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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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A few thank-yous from the editor:

I'd like to take a moment thank everyone for their patient wait for this issue of *Underground*. Due to a number of recent events, in particular those revolving around Clinton Colby Ellerman and the arrests that resulted from his statements, *Underground* had been on hold until all the information that passed our desks could be digested. As readers know, the NA-A.L.F.S.G. has a strict policy of reviewing all available documents that deal with police stooges/grassing before releasing statements condemning anyone as an informer. We'll not get into it much here, but every reader should take a moment and review the article on the Utah situation that follows this editorial.

Also to be found in this issue is a lengthy and detailed piece by U.S. A.L.F. prisoner, Rod Coronado, addressing a recent trend amongst some U.S. activists who, as one-time A.L.F. supporters, now make it a major focus in their campaigns to attack the A.L.F. and its methods. The purpose of this article is not to give unnecessary attention to critics of militant direct action, but more to examine the very necessary role of the A.L.F. and like-minded groups within the animal/earth liberation movement today. Love it or lump it, the A.L.F. has had a direct hand in many of the victories we celebrate in the war against animal abuse. Rod's article provides insights into the mindset of both the militant activists taking the war to the abusers doorsteps, and those activists who spend their time running to the media shouting, "This puts the movement back twenty years!"

Our ***"You ROCK!"*** award without question has to go to activists busy causing mayhem in picturesque Sweden. Nearly every day we receive word about a new Swedish mink farm raid or a well planned attack against an animal abuser -- and while there still seems to be some internal politics working themselves out amongst activists in Sweden -- the folk there must be amongst the most active in the world at this moment. A recent report leaked by the Swedish security police, SAPO, states that animal liberation related "crimes" jumped from 84 in 1996 to 340 in 1997. If the pages of our Diary of Action are any indication, we can't wait to see the numbers for 1998 and beyond. Inspired by the work being performed by their American cousins, fur farm raids continue at an unprecedented rate, showing no sign of abating. Well, no matter what country you're active in, it's important you know that we love you and thank you everything you're doing for the animals. Stick it to the bastards!

On a more local note, we'd like to thank a number of groups and individuals who have shown us so much support. Firstly, there are a number of long-term contributors who have been so generous with funds -- without all of your support, the work we do could never have happened. You know who you are -- thank you. Also, our thanks to the fine folk at Toronto's anarchist info shop, Who's Emma, for stocking the complete line of NA-A.L.F.S.G. merchandise (visit the shop if you're ever in Toronto!), and to the organizers of **Active Resistance '98**, who kindly allowed us to host a workshop on animal liberation and prisoner support during their 5-day gathering. We met a number of activists from across North America, and we appreciate your support and dedication. Love and lib to Darren, *No Compromise*, Gina, Katie, A.L.F.S.G. UK, M/M & X for contributing to the new buttons, Josh, *Profane Existence*, *FactSheet 5* and other zines that have shown support and spread the word

RCMP, CISIS, FBI, ATF, vivisectors, multi-nationals, fur shop owners, animal abusers and police informers everywhere. Go suck a lemon.

Yer Editor,
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Letters to Underground



Chatham 3 update... MORE DELAYS

The Chatham 3 appeared in court on Monday, September 28, where a trial date was once again suppose to be set for October or November. However, for the umpteenth time, we were delayed once again. The judge rescheduled our assignment court date for November 16. So, now it looks like our trial won't be set until late December or early January of 1999. Nevertheless my good vegans, the trial will go on and, if convicted, the 40-day hunger strike WILL go on as well.

Incidentally, traitor Alan Hoffman, was suppose to be sentenced on September 8. However, his lawyer, Frank Miller, never showed up. He is scheduled once again to be sentenced on November 2. FYI, the Crown Attorney wants to keep Hoffman around for our trial so he can testify on the stand against us. Technically, his statement implicating The Chatham 3 is inadmissable until he takes the stand. Therefore, our lawyers want him sentenced and done with because once Hoffman is in the U.S., Canada cannot force him back to testify. I will keep everybody apprised of the situation as details become available.

Liberation Now,
Gary Yourofsky

UK PRISONER, DARREN COLE WRITES

Hello Everyone, it's me, Daz!
Well, firstly I'd like to say I'm very sorry for not writing for what seems like a life time, but this was due to conditions placed on me for my release -- and tonight I thought to hell with the conditions and to hell with the system that has so many of our brothers and sisters imprisoned. I very much hope everyone is Okay and looking after themselves. I'm Okay. I'm hoping to come to the states some time next year, as I'm free February -- Wey Hey!

I'm looking forward to getting back into action which is one of the reasons I'm writing: Just to say a big thank you all, not only for the support I've received, but to say a big "well done" for everything we've managed to do as a team and family. We've all been through a lot, but we've stuck together through thick and thin, i.e.: If we all look back, we've been laughed at by governments and by certain members of the public, but I don't see many people laughing any more... all I see is good, caring people who have stuck by the cause and fought hard and long for what we all want: Humanity and compassion. We may have to fight that little bit longer, but we are so close to winning and I myself am very proud to be a part of it. I'm not too good with words, but I just thought as we never realize what good we are doing I'd like to say a big thank you and well done. No matter what the system (government) throws at us to try and stop us, it will never work. Some of us may live thousands of miles away from each other, but we are all united as one. God bless you all.
No Compromise!

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Mail Bombs, etc. Cross the Line

Dear *Underground* letters,
The English action report about the letter bombs in issue #11 is very troubling. Your own guidelines insist that *human life* be respected too, so how can these people be considered part of the A.L.F.?

I also think sending bombs thru the mail is the worst form of cowardice! These people don't even have the guts to take their anger and passion directly to the source and confront their targets or bomb their offices with them not present. Consider yourself scorned, you idiots!

I am sympathetic, but attempted murder and death threats (there as one elsewhere in the issue) cross the line for me. If some members of the A.L.F. want to cross that line, then form a separate organization and go for it. *Underground* is probably inhaled by people who want you in jail, and they will be quite happy to tar and feather ALL A.L.F. people with the blood of anyone who is bombed or shot successfully.
T.K., California

UK PRISONER UPDATE: GEOFF SHEPPARD

Dear NA-A.L.F.S.G.
Just a note to thank you for sending me issues 10 and 11 of *Underground*. It's really good, and is quickly consumed!

As for my release -- well, my first possible parole date is this November. November 98. However, I'm sorry to say that it is extremely unlikely that I will get parole My second chance at parole will be in November 99, but I'm not expecting to get it even then. Without pa-

role, my release date is in January 2000, and that's the date I'm working towards. Since this is my second sentence for the animal liberation cause, and since I still hold to my beliefs, it's just highly unlikely that they will let me out any sooner than they have to. I hope I'm wrong!

So, life grinds on as usual here, and I'm O.K. I've managed to have a few brief conversations with Keith since he's been here, and (despite everything) he's as irrepressible as ever! You've got to admire the bloke.

I was really sorry to hear that Josh is in custody now. He is much in my thoughts, and I wish him (and all Animal Liberation prisoners) all the inner strength they need, to face what may lie ahead.

Many thanks for your support.
Best Wishes,
Individuality, Solidarity and animal liberation.

Geoff Sheppard, MD1030
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LIBERATORS NEEDED: THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE

To the A.L.F.:
I read what you are doing to save animals, and feel so thankful there are people like you around.

Is there any chance of some of you animal liberators liberating the pigeons to be tortured and killed in the annual Hegins Pigeon Shoot in Hegins Pennsylvania on Labor Day (1st Monday in September)? Maybe some of your McDonald's fire-bombers could come bomb that plaque in the park honoring a leader of the shoot (the originator, I think) as well as the items in the park bought with the pigeon's blood.

Thank you for your time.
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GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CROP ACTIONS: UNITED KINGDOM

The UK Government has been asked to stop disclosing the locations of test sites of genetically engineered crops to prevent attacks by a new breed of "eco-terrorist".

Companies developing the controversial crops are worried by the growing number of guerrilla-style attacks aimed at preventing the plants being grown commercially in Britain. The first such crop, an engineered variety of oilseed rape, is close to receiving official approval, and farmers could be free to plant it as soon as next spring. It has been made resistant to herbicide, so that farmers can spray weeds in the crop without damaging it.

Over the past two months militant opponents of the new technology have damaged plants at a score of sites in England and Scotland. AgrEvo, a German biotechnology company with a base at East Winch, near King's Lynn, in Norfolk, has 40 trial plots around Britain growing genetically modified oilseed rape, sugar beet, maize and potatoes.

"During the past few months five of the 40 sites have been attacked, and we fear that many more will be damaged," Des D'Souza, a company product manager, said.



"VIGILANTES' TARGET CAT-KILLING SUSPECT

July 29/98 MONTREAL -- Posters screaming an accused cat-killer's name, address and phone Number were plastered on every mailbox and telephone pole in the Mile End district of the city.

The neighbourhood, in the city's east end, has been covered with signs about missing cats for months. Last month city workers found a garbage bag filled with mutilated cats. A search of the area turned up 10 dead felines in total.

The signs read "Cat Killer" in French and listed the suspect's name, address and phone number and instructed residents to call a Montreal police station for more information.

Police don't know who made the signs but warned the perpetrator could be charged with mischief, Sgt. Sylvain Bissonnette said.

"People were surprised the suspect was released," Bissonnette said. The suspect was arrested and released July 16 and the Quebec attorney general took over the investigation. No court date has been set.

Neysa Murray's cat Pousseline disappeared three months ago. Murray's mother, Jan, formed the Mile End Animal Advocacy Group to lobby the city and the police to do something about the disappearing cats.

Neysa Murray said she didn't see the posters, which police have taken down now, but she thinks they were a good idea. "If the cops aren't going to do anything and we can't go clobber the guy, what are we going to do?"

Montreal police will not release the suspect's name in this specific case because they are worried about the suspect's safety and endangering the attorney general's investigation.

OILPATCH HIT BY PAIR OF BOMBINGS

August 4, 1998 Beaverlodge, Canada - Police are blaming a group of militant environmentalists for two weekend bomb attacks on natural gas installations near Beaverlodge, 560 km northwest of Edmonton.

A sweet gas well was destroyed Friday and a sour gas pipeline was damaged in separate bomb attacks. Both the well and the pipeline are owned by Alberta Energy Co.

The gas well was not operating when Friday's explosion occurred and an automatic valve shut off the pipeline late Sunday.

Beaverlodge RCMP Sgt. Don MacKay told reporters, "The kind of people who do this kind of thing -- how do you know when they're going to strike next?"

Based on evidence collected so far, MacKay believes the bombers are a small group of militant environmentalists trying to protect the Peace River area's natural resources.

He avoids using the term "eco-terrorists," saying he doesn't want to "glamorize these people. We call it 'criminal vandalism.' "

There have been more than 100 acts of industrial vandalism in the Beaverlodge area -- including damage to wells, nails spread on roads and pipes punctured by drills -- over the past two years, says MacKay. A Telus propane tank was punctured by a high-powered rifle bullet. An employee found an explosive device attached to a Rife Resources pipeline in July, and in June a bomb exploded at another Alberta Energy pipeline.

Alberta Energy posted a $50,000 reward which still stands after its office at Hythe northwest of Beaverlodge was hit by a high-powered bullet Oct 27, 1997.

Alberta Energy spokesperson Dick Wilson said extra security, damage and lost production has cost his company more than $1 million over the past two years.

Local environmentalists deny any responsibility for the attacks. Spokesperson Henry Pirker says oil industry pollutants are rapidly destroying the Peace River's renowned agricultural potential. "Nature can't handle it anymore, and people are losing patience. I wish there was some other way to get through to the government, but there isn't."

"These are desperate people."

INTERNET DIVISION OF A.L.F.: Activists to Hack Animal Abusers

In a communique released on the world-wide-web, the Internet Division of the Animal Liberation Front announced that the Internet will no longer be a safe haven for animal abusers to push their bloody trades.

"We will take offensive actions to damage animal abusers on the Internet in any way possible. This may include Denial of Service attacks, Virii attacks, e-mail bombing, hacking web servers. We have already cracked numerous computer systems and borrowed useful data, in the future we will also destroy data."

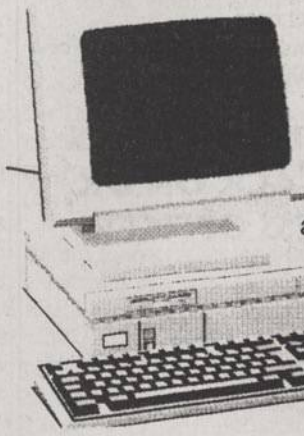
According to the group, all animal abusers and animal abusing establishments on the Internet are valid targets.

"In this day and age when most large animal abuse establishments have a presence on the Internet they use the world wide web for selling their blood products and for pushing their warped ideals to the masses. As other warriors free animals from concentration camp around the world, we will take the war to the Internet.

"Our cell has already been active for one year and has under taken many actions against animal abusers. Recently other A.L.F.I.D. volunteers have formed autonomous cells."

LOGGERS KILL HEADWATERS EARTH FIRST! PROTESTER

Humboldt Co. California — David Chain, an Earth First! Headwaters Forest activist also known as Gypsy, from Texas, was killed Sept. 17, while trying to protect trees from being cut down. Loggers were felling trees in an area close to a publicly known protest near Grizzly Creek, an area just



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outside the Headwaters Deal acquisition area, but considered vital to the integrity of the forest by ecologists. A tree felled by the loggers hit another tree which fell on Chain, causing severe head injuries. He died in a helicopter en route to the hospital.

A video taken by Earth First! activists in Grizzly Creek captured the hostile voice of a PL faller threatening their lives less than an hour before David "Gypsy" Chain was killed by a falling tree. The video blatantly contradicts Pacific Lumber's claim that the company "had no knowledge" that Chain and others were nearby in Grizzly Creek. In fact, the logger who later cut the tree that killed David Chain can be heard furiously shouting obscenities and vowing to get his "pistol." Several other Earth First! activists were just six feet away from Chain when the tree came crashing down.

Contrary to Pacific Lumber's public statements, David Chain's death was the inevitable result of the timber company's deliberate campaign of violence toward environmental activists. In the last year, Earth First! protesters have been hog-tied and lowered from tree top perches and had their tree sit safety lines cut by PL climbers. Loggers have cut trees in the direction of tree sitters, and have threatened lives by cutting trees with activists in them. Logging helicopters have been used to harass and endanger treesitters, such Julia Butterfly, flying within feet of their platforms and whipping up forceful winds. Recently, activists encountered a "goon squad" of PL employees in the Mattole watershed who chased, threatened and assaulted community members who were trying to stop illegal logging in their home. The escalating use of violence by Pacific Lumber has been ignored by Humboldt County law enforcement.

This vigilantism in the woods also threatens the safety of PL employees. Logging rates as one of the most dangerous occupations in the country. PL's policy requiring logging crews to also act as company thugs only adds more risk to employees in the woods. The tragic death of David Chain under these circumstances shows clearly that to PL, profits are more important than human life. Earth First! activists who witnessed the tragic death of their comrade David Chain will cooperate with a full investigation into the incident and its causes. Earth First! will continue to protest Pacific Lumber's illegal logging in Grizzly Creek in David's name.

For more information on this, or other Earth First! demos/projects/ publications, e-mail or phone:
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MAIL-BOMB GAS ATTACK ON UK PRESS OFFICER

ALF Press Officer Robin Webb and his wife Margaret needed medical treatment shortly after Robin opened an envelope addressed to him c/o Cambridge Animal Rights.

The envelope was white and had P.O. Box No. 114, London E1 8HL printed on the front in the top left hand corner. The address on the envelope was also typed or printed.

The envelope contained a second envelope, within which was a white powder.

Robin and Margaret began to feel the effects even before he opened the second envelope. Their eyes and noses began to run and their eyes became sore. Robin described the symptoms as being similar to those caused by CS gas, so it is quite possible that the substance was CS gas crystals. It has been passed to the police who are having it analyzed.

At this point, similar letters have NOT been received by any other animal campaigners, so this may be an isolated incident. Nevertheless all animal liberation campaigners should be careful at all times when opening mail. It is inevitable that as the animal abusers get more and more pushed up against the wall, some of them will fight back - and our mail is an obvious avenue for this.

POLICE GUARD SWEDISH MCDONALD'S TO FEND OFF ATTACKS

Sept 25/98 STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Police surrounded a new McDonald's in northern Sweden to prevent an attack on the fast-food restaurant by protesters ahead of its grand opening.

Some 50 students were demonstrating outside the restaurant in the northern university town of Umea under the watchful eyes of about 15 police after vandals broke windows and threw red paint on its outside walls earlier this week.

The restaurant was set to open later Friday and would be the fast-food giant's first outlet in Umea.

"Young people here have started an anti-McDonald's campaign," McDonald's spokeswoman Birgitta Mossberg told reporters in Stockholm.

She said the students were against multinational companies, but the Umea McDonald's would open regardless.

Signs the protesters made accused

McDonald's trademark character Ronald McDonald of being an animal killer.

Mossberg said 22 fur shops had been forced to close in Umea after harassment and threats from youths.

``There are a lot of strong feelings up there,'' she said.

180 PIG SAVED -- SUPPORT NEEDED

Poolesville, MD -- On the evening of October 1, DC police found an abandoned truck containing 180 five-month-old pigs who were going to slaughter. No owner could be found, so the truck was towed to Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary in Poolesville, MD. Several volunteers worked all night and most of Friday unloading the pigs into a four-acre pasture at the sanctuary.

The pigs' owner (a North Carolina factory farmer) found out about the botched transport and demanded that we turn his property back over to him. At this point, a press release was sent out and basically every media outlet in DC was at the Sanctuary, showing the gross abuse suffered by these pigs.

The pigs, who had never touched dirt before, were covered in urine and feces, and had burn marks from electric prodding. Several were found dead in the truck upon arriving at the sanctuary. Needless to say, they didn't really know how to react to fresh veggies, mud, and positive attention. The story was on the cover of the Washington Post's Metro section and was feature story of almost every major news station that evening.

By Saturday, the veterinary, food, and rent bill incurred during the pigs' stay grew larger than the pigs' financial worth ($12,000). Instead of losing money by paying the bill, the farmer simply signed over custody of all 180 pigs to Poplar Spring. Again, a release was sent out and the story was shown on every major news station that evening, some even doing live segments from the sanctuary. Several radio shows covered it as well.

Now that the sanctuary has about 180 new, extremely fortunate residents, it would be nice if people could help out with financial contributions to help feed and care for them.

Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary
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Poolesville, MD 20837
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UTAH: HOME OF THE SUPERGRASS

Activists turned informers wreak havoc. New arrests result.

POLICE INFORMER #1: CLINTON COLBY ELLERMAN

As many within the animal liberation movement are already painfully aware, an already abysmal situation in Utah has taken a turn for the worse. Five activists were indicted on Thursday, Sept. 10, 1998 for militant nonviolent animal liberation actions. Facing charges connected to the destruction of the Utah Fur Breeder's Co-op ($1 million + in damages), evidence is beginning to show that the charges stem from information provided to police by convicted A.L.F. activist, Clinton Colby Ellerman, who is serving time for his participation in mink liberations and an attack on a leather store. Those charged with the Utah Fur Breeder's arson are:

Clinton Colby Ellerman, 21; Andrew N. Bishop, 24, of Ithaca, N.Y.; Alexander David Slack, 23, of Sandy (also facing charges from 2 '96 mink farm raids); Adam Troy Peace, 20, of Huntington Beach, CA (also facing charges from 2 '96 mink farm raids); Sean Albert Gautschy, 23, of SLC (also facing charges from 2 '96 mink farm raids).

All are currently facing the same 16 charges that Douglas Joshua Ellerman had been facing for the Co-op arson. Adam, Alex and Sean have all been charged in state court in connection with the release of mink and $200,000 in damage at two West Jordan mink farms in 1996. These charges stem from voluntary interviews given by **Clinton Colby Ellerman** to police April 19 and 20, 1997. Also implicated as an informer is **Kevin Clark,** who participated in two mink raid farms, but willingly and even eagerly grassed out alleged companions on the raid. Those accused of being

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participants in the mink raids and the arson attack strongly maintain their innocence.

Naivety, age, and potential jail time are no excuse for providing names or information about others. The Animal Liberation Front is a covert organization that operates outside of the law. Trust is essential in this struggle. Above all, anyone who grasses on their mates cannot be forgiven.

As the other activists involved in this situation find out more through the discovery process, the pieces fall into place and one thing becomes abundantly clear: They have been betrayed. Only time will tell to what extent, but one thing is very clear from the interview, Ellerman was more than willing to start naming names.

"...you're here because you want to be. Nobody has dragged you down here and you didn't, you know, nobody threatened you if you didn't come down, you were going to be in trouble or anything like that, correct?"

ELLERMAN: "Correct."
[C.C.E. Interview #2, April 20/97, p1]

In initial response to the police's request for an interview, Ellerman states that he thought they wanted to talk to him about a protest he had been involved with. It quickly became clear that the police thought he might be involved with a series of recent mink raids in the Salt Lake area. With no lawyer present, and showing no desire to terminate the interview then and there, (an option outlined to him by the police at the start of the interview) Colby shares his opinion on veganism, death metal and his dislike for many activists in his town. Things get serious when, roughly 3/4 of the way through the interview, Colby decides to drop some names.

[Salt Lake P.D] Brent Larsen: You don't have any idea who's involved in any of these things that we've talked about today?

[Unnamed officer] KM: ...Did you hear what happened? Did you hear what happened with McDonald's up in, was it South Jordan, West Jordan?

C.Ellerman: I heard DURFEY did something to it, when I heard that he had gone to a show and started bragging around everybody, to everybody, 'hey, I did that,' or something."
[C.C.E. Interview #1, April 19/97, pg 46]

(Ryan Durfee served one year in jail after being convicted of burning down a McDonalds restaurant under construction in West Jordan.) As the first interview ends, Colby has said very little else that directly implicates others, beyond his statement about Ryan, but he indicates to the officers his willingness to start grassing. As he prepares to leave the interview room, Officer Lee Perry, from the Utah Division Department of Investigations, gives Colby his card:

LP: "...You hear something on the street and you want to talk to me, want to talk to any of us, you, all three of us are communicating all the time. We all work for different agencies, but we're all talkin' getting together trying to compile this information."

C.Ellerman: "If I hear something, I'll definitely give you guys a call."

...[Special Agent Maknamora, Bureau Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire Arms] KM: "Give me a buzz."

C.Ellerman: "If I, if I do hear something, like I say, I'll let you guys know."

LP: "That'd be Great."

C.Ellerman: "A.S.A.P."

[C.C.E. Interview #1, April 19/97, pg 50-51]

True to his words, Clinton Colby Ellerman was back in touch with Utah authorities the very next day, where he willingly gave information on two mink raids he participated in. With little delay, Ellerman begins to implicate others in the raids. His told police that Brandon Mitchener, Jacob Kenison, Kevin Clark, Sean Gautchy, Troy Peace and Alex Slack were all accomplices. For the second mink raid he participated in, he also named Ang Bishop and his brother, Josh Ellerman, as well as several others, already named for the first raid. Colby walked the police step by step through the raids, careful to blame his alleged accomplices for planning the raids and for most of the property damage and animal liberation slogans left at the mink farms.

And hey, why stop there? Next, Colby informed the police that his brother most certainly had something to do with the arson attack at the mink breeders Co-op. In less than one hour, Colby casually destroyed the lives of seven innocent people and gave evidence against his own brother. Ever so willing to please, Ellerman then shared with the cops every half-baked rumour he ever heard about Utah straight-edge kids and local animal rights campaigners. Even those he's not so sure about, he figured he could come up with something:

Saranacki : But what about, do you know a _[Name deleted]_?

C.Ellerman: _[Name Deleted]_, you know, I think I know who that is but if you had a picture for me I could tell you..."
[C.C.E. Interview #2, April 20/97, pg42]

Clinton Colby Ellerman INFORMER
Salt Lake City Jail, 450 South 300 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111-3207, USA
Date of Birth:11/27/76
SS#: 529-55-4538 Drivers License: 159245713

POLICE INFORMER #2: KEVIN DEXTER CLARK

On Wednesday, March 11, 1998, Agent Lee Perry and Detective Brent Larson interviewed Kevin Dexter Clark as a participant and witness of two mink releases that occurred in Salt Lake County. Clark told authorities that he would be willing to testify against the others involved. He spoke with the police in detail about the raids he participated in. Clark had already provided the police with signed statements that provided the names of several alleged participants in the mink farm raids as early as July 7, 1997. In his March 11 interview, Clark on at least three separate occasions gives a list of names of those he says helped on the raid, and at one even offers to repeat the list again: **"...just everyone I named. Do you want me to name them again?" [Kevin Clark Interview, March 11/98, pg9].** Like Ellerman, Clark seemed happy to place most of the blame for the raid on others, citing one person in particular as the leader, and the rest for doing the majority of the damage. Hard-core animal activist to the end, Kevin explains to police why he was committed to animal liberation:

LP: "Why did you decide to go raid these mink farms?

K.Clark: "Um."

LP: "Why did you get involved?"

K.Clark: "Uh, I thought it was a good cause, I guess."
[Kevin Clark Interview, March 11/98. pg27]

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STRATEGIC NONVIOLENCE:
DISSENT FROM THE COMFORT ZONE

by Rod Coronado
A Response to "Strategic Nonviolence"

In the July/August 1998 issue of Animals' Agenda, former Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) supporter, Freeman Wicklund authored an article entitled, "Direct Action: Progress, Peril or Both?" in which he evaluates the role of direct action in the animal rights movement. Recently Wicklund held a press conference where he distanced himself from his former stance and condemned the tactics and strategy of the A.L.F.

As an A.L.F. volunteer serving a 57 month sentence in federal prison for my participation in the 1992 raid on Michigan State University's Experimental Fur Farm, and as a long time believer and practitioner in the power and effectiveness of nonviolent -- albeit illegal -- direct action, I am compelled to respond to Wicklund's recent statements.

Since 1984 I have been actively involved in the struggles for animal, human and earth liberation, and it is not unusual when various activists choose to re-evaluate their personal contributions and roles within these movements. Such questioning is something we all must do to validate our current strategies and tactics, so as to maximize the efficient use of our limited resources and energy. Nothing unhealthy about that.

What is disappointing however, is the criticism some activists seem all too eager to heap on those of us who still adhere to the strategy and tactics they so recently believed in. It is almost as if they need to rationalize the reasons why they have opted out of a commitment that truly puts them on equal ground with the oppressed that they've appointed themselves to represent.

After years of observing this phenomena within our ranks among what are now some of the A.L.F.'s most vocal critics, I am led to the conclusion that inevitably those who condemn the A.L.F. are largely separated from a life where suffering and oppression is a daily occurrence. While claiming to believe in equality for animals and all life, such critics fail to see that with their chosen "nonviolent" philosophy, they maintain a greater allegiance to the rules of the oppressor than to the lives of the oppressed.



Monkey-wrenching? Why, that's illegal isn't it?

To criticize those in the same struggle who adhere to a code of aggressive rather than passive nonviolence -- which still respects the sanctity of all life -- pacifists like Wicklund practice a kind of moral imperialism. They separate themselves from the majority of life on earth, oppressed by our own species, while promoting their own narrow strategic agenda. An agenda that not only fails to recognize the effectiveness of an aggressive nonviolent strategy to achieve human, animal and earth liberation, but an agenda that fails to empathize with those forced to take, what some might consider, drastic measures.

These measures, as many clearly understand, are necessary for the oppressed's survival. It's also recognized that the majority of us in the animal rights and environmental movements in America know little or nothing of what it is like to be ruthlessly tortured and murdered, simply for

trying to live a way of life that ancestors, be they human or nonhuman, have lived for the thousands of years previous to the "advance" of modern human "civilization".

By condemning those who readily defend the oppressed of the earth through tactics that violate the laws of man, and not those of humanity or nature, we push animals and earth away from the circle of equality we claim to believe in. Instead, we reinforce the societal belief that they are not worthy of our challenge to, and violation of human enacted laws.



Hens rescued by the Animal Liberation Front now live their lives free from abuse ... Setting the movement back twenty years...

There has never been a practitioner of nonviolence, be they Martin Luther King Jr., or Jesus Christ himself, who condemned the destruction of the tools of oppression or the liberation of the oppressed as acts "of violence." Even the greatest philosophers and moral models of humankind have been able to separate the sanctity of life from the individual rights of private property. They recognized that the prevention of violence through the breaking of society's laws is indeed in adherence to the highest principles and rules of nonviolence.

By promoting a strategy for the just struggles of human, animal and earth liberation that excludes and condemns the nonviolent tactic of liberating the oppressed and destroying the implements of their torture, we are adhering more to the laws of our oppressors than those of nature or morality. Whether to avoid the repression that accompanies such a spiritual and political belief, or to avoid alienation from the dominant society that still places a greater value on property than life, those who condemn the actions of illegal direct action practitioners are betraying the majority of life on this planet — lives which depend on such tactics for their very survival.

Over the years I have seen many Americans who claim to align themselves with Earth First! or the animal liberation movement, who then opt out for a less personally endangering association, rather than face the threats, police harassment, and the violation of civil rights and imprisonment which my philosophical allies and myself have faced. While such repression by law enforcement agencies is nothing to brag about, it is most definitely an indicator that your chosen strategy and tactics truly create fear among those oppressors you are challenging.

Those who argue that illegal direct action endangers rather than benefits the struggle for liberty, fail to see that such has never been the case historically with any of the movements that were forced to engage in what was then considered illegal activity -- a time when basic human rights and freedoms were deemed criminal.

Associating oneself with a movement or strategy that freely accepts the necessity of breaking arbitrary laws in the pursuit of true justice and freedom has been the mandate of many resistors seeking to improve the lives of the oppressed. We see it in the very foundation of the United States' own history, which began as a settler's revolt against British imperialism. It can be seen in the recent history of Northern Ireland, where the occupying British forces have recognized the legitimacy of the outlawed Irish Republican Army which engaged in guerilla warfare against their oppressors for almost thirty years.

While we cannot ask American revolutionaries whether they believe their strategy against British oppression was justified, we can look towards the Irish Republicans of today and see that their present achievements towards liberty could not have come without the willingness to challenge unjust laws with illegal direct action. The fact remains that no oppressor has ever given liberty to its victims without the latter's willingness to fight for it by all means necessary and available. Some might say that there is a unique separation in the quest for human

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NA-A.L.F.S.G. PRISONER SUPPORT -- AND INFORMERS

The North American A.L.F. Supporters Group, like Supporters Groups around the world, have a very clear policy in place that deals with grassing. Only those activists who refuse to give evidence on others will receive any support. This applies not only to giving names of those who are A.L.F. activists, but also to giving ANY name and alleging their involvement. It is, of course, not up to the Supporters Group to impose court strategies or lines of defense on an activist facing prison time. Legal strategies will vary on a case by case basis, and individual activists have the right to decide what defense is best for them. This can also include an activist acknowledging their own participation in an action -- but NO activist has the right to endanger the lives and liberty of others in a strategy to save their own hides.



On a final disturbing note, evidence is growing that **Josh Ellerman** has started to give evidence against others for the Fur Breeder's Co-op arson. Douglas Joshua Ellerman, 20, pleaded guilty to the March 11, 1997 bombing and arson at the Cooperative in Sandy, Utah. The co-op, which provides materials and mink to hundreds of farmers in the West, sustained nearly $1 million in damage. Josh was sentenced to seven years in prison, after working out a deal with the prosecution that spared him from a sentence of 35 years. The lesser sentence hinged on Ellerman's cooperation and contrition. The NA-A.L.F.S.G. is still awaiting documentation, but defendant Alex Slack has informed us that his lawyer has indeed confirmed that Josh Ellerman has made statements to police that name others as alleged participants. More will become known as the Discovery process continues. **Josh Ellerman has therefore also been removed from the NA-A.L.F.S.G's prisoner support list.**

The North American A.L.F. Supporters Group will do everything in its power to generate support for all activists facing jail time for animal liberation actions. We call on you to help with the support for Alex, Adam, Sean, Jacob, Brandon and Andrew, financial, or otherwise. Updates on their situation will be posted immediately on the Frontline Information Service (www.animal-liberation.net) web page as more becomes known. Financial donations for prisoner support can be sent directly to the Supporters Group, ear-marked "Utah Support." Please make any donations payable to "NA-A.L.F.S.G."

As government crackdowns on animal activists continue, we run the risk of seeing more activists ending up in prison, unless as a movement, we learn from this situation. Illegal direct action for animal liberation is not a game, and does not earn you scene points or bragging rights. All too often in recent memory we've seen apparently "dedicated" activists turn traitor at the drop of a hat, grassing out friends and comrades in a desperate attempt to kiss up to the state. One year, two years, seven years later these informers may again join the freeworld -- but their actions will never be forgotten or forgiven. @

Two Indicted For Mink Release

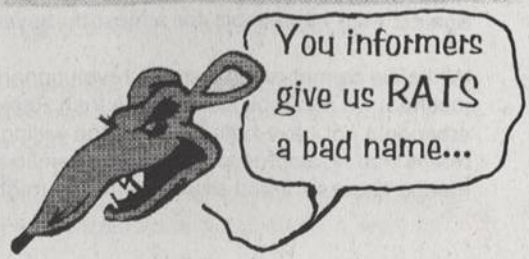
Men Face Commerce, Terrorism Charges

MADISON, Wis. September 22, 1998 -- Two men accused of releasing thousands of mink last fall face federal charges of interfering with interstate commerce and participating in animal enterprise terrorism.

Peggy Lautenschlager is a U.S. Attorney in Wisconsin. She says the six-count indictment unsealed today charges Peter Young and Justin Samuel with conducting surveillance on numerous farms and releasing breeding stock mink from fur farms in Independence, Medford and Tomahawk.

A federal grand jury returned the indictment against the men. The indictment says Young, of Mercer Island, Washington, and Samuel, of Snohomish, Washington, raided fur farms last October in Wisconsin, South Dakota and Iowa in an effort to get fur farmers to close their businesses.

About 3,600 mink were released. In the meantime, mink release are taking place at a phenomenal rate around the world. Fur farms in Sweden, Finland, England and the United States continue to be raided on an almost weekly basis. Check out the Diary of Actions for cell reports from around the world. Also to be found in this issue are communiques from several U.S. A.L.F. cells that share their experiences with us all...@



ORANGE COUNTY JAIL PUTS ANIMAL LIB PRISONER AT RISK

Orange County, CA -- For some time now, Frank Allen (serving a one year sentence for attempted arson on a high school slaughterhouse) has been abused and put at risk by guards at the Orange County Jail here in California. Frank is a diabetic and his health is at serious risk because he is not being properly cared for or given vegetarian food (he's lost a lot of weight because of this). Frank, his family and his fiancee have tried to resolve the problems without calling on outside activists and taking us away from other important work but their efforts (and Frank DeG's writ) have been ignored. So, he's decided its time for national pressure from fellow activists.

Please call the jail today:
(714) 647-6015
ask to speak with the watch commander (most likely Lt. Coots or Nearing)

Here's all the info:
Frank Allen
Booking #1809138
Mod L (all grievances apply to all of Mod L where 6-7 other diabetics are housed and having the same problems)

Grievances:
*** non-adequate medical staff (little or no knowledge of diabetes)**
*** receiving incorrect dosage of insulin**
*** all locked down (which he believes is a violation of the *Americans with Disabilities Act)***
*** no "early kicks" for medical ward (also ADA violation?) - most prisoners get at least a 10 % kick not available to inmates in the medical ward.**
*** vegetarian food should be given for religious reasons as well as medical reasons (they don't recognize religious diets AT ALL)**
*** denied regular exercise**
*** locked down to eat (inconsistent with other prisoners)**
*** denied access to church**
*** day room privileges not consistent with other prisoners)**
*** general harassment from guards (example: when they go for their shots, their commissary is thrown away, beds thrown on the floor and rooms messed up)**
*** strip searched anytime and told the only reason is "because they can"**

Our thanks to everyone who gets involved on Franks behalf. Show our prisoners they are not forgotten and will never be neglected! @

REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE:
MINK RAID COMMUNIQUES

AUGUST 20/98: Guttenburg, Iowa -- eco-animal warriors raided Steve Hansel's Hidden Valley Fur Farm. After following a sign indicating the location of the fur farm, liberators travelled miles of gravel road to reach this fox concentration camp: The fox could be heard screaming and barking from hundreds of yards away, which made the task of finding the prisoners less difficult.

Upon entry to the compound, operatives were surprised to find no fences enclosing the area. On the grounds, two large sheds stood. Each of these were capable of containing six rows of fox cages. Further inspection revealed one empty shed and one shed with two rows of cages. This second shed imprisoned about thirty fox. The area behind these sheds appeared to have once been used for more sheds. Old wooden frames littered the ground in this area. Reportedly this farm also contained members of the mink and ferret nations; however, none of these were found. We suspect Hansel's stock has decreased in recent years.

Near the sheds six long rows of individual breeders cages stood. Most of these cages contained two fox each. The cages measured about six feet long by two

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and a half feet wide. The rear of each cage was separated into a nesting box. The nesting box doors were concealed under a layer of sheet metal that could simply be lifted up. Each of the nesting box doors underneath were secured with unlocked clips. Although these could be opened, another exit was necessary for the prisoners' escape because in most cages the nesting areas were closed off to the animals inside. Therefore, operatives opened cage doors located on the top. The doors on the top required liberators to pull back a metal latch and lift up the hinged wire mesh door.

All thirty cages containing fox in the shed were opened and some of the imprisoned fox were lifted out to freedom. Approximately 150 breeder's cages, all that were found, were opened. Some of the fox were seen running around the compound. An estimated 330 members of the fox nation were liberated in all. This concentration camp imprisoned many kinds of fox. Coat colours varied from white to red to dark brown and black.

In addition to the release of prisoners, two feed machines, one in the shed and one in a nearby barn, were sabotaged and had wires cut. In a large building near the barn, operatives peered through windows to discover large amounts of tools and processing equipment.

This was all done in view of the farmer's house.

Gaia's blood has been spilled for far too long. We took it upon ourselves to reclaim justice for our Earth Mother and all of her children. The time has come for the two-footed animals to reestablish their link with the four-footed animal nations and the earth of which we are all a part.

This action was done in solidarity with the warriors of the Chatham 3. We will not forget our comrades. Our brothers' and sisters' forced inactivity will not abate the A.L.F.'s resistance against the capitalist death machine.

Smashing the fur industry piece by piece,
Animal Liberation Front

MIDWESTERN WILDLIFE UNIT COMMUNIQUE:

In the early morning hours of August 28, 1998 the Midwestern Wildlife Unit of the Animal Liberation Front raided the Zumbro River Mink Concentration Camp. Breeding information for over ten thousand mink was torn from above cages and trashed on the ground. An estimated 3,000 mink nation prisoners were released from cages.

A portion of fence was rolled over away from the road to decrease the risk of released animals crossing the road. Surrounding the compound on both sides were houses. The sheds were clearly visible from the road. This prevented liberators from freeing more prisoners. The total number of captives in the camp is an estimated 15,000 in seven sheds.

The placement of this concentration camp is highly beneficial to the release of wildlife such as the mink. Nearby the camp is large forest area and across the street is the Zumbro River which runs far north of town. These mink will now have a chance to establish themselves in the local ecosystem and regain the natural instincts which the confinement of fur farm imprisonment had all but destroyed.

Operation Bite Back will be continued through the efforts of the Animal Liberation Front, Earth Liberation Front, and the Wild Minks. Nothing will deter us Guardians of Mother Earth. The animal nations will be set free to live again as one with the forest.

Animal Liberation Front, Midwestern Wildlife Unit

MINNESOTA COMMUNIQUE:

On the 22nd of Aug. the A.L.F. payed a visit to Would Mink Farm (Route 1, Box 144, Hinkley, MN 55037) owned by Ronald Would. This visit was in hopes of liberating more prisoners from their life of hell in small, filthy, dirt ridden concentration camps. They would have been returned to their natural habitat in the forests of Minnesota. Since mink are native to North America, they would be at home in rural, northern Minnesota.

In approaching the sheds on the fur farm, the distinct smell of excrement and suffering was missing. When entering the sheds, it was noticed that they were empty of both animals and cages. This is a notice to all compassionate activists for animals that this fur farm in now seemingly vacated. May the few, dedicated, brave, committed, activists who are truly working for total animal liberation remain strong, when others collapse and take easier paths, while denouncing those who risk their freedom. After all, there is not an easy route for the animals.

It's now their time-or never!

A.L.F.



BARRY HORNE RESUMES HUNGER STRIKE!

At exactly midnight, October 6/98, Animal Liberation Front activist Barry began his third prison hungerstrike to protest government inaction on the issue of vivisection. Proceeding the hungerstrike, the British Home Office has been contacted on several occasions to remind Labour party of pre-election pledges to address pressing animal issues. The government's initial reply ignored the questions and issues put to them, in what has become the typically arrogant manner of the Home Office. Their reply after being contacted for a second time clearly shows the Labour government's contempt and disregard for the Animal Liberation movement, as exemplified in the final paragraph of their response: *The Home Office "will not allow this programme of work to be dictated (in timing or content) by the protest action of the Animal Liberation movement."* This has left Barry with no other option but to resume his hunger strike. Barry had this to say:

AN OPEN LETTER FROM BARRY HORNE

I think it is now necessary to update everybody on what has happened since the end of the second hunger strike (re: vivisection) and my thoughts on it all. That second hunger strike ended because the Labour Govt. agreed to meet with representatives of the Barry Horne Support Campaign (BHSC) as a means of resolving the differences between us, differences which had led to the escalation of the protest campaign and the second hunger strike. That the Labour Govt. negotiated with the BHSC, and agreed to a meeting, was very significant. It could be viewed as the Govt. affording the Animal Liberation movement official recognition, and as a precedent that could not be undone. After that one meeting had taken place, the BHSC no longer felt able to hold further talks with the Labour Govt. and all contact between us was broken. At the same time, it is possible the wider movement didn't understand that decision by the BHSC, but in view of the lack of action by the labour Govt. on vivisection since then, the reasons for it must now be clear. In the year since the end of the second hunger strike, no significant action has been taken by the Labour Govt. to limit or decrease the activities of the vivisection industry. Despite all the fine words at the time of the election, New Labour have displayed complete indifference to the plight of the animals suffering and dying in the labs. In the last year that indifference has been matched only by the increased scale of animal suffering. While the Animal Rights movement organises legally to overcome the horrors of vivisection it has to be said that the Labour Govt. has sought to block all progress towards a rightful and just solution to the problem. In all dealings between Animal Rights / Liberation activists and the Govt., we are treated with contempt and fobbed off with further lies, while behind the scenes the Govt. approves the further increased use of animals for vivisection. While we, the movement, have acted in good faith, the Govt. have responded with contempt and indifference. That situation cannot be allowed to continue.

Recently, communication from the Animal Liberation movement was delivered to the Labour Govt. detailing our feelings on the matter, and expressing our dismay at the bad faith displayed by them since the end of the second hunger strike. That communication calls on the Labour Govt. to make a significant and positive response on the
issue of vivisection, to avert the possibility of a complete breakdown of trust between ourselves and the Govt. At midnight on September 26th 1998, exactly one year since the end of the second hunger strike, the deadline for the Govt to respond elapsed. Sadly, there was no response, so it will not be possible for any further negotiation,
and further action in support of the ongoing campaign against vivisection has become inevitable.

The situation as outlined above has arisen solely because of the arrogant and indifferent attitude of the Labour Govt., and at their door must be laid the blame for any situation that arises as a result. It is inevitable that we, the movement, shall drive back and defeat the vivisection industry. The actions of the Labour Govt. merely delay the inevitable and prolong the suffering of the animals. I would ask everyone to fully support the ongoing campaign to end vivisection in this country, and to fully support any and all actions taken as part of that campaign. At all times we should remember just what we have achieved so far, make no mistake that since the beginning of the present campaign we have driven the vivisection industry back and weakened their position. Now is the time to strike a major blow against them. With the second hunger strike the Animal Liberation movement showed it has the strength and commitment to fight and to resist, and to suffer in that resistance. AtConsort, Hill grove and HDS we have shown our determination to overcome, no matter what the odds, those who torture and murder animals. It is now necessary for us all to show this Govt.(and all Govt.s) that we, the movement, cannot be ignored or defeated, and that we will fight until we win.

The fight is not for us, not for our personal wants or needs. It is for every animal that has ever suffered and died in the vivisection labs, and for every animal that will suffer and die in those same labs unless we end this evil business now! The souls of the tortured dead cry out for justice, the cry of the living is for freedom. We can create that justice and we can deliver that freedom. The animals have no-one but us, we will not fail them.

For the cause,
BARRY

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liberation and the struggle that will bring greater rights for our fellow beings and the earth we share with them; those involved in the animal and earth liberation struggle are fighting for the sake of those who cannot fight for themselves. However, be it human, animal or earth liberation that we fight for, we inevitably come up against the same system responsible for the oppression of us all.

Regardless of who we fight for, when we challenge the very principles of the society most responsible for the oppression of humans, animals and earth, we find ourselves open to state-sponsored repression. This has been the case for hundreds of years and it will probably be the case for hundreds of years to come. Those in positions of power and control benefit most from oppressing others. They are directly and negatively affected by anyone who







Proponents of Strategic Non-Violence are quick to celebrate the accomplishments of Dr. King (left), but completely ignore any contributions by those who chose to fight their oppressors by other means. Some of the people SNV spokespeople might wish you'd forget about: Angela Davis (middle) and the Black Panther Party (right) .

engages in tactics and strategies that threaten their oppressive behavior, and worse, who set an example that others might follow.

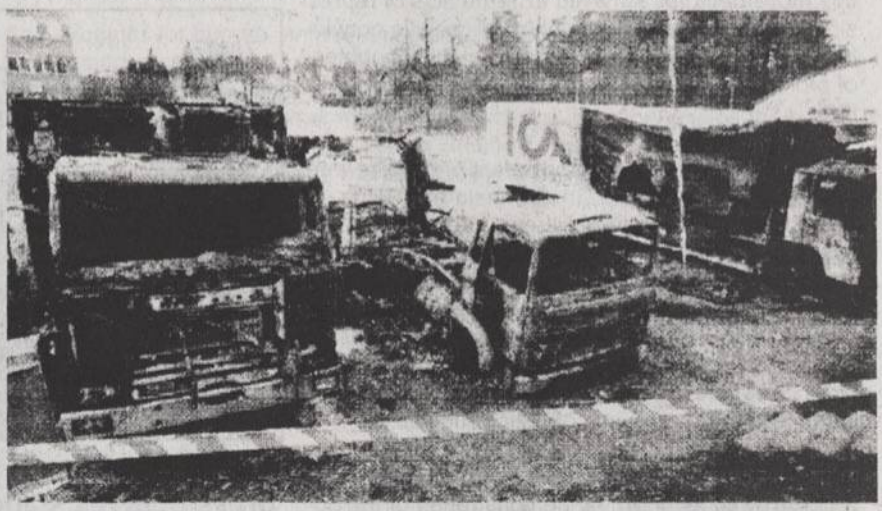
It is for this reason that the condemnation of past allies, like Wicklund, who disagree with the strategy and tactics of the A.L.F., contribute more towards stifling the struggle for animal liberation then helping it. Condemnation from within our ranks is always capitalized upon by our opponents, to be repeatedly used by those who wish to discredit groups like the A.L.F. -- groups engaged in effective campaigns against them. Meanwhile, within our own ranks, the condemnation of the A.L.F.'s effective strategy is followed by pleas "to restrict" our tactics to only those which do not "isolate the public." or its support. While such pleas place incredible faith in the power of the media establishment, they fail to acknowledge that the media is nothing more than the voice of special interests that equally profits from exploitation and abuse.

Measuring the success of our movement in media presentations condemns it to be controlled by the very power structure we need to overthrow. Again, history is replete with examples where the media establishment has served the interests of the oppressor more than the oppressed. Whether the media, governments, corporations or pacifists like Wicklund label the actions of the A.L.F. as "violence" or "terrorism," we cannot subscribe to their collective illusion and disregard the truth we have in our own hearts. We know the face of real terrorism in our society. To say that the actions of the A.L.F. "are violent," especially when voiced by those with real blood on their hands, is not only hypocritical, but has nothing to do with preserving human morality and everything to do with them trying to alter our perception of violence itself.

How are we supposed to believe that a bomb that explodes in Omagh, Northern Ireland, that killed innocent people is the work of terrorists when bombs exploded by the US just days later in Sudan and Afghanistan are not? Equally, why should we believe that the act of burning of a building is violent while the physical torture inflicted

within its walls is not? Why should we accept that actions of the A.L.F., which injure no living being, are unacceptable acts of violence and terrorism while the actions committed daily by industries awash in the blood of their non-human victims, are not?

Such is the rationale of a society unable to accept responsibility for the violence its values and lifestyle demand. Such is the twisted perspective of a society determined to keep its citizens in denial regarding the violence that has become part of day to day existence. This is a society that has lost all concept of the laws of morality and humanity, adhering instead to laws established by those most responsible for bringing institutionalized violence into our daily lives.



A.L.F. action against a dairy company. Financial ruin will ensure this company never profits again from animal exploitation. SNV calls this bad publicity.

It is this distorted view of violence that Wicklund and some pacifists unknowingly reinforce when they accuse the A.L.F. of violating codes of nonviolence. This misfocus ignores and overshadows the real acts of violence within our society. By condemning the actions of the A.L.F. (who value living, sentient beings much more than the machines used to destroy them), these critics fall in step with our opponents, those who would sooner label A.L.F. volunteers as terrorists while continuing to legitimize their own physical violence and terror everyday. No allowance of credibility should be given to the media in defining the level of our morality. We should all know that successful movements focused on positive change and peace are not created by the media, but by the sincere commitments of our members. It is their ability to define what is right and wrong with their own heart, and not the questioning of what is "legal" and "illegal" that gives them favorable media coverage.

Much of Wicklund's argument for what he calls "strategic nonviolence" is based on the Gandhian principles of nonviolence, developed during Gandhi's campaign of civil disobedience against British colonialism and applied more recently by Martin Luther King Jr. in his fight for civil rights in America. Principles that Wicklund and others believe the A.L.F. violate in its campaign of aggressive nonviolent direct action.

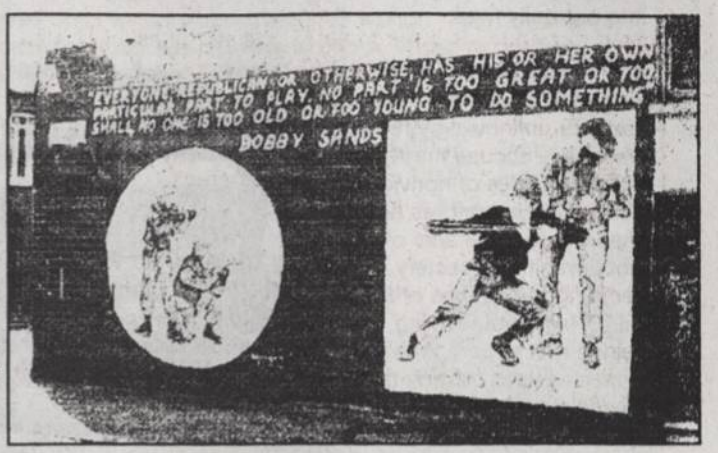
Missing from Wicklund's argument is the fact that neither Gandhi or King ever condemned the more aggressive tactics of their allies. In British occupied India the armed struggle of Indian nationalists lasted far beyond Gandhi's own campaign and undoubtedly influenced Britain's decision to pull out of India as much, if not more, than the nonviolent tactics Gandhi personally adhered to. Similarly, the limited accomplishments of the civil rights movement in America cannot be solely accredited to King, but also to African American nationalists like Malcolm X, Angela Davis, the Nation of Islam and the rioters in the Los Angeles community of Watts. All played a part in forcing the U.S. government to make concessions to those opposed to racism.

This is not to say that the A.L.F. or others in this struggle need to advance to a level of armed struggle or violent self-defense, but merely to demonstrate that even Gandhi and King understood the legitimate ranks of their movements included diverse tactics. Condemning the tactics of others only help the oppressors to divide our ranks.

This is why Wicklund's (and other pacifists) desire to see us surrender tactics that have won indisputable victories is morally and strategically weak. The contemporary forces of oppression which plague this earth today have no respect for either the morality of their opponents or the lives of those they oppress. The majority of oppressors are fuelled by an insatiable greed that will see our planet reduced to an uninhabitable wasteland in their never-ending quest for wealth and power.

Like Wicklund and other pacifists, I too desire to live in a world where even our opponents respect our adherence to peaceful means and our willingness to engage only in activity that will not offend members of the public. But, as Ice-T said about the reality of the role of police in his South-Central Los Angeles community, "Shit ain't like that."

Hoping for a moral awakening among those most responsible for the violence in today's world is a pipe dream, dreamt by those most isolated from the struggle and resistance of the forces currently destroying the earth, animals and indigenous peoples. History is filled with the failures of purely pacifistic approaches to stoping violent oppression, as noble as those attempts might be. A good example is the democracy movement in China. While this movement has survived extreme acts of repression, no one can deny the failure of passive nonviolence as a tactic which culminated in the slaughter of pro-democracy forces at Tianenmen Square in 1989.



The writing on the wall, Belfast. Agressive, grassroots resistance has played a large part in the struggle in Northern Ireland.

In British-occupied-India, nonviolent protesters were gunned down in Amistar. In apartheid-era-South Africa, peaceful marchers were murdered in the Sharpesville Massacre. In Derry, Northern Ireland, civil rights marchers were shot dead in what is now known as Bloody Sunday. In each case, the lack of respect by the oppressors for the strategy of passive nonviolence led to the oppressed's wider acceptance of more aggressive tactics. Tactics that quickly became legitimate elements of their struggles.

The struggles for earth, animal and human liberation shouldn't wait for a similar demonstration of the oppressor's disrespect for our own passive nonviolence before we fully appreciate and recognize the importance of the tactics and strategies of organizations like the A.L.F. How many Judi Bari's and David Chain's must there be before we recognize that there is actually a greater likelihood of violence through our practice of passive nonviolence, then there is in our execution of strategic, aggressive nonviolence against the mechanical monsters that destroy all we love?

We live in a time when greater rights and protection are given to multinational corporations than to the humans, animals and the earth which they ruthlessly exploit. We live in a society where power in our supposed representative democracy" is determined, not by citizen constituents, but by special interests that contribute heavily to the campaigns of politicians. We live in a world where it is legitimate behavior for a government to protect business interests through military action, economic embargoes, and by the funding and supplying of paramilitary death squads.

In such extreme social, political and ecological conditions -- where the worldview of a few powerful nations justifies the irreversible exploitation and destruction of all life on earth -- resistance by all means possible is less a choice than an obligation for those seeking peace in our modern world.

Given the incredible amount of death and destruction caused by the corporate and governmental forces we target in our struggle for liberation, the tactics and strategy of the A.L.F. and other like-minded groups should be commended, not condemned.

In over 15 years of operation in the U.S., the A.L.F. has yet to cause even one human injury, let alone loss of life while rescuing literally tens of thousands of animals and destroying millions of dollars worth of the equipment used to torture them. This contribution to freedom for beings of the earth is a demonstration of the principles of nonviolence equal to any demonstrated by Gandhi or King.

Since its inception, the A.L.F. has strictly targeted only the machines and material used to commit atrocious act of terrorism rather than the humans committing these acts. This demonstrates a moral high ground rarely seen in the history of any struggle for liberation, be it human, earth or animal. If people like Wicklund think it's better to condemn those who have risked their very lives and freedom to save the lives of others, they are wrong.

The actions of the A.L.F. are far from violent, as alleged by critics. This attitude -- that the just defense of the defenceless is an act of violence -- is one shared by our oppressor, and its proponents fail to recognize the inherent violence their own class and privilege was built by. An example: it is moral arrogance for anyone in our country to condemn those victimized by the U.S. government and its policies who then engage in aggressive and even armed defense to protect their lives. Such condemnation fails to acknowledge that the lifestyles of most people in this country contribute to the oppression of people in countries such as Mexico, Columbia, East Timor, Peru and Palestine, all places where the people are engaged in armed resistance to this oppression.

As our movement is quick to argue: the struggles for human, animal and earth liberation are inextricably connected. So to is our contribution to and support of greater acts of violence than any of the actions for which the A.L.F. has been condemned by pacifists like Wicklund. Even the vegan activist is not free from supporting petroleum, mining, chemical and arms industries, as well as other multinational corporations that exploit the earth, animals and humans. These are the same corporations that have created a situation where people have been forced to violence to defend themselves. Such is the reality behind the purchase and consumption of even the most (apparently) innocuous product.

This is the society for which activists like Wicklund would have us sacrifice our effective strategy for. Their hope is to demonstrate moral purity while not offending those most responsible for oppression; of offending a society built on the blood and bones of millions of indigenous peoples and the bodies of others forced into slavery to build it. The economy of this country has from its inception relied on the exploitation and abuse of the environment and animals. Ours is a moral-less society where economic wealth is concentrated amongst those who will smash any who resist it, even through genocide.

This is why I have no desire, nor I believe does the A.L.F., to try to passively reform the lifestyles and values of what is the most destructive civilization on earth. While we support the efforts of those that do, we ourselves are focused on preventing the needless destruction of innocent nonhuman life through all nonviolent means available. Our greatest consideration is for those forced to endure a living hell rather than those who might consider our actions violent.

A.L.F. volunteers recognizes that the oppression of animals is directly connected to the oppression of all life, and representative of the larger problems threatening our existence on earth. Militarism, racism, sexism, imperialism, they are all indicative of the problems created when we separate ourselves from nature and the laws of humanity. Our personal contributions to a remedy requires a code of behavior that recognizes that when peaceful, passive, democratic means fail to achieve liberation of the oppressed, "illegal" direct action is not only morally justified, but required. Since 1991, the A.L.F.'s code of aggressive nonviolence has successfully contributed to the continuing decline of the fur industry, in particular. Since 1995, over 50 fur farms and numerous fur retailers have felt the bite of the A.L.F.'s campaign. These actions have not only liberated tens of thousands of mink and fox who would have otherwise died, but have led to the bankruptcy of many fur farms and retailers. It would be strategically foolish to ease the pressure now.

The A.L.F. has never endorsed or participated in physical violence, nor will we ever. The A.L.F. does not support actions with the intent of causing physical injury or loss of life. Our ability to avoid such violence during years of operations is no coincidence. We are not fighting a violent war, but fighting with aggressive nonviolence to end the war on other-than-human life.

Each member of my past A.L.F. cells who have carried out raids on laboratories, fur and factory farms and other institutions of animal abuse over the last 13 years, has been motivated not by hate or a willingness to rationalize of use violence, but by love. They have a tremendous sense of compassion for the other races of life we share earth with. My fellow A.L.F. volunteers have always been grounded in a reverence and respect for life and freedom, so much so that together in the course of every A.L.F. action we ever participated in, we were willing to risk losing our own freedom while liberating our victimized animal relations. Far from compromising the principles of nonviolence, the A.L.F.'s actions are those of a highly moral, disciplined group of caring humans, whose efforts would be hypocritical if they ever sanctioned physical violence. The A.L.F. exists in part to provide an avenue of freedom for those innocent beings the animal rights movement is unable at this time to rescuing legally. The A.L.F. brings hope when others feel hopeless. For the peaceful warriors of the A.L.F., nonviolent direct action to save lives remains not our choice, but every enlightened human beings obligation. @

NORTH AMERICAN PRESS OFFICE REPORT

It's been a busy time for the NA-A.L.F. Press Office over the past few months. Here's a sampling of some of what Katie Fedor, the Press Officer, has been up to...

MORE INTERVIEWS:

A via satellite interview was given about the "unusual" Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service Web Site. Since that interview, the web site has a brand new domain and has more information about The A.L.F. than anyone could imagine. If you have any questions about The A.L.F., they will be answered on this wonderful resource for activists of all movements. The new url is: **http://www.animal-liberation.net/**

The Animal Liberation Collective at the University of Guelph, Canada, hosted the Press Office as a guest for an hour long radio interview. The "Voice of the Voiceless" radio show is an excellent weekly program devoted solely to animal rights. Broadcast: Fridays, CFRU 93.3fm

Another radio program featuring animal rights topics is The Animals Forum heard on the cable radio network. You can listen around the country on your computer by contacting http://www.blusalley.com/animal_forum.htm. The Press Office has been a guest for three consecutive weeks along with a PETA campaign coordinator. This show seeks to have guests from all sides of the animal rights debate which includes animal welfarists, and animal abusers. A direct challenge to animal abusers to appear on the show has remained unaccepted...not a surprise!

KEEPING BUSY IN NEW JERSEY

On July 16 in Paramus New Jersey, the Animal Liberation Front firebombed a truck belonging to Steven Corn Furs. According to a communique sent by The A.L.F, the damage caused to the truck in unknown. Associated Press did an interview about this action. The Animal Defence League issued a news release in support of the action with a newspaper article quoting the supportive activists.

A Flemington Furs billboard was paintbombed by possible Animal Liberation Front activists. This action remains unclaimed but certainly bears the hallmark of an A.L.F. action. For this reason, the Press Office considers it to be an A.L.F. action. Courier News called for an interview which again shows that smaller actions are still receiving media attention.

Six different fur stores had seven nonviolent actions carried out against them. Steven Corn Furs is becoming very popular for actions. An example of an action is tire puncturing devices placed at the entrance, which worked! A car tire was shredded by the devices. Other actions include etching messages into just about anything that has glass on the store. As most of you know, there's usually tons of glass, which amounts to a lot of messages.

Media totals Associated Press Newspaper and radio. The AP story was covered all the way in MN where the Press Office is located. Three radio stations had ran the story with a live talk show debate with a fur industry representative.

FIVE LIBERATIONS IN ELEVEN DAYS!

Starting with almost 4,000 mink released on Aug. 18 near St. Cloud, Minnesota, the A.L.F. show no signs of letting up on continuous, powerful actions. Charles Mueller's Fur Farm was selected and media went wild. A grand total of four radio interviews, two in-person television interviews and two newpapers. Follow up stories were printed from the Associated Press when more actions continued in New Jersey.

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DIARY OF ACTIONS

The Diary of Actions is intended to report the news of direct action for earth and animal liberation, not to encourage crime, etc. All reports come from communiques, other publications, the internet and news reports. Some actions took place in time periods covered by other issues of *Underground*, but were not reported until recently.

CANADA

OCTOBER 8/95: Grand Prairie, AB -- Arsonists torch six railway cars at the Weyerhaeuser mill. About 400 bales of pulp were in each car, with damages estimated up to $750,000.

JULY 14/97: Grand Prairie, AB -- eco-activists used a loader to tear up 115 metres of railway track just past a switch that directs cars from CN's main line to the Weyerhaeuse mill. The culprits also ram the loader into a power pole, taking out the main power line.

OCTOBER 27/97: Hythe, AB -- Someone fired a high-powered rifle at the office of the Alberta Energy Co. plant manager. The bullet pierced the window, two walls, a water pipe, and then lodged into a second pipe. No injuries.

DECEMBER 29/97: Grand Prairie, AB -- activists use chainsaw to down 17 power poles, which deliver electricity to oil wells. More than $20,000 damage.

FEBUARY 1/98: Grand Prairie, AB -- A skidder, belonging to Vidar Forestry Technology of Hythe, set ablaze. No injuries.

JULY 19/98: Saskatoon, SK -- Prairie Meats has 1 van painted and 1 truck paint stripped. -A.L.F.

JULY 31-AUGUST 1/98: Beaverlodge, AB -- Explosions at two separate Alberta Energy Co. well sites. No injuries but nearby farms had to be evacuated after Aug. 1 blast.

AUGUST 24/98: Hinton, AB -- Blast destroys equipment shed at Suncor Energy well. Four people arrested but Crown drops charges.

UNITED STATES

JULY/98: Branchburg, NJ -- Flemington Furs billboard paint-bombed. -Unclaimed

JULY 16/98: Paramus, NJ -- Truck belonging to Steven Corn Furs was firebombed. The damage is unknown. - A.L.F.

JULY 16/98: Woodbridge, NJ -- members of the A.L.F. took action and Woodbridge Furs had its two main display windows and glass door damaged by rocks proclaiming, "Stop or be Stopped" and "Close Now." "A.L.F." was spraypainted on the front of the death shop. "Such actions will continue until all living beings roam free." -A.L.F.

JULY 21/98: Philomath, OR -- The Animal Liberation Front claim responsibility for rescuing three female rabbits destined for breeding from the Western Oregon Rabbit Supply (2475 Rosecrest Dr., Philomath). This breeding facility sells animals to laboratories to be used in research for household products, and other painful experiments. From the communique: "The rabbits are now safe in a good home. This is in no way a victory for those still imprisoned-we will keep fighting ..." -A.L.F.

JULY 26/98: Woodbridge, NJ -- A.L.F. glued the locks of Woodbridge Furs. -A.L.F.

JULY 26/98: Location not given -- Kemps Dairy Corporate Headquarters hit with red paint: "Kemps=Death", "A.L.F.", etc. One ice cream delivery truck also painted with skull and crossbones and "Death". -A.L.F.

AUGUST/98: Germantown. MD -- four turkeys who had been "living" at a roadside petting zoo were rescued by the Animal Liberation Front. While the turkeys would have eventually been slaughtered for their flesh, all four have been placed in homes where they will not be treated as a source of mere food or entertainment, but rather as individualswho deserve the right to live free of exploitation. Until all are free, A.L.F.

AUGUST 1/98: Honolulu -- the Honolulu Zoo was evacuated (of human visitors) due to a bomb threat. No bomb was discovered. - Unclaimed

AUGUST 12/98: Rockville, MD -- Murry's Meat Wholesale had its locks glued. --A.L.F.

AUGUST 11/98: Paramus, NJ -- Ten tire puncturing devices placed across the driveway of Steven Corn Furs. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 12/98: Teaneck, NJ -- Large air conditioning unit at Cedar Lane Furs damaged. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 12/98: Rockville, MD -- A meat store and a neighboring restaurant on Rockville Pike were targeted by animal rights activists. The doors at the Murry's Steaks store at 1550 Rockville Pike had been glued, preventing employees from getting inside. While police were on the scene, they were approached by an employee from the Phineas restaurant at 1580 Rockville Pike who said that the restaurant's locks had been glued shut as well.

AUGUST 13/98: Montclair, NJ -- "FUR IS DEAD" etched into the front display window at Bergen Fur Company. -A.L.F.
AUGUST 15/98: Paramus, NJ -- Ten tire puncturing devices placed across the driveway of Steven Corn Furs. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 15/98: Englewood, NJ -- The letters "ALF" etched into the three front display windows at Fleischman Furs. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 15/98: Ledgewood, NJ -- "FUR IS DEAD" and "ALF" etched into two front display windows and a glass door at Nicholson Furs. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 18/98: Teaneck, NJ -- "MURDER" etched into three front display windows, two glass doors, and a glass display case at Queen Anne Furs. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 18/98: St. Cloud, MN -- 4,000 (aprox.) mink were released from Charles Mueller's Fur Farm. - A.L.F.

AUGUST 20/98: Guttenburg, Iowa -- eco-animal warriors raided Steve Hansel's Hidden Valley Fur Farm -- 300 fox liberated. *"This action was done in solidarity with the warriors of the Chatham 3. We will not forget our comrades. Our brothers' and sisters' forced inactivity will not abate the ALF's resistance against the capitalist death machine."* -A.L.F.

AUGUST 21/98: Jewell, Iowa -- the Animal Liberation Front struck the Isebrands Mink Ranch (3221 Queens Ave in Jewell, Iowa), setting free 1500-3000 mink. From the communique: *"Let this raid be a call to action. It is time for all those who oppose needless suffering to start the attack. This is the third fur farm raid in the Midwest this week, let's make this only the beginning. By brick, boltcutters, or fire, this is the dawn of liberation."* - A.L.F.

AUGUST 23/98: Philadelphia, PA -- 3 glass panels in front door and front display window at Jacques Ferber Furs etched with "FUR KILLS". - A.L.F.

AUGUST 26/98: Beloit, WI -- The Brown Mink Ranch was hit by activists, and over 3,000 mink were released. The ranch has 13,000 total captive mink and is across the street from a river which makes it great mink habitat.

AUGUST 28/98: Rochester, MN -- Close to 3,000 animals were released from Zumbro River Fur Farm (4625 West River Rd. NW.) This is the second fur farm liberation in Minnesota in 11 days.

SEPTEMBER 8/98: Westfield, NJ. La Marque Furs had "ALF" etched into three front display windows, and "DEAD" etched into four glass doors. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 11/98: New York, NY -- animal rights activists are behind a hoax against NYU Medical School Dean David Scotch because of his support of animal research. Dr. Scotch is at NYU Medical Center for back surgery. Someone apparently called the nursing station and ordered that he be prepped for circumcision and prostate surgery instead. The hoax was spotted in time and the orders were not carried out.

SEPTEMBER 19/98: Burlington, Wa -- eleven chickens were liberated from Broadview Egg Farms by the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.). A videotape and communique was released to the public by the activists. From the communique: *"The meat, dairy, & egg industries are responsible for suffering and murder on an epic scale. Veganism is the answer to end this holocaust. Unfortunately, education of the public is a slow process, and the animals confined for our greed do not have time. The Animal Liberation Front rises to their call to end their suffering and save their lives. Animal abuse industries wish to keep the public ignorant to the suffering involved in their products."* The videotape clearly shows A.L.F. volunteers removing animals from their cages and placing them in carriers. The video also shows the deplorable conditions that activist's report in the communique. This includes four to five animals living in 11" x 17" cages. Unfortunately, not all the animals could be rescued because of limited homes. Activists also stress that the immense suffering of these animals is completely preventable by avoiding all animal products in a diet.

SEPTEMBER 20/98: Davis, CA -- The E.L.F. sabotaged seven large yellow machines of death. Gas tanks were filled with sand, chest-high tires were slashed, and wires were cut. -E.L.F.

ENGLAND

MAY 20/98: Hackney -- meat van set on fire. The cabin was destroyed, windows shattered and tires melted from the heat. - A.L.F.

MAY 28/98: Oxfordshire -- Four 6-week old kittens were rescued from Hillgrove Farm by intrepid activists. All four kittens were in carrying boxes waiting to go off to vivisection labs, but no longer!

JUNE 11/98: Oxfordshire -- Four letter bombs were posted to targets involved with vivisection. Two of the targets were COLIN BLAKEMORE (infamous vivisector who stitched up kitten eyelids) and CHRIS BROWN (ower of Hillgrove Farm, supplier of cats for vivisection). The other two devices went to two Hillgrove employees. No group as of yet has claimed responsibility, but some speculate in might be the work of the Provisional A.L.F.

JUNE 17/98: Hackney -- meat van set on fire. -A.L.F.

JULY/98: London -- On the night of the big England World Cup match (football) a butchers in Walthamstow, east London had its window smashed by A.L.F. activists.-A.L.F.

JULY/98: Stamford Hill -- Butchers window smashed. Butchers window smashed: Hackney, east London, Exotic Chinese restaurant has window smashed: Walthamstow, east London. -A.L.F.

JULY 26/98: Devon -- eco-activists from the Devon branch of the Ethical Consumers Association destroyed a field of Maize owned by a farm involved with genetic engineering. While the field itself was not genetically engineered, they caused a financial loss to the farm totalling over £18,000.

AUGUST/98: Hampshire -- Animal activists claim responsibility for the release of up to 6,000 mink from a fur farm. The animals escaped when intruders cut the fence at a farm in Ringwood which has been at the centre of cruelty allegations.

AUGUST 4/98: Walthamstow -- a butchers in East London had its locks glued and slogans painted. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 5/98: London -- Locks were superglued at 1 angling shop, 3 butchers, 1 burger restaurant, 1 William Hill betting shop. One of the butchers shops had "A.L.F." sprayed on it.

AUGUST 6/98: London --Locks were superglued at 2 burger restaurants, 1 chicken restaurant, 2 William Hill betting shops, 1 pet shop, 1 butchers shop.

AUGUST 7/98: London -- The headquarters of the Countryside Alliance (formerly the British Field Sports Society) was graffitied. The words "SCUM" were daubed in large red letters all over one wall and "CLASS WAR" was written on a nearby wall. The address of the Countryside Alliance (hunt scum) is 367 Kennington Rd, London SE11. Tel: 0171 582 5432

AUGUST 17/98: New Forest -- 1000 more mink were set free from the same fur farm hit one week earlier, in which 6,000 mink were released. A section of the perimeter fence was cut and 40 cages opened. The A.L.F. claimed responsibility for the first raid.

According to the BBC Website story on this, the ALF-SG UK have said this latest raid was not the work of the A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 2/98: London -- An angling shop on Tollington Park Rd, Finsbury Park, was attacked by A.L.F. activists. The shopfront was protected by a steel shutter but this was kicked in with such force that the window underneath was shattered. The premises has been attacked several times before since it opened earlier this year.

SEPTEMBER 12/98: London -- An angling shop in Leytonstone has closed down after repeated A.L.F. attacks. VICTORY!

SEPTEMBER 17/98: Staffordshire -- Up to 8,000 mink were released from a mink fur farm near Stoke on Trent. Reports suggest that most remain in the farm compound but around 2000 made it loose. The farm is owned by Len Kelsall, Chair of the Fur Breeders Assn UK. Kelsall has been on national radio, almost in tears, saying he can't explain what this raid has done to him! Kelsall has also said on radio that the raid is the fault of the govt as they pledged to ban fur farming but have done nothing and animal liberation activists are responding to that. He basically suggested that the govt should just hurry up and get on with the ban or this thing will continue!

SEPTEMBER 18/98: Staffordshire -- Suspected animal rights activists attacked a fur farmer's car less than 24 hours after releasing 8,000 of his mink into the wild. They poured acid over the Audi A4, causing extensive damage to the paintwork, and slashed both rear tyres while the car was parked outside Len Kelsall's home. The activists also damaged Kelsall's work van and punctured two tyres.

SEPTEMBER 23/98: West Sussex -- the Animal Liberation Front rescued 80 hens from a battery egg unit. The unit raided was part of the Kinswood eggs farm in Brooks Green near Horsham. When activists enterd the unit they discoverd birds in appauling condition. Many of them were crammed 5 to a cage and had almost no feathers left. The A.L.F. call upon all those compassionate people out there to take a stand against all animal torture. It is now time to consider radical direct action as the next step against the crimes of the animal abuse industry. This raid was not carried out by elite "shock troops" just normal every day vegan activists who are determined to achieve animal liberation. The raid took less than one hour and needless to say all the hens rescued now have the rest of their lives to relax scratch the earth and enjoy a life free of exploitation.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 10/98: Oxfordshire – Death threats have been issued to workers at the Occold research lab as part of a campaign of the Provisional A.L.F. Anonymous letters were sent to Huntingdon Life Sciences staff at their homes threatening to kill them unless they give up their jobs. Signed simply "the Provisional Animal Liberation Front" the message on a typed A4 sheet reads: *"Not only do we know who you are but also where you live and work. No one, as yet, has been 'killed' by 'animal protectors' as yet."* It continues: *"It's now your turn to experience exactly what the innocent animals have had to endure. Our advice is to withdraw from your animal abusing connections now... before it is too late."*
The research complex has been hit hard financially by the negative publicity caused by an increasing number of protests by animal rights groups and the letter campaign coincides with an announcement by the company that it is withdrawing its appeal to build a new dog breeding centre at Occold.

SCOTLAND

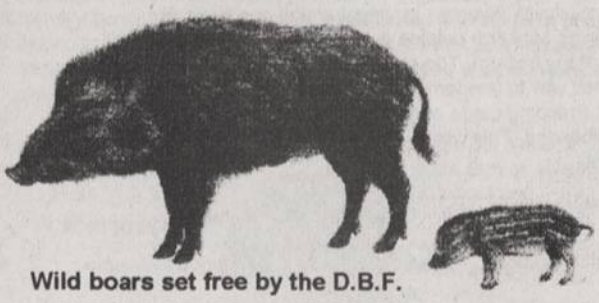
JULY/98: Tayside -- Tayside fields of genetically engineered crops have been the popular stomping grounds of nocturnal eco-activists. So many actions have occured that the police decided to stakeout a field in the hopes of catching activists at work. An observation hideout was setup in a nearby barn. However, things did not go well for the police ... The police drove their cop car into the barn to hide it, but the car's exhaust pipe was very hot at the time, and when the car was parked beside some hay, the hot exhaust pipe set it all on fire! The entire barn, along with the cop's Vauxhall Astra car and all the police observation equipment went up in flames. The damage has been estimated at over £30,000!

SWEDEN

JUNE 29/98: Savsjostrom -- The Swedish A.L.F. (D.B.F.) visited Rudolf Johansson's wildlife station. All cages were cut open so the birds could fly to freedom. Some were carried out of the cages. Pheasants, wild ducks, quails and capercillies were rescued. Also, Rudolf Johansson's porch had chemical butter-acid poured over it. -D.B.F.

JUNE 30/98: Kalmar -- 3 fur shops had their locks glued, slogans painted and chemical butter-acid poured on to them (smells horrible!) -D.B.F.

JULY 3/98: D.B.F. raided Sevsas wildlife farm, where wild boars and birds were kept. The bird cages were inside the wild boar fence -- attempts were made to free the birds, but due to safety issues (boars are large, aggressive animals) only the boars were set free. Two large openings were cut in the fence, allowing them freedom. -D.B.F.



Wild boars set free by the D.B.F.

JULY 4/98: Vetlanda -- D.B.F. set fire to five milk trucks belonging to Arla, Sweden's largest dairy company. All five trucks were totally destroyed. -D.B.F.

JULY 8/98: Funbo-Lovsta -- members of the Djurens Befrielse Front (DBF/ALF) raided the closed down research fur farm outside Uppsala. All kinds of research is based at this farm, as well as general agricultural research (they have pigs and hens, plus a chicken slaughterhouse in the research area). A building with four native wild birds was found. The birds were removed from the building and released in the wild.--Djurens Befrielse Front (new) Working under the international ALF policy

JULY 17/98: Linkoping -- the roof of a new build McDonalds was set on fire when someone threw a fire-bomb through the window of it. Damage was done, but the fire department says that if the

fire had continued the place would have totally burnt down in 10 to 20 minutes. -Unclaimed

JULY 22/98: Enanger -- D.B.F. visited Boda hunting and fishing centre, and released ducks and wild boars. The centre is owned by the Swedish hunting association.

JULY 24/98: Uppsala -- D.B.F. cut up the fence at an ostrich farm where 40-50 ostriches was kept. -D.B.F.

JULY 26/98: Varberg -- three lorrries at Kronagg (egg producer) had all windows smashed and the slogans "ALF" "Animal suffering" and "Murderers" sprayed on them. --DBF



Turning up the heat, A.L.F.

JULY 31/98: Stockholm -- Ploughshare activists liberated 5 hens from a battery farm in Karby gard. The activists later turned themselves in to police to "take their punishment" to get publicity for the plight of battery animals.

AUGUST 2/98: Eskilstuna -- Between 500 and 1,000 mink were released by The Wild Minks from the Trangsas mink farm. Also, Vingaker fox breeding farm was raided, but unfortunately the activists did not manage to release them. Breeding cards were taken.

AUGUST 6/98: Orebro -- circus posters destoyed.

AUGUST 8/98: Vingakar -- two farms raided by activists: One foxfarm (Kasta Silverrav) in Vingakar and one minkfarm (Trangsas Minkard) outside eskilstuna. There were about 20 foxes at the foxfarm. The cages were opened so the foxes could find their way to freedom thru the holes that had been cut in the fence. Breeding cards were destroyed. In Eskilstuna 500 minks were liberated. This was the third time these farms were raided. -D.V.M.

AUGUST 9/98: Orebro -- circus posters destroyed.

AUGUST 10/98: ? -- Lulea chark (meat) had windows smashed.

AUGUST 11/98: Rimbo -- Thousands of eggs were destroyed and 30 hens were reported "stolen" after a D.B.F. raid on Smedsmora Research. Slogans were also spraypainted at the site. Also, research papers was destroyed and they say that 10 years research is now destroyed because of that. They do research with farm animals feeding and that kind of research. "It's devastating", commented an
employee who wished to remain anonomous for fear of retaliation.

AUGUST 14/98: Orebro -- locks glued at hunting and angling shop.

AUGUST 16/98: Karlstad -- A milk truck was totally burned out in an arson attack. Police stated this was the eighth milk truck burned out in Sweden this summer.

AUGUST 17/98: Halmstad -- Lonestigs fur farm is raided and 150 minks are released by the Wild Minks.

AUGUST 22/98: Landa -- a fur farm was raided by activists. The fence was cut at several place and 500 minks and 30 foxes were set free.

AUGUST 22/98: Orebro -- two windows smashed and locks glued at hunting shop.

AUGUST 26/98: Sundsvall -- at least 1,000 minks was liberated from their cages at a mink farm in the northern Sweden.

AUGUST 27/98: Storuman -- A hunting house has been totally destroyed. One of the hunters woke up in the middle of the night and saw that the house was on fire. The house burned to the ground. The same hunters had their hunting house burned down last year as well. Earlier this year a hunting tractor (used for shipping killed elks) was burned out. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER/98: Fargelanda -- During an daylight inspection on Bjorkebo mink farm, animal rights activists heard the sound of a shotgun being fired at or near them. All activists managed to escape to safety. The Bjorkebo mink farm was raided by The Wild Minks last year in october when 800 minks were released.

SEPTEMBER 4/98: Harryda -- a mink farm was raided for a second time by activists from the direct action group THE WILD MINKS. The farmer had put up fake alarms and signs about security guards. An estimated 200-250 minks was set free. During the previous raid, the ferrets held on the farm had to be left behind. This time all ferrets (6) were put in bags for release. -- THE WILD MINKS

SEPTEMBER 5/98: During the night to September the 5th, activists from the Swedish A.L.F., Djurens Befrielse Front, smashed all 5 windows on B:sons fur shop in Boras, Sweden. -- D.B.F.

SEPTEMBER 19/98: Ormaryd -- Larssons mink farm was raided by The Wild Minks. Holes was cut in the fence and an estimated 180 cages was opened and approx. 400 minks were set free. The Wild Minks wants to give our support to the people arrested recently in USA for the fur farm raids.
We never give up...

SEPTEMBER 26/98: Kunsngen -- What is to believed bomb was placed under a lorrie belonging to an egg company. The driver noticed a device made up of a bottle, some wires and a battery. The truck was full of eggs. Bomb specialists were called in and the device was blowed up. Police suspect animal rights activists were behind the attack.

SEPTEMBER 28/98: Sundsvall -- over 2,000 minks was released from a mink farm. This is the same farm that was attacked some month ago when 1,000 minks were freed. The letters D.B.F. were found painted on a shed.

FINLAND

APRIL/98: Tampere - A fur store has 3 windows broken.

APRIL/98: Toijala - Road construction site: 3 windows of a machine broken.

APRIL/98: Toijala - Group called "The voice of the forest" ignited a bridge under construction, damaging the wooden intermediate structure. The group also removed 60 survey stakes to teach a lesson to the Earth rapists.

APRIL/98: Riihimki - A McDonalds has windows broken.

APRIL/98: Yljrvi (?) - 7 hunting platforms demolished.

APRIL/98: Juupajoki - 10 hunting platforms broken. The remains of one has a large abount of elk shit on it and the text "BLACK ELK"

MAY/98: Helsinki - A fur store has windows broken and spraypainted.

MAY/98: Espoo - Furcrafter has the windows broken.

MAY/98: Helsinki - Furrier's van is covered with spraypainted slogans and the wall has the words "animal abuser" spraypainted.

MAY/98: Tuusula - 7 hunting platforms demolished.

MAY/98: Helsinki - Several fur stores have windows broken.

MAY/98: Tampere - A McDonalds has 4 windows and a sign broken. The text "War begins..." spraypainted" --E.L.F.

MAY/98: Tampere - Road administration depot: a machine and barracks torched. --E.L.F.

MAY/98: Kangasala - Shell has 4 windows broken. -E.L.F.

MAY/98: Tampere - A fur retailer has 6 windows broken and two large EVR-texts spraypainted on the wall. -E.V.R.

MAY/98: Tampere - A fur store has 4 windows broken, another one 5 windows. -E.V.R.

MAY/98: Kangasala - Shell has 4 windows broken and slogans spraypainted. -E.L.F.

MAY/98: Iittala - Shell, 6 windows broken. -E.L.F.

MAY/98: Helsinki - Three fur stores have 2 windows broken each.

JUNE/98: Tampere - Two fur stores have a window broken twice.

JUNE/98: Tampere - F1-races sabotaged: cars broken and spraypainted at the depot, beer tent sloganised, adverts sabotaged, and logs dropped into water (the logs were notified to the authorities by the activists before the race started to avoid injury).

JUNE/98: Nivala - Shell visited three nights in a row: sloganised and locks glued. -E.L.F.

MID JUNE/98: Vihti -- A fur farm's warehouse was burnt to ground by activists.

JUNE 27/98: At the Konnevesi recearch center, moles (about 50) and birds (14 of the common Finnish bird, Turdus iliacus) were released to nature.

JULY/98: Toijala - Road construction site: one truck burned, another damaged by fire.

JULY/98: Tampere - A fur retailer has 3 windows broken and butric acid thrown inside plus a text spraypainted: "EVR here again!"

JULY/98: Toijala - Road construction site: a transport vehicle plus a machine it was carrying were torched. Also one tractor burned to ground and one digger has sand put in the tank. Dozends of survey stakes removed and a bridge under construction vandalised.

JULY/98: Valkeakoski - the locks of a meat store glued.

JULY/98: Helsinki - A fur store loses its display window.

JULY/98: Helsinki - Junotex fur store lost windows. -E.V.R.

JULY 2/98: Outokumpu -- 12 hens rescued from the battery unit.

JULY 21/98: Karttula -- A beagle and rabbit breeder suffered economic damage when windows and motion detectors were trashed in what seems to be a spontaneous hit. One person was arrested in connection to the action, and they are being charged with criminal damage. The owner of the breeding centre has been targetted in the past. A letter was received from "The Animal Court" included in which was several bullets. The letter stated that Nevalainen has three months to close the breeder or else... The owner's home has been repeatedly vandalized with slogans, and his workplace has had windows smashed, as well as a van used to transport lab animals was slashed, paintstripped and had windows smashed.

JULY 30/98: Kuopio -- 31 rats were rescued from the National Health Bureau vivisection laboratory.



AUGUST/98: Loviisa - 2 hunting platforms demolished.

AUGUST/98: Toijala - A road construction machine spraypainted with the text "Who cares about the world?"

AUGUST/98: Turku - Two fur stores have their windoes broken.

AUGUST/98: Tampere - McDonalds: 4 windows broken, Furrier: 3 windows broken, A fur retailer: 3 windows broken (According to our knowledge the retailer has been attacked 7 times this years, with 32 windows broken).

AUGUST/98: Teisko - 2 hunting platforms broken, a road construction machine sabotaged. -E.L.F.

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Two days later, Aug. 20, 330 foxes were liberated from Steve Hansel's Hidden Valley Fur Farm in Guttenberg, Iowa. Three newspapers, and one television station conducted interviews. In a communique, the action was dedicated to the Chatham 3.

The following day, Aug. 21, at Isebrands Fur Farm in Jewell, Iowa 3,000 mink were set free. A communique for each of the 3 raids has been received claiming full responsibility. The communique for Isebrands speaks directly to all of us:

"Let this raid be a call to action. It is time for all those who oppose needless suffering to start the attack. This is the third fur farm raid in the Midwest this week, let's make this only the beginning. By brick, boltcutters, or fire, this is the dawn of liberation," We are called to question our comfortable lifestyles as well: *"Many will wear an A.L.F. t-shirt, but will not jeopardize their middle class lifestyle to end the suffering of others."* Security is described as "non-existent" and the raid itself is said to be a "simple low risk operation." The liberators are able to challenge each of us directly with the statement: *"The only things separating life from death for the mink in these dens of suffering are a latch on a cage and your own fear."*

Another liberation on Aug. 27 at Bown's Mink Ranch had 3,000 mink rescued in Beloit, WI. A communique is yet to be received. Two media outlets in Illinois carried stories as well as three Wisconsin newspapers. The fifth liberation happened Aug. 28 in Rochester, MN where almost 3,000 mink were released from Zumbro River Fur Farm. More media including Associated Press, two other newspapers, and two radio stations carried stories. Several media sites have directly linked with Frontline Information Service web site, which educates even more people about the A.L.F. The grand total of animals saved comes to 13,000 mink, and 330 foxes.

VARIOUS THINGS

Four turkeys were rescued from a roadside petting zoo in Germantown Maryland. The communique described the animals placed in loving caring homes where "they will not be treated as a source of mere food or entertainment, but rather as individuals who deserve the right to live free of exploitation." The Gazette Newspaper conducted a thorough interview.

In Oregon, on July 21, the A.L.F. claimed responsibility for rescuing three female rabbits destined for breeding from the Western Oregon Rabbit Supply. If you remember, just over a month ago at the same location, over 15 rabbits were liberated in the first daylight raid for North America. KMTR-TV and the Albany Democrat Herald are waiting for larger actions, they seem to have the idea that there is much more to come in the future....

In a very bizarre story, the Press Office reported that an activist from Guelph, Canada was arrested for spitting on Guelph Fashion Furs. Animal Liberation Collective sent a release which caused a flurry of front page stories about the activist. Apparently an arrest warrant was issued, so the activist turned himself in. He is charged with Criminal Mischief which carries a 2 year sentence and maximum fine of $2000. He immediately was on hunger strike and eventually signed a statement agreeing not to come within 20 meters of the store. He was released after 24 hours. Police didn't even witness the spitting. It was caught on video while the activist rode on a bicycle past the store. If arrest warrants are issued for spitting on a fur store, what's next? Indictments for frowning at a fur store?

Media for the most part continues to be receptive and positive. Stay tuned for many more exciting actions courtesy of The A.L.F. And remember, whenever you hear about a possible A.L.F. action, don't assume we know about it--please contact the Press Office immediately. "Now is the time for activists who are unwilling to risk their freedom for the animals to question their own dedication and conviction," from Isebrands Fur Farm Communique.

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AUGUST/98: Kangasala - Shell, 5 windows broken. -E.L.F.

AUGUST/98: Tampere - A fur store has 2 windows broken. -E.V.R.

AUGUST/98: Valkeakoski - Road construction site: machines spraypainted and signs removed. -E.L.F.

AUGUST/98: Valkeakoski - Road construction site: sand poured into the tanks of two construction machines. Third one has windows broken and slogans spraypainted. -E.L.F.

AUGUST/98: Tampere - 4 fur stores get glue in their locks and walls spraypainted with the text "E.V.R. A sticker glued on the door: "Closed because of bad conscience." -E.V.R.

AUGUST/98: Tampere - McDonald=B4s: lock glued, window spraypainted, and the "Closed..." sticker glued to the door.

AUGUST/98: Tampere - A road construction engineer's house spraypainted: "Shame on you, Jorma Jokilehto!" -E.L.F.

AUGUST/98: Helsinki - A fur store spraypainted with anti-rust spray which forces the store to buy new windows. Info on the spray widely distributed (Carosol F-40)

AUGUST/98: Tuusula - 6 hunting platforms demolished.

AUGUST/98: Espoo - A furcrafter has windows stoned. -E.V.R.

AUGUST/98: Helsinki - A fur store has windows broken.

AUGUST/98: Helsinki - A fur and a leather store both have windows broken.

AUGUST/98: Helsinki - A fur store has windows broken.

AUGUST 1/98: Vihti -- over 500 minks were liberated from a fur farm. Several escape routes were cut to the surrounding fence. The same fur farm had been targeted in June when a storagebuilding was torched.

SEPTEMBER/98: Joroinen -- activists liberated mink from a fur farm releasing an estimated 2000 mink from their cages after making holes in the fence through which they could escape. The farm is owned by Eero Joensuu from Himanka, whose Gold Safir company owns other mink farms. They have also started farming sable in Finland. *"If we hadn't made this raid, the animals that now escaped would have been killed. Unfortunately the farmer has recaptured some of the animals to his death camp. On farms of the same kind around Finland there are 5 million fur animals suffering. The raids will continue until the last cage is open. We invite everyone to join the struggle - tonight!"* - E.V.R.-T.R.

SEPTEMBER/98: Joroinen - A fur farm raided and 2000 mink liberated and other facilities sabotaged. Fence cut.

SEPTEMBER 8/98: Kirkkonummi -- activists raided a farm and 4000 minks were liberated.

BELGUIM

MID JULY/98: Kontich -- Arson attack at Quick (fast-food joint): Ballbath destroyed, outside furniture little bit much black and smokey. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 3/98: Antwerp --McDonald's hit in an arson attack: walls and inside furniture destroyed,water and smoke damage. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 6/98: Merksem -- Arson attack at McDonald's, resulting in damage to the outside of the building. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 9/98: Antwerp -- activists destroyed the outside furniture at McDonald's in the centre of the city. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 11/98: Antwerp -- McDonald's Teniersplaats (centre of city) had windows smashed out and slogans like "Smash the Mac" and "Meat means Murder" sprayed on the wall.-A.L.F.

AUGUST 13/98: Antwerp -- Arson attack on Quick at Grotesteenweg Berchem, resulting in outside damage to the building, including smoke damage. Slogans included "Meat industry = Death" and "A.L.F." --A.L.F.

AUGUST 29/98: Purrs -- Arson attack at McDonald's, which totally destroyed the building. Damage costs: between 35 and 50 million Belgian francs. Belgian State Security Service spokesman Jan-Baptiste De Smet told VTM television, "For a number of years we have some information on the A.L.F. Since the 1970s they have committed attacks in Great Britain and United States, but until now we did not know that they were active in Belgium too."

HOLLAND

MARCH 22/98: Oirlo -- Two battery farms in North Limburg were sabotaged. In one battery unit of 30 000 chickens, pallets with a total of 200 000 eggs were pushed over and sprayed with paint and fire extinguishers. Electrical equipment was damaged. A conveyer belt of 100m was cut up. Damage is estimated at 125 000 dfl. "Dierenbevrijdingsfront" (Animal Liberation Front) was written on the walls. In what the police believe is a related attack a nearby mink farm suffered some damage when 10 empty cages were trashed. --A.L.F.



Activists help renovate a McDonalds..

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UNITED STATES

Rod Coronado #3895000, FCI Unit SW, 8901 S. Wilmot Rd., Tucson, AZ 85706, USA
SentencEd to a total of 57 months for aiding and abetting arson and handling stolen property in connection with acting as spokes person 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).
Letters can be sent to him via e-mail at: rod@envirolink.org. Put "For Rod" in the subject line.

Frank Allen - 1809138, 550 N. Flower, Santa Ana, CA 92703, USA
Jailed for the attempted arson of a high school slaughter house in southern California, he was transferred in July to the Orange County Jail. Frank was sentenced on July 9 to one year in prison.

Sean Gautschy, TCDC Unit A Cell 17, 47 South Main St., Tooele UT, 84074, USA
Facing charges connected to the firebombing of the Utah Fur Breeder's Co-op (1 million dollars damage caused) and is also accused in connection with two raids on mink farms in 1996, in which mink were released and over 200,000 dollars damage done. **Not allowed to receive magazines or any periodicals or newspaper articles, but can be sent photos, books, crossword puzzles and drawing paper.**

ENGLAND

Darren Cole CX4137, HMP Elmley, Church Rd, Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4AY, England - NEW ADDRESS
Sentenced to 21 months for making hoax bomb calls to Dover docks in an attempt to prevent live export of sheep for halal slaughter.

Phil De Souza AW6717, HMP The Weare, Rotherham Rd, Castletown, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1PZ, England
Sentenced to 12 months for assault on a huntsman.

Adam Gould BP4130, HMYOI, Onley, Rugby, Warwicks, CV23 8AP, England
Sentenced to 12 months for violent disorder during a demo at Hillgrove Farm vivisection cat breeders.

Rebecca Green XT3211, HMP Brockhill, Brockhill Lane, Redditch, Worcs, B97 6RD, England
Sentenced to 12 months for violent disorder at a Hillgrove demo in April.

Barry Horne VC2141, HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane, York, YO4 1PS, England
Sentenced to 18 years for arson at several premises on the Isle of Wight, with a concurrent 14 year sentence for attempted arson in Bristol. Barry has admitted the Bristol incidents , but is appealing conviction for the Isle of Wight attacks.

Keith Mann EE3588, HMP Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5NX, England
Sentenced to 11 years for criminal damage, attempted incitement, possession of explosive materials, attempted arson and escaping from custody. Keith was refused parole in May and must wait until March '99.

Greg Marthews BV5654, HMP Leyhill, Wotton-Under-Edge, Glos, GL12 8HL, England
Sentenced to 12 months for violent disorder during a demo at Hillgrove Farm vivisection cat breeders.

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

Dan Pousti BV5621, HMP Spring Hill, Grendon Underwood, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 0TJ, England
Sentenced to 15 months in connection with the rescue of 2 beagle dogs from Park Farm laboratory animal suppliers near Oxford. This farm supplies Oxford University with all sorts of animals for experimentation. Several beagles were taken but Dan was allegedly apprehended by the police in a van with the dogs. There were no other arrests.

Colin Reider BV5862, HMP Bullingdon, PO Box 50, Bicester, Oxfordshire OX6 0PR, England
Sentenced to four months for threatening behaviour following an alleged incident at a Hillgrove demo in April.

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

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The EARTH LIBERATION FRONT (E.L.F.) invites you all to join with them in celebrating its annual International Earth Liberation Nights. This is a chance for all radical groups — be they Earth Liberation, Animal Liberation, anti-nuclear, indigenous land rights, women's, anti-fascist or revolutionary — to join together and target those who are destroying this planet and our lives. No matter what the target, be it road contractors, oil companies, vivisection labs, genetics/biotechnology labs, repressive governments, whaling nations, logging companies, nuclear offices, trans-nationals, etc. etc., the E.L.F. asks that you use the night constructively. The time for words is over! Only direct action can put the fear into the enemy's heart. The E.L.F. also asks that this Earth Night be celebrated as an act of solidarity with the Zapatistas (EZLN) who are presently being forced off their land by the Mexican Government.

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