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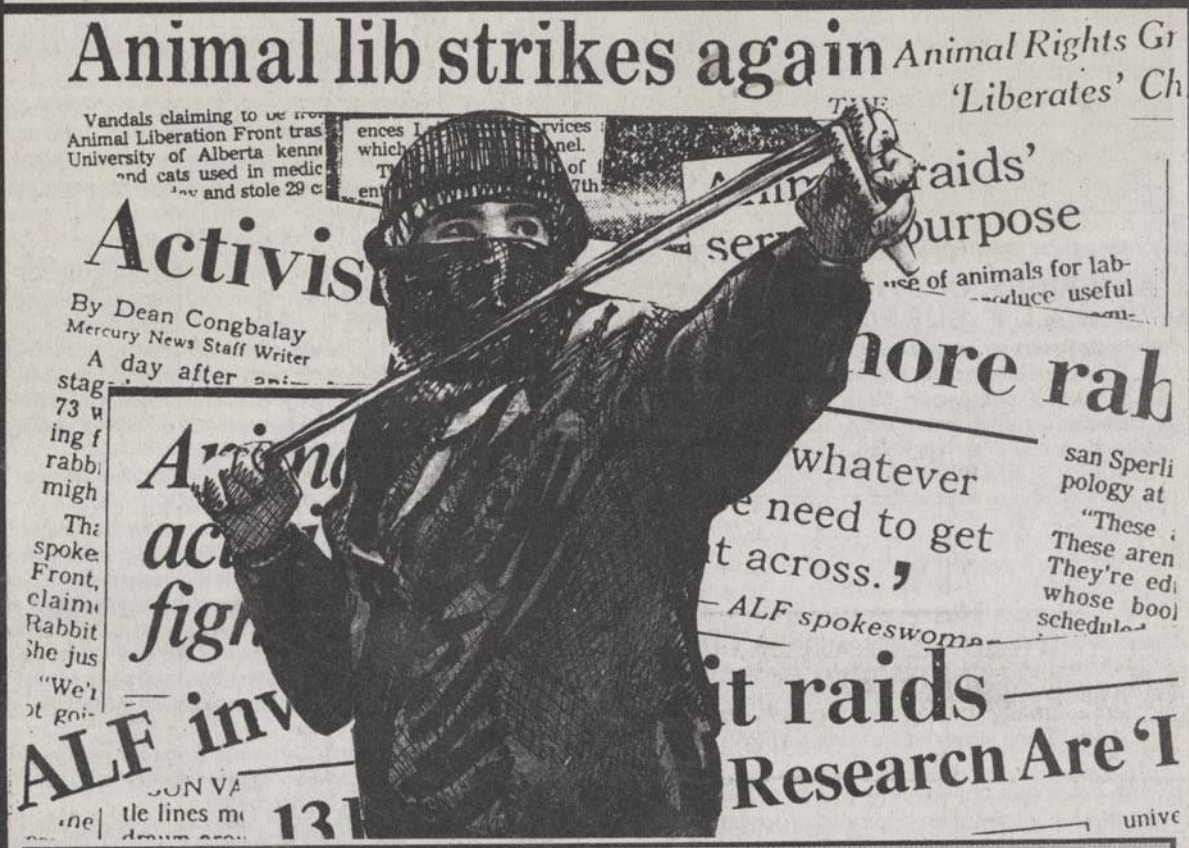
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TO liberate animals from places of abuse, ie laboratories, factory farms, fur farms, etc. and when ever possible, place them in good homes where they may live out their natural lives, free from suffering.

TO inflict economic damage to those who profit from the misery and exploitation of animals.

TO reveal the horror and atrocities committed against animals behind locked doors, by performing non-violent direct actions and liberationist.

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Greetings to all our readers!

Welcome to issue #7 of *Underground*. It's been roughly three months since the last issue went out, and in that short period of time we've seen some pretty dramatic occurrences in the war against animal abuse and abusers. One only has to take a glance at the current Diary of Action to get a sense of the huge increase in animal liberation activity, not only in North America, but world wide that has occurred. Not only has there been an increase in activity, but the nature of the actions has developed to a more serious level. Every lock glued at a fur store and every window broken at a butchers shop increases the frustrations of the shop owner and sends insurance costs soaring, but along side these actions we've witnessed some incredibly damaging acts of sabotage. Fur shops and hamburger joints are burning to the ground around America. Mink raids continue unabated despite the fur industries feeble security measures. In Brazil, activists entered a research lab destroying equipment and freeing over 50 monkeys. On the home front raids have spelled freedom for 50,000 salmon on the Canadian Pacific coast, have cost the fur industry over $1 million in damages due to the arson attack at America's second largest fur farm feed company, and caused Cornell University potentially tens of thousands of dollars in damages due to a recent Band of Mercy lab break in. The list continues...



Other notable developments over the last three months include the increase in police surveillance and harassment of animal liberation activists. The police and industry are desperate to bring an end to the A.L.F. and similar groups, and are striking out anywhere they can, which usually means raiding, arresting and harassing activists who have done little more than vocally support direct action for animal liberation.

In Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's (RCMP) National Security Investigations Section (NSIS) has been "interviewing" activists across Canada for information, and has lead raids on the homes and families of several innocent activists in B.C. In the United States, the FBI and police have conducted a covert campaign of harassment and intimidation of local animal rights activists most notably in Salt Lake City, Utah. The authorities' campaign against animal activists started as early as November of 1994 but appears to be coming to a head now, with over 40 animal rights supporters in the area reporting some form of police harassment. Federal agents and police have stalked, threatened, and slandered animal rights supporters on a massive scale. Authorities have fabricated court evidence to obtain false criminal charges, entered people's homes without a warrant or permission, conducted grand jury-witch hunts, and have harassed activists at their homes and workplaces.

It is also worth noting the increased presence of willing informers and grasses in the American direct action scene. Much of the trouble in Utah can be traced back to specific individuals who chose to cooperate with the police, spreading rumours, innuendos and undermining the activist community. Trouble within some A.L.F. cells has also occurred when arrests have been carried out and (some) activists have chosen to give evidence to the police that implicate others. The recent A.L.F./E.L.F. raid on the Eberts Fur Farm **(R.R. 4, Blenheim, ON, N0P 1A0, co-owner: Tom McLellan (519) 676-4969)** should stand as a good example to others to pick your cell-members carefully. Already we have seen one participant make statements to the police that were read in court, including a blow by blow account of everyone's alleged activities that night. A second participant, under pressure by family and police also appears to have made statements, and even implicated the other defendants in a previous raid.

So what's to be done? One step may be to pick up the latest *No Compromise* (issue #6) and read the article, **"Creating a Security Culture"** for basic tips on how to prevent your activities from becoming known by everyone from your landlord to the local P.C.Plod walking the beat. It's also time that people stopped trying to earn "scene points" by bragging about what they've done or what they know about "----" action. As the principles of animal liberation are embraced within various scenes and communities, particular individuals always appear that want to show how "hardcore" they are by bragging about their own and other people's involvement in A.L.F. actions. It is our collective responsibility when encountering these people to be up front and tell them this behaviour is intolerable. Far from being "cool" or "admirable," this kind of boasting and rumour-milling is a sign of weakness and these folk should be avoided at all cost, especially if you plan to break the law in any way. As activists face daily police harassment and surveillance and animal abusers vow revenge, it's about time people realized that illegal direct action is not a game. The lives of animals and the freedom of A.L.F. warriors are at stake, and we all play a part in making sure the liberations safely continue.

Ok, on with the rest of Underground. *Thanks again to everyone who sent action reports, newspaper clippings, articles, cartoons and graphics. Special thanks to Andreas, Freeman, JP, D, Weena Mercator (Roach) for tat flash and cartoons, Gina, Rod, Catherine, and everyone who has been so generous with their support. You are appreciated!* @

Letters to Underground



A.L.F. and E.L.F. Fight Together Against A Common Enemy

In 1995 the Earth Liberation Army (E.L.A.) in Canada targeted outfitters, trashing hunting lodges and burning a "Wildlife Museum" (a museum full of stuffed animals). Inspired by our transatlantic cousins, the Earth Liberation Front (E.L.F.) in Britain initiated a campaign against W.H. Smiths, Britain's largest newsagents chain and biggest retailer of blood-sports magazines, the hunting of wildlife being an attack on nature. My own cell has targeted W.H. Smith stores all over the South of England, damaging the inside pages of blood-sports magazines before placing the magazines back on the shelves.

Just recently reports are starting to emerge that the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) has joined in the E.L.F. campaign against W.H. Smiths. Across the South of England a number of W.H. Smiths stores have been bomb hoaxed by the A.L.F. The A.L.F. have specifically said their actions against W.H. Smiths are because the newsagent chain is the largest stockist of blood-sports magazines in Britain. Exactly the same reason the E.L.F. targets W.H. Smiths.

The Earth Liberation Front welcomes and encourages the Animal Liberation Front joining in our campaigns and we look forward to hearing of many more cross over actions being carried out by both movements, such as the bomb hoaxing of Hastings Town Council by the English A.L.F., to protest the destruction of woodland which resulted in animal homes being destroyed; or the action in Holland where the Dutch Earth Liberation Front destroyed meat lorries to highlight the links between the meat trade and eco- destruction.

Earth Liberation and Animal Liberation are essentially the same struggle. Working together we can achieve our common goals.

Piklon,
Earth Liberation Front

CAFT Activists Wrongly Charged

Dear Supporters,
Greetings from your fellow activists, Jaime Roth, Alex Smolak, Grant Upson, and Warren Upson. The four of us are members of the Boston chapter of CAFT (Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade). We as CAFT activists organize legal, above-ground, campaigns to abolish the bloody slaughter that is the fur trade. We also act as spokespeople for the clandestine Animal Liberation Front and publicize their actions.

In misunderstanding the very large differences between CAFT and the A.L.F., the state of Massachusetts has charged us with committing an alleged raid on a fur farm. On November 28, 1996, we were arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the night time with intent to commit a felony, larceny of property above $250, malicious destruction of property above $250, and trespassing. Of these charges, the first three are felonies and the fourth is a misdemeanor.

This fur farm, Berkshire Furs of Hinsdale, MA, was raided by the ALF in August of 1996 and again in October. In these raids, over one thousand mink were liberated. No arrests were made. Out of frustration stemming from their inability to stop the A.L.F., the Hinsdale police got desperate. The Fur Commission USA's offer of a $100,000 reward for the conviction of an A.L.F. activist probably contributed to their motivation. We as above-ground activists have been wrongly accused. For this, we may face more than nine years in prison.

The Hinsdale chief of police, Mark Green, has been quoted as saying, *"these are not people interested in animals, they are terrorists. My boys should have just shot them."* His attitude reflects a blatant disregard for justice and the concept of "innocent until proven guilty." While the police and prosecution have been busy framing us for the alleged raid, we have had to hire four attorneys to represent us in this case. At this point, it is impossible to tell how much money will be needed, but we have already exhausted our funds. We are urging our fellow activists to stand behind us and support us in any way they can. After our trial, for which no date has been set yet, any remaining funds will go into the Direct Action Defense Fund maintained by the Animal Libera-

tion League, the Rod Coronado Support Committee, and the North American A.L.F. Supporters Group. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact the Mass Four Support Committee at **<mass4SC@waste.org>**.

Much needed contributions and/or letters of support may be sent to: **MASS4 Support Committee PO Box 80632 Mpls, MN 55408**

Sincerely,

Jaime Roth
Alex Smolak
Grant Upson
Warren Upson

Letter From Keith Mann

Dear NA-A.L.F.S.G.

Many thanks for sending the magazine again. Its always a good read, a right good read! Shame this one had so much space taken up with internal problems [Issue #5], I hope you can resolve them without there being any negative long term effects. That aside -- I shall cop out on passing comment -- its good stuff. Much respect to all U.S. activists. Thanks also to everyone who has written to me or the other prisoners listed, I'll be trying as I always am to acknowledge any letters -- always remember, its better late than never, apparently!

This here letter I've just started to send out and it already needs updating with another. Firstly, the powers-that-be have now conceded I don't have to be kept in this end of the system for another year and I can if I so choose to apply for a transfer. They also now say I will be allowed to go and visit my dad under escort. This has come about because of the hassle people outside the prison have been kicking up: letters and phone calls, and questions they wanted answers to that just weren't there. It's easy to fob a prisoner off but not so the public, public figures and MP's. Also, the Ombudsman's report I mentioned has now been accepted by the Director General, so all vegans with a principled objection to vivisection should soon get free issue vegan toiletries. This is a result! Lets do a deal -- if you good people out there keep having yours we'll keep having ours, then we'll put them all together and what will we get -- Animal Liberation!

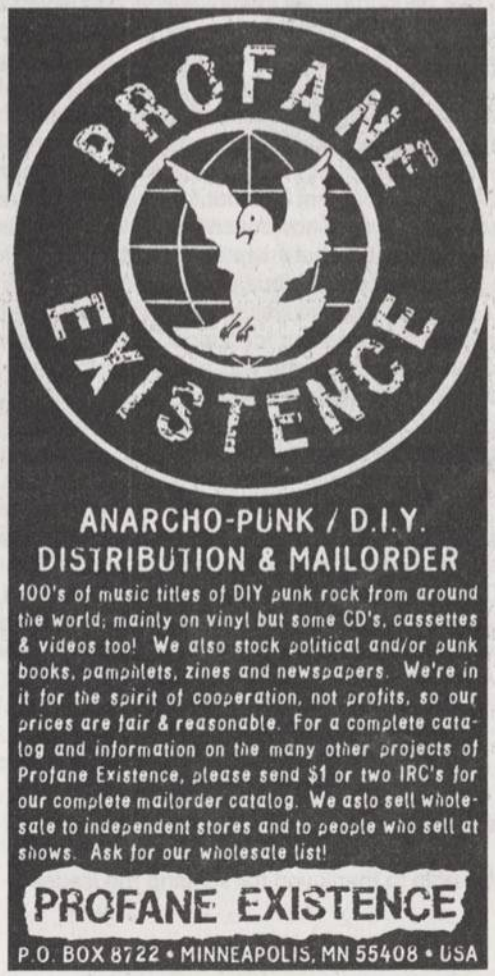
Well, stop reading about it and go get it...
Love and Respect,

Keith Mann

CALL FOR ACTION -- INTERNATIONAL EARTH NIGHT

April 1st-7th, 1997
Bite Back Against the Fur Industry

The Earth Liberation Front (Last Tiger Clan) calls for the annual April (Fools Day) Earth Nights to commence. This year we are asking all groups wherever possible to target the international Fur industry. This is as much an ecological as an animal issue, and the industry is now on the increase with many species facing total extinction, either from fur farms, hunters, developers, international exporters and importers, etc. As always, the aim of this diabolical business is to make a profit out of others suffering. We ask all E.L.F., A.L.F., eco-teur groups, etc., to target all the above aspects of the Fur Industry, and make this a night when the animals of all nations are given a voice, but also importantly a voice that acts



with actions as much as words.

Governments have made promises to save our planet's wildlife, but the extermination still continues. Let us now act where others have failed to do so. Of course, for those who want to focus on other planet destroyers, or who don't have access to any of the above but want to take part, please do! Together we can unite, planting yet another mortal wound into the multi-national profit machine.

As always, we ask that there be no injury to life, only injury to property or profit.

E.L.F.

WAYNE CODY LASSELL -- REMEMBER HIM?

To Whom it May Concern,
I saw the e-mail post you put out back in the Spring regarding the Wayne Cody Lassell mystery [see issue #4]. I found it very interesting because he straight-up told me he was a member of the A.L.F. and that his current jail sentence was connected to a 1992 Livermore break-in. I began questioning him after his 2nd letter and wondering why the SG was not helping him get support, or the EF! Journal. My concerned lawyer/friend called Pelican Bay and they told him Wayne Cody Lassell was in with a long list of assault and batter charges and guaranteed him that his imprisonment was not for animal rights activism. I'm not sure how much they should be trusted either though, but that's what they told us. Also Pelican Bay is a pretty serious place to be -- and why would he wait until he was in his 3rd year of imprisonment to begin asking for support (just a thought). Also, his 3rd letter to me was asking for $. I have cautioned folks against writing
him.
Hope this letter helps out.
J.O.

The NA-A.L.F.S.G. has received a number of letters from people who have had contact with W.C.L. and have been suspicious of his claims to be an A.L.F. activist. The NA-A.L.F.S.G. does not support Wayne Cody Lassell or his claims to be an A.L.F. activist.

LETTER FROM GEOFF SHEPPARD

Dear NA-A.L.F.S.G.,

Just a note to thank you for sending me issues 5 and 6 of *Underground*. It's an impressive read, and I think I can say that the direct action movement for animal liberation in North America is really coming of age.

Please note my address. I've been here at Parkhurst since the middle of July. It's not too bad as prisons go, though security is very tight -- strip-search after every visit, for example.

I've done 18 months now, so that's something in the bank at least. We'll get there eventually. Anyway, thanks for your support. Take care.
Individuality and animal liberation,
Geoff

RAZE THE WALLS

Dearest Comrades of *Underground*/NA-A.L.F.S.G.
Greetings from minimum custody here in Seattle, WA. How are things in your yard? As a way of continuing this letter please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Michael Lee, the Seattle section facilitator for RAZE THE WALLS!

I'm writing today first of all to thank you for mention of our comrade Anarchist Political Prisoner, Harrold Thompson, on page 64 of issue #5. I'm also writing concerning Rod Coronado. I found the debate over Rod interesting and sad. Sad because of the fact that if anyone deserves support, I publicly state Rod does. Yes, I can understand there have been some criticisms levelled at him. Valid or not, Rod's doing time for actions and he didn't grass on anyone including those that assisted him while underground. Because of this, there still remains an underground support network for those on the run from the Feds. I'm sure the next person who goes under will be thankful for Rod's silence.

To those persons who think withdrawal of support from Rod is justified -- I have only one thing to say -- hang your head in shame. Yes, my friend, when you and I are in the cage I'll smile at you and reminded you of Rod's example.

Until all are free,
Mike Lee

VEGETARIAN DEATH-ROW INMATE SEEKS PENPALS

Greetings NA-A.L.F.S.G.
In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. I am a Florida death row inmate, I have been confined for the past fourteen years struggling to stay alive & fighting hard against these prisoncrats & their

inhumane conditions that we're forced to live under.

I am a Muslim and I don't eat meat at all. I am not communicating with anyone at this time in my life, therefore, I am not receiving any mail. I was just wondering can *Underground* help me get introduced to a or some mature pen-pals to communicate with? Appreciate anything Underground can do for me.

Peace,
Amiyn!

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UPDATE ON FRANK AND ERIC

Hi there,
Many thanks for the *Underground* you sent me a while ago. Everything is O.K. here, I've done more then half of my sentence at this moment. As you probably know, they gave me a sentence of 3 years from which 8 months are probation. This means that I'm free in October this year. Eric has got 30 months, 10 of which are probation. He's free in April. So this is not so bad if you compare it to the sentences they give in other countries. Prison-life is not so very bad in Holland. Everyone has his own cell. I have my own radio and music here. I even have a T.V. in my cell (you can rent them here for 10 Guilders -- don't know how many dollars that is). I've also asked for a weekend off, you can here if you've done half of your sentence. They let you go for 60 hours. My first change was on January 4, but they turned it down. The reasons they gave were the things [A.L.F. actions] happened to short ago, there was a lot of media attention created by us, and naturally society was still too shocked! Well, my second chance is on March 3. We will see what happens.

I finally managed to get soya-milk in here. They first didn't give it to me, but on a doctor's prescription I managed to get it. The food here is really horrible. We can do some shopping here once a week so I can buy some food there. I've also got a waterboiler and with that I can cook pretty good, so I manage to get some normal food. But the prisons aren't so bad in Holland so I end my sentence with a smile and they can't get me down. And one of these days they're gonna move me to an even better prison.

Well, in Germany they found a calf with B.S.E. so now everybody is getting crazy here again. They're trying to trace the parents (from England) but now they found a fraud with the registration. So the trust of people in the meat industry is getting worse, good news, but unfortunately they think of their own health and not the animals.

Well, that's it for now, thanks everybody, for your support.
Love & liberation,
Frank

NEW FOCUS FOR PRISON NEWS SERVICE

Greetings:
It is with deep regret that *Prison News Service* is announcing that we are having to pull back from our commitment to the American prison struggle. We've been doing this work in one form or another since 1980. Our own political and personal growth, has been intimately connected to our comrades and friends locked down in American dungeons. But we can not keep up with the massive volume of mail that we get from American prisoners, nor can we continue to pay for the more than 3,000 free subs that we were sending across the border.

The paper will continue as is, but with a primarily Canadian focus. It will provide good radical journalism covering Justice-related issues in Canada from a grassroots perspective. We realize that as a specifically Canadian paper, it may not appeal as much to you. But the political and social issues are similar enough in both countries that hopefully you will find it interesting and useful. The recent riots and disturbances in jails and prisons across the country show how timely and necessary this work is. We want to expand our coverage to include immigration and refugee detention centres. We will continue to make coverage of the First Nations' struggle a top priority, to reflect the crucial importance of that struggle within Canada. Because of the mounting level of resistance and repression in Ontario particularly, we feel that we need to put our limited resources closer to home.

Subs will remain $10.00 for five issues. (American prisoner subs will be $3. or ten stamps.) If you wish to receive the paper, please send a check or money order (made out to PSC Publishers) to the address below. We need help to spread the word about *Prison News Service.*

So please tell friends, comrades or whoever might be interested in struggles within Canada.

Thanks for your support in the past. And to all those doing prisoner support work -luck, love and strength. The american prison struggle will remain closely intertwined with our own, one we keep always inside our hearts.

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CONCERNS ABOUT ROGER TROEN LETTER (Issue #6)

Dear Friends at *Underground,*

A few points regarding "Mowing the Grass," in which you print a message from "Anonymous" and a statement made by Roger Troen to the FBI. First, since when do we take FBI documents as truth? Look what that lying agency did to Martin Luther King and the SDS! Secondly, do we know what the blacked out names are (I'm not asking for them, obviously)? Could they be people who had agreed to be named (this happens when one or two people try to outwit the feds by working together to protect others)? Could they be names Troen made up? Thirdly, shouldn't we always ask for the story "from the horse's mouth?" I called the number listed and spoke to Troen. He said he did not name names to the FBI. I don't know whether to believe him or not, how can you know? However, the FBI does set people up and good activists can be torn down on the strength of rubbish, so let' s not act as if we know.

Fourthly, what is the motive of Anonymous in asking *"why was PETA supporting (Troen) or did they not know?"* Say it's true. Of course we didn't know! How can you? The implication can't be that PETA, for god's sake, would knowingly support someone who would implicate others? I hope no one is as daft as to believe that. Unless you are clairvoyant, it is impossible to know exactly what anyone will say when they meet behind closed doors with the police or go before the panel in a Grand Jury witchhunt. All you can do is a) refuse to help anyone (I don't think Anonymous is suggesting that, but what is s/he suggesting?) or b) take a chance and try to help people you believe are in real trouble for doing good things and who don't seen likely to harm others.

The original Troen trial put the University of Oregon on trial. PETA paid for Troen's defense (Attorney Steve Houze tried "the greater good, lesser evil" defense, which the judge eventually rejected). We flew in expert witnesses who took the experiments apart piece by piece. The University' s dirty laundry was in the papers every day. I debated the vivisectors on radio and made sure everyone heard every gruesome detail of 14 hour surgeries from which primates did not survive, kittens with their eyes rotated in their skulls made to balance on planks above water-filled tanks, etc. As a result of all this, the community changed its opinion, the head of Animal Care packed his bags, and even the judge said, at sentencing, that he was ashamed of his alma mater. Troen was hit with a big fine and "retribution" costs, but the University lost its reputation and more.

Yes, absolutely, let's say we think Roger may have "grassed." It is vital to let people know that such a possibility exists and seems to be supported by FBI documents, because we must warn people it is unwise to approach him about any illegal act. However, even if we give him no benefit of the doubt, aren't our energies wasted targeting a liberationist who may have cracked under pressure rather than people who make money daily from torturing and slaughtering animals? I still count as a friend someone else who admitted breaking down under Grand Jury questioning probably because of pressures from family, stress, and ill health, and who gave the feds a name that lead directly into the PETA office. Luckily, the next victim was strong and the ball stopped there, but things could have turned very ugly. We paid all the expenses of the person who gave the name.

Finally, it hasn't just been a few times that I have received desperate calls from big tough activists who opened the door and found police officers standing there and immediately committed foolish and dangerous errors that jeopardized others. They didn't mean to, they aren't evil bastards who set out to hurt other people they cared about, they always thought they would behave just right. But they panicked, lost their nerve, or miscalculated and thought they could or should say a little something.

What can we do? In my book, **Free the Animals!** the A.L.F. instructs every newcomer to really act out in their own heads how it will be if they draw the short straw. Every actor must be personally prepared to take the heat, do the time, whatever, without involving others. Ask yourself that question every day if you are a liberationist. This is America. We can use the system. We mustn't be afraid to exercise our right to remain silent and never try to outwit law enforcement by saying a little something, no matter what they tell us. The right to remain silent is, of course, technically

waived before the Grand Jury. Then we have to hope that people will be strong, even if it means they go to jail and stay there for a long time.

Best wishes,

Ingrid E. Newkirk,
President [PETA]

BLACK PANTHER PARTY PRESS

Dear NA-ALFSG,

I would like to announce to your former **Prisoner Justice Project** readers and writers that I will help publish their articles, Art and poetry. We are on the internet, in college campuses, libraries, and would be glad to help them.
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Thank you for your time and consideration.
Cordially,

Malikia Sharifa

THEIR STRUGGLE CONTINUES

IN MEMORY OF FALLEN COMRADES

A.L.F. Spokesperson Dies -- Remembering Steven Simmons

On January 12, 1997, Steven Simmons, 27, crossed over to the spirit world. I never knew Steve, but I knew of him and his passing saddens me as I realize what a great brother to our diverse movement and to the Animal People that Steve was. Steve was a victim of AIDS, and was a fervent believer that animal research was not the answer to his illness - Steve was one of the few who bravely stood up to pro-vivisection AIDS activists at the March on Washington. How strong a heart, that an individual suffering from a painful disease can stand up and say he does not want others to suffer for his benefit.
But how I best remember Steve is from his courageous role as spokesperson for the A.L.F. when we raided Michigan State Universities Fur Research Station in 1992. In light of rabid federal investigations eager to entrap anyone in their search for A.L.F. activists, Steve took up our flag and adamantly defended our arson attack On M.S.U' s laboratories. Steve paid the price for his actions and was hauled before the Michigan Grand Jury where he continually frustrated federal investigators with his uncooperativeness. Steve never knew the faces behind the masks he spoke for nor did he ever see the animals in M.S.U's labs he defended, but we both knew who he was, and we salute him for his selfless risk and sacrifice he has made on all of our behalf. We will miss you, and your memory shall live on in future actions against the vivisection industry we all despise.
--Rod Coronado

Judith Beatrice Bari -- November 7, 1949 - March 2, 1997

Judi Bari died peacefully at home on March 2nd, at 6:45 am of the effects of breast cancer which had metastasized to her liver. She was 47. At her side were her 16-year-old daughter Lisa Bari, her companion and assistant Alicia Littletree, and fellow Earth First! organizer and close friend Karen Pickett. A leader of the environmental group Earth First!, Bari was seriously injured in an Oakland, Calif., car explosion, which also hurt a fellow activist. Bari at the time was involved in organizing protests against logging in northern California redwood forests.

Bari later sued the Oakland police and the FBI, alleging they tried to portray her as a suspect in order to smear Earth First!. She also alleged they failed to investigate the bombing and destroyed evidence, her attorney said. Bari's lawsuit against the Oakland police and the FBI will still be pursued despite her death.

``She'll be sorely missed," said Gary Ball, a fellow Earth First! activist. ``But I think her passing will be cause for doubling and redoubling our determination and effort." @

UNDERGROUND EXCLUSIVE

RAIDING ARIZONA

How The A.L.F. Carried out the University of Arizona Raid

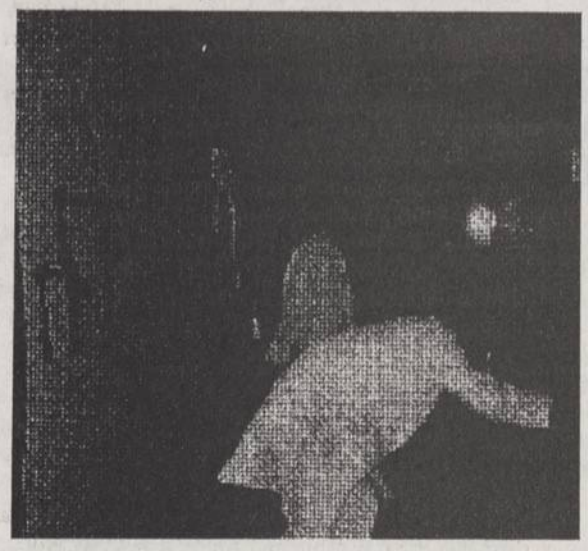
by the A.L.F.

In the summer of 1988 we were alerted to animal experimentation conducted at the University of Arizona in Tucson. We were told that pound-seized dogs from the Sierra Vista Animal Shelter and greyhounds from local racetracks were only a few of the thousands of animals used in vivisection on campus. Other animals including rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, frogs and primates were used in primarily cancer and diet research with the majority of the experiments being a variety of grant-funded disease research and basic repetitive vivisection such as skin irritancy experiments to teach the medical students and, of course, the notorious LD-50 testing.



The raid in progress.
Activists leave their mark.

Whereas many Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) targets are chosen to target specific experiments of the work of a controversial vivisector, the UofA was chosen simply because it was one of the nation's top ten animal research campuses funded by both the federal government and the pharmaceutical industry. Annually, thousands of animals were ground up in the institutional mechanism of animal research that generates millions of dollars for universities in this country and billions for the pharmaceutical corporations that use educational institutions to develop the drugs that will make them filthy rich. All at the expense of innocent animal life while animal-based diets, environmental contamination, substance abuse and the true causes of most deadly illness and disease remain unaddressed by the very same people who profit from vivisection with one hand while the other encourages the lifestyle that creates the illness and disease.



We began our reconnaissance by disguising our members as college students who would walk the halls of university buildings searching out the vivariums where the laboratory animals were housed between and during experiments. Campus maps detailed the biological and psychological sciences buildings where we knew we would find animal research, the rest of our search was focused on the research wing of the nearby university hospital renowned as one of the best in the world. Once it was determined where vivisection was conducted, the next goal was simply using our noses to lead us to the animal rooms themselves which are usually kept either at the basement level or at rooftop. The scent of pine shavings and urine emitting from underneath doors and through extractor fans and vents lead us to our target.

Once it was established which buildings we would target, we began nighttime surveillance of the outside areas surrounding the labs. This meant spending countless hours hunched low in cars parked in filled parking lots where all comings and goings by staff, students and security patrols were recorded in our notebooks. After the first few weeks an obvious routine began to become apparent. Before long we could correlate the late night visits by students with lights that were turned on and off that were visible from the parking lot. Custodial activity was very predictable as these employees followed a meticulous routine. Security patrols were equally predictable and we learned the times of shift changes for the nearby university police by surveying their campus station. Of course, there were completely unpredictable events, which are always a factor, but the majority of activity was the day in day out mundane habits of a university during a school year. We chose the school year as our time for action, as it was expected that there would be late night activity on campus and in the targeted buildings and "students" coming and going would not draw unwanted attention.

Next, we obtained the frequencies of university police and began to monitor their transmissions with police scanners to gather intelligence on the periods of greatest police activity and their appropriate responses. This way we were able to learn response times and familiarize ourselves to common police communications and codes. The equipment and frequencies are commonly available from Radio Shack-type electronic stores.

Now it was time for us to begin physical infiltration. Our first actions were simple walks around the target buildings, visibly inspecting doors and windows for possible entry. During daylight hours the target buildings exterior doors remained unlocked which allowed us the opportunity to inspect locks on doors and windows. This gave us an idea of what kind of tools we would need to gain late night entry. Our next objective was to search the trashbins and wastepaper receptacles outside of the targeted buildings where we discovered a wealth of information on what type of animals were housed in the buildings and the names of researchers and their individual experiments. This allowed us to reference the Index Medicus at the campus library for more information on particular published works by the targeted vivisectors. What was more important to us was when we struck a goldmine by finding in the trash physical descriptions of the buildings construction. This saved us having to draw up our own maps for the different units of A.L.F. members that would be called in for the raid.

The night finally came when we began to enter the targeted buildings at night surveying firsthand the interior traffic and conditions we would encounter on the night of our action. By this time we felt fairly confident that the targeted vivariums and labs would be empty due to our exterior surveillance and our interior observations confirmed this. Our only problems would be encountered should we run into anyone in halls, stairways or elevators the night of the action. We would only be able to liberate rabbits, rats, mice, guinea pigs and frogs from the biological sciences, psychology and microbiology buildings while inflicting economic damage to equipment and the buildings themselves at the microbiology labs and the off-campus headquarters of the animal sciences department which was located in a house in a residential area.

We did everything but enter the targeted rooms during our reconnaissance mission and recorded the times it took to enter and leave the buildings. Once we knew how long it would take to carry out the action, we then took on the task of choosing a window of opportunity that would correlate with our outside recon. We needed not only enough time to enter, break-in to the individual rooms, load the animals and transport them to the ground floor, but also a safe time to literally drive a vehicle to the door to load the animals without any witnesses whatsoever. Here lay our greatest risk. No amount of preparation could help us deal with having to explain to anyone why we were taking animals out of the buildings late at night on a weekend.

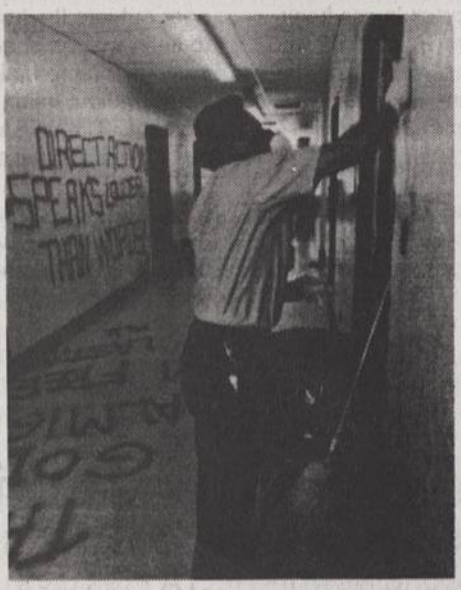
Finally, the word went out to the individual specialists that would be required for an action we knew would be North America's largest laboratory animal liberation ever. All unit members would have to fit into the visible role of students should they encounter another person, as well as have the skills to carry out the raid. Homes had to be arranged for the rescued victims of vivisection and a safehouse established where a sympathetic veterinarian could inspect the animals before they could go on to safe homes to live out their natural lives. We also had to prepare for the unfortunate circumstance should any animals be deemed too far gone to survive whereby they would be humanely euthanized. No healthy animals or any with a fighting chance would be killed. Vehicles for transportation of both the animals and A.L.F. members had to be tuned up and inspected for no signs of mechanical or legal failure and cages constructed for transportation. Most of the animals would be transported in the cages they were already in. Tools were purchased far away that would be needed for the break-in and our technological division had to develop and build incendiary devices that would allow

enough time to escape, while at the same time ignite at a synchronized time. Disguises were constructed for each individual member including wigs, false beards and eye-wear and clothing that would be expected of college students.

Shoes to be worn during the action would either be too small or large, depending on the wearer so that any footprints would not match the feet of A.L.F. members. All tools, clothing and equipment for the raid were kept in plastic bags where it could not collect fingerprints or even the minutest fragment of forensic evidence such as hair or lint. This precaution was taken in the case that any item should be inadvertently left behind during the operation.

A day was chosen for the action that would fit the safest window of inactivity for the four targeted buildings. April 4th, which also happened to be the anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination. All unit members were assembled and some told for the first time what their target was. The next 48 hours were spent meticulously going over each individual unit member's role and conducting final surveillance on the campus. Meanwhile, the "handlers" that is the people charged with caring for and transporting the rescued animals once they were safely out of the labs prepared boxes, cages, water bottles and feed in the transport vehicles. Now all that remained to be done was perhaps the hardest part of any A.L.F. action. The waiting.

On the day of April 3rd, while the majority of the A.L.F.'s active service unit tested and recharged radios and the incendiary devices to be used in the Microbiology laboratories and the animal sciences department offices, another team was on campus where they walked out a "dry run" of the action insuring that all doors and windows were just as they were supposed to be. This team also was charged with the responsibility of estimating just how many animals could be safely liberated in the time allotted for the action. The break-in unit would be given a cut-off time after which they would have to be out of the building to ensure that their entry and exit would not coincide with one of the regular police patrols or cut into the time needed to allow the demolition unit entry and exit to plant the incendiary devices.



University of Arizona
the aftermath

As the dusk turned to darkness, over eight A.L.F. members began to load their daypacks with tools, radios, spraypaint and ski-masks which would be worn once inside the buildings. Lastly, the whole operation was reviewed with each team repeating its role and objective and the time they would take to carry it out. If all went well, not only would hundreds of lab animals be rescued, but also two animal research facilities would be set ablaze thereby destroying the equipment used to torture animals and countless records for research experiments that were kept in the off-campus offices of the animal sciences department.



At approximately 2100hrs. a man and woman holding hands passed two male students walking towards the biological sciences building. Neither couple were students and while the two men headed in one direction the man and woman approached the bottom floor doors of the Microbiology Building. Not far away in a campus parking lot, a surveillance member watched carefully the surrounding area should the need arise to radio either team to alert them to the occurrence of anything out of the ordinary. The man and woman reached the door and quickly gained entry with the aid of a few small hand tools which left no telltale

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CRACKDOWNS ON THE FRONTLINES

What if you get arrested?

Ingrid Newkirk, PETA President

Dear Young Warriors, Wonderful People,

Below is an unimportant-seeming little extract from the part in my book, Free the Animals!, in which liberationists are advised by an old hand. I ask you to read it because, right now, as the crackdowns begin again and new warriors put themselves on the front lines, good people are finding themselves unprepared for the confusion, stress, fears, uncertainty, loneliness, disruption, isolation, separation and insecurity that their arrest can bring.

If you are arrested, you must be prepared to go it alone. Communications may be strained or impossible (they should be as limited as possible for everyone's safety), people may run from you in fear, or be warned away from you (for their good and/or yours): there will be rumors, lies, misunderstandings, miscommunications, disappointments, and pressures. The key is to already have accepted the fact, before you act, that you, and you alone, may have to go to jail for acting on your conscience. All energy must go into protecting others and the collective fight for animal justice.

"We're not building flash-in-the-pan heroes here," said M, "but a long-term army of committed people who accept that they may end up in prison. Don't think for one moment that you're too smart to be caught. You're not. The best-laid plans can go out the window with one fluke occurrence you could never possibly have planned for. It happens. Before you as much as think about being part of one of our (raids), you must be prepared to rot in jail rather than implicate others. The time to think about what your mom and dad will say, what will become of your job, who's going to walk your dog, how you'll stand up to all this, is now and here, not one sunny day when you are being depended upon by other people in the same boat. You shouldn't have to doubt your friends' commitment if they're caught, and your arrest shouldn't give them any loss of sleep, either. Without that trust, that pact, everything can being to crumble."

M had spent three months in prison for her part in the rescue of pregnant beagles from a lab breeder's farm. She spoke of her initial fears. "Then I read Solzhenitsyn's Gulag Archipelago," she said. "I read how the authorities would take a prisoner and put a strip of towelling through his mouth like a bit, pulling the ends over the man's shoulders, and tying them to his heels. They'd leave him like that for days. It was called 'the swan dive.' Or they would take a prisoner out into the hot sun and make him dig a trench to lie in with no shade or water. Sometimes prisoners would be forced to sit on the edge of a chair or stand without being able to move or stretch all day or night. The cells were so crowded five men would have to lie on their sides and then turn over as one. The usual sentence was called 'a quarter,'meaning twenty-five years. Men would cry with joy to hear they had only received ten or eight years at hard labor. Never were they able to write to their families or receive letters.

"Everything Solzhenitsyn wrote really happened to people like me, so how could I be depressed when I would be home within a few months, I was not beaten, I had food to eat, shelter, and my own bed?"

I urge all direct activists to practice, even role-play, being questioned by the police. It's not nerdy to be prepared. The fact is that we are lucky enough to live in a land which affords constitutional protection to our right not to have to answer any questions (unless we are before the grand jury, then off to jail we may go). Yet people get nervous or think they are smart enough to outwit a questioning officer or to divert his/her attention, and so they dig holes for themselves and others. They throw away their right to silence and become a prosecutor's dream, inadvertently scuttling any later defense strategy.

The right to privacy is also sacred in this country. So, it is up to you whether or not to let the police or FBI through your door. They're hoping you'll mistakenly think the correct response to "We'd like to come in and ask you a few questions" is "Okay, come on in" rather than "Sorry, I have nothing to say, so lease leave now or I'll have to have you arrested for trespassing," followed by a politely shut door. (You can do the same with their phone calls). And, yes, they all say, "If you don't let us in, we'll just come back with a warrant." Well, they may be able to get a warrant in the time it takes you to swallow some Rescue Remedy, but, chances are, they're bluffing: if they could get a warrant, they'd have been waving it

at you. What have you got to lose by waiting to see?

The police lie (that's legal) and they sometimes break the law (that's not), but despite all their assurances to the contrary, they will never, ever go "easier on you" if you cooperate with them in their quest to get you. Later, if you need an attorney, you can decide what deals there are to be made (involving only you, of course), but not before.

Many of us will be lucky enough not to draw the short straw, but we should all be fully prepared to do so. Therein lies our strength. My best wishes for courage, strength, and good luck (upon which we are all somewhat dependent) to every liberationist!

UK PRISONER, ENDS HUNGER STRIKE ON A POSITIVE NOTE

Originally arrested in July of 1996 for allegedly planting explosive devices as part of a campaign against vivisection, U.K. A.L.F. activist Barry Horne has continued in waging a battle against animal abuse while behind bars. Part of that battle included a dramatic hungerstrike that touched the hearts and fueled the anger of animal activists world wide. Five full weeks after beginning his hunger strike, Barry Horne announced that he would consider his dramatic protest resolved on February 9. Three main reasons were given for deciding to end the hunger strike -

1) POLITICAL- Barry's demand was that the government withdrew it's support from vivisection. He knew from the outset that this demand would not be met by the then present Tory government. Recently elected Labour have committed themselves to ending cosmetic testing together with tobacco, alcohol and weapons research using animals. We are told that a Royal Commission will consider the area of the use of animals in 'medical research'. This is, obviously, not to say that all will be sweetness and light - far from it - because we know how 'economical with the truth' politicians can be but there is a degree of hope upon which we can build.

2) VIVISECTION AS A PRIORITY CAMPAIGN - The animal protection movement as a whole had, perhaps, somewhat neglected the subject of vivisection during the past few years. Barry's actions, and those actions by others in support of his demands, has put vivisection back as a firm priority on the animal liberation agenda. Barry knew what he was doing by embarking on a hunger strike - he knew that it would force us into acting against vivisection - and that's what happened!

3) RECHARGING THE BATTERIES - Last, but by no means least, the animal liberation movement has been fired by a renewed determination and enthusiasm. From political campaigning to direct action an intensity of effort has galvanised us into action, once again - so let's keep the kettle boiling! One of the recurring themes of many conversations over the past few weeks has been that it is sad that it took someone to go on hunger strike, in order for this upsurge in activity to happen, but there you go. The important thing is that it's happened! It's better to light a candle than curse the darkness. Barry said, when announcing the end of his hunger strike, "We



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Don't Let The Bastards Grind You Down!

must now pursue this evil, this obscenity, this black art called vivisection to it's final destruction".

All 18 prisoners in the UK participated in a 48 hour fast to mark the anniversary of Jill's death and to show solidarity for Barry and were joined by Rod Coronado in the US. On Monday Feb 3rd activists in San Francisco blockaded the British Consulate and burnt the Union Jack as part of a series of actions planned in support of Barry. On Thurs Feb 6th the British Tourist and the British Consulate in New York City were blockaded and the Union Jack was burnt. On the same day the British Embassy in Amsterdam was blockaded by angry Dutch activists. A day of Action has been called for next Wednesday, Feb 12th, in Amsterdam to support Barry. There is a new feeling of international solidarity.

4 DAYLIGHT RAIDS IN SUPPORT OF BARRY'S HUNGERSTRIKE

In between the start of Barry's hunger strike on 6th January, and when he stopped 36 days later, a large number of actions took place across Britain, but also in other European and North American countries. The most remarkable of those actions will surely be those daylight raids on animal breeders for vivisection.

What was a much more common thing in the 1980s had not happened for quite a while as the police did a crack down and arrested and imprisoned a number of activists, essentially closing down the Animal Liberation Leagues, who were then mostly responsible for this type of activity.

However, there were occasional exceptions, like when in 1991 Laundry Farm in Cambridge was raided in broad daylight by about 40 activists and a number of mongrel dogs were saved. Unfortunately, though, most of those dogs were retrieved by police later on, but only one arrest was made at the time.

RAID ON A RODENT BREEDER

Saturday 18th January saw a demonstration outside Bullingdon prison, near Bicester in Oxfordshire in support of Barry Horne's hunger strike. At the end of the demo, a few hundred protesters went down the road to a rodent breeding centre at Blackthorn owned by Harlan.

About a dozen police officers were guarding the premises. Undeterred, the protesters just pushed their way through, tore down the fences and stormed into the place. Doors were broken down and all windows smashed, and all instruments in reach were totally destroyed.

Those police trying to intervene were greeted with a number of rocks hurled at them, keeping them at bay. So, police just waited for re-inforcements to arrive. But they still filmed everything that was going on from a safe distance.

When more police arrived, including a helicopter, the angry protesters retreated into their vehicles. No arrests were made by then. A wide cross-section of people had been present, though, with everyone totally supportive of the action.

RAID ON A CAT BREEDER

Next some 50 protesters left the immediate area and converged on Hill Grove Family Farm near Witney in Oxfordshire, Britain's only breeder of 'Specific Pathogen Free' (SPF) cats for laboratory use. The owner, Christopher Brown, had just left the premises before the protesters arrived.

While some people stayed outside the farm, others went on to smash every single window and lots of farm equipment and a tractor. At the same time others broke through the doors into the housing area of the cats and liberated 14 of them. This caused an alarm system to go off and call the police.

When some police officers had already arrived, trying to control the demo outside the farm, activists were still busy inside the farm smashing it up. Some time later re-inforcements arrived and also a helicopter with thermal cameras searching the area. 5 cats were recaptured and put down as they had lost their use for the breeder being not 'pathogen free' anymore. Amongst the cats who made it to freedom were 2 kittens and 2 pregnant females.

Several vans were pulled leaving the area and all in all 26 people were arrested. Only 8 of those were kept inside and were investigated for burglary,

theft and criminal damage; the rest were soon released without charge.

RAID ON A BEAGLE DOG BREEDER

On the following Saturday 25th January, Consort beagle breeders at Harewood End, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire were targeted. At their premises, hidden from the road, they breed hundreds of beagles for use in vivisection.

On arrival, protesters were greeted by heavy police presence. Consort kennels had been a target of an ongoing campaign for quite a while and police were fully aware of the plans for a demo this Saturday as well. After some fluffy demo-ing, people left the area and drove 70 miles away. There they gathered and decided to return.

Back at the breeder no police were present and hundreds of people entered the sinister looking kennels protected by rolls of barbed wire. Numerous activists managed to gain access to the housing area of the beagles and 8 beagle puppies were smuggled to safety, despite police having arrived already by that time. Again, people of all walks of life were involved and unified in their attitude to this type of action.

Even police helicopter and vehicle searches did not lead to any beagles being retrieved by police. No arrests were made. Later that day it was reported that A.L.F. activists had torched 7 Buxted poultry lorries at Brackley in Northamptonshire.

ACTIVITIES IN DOVER TO COMMEMORATE JILL'S DEATH 2 YEARS PRIOR

The next Saturday, 1st February, was the second anniversary of the death of Jill Phipps, run over and killed by a live export lorry at Coventry Airport. There were demonstrations to commemorate the event at Dover docks - the last port involved in live exports - and Yorkshire.

Over 300 protesters converged in Dover. Despite a large police presence, the roads leading to the docks were blocked for about 2 hours. The crowd was large and determined enough to ensure attempts to clear the road were unsuccessfull.

An impromptu march was held to Dover town centre to take the message to the locals. Hundreds of masked-up activists suddenly found themselves outside a McDonald's with no police at all in sight. Leather shops nearby were observed hastily winding down their shutters.

This was too good an opportunity to be missed, so several of McDonald's windows got smashed. One have-a-go hero eating at McDonald's was foolish enough to come out and hit a demonstrator round the head. This proved to be a big mistake as the unfortunate gentleman was dragged into the crowd and received a good kicking.

Police eventually caught up and one police inspector made an attempt to arrest someone. He was unsuccessfull due to a crowd de-arresting, during which the inspector found himself on the ground being booted. Also, a butcher shop was invaded and trashed, with many bits of dead bodies being removed from the shelves to be burried with respect later on. At the same time a Kentucky Fried Chicken place was trashed.

Later on people made their way in vehicles to Capel lairage where animals are rested before their boat trip. A farmer who lived nearby had previously been seen on televison being filmed secretly beating calves using a heavy rubber pipe. Hundreds of people converged on his bungalow and farm and lots of damage was done to his property.

RAID ON A RABBIT BREEDER

The next stop was Homestead Rabbit Farm at Wingham, about 20 minutes drive away. At this place the owner Malcolm Rogers is breeding rabbits, apparently both for vivisection at the Pfizer laboratories and for their flesh for human consumption.

When the protesters arrived, the owner came out of his house wielding a pick axe handle. Six men overpowered him and used his own tool to beat him up severly, also breaking one of his legs in the process. The ambulance later confirmed that this was indeed his injury. Also, his mobile phone was removed and trashed before it could have been used to jeopardize the safety of the rabbits being liberated.

Another man from the farm used a tractor to drive into protesters. 4 protesters managed to jump onto the vehicle and remove the driver. The breeding place was thoroughly trashed and 10 rabbits were liberated, some of them right under the noses of arriving police. Three people werearrested for theft and one rabbit retrieved.

Later on the same day, 6 calves were liberated from a farm at Barnsby, near Leicester. They have all been rehomed, safe and free from the threat of live export and slaughter.



UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA RAID CONTINUED

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sign of a forced entry. Next they climbed the stairwell to the top floor where they first pulled on their ski masks before swinging open the doors that lead to the vivarium where it was known over 100 mice were being used in cryptosporidium experiments. While one member stood watch, the other carefully transferred the mice into small boxes which were then placed in two separate long duffel bags. With this completed, the two A.L.F. members each picked up a bag and exited separately out of different doors minutes apart. Before they left the Microbiology Building there had been no radio transmissions which translated into everything appearing normal to the surveillance unit. The two team members walked towards a van where waiting inside for both of them was a driver and handler to receive and transfer the mice to larger cages for their journey to freedom. The two A.L.F. members then returned to their own vehicle and drove away; their role completed with total success.

At about the same time as the Microbiology Building was being entered, the A.L.F. team that had passed the other A.L.F. members reached the basement loading dock of the Psychology Building. Here they were somewhat hidden, as only a pedestrian walkway passed the adjacent doorway where the unit members would gain entry through an extractor fan that led to the vivarium of the Psychology Building where hundreds of rats used in experiments were housed. While one member stood watch, the other began cutting through the sheetmetal ventilation cover with tin snips. Next came the removal of the fan itself which took all of the twenty minutes allowed for this stage of the action. With precious minutes ticking away (which would translate into more lives saved, should any time be saved) the break-in team member entered the vivarium while the watchperson replaced the slightly bent and cut vent cover which would only appear tampered with at close inspection.

Next the A.L.F. member on the inside opened the adjacent door allowing in the other team member. Quickly the two began to remove individual rat cages from their tall racks and place them on rolling tables which could then be rolled to the loading area. Once 150 rats were ready for transport, the two-person team called in the transport vehicle which was awaiting their call with anticipation. In the time it took for the vehicle to arrive, one of the A.L.F. members began to smash the small electroshock boxes that were used in the psychology experiments and spraypainting demands that all vivisection be ceased. With the transport vehicle now at the loading area and the driver serving as a lookout, the two A.L.F. members began wheeling out the carts full of rat cages. Unfortunately, there was limited space in the vehicle allowing only a certain amount of rats all of which were standing on their hind legs sniffing at the cool night air as they were taken away from the sterile smells of the vivarium. Looking back at the hundreds of rats that would be left behind to a certain painful death, both team members rushed back in to grab one cage each which they carried on their laps as the transport vehicle ferried the animals to freedom.

Phase two of the operation was now complete with no unexpected developments. With radio-communicated word that both the mice and rats were safely off campus and both strike teams equally safe and secure, now came the most dangerous and largest stage of the five- pronged attack. Between timed police patrols a vehicle drove up to the five-story Biological Sciences Building and dropped off one unit member who was to gain entry through a bottom-floor door. Once that was accomplished, two separate teams entered the building bringing the number of A.L.F. members in the building to five. Meeting in a stairwell, the unit members donned ski-masks and white labcoats and, pulling a five pound sledgehammer from one of their packs, charged to the fifth floor where hundreds of animals awaited their freedom.

Days later police and media would still be talking about the brazen attitude of the "A.L.F. Commandos" who, not only carried out the lightning strike raid, but also videotaped their crime. In the video, A.L.F. members, many of whom were obviously women, are seen smashing through vivarium doors and rushing in to spirit the animals away. When the team reached the fifth floor, one member approached each locked animal room and with the sledgehammer smashed a hole through the reinforced glass and then reached in unlocking the door from the inside. Immediately after, each room was entered where first a small colony of guinea pigs were transferred to smaller cages.

Many of the animals were without food and water and sank to the back of their cages, many with shaved fur awaiting exposure to toxic substances which would inflame their skin. The A.L.F. had arrived in time to prevent such cruelty. Slowly, rolling carts were filled with guinea pigs, then more rats, hundreds of mice and

finally six African frogs used for breeding, their offspring sacrificed for dissection. A separate cart was filled with over a dozen rabbits in cloth sacks. Now the elevator was brought to the floor by an A.L.F. member who was in it. The carts full of animals were carefully rolled into the elevator with two unit members while another two spaypainted our greetings to the animals' executioners.

Now travelling downward in the elevator, the A.L.F. team held their breath, hoping no one else in the building would call the elevator. If they did, the doors would open to reveal not only two masked members but hundreds of mice, rats, frogs, guinea pigs and rabbits. When the elevator full of animals left the fifth floor, a radio call was made to the pick-up vehicle which was to receive the over 900 animals. At the ground floor the two A.L.F. members wheeled the animals to double doors where the transport vehicle was reversed directly to the building. Any student or police officer who saw this would immediately become suspicious, but here the weeks of nighttime surveillance paid off. The unit knew that as long as it stayed within the window of opportunity they would evade the regular police cruiser patrols.

Backing up to the Biological Sciences Building, a handler swung open the rear doors of the vehicle and was met immediately with the break-in team who quickly began to load the many cages. Within minutes the animals were safely loaded and the vehicle drove away at a normal pace. The break-in team rendezvoused with the other unit members in the stairwell where clothes and tools were neatly packed back into their daypacks and the team split up to leave the campus on foot. The surveillance watchperson would later report that not three minutes after the vehicle full of animals departed from the doorway, a student would exit from the very same doors.

When the A.L.F. watchperson received word that all animals and unit members were safely out of the buildings, a radio call was made and with a one word prearranged message called in the demolitions unit.

Minutes later a solitary "student" entered the Microbiology Building carrying in their daypack an incendiary device. Climbing the stairs to the rooftop laboratory where the cryptosporidium mice had earlier been liberated from, the demolition member pulled on their ski-mask and set the device in the center of the laboratory. Carefully setting the timer for 0400 hrs., the A.L.F. member then built a pyramid of dissection boards and desk drawers around the device to fuel the fire once it ignited. As the member left the building, they took one last look at the torture chamber where literally thousands of animals had lost their lives, their eyes being the last to ever see it standing.

Exiting the building the demolition member met with their driver who next drove them to the quiet residential neighborhood where the Animal Sciences Department headquarters was located. Previous reconnaissance had revealed a weakly constructed basement vent which entered into a crawlspace beneath the house filled with computers and file records which contained vital information and data necessary to every animal experiment on the UofA campus. The same unit member now walked casually to the basement and crawled beneath the building and set the second incendiary device also for 0400 hrs. Completing this, they returned to the vehicle and departed towards the interstate, their mission completed.

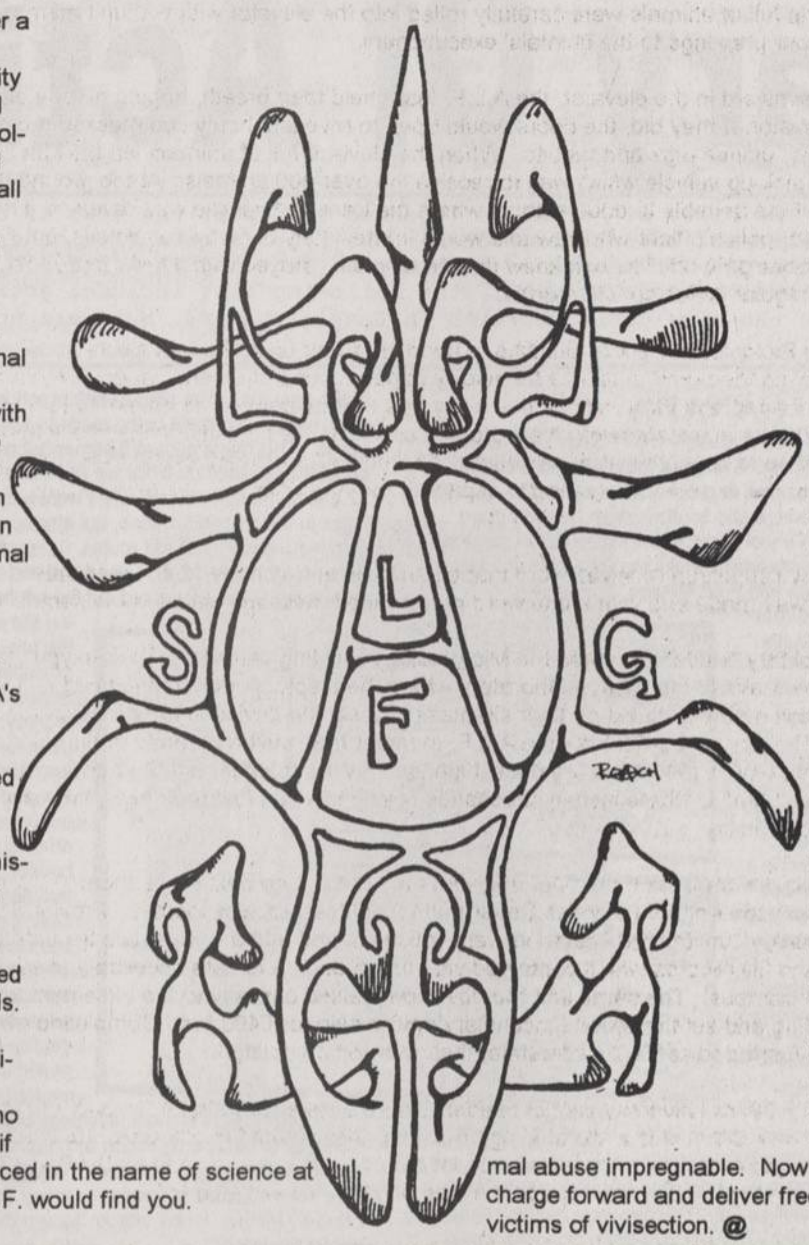
At approximately 0438hrs university district residents were awakened to the sounds of multiple sirens responding to a blaze on the rooftop of the Microbiology Building. Before the fire could be brought under control it had destroyed not only the complete animal research laboratory, but water doused on the flames had caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damage to the labs beneath the targeted lab.

No sooner had the fire at the Microbiology Building been brought under control when the Tucson Fire Department received the call the Animal Sciences headquarters was also ablaze. Though damage caused by the fire at the residential offices was first thought to be minimal, later news reports would detail that the heat had caused irreparable damage to the complete computer systems and since the fire caused serious structural damage to the very foundations of the building, it would later have to be demolished.

Meanwhile, in the network of safe homes established as the A.L.F.'s Underground Railroad, the 1,231 rescued lab animals were beginning a new life -- one that would quickly erase the nightmarish memories of the laboratories of the University of Arizona. Though federal investigators and local police pursued over 150 leads in the A.L.F.'S raid at the UofA, investigators would later report in law enforcement journals of the virtual lack of evidence that might lead to any arrests. Michael Cusonivich, head of research for the UofA later conceded that

not only had the A.L.F.'s raid caused the cessation of over a dozen experiments, but also the university was forced to spend over half a million dollars on an improved security system for all animal research on campus. University officials would also admit how the raid had placed such attention on their animal research program, that they were left with no alternative but to clean up their act to ensure that not even the slightest violation of weak federal animal welfare guidelines were violated.

While attention was focused on the UofA's animal research, a small A.L.F. active service unit infiltrated Tucson once again that year. This time the Veteran's Administration Hospital was targeted where four former racing greyhounds were liberated from outdoor kennels. The message was painfully clear to vivisectors in Arizona. Wherever you are, no matter how hidden, if animals were sacrificed in the name of science at your hands, the A.L.F. would find you.



Now it is up to you. The A.L.F. active service unit which carried out the raid on the University of Arizona may not have been caught, but without the young blood of the next generation they may not survive. Though this action was highly organized, it was carried out by simple people who never imagined they would be labelled as domestic terrorists by the U.S. Government. They are people just like you and me, men and women, young and old. They were not career criminals, veterans of military operations, but simply people who cared enough to stand by their beliefs even when it meant breaking the law. For many, the UofA raid was their first laboratory action. But as the UofA proved, with vigilant surveillance, a lot of common sense and most importantly, the self-confidence that you can achieve anything you put your mind and heart into, anything is possible and no target of animal abuse impregnable. Now it is time for you to charge forward and deliver freedom to millions of victims of vivisection. @

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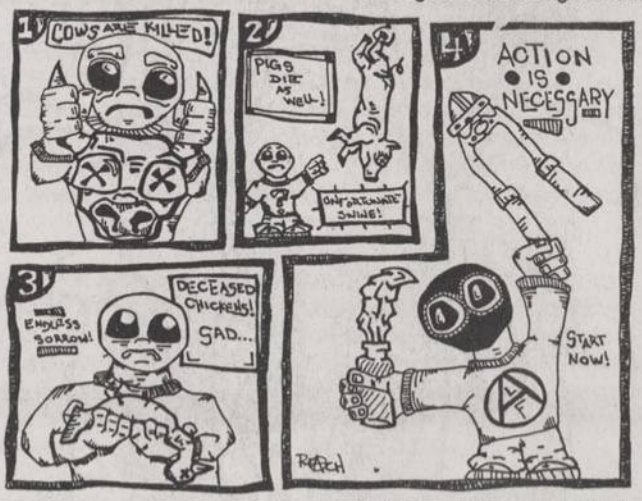
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Diary Of Action

Please Note: The Diary of Action is intended to report the news of direct action to save animals, not to encourage crime. All reports come from other publications, the internet, or anonymous communiqués sent the NA-A.L.F.S.G. and other animal liberation groups. As usual, the following list includes actions that took place in the time period covered in *Underground #6*, but were not reported until recently.

CANADA

NOVEMBER 26/96: Pacific Coast - the "Poultry Liberation Organization" and "Animal Avengers" has claimed credit for poisoning turkey carcasses in grocery stores along the pacific coast of the United States and southwestern Canada (from Los Angeles, CA to Vancouver, Canada). The stores targeted most were large grocery chains including (but not limited to) Albertsons, Safeways, and Fred Meyers. The turkey brands most targeted (but not limited to) were Butterball, Norbest, Heartland, Jeannie-O, and Honeysuckle White.



JANUARY 15/97: Cloverdale, BC - Wayside Farms (a large chicken farm) has a fire started in a pile of debris stacked outside a barn door destroying the entire barn. -Unclaimed

FEBRUARY/97: Guelph, ONT - Vase, an expensive restaurant selling veal, etc. has huge side windows broken on several occasions. -Unclaimed

MARCH 8/97: Clayoquot Sound, ONT - Activists cut nets and released about 50,000 farmed fish into the wild, at the Pacific National Group in Cypress Bay. The fish were healthy, early juvenile chinook [salmon] The lost 500-gram chinooks would have fetched the farmer an estimated $1.2 million at maturity in about 18 months. The Ahousaht native bands claim the farm had threatened wild salmon stocks and shellfish and herring habitats in their traditional territories.

MARCH 15/97: Belhiem, ONT - "Greetings from the Great Lakes Earth Liberation Front. Furriers beware the ides of March! Like the evil Roman empire before you, your kingdom of cash and cruelty will fall by the weight of its own iniquity (or with a little help from our friends). On March 15, our band of eco-anarchists paid a visit to the Eberts fur farm in Blenheim, Ontario on Mink Lane Rd. We were amazed at the openness of the operation. The sheds were practically next to the main road, with no attempts being made to hide the farm from the public. This made our work somewhat more difficult, as traffic constantly passed us while we were on site. There were some 12 sheds, though at least a few were empty. We cut several holes in the perimeter fence, but also opened the driveway gate leaving plenty of exit routes for our friends to choose from. We entered the first shed and had some trouble opening the cages. Once we figured out the latches, we started opening the cages and collecting the breeding cards. When possible, we damaged the cages. The mink were ready to party, rushing past us to the nearby safety of wooded farmland. We also knew that Rondeau Provincial Park was not far away, offering plenty of suitable habitat for our sleek brown buddies.

One of our group left a spray paint autograph on the feed shed, just to let them know that we care. When we had released about 240 of our captive comrades, a truck pulled up to the front gate that we had already pried open. Saddened to leave without finishing our intended business, we managed to escape detection by hopping the back fence and meeting our driver up the road. Though it is maddening to have been so close to freeing so many, we are somewhat comforted by Mother Jones' words: 'Mourn the dead and work like hell for the living!'"

MARCH 31/97: Belhiem, ONT - Ebert's Fur Farm hit for the second time. 1,800 mink were freed from their cages at the Belheim fur farm before 5 American activists were caught and arrested. Mink cages had been opened and at least four holes were cut in the perimeter fence. Breeding cards were also removed. Damage estimates range between $90,000-$500,000. Two men and three women from the Detroit area were charged with mischief over $1000, theft over $1000, possession of stolen property and possession of burglary tools.

UNITED STATES

JUNE/96: Snohomish, WA - Brainard Fur Farm: Daylight raid by A.L.F. resulted in the release of 80 mink. (not in Duvall). -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER/96: Shoreline, WA - meat storage locks glued. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER/96: Seattle, WA - Ruddy's Meats locks glued. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER/96: North Seattle, WA - Butcher store had a large window and one door window smashed. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER/96: Shoreline WA, 2nd hit on meat storage building. 1 large window smashed, 1 small window bashed. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 10/96: Mercer Island, WA - A carload of people threw a bucket of rocks at the windows of McDonald's - but the business had installed shatter-proof glass.

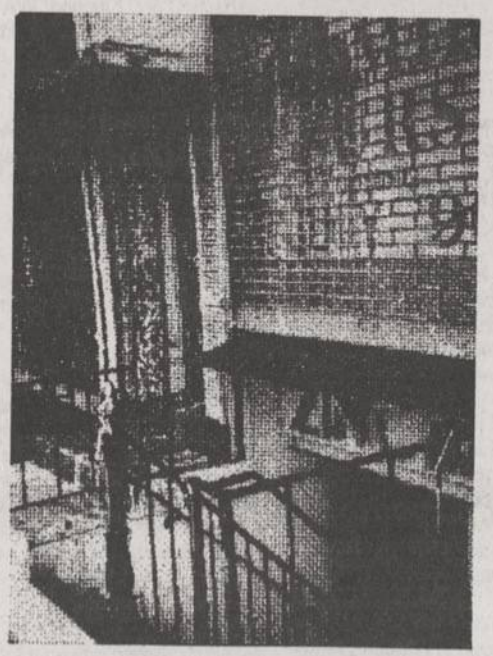
NOVEMBER 16/96: Cleveland,OH - 7 animal abusers hit.3 Arby's (1)painted in the past. smashed window and drive thru sign.(2)painted walls "A.L.F.","killing is wrong" smashed drive thru sign (3) painted walls 1 Wendy's smashed window painted walls "A.L.F." "murder" "Meat Is Murder" 1 unknown butcher shop glued locks painted walls 1 red lobster painted walls "Killers of the Sea" 1 K.F.C smashed windows painted walls.-A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 17/96: Charlotte, NC - Douglas Furs and The Carriage (sells fur) had their windows, doors, walls and sidewalks spraypainted with "A.L.F." and "Fur Kills". A Belk department store was also spraypainted with the same slogans. Four McDonald's spraypainted with slogans saying "Meat Is Murder", "Meat Kills", "McDeath" and "A.L.F." -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 22/96: St. Louis, Missouri - A.L.F. activists hit the Fur and Leather Centre, spraypainting "A.L.F." on the building entrance and two trailers used for transporting fur. Using a strong acid, the axles of one truck were melted off. Doors were also spraypainted, stickers and license plates were ruined on two trailers. Damage: $5,000. Increased security at all St. Louis fur locations has cost over $250,000. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 23/96: Cleveland,OH - Blue Ribbon Meats has trucks painted and an attempted arson. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 27/96: Charlotte, NC - 2 Honeybaked Ham stores had their locks glued and were spraypainted with "A.L.F.", "Meat Kills", "Meat Is Murder". Carolina Country BBQ - two catering vans, locks glued and spraypainted with "A.L.F.", "Animal Killers", "Meat Kills". A steak house restaurant was painted with slogans everywhere "A.L.F.", "Meat Kills", etc. -A.L.F.



This fur shop received a lovely new paint job, care of the A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 28/96: Hinsdale, MA - Four activists arrested near Carmel Mink Ranch charged with Breaking and Entering with intent to commit a felony, Trespassing, Larceny over $250, and Malicious destruction of property.

NOVEMBER 28/96: Suffield Township, OH - Goodyear Hunting and Fishing Club lodge and surrounding buildings covered in spraypainted anti-hunting slogans. Hartville, Ohio: Butcher store window smashed. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 30/96: Cleveland, OH - Ohio Farmers Inc.(egg distributer) trucks painted one truck completely burnt. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 30/96: Cleveland, OH - K.F.C (hit before) walls painted window broken and small fire set (not a lot of damage done). -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 30/96: Solon, OH - Boston Market (chicken fast food) window smashed and "Meat is Murder" painted. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 30/96: Aurora, OH - McDonald's "Billions Slaughtered" painted. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 30/96: near Akron, OH - Dumas Meats truck window smashed slogans painted. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 30/96: ?, OH - Sea World sign changed to read "Sea Prison". -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 30/96: ?, OH - Pro-hunting signs spray painted for the animals. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER/96: New York City, NY - Alexandros Furs in the heart of the NYC fur district, found it's locks filled with Krazy Glue, and it's windows covered with anti fur posters. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 6/96: Ithaca, NY - Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers, one front and one side double-paned window were smashed and spray-painted slogans including "Killers" and "Free the Earth". Also, the restaurant's front door lock had been filled with a compound making the lock inoperable. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 8/96: Eugene, OR - Kaufman's Clothing Store in the Valley River Shopping Mall had approx. $75,000 worth of fur coats sprayed with permanent red fabric paint. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 14/96: Snohomish, WA - 2nd raid on the Brainard Fur Farm. Activists returned to find most cages empty. By the lights from the farmer's house, activists liberated

approx 50 mink, smashed cages and left messages like "SCUM," "A.L.F." and "stop or be stopped."-A.L.F.

DECEMBER 15/96: Oak Park, MI - Blood-red paint bombs splattered on front and side of El-Mars Furs, locks glued and jammed, slogans painted on side of building. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 15/96: West Bloomfield, MI - Bricker-Tunis Furs bombarded with red paint bombs. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 15/96: West Bloomfield, MI - Cohen's Kosher Meats splattered with red paint bombs, "Meat is Murder" written on building. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 19/96: Birmingham, MI - the front door, brick alcove and brick window ledges at Ceresnie & Offen Furs were drenched in blood-red paint and the locks glued and jammed with toothpicks. Ceresnie & Offen is located on Woodward Ave. in downtown Birmingham and was not cleaned up for two days. It was a great statement for them to have a "blood"-soaked store front and sidewalk for two days! -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 21/96: Seattle, WA - Markethouse Corned Beef hit with "MURDERER" on front and "CLOSED" painted on sign. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 21/96: Seattle, WA - Ruddy's Meat's 2nd hit. 6 meat trucks painted with "murderer" & "scum." -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 22/96: Philadelphia, PA - Grill Master Deli (sells veal) had their locks glued. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 21/96: Troy, MI - Nordstrom's fur department at Somerset Mall-North hit with butyric acid during the busy Christmas rush. The odour permeated the entire 2-floor store. The next day, the odour was still detectable but Nordstrom's was open for business. All the fur coats, however, had been removed! -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 23/96: Sterling Heights, MI - Sana Furs at Lakeside Mall had butyric acid thrown on carpeting under fur garments during one of the busiest pre-Christmas shopping days. The store had to be closed for the duration of the shopping season. It is believed the carpeting probably had to be replaced and the garments cleaned. Sana's also carries a large number of leather items. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 25/1996: Bath, MI - A small group of Great Lakes ELFers traveled MI to pay a holiday visit to Jack Brower Fur Farm. From the communique: "Our intent was to throw a special Christmas party for the mink held captive there. Upon arriving, we discovered that we were unexpected guests. To our surprise and delight, there were no surveillance cameras and no guard dogs to greet us or announce our arrival. We set to work immediately with our handy-dandy tin snips. We cut several openings through both the inner and outer fences surrounding the 6 sheds housing the mink. When we entered the shed area, we found that three of the sheds were empty pelting stock housings. The other three were filled with anxious white mink restless to be free. After the rear door of each shed was removed (so that the mink could run out without having to run past their rescuers), each cage was opened. Those that didn't climb out immediately (most practically threw themselves out of those tiny wire cages!) were lifted out and released. One ferocious little guy would not let go of the glove of one human helper and had to be carried outside the perimeter hanging from a glove. Once laid on the ground (glove still gripped in his teeth), the mink took a look around and realizing that he was at last free, finally released the mitt and bounded across the snow to a nearby woods and away. We wish him and the others (some 150 mink we estimate) very happy lives. There was no better Christmas present that we could have received than the sight of all those beautiful creatures playing about, chasing each other, and finally running away. But no party would be complete without "decorations", so we liberally decorated the structures with festive green paint wishing all a Merry Christmas from the ELF! And just think, less than $30 worth of gas, tools, and paint was all we needed to throw our mink party!"

DECEMBER 26/96: Eden Prairie, MN - Incendiary devices left on a truck at the Haertel Co. (15151 Technology Dr.), they ignited causing destroying the truck $18,000 damage. The Haertel Co. produces Fursheen Liquid, a pelt cleaner used on fur farms. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/97: Kirkland, WA - 7 of 8 trucks at Meat Distributers had their windshields smashed out and messages left: "ANIMAL KILLERS! -A.L.F" Local TV reports put the damages at $5000. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/97:(either Greenbrook and East Brunswick),NJ - Furs by Guarino in NJ was spray painted with "Fur Hurts" on the roll down metal door and "Fur Is Dead" was painted on the side of the building. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/97: Bellvue, WA - 4 large windows at Golden Steer Meats were smashed. A previous hit where the same 4 windows were smashed had damages reported at $2,000 by local media. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/97: Salt Lake City, UT - Over 20 stores had their windows shot out or smashed, including, but not limited too Burger king, Mcdonald's, Arby's, and Kentucky fried chicken. Jim Bridger trapping supplies had their windows broken or etched with A.L.F. All the cars in the parking lot had their tires slashed and A.L.F. Etched in their windows. A leather store had their windows smashed and their cars got the same Treatment as a Jim Bridger. 4 "got milk" trailers were broken up. -Northern Utah A.L.F.

JANUARY 1/97: Ithaca, NY - Cornell University's Poultry Research Station broken into, documents taken. Photo's of the chickens and conditions taken. According to researchers, the break-in will likely force the university to scuttle several major research projects. "The cost of this could run into the hundreds of thousands, maybe millions of dollars," vivsector Fred Quimby, director of Cornell's Center for Research Animal Resources. -Band of Mercy

JANUARY 1/97: Dallas, TX - Oshmans Sporting Goods fur trimmed coats sprayed with red paint. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 3/97: Bloomfield Hills, MI - Dittrich Furs had windows smashed. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 3/97: Westbury, NY - The Fur Vault had "FUR IS DEAD" spraypainted over the front wall and plaque. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 5/97: Dallas, TX - Bifano Furs North Dallas location highly corrosive acid sprayed through mail slot, paint bombed, locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 5/97: Richardson, TX - Richardson Fur Center windows shot out, paint bombed, locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 5/97: Dallas, TX - Valentines Furs paint bombed and locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 5/97: Dallas, TX - Macy's window shot at with a slingshot (unknown damage) and paint poured on sidewalk. Done in haste because of security guards present. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 5/97: Dallas, TX - Morris Kaye Furs paint bombed and locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 5/97: Dallas, TX - Koslows Furs locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 8/97: Philadelphia, PA - Jacque Ferber Furs had paint sprayed into store through mail slot, and all locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 8/97: Philadelphia, PA - Grill Master Deli (sells veal) had their locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 9/97: Towson, MD - A.L.F. strike "Ravers Discount Meat." Meat trucks were painted with slogans like "meat is murder" and "A.L.F." -Maryland Cell, A.L.F.

JANUARY 9/97: Baltimore, MD - Fell's Point Wholesale Meats had locks glued and slogans painted on the store front and on the company's meat trucks. -Maryland Cell, A.L.F.

JANUARY 9/97: Winthrop, WA - An explosion and fire destroyed The Outdoorsman hunter/outfitter shop and blew a mounted moose head out the window and across the street into a toy store. Federal agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms were called to investigate. -Unclaimed

JANUARY 10-13/97: Dallas, TX - Andrianna Fur Sale (A travelling fur sale) has over 100 coats sliced with razor blades. The communique stated that the most expensive coats were targeted, and the cuts were done at a diagonal angle under the armpit so that they damage was maximized. The cuts went through the whole coat according to the A.L.F. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 11-12/97: New York City, NY - Le Chien pet supply store at Trump Plaza to protest owner Lisa Gilford's use of wild cat fur to make coats for dogs. "Lisa is Cruella" and "Fur Scum" were spray painted on the front doors and the locks were glued shut. -Paint Panthers

JANUARY 11-12/97: New York City, NY - Throughout the weekend, the backs of more than 75 fur wearers were covered with red paint. "Thousands of foxes, lynx,rabbits, beavers, raccoons, sables, and mink were avenged this weekend. Fur wearers who continue to show a disgusting disrespect for animals beware," say the Panthers. -Paint Panthers

JANUARY 11/97: Woodmere, NY - Alexandros Furs had "FUR IS DEAD" spraypainted on the side wall. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 11/97: Woodmere, NY - Laurette Couturier had "FUR IS MURDER" spraypainted on the rear doors and wall. A hole was also punctured in the front window. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 11/97: Cedarhurst, NY - Fur Galleria had a hole punctured in the front window. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 11/97: Seattle, WA - Ruddy's Meat's 3rd hit. 6 meat trucks painted with "murderer" & "scum" and "A.L.F." and "we're back." - A.L.F.

JANUARY 11/97: Seattle, WA - meat storage building hit for 3rd time. 2 large windows smashed. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 11/97: Ballard, WA - The Butcher Shoppe was hit, 2 large windows smashed and one extra large neon sign destroyed. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 11/97: North Seattle, WA - activists went back to the butcher store to find security patrolling = "more $$$ spent!"-A.L.F.

JANUARY 12/97: Woodmere, NY - Alexandros Furs had the front window smashed. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 13/97: New York, NY - Alexandros Furs locks superglued, store stickered and graffitied with "FUR IS DEAD," and "A.L.F." - A.L.F.

JANUARY 13/97: New York, NY - Adar Leather graffitied with "LEATHER IS DEAD" -A.L.F.

JANUARY 13/97: New York, NY - Corn furs and B&N Furs graffitied with "FUR SHAME," "A.L.F.," and "FUR HURTS." -A.L.F.

JANUARY 14/97: Flemington, NJ - Three Flemington Furs billboards spraypainted with "Fur is Dead," "A.L.F." etc. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 15/97: New York, NY - Alexandros Furs stickered, McDonalds redecorated with "Meat is Murder". Majestic Furs locks superglued, Fashion Institute of Technology "Evita" display stickered and "fur hurts" was written on window. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 16/97: West Hamstead, NY - Strathmore Furs had three holes punctured in the front window. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 16/97: Woodmere, NY - Alexandros Furs had the front door window smashed. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 16/97: Oceanside, NY - Leslie Aaron Furs had two punctures in the front windows. An attempt was also made to break the neon sign. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 16/97: Oceanside, NY - Burger King had the rear door window smashed. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 18/97: Baldwin, NY - Metropolitan Argo Furs, Ltd. had a hole punctured in the front window. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 18/97: Woodmere, NY - Laurette Couturier's rear window was cracked. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 19/97: New York, NY - Zamir Furs graffitied with "FUR IS DEAD." Kenny Rogers Roasters graffitied with

"MEAT IS MURDER." Lamb and beef packing graffitied with "ANIMAL LIBERATION," and at least a half dozen meat packers vans graffitied with "MEAT IS MURDER." Wendy's redecorated with "MEAT IS MURDER," "GO VEGAN," and "A.L.F." -A.L.F.

JANUARY 22/97: Virginia Beach - A McDonald's had its drive through and windows spraypainted.

JANUARY 26/97: DesMoines, IA - Cownie Furs and Furs by Manolidis had smashed windows, slogans such as "Fur Scum" and "Fur Is Dead" painted on the sidewalk, doors and walls of the stores, and glued locks. -Paint Panthers

JANUARY 27/97: Salt Lake City, UT - Producers Meats in North Salt Lake had 3 incendiary devices placed at the back entrance. A Simpsons Milk billboard was set on fire. Unfortunately the fire was soon put out by the wind. -Northern UT A.L.F.

JANUARY 28/97: Dallas, TX - Petco Pet Supplies cat toys made out of rabbit fur sprayed with red paint, several fur wearers sprayed as well. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 28/97: New York, NY - Kenny Roger's Roasters on 6th Ave were tagged twice and had the side lock glued. 12 windows were smeared with etching fluid. -A.L.F.

Fur Free Friday/97: New York, NY - the day after FFF, two large Fifth Avenue fur stores -- Fendi's and Revillon -- were informed that explosive devices had been planted in their stores as "revenge for the animals." Associated Press was also contacted. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY/97: Seattle, WA - Eilers Furs storefront spraypainted. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY/97: Cincinnati, OH - Window smashed at Fettner Freidman Furs.

FEBRUARY/97: Cincinnati, OH - Window broken and "A.L.F." painted on wall at New York Fur and Leather.

FEBRUARY/97: Cincinnati, OH - Locks glued and window damaged at Katsatos Fur Store.

FEBRUARY/97: Cincinnati, OH - Several fast food restaurants (Hardee's, McDonald's, KFC) covered in spray painted slogans. Bathrooms damaged at Burger King.

FEBRUARY/97: Near Akron, OH - Several windows and lights smashed, locks glued, and slogans painted at Goodyear Hunting and Fishing Club.

FEBRUARY/97: Akron, OH - Locks glued at Honeybaked Hams.

FEBRUARY/97: Near Akron,OH - Locks glued at Butcher Boy Meats.

FEBRUARY/97: NYC, NY - in early Feb. over 30 fur coats in NYC were sprayed with either red paint or red fabric paint.

FEBRUARY 1/97: Detroit, MI - A.L.F. activists made it inside Hudson's "Gigantic Fur Sale" at Cobo Hall, despite heavy security presence. From the communique: "...[S]ecurity was so tight at this fur sale that women's handbags were being searched, pockets emptied and coats taken and hung behind long tables before one could enter ... Customers were followed on a nearly one-to-one basis everywhere." The A.L.F. made it inside and managed to release butyric acid in a $10,000 fur coat pocket, scattering customers from the sale. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 1/97: Dearborn, MI - Saks Fifth Ave Fur Salon at Fairlane Town Center hit with butyric acid in coat pocket. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 1/97: Dearborn, MI - Sana Furs at Fairlane Town Centre also hit and butyric acid was put in fur coat pockets. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 2/97: Lansing, MI - Two McDonalds in Macomb County had all of their locks cemented. -A.L.F.

FEBUARY 4/97: Philadelphia, PA - Ferber Furs windows etched and locks glued. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 6/97: West Bloomfield, MI - Bricker-Tunis Furs windows smashed and set on fire. Extent of damage not known. Windows boarded up for 2 days. This is the fur store that was selling "Barbie" fur outfits. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 9/97: Charlotte, NC - Slogans spraypainted including "A.L.F.", "Fur Kills", "Fur Is Murder", and "We Are WatchingYou". Sidewalk was also sprayed with red paint & slogans. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 10/97: East Lansing, MI - Jacobsons Fur Store hit (517-351-2250), three huge front windows smashed. The windows have been stickered hundreds of times in the last month or so, "No big deal but its really pissin' them off!" Window smashing and paintbombing came the night after a statewide protest of Jacobson's stores. Police estimate damages at over $9000. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 12/97: Virgina Beach - Meat market was hit, locks glued, paint was splashed on the front of the store, slogans "meat is murder" and "Blood money" was sprayed on the back. A PETA anti-meat poster was also wheat pasted on the back door.

FEBRUARY 13/97: Virginia Beach - A McDonalds was spraypainted with the slogans "Murderers," "Meat is murder," and "The killing must end." Three locks glued. PETA anti-meat posters were glued up. A can of red paint was dumped on the drive- thru sign.

FEBRUARY 13/97: Virginia Beach - Three milk billboards were attacked with christmas orniments filled with red paint. One billboard was perminently removed.

FEBRUARY 16/97: Baltimore MD - activist struck the Seleh's De Federal Hills Furrier. Locks were glued and slogans painted. -Maryland Cell, A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 17/97: Baltimore, MD - A.L.F. activists find and destroy traps used to catch and kill furbearing animals. -Maryland Cell, A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 19/97: Petaluma, CA - The Rancho Slaughter-

house (1522 North Petaluma Blvd) was attacked by activists of the Bay Area Cell of the A.L.F. At least one semi-trailer rig was heavily damaged by fire.

From the Communique: "We placed 4 incendiary devices in a double, semi-trailer truck used for live animal transportation. We used a total of 5 liters of flammable liquid, which we placed in the engine, the top of the cab and the connecting wheelbase. We had a direct link to the fuel tank. We confirmed that there was the fire ignited through visual confirmation ... This is just the beginning of a war...our war for your end has begun."

FEBRUARY 19/97: Salt Lake City, UT - A vacant Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, located at 250 W. North Temple,



sustained an undetermined amount of damage from an arson attack. When firefighters arrived, they reported heavy smoke shooting out of the two-story building. Twenty-three firefighters battled the blaze for more than four hours.

FEBRURARY 19/97: Rochester, NY - Berman's fur store had locks glued, slogans written on front and back. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 21/97: Virginia Beach, VA - A Red Lobster was spraypainted with "Stop Raping the Oceans" and "Lobster Liberation." A Hardee's was wheat pasted with anti-meat posters. Also postered was a Steakhouse, which was also spraypainted with the slogan "Avenge." A second Hardee's had anti-meat posters glued up and the slogan "Meat = Death" painted on it.

FEBRUARY 23/97: Cyberspace - The first ever Animal Liberation Action on the Internet took place when hackers changed the Kriegsman Fur's web site in Nov. '96 adding graphics of what people's fur coats look like before their killed and more! Take a look before and after <http://www.2600.com/fur_hacked/>

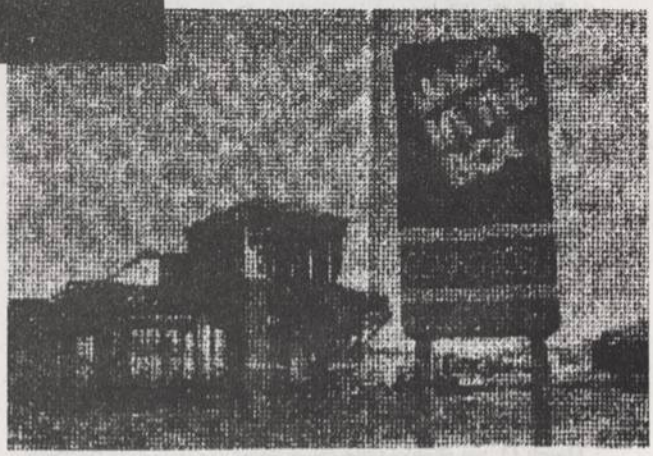
FEBRUARY 28/97: Washington, DC - Miller's Furs paint-bombed. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 28/97: Indianapolis, IN - The hunting shop, the Outdoorsman, had its windows broken, was torched and spraypainted with animal rights slogans (Stop the Murder -- A.L.F). From the Communique: "In the early morning Friday, February 28, the ALF hit a hunting and trapping store on the far south side of Indianapolis. The Outdoorsman promotes the murder of innocent life through the sale of hunting and trapping equipment and by selling magazines and other literature advocating the torture of animals. Windows were broken, slogans were painted, and the back of the wooden building was burned."

MARCH/97: NYC, NY - 7 fur stores and pelt sellers in NYC's fur district had their locks jammed with toothpicks, including a sheepskin dealer and one that advertised wild furs and chinchillas. Also hit was a Wendy's, a burger joint, a leather shoe shop, and a McDonalds. A number of these places had their locks jammed while OPEN, to increase costs by forcing someone to be paid to guard the store after closing until the locks were fixed.

MARCH/97: ?, New Jersey - Activists are likely responsible for a fire at Flemington Fur Co. The front entrance was damaged and sprinklers caused water damage throughout

Coming Soon? Not any more thanks to the A.L.F. This "Jack In the Box" burger joint received over $80,000 damages...



the store.

MARCH 1/97: Washington DC - During the early morning, DC Miller's Furs store was paint bombed. A.L.F.

MARCH 5/97: Washington DC - DC Miller's Furs was hit for the second time, etching cream was used to decorate "FUR HURTS" on one of the windows. A road-kill deer that was "extremely" bloody was also placed in front of the doors.

MARCH 5/97: Virginia Beach, VA - Two milk billboards previously hit were replaced with new signs were once again redecorated with paint filled orniments. both signs removed the fol-

lowing day! Another milk sign was also hit.

MARCH 6/97: Murrieta, CA - An A.L.F. cell burned down a construction sight for a new Jack in the Box burger restaurant. The communique claimed they "quickly searched it for any living creatures. When the building was found clear two incindiary devices were placed and set." Reports list over $80,000 in damages. The entire building was destroyed.

MARCH 6/97: Lake Elsinore, CA - A Douglas Burgers, nearly finished with construction escaped destruction as an incindiary device failed to go off. The A.L.F. activists stated that they believed the base of the incense sticks used as a fuse were too moist from the kerosene they used as an accelerant.

MARCH 7/97: West Hartford, CT - Lloyd/Roberts Furs locks glued slogans painted. A.L.F.

MARCH 7/97: West Hartford, CT - Exclusive Furs locks glued.-A.L.F.

MARCH 10/97: New York, NY - Maggios Beef Corp and Moore Wholesale Meats trucks had a tire punctured. A Gerrback Beef truck had a tire punctured and paint splashed across the front of the truck. Zamir Fur (MacDougal and Houston) almost had their lock glued, but it was found still glued from the last attack. This would have been hit #3. Ben & Jerry's (3rd Ave. @ 10th St.) hit #2, East Village Meats (2nd Ave. @ St. Marks) hit #2, McDonalds (1st Ave. @ 6th St.) hit #5, East Village Cheese (3rd Ave. @ 9th St.), Dallas BBQ (2nd Ave. @ St. Marks), The Village Tannery (broadway @ Astor P1.), Faicco Sausage (260 Bleeker), Leather & Suede (268 Bleeker), and Guerra, Anthony, and Joe Fish Market (265 Bleeker) all had their locks glued. -A.L.F.

MARCH 11/97: New York, NY - Maggios Beef Corp and two other meat company trucks had a tire punctured. Burger Kig (6th Ave. @ 14th St.) had their locks glued, hit #2. Balducci's, a food store specializing in meat and cheese, who proudly display large chunks of animal carcasses in their window, had their security gates locked in a down position by locks and chains. McDonalds (6th Ave. @ 28th St.) was tagged, had their locks glued, and had "MURDER" etched into six enourmous windows, one two-foot high letter in each window. -A.L.F.

MARCH 11/97: Salt Lake City, UT - A.L.F. activists carried out a firebomb attack in Sandy, Utah (just outside of SLC) that leveled the offices, and destroyed at least four trucks, at the second largest fur feed company in the U.S. Early estimates suggest damages exceeding $1 million. No injuries were reported. From the communique: "In the early morning hours of March 11, we attacked the Agricultural Fur Breeders Co-Op in Sandy, Utah...firebombs were set in four trucks and the main offices." The activists dedicated the attack to four Syracuse anti-fur activists in prison hungerstriking.

MARCH 12/97: Springfield, IL - Burlington Coat Factory targeted by A.L.F. The store sells fur-lined coats and accessories as well as leather products. Display windows were spray painted with "Fur is Dead," and "A.L.F." The front door lock was glued. -A.L.F. ABRAHAM LINCOLN FACTION

MARCH 12/97: Millstone, NJ -Jack's Prime Meats had locks glued, A.L.F. slogans spray-painted & windows etched.

MARCH 12/97: Howell, NJ - "Cowards" spray-painted on floor of the Sportsmans shop, locks glued.

MARCH 12/97: Jackson, NJ - Jackson Taxidermist had locks glued, spray-paint.

MARCH 12/97: Freehold, NJ - Roy Rogers had locks glued, A.L.F. slogans spray-painted, windows etched.

MARCH 12/97: Howell, NJ - McDonalds hit, locks glued, "McShit" and "A.L.F." spray-painted. Also hit was a Burger King and a KFC, each had locks glued, spray-painted.

MARCH 13/97: South Windsor, CT - Activists glued the locks on the door of an animal abuse shop, painted slogans on the building, and on the 5 trucks. They also paint bombed the sign in front of the store as well as the windows on every truck. They then smashed every window in the building.- A.L.F.

MARCH 13/97: New York, NY - Kenny Rogers Roasters (6th Ave. @ 14th St.) had their locks glued, and paint splattered along the entire side of the building, hit #5. The Village Tannery (Broadway @ Astor Pl.) hit #2, and Kentucky Fried Chicken (2nd Ave. @ 14th St.) had their locks glued. Wendy's (14th St. @ University Ave.) had "MEAT IS DEAD" etched into their window, hit #2. Tad's Steaks (14th St. @ 4th Ave.) had "MEAT IS DEAD" etched into their window, and had their lock glued. Ben & Jerry's (3rd Ave. @ 10th St.) had "DAIRY IS RAPE" etched into their window, and had their window, and had their lock glued, hit #3. Zamir Fur (MacDougal and Houston) had "A.L.F." etched into their window, hit #3. -A.L.F.

MARCH 14/97: Robinson Scott Clearcut, near the McKenzie was the site a solidarity action between The Animal Liberation Front and the Earth Liberation Front.From the communique: "47 trees were spiked either with quartz rock spikes or metal rails. In addition, an incendiary device was placed in a forest service vehicle, however it failed to ignite and was removed by activists for fear of harming any operator of the vehicle.
The action was to protest and stop the clearcutting of habitat that is important for owls, voles, and woodpeckers, as well as many other species including humans. The clearcut area is near the McKenzie river, and siltation caused by logging would harm drinking water and kill fish.
The Spiking was done by a cell of the Animal Liberation Front known as the Eco-Animal Defense Unit, and will be followed by actions from the Earth Liberation Front. Solidarity between these two movements is the worst nightmare of those who would abuse the earth and it's citizens.
Two of the trees spiked with rock are flagged with red paint. All spiking was done at high levels in an effort to avoid any harm to humans. Leave the forest alone, and no one gets hurt.

For the animals, and for the earth,
A.L.F. Eco-Animal Defense Unit."

MARCH 18/97: Ogden, UT - A.L.F. activists doused Montgomery Fur Co.(trap supplier) with gasoline, but didn't light it as they realized a night watchman was inside the building.

MARCH 20/97: Davis, CA - A.L.F. activists firebombed an animal research lab at the University of California, Davis. The "Bay Area Cell of the Earth X Animal Liberation Front" said it "set fire" to the Center for comparative medicine, now under construction adjacent to the Regional Primate Research Labo-

ratory at UC Davis after ensuring that no one was in the area and in danger of injury. Ten years ago (April 1987) the ALF firebombed another UC Davis lab, causing $4.5 million in damages.

MARCH 22/97: St. Louis, MO - Hardee's on Olive St. in Olivette was hit, spraypaint and slogans left on the walls. Activists also poured paint thinner and other flammable liquids on the windows. From the Communique: "WE DID NOT LIGHT THE THINNERS BECAUSE WE ARE SENDING A WARNING. WE ARE OUT HERE READY TO COMMIT JUSTICE AGAINST THE ABUSERS OF THE WORLD.

We demand the Nicole Rogers and Jeff Watkins be released from Prison NOW! If this is not done then more actions will follow. This time the flames will be seen!" -A.L.F.

MARCH 23/97: Seattle, WA - A.L.F. activists raid the Acme Chicken Slaughterhouse (1024 S. King St.). Activists entered the killing rooms and sabotaged forklifts and other machinery. They also entered two offices and destroyed all the paperwork by pouring acid and paint over everything. 3 chickens left for dead on the killing room floor were rescued. The chickens have been placed in loving homes "where they will be able to live out their lives free from torture, something (human and non-humans) deserve." A.L.F.

MARCH 25/97: Annapolis, MD - A.L.F. strike a fur and leather shop. The store front was hit with paint-bombs. Also hit was Maryland Meats. Slogans and paintbombs caused extensive damage to the store front. -Maryland Cell, A.L.F.

MARCH 29/97: Ithaca, NY - McDonald's, route 13, rock hurled through window with decal. Locks glued on corporate office across street. Envelope removed from mailbox containing check was ripped up.

MARCH 29/97: Ithaca, NY - Two rocks sent through route 13 Wendy's windows, one kept going and smashed another window inside. Slogans spraypainted. All locks glued.

MARCH 30/97: Minneapolis, MN - A.L.F. damaged the unfinished house of a Dayton's Fur Store owner Sunday morning. Construction equipment was vandalized, tires were slashed, power tools were destroyed, power cords were cut, walls and windows were painted and smashed and the house blueprints were destroyed.

MARCH 30/97: Minneapolis, MN - A blank billboard on East Highway 94 was painted with "pro A.L.F. action" to celebrate A.L.F. Appreciation week.

APRIL 1/97: Seattle, WA - Isernio's Sausage hit. All three trucks hit with heavy spraypaint, locks sealed with Liquid Steel, and etched windshields. Tires were also slashed. -A.L.F.

APRIL 6/97: Seattle, WA - 8 windows etched at Markethouse Corned Beef. Ruth's Chris Steakhouse billboard hit with "meat is murder." -A.L.F.

APRIL 6/97: Seattle, WA - Eilers furs hit again, storefront was heavily spraypainted. -A.L.F.

APRIL 9/97: Indianapolis, - A.L.F. visit the home of John Marcopolis, owner of Elan Furs. To vehicles in the driveway were completely covered in paint stripper. The house was doused on all sides with red paint. Slogans left included "Justice for your victims, A.L.F."

APRIL 9/97: Deberry, TX - Ten chinchilla were freed in a raid on the Don Kelly Chinchilla Farm, (border of Texas and Louisiana) by A.L.F. activists.

BRAZIL

FEBUARY 2/97: Florianopolis - A university Experimental Psychology Lab was raided by animal liberation activists. A number of slogans were painted on internal walls, including "Free the animals", "science or hypocrisy?", "respect to the animals," and "death to vivisectors."

From the communique: "80 monkeys were liberated from the labs .The raid has been focused upon in both national and local TV, and in some newspapers. The Federal Police is looking for the "vandals". The media says that the raid was an "Eco Terrorist" act. The scientists at the Lab says that those who did the act are merely vandals, not ecologists, and that in the lab there is 'no torture on animals.' Some of the monkeys liberated were eventually recaptured, but many did manage to escape."

The activist(s) entered and left the lab through the rail roof, and left this as an escape for the freed monkeys to escape through.



"Freedom to the Animals!" and "Death to Torturers!" painted beside opened monkey cages.

ENGLAND

APRIL 24/96 (World Day for Lab Animals): West End, London - "Zwirns" fur shop windows smashed, causing 4,500 pounds damage.

MAY/96: Eastnor Castle - Over 60 Hunt Retribution Squad (H.R.S.) activists weilding clubs and throwing rocks damaged cars belonging to blood-junkies attending the 150th Anniversary Ball of the Ledbury Hunt. Over $2000 damage caused to cars. Sadly, several people arrested.

JULY/96: Surry - activists smash the window of a tour operator offering shooting holidays in Africa.

AUGUST/96: Cambridgeshire - A.L.F. raid Trinity Foot Beagles Hunt Kennels and rescue five 11 month old beagles.

AUGUST/96: Durham - Hunt Retribution Squad (H.R.S.) mingle with sabs disrupting a shooting party at Stanhope Common. While the sabs did their thing the H.R.S. attacked a gameskeeper and trashed vehicles belonging to the blood-junkies. -H.R.S.

AUGUST/96: Hampshire - Two pet shops in Southhampton have their windows smashed and slogans painted.

AUGUST/96: Newbury - During the "Flim-Flam Festival" the E.L.F. launch a mass raid on the road-bypass security. A bus, a generator and security lights were all smashed. -E.L.F.

AUGUST/96: Sussex - During the Brighton "Reclaim the Streets" party the E.L.F. dismantle traffic lights.

OCTOBER/96: London - Bookies on Crafton Rd have their windows smashed.

OCTOBER/96: 12 branches of W.H. Smiths were bomb-hoaxed by the A.L.F. due to the chains's stocking of pro-hunt magazines.

NOVEMBER/96: Public libraries warned to pull all copies of Country Life Magazine permanently from branches or face an incendiary device campaign. From the communique: "This magazine can often be found trying to promote all kinds of bloodsports including the hunting and shooting of animals. By stocking it in libraries it acts as free, accessible pro-hunt propaganda." If the magazine is not removed, the activists threaten to place incendiary devices under shelves and behind books in libraries.

NOVEMBER/96: E.L.F. COMMUNIQUE: "To celebrate National Tree Week, the Earth Liberation Front removed & destroyed every Welsh Mountain Zoo leaflet we could find. Although the E.L.F. supports conservation work we say all conservation work should be directed at saving and defending natural habitat -- not imprisoning animals. Where the animals' habitat has already been destroyed, conservationists should work to recreate the lost habitat ... Once the traditional British forests have been recreated we call for the reintroduction of the lost British wildlife species such as the bear, the boar and wolf." -E.L.F.

NOVEMBER/96: Six Tesco Supermarkets were bomb-hoaxed for the second time by the A.L.F. Each branch was phoned and told a device had been planted in the store. Tescos is targeted due to the sale of kangaroo and ostrich meat. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER/96: Six branches of WH Smith were bomb hoaxed because they sell blood-sports magazines. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER/96: Brixton, Hackney, Notting Hill - Three branches of McDonald's were bomb hoaxed. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 24/97: Headquarters of Waitrose Supermarkets received a bomb hoax due to their plans to sell live lobsters for people to boil alive. Three days later they announced they had dropped their sick plans. Another A.L.F. VICTORY!

JANUARY 24/97: London - Harrolds was bomb hoaxed due to their decision to start selling fur again. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 25/97: Brackley - Several fire bombs were hidden underneath seven trucks loaded with frozen chickens, parked outside Buxsted Fresh Quality Poultry. The devices caused thousands of dollars of damage to the vehicles. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY/97: Preston - An A.L.F. cell raiding a research lab at the University of Lancashire during the early hours of the morning found (to their amazement) a few hundred earthworms who were being experimented on. They released them all and wrecked computer equipment and daubed slogans on walls. This raid was part of the campaign against vivisection and in support of Barry Horne's demand that the government end its support for vivisection within five years.

FEBRUARY 3/97: Andrew Lloyd Webber yields JUSTICE DEPARTMENT demands to end his ostrich farm venture. A year ago Sir Andrew announced his intention to build an ostrich farm at his grand Sydmonton Court estate in Hampshire. Said a member of Webber's staff regarding the JD campaign against him, "We've been sworn to absolute secrecy." VICTORY!

FEBRUARY 16/97: Devon -- The E.L.F. spiked a number of trees in a private woodland owned by the Forestry Commission in Devon. This action marked a start of a week long spiking action hitting woodland all over the English Westcountry. From the communique: "Our Earth Liberation Front cell have a policy of randomly spiking any tree we feel needs to be spiked regardless of whether the tree is under threat or not. By doing so we will ensure that by the time a woodland area is under threat some of the trees in the threatened area will have been spiked ... By spiking the trees we hope to ensure that the Forestry Commission and their ilk will soon discover their is no profit in chainsaw massacres." -E.L.F. Westcountry Wildlife Cell

FEBRUARY 20/97: Devon - E.L.F. return to the woodland owned by the Forestry Commission, this time gluing five padlocks shut on gates leading into the woodlands. -E.L.F. Westcountry Wildlife Cell

FEBRUARY 21/97: Devon - E.L.F. Westcountry Wildlife Cell strike again, spiking trees in Hannicombe Wood.

FEBRUARY 21/97: Devon - arsonists struck at a sandblasting works causing over $100,000 damage. - Unclaimed.

FEBRUARY 22/97: Devon - The Fernworthy Reservoir is hit by the E.L.F. -- locks were glued at a self-service Fishing Licence building. Angling is a blood-sport "and like all bloodsports, angling is an attack on wildlife." -E.L.F. Westcountry Wildlife Cell

FEBRUARY 23/97: Devon - A number of felled trees destined for the saw mill are spiked in Charles Wood. Activists then moved on to Hannicombe Wood where the gate leading in was permanently closed. Also locked up tight with glue were padlocks securing the gates to the Willingstone Plantation and Hitchcombe Wood. From the communique: "Our cell would of liked to have done more. We intend to do more. Stay tuned. We will do more..."

MARCH 15/97: Sussex - The Sussex-based Chiddingfold, Lecontree and Cowdray Foxhunt had their hunt ball at a hotel at Walberton near Arundel in Sussex, and the 150 guests were attacked by almost the same number of demonstrators. One blood-junkie told press: "Our car was surrouded by 50 or more, banging on the roof. They smashed the back windscreen and the side window and the glass went all over my daughter- in-law. THen one jumped on the bonnet and smashed the windscreen. Then they yanked open the door and tried to pull me out. My driver is only a young chap and he was petrified."
Protesters wore balaclavas, and bricks and eggs were thrown at guests and car windows were smashed. Damage was estimated at thousands of pounds.

MARCH 29/97: Cambridgeshire - about 50 protesters converged on the Cambridgeshire hunt kennels at around 10am. One policeman was already present guarding the place. Protesters invaded the kennels and all windows of the hound-van were smashed. Tires were punctured and at least two windows of the house of the huntsman were broken. Police arrived soon in force and protesters left swiftly. No immediate arrests. However, there were some road blocks and car searches, but without any outcome.

MARCH 30/97: Oxford - about 30 activists protested outside a cat breeder (sells them for vivisection). Despite police efforts to prevent protesters from moving closer to the building, activists stormed into the place smashing a number of windows and doing a lot of damage. No arrests.

APRIL/97: Razor blade devices were posted to Anne McIntosh, Tory MEP for Essex North and Suffolk South and Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the Vale of York, a bloodsports supporter. Included was a letter that said "murdering bastard" and "animal murderer". Police said the letter was Another envelope stuffed with razor blades was received by a second unnamed Tory candidate in the North of England.

APRIL 5/97: Liverpool - The Grand National Steeplechase, along with races at Aintree racecourse, was called offbecause of a bomb threat. All 60,000 spectators, including Princess Anne, were evacuated because of two coded warnings received by police. Although there were suspicions that the warnings may have come from IRA terrorists, trainer Jenny Pitman believed the threats were the work of animal rights activists, who have tried to disrupt the race in the past. The 38 horses were already parading when police told organizers that two coded bomb warnings had been received.

APRIL 28/97: Warwickshire - A depot belonging to the livestock haulage firm Spiers Haulage in Claverdon, Warwickshire, was firebombed. A lorry tractor unit was destroyed by flames and bomb dispoal experts defused a number of other devices.

GERMANY

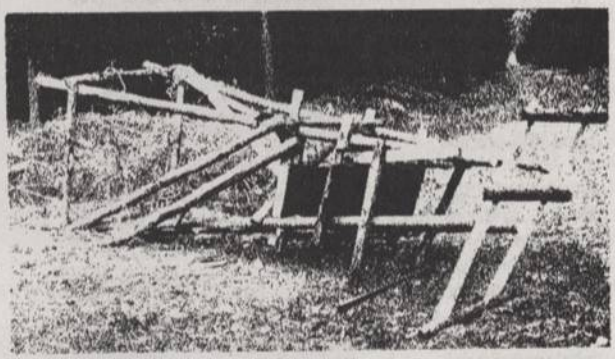
*****CORRECTION to Issue #6,Page 28: "Swedish/German Activists Released". The headline and sentence reporting on German and SWEDISH activists is incorrect. Those involved in this case are German and SWISS activists. Our appologies to those involved!**

DECEMBER 8/96: Hamburg - A group of five animal rights activists attacked six shops with butyric acid: Shoe-shop "Blanke" (because of leather), the leather-shop "Alladin", one fish-restaurant, one angling-shop and the fur-shop "Samrei". The damage at the fur-shop: 15,000 Marks (about 10,000 US-$). After several weeks the windows of the angling-shop were wide open and parts of the carpet in the shoe-shop have been dragged out.

On February 11th (7 o'clock) the police raided two animal rights activists in Hamburg. Police took possession of several letters and flyers, adresses, videos and destroyed a box of unused photo paper. The police took photographs and fingerprints of both animal rights activists.

DECEMBER 19-20/96: Mannheim - "Aktion gewaltfreier Dezember" ("Action nonviolent December") liberated 22 geese of the geese-farm of Richard Karl, Marderweg 60, 68229 Mannheim in Germany, telephone (Germany+) 621-47 14 26. The geese were due to be slaughtered but are now with people who don't want to eat 'em. 22 families had no goose on christmas (it's a German tradition like turkey in the USA)... Financial damage to the farm came to about 2,250 DM (about $1,500 US).

JANUARY/97: Bavaria - 16 hunting towers destroyed! According to a German hunting magazine, "Die Pirsch," damages came to 80,000DM (about $53,300 US).



JANUARY/97: near Rothenstein (Bavaria) - A group of animal rights activists destroyed 12 "hunting towers". Damage: 70-80,000 Marks (about $47-53,000 US).

JANUARY 25-26/97: Karlsruhe/Stuttgart - 23 hunter's towers have been destroyed by animal rights activists. Those involved worked in four groups between 1am and 6am.

JANUARY 26/97: Nothern Blackforest - A group of animal rights activists destroyed 23 "hunting towers" until the early morning.

MARCH 29/97: Rodermark (State of Hessen) - Animal rights activists burned up a wagon of "Pelz Beetz", a local fur shop. It has been a advertisment-tag with the fur shop's name and adress on the hood. Damage: About 5,000 DM (about $3,340 US).

ITALY

MARCH 18/96: Pisan - A.L.F. torch two cars belonging to vivisectors. -A.L.F.
MARCH 31/96: Venice - activists released ten Thrushes caught by blood-junkies. Cages were also trashed causing 1,000,000 Lira damage. -A.L.F.

MARCH 31/96: Venice - Two fur shops and a butchers were vandalized. -A.L.F.

APRIL 11/96: Venice - the Padoan A.L.F. targeted a battery farm and rescued 35 hens. Over 1000 cages were opened, equipment was destroyed, a truck was badly damaged, a conveyor belt was destroyed and over 3000 eggs were contaminated. Damages were over 10,000,000 Lira.

APRIL 17/96: Boloona - activists rescue a pig and two Dorenmice from a vivisection lab. they also caused a great deal of damage to the lab, trashing several rooms and causing hundreds of million Lira damage. -A.L.F.

MAY 5/96: Reggio Emilia - over 2,300 mink were released from a fur farm causing over 60,000,000 Lira in damage. -A.L.F.

JUNE 17/96: Mestre - Two Furriers had their shops hit by arsonists. A.L.F. slogans left at the scene. -A.L.F.

JULY 20/96: Venice - Activists visit an abattoir. Rooms were flooded, knives, machinery, and a refrigerator cell destroyed. An expensive compressor was stripped down and many documents removed. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 5/96: Venelia - 150 cows and bulls rescued from a farm. A milk tanker was also trashed. - A.L.F.

OCTOBER 5/96: Cerignola - A butcher and a furrier were hit. Locks glued, slogans painted. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 14/96: Milano - Two furriers hit, acid poured over the windows causing damage. -A.L.F.

SWEDEN

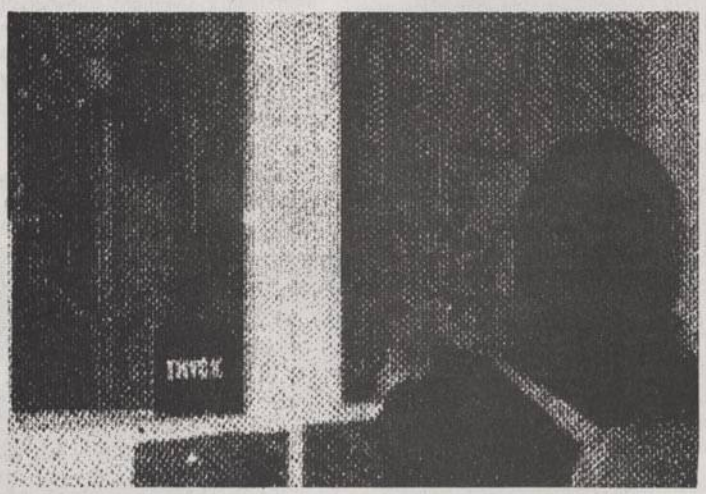
DATE UNKNOWN: Sundsvall - A meat factory is painted with "Murderer" and two expensive advertisement boards are destroyed. The signs' value is 33,000 Swedish Crowns, and insurance will NOT cover damages.

OCTOBER/96: Karlskrona - a fur shop had several windows smashed, causing over $2000 (US) damage.

DECEMBER/96: Stockholm - 2 furs shop hit, first has windows smashed, the second is paint-bombed.

DECEMBER/96: Malmo - 3 fur shops and 1 meat shop spray-painted with anti-meat slogans and had locks glued.

DECEMBER/96: Stockholm - An owl was freed from the Skansen zoo. Best of luck to him!



December D.B.F. raid and aftermath.



DECEMBER/96: Stockholm - A meat delivery truck had its windows smashed.

DECEMBER 5/96: Gothenburgh - Djurens Befrielse Front (Swedish A.L.F.) carried out an early morning sabotage action against the University of Gothenburgh, Dept. of Anatomy and cell Biology's vivisection lab. Two rats were rescued and placed in a loving home. Several computers and a variety of equipment was destroyed to a value of nearly one million SEK (roughly $200,000). The visitors took some interesting information on the researchers with them.

DECEMBER 17/97: Stockholm - Nestors meat factory receives a visit from militant vegans. Slogans painted included "Meat is Murder." The activists set fire to the building causing huge damages. This it the 4th arson

attack at this site.

JANUARY/97: Stockholm - Djurens Hamnare activists arson attack over 7 meat trucks two nights in a row at Scan (Sweden's largest meat company). Damage was over 3-4 millon SEK. Scan has had arson attacks directed against their vehicles and buildings in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Umea. Over 20 meat trucks have been completely destroyed.

FEBRUARY/97: Horsnas - The main building of a temporarily empty fur farm was hit and burned down by activists. -THE WILD MINK

FEBRUARY 2/97: location not given - a newly built meat factory belonging to Scan was hit. Electrical wires were burned and destroyed, preventing phones, computers and other electrical equipment from working. Intense damage caused by smoke. The building was to be opened the next day but was delayed several months by the attack.

FEBRUARY 23/97: Soderby (Osthammar) - A battary hen farm was raided and 8 hens were liberated. The hens were in bad condition but with love and care will heal. Slogans left behind included: "Liberate the Hens" and "DBF." -D.B.F.

FEBRUARY 24/97: Eksjo - An empty building belonging to a mink fur farm was burned. A feeding machine was also destroyed. - D.B.F.

FEBRUARY 26/97: Stockholm - A lab breeder, Mrs. Ann Hagstrom was visited. During 1993/94 Animal Avengers rescued rabbits and guinea-pigs from her during two different raids. This time, Animal libbers went through a window to her building. Rumours had it that she was back in business, but no guinea-pigs were found. Left behind by the activists was the message "Ann -- We See You!" in case she ever thinks of going back into business again.

MARCH 1/97: An anti-fur demo at a fur breeders meeting turned into a riot and several windows at the hotel hosting the meeting were smashed by masked activists.

MARCH 6/97: Stockholm - 2 meat-lorries at two different companies (100 meters away from each other) are burned out by animal activists.

MARCH 13/97: Gnasta - D.B.F. activists visited Ustarmalma's hunting school. Activist released between 400-500 birds, (geese, wild-duck, partridges, pheasants and other birds) from their cages and pens. The birds are bred and sold for hunts. Cages and pens were destroyed to a value of several hundred thousand dollars.

MARCH 30/97: Sundsvall - [Easter] a fur shop was spray-painted.

MARCH 30/97: Vetlanda - 2 meat trucks hit and windows and lights were smashed out. Slogans painted.

MARCH 30/97: Savsdo - A meat truck was hit with slogans.

MARCH 30/97: Boras - Three meat trucks burned and one more damaged by smoke. Damages were 3-4 million SEK.

DATE UNKNOWN - Sundsvall - A meat factory was painted with "Murderer" and two expensive billboard signs were destroyed (each valued at over 33,000 Swedish Crowns). Insurance refused to cover the damages.

MARCH 31/97: Horsnas: A fur farm was hit by a group called "THE WILD MINKS." The farm had room for 1500 mink, but at the time only had 500 breeding animals. Activists painted the main buidling outside and inside with slogans like "MURDERERS," "YOU ARE NEXT," "WE WILL BE BACK," "DIE," and "CLOSE DOWN." Everything in the main building was destroyed including clothing, medical supplies, the heating system, tools and equipment. 10 mink-traps were destroyed and the locking system of 600 cages were cut by bolt-cutters. All food supplies were destroyed. Waterpipes in two sheds were demolished and the breeding cards of 500 mink were stolen and destroyed. -THE WILD MINK

FINLAND

MAY/96: Lapeenranta - Fur store locks are glued. -E.V.R.

MAY/96: Lapeenranta - A number of meat truck had windows smashed and slogans painted on them. -E.V.R.

JUNE/96: Kuopio - Snelmann's meat office had a brick sent through the window.

JUNE/96: Imatra - A window of a McDonald's was smashed.

JUNE/96: Iittala - Several road construction vehicles had windows smashed and slogans painted on them. -E.V.R.

JULY/96: Kuopio - meat processor vandalized. 40,000 FIM damages. - E.V.R.

JULY/96: Tampere - Fur store visited and windows smashed.

JULY/96: Helsinki - Fur dressmakers windows smashed.

JULY/96: Turku - over 50,000 FIM damages done to a McDonald's, including a number of smashed windows.

JULY/96: Mikkeli - a McDonald's was vandalized.

JULY/96: Lohja - Owner of a local McDonald's complained to media about continued attacks and vandalism.

JULY/96: Tampere - Fur store vandalized.

AUGUST/96: Helsinki - Two fur stores (Tuganay and Valtonen) had their windows smashed in.

AUGUST/96: Lahti - Fur store windows smashed.

AUGUST/96: Hameenlinna - McDonald's windows smashed.

AUGUST/96: Jarvenpaa - A McDonald's and a Shell station were vandalized. -A.S.T.

AUGUST/96: Lappeenranta - Two fur stores had locks glued. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/96: Lappeenranta - McDonalds had 5 windows smashed. -E.L.F.

AUGUST/96: Lappeenranta - 3 McDonald's windows smashed, and "E.L.F." spraypainted on the walls. -E.L.F.

AUGUST/96: Imatra - McDonald's and their storage buildings were vandalized in "the usual way." -A.L.F.

AUGUST/96: Helsinki - McDonald's has 8 windows smashed and slogans painted, a second McDonald's was also visited and 18 windows were smashed and slogans were painted. -E.L.F.

SEPTEMBER/96: Kouvola - Fur store was vandalized.

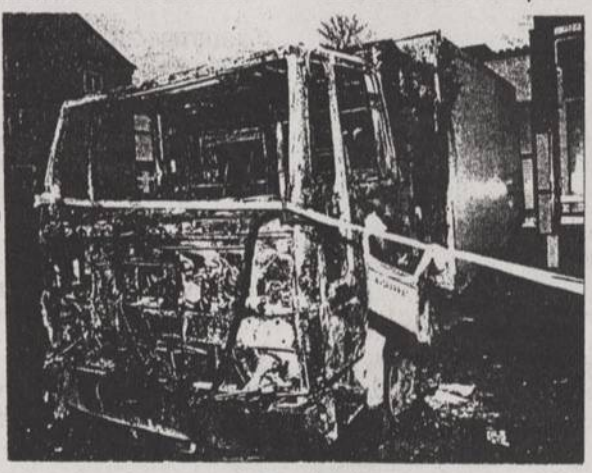
SEPTEMBER/96: Kuopio - A window at a McDonald's was smashed out and 2 signs from a Shell station were destroyed. -E.L.F.

SEPTEMBER/96: Jyvaskyla - Fur store visited and 4 windows smashed.

SEPTEMBER/96: Ijala - 10 windows smashed on road construction machines, slogans also spraypainted. -E.L.F.

OCTOBER/96: Orimattila - 150 cages opened on a fox fur farm. A number of fox were eventually re-caught, but several did escape.

OCTOBER/96: Orimattila - One week after the first fox farm raid, over 300 foxes were dyed with red henna and breeding records were stolen. The farmer stated that damages were over 200,000FIM. A radical news-office received a claim from the group called "the Color of Autumn." The described the action in detail and gave instructions on how to do similar actions.



Out of commission! Finnish A.L.F. strikes again.

OCTOBER/96: Tampere - 3 fur stores were vandalized.

OCTOBER/96: Hyryla - A fur retailer was visited and vandalized, slogans painted.

OCTOBER/96: Tampere - Two fur shops visited, 5 windows and a sign smashed at one, one window smashed at the other.

OCTOBER/96: Loviisa - Fur factory - slogans painted and a huge sign destroyed.

OCTOBER/96: Salo area - 4 hunting platforms destroyed.

OCTOBER/96: Helsinki - 2 fur stores paintbombed and slogans painted.

OCTOBER/96: Naantali - hunting platforms destroyed.

OCTOBER [EARTH NIGHT]/97: E.V.R. raid Kuopio University's vivisection labs and rescued a beagle pup. The dog is now in a loving home and doing well. The activists dedicated the liberation to all the animals they could not rescue from the labs.

NOVEMBER/96: Espoo - Fur dressmaker visited, slogans painted.

NOVEMBER/96: Lahti - McDonald's ad redesigned. Now reads: "McMurder destroys rainforests."

NOVEMBER/96: Orivesi - Hunting platform destroyed.

NOVEMBER/96: Karttula - EVR raid a vivisection breeding centre, rescuing a beagle. this was the first liberation raid against vivisection in Finland. The dog was in bad condition and activists described the breeding centre as a horrible place. -E.V.R.

NOVEMBER/96: Vantaa - 2 McDonald's were vandalized.

NOVEMBER/96: Tampere - fur store windows were smashed.

NOVEMBER/96: Anarkistinen Suora Toiminta (AST) [Anarchist Direct Action] vandalized property belonging to the army.

DECEMBER/97: Vantaa (near Helsinki) - several meat trucks burnt out.

DECEMBER/97: Tampere - fur farm raided, 50 foxes painted with red Henna colour, making their coats unmarketable.

DECEMBER/97: Helsinki - over 15 fur stores and several McDonald's had windows smashed.

DECEMBER/97: location unknown - a huge pelt processing plant belonging to Finland's second largest Fur Farm burned down. The building contained over 20,000 polecat pelts and 2000 fox fur pelts inside, as well as lots of machinery. Millions of Finnish marks worth of damage caused!

DECEMBER 3/97: Vantaa - Huge anti-fur demo turns violent near Helsinki. Rich scumbags from around the world had plans to attend an international fur auction. Busses carrying the scum were ambushed by over 200 Finnish and Swedish activists. Protesters occupied the busses, climbed on the roofs, smashed windows, covered the busses in paint and terrified the scum. Gustav Smulter, one of the Finnish Fur industry's biggest animal abusers was hit with plenty of red paint bombs. Police used tear-gas and violence to break the demo up. Activists were attacked and arrested, dragged away to the police bus -- three activists made their escape by smashing out the windows and climbing onto the roof -- they jumped while the bus was moving. Over 40 people arrested and facing charges including rioting, obstruction of police, criminal damage, obstructing the highway, and violent disorder. One of the best protests ever seen in Finland!

DECEMBER 24/96: Turku - Three meat trucks were hit in

an arson attack. Over $200,000 damage. Slogans left included "EVR" and "Leave the Animals Alone." -E.V.R.

JANUARY/97: Helsinki - Fur store window smashed in.

JANUARY/97: Kupio - Billboard ad for McDonald's smashed totally. Also hypermarkets sign ecotaged.

JANUARY/97: Kupio - McDonald's street ads sabotaged several times. E.L.F.

JANUARY/97: Joensuu - fur shop paintbombed and slogans painted.-E.V.R.

JANUARY/97: Helsinki - McDonald's toilets blocked and damaged.

LATE JANUARY/97: Helsinki - 11 rabbits were liberated by the A.L.F. during a raid on a vivisection lab. All rabbits are now in good and caring homes free from the hands of the vivisectors. This raid is dedicated to Barry Horne and his courageos hungerstrike.

FEBRUARY/97: Helsinki - several fur shops lose their windows. E.V.R.

FEBRUARY/97: Kuopio - Fur store lost 4 windows and slogans painted. The hit was dedicated to the memory of Jill Phipps.

SLOVAK

DECEMBER/95: Modra - A meat shop and a pet shop had locks glued and animal liberation slogans painted on walls.- A.L.F.

DATE NOT GIVEN: Topolcany - meat shop and advertisement boards sloganized. Poultry meat shop sloganized and locks glued. Egg shop spraypainted. -A.L.F.

DATE NOT GIVEN: Prievidza - Circus Kludsky ads are destroyed. 1 meat shop sloganized, 4 meat and 1 fur shop had locks glued. Hunting shop advertisement board destroyed. 18 hunting platforms cut down. Meat delivery van sloganized. - A.L.F.

JANUARY/96: Bratislava - Hunting shop had its locks glued, windows sprayed with red paint and sloganized. -A.L.F.

FEBRUARY/96: Bratislava - Meat shop sprayed on two occasions with slogan "MEAT IS MURDER". -A.L.F.

MARCH/96: Bratislava - Fur shop sloganized. Liska fur shop hit with red paint and door locks glued. Also, advertisement board of Hyko (mass producer of turkeys) destroyed. -A.L.F.

MARCH/96: Zilina - 7 meat and one fur shop had windows smashed. - A.L.F.

APRIL/96: Bratislava - Hunting platform cut down. Bulbs filled with red paint thrown on Hyko billboard. Also, a meat shop was sloganized and two advertisements of Aquarium Terarium shop destroyed. A fur shop was also sloganized. -A.L.F.

APRIL/96: Bratislava - 46 advertisement boards of circus Arles destroyed. Posters pulled down or stickered with "Performance Cancelled." -A.L.F.

MAY/96: Bratislava - 14 advertisement boards of circus Arles destroyed. A meat shop and a McDonald's billboard sloganized. -A.L.F.

MAY/96: Modra - pet shop sloganized "TRADE WITH LIFE," windows sprayed with green coloured paint. A meat shop was also sloganized. -A.L.F.

JUNE/96: Bratislava - Lighting McDonald's advertisement destroyed. Also, McDonald's advertisement boards on road flyover sloganized. Another ad board was removed and smashed. A hunting platform was destroyed. -A.L.F.

JUNE/96: Zilina - 6 meat and 2 fur shops had windows smashed. -A.L.F.

JULY/96: Bratislava - Fur and meat shop sloganized. Stickers "MEAT HURTS" placed directly on meat products in Kmart supermarket. 2 McDonald's billboards sloganized. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/96: Bratislava - Fur shop sloganized, locks glued, advertisement board destroyed. Two McDonald's lighting advertisements were also smashed. Paint bombs thrown on Hyko turkey billboard. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/96: Zvolen - 31 advertisement boards of Circus Kludsky destroyed. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER/96: Bratislava - Circus Alex: over 250 advertisement boards destroyed, as well posters were pulled down and/ or stickered with "PERFORMANCE CANCELLED" or animal liberation slogans. Meat industry advertisement posters were destroyed. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER/96: Bratislava - Circus Grant-Berousek: over 90 ad boards were destroyed. Circus Kludsky: posters pulled down and over 110 ad boards were destroyed. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER/96: Bratislava - Activists took part in a daylight lab raid liberating a dog from very bad conditions. Messages were left including "STOP ANIMAL TORTURE" and "A.L.F." on the walls. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER/96: Bratislava - on several different occasions hunting platforms were attacked. 2 hunting platforms destroyed, 2 partly destroyed, at least one platform burned. Windows and lights on a hunting cottage were smashed and a search light destroyed. - A.L.F.

OCTOBER/96: Bratislava - Meat industry ads heavily attacked. Hyko turkey billboard paintbombed, 20 meat advertisements destroyed or sloganized with "MEAT IS MURDER." Billboard promoting a poultry company sloganized. McDonald's billboard destroyed. Also, anti-zoo stickers and slogans placed on cages and information boards in the zoo. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER/96: Bratislava - McDonald's lighting advertisement destroyed. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER/96: Bratislava - carp fish kiosk burned. -A.L.F.

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

The following activists have charged with alleged participation in mink farm raids and will shortly be facing trials. They desperately require financial support.:

CAFT ACTIVISTS FRAMED FOR A.L.F. ACTIONS

Four members of the Boston chapter of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade have been charged with allegedly breaking in at Carmel Mink Ranch in Hinsdale MA,. Authorities charge that the activists destroyed cages and released a number of mink. *See **Letters to Underground, page 4**, for more details.*

Originally, bail for Jaime Roth, Warren Upsom, and Grant Upsom was set at $10,000, but they were later released on their own recognizance. Alex Smolak, identified by the prosecution as a "ringleader," was originally held on $25,000 bond, but it was later reduced to $1,000. All activists are currently out of jail. At this point in time, all four are still in need of money to cover legal costs. The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade is raising money for these activists as well as any others that may be accused of A.L.F. activity in relation to anti-fur campaigns.

Donations for legal and court costs can be mailed to:
CAFT
PO Box 822411
Dallas, TX 75382, USA
Please mark it for the "MASS. 4"

or:

MASS 4 SUPPORT COMMITTEE
BOX 80632
MPLS, MN, 55408-8632, USA



ONTARIO MINK RAIDS END IN ARRESTS

5 American activist were arrested Sunday, March 30, after 1,800 mink were freed from cages at a Beleheim fur farm, near Chatham Ontario. The three women and two men from the Detroit area were arrested outside Ebert's Fur Farm, which had been hit two weeks earlier by the Earth Liberation Front. Mink cages were opened at at least four holes were cut in the farm's perimeter fence. Breeding cards over each cage were also removed — damage estimates range between $90,000 to $500,000.

Unfortunately, it would appear that two of the activists have made damaging statements to the police which may implicate the other activists. Funds raised will go towards the support of the three remaining activists. Earmark any donations "Chatham 3." Please support Hilma Ruby, Pat Dodson and Gary Yourofsky

Funds can be sent to the NA-A.L.F.S.G. (payable to "NAALFSG)

Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St.
Willowdale, Ontario, Canada
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DIRECT ACTION DEFENSE FUND (payable to "DADF"
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NEWS BRIEFS

ANTI-NUKE PROTESTS ROCK GERMANY

MARCH :The first week of March saw the biggest ever mobilisation of police in peacetime Germany to force through a shipment of nuclear waste containers to the storage depot at Gorleben, near Hamburg.

Over 30,000 Police were mobilised for the operation which began when 6 storage flasks (Castors) were moved from their base at Neckar Westheim in Southern Germany the previous Friday. Protests happened during the weekend, with 30,000 people marching in Luneburg, and transport links being sabotaged. The transports were moved by train as far as Dannenburg, where they were confronted by nearly 3000 people the night they arrived. Tracks were cut through, and people cemented themselves to the rails, delaying the arrival by over 8 hours.

For the last 15 kilometres to Gorleben by road, the Castors were loaded onto specially reinforced lorries. They were confronted by massive resistance. There were only 2 possible routes, and one of these was made impassable by 50 tractors belonging to local farmers blocking the road, with tunnels dug under the road as well. The other route was lined with Police virtually the whole way, and a new law was passed, making it illegal to go within 50 metres of the road.

At midnight on Monday the Police began moving over 4000 people who were sitting in front of the gates by the Castors, initially picking them up, then hosing them with water cannon, and finally drawing truncheons on them. Some people dangled from trees above the Castors. It took over 8 hours to remove them all. When the Castors were finally ready to move, thousands of people who had been staying in different camps near the route were mobilised, employing various tactics. They were confronted by 1000 Autonome (German anarchist types) in a field outside the village of Quickborn, who erected burning barricades. A full-scale battle ensued, with the German state employing helicopters, water cannon, and armoured cars to force the transports through.

Later, a group of 50 protesters managed to get to the Castors, with one man locking on to the trucks. At one point riot Police who had tried to slash the tires of tractors blocking the road, were chased away by a crowd of over 100 people, and then had to be rescued by helicopter! Because the route was so heavily policed, the Castors were hardly delayed once they had begun, but the got through at an estimated cost of 53m DM, and with accusations by opposition MPs of gross mismanagement. It is unlikely that there will be any more transports for 2 years, and with over 60% of Germans opposed to nuclear power, and thousands prepared to take direct action, it is questionable that the authorities will ever be able to repeat such an operation.

SEA SHEPHERD CAPTAIN ARRESTED IN NETHERLANDS

APRIL: Paul Watson, president of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society and long-time proponent of direct-action environmentalism, was seized Wednesday by Netherlands police acting on behalf of the Norwegian government. Three days earlier, Watson had been arrested by German authorities and then released when they declined to extradite to Norway.

Norway wants Watson to serve a sentence handed down when he was convicted in absentia for anti-whaling protest activities in Norway. According to the Sea Shepherd's International Director, Lisa Distefano, "If Paul is imprisoned in Norway, we know he'll never leave alive."

Watson was arrested March 31st by German authorities in the port of Bremerhaven while supervising the transfer of a Sea Shepherd vessel in preparation for a campaign against illegal drift netting in the Mediterranean. He was seized by Dutch police in Amsterdam. At a preliminary hearing in The District of Haarlem Court, Judge Toeter ordered Watson held for 20 days to allow Norway to make a formal request for extradition.

"Since 1986 it has been illegal to kill whales, and Norway has defied that law," said Watson. "We have continued to focus our protest activities on Norway's illegal whaling. We will put Norway on trial in the Netherlands court and use this opportunity to further expose Norway's illegal activities to the world."

For further information contact the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society at Tel: (310) 301-7325. Fax: (310) 574-3161.

Support the Gandalf Six

"You'll say people can speak freely until the speech begins to threaten your idea of so-called freedom. then folks ain't free to speak, they're kicked, punched, clubbed,stomped, handcuffed, shot- jailed by the cops and jailed again by you the judges when the trial takes place." (John Africa, The Judges Letter).

"Free speech is a crime - punishable by State brutality and false arrests!" (Mumia Abu-Jamal, Free Speech = Police Riot, The Blast No.6)

On January 16, 1995 British police acting for Special Branch's "Animal Rights National Index" (ARNI) launched a series of 55 or more dawn raids throughout England, resulting in the arrests of four GREEN ANARCHIST magazine Editors, the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) Press Officer and the then Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group newsletter Editor. The six were eventually charged with "conspiring together to incite persons unknown" and "to commit criminal damage." In reality, most of the six had never met each other and some had never even heard of each other, prior to their arrests.

The Gandalf (GA and A.L.F.)defendants' crimes are to have published animal liberation news in GREEN ANARCHIST magazine, to have spoken about Animal Liberation Front activity, or to be somehow to be connected to those that have. Police links between activists are as tenuous as individuals attending the same rally or perhaps receiving a letter sent out by another.

As British law now stands, the State does not have to prove that any actual criminal damage was committed, or that anyone was actually incited. Neither do they have to show that any "conspirator" had connections to anyone doing illegal actions -- only that the defendants intended others to be incited and that when illegal direct action occurred, the "defendant would have wished this to have happened."

The normal defence in cases of incitement is to argue that the alleged inciting material was not circulated -- obviously you can't incite someone with material they've not seen. However, in a "Conspiracy to Incite" case this defence does not hold. With a Conspiracy to Incite, anything ever written by the defendant can be used as evidence of intent. As well, a conspirators' associates or beliefs can also be used as evidence against the defendant. The burden of proof is on those facing prosecution to show that they did not intend to incite anyone.

Interestingly, when THE TIMES reports animal liberation actions, they are not deemed to be inciting similar actions since they are not seen as wanting the acts to occur. However, when GREEN ANARCHIST reports the exact same news, the State sees it as evidence of intent to incite since GREEN ANARCHIST "supports such actions and therefore would of wished them to occur."

Why Green Anarchist? Why now?

The case against the Gandalf Defendants is a culmination of ARNI's Operation Washington against the British A.L.F. Press Officer. For years ARNI have been trying to frame the A.L.F. Press Officer in order to silence him and remove a major voice of

A.L.F. Support.

During the course of operation Washington, the officers involved 'discovered' GREEN ANARCHIST magazine was also reporting animal lib direct action news. Although the reports came from sources entirely independent of the A.L.F. Press Office, the police hope to link the A.L.F. Press Office with GREEN ANARCHIST magazine and silence both. Conspiracy laws allow them to scuttle any effective defence . Similarily, the linking of the former A.L.F. Supporters Group Newsletter Editor with "the conspiracy" was also aimed at attacking another source of information about the Animal Liberation Front.

Another focus of the case is on the activities of the Earth Liberation Front (E.L.F.). Since the early 90's, militant green activity in Britain and across Europe has escalated dramatically. In 1993, ARNI extended its shadow over the militant green movement. Links between militant greens and animal liberation activists were established. For

example, someone who might be seen demonstrating against live animal exports one day could also be a familiar figure fighting against road developments and the destruction of woodlands. One of the most spectacular E.L.F. actions to take place was when activists broke into the Department of Transport's central London offices and trashed more than one hundred computers, before making off with a number of hard drives. GREEN ANARCHIST has regularly reported the activity of the Earth Liberation Front and indeed at least one of its editors is well known to be involved with the Earth Liberation Prisoners Support network (E.L.P.), an international support group that circulates the details of people arrested/jailed for eco-defence reasons.

The attack on the Gandalf Defendants should not be seen in isolation. Right across Europe police are cracking down on militant publications and groups that support direct action. In Holland, the eco-zine RAVAGE was raided after they published an Earth Liberation Front press release claiming responsibility for a bomb attack on empty building owned by a German company linked with dumping toxic waste. In Germany, police used a series of arsons as their excuse to raid TIERBERFREIUNG AKTUELL, a radical animal liberation magazine that reports German A.L.F. activity. Meanwhile the Finnish A.L.F. Supporters Group was actually forced to close down after the police launched series of raids and continually harassed known animal liberation activists after two high profile Elainten Vapautus Rimtama (Finnish A.L.F.) actions.

What happens next?

The Gandalf Defendants have no intention of presenting themselves as victims. Such spectacles may please the State and gutless fluffies with no stomach for direct action, but such apologists do not help to create change. The fluffies who apologize for, and distance themselves from, A.L.F./E.L.F. activity are the enemies of the movement. This case is really not about the guilt or innocence of six individuals, but about making our movement strong enough to withstand police repression. If the police are allowed to outlaw support for the A.L.F./E.L.F. and can criminalize the reporting of illegal actions, then the police will have the power to shut down any group or publication they feel is a threat. The Gandalf Defendants are on the front-line fighting against legislation that will be used against the whole Animal/Earth liberation movement, not just in Britain but across Europe and possibly further afield. Defending the Gandalf Six is about defending yourselves. Should the Gandalf Defendants be found guilty they face a maximum ten years in prison.

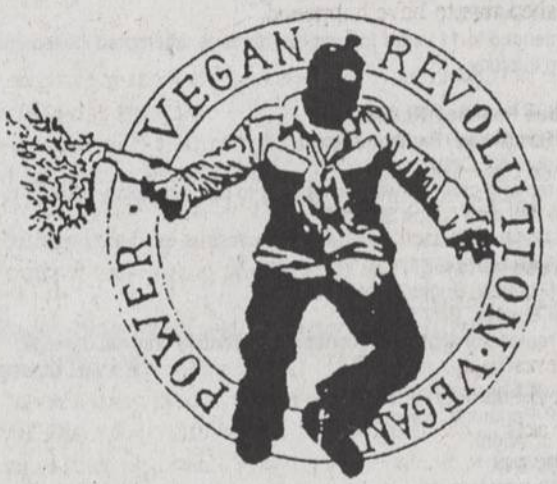
Some Good News...

During the 9-13th December 1996 committal hearing in Portsmouth, the Special Branch officer for Operation Washington, DI Des Thomas, admitted the case was doomed unless A.L.F. press Officer Robin Webb was tried alongside the other five defendants. Unfortunately for ARNI, Robin Webb was able to walk away since the evidence presented against him was already used in an earlier case against him -- he can't be tried twice on the same evidence!

More to come...

For more information about the case and how you can help the defendants, contact:

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ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

UNITED STATES

Rod Coronado #03895000,
FCI Unit SW,8901S Wilmot Rd,
Tuscon, AZ85706, USA
Sentenced to a total of 57 months for aiding and abetting arson and handling stolen property in connection with acting as spokesperson for the North American ALF, and for damaging government property as a protest against the treatment of native Americans.(Rod is a member of the Yaqui Nation)



UNITED KINGDOM

NEW
Kenny Gloster HG3042
HMP Bedford, St. Loyes St. Bedford, MK40 1HG
Charged with criminal damage against a butchers and theft from an animal lab.

Dave Callender HV 3314
HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Rd, Birmingham, B18 4AS
Currently appealing against a 10 year sentence for conspiracy to cause arson. Appeal due to be heard very soon.

Darren Cole XD2301,
HMP Cornhill, Shepton Mallet,
Somerset BA4 5LU
Serving 3 years for arson on farm buildings used in the live export trade.

Michael Green AV2923
HMP Ashwell, Oakham, LEICS LE15 7LF
Co-defendant of Melanie Arnold, who has been sentenced to 3 1/2 years for the Ensor's slaughterhouse arson attack and a further 1 1/2 years for an attempted arson attack at Padbury's cattle transporters, in Northampton.

Barry Horne
HMP Bristol, Cambridge Rd, Horfield,
Bristol BS7 8PS
On remand, awaiting trial, on charges of attempting to cause damage by arson.
Recently ended his hungerstrike.

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



Gillian Peachey RL3415
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road,
London. N7 ONU
On remand charged with conspiracy to use incendiary devices to cause criminal damage by arson.
New trial date : June 30th '97

Mick Roberts GE3743
HMP Lewes, Brighton Road, Lewes,
East Sussex. BN7 1EA
On remand charged with conspiracy to cause criminal damage.

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

PRISONER LIST CONTINUED:

Charles Skinner 24250,
HMP La Moye, St Beades, Jersey,
Channel Islands.
Sentenced to 4 years for causing over L322,000 worth of damage by arson to Jersey Zoo visitors centre.

Barbara Trenholm RL 1292
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road,
London. N7 ONU
Sentenced to 10 years for arson against the White Hart pub which the prosecution claim was in connection with the campaign against live exports. She maintains her innocence.

Justin Wright CE3046
HMP YOI, Portland,
Dorset DT5 1DL
Sentenced to 5 years for the same offence, as above. He maintains his innocence.

HOLLAND

Frank Kocera Reg. No 1648820
Penitentiaire Inrichtingen 'Over Amstel'
Postbus 41901, 1009 CE Amsterdam.
Frank was sentenced to 3 years, with 8 months probation for his part in various arson attacks against the meat industry and painting slogans on a butcher's.

U.S. CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE PRISONER INFO:

A number of US animal activists just been released from jail, serving time for their part in several anti-fur civil disobedience demonstrations. During their incarceration, activists participated in hungerstrike protests. The following demands were put forth by the activists:

1. A federal ban on the leg-hold trap. Lawmakers are attempting to introduce a bill to end this practice but the hunting/trapping lobby is holding it back.

2. The U.S. must end its opposition to the European Union wild fur ban. The U.S. has been threatening to sue the EU over its plans to impose a fur ban.

3. The State of New York must kill a "Beaver Butchery" bill. The legislation is now pending in New York, and it would legalize snares for beaver, causing them painful deaths.

Currently, only one anti-fur activist remains in prison:

Jeff Watkins
Box 143,
Jamesville
NY, 13078, USA

Serving a 7 month sentence for damaging a fur coat and for participating in non-violent protest against the fur industry.

Congratulations to Tony, Stacey and everyone else who made it through.
Keep up the good work.

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