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SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who submitted work for this issue of *Underground*. We are always interested in artwork, photographs, comix, articles and opinion pieces. Please send any submissions to our Canadian address (articles submitted by email or on disk [IBM dos format please!] makes things way easier for us, but that's because we're lazy).

LETTERS TO UNDERGROUND

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FROM HOLLOWAY WITH LOVE

Firstly, my personal vote of thanks to all of you out there who continue to take the fight for our friends directly to the abusers in such a varied and imaginative fashion. So many of you somehow still make the time to support those of us lazing around in enforced inactivity! There is nothing that gladdens the heart more than hearing of all the actions taking place and there was plenty of that in the latest "*Underground*." Brilliant stuff.

Animal rights has such a high public profile now and we must none of us let the opportunity to capitalize on this escape us. We've seen what we can achieve but we've still only scratched the surface of abuse. Keep on kicking them in the economic balls and eventually we can bring all the lousy businesses that profit from blatant misery and suffering to their knees. Do whatever you can, fight in whichever way your conscience dictates, but above all, PLEASE keep fighting. There has to be an end to all abuse, to the idea of man placing himself above other species to their detriment, to this horrendous concept that other species are there for man to do with as he pleases.

My respect and love goes out to all of you who are fighting for our friends and we are all out there with you in spirit every inch of the way. Never forget that animals have no voice but ours and we must not allow our voices to be silenced where ever we may be. Rather, we must raise our voices together until we deafen the abusers and the rights of all species are recognized. Together we can halt the abuse and put an end to the appalling suffering that our friends endure every minute of every day.

Keep fighting, stay free
Love and Liberation always
Gillian Peachey RL3415
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Gillian adds in another letter, "My congratulations, love and total support for the many brilliant actions that have been going down over there. It really does do you a power of good reading about it when you're stuck in enforced inactivity. Good on those activists. Keep it up. We'll all be back to join you, that's for sure!"

DUTCH ACTIVIST UPDATE

Dear people of the NA-A.L.F.S.G.

Many thanks for the magazine. Before I was in prison I didn't realize so much actions were going on in America, England, etc. It's nice to know so many people have decided to take up direct action against the animal abusers.

You asked me for some updates about Frank's and my case. Well, we've been to court and Frank will be out in +/- 12 months, and I about 6 months. I guess you already know about all of the case
because it was in the NO COMPROMISE which I also received, and I read that you are in contact with them.

Well, just to say hello and thanks for the support!
Greeting, Eric. R.A.T.

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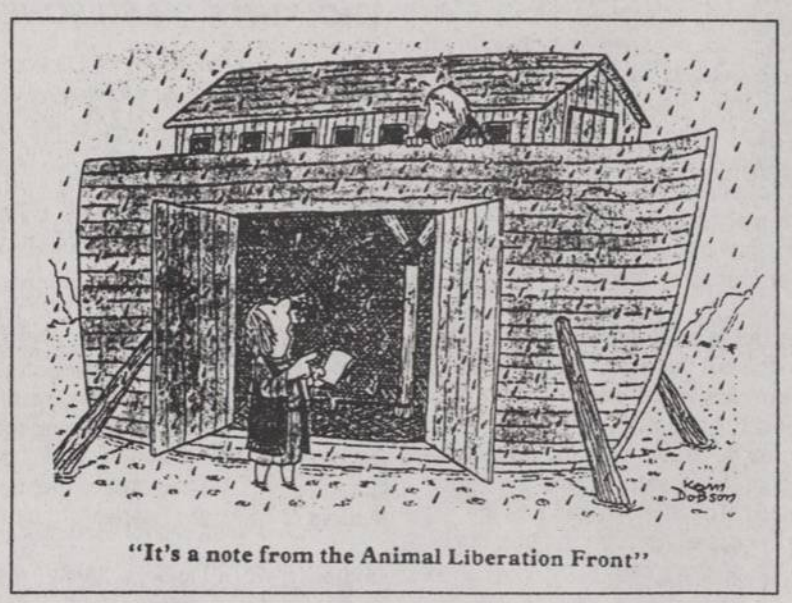
THOUGHTS ON PRISONER STRATEGIES

Hi Guys,
Two things. Firstly, to let you know of our case. On the 9th September 1996, after 15 months on remand, I was sentenced to 3 1/2 years imprisonment for an A.L.F. firebomb attack on a Gloucestershire slaughterhouse building and its fleet of refrigerated lorries. My co-defendant, Michael Green, received 5 years for this and an attempted arson at a lairage company associated with live exports in Northamptonshire, UK. The police had been highly hopeful, confident even of our both getting 8 years (more wishful thinking on their part than having any basis in fair legality) and had already stated that anything less was appealable by them as being too lenient. So, understandably, as the sentences were handed out, there was a lot of heavy nail biting (not to mention breathing) and mutters of "appeal ... appeal ..." by the police.

Originally, when I knew a "guilty" plea from myself would be evident, I was determined that no "mitigation" would be brought forward. Having not even acknowledged my name to my interrogators, let alone anything else, I had no intention of speaking to the courts either to put forward an apology or put forward a defence. The attack, after all, spoke for itself. I did not recognize nor accept the distribution of "justice" from a male carnivorous stranger and I fully accepted and expected my silence to be indicative of a remorseless and unapologetic stance, which is what I had and still have. I conditioned myself to accept 6-10 year, I prepared long-term plans and achievable goals for myself and my pride was the dominating factor in everything I said, done and thought about. Pride!

Over those 15 months I naturally still had a great deal to do with activists who kept up regular correspondence and visits, and inevitably, the question of "mitigation" or damage limitation arose during various conversations. Although I originally rejected any hint of such a thing, I couldn't help but notice, that those who insisted I should make a political speech out of the court process (which would reach the ears of a judge, the police and a room full of supporting and already converted animal activists – the

media not really prone to doing our propaganda for us) thereby ensuring at best a paragraph or two, at worst an extra year or two, were the self same people whom there was very little, if any evidence of activism in themselves. On the other hand, the people who insisted the opposite, were those who worked round the clock and not just on animal lib issues either, and were usually so exhausted with the amount of work they had been doing that to see a fellow activist wasting valuable time in prison, the length of which was, to an extent, controllable, was little short of criminal (if you'll pardon the pun). I was forced to re-examine a very personal part of myself, a part that very nearly made me forsake extra productive years in the struggle for claps in the courtroom, paragraphs in papers and for all the armchair activists to jerk off on. When did the most stirring political speech ever save lives? Have you ever saved a life after a courtroom speech of two minutes of interruptions? Have you ever saved a life -- period? And perhaps, more to the point -- would you deliberately inflict upon yourself extra time away from your loved ones and the fight at hand for nothing but a few moments of personal infamy? In fact, would you do anything which had the risk of imprisonment attached to it at all?



"It's a note from the Animal Liberation Front"

One activist in jail for one year amounts to a massacre in unsaved lives; one activist in jail for one year is a lifeline to the animals suspended until that activist is free. One activist in jail for one year is a thousand and one opportunities to enlighten, educate and inspire others -- missed! One activist in jail for one year is a necessary casualty of war sometimes, but 4 years? 6 years? 14 years? And when I stopped thinking about MYSELF, I remembered what I was doing in prison in the first place -- I didn't think of myself when I blew the building up, why should I start now? What made me so important that I was putting my own "political" status and pride before the cause I'd "sacrificed" myself to earlier? Me? I'm stubborn. But the thought of appearing beaten didn't appeal to me at all, not one little bit. Yet, when I listened, I heard the whispers of the animal spirits who had died during my inactivity; and when I remembered, I saw the faces of the 7 day old calves, wrenched from their mothers, and staring at me with accusing eyes through the slats of a lorry enroute to a continental veal system, I saw primates with broken arms and noses, bloodied from a beating by a lab "technician"... There are things that all of us end up doing that we don't like. Who likes to bring themselves to watch films like "Hidden Crimes"? Who likes trying to convince the public to part with their cash on a raining and cold weekend? Who likes trying to wean a pack of hounds off the scent of a fox when an assortment of heavies are assaulting us with whips and cudgels? Who likes facing up to the fact that our own happiness, our own survival is entrenched in doing not necessarily what we want to do but what we HAVE to do? I'm not interested in pandering to the press or pandering to the public. I do what I do because it has a proven success rate in spite of, not because of public support.

Knowledge bears responsibility and once we recognise that, we have the responsibility to acto and we have the responsibility not to get caught, but if we are, we also have the responsibility to be free as soon as possible to carry on the work. And, with this in mind, I entered the courts, not as the police had hoped, donning a paramilitary uniform and with an attitude to match with which to provide visual evidence of the sinister terrorist description they gave of me, but looking classy and demure in a suit and blouse to negate that image. The police know who I am and what I'm capable of, but their opinion, unless corroborated with evidence, is disallowed. The police may well see a scheming, devious, manipulative, unrepentant "femme fatale," but the judge sees a young, presentable, first time offender whose citizenship is not altogether lost and he has to take into account the level of mitigation; the guilty plea, the fact we'd taken innumerable precautions to ensure life would not be harmed, our academic and professional backgrounds, our promise to stay within the law in future (yeah, but who's law? -- Ours of course!!). We used and abused the system we knew we couldn't win by argument alone, we played along with them, told them what they wanted to hear, fed them the fodder and generally played dead. The sentencing reflected the fact that we were believed. Currently, I have six months left to serve but I have 3 1/2 years to make up for.

Which brings me onto my second point. Here in the U.K., albeit each and every person has their own viewpoint on these things; at the end of the day I was and am supported for my decision. It's MY time, MY life, MY choice and MY responsibility to the animals which hangs in the balance.

I've always known that whatever the decision, whatever the outcome, I have a hardcore support network that does

just that -- it supports. There aren't conditions attached, it doesn't exist for some prisoners but not for others and we have a good association with prisoners and support networks abroad. Which is why I particularly cannot understand why there are individuals in the United States who have gone out of their way to attempt to diminish the noble spirit of one of their own prisoners, including taking his own mitigation papers and using his words, out of context, as a rebuttal of the movement. What they intended to achieve by sending them to the A.L.F.S.G. UK, God only knows. But suffice it to say that we, in the UK, are in total solidarity with the A.L.F./E.L.F. prisoner Rod Coronado, and always will be for as long as he continues on that path (which, if my knowledge is anything to go by, is forever).

What can be happening, I wonder? Why would the apparent proponents of animal liberation be slagging off a one-in-a-million activist desperate to get back to his tribe, home and the people and animals he has served and represented for so long? Why does the prospect of a prisoner who has already sacrificed so much who is now itching to get out and resume the work that so few are prepared to do with the same vigour, commitment and disregard for personal consequences, bother them so much? Is this level of devotion so terribly threatening to their own fragile standards of activism? Are they jealous? Are they hurt because a member of an indigenous people can not only fight and work for his own people but can organize, initiate and see through various plans of his own without the predominantly white, middle class movement in the States?

We in the UK deplore and pity the people who sent those documents in the pathetic attempt at denying a tremendous and imprisoned man the support he deserves. If the same energy and funds were spent on alienating an abuser of animals, we may have seen some progress by now. A movement like ours will always have its fair share of cranks and free-loaders, or wasters and parasites, of informers and egoists, of sad, pitiful, helpless, actionless, gutless morons, whose prejudices and low self-esteem is only matched by their low level of activism; the law of averages demands it. The further fact that a few individuals can encompass ALL these qualities is also something to ponder.

Anyone with a modicum of sense, however, will be able to weed out the slime and not get dragged into their defeat-minded depths. To those of you who are genuine, I say -- Keep the faith, overcome your fears and support ALL our prisoners, for one day you may be in need of support yourself.
To those of you who propagated the infighting, I say: Get a life, or even better -- GO SAVE ONE!
For the Earth
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MORE ON ROD

Thank you so much for printing Rod Coronado's letter -- I agree with him 100% and if ever the NA-A.L.F.S.G. declines to support Rod or joins in the vicious character attack on him, then the NA- A.L.F.S.G. will be a sham and a shame. I wish we could all stick to discussing the plight of the animals and quit talking about people.

Why are we so willing to dissect fellow activists? No one is truly cruelty-free, no one walks on water, and while we fight amongst ourselves we promote animal suffering by weakening our own forces and by fractionalizing our movement. The energy and time spent in tearing down fellow activists should be spent in tearing down fences, on emptying cages, on liberating animals and supporting each other.
Beware the ego!
P.

Hello. I am new to the animal liberation circles. I super-glued some McDonald's locks and did some hunt sab stuff when I was studying at the London School of Economics (1989-1990), but I have been doing mostly faith-based anti-militarism, anti-colonialism stuff since then. I have done a few years in jail, all told, for my belief in nonviolence. I have been a devout vegan since 1987.

Allow me to make an observation or two, simply because I haven't seen them here before, a reality check perhaps:
1) ROD CORONADO IS DOING 57 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION!
2) PRISON SUCKS! As all who have spent more than a few weeks behind bars know, it's not fun.
3) No one else in the U.S. is doing significant time for animal liberation.
4) Division is what the (extremely well-funded and totally "legal") opposition wants.
5) No matter what our differences are, we should love and support one another, at least and especially in jail.

I believe, based on my limited correspondence with Rod, that he will be back in the struggle for animal liberation once he is released from the state's dungeons.

We love you Rod. Thank you for your sacrifice.
For the animals,
B.F., Virginia

Dear t. and the S.G. --

I want to thank you for your most recent Underground and your heroic attempt to separate accusation from truth in the animal rights court-martial of Rod Coronado. The problem seems to be that he has abdicated his original role as warrior-hero-martyr, which some took ill, perceiving his revised trial strategy as unpopularizable media material. Since he did not violate the two criteria of a resistance fighter (he betrayed no-one, he harmed no-one) he deserves all our support. The criteria of support of an activist is not that he/she is popular hero material, nor

even that their resistance action succeeded, nor yet that they were known and applauded by other activists. No. The standard by which they are evaluated and supported is their MOTIVATION TO HELP. For example, many anti-Nazi Resistance Movement activists walked into traps, made stupid errors out of panic or ignorance or inexperience -- some even informed under torture, and it was expected by the Resistance Movement that this could occur. These activists were ordinary persons like ourselves, and their heroism lies in that very fact, not that they were media figures brilliant enough to publicize a cause. Nor were they ignored and disowned because their actions were sometimes not successful, that they were caught and arrested and imprisoned.

We need to humble ourselves and learn from the sincerity of some of the resistance movements of yesteryear. The greatest activist may be the one nobody has heard about, BECAUSE they are anonymous. Dutch farmers concealed Jews in their homes for years, without their neighbours being aware. Yet, if they made one mistake and were arrested themselves, should we then turn our backs on them, because their efforts were not corporate successes?

The corporate, media-accessed animal rights movement and even many grassroots individuals are influenced, often unconsciously, by the corporate national values, where successes are praised and failures disowned. We are just as hasty as any mainstream person to judge and criticize, jumping on the political demagoguery grandstand of detraction, and using the same techniques prosecutors do: quoting out of context, rumour, character assassination, discarding certain individuals for a greater "political good." We need to excise such corporate values from our minds and replace them, not with agendas of "compassion" and "ethics," but with spiritual values that teach us that we are servants of all, not egos, and not publicity figures. The greatest is the one who tries to serve, whether his efforts were an apparent, calculable success or not. The case of Jesus Christ, a political prisoner fabricated on the crime of treason, is a classic example of this.

I urge every animal person to spend five minutes daily, or equal time to that which we spend detracting and being irritated at the shortcomings of our fellows, in prayer and meditation for their benefit, in order to develop the spiritual perspective that is the foundation of helping other beings. We do not wish it said of us, by the corporate government which thrives on our dissension: "With supporters like those, who needs prosecutors?" No matter to what creed or denomination you belong, or even if you are not in touch with any of the wisdom traditions -- spiritual values need to be nurtured, they are not inherent. Only potential is inherent, and it needs to be cultivated through the formal practice of focusing on loving kindness. Only thus can unity in effective action be achieved.

Lise Olsen

MOWING THE GRASS

Dear North American A.L.F.S.G./Animal Activists

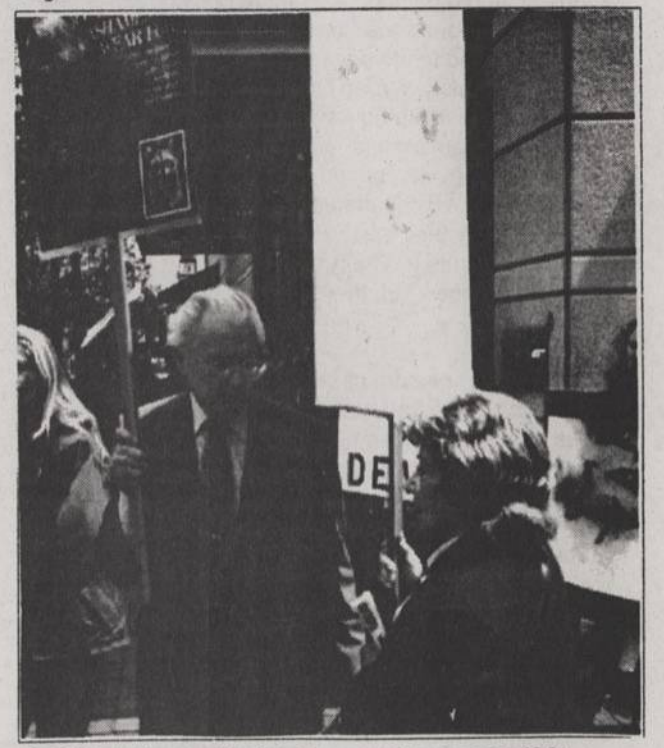
When we read the letter from Ingrid Newkirk in Underground #5, regarding prisoner support which mentioned that PETA supported Roger Troen and paid his legal defense, "What?" we said, "didn't Roger inform on the A.L.F.", why was PETA supporting him or did they not know?

So we went to work and did some research. And as we thought, Roger Troen testified at least once, most likely several times, against animal activists on the west coast. (We've enclosed copies of one of Roger's statements, minus the people he named, for the A.L.F.S.G. to reprint).

Roger is still active in Portland, going to demonstrations and telling stories to young activists about how he was arrested. We don't think Roger has anything to brag about after what he said about other animal activists.

Traitors to the animals should be banished from the animal liberation movement and dealt with accordingly. We suggest that you give Roger Smith Troen a call and see what he has to say 503-287-7894 or maybe say hello to him in person 4226 N. Montana, Portland, Oregon 97217.
We don't need friends like Roger and neither do the animals.
Anonymous for the Animals.

The following page contains the statement made by Roger to the FBI:



ABOVE: Roger Smith Troen at a recent (96) anti-fur demonstration.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 6/20/90

ROGER SMITH TROEN, 4226 North Montana Avenue, Portland, Oregon, was interviewed by Special Agents KAREN A. SABOL and FRANCIS M. HICKEY and Assistant U.S. Attorney R. STEPHEN LAPHAM at the United States Attorney's Office in Sacramento, California. The identities of the interviewing agents and AUSA were made known to TROEN, as was the purpose of the interview. Also present during the interview was TROEN's attorney, STEPHEN A. HOUZE, of Portland, Oregon

TROEN was preinterviewed relative to his consenting to the interview as a result of his acceptance of a "Use Immunity Agreement" between the AUSA, Eastern District of California, Sacramento, and TROEN's attorney, with regards to his ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT activities at the University of Oregon. This immunity agreement required TROEN to fully cooperate and testify before the Federal Grand Jury or any future court proceedings.

TROEN provided the following information prior to his grand jury appearance:

TROEN became involved in the animal rights movement in 1976 by assisting a group called ANIMAL AID in Portland, Oregon. The group focused on neutering and spaying of area animals.

By 1983, TROEN became involved with a new group called MOBILIZATION FOR ANIMALS (MFA). TROEN attended a rally sponsored by MFA in Davis, California.

In 1984, chapters for a group called PEOPLE FOR ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS (PETA) were being formed in Oregon and California, in which TROEN subsequently became involved. Thereafter, TROEN created a new group called RAT ALLIES because of his love of rodents.

In late summer 1986, TROEN first heard about a possible break-in at the University of Oregon from an individual identified as [redacted]. [redacted] contacted TROEN and showed him a five minute video tape of a man wearing a mask holding a rabbit supposedly at the University of Oregon. [redacted] advised TROEN that

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by SA FRANCIS M. HICKEY &
SA KAREN A. SABOL/kml Date dictated 6/8/90

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TROEN waited in the motel room until just after dark and then left with an unknown male individual he described as having a large build and a beard. The two drove to several locations to place getaway vehicles for after the break-in. TROEN then made his prearranged telephone call to a designated rest stop and spoke with a female whose voice he recognized as [redacted].

At the completion of the call, TROEN slept in his vehicle until time to carry out the break-in, not socializing with the other participants.

Just before the break-in, TROEN rode in a van with several participants to one of the break-in sites on campus. TROEN remained in the van while the others entered the facility. TROEN described the other participants as wearing normal clothing and not wearing masks or hoods. TROEN assisted the participants in loading the van with the stolen animals. The participants then re-entered the van and drove to a prearranged site where the animals were to be distributed. TROEN recalled the large male with the beard driving the van to this location.

At the distribution point, approximately three-quarters of a mile east of the University of Oregon campus, near Interstate 5, the animals were transferred into waiting vehicles.

Subsequently, TROEN contacted [redacted] and arranged for her to take possession of three rabbits. TROEN noted that he still had in his possession several rats that had not been given away to homes.

TROEN advised the next time he had contact with [redacted] was at his trial for the burglary of the University of Oregon.

TROEN contacted the local PETA Chapter for legal referral and was given the name of GARY FRANCIONE, Law Professor, University of Pennsylvania. FRANCIONE arranged for representation by local attorney, STEVE HOUZE. TROEN advised PETA paid for his legal defense for the university break-in.

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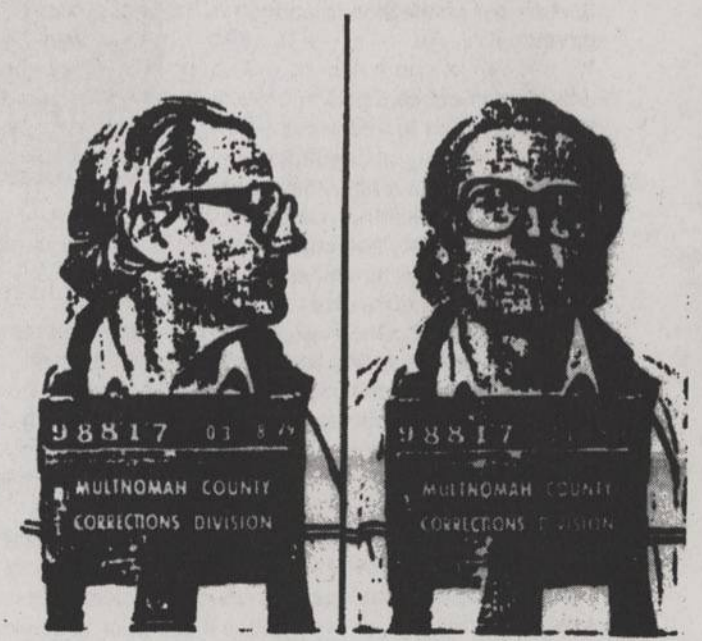
he had access to the University of Oregon and it was possible to remove approximately 70 research rats from the laboratories. [redacted] knew of TROEN's interest in rats and thought he would like to become involved.

Approximately two to four weeks before the actual break-in October, 1986, [redacted] telephoned TROEN in Portland and asked him to come down to Eugene. While in Eugene, he and [redacted] looked for rabbit cages to be used to house the stolen rabbits.

Later that day, TROEN and [redacted] drove to the Eugene Airport in TROEN's aunt's vehicle, a 1973 brown Ford. There they met two male individuals who just arrived. TROEN advised he had previously met one of these individuals in [redacted] and knew his name as [redacted]. The four then drove from the airport to the University of Oregon campus to look the facilities over and locate a place to park vehicles to be used in the break-in. TROEN advised no one entered the buildings while they were on campus. He further noted that while on campus, the four broke up into two pairs to walk around the area. TROEN and [redacted] were one pair and [redacted] and the other male individual were the second pair. The four stayed approximately one hour on campus.

TROEN recalled on one of his three visits to Eugene prior to the break-in, his role was to obtain a telephone number from a pay phone located at a rest stop south of Eugene on Interstate 5. This telephone number was to be called after the animals had been stolen from the University of Oregon. It was on one of these prior trips to Eugene that TROEN learned of the date and time of the actual break-in.

On the day of the break-in in October, 1986, TROEN recalled driving to Eugene in his aunt's 1973 Ford vehicle and arriving at a predetermined motel on the south end of Franklin Boulevard approximately at 7:00 p.m. At the motel, he observed approximately one-half dozen individuals, all males except for one female. TROEN could only identify [redacted] and [redacted] in the motel room. TROEN could not recall [redacted] role in the break-in.



TROEN, ROGER SMITH

animal liberation: *if not you, who?*

by The Todd

In today's society, those who rescue animals from places of abuse and cause economic damage to institutions of earth and animal exploitation while revealing the horror that is committed against them, are terrorists. In today's society those who burn, maim, electrocute, shoot, trap, poison and torture animals are sportsman, scientist, farmers, and businessmen and women. We live in a society where these convoluted perceptions of good and bad are force-fed to us as the value-system that the government claims makes us the most free society in the world today. In school, work and family we are sometimes brutally reminded that to stray from the accepted norms of society is to be ostracized from it, which all too often is followed by police repression of us social deviants and potential "domestic terrorists." Many authoritarians in this society speak of our "war for independence" and pride themselves on their heritage of building a democratic society out of a harsh and forbidding wilderness. In North America, the dominant world views (both moral and legal) that we are intimidated into accepting is nothing short of the forced indoctrination of a foreign value system from a invading force occupying our homelands which has historically sought to destroy all human cultures that strengthen and maintain our connection to earth and animals.



6/4/86-Hartley, DE; Sydell's Egg Farm, 25 hensliberated by the Farm Freedom Fighters

Each of us in our own hearts knows it is wrong to force-feed poisons to rabbits, rats and mice or any animal for that matter, but how many of us are willing to violate the "laws" of our society and commit the "crime" of breaking and entering, grand theft, and destruction of property to stop it? Once we cross that line, it takes us form peaceful protesters to alleged felons in our pursuit of the bond to earth and animals. Animal Liberation Front activists face many years in prison, huge fines and restitution, long periods of probation where violations mean more years in prison, loss of certain constitutional rights such as the right to keep and bear arms, to vote and the bearing of a "scarlet letter" which prevents employment, international travel and almost always guarantees government harassment for the rest of their lives. Such is the price for taking our opposition to animal abuse and earth exploitation beyond the accepted perimeters of protest.

So why risk all in order to save a few animals and lesson the profit margin of the government sanctioned vested interests who destroy nature? Because we're tired of waiting for others to stop unquestionable evil in this world. We're tired of being dragged from the picket line and watching truckloads of animals going to slaughter, of bulldozers rolling toward the destruction of wilderness animal homes. Where civil disobedience in our movement mostly centers around drawing attention to the abuse and exploitation of animals and earth, A.L.F. actions seek to rescue the prisoners of that abuse and hinder if not cease that abuse by destroying the machines and tools of life's destruction. Through sharing the very same goal, the difference in tactic and regard for mans law matters greatly in the eyes of the slanted scales of justice. Legal strategies that might be proven effective in one realm may not apply in another, the only similarity being the motive behind the action. So why does the A.L.F. continue to participate and advocate tactics and strategies that seriously threaten their personal liberty and physical freedom? Because what we endure in a prison cell or at the wrong end of a fur farmer or law enforcement officers gun is minuscule when compared to what our governments have allowed to happen on this continent to animals in the last 5 centuries. Though the A.L.F. may never receive the support or participation of as many who support or participate in civil disobedience and protests, these are some of the reasons A.L.F. activists have chosen to sacrifice certain unnecessary liberties to ensure fundamental liberties for animals.

Anyone who has ever seen video or photographic documentation of animal abuse (often obtained by the A.L.F.) can relate to the feelings of powerlessness and inability to stop the torture. Screaming your lungs out on a protest line and even getting arrested in acts of civil disobedience are ways that we manifest our rage and anger, but often the feelings of impotence return and we are left facing the continued torture and abuse of literally billions of animals. For A.L.F. members a life of obedience to laws and values that sanction the destruction of all we love is no life at all. How can we as fellow members of the same species responsible for such cruelty and global destruction, as we

now witness today, not do all that is humanely possible to stop it? One need only rescue one individual from the fate of the vivisection laboratory or fur or factory farm to experience the satisfaction and peace that comes with knowing that at least one prisoner has escaped. Any feelings of insignificance from such an action when compared to the thousand not liberated are erased as you witness the joy and love for life that all animals are capable of expressing when released from their misery. I will never forget the reward of watching a little female guinea pig I once knew being received with such gentle love and compassion by an elderly women who warned me of animal dealers who kidnap pets for vivisection. Little did she know (or need to know) of the impending fate of our little animal relation had the A.L.F. not rescued her from the vivisection supplier who had already sold her to a lab for LD50 testing. Thousands of guinea pigs are tortured in vivisection laboratories every year, but at least this one wouldn't be.

Fighting factory farming can also leave the average activist feeling overwhelmed when simply being vegan doesn't stop millions of chickens from being forced to live a cramped existence on an egg farms. Yet it doesn't take more than even the smallest backyard to build a chicken coop that would be heaven to 6 or 7 laying hens. Many times I have broken into egg farms to help rescue a few chickens who were precariously clinging to life in their squalid conditions, and it has been a true blessing and beacon of hope to see these intelligent animals recover from their confinement. Within days, even chickens are capable of some how remembering how to dust-bathe, scratch for bugs and worms, and roost at night. Social structure and individual personality returns to all animals when given the opportunity.

When one liberates any animal from a certain death with the guarantee of life incredibly better than any other in its intended fate, a victory is achieved for all who believe in the rights of animals. We remind ourselves and others of the inherent worth of all life and how the values and laws of the society we oppose deny not only animals but also ourselves true freedom.

So open up your home to rescued animals and assist others in finding homes for the liberated. Let it be known to fellow activists that you can support certain types of animals and maybe the A.L.F.'s Underground Railroad will come knocking on your door. And if you know of someone who would feed and care for animals if a coop or other facilities were built on their property then get out there with hammer, nails and recycled lumber and build it. And when its built don't wait for the A.L.F. to find tenants, get out there and get em out yourself.

For the urban guerilla or activist who wants to really impact the cycle of animal abuse, economic sabotage is the A.L.F.'s salvation. How often we all have stood in front of university torture chambers on that one day a year we dedicate to laboratory animals, only to go away at the end of the day knowing that for the 364 other days that year the animals will be used and abused as if they weren't the living, breathing, and feeling sentient beings that they are. Yet in one night animal research laboratories have been shutdown, hundreds of animals liberated and research experiments ruined by A.L.F. attacks. Though the tactics may appear extreme to the uneducated or unaware, the A.L.F. has always countered that the true extremists and terrorists are those who in the light of day and fully within the bounds of the law, conduct painful experiments on animals. Many above-ground activists find it easier to support live animal liberations with their happy endings, but for the animals left behind there is no happy ending when the torture chambers are emptied but not destroyed.

To this day, the greatest impact caused in vivisection laboratories and other A.L.F. targets has been through arson. In June of 1991 when the A.L.F. torched Oregon State Universities Experimental Fur Farm a handful of activist no different from yourself, accomplished every anti-vivisectionists dream. Not only was the 65 year old laboratory shutdown and every research project destroyed, but information obtained from the vivisectors own records helped contribute to numerous raids on other fur farms and laboratories. Most often animal rights activists are mistakenly led to believe that animal research laboratories are secured fortresses, but such is not always the case. All it takes to find out is for every animal liberation activist to adopt a vivisection center in their area and spend late nights observing the nightly habits and routines of maintenance and security staff if any. After a few weeks you may be surprised to discover that a window of opportunity is available, enough to allow liberationists the opportunity to strike. Once you have balanced the scales of true justice by making your own rules in the fight to defend animals and the earth through illegal direct action, you will have discovered what our enemies fear most, the unleashed fury that is the A.L.F.

Federal investigators, bio medical researchers, fur Industry officials and other pro-animal abuse forces rarely talk of their fears of a demonstration, protest, or civil disobedience. What really keeps them awake at night are the lightning strike raids of the A.L.F. The current $1000,000 reward for the capture of an A.L.F. activist speaks the truth of what animal abusers fear the most.

So why not try pursuing the shortest path to animal liberation? Think of all the risks you would take if your very own dog or cat was being tortured in a vivisection laboratory and then try to explain the difference between you own companion animal and the millions of animals in research lab, factory and fur farms today. Remember, animals are our brothers and sisters in this world. They are innocent beings who know not why they are being punished at the hands of man. Lets not forsake them and leave them to the fate of the merciless. The A.L.F. will not forget our connection to the natural world and the animal people and will continue to strive towards a harmonic relationship with all life. We do this because of love not hate. Governments can imprison us, but they cannot break our spirit. Please join us in our quest for immediate and total animal liberation. @

A BLAST FROM THE PAST



This interview is reprinted from *Without A Trace* originally printed in *Interviews with A.L.F. Activists*. Both are great booklets and are available from the North American A.L.F.S.G. Distribution.

This interview, although it is with a UK A.L.F. activist, is still very relevant to North American animal abusers.

How do you go about carrying out actions?

There are a number of aspects that one has to take into consideration. First and foremost it's important to look round the region at all the targets, laboratories, and as many of the factory farms as one can find, hunt kennels, fur shops, abattoirs, etc. If actions have taken place already in your home area it's a good idea to go for the most straightforward, squirting paint stripper from a lemon juice squeeze or a washing up liquid squeeze bottle over the van(s) of an animal exploiter, gluing up fur shop locks to start with, then progress to factory farms which generally are not alarmed (there is the odd one that is particularly those that belong to the large chain stores). If no actions, or only one or two small actions have taken place, it may be beneficial to go for a laboratory, the reasoning being that once things start in your area the labs will start investing in more security measures. There are still labs with only minimal security. The animals are not necessarily in the labs at all times. There is usually an animal house in a separate building where animals are held until needed, or in some cases are bred there. We can usually gain access to the grounds, (we're not put off by the usual security fence with strands of barbed wire, these can be climbed with practice - we use the concrete posts as a support and wear 2-3 pairs of gloves when learning. N.B. Razor wire is much more tricky/dangerous - be careful!) we usually find the buildings with animals have fans operating, pumping out the stale air and the fresh in. We can smell which one has them (the animals) within.

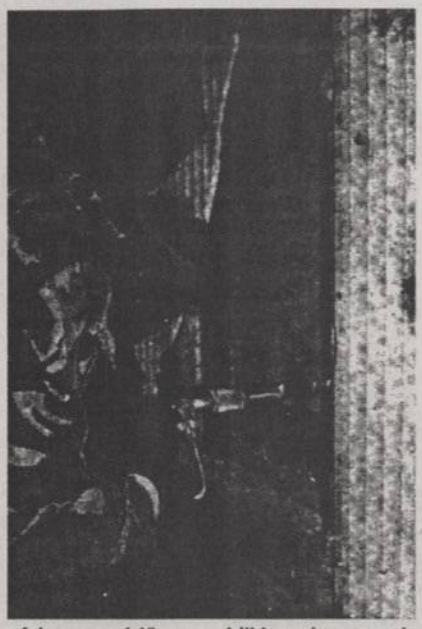
With factory farm units we can tell what kind of animals, if any, are in the units, simply by placing our ears against an air duct on the side of the unit or at the door, listening and smelling. Or we try shining a pencil torch, with coloured plastic held over the end by an elastic band, through any openings. In fact, we double or triple the layers of plastic so that only the minimum of light gets through, not only reducing the chance of anyone else seeing, but shine a bright light onto battery hens and they may well make a lot of noise. We always try the door handle, etc. and have been pleasantly surprised a couple of times to find it is unlocked. With experience one can often tell what animals are held in a particular unit by its shape, size and building materials used.

When looking at potential targets, we don't take balaclavas, etc. We also make a point of emptying our pockets of everything including door keys, discarding matching jewelry etc. before setting out, in case we drop anything. If we need to cover our faces a scarf is fine and we wear gloves of course We also carry bird watching books and binoculars. Usually a lad and a girl will go by public transport or be dropped off at a prearranged time. We avoid parking a car in an area where a future target is being looked over, unless it's hidden. We try to limit our visits to any target to one or two and we do not leave any trace of our visit. We find we can make a totally silent look round by removing our shoes, though this is usually unnecessary. During the day we explore the approaches to the target with the help of an Ordnance Survey (O.S.) map, looking for a suitable dropping off point/place to stash the vehicle(s), emergency meeting point if necessary, noting any guard dogs at the target or in the gardens of homes along the route in. After dark we walk the route to ensure there are no guard dogs, go in and examine the units, check if there are any animals in them, can we climb in through an air duct, if not, what types of locks will we have to deal with.

If it's a lab, and not straightforward, we need to know the times of security patrols, then we'd do a spot of camping nearby.

In our group there are four people and over a period of time we have equipped ourselves with ordinary scarves for covering our heads and faces, gloves, two crowbars (one small roughly a foot long, the other roughly a yard) a large screwdriver, a well oiled brace and 1" auger bit (it's a wood boring drill the type used to make the hole in your door for the Yale lock), two mortar drills (one being extra long), two sledgehammers (a 14'lb one with a full handle and a 10'lb one with the handle cut to 20" for working in a confined space), a pair of boltcutters, two 35mm SLR cameras with flashgun (with diffuser and tilt - occasionally we can bounce off the ceiling to get natural shadow). Duracell batteries are used in the flashgun - recharge is then much quicker. We use 400 ASA B&W film in one, and 100 ASA colour slides in the other. When we carried out our first raid there were three people with scarves, gloves and large screwdriver. We rescued 36 hens. Four sacks each, one carried on each shoulder by their draw strings and one in each hand, 3 hens in each sack.

We have since found that cardboard boxes are fine for chicks, etc., if the 'items' involved are rodents we sometimes find the cages in which they are housed are portable and we place the lot in our boxes or rucksacks. For hens and rabbits we use fairly large sacks (approx. 24" wide X 36" long) with rope nylon drawstrings in the middle. The rope is threaded in and out of the sack at 6" to 8" intervals and the length, when knotted together is the same as the circumference of the sack. We seal the double knot of the rope by using a match and literally lighting the two ends. As the nylon melts we blow out the flames and the resulting black blobs keep the strands together.



A brace and 1" auger drill have been used to make a series of overlapping holes allowing entry into this laboratory animal house.

Another useful item that we make from a sack is a guard sack. Two brush poles are sprayed a dark colour, then placed inside the sack, one either side, and stitched securely into place. Roughly 6 - 8" of the handles protrude. One or two of these act as good barriers when you have to deal with a guard dog. The protruding poles are placed under the armpits and are held as high as possible. If anyone asks what they are they would be told that they are hides for photographing wildlife.

The actual day chosen for the raid is considered well in advance. A full moon and no clouds means a well-lit night which is undesirable, as are hot muggy nights when people find it hard to get to sleep. Overcast nights are good, and any rain is very welcome. With a particularly difficult target, everyone is made aware that we are expecting 'bad' weather and to expect very short notice. It is also important not to work to a pattern (e.g. actions every Friday/Saturday night). Weekends evenings are good because of the amount of people travelling to and from pubs/clubs, but for night raids weekdays are more appropriate because of the amount of early morning traffic. Saturday nights are the worst possible, the roads early Sunday are dead. On the day of the raid a planning meeting takes place and a thorough briefing/discussion takes place. Details dealt with include the transport of equipment and activists, time of raid and departure, while studying a plan of the target - who will be responsible for being a lookout breaking in, taking the animals, holding the sacks/boxes, where to meet up if things go wrong, who will be acting as back up by sitting at a phone, ensuring everyone has a few ten pences and some emergency money - while the raid may go OK, a car could break down. Everyone empties their pockets. We do take a container of water if the raid is likely to take a long time - wearing a mask for lengthy periods results in dry throat and coughing .

Before the tools are transported everything is wiped first with a rag soaked in warm soapy water and then again with a dry rag. This also goes for the cameras (and battery), flashgun (and batteries), everything, even glasses if worn. A further refinement is to cover our clothes with something like a boiler suit or old baggy clothes over our normal clothes and have a spare set of footwear. These items virtually eliminate the risk of us carrying traces home. These items can be discarded when we return to the vehicle(s), placed in a black bin bag it all looks like jumble. Someone has the responsibility of thoroughly washing the scarves, gloves, boiler suits/old clothes and shoes immediately upon returning after a raid. This person is not directly involved in the action and stores the clothes and equipment. In other words we use a 'safe house'. Generally speaking, the arrangements for events after the action are just as important as the precautions beforehand.



The end result after a nice size hole was drilled out. Over 100 animals are now in good homes.

Before setting off we make sure that everyone has a plausible reason for travelling in that direction or homewards, we consult the music press to see if there are any concerts applicable. If a male activist is driving, a female member will sit behind him. The police have a habit of glancing into cars and mixed company is far less likely to be stopped.

Choosing the day for the raid can be crucial. If possible we carry out the raid mid-evening so that we are home before 10:30-11:30 pm. Once the pubs close, and particularly after midnight there is always the chance of a spot check by the police looking for burglars. If travelling by car (we avoid hired vans, hired cars are OK, the police take less notice of new cars) we try to arrange for the tools, and hoods if used, to be well hidden in the target area by mid-evening by just two people - a girl and a lad using public transport if possible. We take only the minimum amount of equipment.

The raid may need to be at night. Battery hens often make quite a din, though we are not put off by this. Unless we carry out the action while the house is unoccupied or is some distance away we raid the unit at 3-4 am while everyone is fast asleep. We never travel between 12 midnight and 6-7 am there or back. We arrive in the evening and hide out in a wood (we avoid the local pubs for the obvious reason) and time the raid so that we arrive back at the transport after the raid shortly before dawn. Generally speaking, by planning well ahead we tend to concentrate on late evening raids during the summer and night-time raids during the long nights of autumn and winter. The transport will often be minimum of one mile away from the target and probably two or three miles away hidden in a field or wood (we carry a good quality compass in case we have to leave in a hurry, though it's generally not required). Vehicles are never parked in country lanes as the police will generally treat them as stolen vehicles that have been dumped, or certainly suspicious. Anyone sitting in such a vehicle will certainly be questioned. We push the car(s) down a track into a wood or similar. Pushing does away with driving with lights on and resultant noise and thus dealing any locals out walking the dog. We have parked in a nearby housing estate, leaving the vehicle(s) locked and empty, the drivers returning in couples to pick up the vehicles, and later the raiders. If the target is in an awkward area the raider can be picked up by vehicles returning at a prearranged time or called in by portable C.B.'s (again Duracell

batteries are used).

If there are a number of cars hidden in a field/wood for an evening raid, depending on circumstances, it may be prudent for driver(s) to remain hidden nearby and watch that no dog walkers/courting couples stumble across them. If this were to happen and the dog walker/couple take a lot of notice, the vehicle(s) are moved to the emergency meeting place. When the raid is over one person travels ahead and checks that the transport is o.k.

The first thing we do during an actual raid is for the look out(s) to get into position. Binoculars are a very useful addition that can be used at night. They may take a little getting used to, focusing and time for ones eyes to adjust but it's work worth persevering. We find the usual, long, thin straps on binoculars are unsuitable. They not only leave them dangling, and thus banging on fences being climbed, etc. but they're also uncomfortable to wear after a time. We substitute wide camera straps, suitably shortened. If portable C.B.'s are being used they are tested beforehand to make sure they are in working order and tuned in. Because of the noisy static when both units are switched on, the raiders will have their C.B.'s switched on all the time while the look-out(s) will have theirs switched off. This gives total silence; if the look-out needs to reach the raiders, a flick of the switch and it's on and ready to use. However, we do not rely on the C.B.'s alone as sometimes we may be working in a spot that gives poor reception. The look-outs should be positioned so that they can also warn the raiders directly and quickly. Usually bleeps are used rather than voices on the C.B.'s, two bleeps to keep still and quiet, four for 'all clear' and continuous bleeping if it is time to run for it, though we've not had to use the last sequence so far.

We have once or twice locked a gate using a plastic covered bike lock. This method is both quick and silent and ensures security vehicles cannot pursue us.

Usually we do not cut the telephone wires but occasionally this is necessary. Either they are cut near the house or office, if this is not possible, a piece of brick is tied to a nylon rope and is thrown over the wire between two poles and two people will pull the wire down. It's usually a struggle and requires two people to use all their weight to yank it down. Wires are not cut at the big commercial labs as they are likely to have alarms connected via the phone lines to the nearest police station. ***(note: Most business intrusion alarms these days are wired into the phone line. Cutting the phone lines may trip either an audible or silent alarm)***

When entering the target area we usually have to deal with a fence of some sort, two people go forward and deal with it. The ordinary 3 strand barbed wire farm fences have the bottom 2 strands cut only. The top one prevents cows or horses following us or straying in the road. On the other hand, anyone pursuing us will be in for a shock. If it's a chain link fence we cut a strand at the very top, following that strand down through the others to about thigh height from the ground and cut it again. Then, holding the strand where it is cut at the bottom we force it to twist and corkscrew it out. We can then part the fence and climb through the gap. We leave the bottom part uncut if there are guard dogs, if disturbed it would be harder for them to get out after us, particularly if the top half is also blocked by one of the guard sacks with the poles jammed in the netting. The same two people then check out the unit and immediate area.



Having drilled through the mortar around 1 or 2 bricks and removed them, a pad saw is used to cut around the others.

When actually breaking in to (say) a factory farm unit, usually all that is required is a large screwdriver and a couple of crowbars to deal with a Yale lock on the front door (straightforward) or to deal with the inside bolt(s) on the back door. In the case of the back door, if it's a tight fitting one we first pull it from the bottom, we can then judge where the inside bolt or first bolt is. We force the first screwdriver roughly 12" from the bolt and force the opening until the small crowbar can be inserted. Further force is exerted until the large crowbar can be put in by a second person, who puts their full weight behind it and rocks it to and fro, forcefully yet gently. The idea is to make the screws which hold the lock/bolt eventually pop out, not to take the door off its hinges.



A series of holes have again been drilled in a door that is alarmed. Where 1 or 2 holes hadn't quite overlapped the wire cutters finish the job.

For padlocks, we may need to use boltcutters, we ignore the lock and go for the hasp which is often mild steel. With the cutters in place, a wet towel is wrapped round the cutter and hasp. This helps to deaden the sharp crack noise. If we are unsure about a door being alarmed, the two people who dealt with the fence will also break in and then rejoin the rest of the group for 30-40 minutes to watch for any reaction, from a couple of fields away.

If the animals being liberated are battery hens, all the group enters very quietly, then closes the door. A torch covered with coloured plastic is switched on. The cages are opened. A variety of different types of cages are used, common sense tells us if they unclip, slide up or across. A last resort is simply to tear them apart with our hands. We are not put off by the noise the hens will be making by now. Due to the barbaric conditions it's not unusual for fighting to break out, so factory farmers are used to outbreaks of noise. Having closed the door most of the noise is absorbed by the usual wooden building.

Working in twos, one person clasps a hen (remembering their wings are quite strong) so that the head is facing away from us, while the other holds the sack which is rolled down to the drawstring beforehand which helps to keep the neck open. The hen goes in head first, we don't let go until the bird is sitting comfortably at the bottom of the sack - two more follow. To try and simply drop them into the sack just does not work, they will get their feet caught up in the sacking and nap their wings about. If this happens, it's taken out and the procedure repeated properly. We are very careful not to injure the

hen. The three hens safely in, the drawstring in the middle of the sack is drawn closed and the resulting loop goes over the shoulder. We take as many hens etc. as we have good homes for.

With experience it's possible to work in total darkness which usually reduces the amount of noise the hens make. When working in a broiler unit with full grown birds we move more slowly, otherwise 10-15,000 hens may start off. We don't panic if they do though, it may sound loud in the unit but outside it's surprising how much the wooden units deaden the noise.

With rabbits we select single mothers with well-developed young. Large rabbits on their own often indicates a pregnant female, and for obvious reasons rabbits with small young are not disturbed. Rabbits go into the sack back end first because of their large rear feet. Sacks are ideal carriers because the material is comfortable and keeps the animals warm, and with plenty of fresh air. Following the raid we ensure the door is closed so that the cold night air doesn't result in a sharp drop in temperature and discomfort for the animals left behind.

For buildings that are alarmed we try to gain direct access into the room holding the animals by going through a wall. Using a well oiled brace and mortar drill long enough to drill out the mortar from around one or two bricks, we then lever them out with a large screwdriver or small crowbar. We then simply cut bricks along the mortar with a padsaw (keyhole saw) and literally cut bricks out. Squirting water from a squeeze bottle onto the padsaw reduces the noise of cutting the mortar (3-4 squeeze bottles are usually required).

To go through a door that may be alarmed we use our brace to drill a series of overlapping holes using a 1" auger bit until a square can be removed big enough for us to get in and out of with our boxes etc. We have also been able to remove a window from an animal house by taking out the putty using one of those screwdriver sets that has a pointed implement. On another occasion we gained access to an animal house during the day when the alarms were switched off. During the lunch break we gained access using a skeleton key. We had already established on a previous visit at night that it worked, by unlocking the door, but not opening it, then relocking it.

Old type alarms can be dealt with by removing the bell with a screwdriver or forcing it to one side with a crowbar so that the hammer can be cut off or bent so that it cannot possibly strike the bell. Another method with the klaxan-horn type is to spray cavity wall insulation fluid (the type that sets in 15 minutes) into the horn and through the vents into the alarm box.

Once enough time has elapsed for the animals to be got away it's time to deal with the labs and offices. As these premises may also have alarms we crawl along the floor. The aim is to quickly smash up enough equipment to put it out of action or plant incendiary materials to burn it down once satisfied there are no people or animals in there and, if possible, to obtain any documents relating to the experiments, who supplied the animals, names and home addresses of the vivisectors/



One of the 40 rabbits liberated from E-Y Laboratories on March 11 1989 in Soquel, CA by the A.L.F.

animal technicians etc.

With the big commercial labs, there is always the chance of a silent alarm connected to the local police station. By going through a wall into a room with animals we usually find this is no problem, but later when entering the actual labs, to destroy it or rescue animals undergoing experiments we prefer to go for a smash and grab effort. Sledgehammers then come into their own. A 14'lb hammer is aimed at the mortise lock repeatedly. We save vital time by going through the outside wall first or smashing in through a window and then dealing with the internal doors with the sledgehammer. In a confined space a 10'lb hammer with the handle cut down to about 20" is the answer. Crowbars are also of use.

In planning this type of action we have to be totally practical. Those fit enough to run some distance after the raid carrying dogs, etc. and rucksacks full of documents will be responsible for taking the animals, papers, for destroying equipment and if possible, the lab itself. For the most part, raiding labs is straightforward, only a handful of the very big labs have more elaborate security equipment. ***(note: unfortunately all University labs these days have security systems, look around and with a little luck and lots of hard work you will find one that can be done.)***

We never paint the letters A.L.F. on a unit or lab, at most we will spray 'Animal Liberation' or 'Animal Belsen'. We paint slogans in dark colours and where they are visible to any reporters following up the story — this helps confirm the action has taken place when the owner or manager denies it ***(note: things have been very different over here in North America).*** Where the noise of a spray can may alert a guard dog a large felt tip pen is sufficient.

If everything goes well, we do, of course, mention it was an A.L.F. group to the media so that everyone concerned is aware who was responsible.

If we have to carry potentially noisy animals, e.g. dogs, a long distance over fields, etc. particularly after a smash and grab, we carry some anti-mate (as used by hunt sabs to put hounds off the scent of foxes). We give a good squirt after crossing a stream, road, etc. for obvious reasons.

When returning to the vehicles on no account do we walk along roads at night. If something went wrong we would, at most, walk in the fields parallel with roads to help direct us to the meeting up place.

Much of what I've said may appear to be processes that would take some getting used to but we found after a while that they became second nature. We've never been discovered carrying out a raid and the four of us had no previous experience. It is simply down to common sense.

Further reading; ***An Animal Liberation Primer, Interviews With California A.L.F. Activists, Into the 1990's with the A.L.F., Without A Trace, Interviews with A.L.F. Activists.***

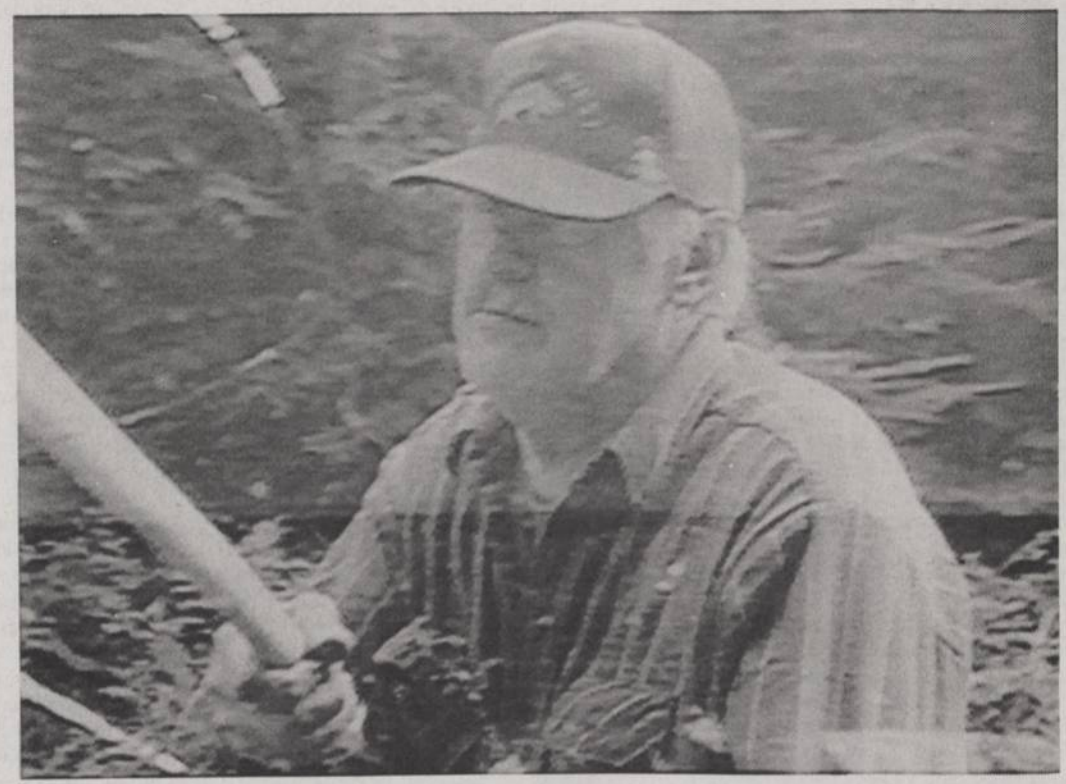


Talk - Action = Zero *(get busy)*

Preparing Ourselve For Action

by Freebird

Hunt sabotage in today's world is a dangerous activity. Perhaps it has always been that way. Sabotage of hunt campaigns is, by it's very nature a very precarious prospect. Coming into contact with armed men immediately prepared for inflicting and imposing their violence onto animals in the wild, in the context of working against them, creates prime conditions for conflict and violence.



The conditions under which a hunt sabber will find themselves in during a campaign or action is very often extremely stressful and emotionally exhausting. Preparing ourselves is vital to our health, not only in the more obvious ways, but more importantly, in our emotional health. Being prepared means that we might be as effective as possible.

We must be prepared in many different ways - physically, mentally, psychologically, emotionally, and spiritually in order to deal with sometimes large angry men. And still nothing you do or know may have any effect on a violent situation.

Field conditions

Have the conditions which make hunt sabbing so dangerous really changed all that much over the past decade or two? They have in terms of new laws which have come into effect; laws which have been created to protect the hunter's interests, and against the interests of us or the animals. In the UK we now have the Criminal Justice Act which has spelled out specific anti-sabbing laws, and in the U.S. most states have specific Hunter Harassment laws on the books.

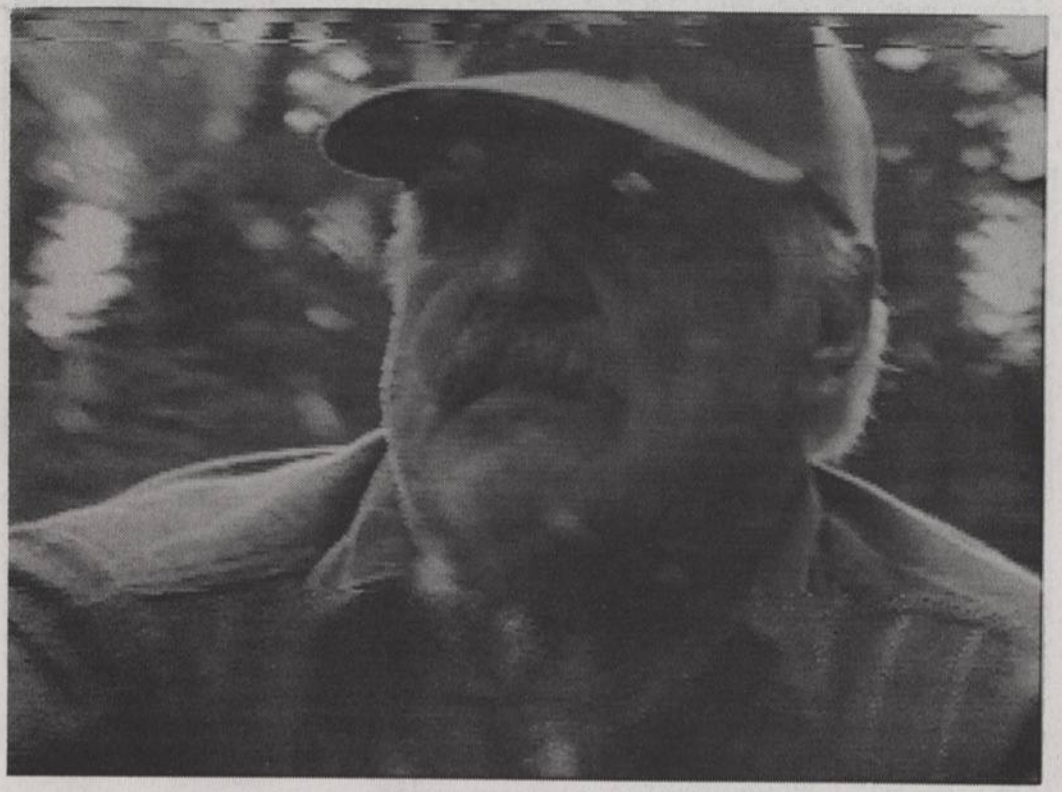
These laws have not had the desired effect of decreasing hunt sabotage activity, but they have potentially increased hunt sabber/police contact which could, and very often does, lead to more violence, arrest, and/or incarceration.

Conditions have improved in terms of increased public awareness and consciousness about hunting issues. But the gain of compassion in the public mind has not had any noticeable effect on the incidents of hunter-initiated violence against sabbers. Indeed, the only change in sabber/hunter conflict which I've noticed has been an increase in violence.
In the recent past we've seen sabbers beaten up and put in the hospital, particularly in the UK where that reality of sabbing has always been a constant. We've also had two deaths in that country. It's no different today, except that sometimes now the violence comes from the police as well.

From the Hunt Saboteurs Assoc. fact sheet on hunt violence:

"There is a very real problem of violence at hunts - it overwhelmingly consists of assaults by hunt thugs against saboteurs. In the first 3 months of 1993 alone, some 75 saboteurs were victims of violent attacks by hunts, 13 of them

requiring hospital attention as a result. In recent years saboteurs have been kicked, whipped, beaten with staves, spades and other weapons, ridden down by horses and vehicles, throttled, threatened with knives and shotguns, knocked unconscious and sexually assaulted in a range of attacks all across the country. There has also been an alarming rise in the use of vehicles as weapons despite the deaths of two saboteurs in recent years under the wheels of hunt vehicles."



Here in N. America, we have not had to deal with violence anywhere near the levels which we see in the UK, but physical violence is on the increase. Although the two situations are not really that comparable, perhaps due only to the lack of numerous and continuous hunt sab actions in this part of the world, it is worth noting and tracking the developments.

In one of the first organized hunt sab actions in California in 1990 (against the bighorn sheep kill in the Mojave Desert), a sabber was beaten resulting in a broken nose, and held hostage in a trailer by the hunting guide. Today, we continue to witness beatings in North America, at varying types of campaigns, such as the pigeon shoot in Hegins, or the woman hit and punched on the 1995 Bear Watch campaign.

In the 1996 BW campaign, an ambush on a sabber's vehicle led only to damage to the minivan, and the line between property damage and physical violence (thin as it was while the windshield was being smashed and shattered across the laps and faces of the occupants inside) was not crossed perhaps only because the sabbers were all women.

In today's reality we have to deal with vandalism and property damage actions against us by hunters and their allies. If nothing else, those events are simply retaliatory in nature, against us either because of who we are and what we represent, or because of the increase in similar economic sabotage campaigns being waged against them by activists and groups such as the Animal Liberation Front, the Earth Liberation Front, or the Earth Liberation Army, amongst others.

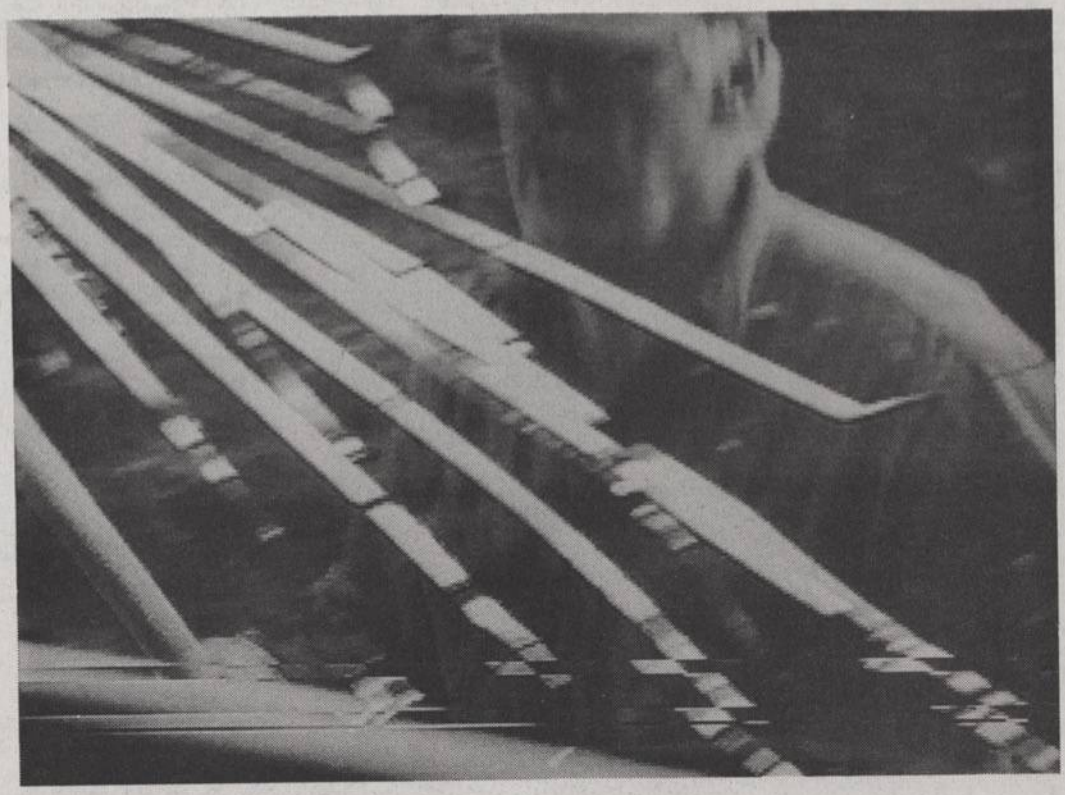
In addition to the increase in violence from hunters, we also have an increase in violence from the state in the way of jail terms. In Chicago recently, an activist was handed a six month term for his participation in hunt sabotage, of which he will have to complete the entire term (because he was convicted of criminal contempt of court for violating a court injunction - an increasingly-used tool by hunters and guides).

Dealing with stress

As with most direct actions, there is a high level of stress which seems only to build during the course of a campaign or action, until a release valve opens. During these stressful times you may find other issues coming to the surface. These might include: personal matters which have not been dealt with between comrades might flare up; power issues which might arise as activists begin to feel that their voice is not being heard in decision making; others might find that under the pretence of continuing a solidarity amongst sabbers that some peer pressure may come into play.

How can we expect to deal with personal conflicts and/or differences of strategy and ways of working when you might not even know all your comrades very well? In the

field, decisions need to be made very quickly. The solutions might be found in figuring out and deciding who you want to work with in your immediate affinity group, and sticking together. Or perhaps we need to swallow a bit of pride and acknowledge that another's choices might be more effective and better thought out. There is the inevitable give-and-take between comrades on any campaign.



With the state of hunt sabbing as it is, and if we are to continue to engage in these types of campaigns, we will need to prepare ourselves in every way possible to effectively deal with not only the hunters and police, but also with each other.

A strong community bond is crucial to a campaign, but it is difficult as activists come and go. A high level of trust is required in these situations, and that is asking a lot of most of us. The least we can do, for ourselves and for the benefit of our comrades, but most importantly, for the ultimate benefit of the animals we are trying to save, is to be as prepared as possible. Besides, whether you're a hunt sabber or not, it's a good idea to be prepared for anything in this day and age!

Physically - It's important to actively participate in self defence courses, and continually keep ourselves in good physical shape. At the very least, we need to know key points on a human body to strike at, to create a moment of possible escape from a dangerous situation.

Intellectually - Conflict resolution skills are an asset to have, and hopefully someone in your group will have some experience to share. We need to have the verbal skills necessary to try and calm down angry hunters, as futile as it might seem to be.

Psychologically - Understand clearly, and before you enter into a sab situation, that there is a good chance of physical danger to yourself. Avoid creating surprises for yourself; understand the hunter mentality and mindset. In other words: Know Your Enemy!

Emotionally - We need to remain grounded and calm, and we need to avoid being reactionary; learn to stop for a moment to think and analyze situations and to develop appropriate responses. But more importantly, we need to support our fellow hunt sabbers - know your comrades, spend time socially. Know your own, and other's weaknesses and strengths. We are who we have for support, so let's treat each other well!

Spiritually - Trust and have faith in Gaia, in the Earth, in the positive energy of the animal spirits. Know fully that what you are doing is right, and remember to come back to this knowledge in times of chaos and stress.

Finally, remember to eat well, and above all else, remember to breathe!

As direct action against hunting continues and increases in North America, activists need to understand the differences between this type of campaign and others. A better understanding of the dynamic, and of ourselves, can only lead to more effective sabbing. @

Now get out there and SAB THE BASTARDS!!

Fur Farm Liberations Continue, Most Intense A.L.F. Campaign in Years

The A.L.F. is continuing its hard hitting campaign against the North American fur farm industry. As we go to print over 30,000 animals have been released from their cages. We have confirmed that several farms are going out of business, and others, including those never raided, are spending tens of thousand on extra security.

On August 9th an A.L.F. cell raided the Carmel Mink Ranch in Hinsdale, MA. 1,000 mink were liberated. This action led to national news coverage on CNN and National Public Radio. It was a devastating blow to the farmer, as was reported in several news publications. Just days the later the A.L.F. was in Alliance, OH. This time they were targeting the president of the Ohio Mink Breeders Association. The Jorney mink ranch was raided and 2,500 mink released. Both of these farms would hear from the A.L.F. again!

On September 28th the A.L.F. followed up on a promise to return to the Jorney Mink ranch in Alliance, OH. This time they opened 8,000 cages and released most of the 15,000 incarcerated mink. Newspaper articles had headlines like "Fur Farm Struggles to Survive After Second Raid" and so on.

On October 2nd the A.L.F. carried out their fourth raid on a UT fur farm.The Paul Westwood farm in Salem, UT was hit and 1,500 animals liberated. It was beginning to look like a tough year for Utah ranchers. Now, in addition to releasing animals, the A.L.F. was destroying the fur farmers breeding records as well. While the breeding records become worthless for the released mink because they escape, or can't be traced back to the right cage, the A.L.F. still ripped the cards up for the still captive mink so that the farmer would have no pedigree background, and would be hesitant to breed any of them.
Utah has more fur farms than any other state. Utah has also seen more A.L.F. raids on fur farms than any other state.

October 5th saw the A.L.F. moving into New Hampshire for the first time. Gauthier Fur Farm was hit and 35 fox and 10 mink released. One TV station did an interview with a masked A.L.F. member, voice disguised etc. The interview was shown along with killing footage from fur farms. This was one of the few times that this type of footage has been shown on the news. This was a major victory for the A.L.F. in terms of educating the public about why they do what they do.

On October 11 they struck again in Hinsdale, MA. This time they struck the Carmel Mink Ranch for the second time. Devastated by the previous raid, Carmel had put in an advanced, expensive security system. In a communique to CAFT the A.L.F. stated that infra red beams were going across the tops of the cages. No cage could be opened without breaking the current. The A.L.F. went to work anyway, and had opened 75 cages by the time the farmer came out screaming and yelling. The A.L.F. escaped, and it will be interesting to see what they do to this ranch next.

October 23rd saw the A.L.F. back in Oregon. The first major strike against the U.S. fur farm industry was in June of 1991 in Corvallis, OR. The A.L.F. completely shut down the Oregon State University Experimental Fur Farm. It was quite fitting for them to return to this state. The Krohl Fur Farm was hit in Lebanon, OR. 2,000 mink were released. This became big news in OR and the A.L.F. received some pretty decent coverage as well. CAFT members did many interviews to explain why the raids were necessary.

The A.L.F. struck next in Utah. This was the fifth raid on a UT fur farm in 6 months. The Reese Fur Farm in Coalville, UT was raided and 2,000 mink, as well as 200 fox liberated. Breeding cards were destroyed as well. As it became increasingly obvious that the A.L.F. would not stop, it was reported in the UT media that edgy ranchers were sleeping outside with shotguns cradled in their arms. The ranchers in UT are getting desperate, but no more desperate than the mink who will soon see the gas chamber wheeled down through the shed towards their cage.

Showing that Oct. was their month, the A.L.F. struck once again. This time it was a repeat performance on the Bennett Fur Farm in Victor, NY that had been nearly cleared out in April. The A.L.F. cut through 3 fences that surrounded the compound. After searching through 40 or 50 empty sheds they found a few fox at the front of the facility. 46 fox were released and breeding cards for the rest destroyed. The A.L.F. had to evacuate as a security truck interrupted the action.

At this time 22 fur farms have been raided by the A.L.F. in North America. The idea is catching on and a cell in Austria recently broke into a mink farm and released 100 animals. An empty Swedish farm was burnt to the ground and the offices of a Norwegian trade group were trashed with scores of windows smashed, etc. As new Asian markets make fur farming more lucrative, the A.L.F. makes the cost of business increase like never before. Sheriffs patrols are increasing in areas with high concentra tions of fur farms. Others are putting up electric fences, letting packs of dogs loose, hiring security guards, etc. Many have flood lights sweeping their compound or infra red beams shooting across the tops of the cages.

Despite expensive security measures and a $100,000 reward over their heads, it is clear that the A.L.F. will continue to attack the fur farm industry. There are many states which have not seen action yet. Judging by the recent spate of actions, they will all be hit soon. Until every gas chamber is smashed, and all of the cages are empty, GO A.L.F.!!

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Diary of Actions



Please Note: The Diary of Actions is intended to report the news of direct action to save animals, not to encourage crime. [That would be bad!] All reports come from other publications, the internet, or anon. communiques sent to the NA-A.L.F.S.G. and other animal rights groups. As usual, the following list includes actions that took place in the time period covered in *Underground #5*, but were not reported until recently. Better late than never!

CANADA

September/96: Toronto, Ont - A Swiss Chalet restaurant (Bloor & Bathurst) had locks glued and windows sloganized. A.L.F.

October/96: Toronto, Ont - Furs by Nicolas & Lous Kallinikos And Sons Furs were both hit, locks were glued and front windows and walls spray painted and sloganized. Six more fur shops were spray painted and sloganized with "Fur is Dead," and "Scum." A.L.F.

October/96: Toronto, Ont - St. Andrew Poultry, a slaughterhouse in the heart of downtown, had locks glued and was spraypainted with slogans. A.L.F.

October/96: Toronto, Ont - Two butcher shops were spray painted and sloganized with "Meat is Murder." A KFC on College St. had its locks glued and windows painted with slogans. A.L.F.

October 11/96: Lower Mainland, BC - Animal Avengers announced in a news release to local media outlets that it had contaminated several turkeys in three of the Lower Mainland's major supermarket chains. The group claimed to have poisoned turkeys at local Safeway, IGA, and Save-On-Foods stores. From the communique: *"Every year hundreds of thousands of turkeys are murdered for food and sold in neatly wrapped packages to the public, while the butchers and meat industry pockets the blood money. The Meat industry over the last several decades have poisoned people with growth hormones, additives and chemicals. At least we're being honest about it. Wake up or die.*
Only the beginning -- animal avengers"
The poisoning claim is similar to one in the same area made just prior to Xmas 1994.

October 22-28/96: Vancouver, BC - Several McDonald's billboards spraypainted with "Go Vegan," "McDeath," and "Resist." - Unclaimed.

UNITED STATES

March 23/96: Mercier Island, WA - "Milk is torture" was painted on an R&R Espresso building, and four other businesses were hit with animal liberation slogans.

April 29/96: Mercier Island, WA - activists poured glue into the front and back door locks at Subway Shop, and spraypainted "Meat is Murder" and "A.L.F." on the walls. A window was smashed out with a brick. Damages estimated at $1600.

June/96: Minneapolis, MN - Marigold Foods (Kemp's Dairy Products), had two trucks hit with spraypainted vegan slogans. A.L.F.

June/96: St. Pauls, MN - Steak House restaurant had locks glued. A.L.F.

June/96: Wayzata, MN - Wayzata Bait & Tackle had locks glued, a brick through the window and a live-bait vending machine overturned. Damages estimated at over $2000. A.L.F.

June 25/96: Mercier Island, WA - A McDonald's on 77th Ave S.E. was hit with a brick through the window and "meat is murder" and "A.L.F." painted on the building's north and south sides. Also hit was a Baskin Robbins which had locks glued and animal liberation slogans painted on the walls. Subway Subs also had a window broken and graffiti painted on a rear wall. A.L.F.



July 25/96: West Fargo, ND - A fire extinguisher with Animal Liberation note attached was thrown through the front window of Quality Meats. Slogans such as "Animal Liberation" and "Meat is Murder" were also written on trucks. A.L.F.

August/96: Newport Beach, OR - A crab, momentarily left unattended in an empty 5-gallon bucket, was liberated and returned to the Pacific Ocean. *"It made a difference for that one."* Crustacean Liberation Front.

August 25/96: Dallas, Tx -Bifano Furs Downtown delivery van was paint stripped. A.L.F.

August 25/96: Richardson, Tx - Richardson Fur Center had a window shot out. A.L.F.

August 25/96: Plamo, Tx - Alaskan Fur Exchange had it's window smashed. A.L.F.

August 27/96: Boston, MA - Michael Hawley, president of Gillette Co. has his home soaked in red paint. A.L.F.

August 31/96: Collierville, TN - RusDun Farms Inc., a large egg farm had incendiary devices planted in four semi-trucks and in the loading dock area. Warehouse air-conditioning units were also sabotaged. A.L.F.

September/96: Atlanta, GA - In the past month, Atlanta Furs has been hit again (at least once), "McDonald's = murder and greed" and "A.L.F." were painted across one of McDeath's Atlanta stores and a local supermarket was spraypainted with "Vegan Revolution". A.L.F.

September/96: The Poultry Liberation Organization claimed credit for an action in which "a small billboard advertising an annual chicken bar-b-q was completely removed." P.L.O.

September/96: Atlanta, GA - Atlanta Furs gets their locks glued. A.L.F.

September 1/96: Dallas, Tx - Morris Kaye and Sons Fur shop had locks glued and slogans painted. A.L.F.

September 2/96: Richardson, Tx - Richardson Fur Center windows smashed, paint bombed, slogans painted and locks were glued. A.L.F.

September 2/96: Dallas, Tx - Bifano Furs in North Dallas was paintbombed, acid was sprayed into the office through the mail slot, locks were glued and slogans painted. A.L.F.

September 2/96: Dallas, Tx - Valentine Furs was paint bombed and slogans were painted. A.L.F.

September 2/96: Dallas, Tx - Macy's Dept. Store: steel balls were shot at the windows, it was unclear, however if the windows broke. A.L.F.

September 9/96: South St. Paul, MN - An attempt was made to burn down a building at Heger Co., a major fur feed supplier. A.L.F.

September 20/96: Atlanta, GA - Atlanta Furs is hit, three large windows are smashed. A.L.F.

September 28/96: Provo, UT - 8000 mink released from Paul Westwood's mink farm, breeding cards were destroyed. Huge holes were cut into two surrounding fences. *"Many animals were left behind and for that we are sorry, but this war is far from over..."* from the communique. Over $20,000 in damages.

October/96: Olympia, WA - The Clarance Jordan Mink Ranch in Olympia, WA is now out of business. This facility was raided on Nov. 16th, 1995 by the A.L.F. 400 mink were released, and equipment was sabotaged. A CAFT investigator spoke with Jordans son, who admitted that it was the A.L.F. that caused the farm to go out of business. Another raid that same night led to the liberation of 30 fox from a TN fur farm. That farm closed as well.

October/96: Atlanta, GA - Atlanta Furs is hit and once again several windows are smashed. A.L.F.

October 3/96: Syracuse, NY - Georgio Politis, owner of Georgio Furs in Syracuse, said his home had been paint "bombed" -- slogans were written and red paint dumped

over his property, including "You can't hide." Two automobiles were severely damaged, slashed with paint and windows smashed. The damage was estimated in the thousands of dollars. A.L.F.

October 5/96: Alliance, UT - The A.L.F. struck Justice Jorney's fur farm for the second time in less than two months, 8000 mink were liberated. A.L.F.

October 5/96: Redmond, WA - A Kentucky Fried Chicken is spraypainted with "All meat is murder" and "Sadist." A.L.F.

October 5/96: Lyndeborough, NH - A.L.F. activists liberate 35 fox and 10 mink, slogans were painted and extensive damage was done to farm equipment at the Gauthier Fur Farm. A.L.F.

October 8/96: Bellevue, WA - Honey Bee Hams, 700 108th Ave. N.E., had seven large windows smashed. Graffiti sprayed on the sidewalk read, "Animal Killers" and "A.L.F." Total damage was about $8,500. It was the third and most damaging incident at Honey Bee Hams. [Meanwhile, 11 similar incidents have been reported on Mercer Island since March, said Sgt. Alan Lacy. Windows at several fast-food outlets were broken, Lacy said. In one case, the vandals used an indelible pen to write "Meat is murder" on an awning at Cucina Presto. At a McDonald's, the words "McDeath" were spray-painted on a wall. And at a Baskin-Robbins store, "Dairy equals death" was painted on the building.] A.L.F.

October 11/96: Hinsdale, MA - The A.L.F. revisited the Carmel Mink Ranch as a follow up to the August raid at the same farm. They found that infra red beams were being transmitted over the tops of the cages, so that none could be opened without breaking the current. The A.L.F. still managed to get 75 mink out before the farmer came out screaming and yelling.

October 11/96: Bellevue - Three more businesses report being hit by the A.L.F., including an action in which four 10-by-6 foot windows and a glass door at Golden Steer Meats were taken out, with damages estimated at over $2000.



Gauthier Fur Farm in Lyndeborough, NH
35 fox and 10 mink liberated 10/5/96
Animal Liberation Front



October 14/96: (Columbus Day) Eugene, OR - The 26th and Willamette Chevron Gas Station locks glued and painted with the slogan "504 years of genocide." E.L.F.

October 14/96: (Columbus Day) Eugene, OR - The IZ and Pearl public relations office of Weyerhauser and Hyundai locks glued, spraypainted "504 years of genocide" and "Fuck Corporations" E.L.F.

October 14/96: (Columbus Day) Eugene, OR - Hwy 99 and Garfield Mcdonalds locks glued and spray painted. E.L.F.

October 16/96: Grants Pass, OR - McDonalds locks glued and spray painted for the McLibel Two. E.L.F.

October 16/96: Ithaca, NY - An early morning "attack" on a McDonald's Restaurant on Route 13 in Ithaca, NY was carried out by The Band of Mercy, and sabotage consisted of damaged locks and other equipment, and a huge banner had been dropped from the top of the restaurant, reading: "McDeath: Killing Animals, the Earth and You!" According to their communique: *"This is part of a nationwide attack on McDonalds, which sells body parts of tortured animals, destroys the environment and sells unhealthy foods....We are sending a message that this will not be tolerated...we will continue our actions until the atrocities stop."*

October 16/1996 (Anti-McDonald's Day): Eugene, OR - the following stores had their men's and women's restrooms toilets plugged with sponges, walls covered with slogans and walls, ceilings, floors and fixtures sprayed with "blood." 5 McDonalds, 1 Taco Bell, 1 Taco Time, 1 Arby's, 1 Burger King, 1 Carl Jr's, 1 Wendy's. A.L.F.

October 17/96: Cottage Grove, OR - McDonalds locks glued and slogans painted. E.L.F.

October 17/1996 "Exit 104 on I-5", OR - McDonalds receives same treatment as listed before. E.L.F.

October 23/96: Lebanon, OR: Arnold Kroll's mink farm raided and 2000 mink were liberated. *"As long as there are animal concentration camps there will be an Animal Liberation Front! We'll be back."*

October 24/96: Coalville, UT - At the ranch of Devar Vernon (1155 SW Hoytsville Rd.) 2,000 mink and 200 fox were liberated. Breeder cards were also destroyed. At the end of their communique, the A.L.F. claimed that *"This is not the end, this is a war, and we will continue to fight it."*

October 25-31/96: Portland, OR - Two bus stop benches corrected ... instead of "Eat more Rabbit" with a rabbit foot keychain, they now read "Meat is Murder" and "Animal liberation now!"

October 26/96: Philadelphia, PA - a Flemington Furs billboard on Interstate 95 in was paint bombed.

October 27/96: Texas - the A.L.F. blockaded the toilet pipes in a McDonalds in rural Texas and wrote slogans in the bathroom including Meat is Murder, A.L.F., and Tell Your Corporate Masters That the Pipes Were Blocked for the McLibel Two. When the A.L.F. left the toilets were already flooding both bathrooms.

October 27/96: Detroit, MI - Activists set a truck on fire and spray-painted "Earth Liberation Front," "Forest Rapers," and other anti-logging graffiti on buildings and vehicles at a U.S. Forest Service Rangers Station. E.L.F.

October 29, 1996: Victor, NY - Yet another mink raid! The A.L.F. entered the Bennett Fur Farm by cutting through a series of 3 different fences. *"We saw remnants of older fences that had possibly been cut down on previous raids. The fence nearest to the sheds had metal sheets on the top of it so as to make noise if they were being tampered with, but this proved a frivolous security precaution as they were easily by-passed. Once inside the actual fur farm, we came across countless empty sheds, possibly 40 or 50, which each shed could have housed several hundred animals each, but all were empty. This could have been because of previous successful raids on the farm, or we may have been to late as the killing season may have already claimed the lives of our animal friends.*

We continued onward hoping to find at least a few sheds with animals still in them. Nearing the front of the farm, we heard animal noises and followed them to a shed. Inside were dozens and dozens of silver foxes. They were making a tremendous amount of noise as we searched the shed. We opened a total of at least 46 cages and destroyed the breeding cards on all of the cages inside that particular shed. Liberation for all of the foxes would have been possible if we had not been interrupted by a security truck that forced us to evacuate.

This is the second known raid on this particular fur farm. All in all, forty six foxes were liberated, fencing was cut through and torn down, and A.L.F. slogans were spraypainted on various sheds throughout the farm.

We will be back-as long as there are animals trapped inside that concentration camp- we will fight for their release...
Much more to come from A.L.F.!!"

***NOTE: 22 raids in the U.S. and Canada have so far led to the release of 38,000 mink, 410 fox and 1 coyote . Farms are closing as a result of these raids, despite the fact that fur pelts are bringing decade high prices. The A.L.F. has proven that when they say they'll be back, THEY WILL BE BACK!**

October 30/96: Oakridge, OR - The Forest Service office was burned to the ground by a molotav. This follows a similar attack on the office in the Detroit Ranger District where vehicles were damaged. Both incidents were in the Willamette National Forest, which plans to sell about 14 million board feet of timber. Unclaimed.

October 31/96: Richardson, TX - Richardson Fur Center windows smashed. A.L.F.

November 8/96: Benson, UT - 1,000 ring-necked pheasants were released from the Wild Ringneck Ranch -- a canned hunting operation -- in Benson, Utah. Three sheds of pheasants were completely emptied. The owner said that once the birds are out of their cages, they are almost impossible to capture. He estimated a $10,000 loss by the release of the birds. Unclaimed.

November 9/96: Charlotte - Montaldo's Furs had the front of their building (windows & walls) spraypainted red with the slogan "FUR KILLS" & "A.L.F.". Montaldo's is the second fur store to open in the last two months in Charlotte.

November 10/96: NYC, NY - Revillon Furs window smashed. A.L.F.

November 11/96: Chevy Chase, Maryland - A.L.F. activists paid a visit to two Fur stores located in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Miller's Furs had the side of their building decorated in red paint in very large letters with the slogan "FUR IS FOR ANIMALS NOT FOR COATS". The A L and F were underlined. Miller's Furs parking signs were crossed out with red paint also. Local animal activists were paid a visit but were unable to help police with their enquiries. Also hit was Gartenhaus furs, two doors down from Miller's. Red paint splattered over all of the awnings as well as the sidewalk. A.L.F.

November 12/96: Bloomington, MN - Alaskan Furs Co. was gutted in an arson which reportedly caused more than $2 million in damages to furs and other merchandise. The building sustained another $250,000 in damages. An incendiary device was thrown through the front window of the shop. As of yet the action is unclaimed.

November 15/96: Atlanta, GA - Atlanta Furs has three windows taken out. A.L.F.

November 19/96: Boston - A group calling themselves Vegan Supremacy called in a bomb threat to the World Trade Center in Boston. The Filenes Basement dept. store was holding a fur sale, and the place was emptied out for an hour and a half as the building was secured. Filenes Basement leases salon space to Evans Furs,

which is the largest fur company in North America.

ENGLAND

October/96: The A.L.F. bomb hoaxed six tesco supermarkets throughout England because they are selling ostrich and kangaroo meat. A.L.F.

[Of course we know that piles of animal liberation related actions have been occurring throughout England over the past few months – we'll just have to wait 'til the reports come in...]

IRELAND

April/1996 - 250,000 salmon were set free from a salmon farm in Ireland, costing the owners 1,000,000 pounds in lost profit.

AUSTRIA

June/96: Six A.L.F. activists raid a mink farm, liberating 50 mink and damaging some equipment. This action received great media coverage.

September 21/96: The storing units of a chicken battery farm were burned down by A.L.F. activists. Additionally, the activists had tried to connect the petrol tanks of the three transport lorries parked at the place to the main fire, but this apparently failed. Result: 10 million shillings damage.

GERMANY

April 12/96: Zirtow, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern - A.L.F. activists target a fur farm and set buildings on fire. A non-lethal acidic substance was smeared in an accommodation building used by farm workers. Various slogans were also painted.

August 24-25/96: Wesseling (near Cologne) - 151 minks were set free by animal rights-activists in one of the biggest mink-farms in Germany. The farm is in Wesseling (a small town near Cologne). was owned by breeder and furrier, Eberhard Huthmacher. The activists also destroyed his collection of furs with the help of butyric acid. Huthmacher told the newspapers and police that the animal activists not only destroyed the furs but also his 30-year-old business because his "best breeding-minks" had been set free. Huthmacher was also one of the first German farmers to start breeding chickens in small cages (batteries). One of these old (today empty) sheds still exists. Eberhard Huthmacher's mink farm has 500-600 minks and about 20 polecats. The minks cages measure 0.36 square-meters and are 38cm high. In addition the minks have something like a nesting box (33x22x23cm). Many of the mink had visible injuries, especially around the tails. The minks' diet consisted of "mash", made from the garbage of a pig-slaughterhouse. The farm workers lay the mash on the topmost roof of the cages, so that the minks in the lower cages have to wait and hope for the rest of the muck to fall to them. The German Pro-A.L.F. magazine, *VOICE* received a letter from the activists stating, *"We wanna make a change for the animals NOW - not in a hundred years!"* and, *"Solidarity with all animal rights-prisoners - our thoughts are with you!"* Over 100,000 DM in damages.

September 9/96: Hamm (near Dortmund) - One or more animal rights-activists sprayed butyric-acid through the door-lining into the interior of six butcher-shops in Hamm. The acid spray destroyed also a large number of the dead animals carcasses and shop furnishings. *"For animal liberation! No peace for animal abusers!"* the animal rights-activist(s) wrote in their letter to *VOICE.*

NEW ZEALAND:

July/96: Wellington - two Butcher shops get superglue in locks. A.L.F..

July/96: Auckland - More than forty butcher shops get threats in the mail warning them to close down or face vandalism attacks.

July/96: Auckland - two butcher shops in West Auckland smashed up.

July/96: Auckland - West End Road Fish shop windows smashed twice in July.

July/96: Auckland - Ponsonby Road Butcher shops get windows smashed.

July/96: Auckland - West Coast Road butcher shop gets windows broken three times in July. Now has a steel shutter protecting them.

July/96: Auckland - an unknown group delivers letters containing mousetraps to four Auckland vivisectors (Bruce Baguley, Robert Faull, Peter Gluckman, Lois Armiger). Faull and Gluckman also get their cars covered in paintstripper.

August/96: Auckland - Cot Death Society Building graffittied as a warning against using animals in experiments. Shirley Tonkin of the Cot Death Society who has defended the use of piglets in suffocation experiments, gets her car covered in A.L.F. slogans and paint stripper.
August/96: Auckland - Happy Hen egg truck paint stripped, two milk trucks paint stripped and graffittied, "Sensational Sausage" truck smashed up and five butcher shops get windows broken. All in one night!

August/96: Christchurch - Media reports of A.L.F. attacks on Cancer Society buildings on Daffodil Day.

August/96: Auckland - Cancer Society building painted with "Murderers" on Daffodil day.

August/96: Wellington - A.L.F. splashes red paint over the entrance to the Wellington Cancer Society Building on Daffodil day.

August/96: Auckland - Leather Shop (Hunters and Collectors) graffitied with A.L.F. slogans.

August/96: Auckland - Zoo entrance and signs graffitied with A.L.F. slogans.

September/96: Auckland - McDeaths at AIT campus gets windows smashed. Newmarket McDeaths window and sign smashed. Shop displaying cow skins gets windows smashed.

October/96: Southland - Vegan activists found and destroyed four leghold traps (gin traps). These are illegal but still widely used by trappers.

October/96: Wellington - Preston's Meats in Hopper St was spraypainted with A.L.F. etc slogans. This is hit #6 for Preston's since late last year. Also on same night a fish processing factory in Cuba St was painted with animal rights and A.L.F. slogans.

November 1/96: Christchurch - (World Vegan Day). Four leather shops, one fur shop, one hunting shop, one butcher, one Cancer Society shop get superglued.

SWEDEN

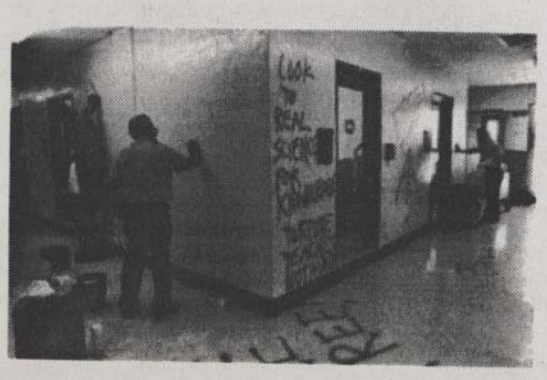
January/96: Umea - A stall was set up on the streets selling fox and mink products. Some seconds after it was set up 5-10 activists approached it and took it down. Police came and chased away the activists, but the furrier packed up and never returned.

May/96: Orik - A fur shop was sloganized and its locks were glued.

May 10/96: Obbola, Umea - An empty fur farm was burned (5 buildings of 8). The farm had no insurance and damages came to over $660,000 US dollars. The processing plant was destroyed as well and the farmers car was spraypainted.

* All fur shops in Umea have closed because of daily direct action. Victory!

July/96: Umea, an angling shop that sold various fur products,
including polar bear, had its windows smashed. The same thing happened twice in August.



A Quick Guide to MOVE.

by Rabbix.

As I guess a lot of Underground readers will know, both the British Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group Newsletter and (more recently) the American *Earth First! Journal* have started to publish the names and prison addresses of the MOVE prisoners. But who are the MOVE prisoners? What is MOVE? Why are nine of their activists in prison? And why was their family home bombed May 13th 1985? The following article has been written to help answer those questions.

"MOVE's work is to stop industry from poisoning the air, the water, the soil, and to put an end to the enslavement of life -- People, animals, any form of life." (Quote MOVE)

MOVE (short for MOVEMENT) was born in the USA in the early 1970s. Right from its beginning it was a radical ecological, mainly (but not exclusively) black, no compromise, strict vegetarian, communal living group who only ate raw organic food, watched no TV, educated their own children, shared a common surname, wore dreadlock hair and composted all their waste.

Under the teachings of their founder, John Africa, MOVE opposes all exploitation and oppression. Everything from motorway construction to vivisection. Animal Circuses to State oppression. Violence against women to child pornography. *"Every problem in the world."*

During the early 1970s MOVE was based in Powelton Village, Philadelphia. MOVE members worked hard helping out around their own house and within the neighbourhood. They swept streets, helped homeless people find accommodation, assisted the elderly with home repairs, intervened in gang violence, helped prisoners meet parole requirements, etc. One of the fundraising activities MOVE performed to support themselves was carwashing, this proved very popular. MOVE also ran regular study sessions for people interested in John Africa's teachings. They welcomed dissenting views as a chance to test their oratory skills.

By 1974 MOVE was regularly appearing in public, demonstrating at zoos, pet shops, political rallies, public forums and media offices. On these demos they used nonviolent protest to expose injustice. However, during their demos MOVE was met with much police violence. According to their vocal supporter (and fellow prisoner) Mumia Abu Jamal, *"In 1973 they were in Philadelphia Zoo protesting caged exploitation of animals, and they were beaten for it, they were jailed for it, and the got ridiculously high bails for it."*

Throughout the 1970s, Frank Rizzo was a key figure in Philadelphia's Government. A former cop, Rizzo controlled the streets with a heavy handed police force that won national notoriety for brutality. MOVE's response was to run a series of street demonstrations focusing on police abuses. Other groups agreeing with MOVE started their own demos, seeking MOVE's advice in setting them up. This angered the police which started a concerted campaign of harassment against MOVE. MOVE members found themselves being arrested and beaten, on whatever trumped up charges the police could think of.

Police brutality against MOVE members soon reached alarming levels of violence. On 18.5.74, Leesing and Janet Africa were stopped by the police and roughhandled, despite both women telling the police they were pregnant. Both suffered miscarriages. On 29.4.75 during a demonstration against ill treatment by the police against MOVE members, Alberta Africa, who was pregnant, was arrested and taken to a police station. At the station she was dragged into a holding cell, held down 'spread eagled' by four cops whilst a matron repeatedly kicked her in the stomach and vagina. Alberta suffered a miscarriage.

On 28.3.76, after seven MOVE members were released from jail, the police turned up at the MOVE home claiming MOVE was creating a disturbance. Without provocation the police turned on the MOVE members, beating them so hard they received fractured skulls, chipped and broken bones and concussions. During this attack Janine Africa was grabbed, thrown to the ground and stomped on. In her arms was three week old Life Africa. Life Africa's skull was crushed. No police officer has ever been prosecuted for the murder of baby Life Africa.

Because of the police harassment MOVE was dragged into the legal system. MOVE readily took on the courts and eventually overwhelmed them by clogging up the system with paperwork. Many MOVE cases were dropped to help clear the backlog and this angered the police even more who quickly planned revenge.



On 5.11.76, twenty MOVE members were summoned to court. Several were taken into custody. On the way to the holding cells Sheriff Jerry Saunders started to beat one young handcuffed MOVE member, Dennis Africa. As the police hoped, other MOVE members rushed to Dennis's side and a scuffle ensued. After the scuffle the MOVE members involved were locked up and the police then went in search of other MOVE members. Three more members were arrested and brutalised. This included Rhonda Africa who was nine months pregnant. Rhonda went into labour the next day and gave birth to a bruised and injured baby that died soon after. As a result of the police set up, three MOVE members were given prison sentences.

The setting up of three MOVE members led MOVE to hold a demonstration demanding the release of their three political prisoners. The demonstration started on 20.5.77 and was held on MOVE property. The MOVE members carried firearms to defend themselves against police attack. MOVE was determined there should be no more undercover deaths. If the police wanted to murder MOVE people they would have to do so in full view of the public. The response of the police was to issue arrest warrants for eleven MOVE members on riot charges and "possession of an instrument of crime." The police then began a 24 hour surveillance to make their arrests. This surveillance continued for many months and eventually included a failed attempt to try and starve the MOVE members out of the house.

Eventually, with no other way of getting MOVE out of the house, on 8.8.78 the police launched a full scale invasion of the MOVE house on the grounds MOVE weren't keeping to an agreement MOVE never agreed to. During the storming of the house MOVE members took refuge in the basement. The fire brigade, in league with the police, flooded the basement with water forcing the adults to hold onto children and animals to prevent them from being drowned. Some dogs did drown. As the water flooded in, tear gas canisters were activated and gun shots rang out as the police opened fire on the building. During this police assault the police managed to shoot one of their own officers, James Ramp. Ramp was killed with a single shot. Three other police officers and three firemen were also injured.

With tear gas, water and bullets, MOVE was forced to come out of their house. 12 adults were arrested, all were beaten by the police. Delbert Africa was smashed in the face with a police helmet and hit with a shotgun butt. Delbert fell to the ground and was dragged across the street by the hair. Other officers then set about him, kicking him in the head, kidneys and groin. As soon as the MOVE members were taken away, the police set about destroying the house, flattening it completely.

Out of the twelve people arrested, there were three who were not well known MOVE members. These three were told if they disavowed themselves from MOVE they could walk free. Consuewella Dotson Africa refused to distance herself from MOVE and was later tried and sentenced to 10-20 years in prison.

Having tried the first three people arrested who were not known MOVE members, the police then turned to the nine

who were all well known MOVE activists. Desperate to lock them up, the nine were accused of murdering the cop who the police themselves had shot. After a farcical trial, with planted evidence, all nine were found guilty of murder and sentenced to 30-100 years. the next day, whilst appearing on a talk show, the sentencing Judged was asked "Who shot James Ramp?" He replied, "I have no idea." The man who phoned the radio station and asked the question was Mumia Abu Jamal.

During the next seven years the persecution of MOVE continued. This included another nine MOVE members being accused of terrorist activities; charges that were later proven totally bogus. Despite the harassment MOVE continued to exist and continued to demand the release of their political prisoners. By this time MOVE had a new communal house in Osage Avenue and fearing more police assaults, they decided to fortify the building.

On 11.5.85, arrest warrants were signed for four MOVE members on terrorist charges. A fifth person's warrant was signed for gun violations. On 12.5.85 police evacuated Osage Ave and towed away cars. On 13.5.85, at 06:00hrs, over 600 police launched a military style assault on the MOVE home. The police were armed with tear gas, water cannons, shotguns, Uzi's, M-16s, silenced weapons, Browning Automatic Riffles, M-60 machine guns, a 20mm anti-tank gun, a .50-calibre machine gun and 37 pounds of C-4, a powerful military explosive.

Between 06:00-07:30 hrs, the police fired 10,000 rounds of ammunition at the house. They also tried to blast through the walls using the C-4 explosive. When these measures failed, a state helicopter was used to drop a bomb onto the roof of the building. A fire started which was allowed to blaze out of control, eventually destroying 60 buildings.

With their home ablaze the MOVE members tried to flee. But as they did so they were shot at by police and forced back into the burning house. Those that chose not to be burnt to death were gunned down outside the house. Six adults and five children were inside the house at the time of the assault. Only one adult (Ramona Africa) and one child (Birdy Africa) survived. Both were taken into custody. Birdy was subjected to a "normalisation" program which included being force fed McDonald's burgers. Ramona went to jail for seven years charged with conspiracy, riot and multiple counts of assault.

The bombing was intended to end MOVE once and for all. However, this has failed. MOVE continues to exist and in 1991 they purchased a new communal house on Kingsessing Ave. Several months passed before the police learnt about this new house. Once the police knew of the new house media slurs started against MOVE and there is genuine fear MOVE may be attacked again ... @

There are currently nine MOVE members in prison in AmeriKKKa. All nine are serving life for the murder of the cop shot on 8.8.78. All nine are innocent.

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MOVE PRISONERS OF WAR

Alberta Africa – served 7 years.
Alfonso Africa – served 5 years.
Carlos Africa – served 13 years.
Charles (Chuck) Africa – served 18 years. Still in prison.
Conrad Africa – served 1 1/2 years.
Consuewella Africa – served 15 years.
Debbie Africa – has served 18 years. Still in prison.
Delbert Africa –has served 18 years. Still in prison.
Edward Africa – has served 18 years. Still in prison.
Janine Africa – has served 18 years. Still in prison.
Janet Africa – has served 18 years. Still in prison.
Jerry Africa – served 1 1/2 years.
Merle Africa – has served 18 years. Still in prison.
Michael Africa – has served 18 years. Still in prison.
Ramona Africa – served 7 years.
Robert Africa – served 1 1/2 years
Sue Africa – served 12 years.
William (Phil) Africa – has served 18 years. Still in prison.

"As long as we are alive, we will never abandon our innocent brothers and sisters in jail, and they know we will never abandon them, and this city gonna always have a problem until every last one of our brothers and sisters is home." (Quote MOVE).

This article has been written in memory of:
Vincent Leapheart, aged 54, Raymond Africa, aged 50, Rod Africa, aged 36, Rhonda Africa, aged 30, Theresa Africa, aged 26, Frank James Africa, aged 26, Tree Africa, aged 13 Zenetta Africa, aged 12, Delica Africa, aged 11, Phil Africa, aged 11, Tomaso Africa, aged 9, all murdered May 13th, 1985.

For more information about MOVE contact either:
The MOVE Organisation, Box 19709, Philadelphia, PA 19143, USA. Friends of Move, Box 3069, London, SW9 8LU, England. Or better still, write to any of the MOVE prisoners. They welcome letters and are more than willing to answer questions.

Are You A True Animal Liberation Activist? Now You Can Find Out!

We all want to do something to help the animals. It's likely that we've all opened our homes to stray dogs, cats and field mice at one time or another, picketed a research lab or two and cut the eating of flesh out of our diets. But how active are you? There's more to being an animal liberation activist than chanting "Hey Hey, Ho Ho," or wearing your favourite Green Peace t-shirt.

Here's a fun to answer quiz that will reveal whether you are committed to the cause of animal liberation, or merely looking to pick up members of the opposite sex by attaching yourself to a "hip" cause. Answer all the questions, a b or c, then add up your final score.

1. You are a member of an animal rights organization and discover that a local research lab was broken into and vandalized. What do you do?
a. Go to any and all local media willing to listen and sternly state that "this sort of thing puts the cause of animal rights back 20 years."
b. Tell reporters that while your organization does not participate in those kinds of actions, you "understand the underlying reasons why someone would choose to carry out such an action."
c. Hold a press conference in full support of the activists who broke into the lab, telling the reporters that "more of these actions are necessary" as well as publishing a list of addresses of local labs, fur farms, slaughter houses and factory farms all needing targeting.

2. You have just left your local animal rights group meeting when the newest member (the 6'2 fellow with the crew cut, short mustache and strange habit of saluting you) asks you if you want to help him "break into a few labs, maybe blow up a vivisector's car or two." You hardly know the fellow, but decide
a. What the hell, you've forgotten your gloves and mask and had a few drinks, but what could go wrong? You let him know you have a few friends who are also into this sort of thing and happily write down their names and phone numbers for him to contact later.
b. Perhaps not this evening. You politely decline his invitation but have a nice time telling him about all the times you've put a brick or two through fur shop windows yourself.
c. Something's strange about this fellow. You can't put your finger on it but decide it might be wise to watch what you say and do in his presence. Who knows, the way he keeps badgering everyone to do something illegal may just indicate he's tactless, but...

3. An extremely dedicated animal liberation activist is eventually arrested and sentenced to prison time. You've come into personal conflict with him in the past and still hold a grudge. You decide
a. To denounce him publicly at rallies and demos and privately to any activist who listens in order to undermine his support. When this tactic fails, you publicly claim to have always supported him and can't understand why anyone could have doubted your intentions.
b. That while you feel yourself unable to support this activist for personal reasons, you recognize others may feel differently and do your best to stay out of things.
c. To put aside any personal problems that may exist between the two of you and decide to fully support the imprisoned activist in any and all ways possible.

4. While out shopping one day downtown, you notice a shop that is selling expensive mink and fox fur coats. How do you react? Would you
a. Go in and purchase a few of the most expensive coats.
b. Ask to try on a few of the coats, but postpone any decision to purchase in order to think it over.
c. Put superglue into all of the shop's locks and return later that evening to firebomb the premises.

5. A balaclava is
a. a rich pastry dessert containing almonds and smothered in honey
b. a Romanian folk tune
c. an essential piece of head gear for those evening walks through the fur district.

6. While out tabling one morning for the local animal liberation group, a belligerent passerby eating a hamburger identifies herself as the owner of a large slaughterhouse. An argument between you ensues at which point you
a. Decide she's right, God did indeed put chickens cows and horses on this earth for us to eat. Feeling a bit peckish you join her for a large plate of steak and kidney pie.
b. Stay calm, argue your points, do your best to speak for the animals and convince her to take home some information about animal rights to read later.
c. Stay calm, argue your points, do your best to speak for the animals and convince her to take home some information about animal rights to read later. You then follow her to work, spend a week observing the site and security measures and return late one evening to cause thousands of dollars worth of damage to several delivery trucks and windows.

7. Several activists at a demo are overheard speculating about who may have spraypainted the McDonald's last evening. You
a. jump into the middle of their conversation, bragging about your participation in the action in an attempt to gain personal credibility. You even show everyone the spraycan, which you've been carrying around for just such an opportunity.
b. Realize that their conversation serves only to spread rumours and could be dangerous for the activists who did do the action. You begin to chant "Hey Hey, Ho Ho" at top volume in an attempt to drown them out.
c. Take the activists aside and inform them that the fact the action occurred is more important than who did it. You point out the fact that there are uniformed and undercover cops everywhere who love hearing this kind of speculation.

8. While out one morning on a nature hike through the woods you come across a trapper in the process of hooking up several wires to his truck's battery. You realize he is about to anally electrocute several beaver and mink that he's caught in his steel-jawed leghold traps. You
a. offer to hold the squirming critters down for him in return for a fur hat or pencil case
b. take down his license plate numbers and run quickly to the nearest Ministry of Natural Resources to report what you've seen. After all, there is an incredibly slim chance that this guy was illegally trapping and killing animals as opposed to being licensed and sanctioned to do so by the state.
c. quickly pull on your balaclava, bonk the guy on the head with a improvised cudgel, hook the bastard up to his wires and give him a taste of his own medicine. You then leave a communique behind on the behalf of the Justice Dept. The animals of course are taken to a sympathetic vet.

How did you do?

Give yourself 3 points for every C, 2 points for a B, and 1 point for each A. Then add up your score and see how you rate!

20 to 24 Congratulations! You have the stuff of a true animal liberationist. Get yourself down to your local A.L.F. recruiting office immediately and sign on! You'll be out liberating mink and taking out research labs in no time (once you've completed the A.L.F.'s rigorous training course at their hidden mountain fortress).

13to 19 There's hope for yet, pick yourself up a copy of Singer's Animal Liberation and drop us $20-30 for a subscription to Underground. You'll soon come to know the difference between animal welfare and animal rights (and the difference between animal rights and animal liberation). Good luck!

12 or less: You heartless bastard! You probably run a bloody fur farm or spend your day dripping acid into the eyes of bunnies for your kicks. Well guess what, pal, you're days are numbered. The world will be a better place when the likes of you are permanently put out of business.

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9 Arrests, Injuries, Sabotage Reported in U.S. Anti-McDonald's Protests

Nine arrests, injuries were reported -- and one McDonald's was sabotaged -- nationally Wednesday as anti-McDonald's activists blocked drive-thrus, disrupted business and hung banners calling the multi-million dollar fast food giant a "murderer."

The demonstrations were carried out by environmental and animal rights organizations as part of a "World Day of Action Against McDonald's," held Wednesday in 25 countries, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and many other locations in Asia, Europe and U.S., where nearly 50 McDonald's' were targeted.

There were five arrests near San Francisco at a Santa Cruz McDonald's when activists scaled the store's roof to drop a banner. One activist was hospitalized for a concussion after police ran her head into a air-conditioning duct. All were cited for trespassing and released.

There were also four arrests in Minneapolis, where activists also took over the roof of a McDonald's. They were maced, and sent to the hospital before being jailed for trespassing. They are being held on bail until a court hearing Thursday morning in St. Paul.

And, in Ithaca, NY, the Band of Mercy damaged locks and hung the banner: "McDeath: Killing Animals, the Earth and You" during an pre-dawn raid.

In Muncie, IN activists hung a banner from the local McDonald's reading, in part: "Special Today: McMurder Deluxe." And, in Chicago, Bloomington and several other American cities activists also disrupted sales at the drive-thru for up to several hours.

McDonald's has been the focus of intense protests by environmentalists and animal rights activists, who say the $30 billion food giant is responsible for feeding people disease-ridden meat, which could be laced with E-Coli, or Mad Cow's Disease, and destroying the environment, including the world's rainforests, which are being ripped down to make way for grazing land for cattle -- and future Big Macs.

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15 PEOPLE CHARGED, 6 PEOPLE MACED, 12 PEOPLE OCCUPYING THE MNR HEADQUARTERS IN PETERBOROUGH

Oct 15: Over 100 demonstrators gathered outside Ministry of Natural Resources head office in Peterborough [Ont. Canada] to protest the continued logging of Northern Ontario's Temagami region.

15 people managed to enter the lobby of the MNR. During a confrontation with the police inside the MNR 3 people were charged with assault police. One person was released two were taken to the police station. Later on one protestor outside the building was chased by police officers. He was arrested for an unknown reason.

6 outside protesters supporting the people inside the building were maced by the police without warning. According to one woman maced "they [the police] gave no warning, we were pushing on the revolving door one of the police officers reached around from behind me and maced me. The police officer then prevented me from leaving the front of the protest to get medical attention."

Citizens of Peterborough were joined by people from Kingston, Guelph, and Toronto in expressing their outrage at the prospect of the destruction of the unique Temagami region. Temagami's Owain Lake region, home of North America's third largest old growth red and white pine stand, will be completely logged by December of this year, if logging is not stopped now. The MNR, under the Harris government, currently threatens 48% of North America's remaining old growth red and white pine forests, all of them on unceded Native land.

This summer, Chris Hodgson (Minister of Natural Resources) rejected the recommendations of the Comprehensive Planning Council and unilaterally withdrew from treaty negotiations with the Teme-Augama Anishnabai. The MNR has now approved 77% of Temagami for mining and 71% for logging. Only 24% of the old growth forest is protected. Presently, Ontario's old growth forests cover less than 1% of their original range.

12 more arrests were made against activists who had occupied the building, bringing the total number of arrests up to 15.

ACTIVISTS SET SIEGE TO SLAUGHTERHOUSE

October 2, Petaluma, Ca. - Several dozen demonstrators surrounded a slaughterhouse and shut it down by barricading all entrances with cement-filled barrels, kryptonite bike locks and other locking devices. The slaughterhouse siege began about 5:20 a.m. Wednesday morning when activists blocked all driveways into the "Rancho" (located at 1522 North Petaluma Blvd/Petaluma exit off Hwy 101). The slaughterhouse kills mostly veal calves and dairy cows. The protest was part of "World Farm Animals Day," a national observance of the rights of farm animals. Four activists were arrested and charged with misdemeanour counts trespassing and failure to obey a police officer.



"He doesn't want to leave — he's hibernating."

Trio arrested for McDonald's Arson No Charges Laid

November 9: Two men and a juvenile were arrested and released in relation to an investigation of arson at a West Jordan McDonald's restaurant in August that caused an estimated $400,000 damage.

The adults, both 19, were from South Jordan and Salt Lake City, and the juvenile, 17, was from West Jordan. The three could face second-degree felony charges of arson, with additional counts of possession of explosive devices, theft, burglary and contributing to a minor. The trio had not been formally charged as of yet.

The two-alarm, 2 a.m. blaze at the restaurant wiped out nearly 80 percent of the building, which was under construction near 1250 West and 9000 South. Investigators with West Jordan Public Safety, Salt Lake Fire Department, Salt Lake County Fire Department and the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and agents with Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms determined accelerants caused the blaze.

Snooks said footprints, tire impressions, accelerant samples and other evidence were found in and around the charred building. The restaurant was supposed to open Sept. 5 but was reduced to a blackened structure of bare drywall, roofing frames and scorched windows. Investigators are still identifying other suspects as well as looking into related incidents in the Salt Lake Valley.

Swedish/German Activists Released

As reported in the Diary of Actions from *Underground #5*, five activists were arrested for their part in damaging an abattoir near Ulm in South-west Germany last October. Three Swiss activists and two Germans spent 10 days in jail under very poor conditions until being released on a bail of 123,000 DM. A total of 20,000 DM in fines has been added to the bail deposit. Activists in Germany and Sweden have been helping with costs by holding benefit shows, but a large sum is still needing to be paid.

Environmentalists Ordered to Pay $1 Million in Idaho

Nov 8/96 OISE, Idaho – A state court jury has ordered 12 members of the environmental group Earth First! to pay $1.15 million in damages to a contractor for damaged equipment and work delays as the result of protests in the virgin forests of northern Idaho.

The plaintiff, Highland Enterprises of Grangeville, Idaho, was awarded about $150,000 in compensatory damages and $1 million in punitive damages in the civil case. The defendants will be required to share the cost of the punitive damages by paying $83,333 each, court officials said, while compensatory damages were spread among the defendants in different amounts.

Leslie Hemstreet, 31, co-editor of *The Earth First! Journal* in Eugene, Ore., said of the decision: "The magnitude is so huge I can't even conceive of it. But you can't squeeze blood out of a bee." Most of the defendants do not have jobs and will have trouble making any payments, Ms. Hemstreet said. Don Blewett, owner of Highland Enterprises, said he expected to see some payment over time because the jury's award -- if upheld -- would remain in effect for the defendants' lifetimes.

"If their Great-Aunt Matilda buys a Volkswagen van and she dies and gives it to one of them, that baby's mine," Blewett said. Highland filed the lawsuit in late 1993 after three pieces of heavy equipment sustained total damages put at $20,000 by the company.

Police Arrest 8 Anti-Fur Activists After Sak's Fur Show Protest

SAN FRANCISCO Nov 13 -- Eight anti-fur activists were arrested at a non-violent but noisy demonstration inside the fur department of Sak's at Union Square. Four activists locked themselves together with heavy bike locks to blockade the fur department where Hana K, a fur designer, was scheduled to give a special presentation at Sak's on furs starting at 10 a.m. The designer has been met by animal rights pickets in several U.S. locations the past 2 weeks.

Those arrested were being held at the Vallejo Substation on trespassing and resisting arrest charges. Numerous police, including several police vans, and the fire dept. were called in to quell the disturbance. The protest was organized by the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition (ARDAC).

HORSES STOLEN FROM ABATTOIR

(New Zealand, Nov. 15): Rosalie Ann Jones, 51, pleaded guilty in the Christchurch District court to stealing three horses worth $600, from a petfood abattoir. She was convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called on in the next 12 months. Sergeant Halligan said Jones and two associates had gone to the abbatoir about 10pm on November 3. They led three horses to a waiting horse float, but could not load the animals and had to return them.

Defence counsel Kirsty Wilson said the theft was an offence of conscience. Jones wanted to save the horses from the certain death that awaited them. Judge Erber said that he had to bear in mind the motive for the offence, which could attract sympathy from many quarters.

SABBING NEWS FROM GERMANY

(translated from VOICE) November, 9: Seventeen animal rights activists recently met at Weickertshhain, a small village near Giessen (in the State of Hesse), with plans to sab a hunt on deer, wild boars, foxes, hares and so called "beasts of prey".

It wasn't long before the activists had tracked down the hunters, and supplied with bright vests and alarm whistles, the sabbers ran to the hunters in order to keep them away from the animals. When activists noticed the animals were being pushed by hunters to a nearby clearing, they arrived there first and started to make noise between the hunters and hunted. Shortly there after, a hunter appeared and tried to catch one of the sabs. The activist was much faster and easily took refuge amongst two friends who were actually engaging another hunter in a calm discussion. The same hunter even defended the three activists when his hunting colleagues tried to attack them. Unfortunately, this hardly had an effect on the aggressiveness of the beaters and hunters; they separated the three sabs from the others by pushing them up a hill through the thicket. The three managed to escape and meet up with four other activists that had been preventing, in couples, two hunters from killing deer.

The hunt was called off after around four hours sabbing. According to the law, it should have been stopped for the whole day as soon as civilians showed up in the hunt area. Eleven of the seventeen sabs were caught by the police. They will be facing charges. In the states of North-Rhine Westfalia, Bavaria and Hesse, hunt sabbing is now dealt as an offense and severely punished. In Hesse, the fine can come up to 50,000 DM.

PRISON JUSTICE PROJECT CLOSES

The NA-A.L.F.S.G. is sorry to announce that the Prison Justice Project is ending due to the ill health of the coordinator. Zab writes,

The decision to shut down the Prison Justice Project (PJP) is not an easy one for me to have made. I have been proud of the PJP's contributions to the animal liberation movement, and hope that activists will continue to link the two movements and provide support to imprisoned activists and other prisoners.

Thanks to the SG for their support of the PJP, and to all the prisoners who have written in with contributions and feedback on the PJP section of 'Underground. A special thanks to all the prisoners who I have had the privilege of working with over the last two years. I will be unable to continue correspondence with most of you, but you will not be gone from my thoughts or from my heart.

Best wishes and highest regards,
Zab

One final article for the PJP section: AIDS PRISONER DENIED ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE

Karl Dimitrov, a volunteer at the local AIDS support and advocacy group AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI) who has had full-blown AIDS since April is not receiving adequate medical care in the Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre (VIRCC).

'There's no medical help here at all. They don't care.' said Dimitrov about the staff at VIRCC in a radio interview.

Karl has been exposed to Hepatitis C, pneumonia and other aliments which in his advanced stage of AIDS could easily cause death. Despite this the jail Doctor, Dr. Henry, refuses to allow Karl to be admitted to the local hospital, citing the expense as being too high. Karl also has been denied visits to his specialist, Dr. Jagdis, and is only being given Motrin for his pain. He is receiving Boost meal supplements 1x a day when he needs to be receiving it 4x a day. As well, Karl needs to see a liver specialist; Dr. Buckley and the jail refuses to bring him to this doctor. Lastly, his sinuses need draining by a throat, nose and ears specialist.

The jail has one doctor who visits twice a week to care for 275 or more people. Dr. Henry has no experience with AIDS and is refusing to admit that Karl has a chest problem despite consistent pain. Karl has also been having severe migraines and arthritis which need to be dealt with. Karl has been moved cell six times in the last month. His personal property has been 'lost' so he no longer has any of the notes he was keeping on what goes on in the jail. Guards have been giving him a rough time, accusing him of being a thief so as to alienate him from fellow inmates. The cells are constantly too cold and dusty. Most recently Karl has been moved into protective custody for no apparent reason (this means he will be unable to ever enter the general population of a KKKanadian jail again). He was at times in 16 hour lock-up.

The Director of the VIRCC Mr. Bert Phipps has refused to talk to prison advocates in town, and insists to local college paper The Martlet that 'there is an adequate level of health care here.'

This is the prison where an inmate recently suffered a heart attack and was only given oxygen (no hospital care) and where the last inmate to die of AIDS was only taken to the hospital eight hours before his death. The stress of this environment is hastening the deterioration of Karl's condition. As well, the staff are clearly prejudiced against people with AIDS as illustrated by a nurse's remarks at a hearing that some of the HIV inmates have a 'lack of hygiene' and 'questionable practices'. Karl himself was refused the chance to be seen by a specialist upon arrival at the prison, and has only been allowed to see one since a recent bail hearing.

We are asking you to fax or phone the Director to demand that Karl receive proper health care:
Director Bert Phipps: Phone: 250-387-1581 Fax: 250-727-5001

Karl is being charged with two counts of assault, threat to cause death or bodily harm and mischief. He attempted to stop a neighbour who was assaulting his wife on October 10th. Police were called and told of "four drug natives with knives" They arrived to see Karl and his wife Maurgareta (who is part native) completely unarmed. They proceeded to pepper spray the two of them and arrested them. On the way into the police car, Karl was hit in the mouth by a cop who later accused Karl of biting him to give him AIDS (which later was the grounds on which Karl was denied bail). Karl was again pepper sprayed and beaten underneath a blanket upon arrival at the police station. Maurgareta was beaten by the police as well.

ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

NORTH AMERICA

Steve Hindi
McHenery County Jail, 2200 N. Ceminary. Woodstock, IL 60098 USA
On October 11, Steve Hindi, Carol Gross and Steve Gross were charged in civil court with interfering with the right of the Woodstock Hunt Club (a canned hunting establishment, specializing in killing cage raised birds) to conduct its normal business practices. The charge contends that on September 7, 8, 14 and 15, the three defendants used sirens, horns and an ultralight aircraft to interfere with hunters. The plaintiffs attorney wanted Steve Hindi charged with contempt of court because he returned to the club on October 12th and videotaped hunters and asked them through a bullhorn to reconsider not killing any wildlife. The judge sentenced Steve Hindi to six months in jail.

The Woodstock Hunt Club has also filed a $400,000 suit against the three activists for damages related to alleged hunter interference. At this point only Steve Hindi has been charged with actual criminal hunter interference. Steve is currently engaged in a hunger strike and is appealing the sentence. As we go to print, Steve is stll being held in jail.

Rod Coronado #03895000
FC1 8901 South Wilmot Rd, Tuscon, AZ 85706, USA.
Sentenced to 57 months for aiding and abetting arson and handling stolen property in connection with acting as spokesperson for the North American A.L.F., and for damaging government property as a protest against the treatment of native Americans (Rod is a member of the Yaqui Nation).

UNITED KINGDOM

Melanie Arnold GJ0940
HMP Eastwood park, Falfield, Wotton under Edge, Gloucester, GL12 8DB, England.
On remand, charged with arson at an abattoir in Gloucester and at two Milk Depots in Cheshire, and on conspiracy to commit arson at various meat wholesalers, lairage companies, etc.

Gurjeet Aujla HV2047
HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Road, Birmingham, B18 4AS. England.
Sentenced to 6 years in connection with postal devices sent to various companies and individuals involved in the meat and livestock export trade.

Dave Callender HV3314
HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Road, Birmingham, B18 4AS. England.
Sentanced to 10 years for conspiracy to cause criminal damage by arson.

Darren Cole HD2301
HMP Featherstone, Wolverhampton, WV10 7PU
On remand charged with arson on farm buildings used in the live export trade.

Michael Green VA2923
HMP Bristol, Cambridge Road, Bristol, BS7 8PS,
On remand, charged with arson at an abattoir in Gloucester and at two Milk Depots in Cheshire, and on conspiracy to commit arson at various meat wholesalers, lairage companies, etc.

Barry Horne VC2141
HMP Bristol, Cambridge Rd, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8PS
On remand charged with possession of explosive material with intent to cause damage.

Keith Mann EE3588
HMP Full Sutton, Nr Stamford Bridge, York, YO4 1PS
Sentenced to 11 years for criminal damage, attempted incitement, possession of explosive substances, escape custody and attempted arson.

Gillian Peachey RL3415
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, London, N7 0NU
Charged with conspiracy to use incendiary devices to cause criminal damage and arson.

Micheal Roberts GE3743
HMP Lewes, Brighton Road, Lewes, E. Sussex BN7 1EA
On remand charged with conspiracy to commit damage.

Geoff Sheppard MD1030
HMP Wormwood Scrubs, po Box 757, Du cane Road, London, W12 0AE
Sentenced to 7 years for possession of items with intent to make incendiary devices and possession of a shotgun.

Charles Skinner No24250
HMP La Moye St, Beades,Jersey, Channel Isles.
Imprisoned for starting a fire at Jersey to visitors centre which caused 322,000 pounds worth of damage.

Barbara Trenholm RL1292
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, London, N7 0NU
Charged with committing arson.

Justin Wright CE3046
HMP Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1E4
Charged with committing arson.

HOLLAND

**Eric van de Laan 1648819
**
Bijlmer, Demersluis, Postbus 41901, 1009CE, Amsterdam Holland.
Charged with acts of arson against the meat industry

**Frank Kocera 1648820
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