cropped in the fence she silently approached the building with a gift for those she despised... Moments later her job done she left, like a shadow under the moon...
As the sun rose the next day it cast its early morning rays over what remained of the temple of evil, charred wreckage smoldering amongst the rubble...

Another night closer to victory
Another day close to freedom!


"Pray to the powers of Earth
for guidance, stealth of
Cougar, night sight of Owl,
like lightning, the power to
strike your enemies suddenly
and return home safely."
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