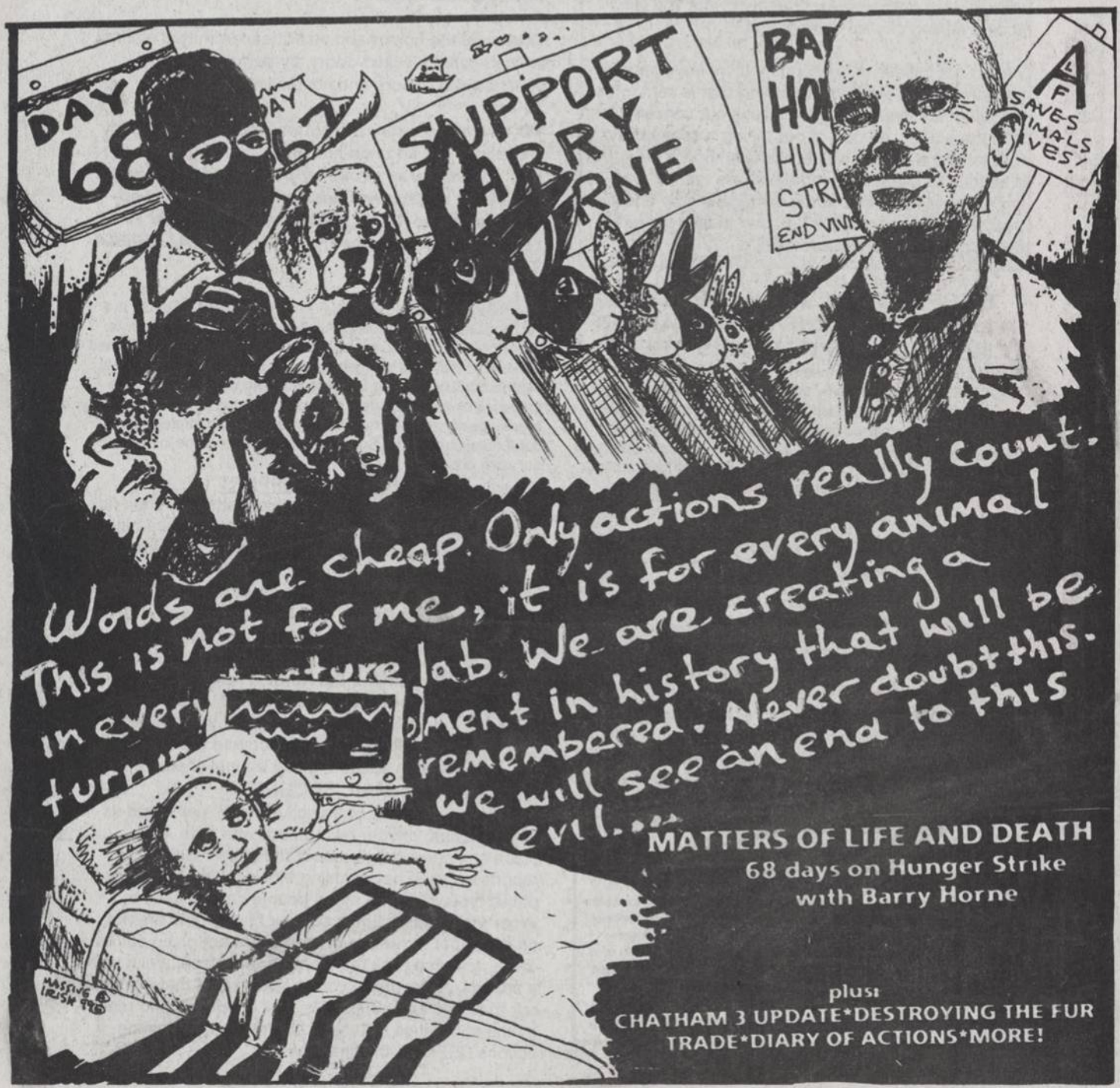
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From yer Editor:

An update on the Utah Snitching situation: it's official, Douglas Joshua Ellerman has been assisting authorities in their investigations of ALF activities in Utah, and has named others as participants. As more details become available, we will share them with you, but needless to say how disappointing this situation is for us all. The arson at the Mink Feed Co-operative in Sandy Utah struck a real blow against the fur industry, causing nearly $1 million in damages, and we're saddened to see someone who's actions spoke so loudly for animals everywhere turn so completely against the struggle for animal liberation. No matter how much we can applaud the ALF actions Josh participated in, we can never accept the fact that he has turned on his comrades and his grassing can never be forgiven, or forgotten.

On a different note, right off the bat we'd like to thank everyone for their patience in waiting for this issue of *Underground*. A number of things have kept us busy and delayed the release of this issue (normally out by late December) — like everyone else following Barry Horne's hunger strike, we've been waiting with breath baited and stomachs knotted, wondering if we were about to lose a dedicated and courageous warrior. Deadlines came and went, but we didn't dare wrap things up with so much hanging in the balance — Well, 68 days later, Barry Horne rejoined the land of the living, but even as we finally go to print it's unclear what kind of lasting damage his hunger strike may have caused him, physically and mentally. We've managed to put together an over-view of Barry's hunger strike for readers who may not have been able to follow it on a day by day basis. One thing was made very clear through all of this: our movement is one of compassion. The strength of Barry's convictions and his determination to put it all on the line brought people from around the world together. Actions erupted everywhere that were dedicated to Barry and the animals he was trying to save. On a more personal level, we saw how the energy generated by Barry's struggle was able to both recharge the batteries of the "war weary" within our ranks, and give courage to those acting for the first time. With love, courage and rage the struggle for animal liberation continues.

Let me take a moment to thank everyone who has helped with this issue of Underground, and who has continued to show their support for the ALF and the Supporters Group. A huge thank you goes out to the folk who sponsored an ad for the SG in Animals Agenda, also to Darren, Gina, Katie, David No Compromise, the ALFSG UK, folks at Frontline, everyone who writes a prisoner, Craig Burton for donating signed copies of his book to the SG to raise funds for ALF prisoners (is that cool or what?), and of course, a big round of applause to YOU for reading this and supporting us!

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Letters to Underground



INFORMERS DESERVE NO SYMPATHY

Dear Underground,
Thankyou for writing about the Utah Snitching situation. Its important for our movement to be made aware of informers and the damage they can do, so we can take steps to prevent these situations from arising in the future (if only!). Why is it so many within the animal rights movement are willing to chum around with known informers? Robyn Weiner from the Chatham situation is one that comes to mind but unfortunately there are all to many out there -- too often activists want to say "Aww, forgive and forget" well you know what? These people have fucked over their closest friends and in many cases provide the only evidence there is to connect them to actions -- actions that were to save the animals! Grasses, snitches and informers, take careful note, there are those of us who are not prepared to forgive you for sending our warriors to jail. If you don't even have the backbone to stand up for what you believe, you deserve nothing but contempt from the rest of us. Animals have died because you wanted to save your own pathetic skin. Shame on you.

Stand tall,
Crescent Wrench Collective

Prisoner seeks Animal rights friends

Dear *Underground,*
For sometime now, someone here has shared *Underground* with me and I enjoy the publication and hearing about all the work everyone is doing. I don't know anyone from the outside world who is into animal rights. I would appreciate it if you would publish this letter. I am in hopes someone into animal rights will read this and write to me.

Thank you!
Manuel Pardo #111983
P1112 box 221 Raiford FL
32083, USA

Fran Thompson Update

Dear *Underground,*
Regarding Fran Thompson, animal/environmental activist who received a life sentence when she fatally shot a suitor-turned-stalker in self-defense, AFTER having informed the authoritiesthat she was receiving death threats from him, upon which they failed to take any action: letters are requested in an urgent action to obtain legal help on appeal. They are to be directed to:
Gerry Spence
Attorney at Law
15 S. Jackson, Jackson Wyoming
83001, USA

Please urge Mr. Spence (the most renowned defense attorney in the U.S. today with multi-state legal licensure, second in reputation only to the deceased William Kunstler) to undertake Fran's appeal. Please point out that it has merit because 1) Self-defense was disallowed as a mitigating factor 2) the case was upgraded with the direct intention to silence
Fran as an activist 3) of fabrication of evidence/police perjury

Fran's new address (same prison) is:
Fran Thompson 93341
Nebraska Center For Women
1107 Recharge Rd. York, NE
68467-8003, USA

Thank you!

RE: Mail Bombs, etc. Cross the Line

Dear NA-A.L.F.S.G.
In response to T.K.'s letter from CALIF *re: Cross the Line* [issue #12] -- Are they not crossing the line [in reference to graphic pictures of lab animals sent with letter] -- these animals did not have a chance to confront their tormentors and murderers! We support ALL means to get these and other atrocities STOPPED. Our members are in jail for nothing. It's PAY-BACK TIME -- the only language they understand.
--anon.

Dear Underground,
If TK bothered to read #11's action report properly, s/he'd realize it referred to the "Provisional ALF," not the actual ALF. If TK had half the sense of humour they have, s/he'd realize this nom de guerre was chosen as a skit on those other well-known
freedom fighters over here, the Provisional IRA. If TK had half the intelligence of the pALF, s/he'd realize it takes a lot more guts to take on the State's whole repressive apparatus with the rest of your life inside as possible penalty than it does to counsel nonviolence to the oppressed. And if TK was less hooked on moral indignation, s/he'd realize pALF are through with sacrificial Gandhian toss as tried and failed. After years of

their sanctimonious self-righteousness, I also now take Gandhians no more seriously than any other religious cult. I accept many people have problems with letter bombs -- mine is that they're not deadly enough, given their targets. Maybe pALF should take lessons from TK's namesake, Ted Kaczynski.

Yours for the destruction of Civilisation,
Oxford GA's

Aw, Shucks!

Dear *Underground,*
I am 17 years old and into the punk rock scene. I've been vegan since I was born, thanks to my mom and dad, both activists for animals and peace. I've been reading your magazine for over a year and wanted to let you know it is great! Some of your covers are amazing, and it's cool to see such good drawing/artwork. I also read a magazine from England, called **ARKANGEL**, that has cool covers. Any chance that issue #8's cover will become a t-shirt? Any way, I work very hard at spreading the word to anyone who will listen about animal liberation. I've made photocopies of your magazine, and spread them around and even if some kids aren't completely into animal rights, *Underground* sure does open their eyes. Good work everyone!

xTobyx

SKIING THE ASHES OF VAIL

To Whom Ever it may concern,
I condone and commend anyone and everyone associated with the fires committed in Vail, Colorado.

I agree 100% that there is no need to expand-the already largest ski resort in America. As an avid skier and environmentalist, I would like to send my best wishes and good-luck to everyone associated with this act and hope that all is well with the organization.

As a skier, I appreciate everything ski resorts have to offer for me. I understand that trees need to be cut down, roads need to be constructed and lodges need to be built. But there MUST BE a limit to what these humongus corporations can do, and I think that what you do is very commendable. The partners and shareholders of these corporations should know what their holding and what their company actually approves. As a former ski instructor for Stowe Mountain Resort, in Stowe, VT (owned by another environmentally notorious corporation --AIG), I know what goes on behind the scenes. I know that they felt no remorse in proposing to cut down over 200 more acres of land to build upon Stowe's already vast terrain. Luckily, the state of Vermont felt it unnecessary and thusly rejected the idea (thank God).

Keep up the good work and godspeed. Sincerely,
Joe Okubo
Ski Instructor/Sales Asst/Environmentalist

Swedish ALF and Emelie E:son

Dear *Underground,*
The latest months I have had some correspondence with Emelie E:son, the person behind what she calls DBF, Djurens Befrielse Front (Swedish Animal Liberation Front). According to her, her so called DBF is the Swedish ALF, but she is far away from following the international guidelines. The largest differences are that her DBF isn't organized in the same way, and that the methods of working not have been the same.

According to ALF's guidelines, anyone who is at least vegetarian and who carry out actions according to the guidelines have the right to regard themselves as a part of the ALF. Though Emelie E:son thinks that she has some kind of patent for working under the name ALF in Sweden. Therefore she has said that if anyone wants to work under the name DBF, then they must contact her to get approval to do so.

For that reason one can also say that she is breaking to another one of the ALF guidelines - that the ALF doesn't have any centralized organization, address etc. Emelie E:son's DBF both have a postbox and a phone number, and the media is always contacting her when larger actions happened, and there have been a lot of those the latest years. However, Emelie E:son has not taken the opportunity to explain why these actions happened, and to me she said that she doesn't respond to "fascist-newspapers", and I wonder what she means by that... I think that she is missing a lot of opportunities to focus on the animals situation, and though she said to me that the media contacts her a couple of times a week, she has only been seen in media a couple of times a year. By that, one can also say that Emelie E:son not has worked as a Swedish ALF press officer.

Besides that she hasn't done the job as a Swedish ALF supporters group. Maybe she has sent letters to prisoners outside Sweden, but when I and two other Swedish activists were caught earlier this year at a fur farm, we didn't hear a word from her. When I asked her about this she just said that "no Swedish ALF-activists ever had been caught", and she also made it clear that she didn't support those fur farm liberations that have taken place the latest years.

In Sweden there have been more than 30 fur farm raids where altogether thousands of animals have been released into the wild, and Emelie E:son has condemned everyone of them. I myself think that all the

fur farm raids are one of the largest threat to the Swedish fur industry, but apparently Emelie E:son thinks it better to fight the fur industry by sitting at home watching TV. Emelie E:son has bought every-one of the fur industry's myths about the minks capa-bility to survive in the wild, how the ecology is effected etc., and she has gone out in the media with the only purpose to condemn the liberations. I don't want to take up too much space explaining the facts to you here, because I hope you all know about it, and as far as I know fur farm liberations have taken place in a number of countries worldwide, and are supported by CAFT, NA-ALF SG, UK-ALF SG etc.

As I said to Emelie, she is responsible for more deaths to minks than I am, because if you don't do anything then 100 % of the minks will die. Now at least some will have a chance to live a life in freedom, and besides that the farmer loses a lot of money.

Now, in the latest years there have been a remarkable increase in direct action against animal abuse in Swe-den, by all different kind of groups (except by Emelie E:son's DBF who has been very passive). Because of Emelie E:son's behaviour there have been started other groups like "Animal Rights Militia", "Animal Avengers", "The Wild Minks" etc, who all have done very successful actions.

Because of Emelie's "patent" for the name DBF, some actions have also been claimed by (international) ALF. But since an English name isn't very effective in Sweden, some activists decided to "take the name DBF back". The first action happened on April 18, where a dog was liberated from vivisection. The com-munique said that from now on the Swedish ALF was to work according to the international guidelines, and they urged everyone (following the guidelines) to work under the name DBF from then on.

Since then there have taken place lots of actions claimed by the new DBF, including as well liberations as sabotage and arson. On July 5, five dairy trucks were burned down in Vetlanda, and the new DBF claimed responsibility for the action. The problem is that when the media wanted to write about it, they contacted Emelie E:son to get more information. Now, if we would have a good press office in Sweden a lot could have been won in the articles which were pub-lished all over Sweden the days after the action. But in Sweden we don't have a good press office, in Sweden we have Emelie E:son.

In the articles, interviews etc, she had all the chance in the world to explain about what the dairy industry is responsible for, but she didn't say a word about the animals. All that she cared to talk about was to say that "this action wasn't done by DBF", and that "those who have done this have used our name without our approval". She also said that it was "cowardly" to do so by the persons behind the action. The worst thing she said in one of the interviews was; and I quote "We are tired of condemning/denying actions we haven't done. What's it gonna be next time - murder?" In the same interview, she also said that she dissociated o.s. from using arson as a method of working, because she said that "life could be hurt". Of course this action harmed no one, and I hardly have to say that under all ALF-actions that have taken place during the last 20+ years, no one has ever been hurt.

I have tried to explain all this, about the ALF guide-lines etc to Emelie herself, and I have also recom-mended her to shut down her postbox and stop her contact with the media, so that other people can start working seriously with a Swedish ALF SG, PO etc. - but she just don't understand! I know that more people have talked and written to her, and in fact I don t know any Swedish activist who thinks that what Emelie E:son is doing is good, but she just refuses to face facts.

Because of that she refuses to listen to us, then maybe some international pressure can have her to evaluate her situation. Please observe that I don't care if she wants to continue work as just one ALF-cell among all others, that s totally ok - the thing is that I (and many others) want her to shut down her postbox and contact with the media.

Kristofer Aberg
SWEDEN

This letter was sent to Underground a little while ago, but we held off printing it in the hopes that Emelie E:son would have a chance to reply in the same issue -- something we felt was only fair given some of the accusations made against her -- a copy of Kristofer's letter was sent to her (with his permission) but unfortunately we have not heard back from Emilie. However, we'll be glad to print anything she might send that addresses Kristofer's concerns. We are not interested in turning **Under-ground** ***into a forum for activists to air their dirty-laundry against each other, and have no intention of getting embroiled in a situation that does not directly involve us. Our hopes are that the folks in Sweden will finally have it all worked out -- so many actions are taking place in Sweden these days that inspire us all, and we hope they continue...***

NEWS BRIEFS

Bird Watchers arrested for Raid

Oct. Finland -- Two people were arrested by Finish police, accused of taking part in a fur farm raid in Kirkkonummi, where 3800 mink were liberated. The two were soon freed due to lack of evidence, however, police are attempting to gather more evidence against them. Local activists contacted the accused, who said they were simply local kids who were bird-watching in the area when the raid happened. The two have never had any contact to the animal rights movement, never been to demos and never been charged for any actions before.

£310M CASE AGAINST ACTIVISTS DROPPED

Charges have been dropped against the remaining two campaigners connected to the Gandalf trials, a case which has dragged on for almost 18 months at an estimated cost of £310 million.

Robin Webb, the Press Officer for the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and Paul Rogers, editor of Green Anarchist magazine are both free from prosecution following an extraordinary decision made at Portsmouth Crown court. The two men had been charged with several counts of inciting persons unknown to commit various illegal acts on unspecified dates over a five-year period. Known as the Gandalf case (from GA and ALF), it was widely seen by campaigners as a crude attempt to 'gag' the entire UK protest movement. Three others, named as their co-conspirators, had earlier been jailed for three years on similar charges but were cleared following a Court of Appeal hearing and released after four months.

The decision to abandon the charges against Webb and Rogers came following a complicated legal decision from the Court of Appeal. It ruled that the case against the first three animal rights and environmental activists, Noel Molland, Sax Wood and Steve Booth was nullified. Judge Selwood, who was presiding over the case ruled that by extension the case of Robin Webb and Paul Rogers was nullified and therefore there was no case to answer. Tim Green, Robin Web's solicitor welcomed the judgement:: "This is a welcome end to a ludicrously drawn out prosecution which should never have been brought in the first place."

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Back on the Scene

Anarchism is a diverse body of social and political thought that is opposed to all relationships that are based on hierarchical authority and inequities of power and privilege.

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Belgium Activists Need Support

Dec. Antwerp, Belgium -- two activists, Anja Hermans and Lindsey Van Keer - both 19 - were arrested by police and had their homes in Antwerp and St Amands Belgium searched. The two are charged with arson and conspiracy. If found guilty, they risk 20 to 30 years in jail. A third activist, Peter Terryn was also arrested by police, and later freed when charges were dropped.

Between July '98 and November '98 over 60 attacks in Belgium (ranging from graffitti's to arson and from butchers to McDonalds) were claimed by the ALF, but so far it is not clear wether Anja and Lindsey were involved in any way. Police press releases say both admitted taking part in a televised interview that claimed 8 raids on fast food restaurants. One is said to have admitted participating in an arson attack on a fast food restaurant near her home.

The arrests are the result of a collaboration between local police, state security and Scotland Yard. Scotland Yard was supposedly called in when a debate on animal liberation took place in Antwerp. A Belgian senator of the green party (Eddy Boutmans), a local politician of the Socialist Workers Party (Vincent Scheltiens), an animal rights activist of GAIA (Michel Vandenbosch) and a spokesperson for the ALFSG-UK (John Curtin) took part in de debate before an audience of over 120 people.

Anja - who just celebrated her 19th birthday - has been the victim of police harassment and violence since she was 16. She is the co-founder of 'Wordt Vervolgd...' (to be continued/prosecuted) a police-watch organization, monitoring police brutality since 1997. She has since been arrested about 50 times (often violently) and had to endure over 10 police raids on her house, 8 of them long before the ALF was active in Belgium. Anja, she was released on 29/12 (on parole) after an imprisonment of one month. She is still facing charges related to an interview she allegedly gave to the TV-program "Terzake" on the CANVAS-station, as a spokesperson of the ALF.

Anja states that she's has not been personally involved in the A.L.F. and that she has received information about the claimed fire attacks by e-mail.

The second woman that was arrested, Lindsey Van Keer, remains in jail. She has allegedly confessed to the fire attack in Puurs (where a McDeath-restaurant was completely destroyed). She however denies involvement with any of the other arson attacks. You can write them and show support:

You can contact the support groups:
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email: resist@earthling.com
mail: ZALF
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2000 A'penstad
Belgium

Animal Rights Office Hit by Gunfire

Dec 6. Santa Fe, New Mexico -- The office of Animal Protection of New Mexico, Inc. was sprayed with gunfire sometime during the night of Dec. 6. A shotgun blast through the front window of the office resulted in extensive damage to an interior room. Fortunately, none of the women who work in the Santa Fe office were there at the time.

Animal Protection of New Mexico, Inc. is the state's largest animal rights organization. It is unknown if a particular person or issue was being targeted or if the gunfire was aimed at the organization as a whole. The incident was reported to Santa Fe Police, who are now investigating.

Lisa Jennings, the executive director of APNM, has received two threatening anonymous letters in recent months. One letter stated: "Ms. Jennings, you are approaching a point where we will have to hurt you. We are going to make a concerted effort to kill any wolf reintroduced in to the wild and poison bison as long as you interfere with wildlife issues." The second letter said: "We are a group that will not put up with your anti-hunting agenda. If you initiate any proposal next year to hurt the New Mexico hunter, you will witness the systematic destruction of N.M. endangered and threatened species. If you hurt us you hurt yourself. We are willing to use any means to preserve our heritage. Species can be eliminated without firing a shot. If we can't hunt them, you can't see them. Your choice."

Other women associated with the group have also been threatened or harassed in recent months, but all are solidly committed to continue their work on behalf of animals and will not be silenced or intimidated by this cowardly attack.

GOVERNMENT INTEND TO TIGHTEN MINK FARM SECURITY

England -- As a direct result of the ALF raids on UK fur farms in 1998 the Ministry of Agriculture (MAFF) have announced plans to force fur farmers to significantly increase security in a move that may well force some of them out of business.

In late December MAFF issued a consultation letter on amending legislation and "introducing a re-

quirement to maintain adequate security installations and equipment for the purpose of: **a.** detecting any unauthorised entry on to the premises and any act of sabotage aimed at releasing the farmed mink, and so far as reasonably practicable withstanding any such act of sabotage; and **b.** ensuring that all reasonably practicable precautions are taken that are reasonably sufficient to deter and impede any such unauthorised entry or sabotage."

Current legislation requires farmers to carry out certain precautions to prevent mink escaping, but "are not aimed at preventing unauthorised entry on to the premises or any act of sabotage leading to the release of farmed mink into the wild." The alleged effects of mink releases on wildlife and domestic animals, and the cost to the local councils, government and local people in dealing with mink appear to be the reasons behind this proposed legislation.

The consultation letter states that estimates suggest that the total breeding stock in fur farms in the UK is around 50,000, with around 160,000 mink pelted each year. The letter also states that the number of mink held on each farm varies between 100 and over 1,000.

The letter admits that "a physical barrier alone is unlikely to keep determined intruders out for long in an isolated situation" and lists other security measures along with their costs.

The recurring costs (per farm per year) could range from £300 to £20,000 ; the non-recurring costs from £350 to £12,000. "The security measures will be required to be maintained in place and in full operation until fur farming is prohibited." It also appears that the more 'targeted' a farm is the more pressure there will be for greater security measures.

We are aware that some mink farms are only still operating in the hope that they will receive compensation when they are banned. Having to now pay extremely large amounts of money, particularly at a time when pelt prices have dra-

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UPDATES FROM THE ELECTRONIC FRONTLINES

Animal-Liberation.net Goes Global

Over the past several months animal-liberation.net and the Frontline Information Service has become the host to 5 new web sites. We now have animal liberation news and information available in Finnish, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian.The fifth the belonging to the group Tactical Internet Response Network a electronic civil disobedience group who recently held the first animal liberation virtual sit-in at SMI's web site in Sweden, which resulted in them shutting down their computer network. A major renovation of the Frontline Information Service is underway and is due to complete and online by mid February.

http://www.animal-liberation.net

The Email 2 Prisoners Project

The Email 2 Prisoners project allows anyone who has access to the internet to send email to animal liberation prisoners -- its easy, and anyone can do it! Email 2 Prisoners is simple: compose and send your letter to <alf-pows@envirolink.org> with the prisoner that you would like it directed to in the subject line. A.L.F.S.G. members will forward your messages on to the respective prisoners!

Important considerations before you write:
-All Email 2 Prisoners letters will be confidential, but please realize email is not secure and can possibly be read by third parties.
-All incoming mail to prisons is read and inspected by prison authorities.
-Please be sure to include a regular postal address in your letter if you want a prisoner to reply -- the prisoners are not on email! Please do not expect a reply through the internet.

Up to date prisoner listings can be found on www.animal-liberation.net
What are you waiting for? send some Email 2 Prisoners today!

matically fallen, may well encourage some farmers to pull out now. However, increased security would also impede legal inspections by groups such as CAFT. These inspections are used to gain footage for either prosecutions against the farm or to keep the issue of fur farming in the public eye.

If anyone would like more info on all this please contact us at:
caft@caft.demon.co.uk

ROYAL FUR SHOPPERS SLEEP UNEASY AFTER LIST THEFT

Animal rights' activists have warned of a campaign of violence against members of the aristocracy following the theft of a Royal furrier's list of customers.

The Animal Liberation Front warned of attacks on the property of "well-known" customers of Calman Links, whose client list includes lords, ladies and countesses, according to anti-fur protesters.

The company said campaigners had obtained a list of about 50 of its customers and senior staff were having meetings with police to try to find the source of any leak.

A.L.F. Press Officer (UK) Robin Webb said: "Anyone who would be perceived as a high profile fur wearer would be seen as a legitimate target for the ALF in as much as their property and equipment would be possibly targeted. As far as personal attacks, that would be out of the question."

Some customers have already received a hoax letter in which the company, which holds Royal warrants for the Queen and Queen Mother, appears to make a grovelling apology and says it is about to cease trading.



Police survey damage at the Vail Ski Resort caused by the E.L.F.

Hearing Set for Anti-Oil Company Activists

Jan 26, Grand Prairie AB -- Wiebo Ludwig, 57 and Richard Boonstra, 53 who each face nine vandalism-related charges, including destroying or damaging oil-company property over $5000, will have a preliminary hearing in May.; The two have chosen a judge and jury trial. Since being re-arrested by police (Ludwig was arrested earlier last month by police but released due to lack of evidence) the two have begun a hunger strike.

Farmers and community members in the Grand Prairie area have been fighting the oil company's presence, claiming the company is responsible for illness and death of farm animals, crops and for higher incidents of illness within the community. There have been over 160 documented acts of sabotage and vandalism against the oil company and its property, dating back to at least 1995.

Grand Jury to Probe Vail Fires

Jan 27, Denver, CO -- A federal grand jury will investigate the fires that destroyed seven structures atop Vail Mountain last fall, officials said.

Vail Associates, which owns Vail and Beaver Creek resorts, was told late last week that subpoenas were being issued to compel witnesses to testify before a federal grand jury in Denver.

No one has been arrested in the Oct. 19 fires, which caused $12 million damage, destroying Two Elk Lodge and a ski patrol headquarters along with smaller buildings. The Earth Liberation Front later claimed responsibility for the fires. The group, in faxes to news organizations, claimed it set the blazes on "behalf of the lynx."

The reference was to Vail's planned Category III expansion into an area that environmentalists call vital habitat for the lynx.

Agents of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said the arsonists stuffed sponges into plastic jugs filled with gasoline, then lit them. No one was injured in the fires, which mainstream environmental groups denounced.

The Earth Liberation Front has been linked to last month's fire at an Oregon timber products company.

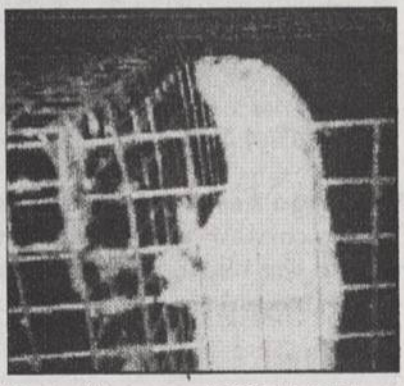
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CHATHAM 3 UPDATE

During the early hours of March 30th, 1997, five Americans were arrested for allegedly raiding a Canadian mink farm. Over 1500 mink were released from Ebert's Fur Farm, one of two mink farms owned by Tom and Bill McClellan. Fences were cut, breeding cards destroyed and mink released. Those charged were Patricia Dodson, Hilma Ruby, Robyn Weiner, Gary Yourofsky and Allan Hoffman, all of whom live in Michigan. Both Alan Hoffman and Robyn Weiner made damaging statements to the police, implicating others in the raid.

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On January 18, 1999, Hilma Ruby and Patricia Dodson were brought before the Canadian court, where both activists plead guilty to charges of breaking and entering an enclosure containing fur bearing animals, and theft. Ontario crown attorneys were seeking 18 to 24 month prison terms for Ruby and Dodson. The Crown made it clear the wanted to make examples of the metro Detroiters to stop a rash of Canadian fur farm attacks.

Testimony from the owners of the fur farm, Tom and Bill McClellan (Tom's father) outlined the physical layout of the farm and gave details regarding the 21 sheds housing mink. On March 16, 1997, in an unconnected raid, unknown activists liberated at least 180 mink from shed #8. Breeding cards were destroyed during the raid. A communique from the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the raid, and promised more to come. On March 30th, a chevy van with Michigan plates was observed near the farm by farmers guarding the property. Police were informed, and the van was soon stopped. According to evidence from the crown, Pat Dodson was the driver, and police observed suspicious equipment and materials in the back, but allowed the van to drive on.

Word came to the police that the farm had just been raided. Robyn Weiner was arrested on site, and shortly there after implicated both herself and others for the raid. Police again stopped Pat and the van, arresting her.

Police later came across Hilma Ruby walking along a road, and arrested her. A taxi destined for the US/ Canadian boarder containing Alan and Gary was intercepted on highway 401. Almost immediately after arrest, Alan confessed to the raid and named others as participants.

During Pat and Hilma's trial, witness for the prosecution, **Brian Tapscott**, a Minister of Agriculture (rural division) testified about the financial loss the raid caused the Ebert Fur Farm. Tapscott, a "live-stock specialist" provided assistance to the McClellan's for two days following the raid. According to Tapscott, the loss of production of kits, plus the loss of breeding females totalled at least $7924. Replacing the liberated female breeding mink would have cost $60912.94 The total costs of the 42 male mink liberated plus the destroyed breeding cards came to $23463.76, with a total net loss reaching well over $163801.30

Owner Bill McClellan took the stand and testified how the raid had effectively closed the fur farm for good. Due to the raid and poor mink prices the farm was shut down and three employees let go. It was revealed that McClellan still operates the Aberage Fur Farm, but that they now face huge expenses for higher security. Describing the tactics used by fur farm liberators, McClellan explained the effectiveness of destroying breeding cards: "When you have no breeding cards, you have nothing. Breeding cards contain all the records, pedigrees, everything. Breeding cards are the backbone of fur farming." When breeding cards are destroyed fur farmers must "...start all over, they have to be replaced with new stock which you can't afford." With every raid, insurance rates also go up, and for many farmers, it has become difficult to even get insurance due to the threat of massive losses during raids.

McClellan also described the anxiety and fear generated by communiques issued on the internet by activists threatening to hit fur farms. According to McClellan, the fur farmers couldn't sleep at night for fear of attack, and were often forced to stay awake on 24 hour shifts for weeks on end, guarding farms in case they were targeted. McClellan made it clear that the monitoring animal liberation web sites is a past-time many fur farmers partake in, partially to stay abreast of new raids and tactics, but also out of fear that their farm may be next. Communiques threatening attack apparently send the fur farming community into a frenzy of sleepless nights, paranoid all-night patrols of farms, and creates a (might we say satisfactory) climate of fear and anxiety.

Tom McClellan also took the stand, and between bouts of onion-induced tears and dramatic fits of boo-hooing, described the costs of repairs and extra security precautions at their farms. (Cost breakdown: Two security guards hired for 3 month: $7130.00, Two cell phones for security: $559.00, Repairs to farm: $4500.00, legal fees: $10,000.00, interruption of business: $10,000.00)

Finally, Gary Hazlewood, Director of the Canadian Mink Breeders Association described the impact of the Ebert Fur Farm raid on other mink farmers. Feeling picked on, fur farmers have been forced to hire extra staff, security, etc. at costs that begin at $20,000 and up. New fences cost between $10-$12 a foot, meaning a fenced farm can cost well over $20,000. Sensors, monitors, additional insurance and other related expenses are forcing fur farmers out of the business, and is certainly discouraging others from entering. Additionally, fur farmers find it a bit disconcerting to find their farms listed on the internet, creating "a great deal of stress."

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— Bill McClellan, Mink Farmer

Witnesses for the defense took the stand to explain to the court the abysmal conditions on mink farms in North America. While other nations introduce legislation to force fur farms to clean up their acts, or ban fur farming outright, North American fur farms refuse any kind of animal welfare reform that cuts into the bottom line profit for the farmer. Colleagues and family members also took the stand and described the courage, dedication and compassion both Pat and Hilma exhibited in their daily lives for people and animals.

On the stand Pat echoed what she had told media previously, "This is not a personal attack on Mr. McClellan, It's what he does that we don't like. Everyone does have a right to a job, but not a job that hurts people or animals. The animals can't speak for themselves. They don't want to be gassed or skinned alive... It's our obligation to speak for them."

Hilma released a statement explaining her position: "What I did was in defense of voiceless, defenceless, sentient creatures that faced death for the vanity of fur garments. My compassion and concern for these animals was no less than the concern and desperation I'd have felt for a child, dog or cat or any other living creature locked in a burning house -- I would have risked my life to save them. If someone breaks into a house to rescue a trapped child or animal, under the law, they would have committed a Break and Enter, but who would question their motive? To imprison a companion animal in a small cage until it becomes insane and hill it in a cruel way is punishable by imprisonment in a vast majority of states. Why we are allowed to expose animals on fur farms to the same cruelties is a question I have been asking myself for many years.

"A truly humane society should protect every sentient creature, human or non-human, from exploitation and from suffering and pain. This is why all 15 nations of the European Union outlawed the cruel leghold traps in 1996; this is why fur farming was banned in all provinces in Austria last year. A bill which would outlaw fur farms in the United Kingdom will soon be voted on the British Parliament. We should follow these civilized countries.

"I have broken the law in desperation. There is a law higher than man's and that is God's law. There is so much cruelty towards animals that goes unheeded, I could no longer sit by idly and not intervene. I simply wish that, as human beings, we could work towards a kinder, more compassionate world."

Sentencing for Pat and Hilma will take place on February 22, 1999. While it initially appeared that both Pat and Hilma might be going down for 18 months or more, the activists were encouraged by the way the judge laid into the crown prosecution for their blatant attempt to have the court "lynch" the two women. The crown has already made deals with informers Robyn Weiner and Alan Hoffman, effectively allowing the two to escape jail time, but the judge questioned how the prosecution could expect him to sentence Hilma and Pat to a year or more in jail instead. Accusing the prosecution of looking for the "lowest common denominator" and refusing to give the prosecution the "lynching" they were seeking, it would appear that if Pat and Hilma are to indeed receive jail time, it will not likely be for any substantial time.

The third member of the Chatham 3, Gary Yourofsky, faces trial on March 1, 1999, where it is expected he will plead not guilty. We will do our best to keep readers abreast of any new developments. This ordeal has been financially devastating for those involved (and we don't mean the mink farmers!) The Chatham 3 are burdened with enormous legal fees and we ask that you find it in your heart to contribute as generously as you can to the Chatham 3 Defense Fund to help cover their legal costs. Donations will not be used to pay fines or to pay the mink murderers. Please send any cheques or money orders earmarked **"CHATHAM 3"** to the NA- ALFSG.

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The Fur Trade *Quickly* And *Efficiently*



The North American fur farming industry is on the verge of collapse. In 1998, Russia experienced an economic crises that brought their fur trade to a halt. This is significant because in 1997 Russia consumed half the worlds fur skins. To make matters worse for American mink farmers, the usual disease became more widespread. Distemper killed many caged fur animals, damaging the fur farming industries profit margin even more.

The third major factor that has devastated the fur farming industry is the Animal Liberation Front (ALF).

Since late 1995, the ALF has raided approximately 50 North American fur farms, releasing close to 100,000 animals. This has cost the industry millions of dollars and provided a shot at life for countless mink and fox.

If these raids continue, the industry will collapse completely. The question is will these liberations continue?

In 1997, 21 North American fur farms were raided by the ALF freedom fighters, people just like you and me. Unfortunately, some people were arrested and this has had a chilling effect on the animal liberation movement. In 1998, less than 10 fur farms were raided in North America. Internationally the fur farm raids increased dramatically with Poland and Ireland seeing their first ever. North America saw a decline in direct action against the fur trade. Despite the decline, fur farmers are as paranoid as ever.

Leo Weisdorfer, the owner of the largest fur farm in Oregon, admitted to having spent $38,000 on security in 1996 alone. Fur farmers have put in flood lights, guard dogs, infra red beams, live security patrols and video cameras. This demonstrates the long term value of ALF mink liberations. By attacking a handful of farms, the ALF has forced the entire industry to spend millions of dollars on security. Fur farmers are very concerned about being raided and the pressure is pushing some out of the business. Pelt prices are dropping because of the Russian economic crises and mainstream anti fur campaigns. If ALF raids continue into 1999 it will be too much for the industry to handle. Farmers are already leaving the industry in droves. The industry has been cut by 2/3 since 1989.

The question is, will the raids continue? That depends on you!

The Animal Liberation Front is not a structured organization with a membership list. The ALF is nothing more than people who get together with their most trusted friends and fight back for the animals. Any regular person who carries out a non-violent direct action for the animals can consider themselves part of the ALF.

Will the fur farming industry collapse? The answer depends on the commitment of people who don't want mink gassed and fox anally electrocuted. We have an opportunity to completely finish off an industry built on the systematic torture of furbearing animals. Economic and social factors have given us an advantage. The majority of fur farmers are at retirement age and want to protect the money they have left. Times are tough for mink killers. A major campaign, carried out now, would be the final nail in the fur industries coffin. Between now and February many mink farmers will make a decision about whether or not to stay in the business for another year. Now is the time to strike. There are less than 400 mink farms left in the United States. At the end of the year their should be none.

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MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

Barry Horne's 68 days on hunger strike



'It is not a question of dying. It's a question of fighting. If I die, so be it. We have tried to negotiate with the Government. They have condemned me to death.'

-- Barry Horne

Midnight October 6, 1998, UK animal liberation prisoner Barry Horne began a hungerstike that as time progressed seemed certain would kill him. Barry began his fast from a jail cell in Full Sutton prison, determined to see the recently elected Labour government carry out it's promise to set up a royal commisson on vivisection. During the 68 day hungerstrike, Barry's only comfort was a glass of ice-cold water by the side of his bed. No stranger to hunger strikes in the past, Barry made it clear that this time, if the government would not act, he'd see it through to the end.

Barry Horne, who is currently serving 18 years in jail for causing £33million damage in an arson attack at an Isle of Wight shopping centre and trying to target stores that used/abused animals in Bristol. Depite his massive jail sentence, Barry has continued to campaign for animal liberation from behind bars, inspiring activists around the world with his determination.

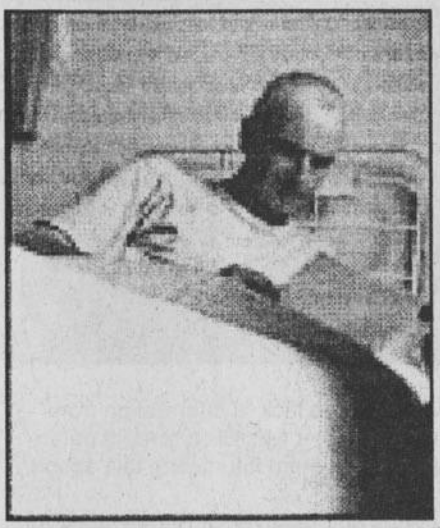
Barry began his hungerstike with one goal in mind: for Ministers to order a Royal Commission into vivisection. Not a huge request by any means. Prime Minister Tony Blair promised one to the electorate before the general election, but broke his word once the Labour Party was elected. 'Why is it impossible to agree an inquiry?' Barry asked. 'Politicians promise but why do we put up with them not keeping their commitments? Why do people laugh at politicians being liars all the time? We should be angry instead.'

On Day 44 of the hunger strike talks between a group of four of Barry's supporters and the government took place (19th November). The government was represented by Tony Clarke MP, two Home Office officials responsible for licensing vivisection, Rick Evans and Steve Wilkes from the Animals Procedures Section. The meeting was tape recorded and Barry received a copy of the tapes the following day. The Home Office meeting offered nothing new, other than a vague promise of an independent forum to investigate animal experiments and a wish from both sides for further dialogue.

As time quickly wore on and Barry's plea to the goverment went unanswered, support for Barry's stuggle grew. Animal liberation activists targeted fur farms, butcher shops, research labs and more, liberating animals, destroying equipment and dedicating the actions to Barry. Letters of support from the public poured in. Barry's spirits remained high, convinced the government would set up their promised Royal Commisson. Days passed, Barry grew weaker, and we all became aware that government was more than happy to see Barry die.

After 48 days on just water, Barry had suffered a week of constant and violent vomiting in the hospital wing of Full Sutton prison. He was rushed to hospital the following day suffering from dehydration.

The move to hospital caused a massive upsurge in publicity, and things began to move on the political front, or so it appeared. Two days later on day 51, Labour MP Kerry Pollard faxed a letter to Barry at the hospital which appeared to suggest that the Animals Procedures Committee review had recommended an independent high level committee to examine animal



Barry Horne in prison hospital, reading letters of support.

experiments. The fax was headed: "In-depth research into whether benefits of animal experiments outweigh the suffering to animals is to be carried out". This was alleged to be a new development, and the letter ended with a personal plea to Barry from Kerry Pollard MP to end the hunger strike now. On the same day, a report on Channel 4 Teletext suggested similar Government proposals. Further explanation was promised over the weekend, and an eight page Home Office fax was received the following day.

At this point Barry, who was close to a coma, was faced with a large pile of documents to examine. He decided he needed to stabilise his condition in order to concentrate and began taking a small amount of fruit juice and tea with sugar, though he had problems keeping this down. However, after 3 days Barry decided that there was nothing in the government proposals that would help the animals he was fighting for. On day 54, Barry resumed the water only fast.

On December 2, as Barry slowly wasted away in his prison bed, the Animal Rights Militia upped the anty by releasing a list of 10 animal vivisectors they promised they'd target if Barry died. Only four on the assassination list were named by ARM -- two are university professors involved with vivisection, one works at the Research Defence Society and another runs a cat breeding farm. Reactions were swift -- many within the animal liberation movement were divided on where they stood with the ARM release, but one thing was clear -- animal abusers everywhere were looking over their shoulders in fear.

As the hunger stike wore on and the government still did not act, it looked certain that we'd lose Barry forever. Determined not to give up, Barry made preparations for his eventual death. Barry made out his will, arranged for a pagan funeral in his home town of Northampton and signed a declaration that he would not receive any medical treatment. If he were to lapse into a coma, he was to be left to die peacefully. Frantic activists worked around the clock on Barry's behalf. The Animals Betrayed Coalition held numerous meeting with government officials and put the word out to anyone who would listen. Despite the world's attention focusing on Barry and the plight of animals in UK labs, the government refused to act, seemingly cementing Barry's fate. By day 60 smuggled messages to the press read: 'I am fading, sinking, going down. Words are cheap. Only actions really count. This is not for me, it is for every animal in every torture lab. We are creating a turning point - a moment in history that will be remembered. Never doubt this. We will see an end to this evil.'

From the December 6 issue of the Observer: "Horne, a Category A prisoner serving 18 years for a firebombing campaign, is now so weak that nurses at York District hospital fear he could die at any moment. Desperate for protein, his body has started consuming his internal organs. He is blind in one eye, has almost lost sight in the other and is deaf in one ear. His weight has fallen from 14st to nine.

"He can only talk in short sentences, pausing for breath between each phrase, but yesterday he agreed to speak for the first time. Prison officials have banned interviews but The Observer smuggled in questions. Horne answered each one and also handed friends his last letter, written in spidery capitals on the back of one of the dozens of letters of support he receives each morning - and asked them to hand it to The Observer.

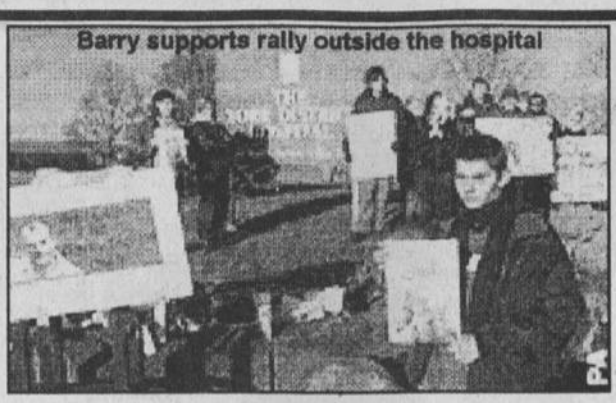
In the press and on TV and radio, the whole issue of vivisection and government policy became one of the top news items. Government ministers and MP's were grilled about broken pre-election promises. Finally, on the night of the 9th December, 64 days into the hunger strike, there were several important developments which came to light by way of a go-between (a solicitor used by the Home Office), and faxes forwarded to Horne supporters from various sources. Taken together, they appeared to show some movement on the part of the government.

The head of the "Associate Parliamentary Group for Animal Welfare", Ian Cawsey MP, issued a press release asking for his group to make independent recommendations on vivisection, discussed at the group's next meeting in January. This all-party group consists of "over 100 MPs and Peers with an interest in animal welfare, as well as 40 associate members from the animal welfare world, and from both ends of the spectrum of the debate". Ian Cawsey stated in this letter "I believe that the associate group can make a real and independent impact".

This same evening supporters learned that the Animals Procedures Committee had met earlier that day to discuss the hunger strike. The usually secretive APC issued a press release confirming that from now on, the APC would report directly to the Associate Parliamentary Group for Animal Welfare. The statement quoted the head of the APC, Prof. Banner, as saying "This is a very positive move, clearly it makes good sense". In an article in the Guardian about Barry's hunger strike, Prof. Banner further stated "...things cannot go on as they are".

The following day, Barry was visited in York hospital by supporters and was given copies of all the relevant faxes. Unfortunately, Barry's condition had deteriorated so badly that he was unable to take in all of the information. He could not focus mentally in the afternoons or see properly with his one working eye. Supporters explained to the consultant that a visit was necessary the following morning to fully clarify the faxes to Barry, to which the consultant agreed.

One hour after supporters left the hospital, Barry was moved back to prison, a move that had a hugely negative impact on his mental and physical health. We



Barry supports rally outside the hospital

may never know, due to the lack of information from the hospital, whether or not it was Barry's rapid deterioration that finally pushed them into taking this action.

For three days friends and relatives of Barry waited for Barry to become lucid enough to understand the documents. They repeated over and over the following summary of what was on the faxes. Finally, after hours of reviewing the information, on day 68, Barry felt that the hunger strike should end. Whether the apparent movement on the government's behalf will amount to anything substancial is still to be seen, but activists everywhere rejoiced when word went out that Barry would live to see another day. Despite the government propaganda machine kicking in full force (media claimed that activists wished Barry would become the movement's first martyr -- others stated the hunger strike was a hoax), Barry has shown us all that the human spirit's struggle for justice can never be smothered, no matter how many bars and chains lock the body down.

The massive show of support for Barry Horne continues, and letters of love and solidarity continue to pour in. Please write Barry and let him know how his struggle has touched you. Barry continues to fight for his life despite eating again, and the full damage from the hunger strike is not yet known.

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ARM LIST

The militant Animal Rights Militia has announced a list of ten vivisectors who, in the event that Barry Horne dies throught government broken promises. Keeping six of the names secret the ARM revealed that four targets would be:

*** Christopher Brown of Hillgrove Farm in Oxfordshire**
*** Colin Blakemore of Oxford University**
*** Clive Page of King's College, Chelsea in London**
*** Mark Matfield of the Research Defence Society**

Near the end of Barry's first hunger strike during February 1997 the ARM claimed to have a list of five vivisectors who would be killed if he died. When it appeared that Barry was fast approaching a seemingly inevitable death the ARM warning list appeared to intensify media interest in Barry's struggle.

Hunt Violence

By Noel Molland

In *Underground* (Summer 98) I wrote an article entitled 'A New Spectre?' where I looked at the dramatic increase in Britain of Hunt Retribution Squad (HRS) style actions against the hunt and their supporters. However, in this second, follow up article, I would like to look at the violence of the hunts against anti-blood sports activists. Every week Hunt Saboteurs and other anti-hunt protesters use lawful means to either disrupt and/or monitor the hunts. These anti-blood sports campaigners use tactics which are both lawful and non-violent. However too often the response they get from the hunts and their supporters is anything but lawful or non-violent.



In February, 1998, Christopher Owen, a League Against Cruel Sports hunt monitor was attacked by a supporter of the Cheshire Foxhounds. As Owen photographed the hunt he was spotted by a red coated huntsman who pointed him out to hunt supporter Anthony Kirkham. Kirkham chased Owen across a field and hit him with a bottle. He then pushed Owen to the ground and started to kick him in the head. Due to the attack Owen suffered severe bruising and a dislocated jaw. He also had a camera, valued at £31,300 stolen. The camera was later recovered, but the film was missing. When this case came to court Kirkham was found guilty of robbery and sentenced to 15 months imprisonment.

This was not the first time Kirkham had been found guilty of assaulting an anti-hunt protester. In 1995 he was convicted of violent disorder after attacking a hunt saboteur with a pick axe handle, for which he received a 12 month suspended sentence.

Acts of violence against anti-hunt protesters are quite common. On the 21st of November 1998 a hunt saboteur was left semi-conscious after an incident involving the Old Surrey and Burstow Foxhunt. Trouble flared as a group of saboteurs attempted to disrupt the hunt near Hartfield in East Sussex. As the saboteurs walked down a disused railway track three vehicles drove past them, stopped, and a group of armed people jumped out. Hunt saboteur, John Davis, described what happened. "We jumped out of the way (of the vans) but then their thugs got out armed with pick axe handles and one of them hit a sab in the head with a golf club so hard it (the club) broke in half."

In a press statement the Press Officer for the Hunt Saboteurs Association later said "Saboteurs find that this hunt resort to violence almost at the flick of a switch." Indeed in the early 1990s the Old Surrey and Burstow Huntsman, Mark Bycroft, and several hunt supporters were prosecuted for assaulting a saboteur in what the Judge at the time described as "a cowardly and premeditated attack."

Other incidents of hunt violence have included intimidation, threats of violence, criminal damage and arson attacks. In March 1998 a severed deer's head was found on the front lawn of Simon and Jaine Wilde, two high profile members of the West Sussex Wild life Protection group. Jaine Wilde said on the incident "Obviously, this has been done as some kind of threat to us." The police certainly see this as more than just a prank and have carried out tests on the head to try and determine the culprits.

One month after the incident with the deer's head, the Wilde's were targeted again when their garden shed was set alight, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage to the contents inside. However despite the intimidation the Wilde's remain determined in their campaigning vowing they will not be put off. "All these kinds of things spur us on to greater deeds. If anything, what's happened is a sign of flattery. It shows we are doing our job properly" said Simon Wilde.

Receiving an equal, if not greater amount, of intimidation is a Dorset hunt saboteur who wishes only to be known as Neil. In August 1997 Neil's home was visited by a terrierman of the Portman Hunt, Nick Stephens, who tried to kick down the front door. Stephens also threatened to kill Neil, his wife and his pets. The following month Neil's van was attacked by a person armed with a pickaxe handle. Later the van was nearly rammed off the road.

A few months after that, in December 1997, a man armed with a machete threatened Neil at his work place. Threats were also made to shoot or "chop" any hunt saboteur who turned up in the Dorset area. The police have taken this incident so seriously they have installed a panic button in Neil's house. Yet despite the police interest, the intimidation has not stopped.

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In the early summer of 1998 Neil had his van tyres slashed and glue placed in his locks. This incident was shortly followed by the discovery of a poisoned pregnant vixen which had been dumped in the garden of Neil's parents. Neil suspects his parents house was targeted because they were away on holiday at the time and so the house was empty. Speaking about the poisoned fox Neil stated "The way she was lying shows she was planted by somebody. A poisoned fox left to die will curl up in a ball." Neil's friends believe that the fox was meant as some sort of warning, but no one expected what was to occur next.

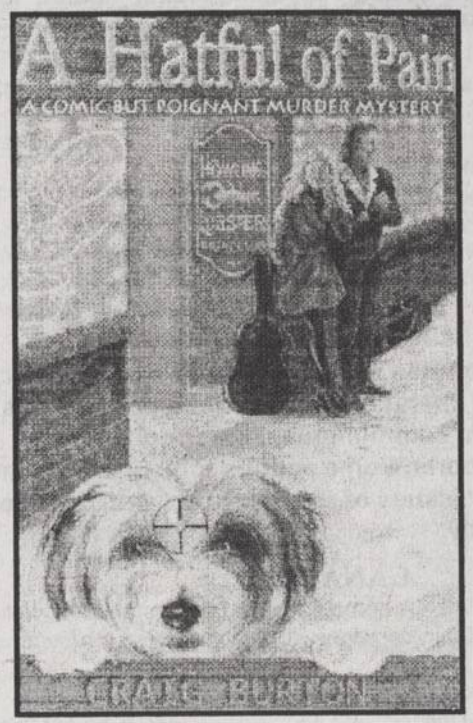
A week after the discovery of the poisoned fox somebody broke into Neil's parents house. Once inside the intruder cut through the gas pipes and attempted to start a fire. "They obviously tried to light it (the gas) because there were matches and pieces of paper on the ground," said Neil. Again police are investigating the incident.

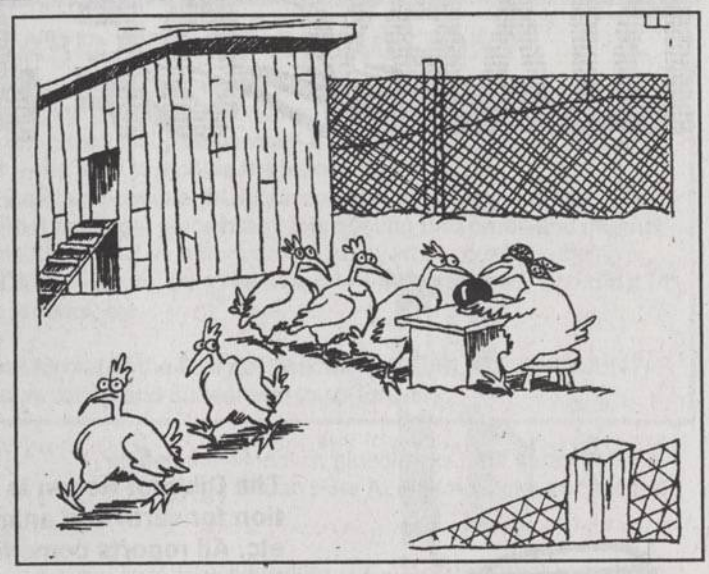
It is widely believed by Neil and other anti-hunt protesters that the attempted arson was carried out by hunt supporters. However when asked about this and other acts of violence and intimidation, Paul Latham, the Press Officer for the pro-hunt Countryside Alliance, declined to comment. Neil, on the other hand, stated, "They are trying very hard to intimidate us but I want them to know that it is not going to work."

According to figures supplied by the National Anti-Hunt Campaign, over a three month period, between September and December 1997, there were fifteen separate acts of violence against anti-hunt protesters. Meaning that on average there was one attack every single week. In the past some of these attacks have proven fatal. In 1976, William Sweet from the League Against Cruel Sports was shot dead after an argument with a man shooting birds. In 1991, hunt saboteur Mike Hill was deliberately run down and killed whilst he disrupted the Cheshire Beagles. In 1993, hunt saboteur Tom Worby was deliberately run down and killed whilst he disrupted the Cambridgeshire Foxhunt. Some anti-hunt campaigners believe it is just a matter of time before the next anti-bloodsports activist is killed.

(Authors Note: It is not just anti-blood sports activists who have been killed by animal and earth abusers. In 1985 Greenpeace activist Fernando Pereira was killed when French Secret Service agents used explosives to since the boat The Rainbow Warrior. Also in 1985 Philadelphia Police bombed the communal home of the eco-revolutionary group MOVE, murdering 6 adults and 5 children. In 1994 two butchers from Ambarati, in India, hacked to death a leading vegetarian activist who they blamed for the fall in the sale of mutton. In 1995 British animal rights activist Jill Phipps was run over and killed whilst protesting against live animal exports. In 1997 a Finnish fur farmer shot at and attempted to murder five Animal Liberation Front activists who raided his farm. In 1998 American Earth First! activist David Chain was killed when a contractor deliberately fell a tree near to here he was protesting against the destruction of a forest. However the most shocking death list of all is that in the next minute 11,500 animals will be killed for their flesh. In the next hour 700,000 will die. 16 million animals will be killed today. Six billion deaths every year. Remember, it is for the animals we keep fighting. They are dying as we speak).

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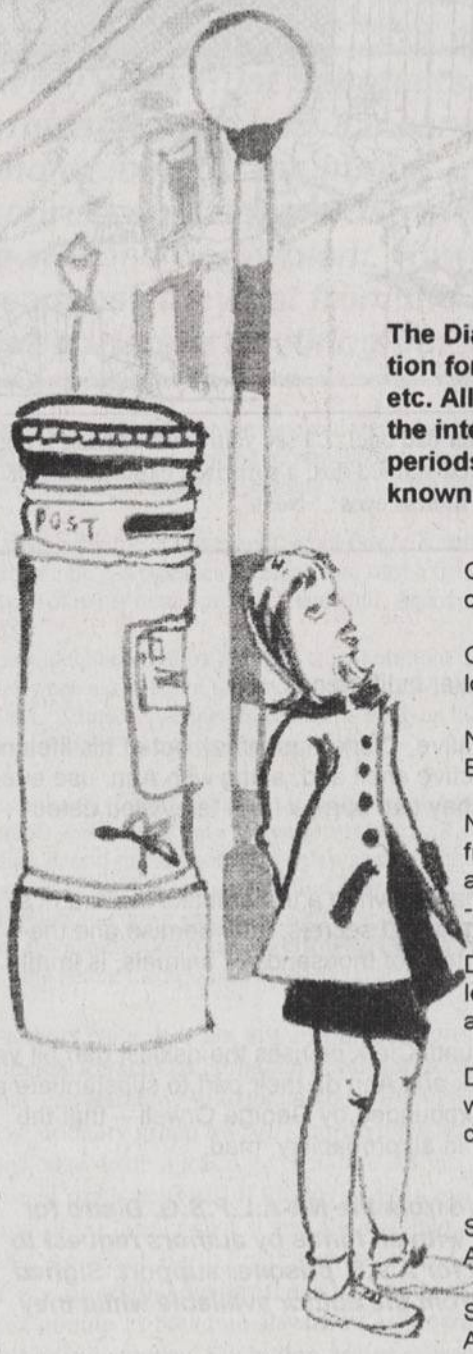
Unfortunately, when a traitor leaks the A.L.F.'s closest guarded secrets, their demise and the death of tens of thousands of animals, is imminent.

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DIARY OF ACTIONS



The Diary of Action is intended to report the news of direct action for earth and animal liberation, not to encourage crime, etc. 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 known about until recently.

CANADA

OCTOBER/98: Hythe, AB - A bomb damaged an unstaffed oil well causing approx. $10,000 in damages. -Unclaimed

OCTOBER/98: Saskatoon, SK -- Locks glued at two McDonald's locations. -ALF Prairie Unit

NOVEMBER/98: Saskatoon, SK -- Four "Heartland Livestock" Billboards paint bombed. -ALF Prairie Unit

NOVEMBER 14/98: Edmonton, AB - A fur and hide tannery had a front window smashed and was set on fire. The letters "PETA" were also spray painted on the door. Damage estimated at $100,000. -Unclaimed

DECEMBER/98: Edmonton, AB - A bottle of a noxious chemical was left in the fur dept. of The Hudson's Bay Company along with an anti-fur message. -Unclaimed

DECEMBER/98: Edmonton, AB - A parcel addressed to a politician was intercepted in the post office and opened by the bomb squad. It contained an animal rights message. -Unclaimed

UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER/98: Plano, TX -- ALF shot out several windows at the Alaskan Fur Center.

SEPTEMBER/98: Plano, TX -- ALF shoot out another window at Alaskan Fur Center.

SEPTEMBER/98: Dallas, TX -- ALF paint bombed and etched windows at Valentine Furs, paint bombed and etched windows at Bifeno Furs,

HEARD ABOUT AN ACTION?

Some simple tips to make our work easier:
So your local animal rights group has learned of an ALF action in your area, and you want to pass it on. Great! But please make it easier on the people compiling Diary of Action lists — be sure to include the following:
DATE (try to be as exact as possible) **PLACE** (country, state/province/city — this is important for internet postings, since many folk posting thru email and internet lists seem to assume the rest of us automatically know what country is being talked about!) **INCIDENT** —again, try to be exact — what happened, who did it (if claimed), damages, arrests, etc.

Following the general format of the Diary of Actions (DATE/PLACE /INCIDENT) will stop our chronic swearing and endear you to us forever!

SEPTEMBER/98: Rockwell, TX -- ALF paint bombed and etched windows at Baumann Furs.

SEPTEMBER 1/98: CO - Gates opened at a BLM holding pen and 60 wild horses were released. -Unclaimed

SEPTEMBER 19/98: Burlington, WA - Broadview Egg Farms was raided and 11 chickens liberated. Video footage taken of the disgusting conditions. Messages spray painted including "freed by A.L.F.", "torture will end", had windows etched. "THERE IS NOWHERE TO HIDE. ANIMAL MURDERERS BEWARE. THERE IS JUSTICE COMING..." from the communique. -A.L.F.

MID-SEPTEMBER/98: Rock Springs, WY -- ALF and ELF have claimed responsibility for liberating almost 100 wild horses from Bureau of Land Management (B.L.M) wild-horse corrals.

SEPTEMBER 24/98: Trenton, NJ. Flemington Furs billboard was paintbombed.

SEPTEMBER 24/98: Yardley, PA. Flemington Furs billboard was paintbombed.

SEPTEMBER 27/98: Roselle Park, NJ -- Gold Furs' storefront was paintbombed. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 27/98: Bayonne, NJ -- Famous Furs had three front display windows etched with the letters "ALF". The glass door was also etched. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 30/98: Paramus, NJ -- Ten tire-puncturing devices were placed across the driveway of Steven Corn Furs. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER/98: Duluth, GA -- McDonalds on Duluth Highway hit, slogans spraypainted included "Meat Is Murder," "A.L.F.," "Go Vegan," and "100 Billion Killed." McDonalds stated the damage likely will cost more than $500 to repair.

OCTOBER/98: Fort Worth, TX - Heino Furs had locks glued and were paint bombed. David Hunt Furs was paint bombed, had locks glued, and windows etched. Gavrel Furs was paint bombed and had windows etched. Then Stripling and Cox department store had many locks glued. --ALF

OCTOBER/98: Dallas, TX -- At Valentine Furs ALF etched the windows, glued locks, and spray painted slogans. At Bifano Furs ALF glued locks and etched the windows.

OCTOBER/98: Pluto, TX -- Activists shot out a window at Alaskan Fur Center. -ALF

OCTOBER 1/98: Caldwell, NJ -- Terzako Furs had "DEAD" etched into three front display windows and a glass door. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 11/98: Chevy Chase, MD -- Miller's Furs had its locks glued. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 11/98: Tenleytown, DC- A McDonald's under construction had the inside of the stores spray painted with anti-meat slogans. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 13/98: Atlanta, GA -- A bomb threat caused the evacuation of thousands of people attending the Bass Pro Shops Buck Madness hunting show at the outdoors superstore in Duluth. The store and local tv stations received the threats. The caller said something like: "You murder animals.We're going to murder hunters. There's a bomb in the building." - unclaimed

OCTOBER 15/98: Duluth, GA - A McDonald's was painted with slogans including "Meat Is Murder", "A.L.F.", "Go Vegan" and "100 Billion Killed."-A.L.F.

OCTOBER 18/98: Farragut North, DC - Rosendorf/ Evans fur store had 4 display windows covered with etching cream. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 18/98: McLean, VA - Furs of Kiszely had 6 display windows covered with etching cream. -A.L.F.

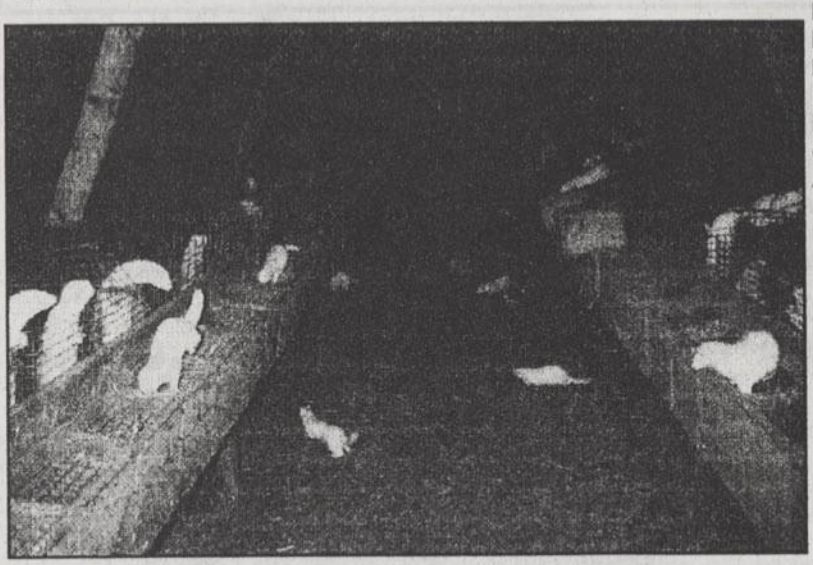
OCTOBER 18/98: Vail, CO - "On behalf of the lynx," incendiary devices were placed at 5 buildings and 4 ski lifts which all ignited reducing them to ashes. 14 million dollars in damage. -ELF

OCTOBER 23/98: Passaic, NJ - Locks glued at Garber's Furs. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 23/98: Cliffside Park, NJ - Evelyn's Furs paint-bombed. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 24/98: Ventnor City, NJ - "ALF" etched into the front display window at Cohen's Furs. The glass door was etched as well. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 26/98: Hermansville, MI - Pipkorn Inc. Mink Ranch was raided. Seven large holes were cut in their fence and approx. 5000 mink were released. -ELF



Members of the Mink Nation begin their journey to freedom.

OCTOBER/98: Dallas, TX - Valentine Furs had windows etched, glued locks and spray painted slogans. Bifano Furs had glued locks and etched windows. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER/98: Pluto, TX - Alaskan Fur Center had window smashed. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER/98: CA -- "Traditional gardeners" known as the California Croppers held a tackle football match early Thanksgiving morning at the "Gill Tract" gardens, and in the process destroyed a crop of genetically-engineered corn. The Croppers plan to take similar actions against any future biotech experiments.

NOVEMBER 2/98: Bayonne, NJ - Window damaged at Furs by John Keffas. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 2/98: Bayonne, NJ - Window damaged at Famous Furs. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 2/98: South Orange, NJ - Window damaged at the Fur Salon. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 2/98: Woodbridge, NJ - Window damaged at Woodbridge Furs. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 2/98: Teaneck, NJ - Window damaged at Queen Anne Furs. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 2/98: Englewood, NJ - Window damaged at Fleischman Furs. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 2/98: Englewood Cliffs, NJ - Glass door damaged at Castor Furs. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 2/98: Linden, NJ - Window damaged at Furs by Severyn. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 2/98: Passaic, NJ - Garber's Furs window damaged. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 3/98: Atlanta, GA - Atlanta Furs was splattered with 1 gallon of red paint, a sign was completely destroyed by the red paint. Slogans were spray painted on the shop and the store's plexiglass windows were also punctured and cracked. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 5/98: Pine Plains, NY - Almost 100 pheasants and quail were liberated from a "canned hunt" where they were to be killed. This action was done in solidarity with the political prisoner Barry Horne. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 5/98: Harris Township, MI - Attempted raid at Jander Mink Ranch.

NOVEMBER 8/98: Ithica, NY -- activist sealed shut Comstock Hall at Cornell University. The Band of Mercy used bicycle locks and super-glue to prevent biology professors from entering the building and killing frogs for a morning class dissection.
NOVEMER 13/98: Chevy Chase, MD -- Miller's Furs had two display windows covered with etching cream.

NOVEMBER 16/98: Manalapan, NJ - The Leather and Fur Ranch store's van was fire-bombed. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 21/98: Greenfield, MI - 3 turkeys due to be killed in 2 days were liberated. -Unclaimed

NOVEMBER 24/98: Ridgewood, NJ - Bon-Ton Furs'

truck was heavily damaged. Tires slashed, locks glued, wires, cables and hoses cut. It was also painted with slogans such as "Fur is Dead", "Murder" and "A.L.F." "A.L.F." was also spray painted twice on the back of the building. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 26/98: Volo (near Ingleside), IL - Daniel Frey's mink farm was visited. Upon inspection it was believed that this farm has pelted out and is no longer in business. Numerous cages were destroyed to prevent further use. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 13/98: Chevy Chase, MD - Miller's Furs; windows etched -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 13/98: Washington, DC - Andriana Furs; windows etched -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 24/98: Paramus, NJ -- Approximately one ounce of butyric acid was released into the Macy's department store at Garden State Plaza during the middle of one of the busiest shopping days of the year. Such actions will continue until Macy's stops their sale of fur. - A.L.F.

DECEMBER 24/98: Freehold, NJ -- Approximately one ounce of butyric acid, a harmless but powerfully foul-smelling substance, was released into the Macy's department store at Freehold Raceway Mall. - A.L.F.

DECEMBER 24/98: New York, NY -- butyric acid was released into the Macy's department store at Herald Square during Christmas shopping. - A.L.F.

DECEMBER 25/98: Medford, OR -- ELF celebrate their favorite season with a bonfire -- at the U.S. Forest Industrie's Corporate HQ. Two five gallon buckets filled with an unleaded/diesel mix proved to be more than enough punch for the party to get going right! The action was a retribution and a warning. People like Jerry Bramwell (U.S. Forest Industries president) who think they can continue to pillage the earth will pay. This is payback for your fucking greed. What cost santa's ELFs fifty dollars now cost you greedy bastards half a million. We won't quit until the earth and all relations are free. -ELF

JANUARY 4/99: Woodlawn Hills, CA -- Woodland Hills Furriers Inc. was visited by the ALF. "40 dead animals=1 fur coat" and "ALF" were painted across the entire entrance in red paint. windows were etched with "killers", "scum" , "stop now" and "alf". no windows were left unmarked. All locks were glued in front and back. two rocks marked with "killers beware... ALF" and "the ALF is watching" found their way through two windows followed by smoking devices that left the store engulfed in smoke. 1999 will not be a good year for those who profit off the blood and suffering of innocent animals... -ALF

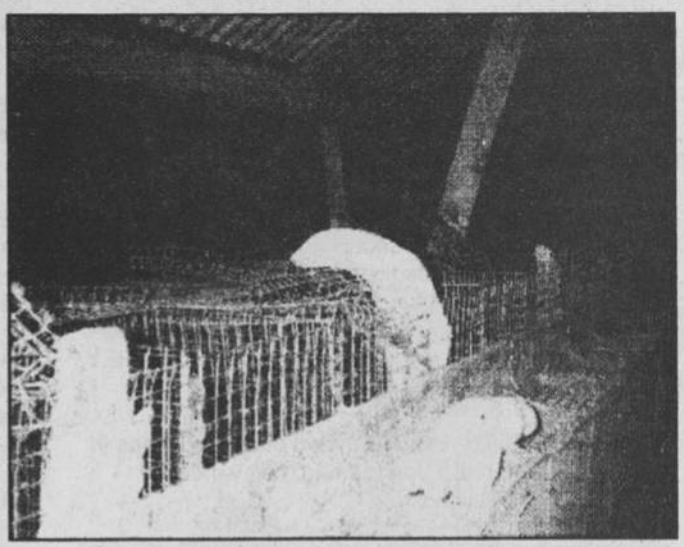
JANUARY 4/99: Woodland Hills, CA -- fashion furs inc at 22941 Ventura blvd. celebrated their new year with anti fur slogans and etching cream smeared on their windows. All locks were glued in front and back and the following slogans were written in red paint: "fur is murder," "killers," "blood $$$." All windows were etched: "torturers," "scum" and "ALF." More actions to follow. --A.L.F.

JANUARY 6/99: Lake Wylie, CA -- animal rights activists set fire to a McDonald's restaurant and painted graffiti outside the building, including "ALF" and "McMurder."

ENGLAND

AUGUST 19/98: N. London - A small device which had been placed inside a package containing a cassette box, exploded at Mount Pleasant sorting postal office. The police say no-one was injured by the explosion. Anti-Terrorist officers were investigating and it was stated that animal rights activists were suspected. -Unclaimed

SEPTEMBER/98: - Workers at the Occold research lab of Huntingdon Life Sciences have received warning letters at their homes telling them they should quit their jobs. "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'." It continued "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." -Provisional A.L.F.



SEPTEMBER 2/98: London - An angling shop that has a shop front protected by a steel shutter, 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. - A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 16/98: Staffordshire - More than 3500 cages opened and 8000 mink released at a farm owned by Len Kelsall, Chair of the Fur Breeders Assn UK.

SEPTEMBER 23/98: - 80 hens liberated from a battery farm. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 15/98: London - Numerous paint attacks on shops and hoardings in east London. 47 "Meat is Murder" and 27 "Go Veggie" slogans were daubed around the Dalston, Hackney, Clapton and Homerton areas. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 17/98: Justice Department sent ten hoax packages out to a number of animal abusers, including Sainsburys HQ, Hillgrove Family Farm Ltd, Huntingdon Research Centre and Downley Common (a games keeper who has shot 39,234 animals including 50 cats, 154 badgers, 1838 ducks and 31,853 pheasants. The devices consisted of a video cassette box with coloured wires protruding. The box was sealed shut with glue and filled with cat litter. -JD

NOVEMBER 8/98: Brighton - Four lorries of a meat market were damaged by incendiary devices.

NOVEMBER 13/98: London -- 79 walls were sprayed in Dalston, Hackney central, Homerton and Clapton areas with slogans like "Support Barry Horne hunger-strike" , "stop vivisection ", "animal rights prisoner on hunger strike" , etc The action has been done in less than 1 1/2 hours , which shows how effective activist can be. This action is dedicated to Barry Horne with all
our love and support , and obviously to all the animals that suffer from human exploitation. RESPECT. THEY CAN'T STOP US!!! ALF

NOVEMBER 15/98: London -- Two butchers' shops in Palmers Green, north London had their windows smashed by ALF activists.

NOVEMBER/98: Crawly - Several lorries of an animal hauling company had their windows smashed and other damage.

NOVEMBER 29/98: Hounslow --McDonald's in west London had all its windows smashed by the ALF. Some if the interior was also damaged in the attack.

DECEMBER 2/98: England - In response to the UK Labour government's inaction to Barry Horne's hunger strike, a communique was sent out announcing a list of ten vivisectors who would be killed if Barry died. Four of the 10 were named: Christopher Brown of Hillgrove Farm, Colin Blakemore of Oxford University, Clive Page of King's College and Mark Matfield of the Research Defence Society. -Animal Rights Militia

DECEMBER 5/98: Leeds - A hoax bomb package was left in the washroom of a McDonald's. The action was dedicate to Barry Horne.

DECEMBER 5/98: Whitton - A hunting, shooting and fishing shop was attacked and had their locks glued and windows smashed. It was also dedicated to Barry Horne.

DECEMBER 6/98: Crawton - A chicken processing plant had 7 vehicles set on fire causing hundreds of thousands of pounds in damage.

DECEMBER 13/98; Wanstead - AG Dennis butchers was attacked for the second time this year. A small device attached to their window exploded.

DECEMBER 15/98: Ilford, East London - 2 butcher's shops and 1 McDonald's had their windows smashed. - A.L.F.

DECEMBER 17/98: Five Waitrose supermarkets bomb hoaxed because they are owned by pro-bloodsports John Lewis Partnership. -ALF

DECEMBER 17/98: Luton -- HQ of Whitbread Beer Co. was bomb hoaxed as they use a live export company to transport their beverages around the UK. -ALF

DECEMBER 17/98: London -- Head Office of Mirror Group Newspapers was hoaxed because they employ pro-animal abuse columnist Carol Sarler, who wished Barry Horne to "rot in hell." -ALF

JANUARY 4/99: London -- windows were smashed at the "Kennedy Fried Chicken" on Leytonstone High Rd. Also, a fish shop had door panels smashed and a pet shop had its window smashed.

JANUARY 6/99: London -- a fish/halal meat shop in Whitechapel had its windows smashed.

IRELAND

OCTOBER 26/98: Shanbally, Ring, Dungarvan - A large amount (number unknown) of mink were released from a fur farm in what may be Ireland's first
ever mink liberation. Cages were opened and a perimeter fence was also damaged allowing mink to escape into the country side. -Unclaimed

GERMANY

OCTOBER 6/98: Fladderlohausen -- Animal rights activists destroyed a fence at a fur farm and releasing 2,500 mink. The farm's owner estimates the damage at 250,000 marks (about $150,000).

OCTOBER 8/98: Niedersachsen -- Militants raided a fur farm released at least 1000 river polecats into the nearby woodlands.The liberators tore down a fence making an escape route for the animals.

AUSTRIA

JUNE/98: Lower Austria - 9 hunting platforms cut down.

JUNE/98: Vienna - 4 butcher shop display windows broken.

JUNE 4/98: Vienna - 9 fur shop windows broken.

JULY/98: Live animal transporter attacked on lay-by on motorway. All tires slashed and windows smashed.

JULY 6/98: Vienna - 4 butcher shop windows smashed.

JULY 28/98: Lower Austria - 44 battery chicken liberated.

JULY 29/98: Vienna - 4 butcher shops display windows smashed.

AUGUST 6/98: Vienna - 1 butcher, 1 McDonald's, 4 fur shop, poultry shop and another animal abusing shop all had their windows smashed.

AUGUST 10/98: Lower Austria - 21 battery chickens liberated.

AUGUST 24/98: 5 shops that sell dead animals had their locks glued.

AUGUST 26/98: Vienna - 13 display windows of shops smashed. Shops include furriers, butchers and McDonald's.

SEPTEMBER/98: 4 animal abuse shops were damaged.

SEPTEMBER 9/98: Vienna - Meat lorry and display windows and doors of 2 butchers locks glued and spray painted with messages.

SEPTEMBER/98: Vienna - 6 fur shops had their windows smashed. -the "furious minks".

SEPTEMBER 24/98: Locks were glued of the following shops: 1 egg shop, 1 poultry shop, 1 butcher shop and 4 fur shops.

SEPTEMBER 24/98: Vienna - 3 lorry locks and a door lock of a butcher in Vienna superglued.

SEPTEMBER/98: Vienna - 5 shops have display windows smashed. Shops include hunters, butchers and furriers.

OCTOBER 3/98: Vienna - Animal abuse shops had 15 locks glued. Spraypainted messages were left "The fight against the animal exploiters does not make a difference between sex, age, religion or nationality, because for the animals it does not make a difference, who murders it".

OCTOBER 10/98: Vienna - 12 shops, butchers and furriers, have locks glued.

OCTOBER 13/98: Vienna - Butyric acid attack on restaurant that serves exotic meat.

OCTOBER 14/98: Vienna - "Stasta", a hotel restaurant that slaughters and serves wild pigs, was attacked with butyric acid.

NOVEMBER/98: Vienna - 6 fur shops attacked with butyric acid in Vienna.





NOVEMBER 5/98: Veinna - Fur shop window smashed.

NOVEMBER 10/98: Vienna - 8 restaurants selling pate fois gras in Vienna are attacked with butyric acid. Some claim big damage. A restaurant owner says in an interview that geese love being force fed. Force feeding any animal is illegal in Austria.

NOVEMBER 13/98: Locks of 3 fur shops were glued. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 9/98: Austria - Six animal abuse shops got attacked with butyric acid. Action dedicated to Barry Horne.

JANUARY 11/99: Lower Austria - 120 battery hens were liberated. They are all well in loving homes now.

SPAIN

NOVEMBER 29/98: Bilbao - Activists attacked a bull-fighting club with stones and paint bombs to show, "their deepest solidarity" for Barry Horne.

NORWAY

DECEMBER 22/98: Sandefjord - a fur store was the object of an animal rights action. Slogans were painted and locks glued.

POLAND

APRIL 22/98: Poznan - Front windows of a big Butcher's shop smashed, signs damaged and locks glued in. Locks of 2 fur shops glued and 1 window smashed. -FWZ (A.L.F.)

MAY 8/98: Poznan - Front windows of meat shop smashed, sign damaged and locks glued. Front windows of 2 fur shops smashed, locks glued. Hunter's shop locks glued. -FWZ

MAY 23/98: Poznan - A big circus tent damaged. -FWZ

JUNE 14/98: Poznan - A few meat shops windows smashed and locks glued. -FWZ

JULY/98: Janow near Szczytno (Northern Poland) - A fox farm was raided and a few hundred fox were released. -FWZ

SEPTEMBER 16/98: Poznan - Front windows of 1 fur shop smashed. -FWZ

OCTOBER 25/98: Pozan - Circus vehicle damaged. -FWZ

OCTOBER 26/98: Janow near Szczytno (Northern Poland) - Fox farm raided and about 250 fox were painted with harmless dye. It was a second raid on this farm.-FWZ

OCTOBER 28/98: Ponzan - 3 fur shops painted with anti-fur/A.L.F. slogans and a big meat shop painted with A.L.F./vegan slogans. -FWZ

NOVEMBER 6/98: Poznan - 3 meat shops, 1 meat restaurant and 1 fur shop painted with more slogans.

NOVEMBER 10/98: Poznan - Front windows, the doors and shop signs of 2 of the largest meat shops smashed. Front window, the door and shop sign of 1 fur shop smashed. -FWZ

NOVEMBER 16/98: Jeziory Wielkie - 5 hunter's platforms destroyed. -FWZ

NOVEMBER 30/98: Jeziory Wielkie - Fox farm raided and over 330 red fox and 400 polar foxes were painted with harmless dye. Cages were also opened. Slogans including "For Barry Horne", "We dedicated this action to Barry Horne", "NO FOR FUR", "Enough Cruelty For Luxury" and "Fur Is Shame" were sprayed on the wall and sheds. The foxes were not insured and the farm is in serious financial trouble. A security guard, who was on the farm during the action lost his job. Dedicated to Barry Horne. -"Brygada R.R."(Rescue Rangers)

ITALY

DECEMBER/98: Two brands of "Panettone" Christmas cakes made by Nestle were sent to the Ansa news agency with a communique claiming that cakes in stores across Italy had been poisoned. Stores



across Italy and even Switzerland pulled all cakes from their shelves. Tests were rah and found that no poison was present in any cakes on store shelves. The communique stated the action was because of Nestle's genetic engineering. Damages have been estimated at over $30 million. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 31/98: The ANSA news agency received a package of hamburger meat that had been tainted with rat poison. They also received a communique claiming responsibility from the "Animal Human Liberation Front".

NETHERLANDS

OCTOBER/98: Watergraafsmeer, Amsterdam - Several trucks belonging to a butcher were set on fire. - Unclaimed

JANUARY 3/99: The Dutch ELF sent five bomb warnings to McDonald's in Groningen, Den Haag, Zeist, Waardenburg en Best. McDonald's was targeted because, says the ELF, of "their filthy practices".

JANUARY 5/99: Rotterdam -- Bomb threat made to a McDonald's. -- unclaimed

JANUARY 6/99: activists told McDonalds a bomb was set to go off somewhere in a store in South Holland, forcing McDonalds to evacuate 9 shops.

JANUARY 9/99: Geleen -- arson at a McDonald's drive-thru resulted in substantial damages.

FINLAND

SEPTEMBER/98: Vihti - Fur farmer Leena Pitkanen's van was attacked and had tires slashed and it was covered with slogans.

SEPTEMBER 27/98: Laukaa - Tiituspohja fur farm raided and 200 foxes liberated.

SEPTEMBER 27/98: Jamsa - Antero Pelkonen fur farm raided and 500 mink liberated.

SEPTEMBER/98: Kerisalo Island, Joroinen - Approx. 2000 mink were released from their cages and holes were cut in the fence through which they could escape. -EVR

OCTOBER 2-3/98: Lappaj„rvi - A fur farm was raided and 300 foxes were dyed with henna dye and 20 cages were opened. -EVR

OCTOBER 11/98: Pyharanta - Terho Inkinen's fur farm was raided and 400 fox and 200 raccoon dog were released. Also destroyed was an electrocution style killing machine. "The raid is dedicated to Barry Horne, an English animal activist who is on a hunger strike in prison for the third time to end vivisection." -EVR

OCTOBER/98: Helsinki - A woman who was trying on a fur coat at Stockmann hurt her hand on a razor blade that was in the pocket of the coat. She got minor wounds. -Unclaimed

OCTOBER/98: Overmark, Narpes - An estimated 1000 mink were liberated from the largest fur farm in the area. There was no fence and the mink escaped the area fast. This raid was an answer to the Finnish fur farmer's declaration against anti-fur activists. "Your threatening will not scare us, because it's nothing compared to the suffering of the animals. You don't know us, you won't see us in TV or in newspapers. You will hear of us only when we hit your farms. You will see us only in your nightmares. We will burn the maps of your farms only after we have raided the farms. Now it's time for fur farmers to look for another way of living. The resistance against fur farming won't cease as long as the animals have to suffer on the farms. Stop now and leave the animals alone." from the communique. - The Black Mink Front

OCTOBER 20/98: Luum„ki - A fur shop suffered hundreds of thousands of marks damage from an incendiary attack.

OCTOBER 24-25/98: Rehula, Taipalsaari - A fur farm was raided and 300-400 foxes were dyed with henna and most of the breeding records were destroyed. -the Colour of Autumn

OCTOBER 25/98: Sipari, Lappeenranta - During an inspection of a fur farm, about 30 animals were found: fox and racoon dog. Their fur was dyed with henna and cages of the animals left open. Equipment was also destroyed. -EVR

NOVEMBER/98: Ristiina, near Mikkeli - Kauko Leskinen's fur farm had approx. 400 foxes dyed with red henna colour. -Colour of Autumn (Ruskanvari)

NOVEMBER 19/98: A car belonging to a laboratory worker of Karttula breeder was damaged. The action was dedicated to Barry Horne. -EVR
NOVEMBER 23-24/98: Helsinki - The windows of 8 different fur stores were smashed. The action was dedicated to Barry Horne and his demands. -EVR

NOVEMBER 27/98: Kil (Varmland) - Skarebols mink farm was visited and had empty sheds set on fire. Equipment was also damaged. The action was dedicated to Barry Horne -The Wild Minks

SWEDEN

AUGUST/98: Glommen -- 300 minks on the run.

AUGUST 6/98: Orebro - Circus posters destoyed.

AUGUST 9/98: Orebro - Circus posters destroyed.

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

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

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

AUGUST 27/98: Storuman - A hunting house was 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 house burned down last year too. Earlier this year a hunting tractor (used for shipping killed elks) has been burned down. -Unclaimed

SEPTEMBER/98: Sundsvall -- 2000 more minks are liberated from a fur farm.

SEPTEMBER 4/98: Harryda, Ryahed - A fur farm was raided a second time by activists. The farmer had put up fake alarms and signs about security guards. An estimated 200-250 minks was set free. The ferrets on the farm, only 6, were put from the farm. -The Wild Minks

SEPTEMBER 5/98: Varobacka - During an inspection at a fur farm, it was discovered the farm was closed down. The farmer was still involved in other animal abuse industries and damage was done to equipment on the farm. -The Wild Minks

SEPTEMBER 5/98: Boras - All 5 windows of B:sons fur shop smashed. -DBF

SEPTEMBER 19/98: Sm†land, Ormaryd - G"sta Larssons mink farm was raided, holes was cut in the fence and an estimated 180 cages were opened and approx. 400 minks was set free. "The Wild Minks... give our support to the people arrested recently in USA for the fur farm raids..." from the communique. -The Wild Minks
SEPTEMBER 23/98: The night of the 23rd of September the DBF (Swedish ALF) rescued twelve baby pigs from a pig farm in Southern Sweden. It seems as if a pig farm of this size does not notice pigs missing. We will be back! For all pigs, DBF

SEPTEMBER 25/98 An incendiary device was placed under a truck and trailer fully loaded with eggs at KronEgg, one of Sweden's biggest egg companies. Unfortunately, the bomb did not ignite. The police shut down the area and it took them 5 hours after they had found the bomb until they had disarmed it. -DBF

SEPTEMBER/98: Froso Zoo - A hole was cut in the fence allowing a one 4 month old female wolf to escape. -Unclaimed

SEPTEMBER 28/98: Sundavall - 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. -DBF

OCTOBER/98: Amal - During a daylight raid at the small rabbit farm, all rabbits on the farm (around 20) were liberated. Unfortunately a van was stopped a short distance away from the farm, 3 activists and several rabbits were arrested by the police. One activist and 8 rabbits managed to get away and were not caught.

OCTOBER 4/98: Goman (meat product factory) had windows smashed and the power cut off to one fish cold store and also smashed their outdoor lighting. Further smashing happened at an angling store that lost 2 windows and one leather and fur shop got 2 windows smashed and another leather & fur shop got 1 window smashed and finally one more fur shop got 1 broken window. -DBF

OCTOBER 4/98: Umea -- animal rights activists attacked an rabbit breeder. The breeding is a school project which includes massive inbreeding and slaugh-

ter of rabbits. All this only for the value of their furs and meat. The activists coloured the furs of all the rabbits (over 60 rabbits) in harmless henna colour, as an act of economic sabotage.

OCTOBER 5/98 - SMI gets 2000 e-mails. -A.L.F. (Internet Division)

OCTOBER 6/98 - 3000 e-mails were sent to SMI. Resulting in system crash. The Swedish media says that "the information war has begun". -A.L.F. (Internet Division)

OCTOBER 10/98 - Karolinska Institute gets 8000 e-mails because of it's collaboration with SMI. -A.L.F. (Internet Division)

OCTOBER 14/ 98: Brunflo - Fox farm raided for the second time. All of the animals there, 20 blue fox, were painted with henna dye and released. Cages were also destroyed. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 16/98 - 20,000 e-mails were sent to SMI and KI, each. Operation Close-Down has started. -A.L.F. (Internet Division)

OCTOBER 17/98 - 25,000 e-mails to SMI. -A.L.F. (Internet Division)

OCTOBER 22/98: Bralanda - Approx. 5700 mink were set free from a mink farm. -DBF

OCTOBER 30/98: Nordmaling - A mink farm had their fence destroyed and 20,000 mink released. -The Wild Minks

OCTOBER 31/98 - Bisam University was spray painted with slogans.

NOVEMBER/98 - The Justice Department issued a communique responding to death threats issued to non-violent, anti-fur activists by fur farmers. It stated in part "The farmer of who threats any activist will have to live by the threats of repression; the farmer who injures any activist will be injured; the farmer who murders any activists will be murdered. We won't passively observe any further acts of violence towards animal rights activists, we will attack them who attacks us." -Justice Department

NOVEMBER 4/98: Karlstad - A horse slaugherhouse had 6 windows smashed and was spray painted with slogans. The owners car was also painted with slogans. The action was dedicated to Barry Horne. -DBF

NOVEMBER 11/98: - A further 20,000 e-mails has been sent to SMI in Stockholm, as a protest against their animal torture. 20,000 mails were also sent to the Department of agriculture. -A.L.F. (Internet Division)

NOVEMBER 30/98: - 2 vivisectors had their cars damaged and slogans painted in support of Barry and his demands. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 15/98: Stockholm --during a demo at SMI, a car arrived and stopped at the gate waiting for the guard to open the gate. Activists spotted animals inside the car and managed escape with a box of 4 guinea-pigs, meant to be used for vivisection. They are all living a good life now.

LATE DECEMBER/98: Stockholm -- SMI has a window smashed and is doused in red paint.

JANUARY 1/99: Stockholm -- An arson attack was carried out at a meat factory in Charkman. The roof and lots of machinery were destroyed by the fire. Damages estimated at 1 million sek. -unclaimed

JANUARY 2/99: Kil -- One animal transporter was burn out and another was damaged by the fire at Scans slaughterhouse. Activists from Djurens Befrielse Front (Swedish ALF) were responsible. Activists placed one fire bomb at each front wheel of the trucks. The activists has 3 minutes delays to disappear before the bottles began to burn. The action was carried out as a protest against Scan. -DBF

NEW ZEALAND

OCTOBER 8/98: Hawkes Bay -- A.L.F. hits two butcher shops. Slogans were painted on the two shops and on the footpaths outside them.

WILLS AND LEGACIES

If you would like to remember the NA-A.L.F. Supporters Group in your will, the following words are suggested:

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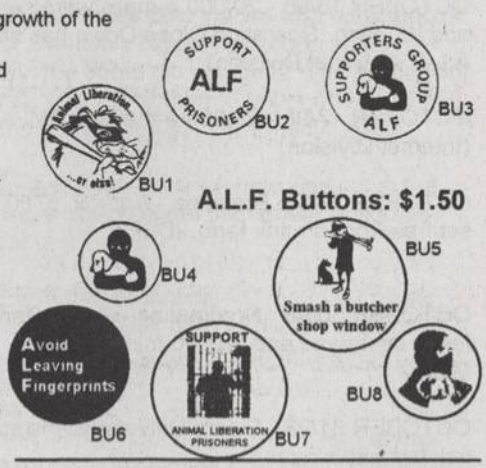
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ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

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. Please remember to include a snail mail addresss if possible.**

Brian Ozzie Knecht #713910, NFCF/A-N 1605 E.Main, Sayne, OK 73662 USA. Jailed in 96 for mink liberations and an arson at a mink farm, Brian has only recently come to the attention of animal lib supporters. Brian is struggling to recieve a vegan diet in prison, so far without success. He was sentenced to 15 years for the liberations, due to having an existing record (for non-animal liberation charges).

UNITED KINGDOM

Dave Blenkinsop #SR 7557, HMP Altcourse, Fazackerly, Liverpool, L9 7AG, England
Charged with arson with recklessness, with regard to four lorries at a poultry processing unit in Cheshire.

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

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 Drake Hall, Eccleshall, Staffs, ST21 6LQ, England
Sentenced to 12 months for violent disorder at a Hillgrove demo in April. Due to be released on Feb 1st.

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. Letters can be sent to him via e-mail at: barry@londonaa.demon.co.uk For more information visit the Barry Horne Support Web Site.

John Hughes #CL 7556, HMP Altcourse, Fazackerly, Liverpool, L9 7AG, England
Charged with arson with recklessness, with regard to four lorries at a poultry processing unit in Cheshire.

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.

Tom Monaghan, BV6144, HMP Spring Hill, Grendon Underwood, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 0TJ, England
Tom is serving 12 months for violent disorder at Hillgrove Farm. His wife (Anna) was also jailed at the same time as him for four months with regards to Hillgrove. But Anna was released after just a couple of weeks on Bail pending Appeal.

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.

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.

SWEDEN

David Zackrisson, Fack 11, S 610 31 Vikbolandet, Sweden
Sentenced to four months for raids on two mink farms.

BELGIUM

Lindsey Van Keer, Gevangenis, Begijnenstraat 42, 2000, Antwerpen, Belgium
Remanded in custody charged with arson and conspiracy following an A.L.F. campaign between July and November '98 when over 60 attacks were carried out in Belgium (ranging from graffitti to arson and from butchers to McDonalds).

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