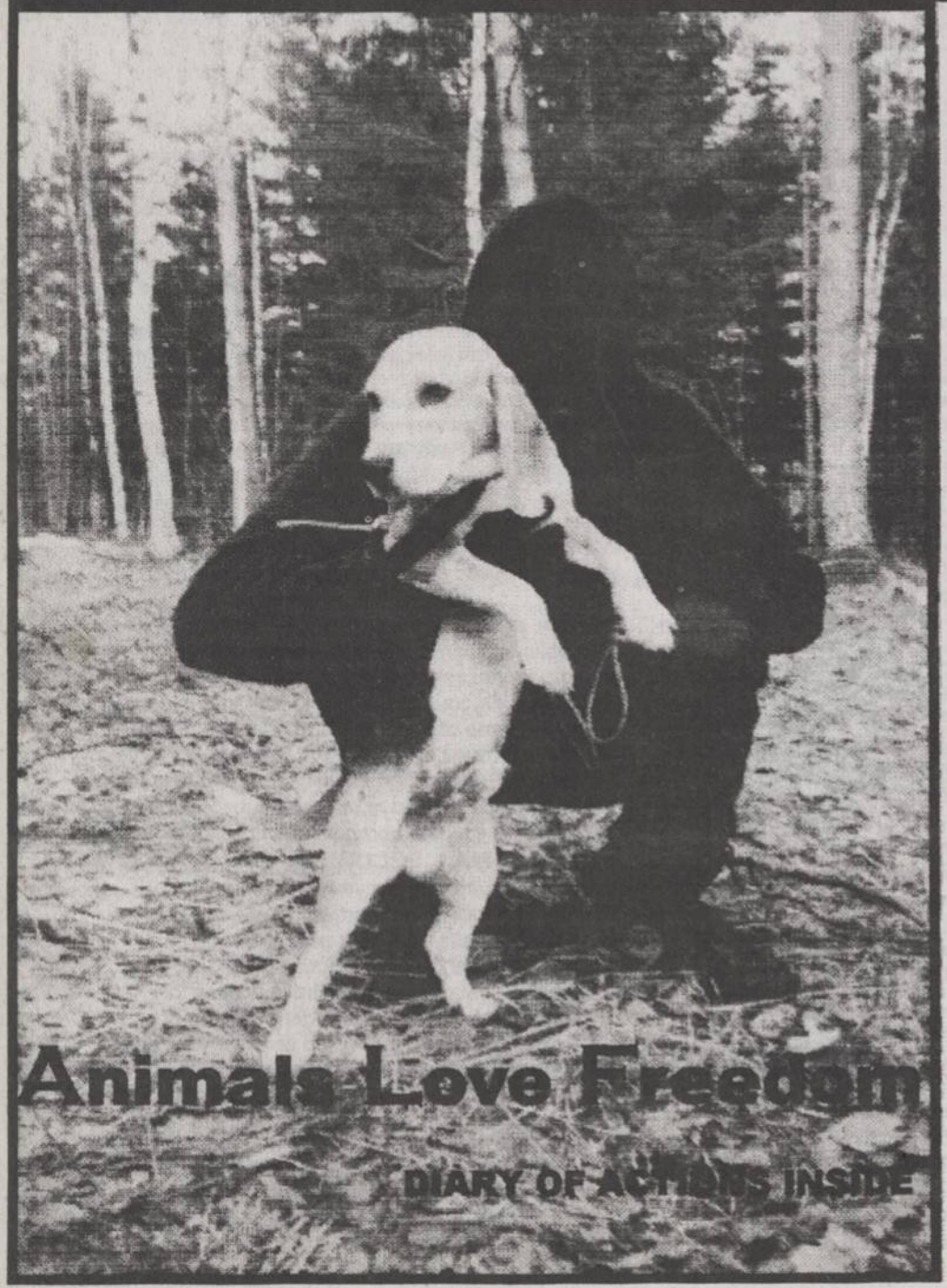
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TO liberate animals from places of abuse, ie laboratories, factory farms, fur farms, etc. and when ever possible, place them in good homes where they may live out their natural lives, free from suffering.

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

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

TO take all necessary precautions against harming any animal, human and non-human.

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- Letter writing: prisoners rely on letters as their link to the outside world. Letters to newspapers help inform the public about the plight of imprisoned activists.
- Publicity: articles for magazines, letters to the editor, public speaking, and other media work such as radio broadcasts help fundraise and raise awareness. Of course any press work that is done under the name of the North American A.L.F.S.G. must be approved by the NA-A.L.F.S.G
- Distribution/Subscription drives: if you can help us distribute *Underground* or increase subscriptions, that helps us educate about animal liberation.

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In Memory of Alex Slack

On Tuesday, June 29, 1999 the animal rights movement lost a great warrior. Alex Slack, of Salt Lake City, UT, ended his life after several years of extreme pain and suffering. Alex was well known in the Utah animal rights movement and had been an FBI target for some time.

Years ago Alex was a major suspect in a case involving the firebombing of a Tandy Leather store. Alex was eventually charged with several mink farm raids that led to the liberation of thousands of animals, and for an attack on a major mink feed plant.

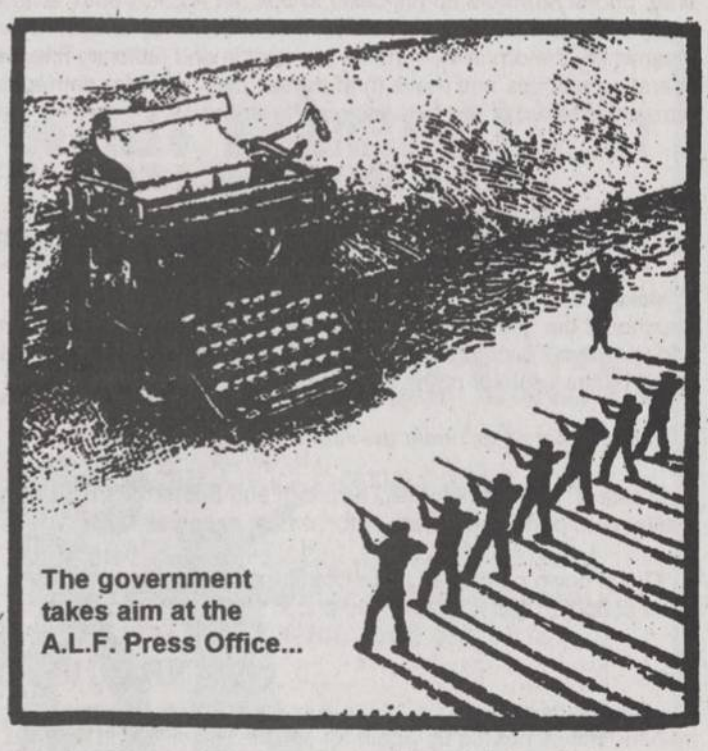
Alex had a serious liver illness and was waiting for a transplant. To make matters worse, he had been involved in a serious car wreck and was forced to spend the rest of his life in a wheel chair. Between the liver illness, paralysis, and the prospect of spending years and years in jail, Alex decided to say good bye. Alex was a true hero for animal rights, and he will be missed. I am lucky in that I got to know him during his short time on Earth.

He will be missed.

JP Goodwin

A Word From yer Editor

Regular readers of *Underground* will likely have noticed the absence of the Spring issue of the magazine - ever since the Supporters Group moved to Toronto in 94/95, we've been pleased to consistently bring *Underground* out on a regular schedule, so apologies go out to anyone left waiting and wondering whether issue 14 would ever arrive. The main reason this issue of *Underground* was delayed was because of recent developments in Minnesota, where blatantly anti-ALF legislation was introduced into the Senate in April. The bill directly attacked A.L.F. activists and their supporters, and appeared to be aimed at silencing the A.L.F. Press Office, headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Not content to simply try to silence A.L.F. support in MN, authorities raided the home of one A.L.F. Spokesperson and convened a Grand Jury in the same state in the wake of an A.L.F. raid against the University of Minnesota. Deadlines for our Spring issue came and went as we lent our assistance to the A.L.F. Press Officer and other supporters facing overt repression at the hands of the US government. Here's the situation in a nut-shell:



The government takes aim at the A.L.F. Press Office...

ANTI-A.L.F. LEGISLATION

Just two weeks after animal-rights activists destroyed laboratory equipment and made off with research animals at the University of Minnesota, Senators voted to make merely taking responsibility for such acts a crime punishable by up to a year in jail plus civil damages. Senators unanimously endorsed an amendment sponsored by Sen. Dave Kleis, R-St. Cloud, levelling triple damages and other new civil sanctions specifically against animal-rights raiders and their spokespeople. In addition, the amendment would be retroactive to Jan. 1, well before the April 5 raid on university labs at the UofM. Upon initial reading of the proposed legislation, it appeared that anyone coming forward in support of A.L.F. actions faced prosecution if authorities deemed that they "promote, advocate and assumes responsibility" for a criminal act. Reminiscent of the recent Gandalf Trial in the UK, in which police arrested and charged editors of *Green Anarchist* and the UK A.L.F. Press Office for conspiracy to incite others, the Minnesota legislation appeared to target groups and individuals who come forward to support A.L.F. actions publicly, even when these individuals have nothing to do with the A.L.F. action itself.

The section that, depending on how it was to be enforced, could impact the operation of the Press Office was as follows:

Subd. 4. [THIRD PARTY LIABILITY; PRESUMPTION.] A person or organisation who plans or assists in the development of a plan to release, without permission, an animal lawfully confined for science, research, commerce, or education, or who otherwise aids, advises, hires, counsels, or encourages another to commit the act is jointly and severally liable for all damages under subdivision 3. There is a reputable presumption that a person or organisation who claims responsibility for the act is liable under this subdivision.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.405, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
Subd. 4. [TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRIMINAL ACTS.] (a) Unless the person is convicted of the underlying crime, a person who promotes, advocates, and assumes responsibility for a criminal act with the intent to instigate the unlawful conduct of others or to obstruct, impede, or prevent a criminal investigation is guilty of a gross misdemeanour.

Concerns raised immediately within the animal liberation community was that the prosecution might argue that the NA-A.L.F. Press Office (an arm of the ALF they would claim) promotes the illegal activities of the A.L.F. through web pages, press releases, etc. with the intent to instigate more ALF-type actions. Again, memories of the Gandalf trail spring to mind immediately. Other concerns were that supporters who advocate the actions with press releases and then destroy the original communiqués received from A.L.F. cells might be seen to "obstruct, impede, or prevent a criminal investigation." The bill included a section which added that the new act would not impair the right of any individual or group to engage in speech protected by the US Constitution, but this did little to put supporters and spokespeople living in Minnesota at ease.

SPOKESPERSON RAIDED

If anyone was still in doubt about the State's plans to target the Press Office and the work it does, that changed May 5 when Federal agents raided the home of Kevin Kjonaas, who acted as the spokesperson for the A.L.F. after the liberations at the University of Minnesota in Mpls. Kevin was not at home at the time, but his housemate was and was made to witness the raid, which lasted many hours. Nine agents (one even in bullet proof gear) took three boxes of personal belongings, including computers, disks, personal effects, animal rights notebooks, videotapes, all documents and files related to the Press Office, all press clippings Kevin had gathered, phone numbers off his caller id box, an A.L.F. t-shirt, a hooded jacket, masking tape, etc.

Meanwhile, the omnibus criminal prevention and judiciary finance bill (that included the provisions that increase civil penalties for liberating animals and make third parties also liable for damages) passed both houses of the criminal section stricken out, and the retroactive effect of the remaining part removed.

OTHER ANTI-A.L.F. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN AMERICA

Government legislators in the US appeared to be on a role, and in late May an amendment to the Juvenile Justice Bill (S254) was introduced. Basically, the amendment would amongst other things:

1. Make it a federal crime to distribute info on how to "make bombs" (over the internet or otherwise) or other weapons of mass destruction if the "instructor" *intends* for the info to be used to commit a federal violent crime, or knows that the recipient will use the info to commit such a crime. The "A.L.F. website" and the "Final Nail 2" were specifically cited as examples of what would be targeted by the sponsor of the amendment.

2. Enhance penalties under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act - changing a minimum sentence to five years instead of one.

3. Create a "National Animal Terrorism and Ecoterrorism Incident Clearinghouse" to maintain records of such incidents to be made available to participating law enforcement agencies.

4. "Crack down on gangs" (with Utah straight-edge/animal rights "gangs" being used as an example).This includes only requiring three people to call it a gang, enhanced sentences, etc.

GRAND JURY HITS MINNESOTA

In June, things heated up again for spokesperson Kevin Kjonaas, when he was called before a federal grand jury regarding A.L.F. activity in Minnesota. Kevin was represented by the immediate past-President of the National Lawyers Guild. After giving only his name and address, Kevin, on the advice of counsel asserted his 1st amendment right to freedom of association and his fifth amendment right to be free from a compelled testimony. He refused to give any answers to any questions. After numerous questions Kevin requested permission to speak with his attorney. This and his refusal to answer questions irritated the federal prosecutor. After an hour and a half the prosecutor decided she had had enough and took from Kevin the notebook in which he was recording each question asked (to make consultation with counsel more fruitful). Kevin was dismissed and supposedly litigation about his right to counsel and notes are being challenged.. As of right now it is uncertain as to whether or not Kevin will be subpoenaed again.

Some of the questions Kevin was asked pertained to:

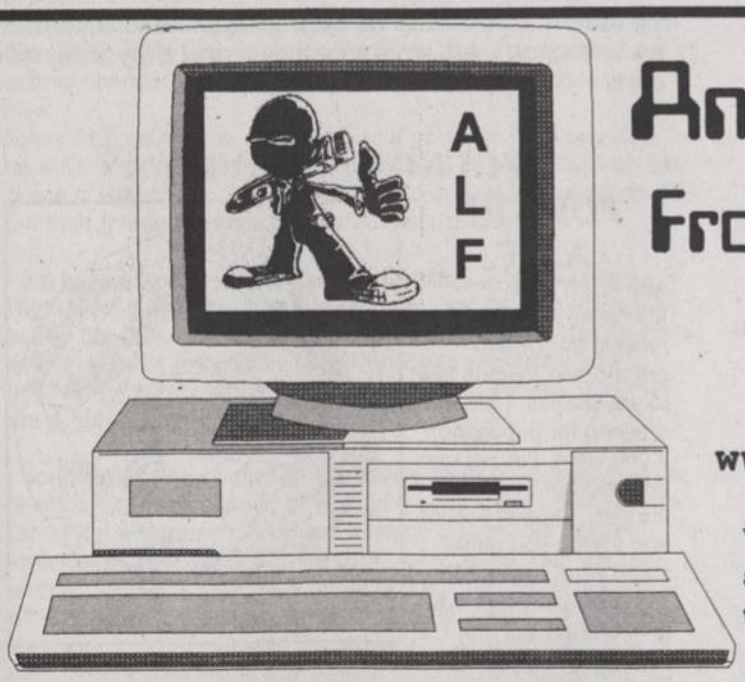
-his relationship to the university as a student and employee
-when "he got involved with the press office"
-how long had he been serving as the press officer
-how the A.L.F. sent communiqués to the press office
-if he had any part in the A.L.F. action at the University of M.
-was he in town during the action
-questions pertaining to his activist resume which they took off the harddrive of his computer

NOW WE WAIT

While Kevin was inside sitting silent, a large demonstration gathered outside the federal court house, organised by Citizens for Free Speech. The demo was well covered by all local media. At this point there is little more to tell. Kevin is still waiting to see what will happen with regards to the Grand Jury, and has petitioned to have all of his property returned. In the mean time, Katie Fedor, the NA-A.L.F. Press Officer since it's inception almost two years ago, has handed things over to long time earth/animal activist David Barbarash, so she can better focus her energies fighting the Grand Jury convened in Minneapolis. More on the handover of the Press Office elsewhere in *Underground*.

So folks, there you have it. Since issue #13 quite a bit has been happening in the good ol' U.S. of A, though it remains to be seen exactly how this will affect supporters of militant direct action. As you'll be able to see from our Diary of Actions, the A.L.F. continues to strike at animal abusers everywhere, with actions taking place nearly every day of the month. Despite the potential hardships above-ground A.L.F. supporters face from frustrated and ineffectual government legislation, one thing is very clear: the more the authorities waste resources and time attacking above-ground supporters, the less they have to focus on A.L.F cells and those carrying out actions and liberations.

At any rate, enjoy the rest of the magazine — better late than never!
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Letters to Underground



FAMILIES OF ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS SUPPORT

Dear *Underground,*
This is to let you know about FAMILIES OF AR PRISONERS SUPPORT, a self-help network designed to support the families of Animal Rights prisoners. The network is open to the families & concerned friends of current prisoners, the families of ex-prisoners and to ex-prisoners themselves.

Basically the network will introduce families to each other so the families of AR prisoners can talk to other people who are in the same boat as themselves. It will also give the chance for concerned family members to talk to ex-prisoners to find out what prison is really like.

Sadly FAMILIES OF AR PRISONERS SUPPORT can not offer financial support.

For more information contact

FAMILIES OF AR PRISONERS SUPPORT
BM Box 2407
London
WC1N 3XX
Tel: 0797 955 2448
E.Mail: family.support@iname.com

MESSAGE FOR JUSTIN SAMUEL

Hello NA-A.L.F.S.G,
My son is Justin Samuel. He is currently a federal fugitive for letting some minks go. You can read about him in the article I found on the web and pasted below. I'm sure that you have seen this before.

"A federal grand jury in Madison, Wisconsin has returned an indictment charging Peter Young and Justin Samuel, both from Washington State, with animal enterprise terrorism and unlawful interference with interstate commerce.

The indictment alleges that in October '97 the two attacked fur farms and released livestock with the intent to cause significant economic damage to the farms. In addition, it alleges overt acts in three states as part of a conspiracy to engage in extortion by attempting to coerce the farmers to close their businesses rather than face the threat of further economic losses as a result of their attacks.

The overt acts alleged in the six-count indictment include conducting surveillance on numerous farms and the release of breeding stock. Young and Samuel face a maximum penalty of 20 years on each of four counts, and one year on each of the other two counts. A statement issued by the U.S. Attorney's office stated, "This indictment reflects the determination of the law enforcement community and my office to address criminal activity designed to curtail or shut down a lawful industry, such as the conduct alleged in this indictment." -Peggy Lautenschlager.

Anyway, as it turns out Justin has not communicated with his family for over a year. And we (Mom, Dad, and brother) are very worried about him. If you have any ideas about ways to put the word out to him to just let any of us know that he is ok it would be greatly appreciated. We love and miss him very much.

Thanks, Bob Samuel

Justin's father also informs us that not a day goes by that he doesn't think, dream, and sometimes cry about Justin. He writes, "Justin will be 21 on December 31, 1999, and at this point in time it looks like we won't be able to share this important event. It was always something the family had looked forward to, with the century change and all it will be a tough time for our family.

"It is very sad for all of us that we are not sharing our lives. At 52 years old I have come to appreciate this more than ever. We miss him and are very worried about him. What ever help and support he may need or want he can rely on us for it."

To Justin, from all of us at the Supporters Group: we wish you well, where ever you are! Stay safe, take care!

YOUNG RECIDIVIST'S FOR THE A.L.F.



Allo A.L.F.S.G.
My name is Catherine, I receive the *Underground* and I would like to say thanks. I did a drawing for publication if you want. I'm not very talented but I did my utmost. I speak French and I hope you understand what I want to say. For two years you didn't forget me and I'm very grateful. I'm in jail for the young, and the time is very long. I hate to draw but I want to do something for you and I don't have any money. Thanks a lot and take care!

Catherine Leblanc
Quebec

COME ON FOLKS! SUPPORT THE PRESS OFFICE!

Dear *Underground,*
As most readers of *Underground* know, the ALF now has an eloquent spokesperson in Katie Fedor, North American ALF Press Officer. The service Katie provides is invaluable, explaining ALF actions widely and cogently to a media who distributes her words to a public ready to hear and consider animal liberation arguments.

ALF actions are arguably the most effective method of gaining media attention for animal rights issues. But if media accounts simply relate actions, a chance to explain and gain public support has been lost. For example, a news account which says simply, "A veal slaughterhouse burned to the ground," or worse "A veal slaughterhouse burned to the ground and now little Jimmy won't get his operation," is perhaps worse than no media report at all. However, a media report which explains WHY anyone, animal liberationist or homemaker next door who is sick of the screaming animals, would burn a veal slaughterhouse to the ground-now that is a useful media report.

A small advertisement in a medium sized paper costs thousands of dollars. An article which raises issues does a better job than an advertisement of raising animal issues in the public consciousness. An Associated Press article has a media value of tens of thousands of dollars, or millions of dollars if it hits national news television programs, in terms of its ability to get the public talking about animal rights issues. The voice of animal liberation should be a part of every one of those articles.
Every ALF action has national media potential. The question is, will the article simply report the action; or will it, through the grace of Katie Fedor, tell readers WHY animal liberationists put their freedom on the line for animal rights?

I am writing to ask people to sponsor the ALF Press Office. Right now, Katie has to hold a full-time, non-animal rights job to pay her bills. Our movement should be able to fund one person to work on ALF publicity full-time. We should be able to buy her the equipment she needs, a clipping service, and media guidebooks.

I don't make a lot of money, but I have pledged to send Katie a check monthly. If enough of us with a bit of disposable income (and I know that many readers have no disposable income) took Katie's role seriously, we could allow her to quit her non-animal rights job and focus on animal issues with all her energies. The possibilities are endless, from a mailing to every major paper and talk-show in the country to a media database of sympathetic journalists and a letter writing alert for all articles which do appear.

The animal exploiters have literally thousands of generously funded media and public relations officials. Shouldn't the ALF have one full-time media representative?

A Supporter

Send donations to the new Press Office address: P.O.Box 21598, Little Italy Postal Outlet, Vancouver, B.C. V5N 5T5 Canada

Oh--and of course, don't forget to send your anonymous alerts

Ed note: there have been a few changes with the Press Office - Katie is still very active with it, but with recent Grand Jury developments taking place in MN (more on this elsewhere in the magazine), Katie has passed things on to the new Press Officer, David Barbarash. The writer is correct that the Press Office needs your support. Without it, the P.O. cannot continue to function. The Press Office has moved to the address above, and can also be contacted at: 604-805-5479 or emailed at naalfpo@tao.ca

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT

Dear NAALFSG,
Oh, I thank you! I read my very first issue of *Underground* last summer and what a neat surprise to see your article about ME on page 14! To read, after all these years that I am NOT ALONE! When I was falsely imprisoned in '92 I tried with all my energy to connect with other animal activists ... I failed. By '98 I'd given up. I was the only vegan activist left on the prison, I'd been buried alive and no-one had even noticed. But now I see I was wrong! I feel so much less alone now, here in this hell of sadistic, sick, sociopathic, ethically-challenged, power-mad and disgusting meat eaters.

My time in InsaneWorld, alone, has been long indeed ... but now I'm not alone anymore!. There are all the super people I read about in Underground who help the animals like I wish I still could, and the lovely, kind readers who wrote so many supportive letters to me! Readers sent stamped envelopes and offer so much more - vitamins, vegan food, books, anything I might ask for - so nice! Animal activists are the best people. I have some new friends, good ones!

Now that I've received your Winter '98 issue of *Underground*, I wish also to express my boundless gratitude for your "Fran Thompson Update!" But all I can do is say THANK YOU for the ink!

For the animals,
Fran Thompson 93341
Nebrska Center for Women
1107 Recharge Rd., York
NE 68467-8003 USA

Fran Thompson is an animal welfare/rights activist in jail for the self-defence killing of a suitor-turned-stalker.

ALF DOCUMENTARY IN THE WORKS

Dear, NAALFSG,
In May, I will begin shooting a feature-length (2 hour) ALF documentary, "MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT FOR FREEDOM: The Story of the Animal Liberation Front in Their Own Words." The film is to cover the ENTIRE history of the ALF, from 1978 to the present. The entire project will be filmed on broadcast-quality, high resolution digital media.

Myself and the other activists working on this project posses the equipment, the energy, and the time necessary to make

this the best ALF film yet. We are working hard to have this film featured in the Sundance Film Festival -- the largest independent film festival in the world.

Unfortunately, we have almost no ALF video footage at all -- video footage that is ESSENTIAL for making this groundbreaking documentary. Would it be possible for any readers of *UNDERGROUND* Magazine willing to share available video footage, photos, or press clippings to mail them to me?
My address is:
David Wilson
Director of Media Relations, Utah Animal Rights Coalition
PO Box 1681 Layton, UT 84040
Thank you for your support. For the animals,David Wilson
(See the back page of Underground for an ad for this movie project)

AROUND THE WORLD - AND GROWING!

Greetings Friends!
Sorry it took so long to advise you all I got my Winter 98-99 issue: Boy the fur farms are getting hit all over the WORLD! Its great to have the A.L.F., E.L.F., Earth First! And not just in my USA but your Canada, Finland, England, Ireland, Germany, Austria - my Grandfather and Grandmother's Spain - I wish they were alive to read your newsletter - it would bring joy to their stressed out minds (its always Kill, Kill all over - either human or animals!). With all the people around the world who can't stand this any more - from Norway, Poland, Italy, Sweden, Netherlands, Finland and New Zealand (Ok, I wrote Finland twice), but that's still 14 NATIONS, not 14 People against the ugly practice of destroying life. Stay Strong, and for all you people do - thank you!

PS: I've got a wait of 5 months before the Supreme Court of California, waiting for a response for this innocent man - it's coming. Later!
Sincerely,
Victor Trevino #J18382-D2-108
Salinas Valley St. Prison, Box 1060, Soledad, Cal.
93960-1060 USA

LOOKING FOR CONTACTS

To the NAALFSG
My name is Jarrod Coffill. Right now I am an inmate in a Mass. prison, serving a 6 month sentence for an assault and battery charge. This is a long story but basically I was protecting my grandfather's land.

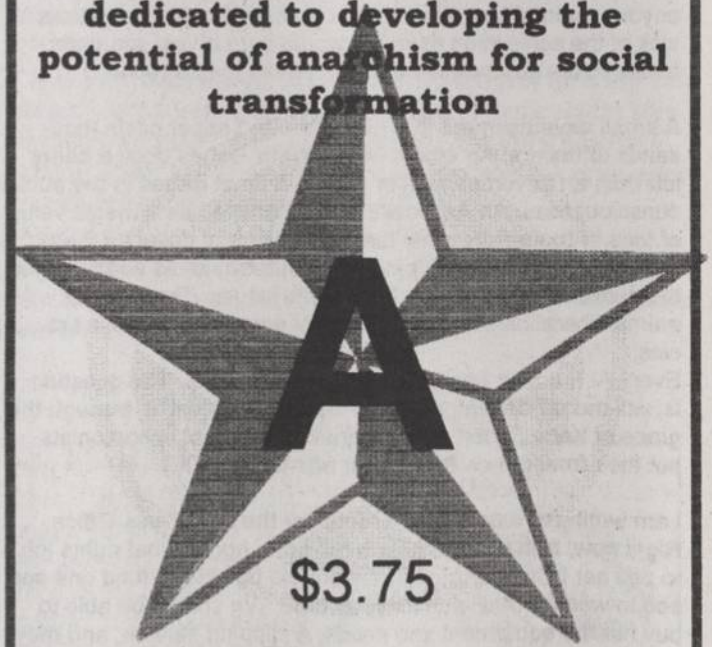
One evening last fall I was visiting my grandfather, who lives alone at his house. He owns a good piece of land is western MA. He cannot walk that well so I acted as a guide for him so that he could go out into the forest for a walk. We noticed two men in a truck dumping what turned out to be asbestos shingles into a shallow ditch. After confronting the two men about the incident a fight broke out and because of their ignorance, here I am, and the men go unpunished.

I am a big supporter of E.F! but I have no addresses or contacts while I am here. I would appreciate some correspondence if you could work this for me I would be very grateful.

That's all for now,
Jarrod Coffill
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News Briefs

POWERFUL NEW TOOLS FOR SPYING ON YOU

OTTAWA - Canada's electronic spy agency is quietly bankrolling the development of cutting-edge systems that can identify voices, analyse printed documents and zero in on conversations about specific topics. Documents show the Communications Security Establishment has enlisted the help of several leading Canadian research institutes to devise state-of-the-art snooping tools.

CSE, an agency of the Defence Department, collects and processes telephone, fax and computer communications of foreign states, corporations and individuals. The federal government uses the intelligence gleaned from the data to support troops abroad, catch terrorists and further Canada's economic goals.

CSE and counterpart agencies in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand share intercepted communications of interest with one another, effectively creating a global surveillance web, according to intelligence experts.

CSE's interest in high-tech devices that help locate specific conversations and documents is a clear indication the five-member alliance collects and sifts large volumes of civilian traffic, said Bill Robinson, a researcher in Waterloo, Ont., who has long studied the spy agencies.

"This technology is needed to process vast communications streams when you're hunting for nuggets within it."

Robinson said the devices have legitimate uses, but hold "potentially frightening" implications for people's privacy as the technology advances.

"They'll be able to do things they never could've done in the past."

The Centre for Pattern Recognition and Machine Intelligence, located at Concordia University in Montreal, received $355,000 to develop two systems for CSE that automatically analyse printed documents, such as faxes, once they are digitally captured in a computer data bank.

The first system, completed early last year, quickly determines the language of a document, said the centre's C. Y. Suen.

"Some humans may have problems in distinguishing Spanish from Portuguese, for example, or Spanish from Italian," he said. "So what we have developed is a system that can do it automatically."

The second device electronically searches captured documents for distinct features, including logos, photos, text or signatures.

Combining the two systems enables a user, for example, to search a data bank for Japanese documents containing photos, or Russian faxes with signatures.

Records obtained by media sources under the Access to Information Act show CSE commissioned several other projects during the last two years. They include:

(*) An $84,981 contract with the University of Waterloo in Ontario for the "development of multilingual computer speech recognition systems."

(*) A $115,000 agreement with the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi toresearch "speaker identification" procedures.

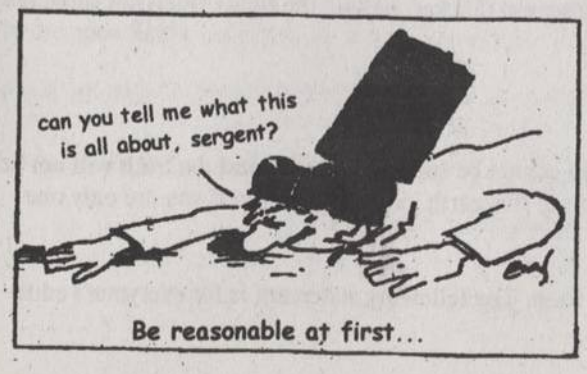
(*) Work by the Centre de Recherche Informatique de Montreal on "topic spotting" - a means of identifying the subject of a conversation. The $150,393 contract was the most recent of several awarded to CRIM.

CSE spokesman Kevin Mills did not provide information on specific goals of the projects, but allowed: "In general, any research that we're funding has some kind of interest for CSE."

The agency has been working on voice- and phrase-detection systems for at least a decade. The documents, however, show the research continues, with some devices yet to be perfected.

CSE and its four international partner agencies use computers capable of recognising intercepted messages containing specified names, addresses, telephone numbers and other key words or numbers, says a new report on surveillance technology, by Scottish researcher Duncan Campbell.

In addition, intelligence agencies are using systems that recognise the "voiceprint" or speech pattern of targeted individuals, though the technology is not yet fully reliable.



DUTCH EARTH LIB ACTIVIST SENTENCED TO 15 MONTHS

MAY/99

UTRECHT - A 37 year old earth lib activist was sentenced to 15 months prison sentence, with 5 months of the sentence to be served on probation. As part of the "Earth Liberation Team" (MBT in Dutch) the activist was charged with the sabotage of large numbers of expensive new cars, in a protest of their impact on the environment. The damages totalled half a million Dutch guilders.

LAST OF CHATHAM 3 NOW FREE

Gary Yourofsky, the last of the Chatham 3 to go before the courts for his part in a March 30th 1997 raid against the Ebert's Fur Farm, was sent to jail on April 27. Yourosfsky was sentenced to six months in jail after being convicted of helping free 1,500 mink from the Chatham fur farm.



Highlights of the trial included the cross-examination of Alan Hoffman, Gary's perfidious uncle who has testified against him. Steve Rogin, Gary's attorney, damaged Hoffman's credibility by highlighting numerous contradictory statements that he made in his written, videotaped and on-the-stand testimony. For instance, Hoffman claimed that there was a meeting - two weeks prior to the raid - that took place between all of the co-accused. Yet, when Det. Maddocks asked Hoffman during his written confession if he had ever met Pat and Hilma before this incident, Hoffman replied, "Never." Rogin also got Hoffman to admit further details about the deal between him and the Crown Attorney to testify against me in exchange for a $5,000 fine.

Moreover, when the Crown Attorney re-examined Hoffman, both made a huge blunder. It appeared that they had a scripted Q & A about the deal ... but Hoffman answered his part incorrectly. She queried him about the deal and Hoffman accidentally said that if he was sentenced before the trial, he would NOT come back to testify ... which completely contradicts his earlier statements about wanting to tell the truth and being veracious and upstanding.

The owner of Eberts Farm, Roger McClellan, also took the stand. He spoke of how the minks enjoyed their little prisons on his farm and NOT the freedom that was doled out on March 31, 1997. He made the following torpid comments:

1) When 1,018 of the 1,542 minks were recaptured, he said he had to take the chance of mating some of them over again in order "to get the best production out of the minks."

2) When he saw hundreds of liberated minks, he said it was "wrong for minks to be running on the ground. They belong in cages."

3) When referring to the light deception on the farm, i.e., bright lights being turned on from 4 a.m. - 8 a.m. everyday in order to trick the minks into believing days are longer so they will go into their mating season quicker, he said the lights "help the animals during their gestation period. And they seem to like it."

Before receiving his sentence, Gary made the following speech to the court:

I stand before this court without trepidation, without timidity, because the truth cannot be suppressed today and the truth will not be compromised. Mohandas Gandhi, one of the most benevolent people to ever grace this earth, once said, "Even if you are only one person ... the truth is still the truth."

The dilemma we face today is whether this court chooses to acknowledge the truth. The following statement is for everyone's edifi-

cation. One day every enslaved animal will obtain their freedom and the animal rights movement will succeed because Gandhi also proclaimed that "All throughout history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants -- and at times they have seemed invincible -- but in the end they always fall ... always."

The true devoted humanitarians who are working towards the magnanimous goal of achieving freedom for animals cannot be stopped by unjust laws. As long as humans are placed on a pedestal above non-humans, injustice to animals will fester because without universal equality one type of equality will always create another type of inequality. There will be no compromise here today because the truth cannot be compromised. My presence in this courtroom today is paradoxical. I ask this court ... If it is NOT a crime to torture, enslave and murder animals, then how can it be a crime to free tortured, enslaved and soon-to-be-murdered animals? Humankind must climb out of its abyss of callousness, its abyss of apathy and its abyss of greed. Enslaving and killing animals for human satisfaction can never be justified. And the fur industry must understand that the millions of manual neck-breakings, anal and genital electrocutions, mass gassings, drowning and toxic chemical injections can never be justified. And, the snaring of millions of free-roaming animals in steel jaw leghold traps, who die slow, horrific deaths is unjustifiable, as well.

There will be no compromise ... for the truth cannot be compromised. The schism that this court has created between the five co-accused has been sealed.

If I am convicted through my volition and in a symbolic protest of the unjust conditions hat animals endure ... a hunger strike will begin tomorrow at 7:30 a.m.

For every mink that ever languished in a tiny cage and was savagely murdered at The Eberts Fur Farm ... I will go hungry. And for the 40 million other animals world-wide that have the skin ripped off their backs in a disgusting display of barbarity, in the name of vanity ... I will go hungry And if this court expects me to experience an apostasy -- meaning an abandoning of my beliefs ... it's sadly mistaken. In April of '97 ... when I was incarcerated for 10 days in a Chatham jail ... I briefly experienced ... vicariously ... what a caged animal goes through. And thanks to that 10-day bail hearing ... my empathy for every mistreated animal intensified.

No matter what I go through during my incarceration and hunger strike ... will be nothing compared to the everlasting torture that innocent animals endure on a daily basis.

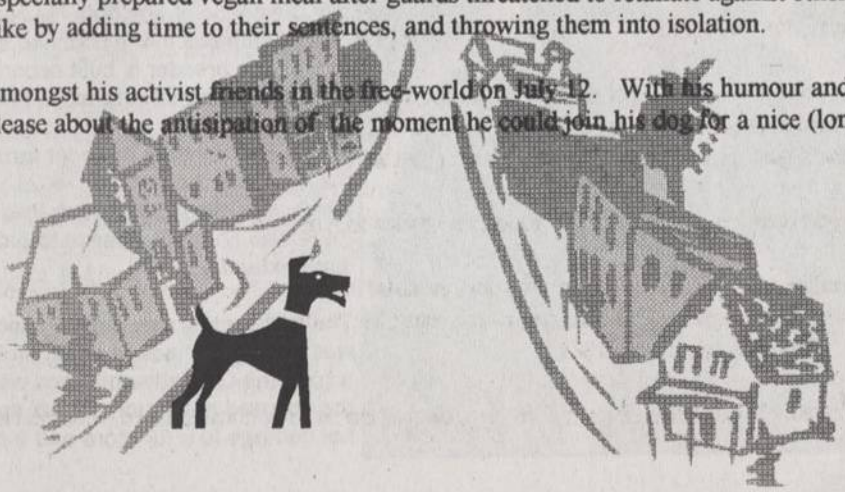
And if this court is alarmed by my honesty, let me close with a quote from slave abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison. "I will be as harsh as the truth and as uncompromising as justice. On this subject, I do not wish to think or speak or write with moderation, I am in earnest. I will not equivocate. I will not excuse. I will not retreat a single inch. And I will be heard. The apathy of the people is enough to make every statue leap from its pedestal and hasten the resurrection of the dead. My influence shall be felt in coming years, not perniciously but beneficially, not as a curse, but as a blessing and posterity will bear testimony that I was right."

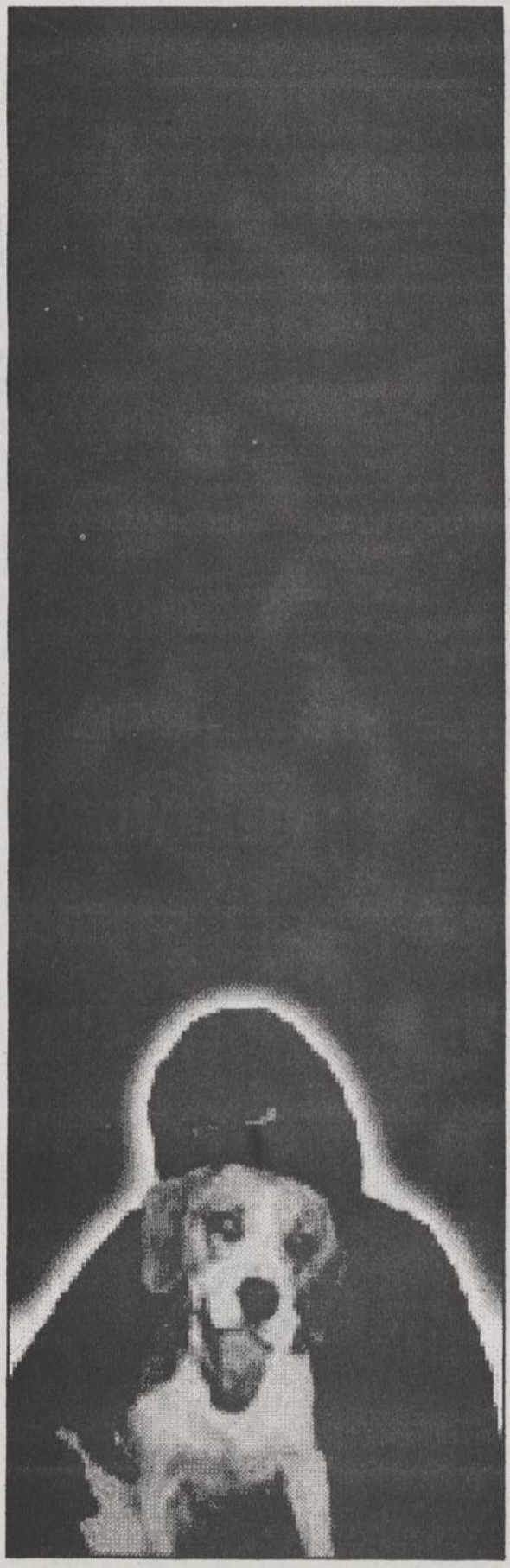
There will be no compromise here today because the truth cannot be compromised.

Ten days into his announced 40-day liquid-only hunger strike at the Elgin Middlesex Detention Center, Gary faced threats from prison guards concerned that other inmates were joining him on the strike. Guards threw him into solitary confinement/isolation and no visitors, phone calls or reading material were allowed. He was told he would have 30-60 days added to his stay and that he faced doing the rest of his time (nearly 6 months) in isolation if he didn't begin eating. Gary only agreed to eat a specially prepared vegan meal after guards threatened to retaliate against other prisoners (identities unknown) who joined the strike by adding time to their sentences, and throwing them into isolation.

Gary was granted early parole and was back amongst his activist friends in the free-world on July 12. With his humour and determination still intact, Gary spoke before his release about the anticipation of the moment he could join his dog for a nice (long) run in the open fields.

From all of us, welcome back, Gary!





Finnish animal liberation trials

MARCH/99

During the week of 15-19 March, a total of 10 activists and one snitch went on trial for three separate beagle liberations, one alleged breach of the domestic peace on a Finnish fur farm and two counts aiding and abetting in two separate fur farms raids and handling stolen goods (giving a home to a liberated beagle).

Day one saw the trial of three activists who were on trial for breach of the domestic peace after they had been caught 200 m from a fur farm in Kuhmo, north Finland. The farmer alleges that the activists caused "cub losses" and was asking about 30 000 marks ($6000 US) compensation. However, after the testimony given by the farmer, it was clearly shown that there were no cub losses and that particular year the cub result was higher than the year before.

On day two, nine people (including the snitch) on trial for liberation and handling stolen goods. In these raids a total of five beagles were given their freedom. One person was accused of participating in three raids, one in two raids and the other three for the third raid.

The first trial was for the liberation of one beagle who was one of 6 being used in bone experiments. The beagle's thigh bones were sawed in half and then allowed to heal. Timo Nevalainen, who is director of the breeder took the stand and in true style and high drama eloquently told the court how this groundbreaking research would save people from great pain etc. In one sense, vivisection was on trial and the activists' lawyers gave Nevelainen quite a grilling. He also talked about xylitol experiments he was doing on beagles.

Witness for the activists was a well-known biologist who specialises in dogs and wild animals. He spoke about how the conditions at the breeder cannot satisfy the needs of any dog. He spoke mainly about the need for exercise and the lack of stimulus in the confined space they were kept in. He also stated that although the breeder is built according to the regulations, it is still against the spirit of the animal protection law.

Aiding and abetting three fur farms raids in Pohjanmaa in September 1997 was the theme of the last day. A 21 year old woman was charged for renting a car which was allegedly used in these raids. But the prosecution had to admit that there was no real evidence to prove the case and all the evidence was purely circumstantial.

The prosecution was seeking unconditional jail sentences while the defence was asking for fines or small probation sentences. Four of the defendants were also in the Orimattila trial and were serving four months probation. Also, two of the accused have promotional sentences from a couple years back from criminal damage to a fur store and a civil disobedience action against fur selling de-

A Liberation To Be Remembered

By: Katie Fedor and Kevin Kjonaas

World Week for Laboratory Animals for the year of 1999 started early with a surprise visit by the Animal Liberation Front. On April 5 the A.L.F. liberated 116 animals from two University of Minnesota vivisection laboratories. A communiqué was sent by the A.L.F. claiming full responsibility for the strategic non-violent action stating that "27 pigeons, 48 mice, 36 rats, and 5 salamanders will never be harmed again at the hands of vivisectors."

Along with the animals being liberated, economic sabotage was employed to decrease profits to the animal abusers in both Elliot Hall (Psychology Building) and Lions Research Building. The communiqué states that cages and equipment were damaged, research documents were taken and are being reviewed, and walls were painted with animal liberation messages.

Almost all equipment on the 4th and 2nd floors of Lions Research Building was severely damaged. "Vivisectors' own video footage of experiments were taken along with computer files and research notebooks...this shows that lab raids can still be successfully completed," states the communiqué.

The University of Minnesota is known for torturing 130,000 animals every year with wasted taxpayer money. Four medical doctors from around the country denounced vivisection as harmful to humans and animals and exposed the U of MN in the process. These doctors issued statements to the media via news releases to correct the many false claims from Vivisectors. In one such statement, Dr. Ray Greek openly challenged any vivisector to a debate on the University campus. Not surprisingly, this challenge remains unanswered. Earlier this year on Feb. 18, Dr. Greek lectured at the University of Minnesota on the scientific invalidity of animal research. After repeated attempts to find someone to defend vivisection, Dr. Greek lectured for almost two hours before 200 people against animal research.

In addition to the medical doctors, some of whom are former vivisectors themselves, a national animal research investigator also released a statement that scrutinised vivisectors' claims and found contradictions between earlier statements given in CRISP reports. In Defence of Animals also stepped forward to question erroneous statements made by animal researchers.

With the increased pressure from medical doctors coming forward to dispute the public relations department at the University, the U of MN started scrambling for cover by retracting their false claims in newspapers. Originally, the public relations department said that non animal research was also destroyed in the A.L.F. action. This was completely false and later retracted by the University of Minnesota in the media.

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partment store. In the end, despite this, it was generally all good news for the activists when sentencing was made.

Case 1: "attempted fur farm raid" or breach of domestic peace at a fur farm up north in Kuhmo. Charges against three fellows were dropped because there was no case. The "attempted raid" was only in the prosecutions head and nothing illegal happened. Three men were spotted hanging out near a mink and fox farm and police was called in. But it was broad daylight, no one was masked etc. There was no evidence on the prosecutions claim that the activists were attempting to raid the fur farm.

Case 2: Three liberations of beagles from karttula vivisection center between November 1996 and September 1997. The case was clear against one accused who admitted all three raids. One person was done for two raids and three for the last raid where four beagles were liberated. So the outcome was pretty much what was expected: one man, 29, received 5 months probation for his part of three raids, another man, 24, got 4 months probation and three others, a man, 23, woman, 22, man, 25, all received three months probation for liberating four dogs and criminal damage. Due to the grass with outstanding memory, a bunch of people were charged with possession of stolen goods, in other words, giving a home to a liberated dog or transporting dogs from a "safe house" to a permanent home, got fines of 500 FIM (about $100 US).

Case 3: Aiding and abetting in three fur farm raids in Pohjanmaa area. The same woman who was on trial for taking part to one of the liberations was also charged for renting a car which was allegedly used in raiding three fur farms in September 1997. Hundreds of foxes and minks were liberated on that night from three different fur farms in fur farm intensive Pohjanmaa area. The case was shaky to begin with so the charges were dropped due to the lack of evidence. @

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A LIBERATION TO REMEMBER cont: Along with countering the fallacies from the Universities public relations department and vivisectors, we had another problem to contend with. Freeman Wicklund from the Minneapolis based Animal Liberation League joined vivisectors in denouncing the liberation of 116 animals from their prisons. Wicklund was quoted in newspapers as saying "people who are concerned about animals are upset about this action...it closes a lot of doors, hopefully people realise the actions on Monday only represent a small fraction of the animal rights community."

On Minnesota Public Radio, a Press Office spokesperson was followed on air by Wicklund who was joined by vivisectors condemning the liberation. Wicklund said he wanted to reassure his contributors that he did not support this action. He has also informed local activists that he is able to denounce the A.L.F. on a full time basis after receiving a $12,500 six month grant from the Center for Compassionate Living. This is to be expected after the original 1998 press conference where Wicklund condemned the A.L.F. and the Alaskan Furs destruction.

The Press Office continued with the important work at hand when a videotape of the action taken by the A.L.F. was sent to animal rights organisations.

While inside the laboratories the A.L.F. videotaped their courageous rescue of the caged animals, the destruction of the cages and equipment used in the abusive research process, and the painted A.L.F. slogans on the walls. The video lasted approximately eleven minutes and was without any sound. It showed approximately five individuals all dressed identical, from flashlight headbands down to matching sneakers. On particularly horrid detail the A.L.F. focused in on with the video were the "no food" signs placed on the cages of the rats and pigeons that were freed. Of course the University tried to explain the these signs were their to discourage researchers from feeding the animals twice, and signified a "special" diet of the animals, but we all know of the notorious kinds of deprivation experiments that goes on in psychiatric laboratories.

The original A.L.F. tape was sent to the old A.L.F. Press Office PO Box, and was subsequently confiscated by the police, supposedly after it was received and viewed by the renter of the old PO Box. The Press Office has found this story to be quite suspicious considering this is the only time that A.L.F. PO mail has not been forwarded to the new address. Currently the Press Office is encouraging that mail fraud charges be pressed against the citizen who supposedly opened and viewed mail not addressed to him.

The A.L.F. sent the same video to a couple animal rights groups across the country. They in turn rushed delivered a copy of the A.L.F. video to the Press Office. The video was duplicated and a press conference was called for its public release. The A.L.F. Press Office held the press conference on the University of Minnesota Campus, and invited all local media representatives. Also attending were two University Police officers. During the Press Conference the video was shown and media packs were distributed that included all press releases for the action, and statements from a number of Physicians from across the country that supported the action and countered all University claims about the validity of animal research. The media, of course, ignored all conduct of journalistic professionalism and hurled biased questions and personal insults at an A.L.F. spokesperson. At one point, the police officer present sparred with the spokesperson over the use of direct action, but was quickly silenced when he could not explain intelligently how this action is different from that of other "criminals" like Harriet Tubman, whom time has vindicated. The coverage of the press conference, as with all mainstream coverage of the event thus far, was biased towards the University, but did use quite a few of the Press Office's quotes.

Exactly two weeks after the A.L.F. raid, the Minnesota State Senate ignored the Constitution and passed a bill increasing the jail time and fine for anyone convicted on such a crime. This bill went beyond the standard political knee jerking this time, and also targeted the Press Office. The bill, if made into law, intends also to prosecute any supporter of the A.L.F., who claims responsibility for the anonymous group and explains their actions, as a gross misdemeanour. This bill was also originally denoted as retroactive so that the Press Office could be prosecuted for speaking out on this last action, and leaves open the possibility that the University of Minnesota could sue the two Press Officers for triple the damages caused by the A.L.F..

Fortunately several aspects of the final bill were removed by a conference committee before being passed by the Senate and House of Representatives. It is not retroactive and the criminal section was removed. Thankfully it has been watered down considerably from the original intent and awaits being signed into law by the Governor.

Shortly after the Anti-Press Office bill was introduced, Kevin Kjonaas who was a Press Office Spokesperson for the A.L.F. liberation had his house raided by nine FBI agents on May 5.

For two hours the FBI searched through and stole personal belongings such as journals, notebooks, school homework, and clothing while his roommate was forced to sit in a corner of their home.

Just two days later, on May 7 he was also served a subpoena to attend a MN Grand Jury on June 14, 1999 that is "investigating" the University of Minnesota liberation. The Press Office has retained a lawyer who is the immediate past president of the National Lawyers Guild and a professor of constitutional law and first amendment rights at a local law school. We have developed a solid legal strategy to fight the Grand Jury and he is assembling a legal team.

The communiqué from the A.L.F. ends "our hearts go out to our friends that could not be taken, their futures depend on you...Act now." Thanks to all who have given such unconditional support during these times of severe government harassment for the Press Office. Thanks especially to the North American A.L.F. Supporters' Group, Darren Thurston, and Frontline Info. Service for their enormous continued support.

Please support the Press Office in the following ways:

A legal defence fund has been established by the North American A.L.F. Supporters' Group to continue the vital work of explaining A.L.F. actions to the public via the media and to fight the government harassment.

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Please write to the Center for Compassionate Living who has given Freeman Wicklund a $12,500 grant which is renewable on a six month basis, and ask that they reconsider funding him. Through this grant, Wicklund joins vivisectors in denouncing A.L.F. actions on a full time basis.

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SUSPECTS IN SLC BOMBINGS WON'T FACE LIFE IN JAIL

Activists accused of animal-rights "terrorism" will not face mandatory life prison sentences if convicted. U.S. District Judge Thomas Greene has ruled that Andrew N. Bishop, 24, Ithaca, N.Y. and Sean Albert Gauschy, 23, Salt Lake City; cannot be sentenced to life for their part in five separate bombings of the Fur Breeders Agricultural Co-operative in 1997. Alexander David Slack, 23, of Sandy was also accused in the bombings, but tragically Alex has taken his own life.

The bombings did not result in any injuries. However, a federal law allows enhanced prison sentences when explosives are used. In cases involving one bomb, the enhancement calls for a minimum mandatory 30-year prison term. If the additional sentence involves two or more instances, the extra term is for life. But Judge Greene called the late-night bombing "one violent episode" for which the men could be charged with one count each under the enhancement statutes. However, Greene rejected a defence motion to merge the bombing charges into just one crime.

Federal prosecutor David Schwendiman said his office will ask Justice Department officials whether they should appeal Greene's consolidation of the enhancement charges. Schwendiman said there are special considerations within the U.S. 10th Circuit, which includes Utah and Oklahoma, because of the deadly bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

Another Fur Breeders defendant, INFORMANT Douglas Joshua Ellerman, 20, Salt Lake City, pleaded guilty last year to helping plant the bombs. He was sentenced to seven years and two months in prison and ordered to pay $750,000 in restitution. Ellerman has given evidence against others he says were participants in A.L.F. actions.

Ellerman's older brother, 22-year-old INFORMANT Clinton Colby Ellerman, is expected to plead guilty to allegations he made the bombs, Schwendiman said. A sixth suspect, Adam Troy Peace, 21, Huntington Beach, Calif. is charged with attempting to bomb the co-operative six days earlier.

ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS FREE MINK IN PROTEST TURNED RAID

SEATTLE FUR EXCHANGE RATTLED, MINK FARMERS RACE HOME

FEBUARY/99:
MONROE, Wash. -- Dozens of mink were briefly freed when animal rights activists took their anger to a Seattle area fur farm. Protesters attending the Seattle Fur Exchange drove up to the farm, about 25 miles northeast of Seattle, and five people jumped a fence and opened cages, Snohomish County sheriff's spokeswoman Jan Jorgensen told media.

Some 150 to 200 animals, worth about $250 each, were released. Five people in their teens and early 20s were held for investigation of burglary and theft. A day earlier, two protesters were arrested in a demonstration outside the Seattle Fur Exchange in suburban Renton. The exchange, the largest fur auction house in the nation and third-largest in the world, was conducting its four-day semi-annual auction that week. Snohomish County ranks eighth nation-wide in mink production with 63,420 pelts in 1997, Farm Census figures show.

The day before the auction began, 80 protesters gathered at the hotel that the furriers were staying in. As news cameras rolled, a coffin full of furs was set on fire. As the crowd became more energised, protesters stormed the front of the hotel and several expensive planters were smashed. Police threatened to pepper spray and club protesters, but the group moved away just in time. As the first protest ended at least one van load of activists was followed out of town by multiple police cars. The protesters were not pulled over, and apparently the police just wanted to make sure nothing else was going to happen.

Day two saw the first day of the auction with trapped skins going on the block. Two protesters were arrested early on as activists surrounded furriers cars that were coming into the auction. One protester was accused of beating on a vehicle, while another was grabbed by the neck and thrown to the ground by police. This vicious assault led to an angry response by the crowd, with lots of pushing and shoving by police.

Day three saw the first set of ranched mink skins going up for bid. On this day some buyers were going to bid through the Seattle Fur Exchange web page. These buyers lost out when the web page was brought down as the result of a virtual sit in by animal rights activists from around the world. Using a software called Flood Net, activists were able to bombard the web page with hits, bringing it to a halt. Morale among the industry was low, and their spokesperson Teressa Platt even left and went home.

That afternoon another protest took place at a nearby fur farm. As protesters arrived they learned that a teenage girl had been hit with a shovel and held at gun point by the fur farmer. Four others were in custody as well.

The fur industry claims that a mob of activists stormed the farm and released 200 mink in broad daylight. Many fur farmers attending the SXE left the auction in a panic to go home and guard their farms as a result. While many farmers have put in extensive security to protect their farms at night, they are unprepared for daytime assaults. Now they will have to take that into consideration when they put in $25,000 security systems.

While police held activists arrested at the farm, supporters carried out a well co-ordinated phone blockade of the Seattle Fur Exchange. This led to their phone being off the hook for hours at a time. Between the protests at the hotel, the auction house, and the fur farm, as well as the virtual sit in and the phone blockade, the fur industry took a beating they will not soon forget.

Skin prices were low, and many farms will not even break even. On top of that, the farmers are discouraged from having to drive threw a crowds of protesters to get to the auction, only to turn around to go home and guard their farms.

One member of the industry is being investigated for striking a member of the activists legal team with his car. More information will become available as that is investigated.

This was a very successful set of demo's and a round of thank you's go to everyone who took part. This includes the activists that were arrested, the Seattle locals that helped make this possible, the organisers and participants of the virtual sit in and the phone blockade and every person that showed up and spent days in the cold and rain fighting for animals.

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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

JANUARY/99: Toronto, ON -- McDonald's spray-painted with anti-meat slogans, including "McMurder," "McTorture," and "McDeath." -A.L.F.

JANUARY/99: Toronto, ON -- KFC spray-painted with red paint ("KFC=Death") and two KFC's had their double front doors locked together with thick chains and padlocks. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/99: Toronto, ON -- Pig slaughterhouse had slogans spray-painted on it, including "Pigs Die Here," "Murder House" and "Death!" - A.L.F.

JANUARY/99: Toronto, ON -- Four butcher shops were spray-painted and locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/99: Richmond Hill, ON -- Butcher shop hit by the A.L.F., walls were painted as was the store van. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/99: Toronto, ON -- Two meat packer trucks were spray-painted in the back parking lot of a Toronto slaughterhouse. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/99: Toronto, ON -- A leather store mural was spattered with red paint. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/99: Toronto, ON -- Ten fur stores (Spadina Rd. and Bathurst St.) spray-painted and had locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/99: Toronto, ON -- Fur store on Adelaide St. was spray-painted three nights in a row. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/99: Aurora, ON -- A billboard for a duck slaughterhouse (King Cole Ducks) was splattered with paint. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/99: Aurora, ON -- A chincilla fur farm sign was spay-painted. -A.L.F.

JANUARY/99: Location Undisclosed, ON -- A rabbit, duck and a chicken were all liberated from the brink of slaughter, from an animal auction/fair in Ontario. The A.L.F. cell involved does not want to say where from exactly because of the possibility of more animals being liberated in the future.

UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20/99: Dearborn, MI -- One male and two female turkeys were liberated from Greenfield Village (a museum/mock village complex owned by Capitalist/racist/fascist Ford Family). The turkeys were slated for dinner for the holidays. Local animal rights activists tried to negotiate release of

the turkeys, but failed. The A.L.F. stepped in and they are now living in loving homes, enjoying happy lives without fear. This action was dedicated to Barry Horne. -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 2/98: Anerdson, IN - A.L.F. free 150+ breeding foxes from a fur farm.

DECEMBER 21/98: Southampton, PA - Hubert Furs has 3 windows and a glass door etched with "FUR KILLS" and "FUR IS DEAD" -A.L.F.

DECEMBER 26/98: Medford, OR - Communiqué from the ELF: "Happy fucking new year from the Earth Liberation Front! To celebrate the holidays we decided on a bonfire. Unfortunately for U.S. Forest Industries it was at their corporate headquarters office in Medford, Oregon. On the foggy night after Christmas when everyone was digesting their turkey and pie, Santa's ELFs dropped two five gallon buckets of diesel/unleaded mix and a one gallon jug with cigarette delays; which proved to be more than enough to get this party started. And after forty to fifty firefighters showed up to our party, they were unable to salvage anything, costing these greedy bastards half a million dollars. This was done in retribution for all the wild forests and animals lost to feed the wallets of greedy fucks like Jerry Bramwell, U.S.F.I. president. This action is payback and it is a warning, to all others responsible we do not sleep and we wont quit. For the future generations we will fight back! - E.L.F.

DECEMBER 30/98: Los Angeles, CA: A fur billboard on the corner of la Cienaga and Santa Monica blvd. was paint-bombed with organic bellpeppers filled with red paint. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 4/99: Woodland Hills, CA -- Woodland Hills Furriers Inc. (22941 Ventura Blvd.)was visited by the A.L.F. Slogans painted across the entire entrance included "40 dead animals = 1 fur coat" and "A.L.F. Windows were etched with "killers," "scum," "stop now" and "A.L.F.". No window was 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. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 8/99: Teaneck, NJ - Locks glued at Cedar Lane Furs. - A.L.F.

JANUARY 8/99: Ridgewood, NJ -- Over a dozen 3/8" holes were drilled in the roof of Bon-Ton Furs to allow water from a heavy rain and snow melt to flow inside, hopefully damaging merchandise, equipment, etc. Approximately two ounces of butyric acid was poured through one of the holes. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 16/99: Wash., DC -- Rosendorf Evans Furs - 4 display windows etched.-A.L.F

JANUARY 16/99: Chevy Chase, MD -- Saks Jandel - 3 display windows etched. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 29/99: Chevy Chase, MD - Saks Jandel - butyric acid dispensed. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 30/99: Rockville, MD - Arby's Fast Food - locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 30/99: Gaithersburg, MD - Bares Bones Rib Joint - locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 30/99: Gaithersburg, MD - Chicken Out Restaurant - locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 30/99: Rockville, MD - Kentucky Fried Chicken - locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 30/99: Montgomery Village, MD - McDonald's - locks glued. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 30/99: Rockville, MD - Popeyes - locks glued. - A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 11/99: East Brunswick, NJ- Furs By Guarino's, 339 Rt. 18, was hit, activists left the words "Fur Is Murder" sprawled out in red paint across the store front.

FEBRUARY 13/99: Annandale, MN - A.L.F. visited Davidson's Fur Farm and released 6 fox (all that could be found). Mink sheds were empty and abandoned, and there were visible traces of cyotee and wolf having been kept at some point on the farm. Several fur farms have been discovered abandoned over the past few months, including:
KEITH FORTUNES, ATWATER MN
JOHNS RANCH, HAMIL MN
CANNON FALLS RANCH, CANNON FALLS MN

FEBRUARY 13/99: Philomath, OR -- The ALF attempted to raid the rabbit breeding facility owned by Lance and Nephi Patton, but unfortunately the owners have installed new security and a dog was roaming the premises. Activists discovered, however, the home and vehicle of Nephi Patton are still unprotected.

FEBRUARY 16/99: Warren, NJ -- Furs By Guarino van firebombed while parked in store owner's driveway (John Guarino, 45 Hillcrest Boulevard, Warren, NJ 07059, (908) 754-4394). - A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 24/99: Red Bank, NJ -- Winter's Furs had its front display window cracked and front door smashed with bricks, sounding an external alarm. - A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 24/99: Englishtown, NJ -- Classic Furs had numerous holes punched through display windows. Door and several windows completely shattered. - A.L.F.

FEBRUARY 24/99: Manalapan, NJ -- Fur and Leather Ranch had numerous holes punched through display windows. Door completely shattered. - A.L.F.

MARCH 2/99: Philadelphia, PA -- Bargain Furs has their security gate locks filled with glue. - A.L.F.

MARCH 3/99: Chevy Chase, MD -- Butyric acid dispensed in Miller's Furs.-A.L.F.

MARCH 3/99: Chevy Chase, MD -- Butyric acid dispensed in Gardenhaus Furs. -A.L.F.

MARCH 8/99: Burlington, NJ -- Burlington Coat Factory has 6 glass panels in their vestibule destroyed. One window etched

with "FUR KILLS." Slogans "KILLERS" "FUR IS DEAD" and "STOP SELLING FUR" were spray painted on the store walls. Until Burlington Coat Factory stops selling all fur and fur trim actions like these will continue. -A.L.F.

MARCH 9/99: Seattle, WA -- The A.L.F. attacked cars belonging to four furriers parked at the Embassy Suites Hotel during the Seattle Fur Exchange. Over four gallons of paint stripper was used, and the cars were then scraped down with steel wool. One vehicle had its tires punctured. The following morning a bomb hoax was phoned in to SFX.

MARCH 11/99: Minneapolis, MN -- the A.L.F paid visits to the following stores:
NEIMAN MARCUS, downtown, windows etched.
DAYTONS, downtown, windows etched.
SAKS FIFTH AVE, downtown, windows etched.
LA ROCKLER FUR COMPANY, downtown, windows etched and locks glued.
RIBNICKS FURS, downtown, windows etched
ALBRECHS FURS EDINA, downtown, windows etched and locks glued.

MARCH 12/99: Eatontown, NJ -- Macy's had all outside locks glued, four large windows smashed, and FUR KILLS spray painted in large, red letters visible from the highway. -A.L.F.

MARCH 12/99: Red Bank, NJ -- Winters Furs had their locks glued, and their door and front display window smashed. -A.L.F.

MARCH 17/99: Philadelphia, PA -- Meglio & Sons Furs has their locks filled with glue. -A.L.F.

MARCH 18/99: Philadelphia, PA -- Bargain Furs has their locks filled with glue. -A.L.F.

MARCH 27/99: Franklin, NJ - Six vehicles were firebombed at the Big Apple Circus, including two cabs connected to trailers carrying equipment which were completely destroyed. Also severely damaged were three flatbeds carrying equipment and one small vehicle. An establishment which enslaves others and causes them pain and suffering to perform degrading acts as a sick form of entertainment will not be tolerated. Until the Big Apple Circus decides not to profit from the exploitation of innocent animals, these actions will continue in each town they stop in. This action is dedicated to the Seattle 5.
NOTE: Firebombs were made of 1 gallon bottles filled with gasoline. Holes were drilled into the caps and candles (joke candles that can't be blown out) were inserted into the top of the containers. This method proved completely effective. -A.L.F.

MARCH 29/99: Philadelphia, PA - Meglio & Sons Furs has 13 windows destroyed. The following slogans were etched into the windows: "FUR KILLS," "FUR IS DEAD," and "ALF." - A.L.F.

APRIL 1/99: Pine Brook, NJ -- Burlington Coat Factory paint-bombed. Actions will continue until Burlington stops supporting the bloody fur trade. -A.L.F.

APRIL 2/99: Teaneck, NJ -- Locks glued at Cedar Lane Furs. -A.L.F.

APRIL 5/99: Minneapolis, MN - A.L.F. started Lab Week early this year by raiding labs at the University of Minnesota. The following animals will never be harmed again at the hands of vivisectors: 48 MICE, 36 RATS, 25 PIGEONS, 5 SALAMANDERS.

From the communiqué: "ELLIOT HALL, THE PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH BUILDING, WHERE THE ANIMALS WERE RESCUED FROM, HAD THE WALLS PAINTED WITH SLOGANS, CAGES AND EQUIPMENT DAMAGED, DOORS BROKEN AND RESEARCH DOCUMENTS WERE ALSO TAKEN AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED. LIONS RESEARCH BUILDING WAS ALSO VISITED AND HAD VIRTUALLY ALL EQUIPMENT ON THE 4TH AND 2ND FLOORS SEVERELY DAMAGED. VIVISECTORS OWN VIDEO FOOTAGE OF EXPERIMENTS WERE TAKEN ALONG WITH COMPUTER FILES AND RESEARCH NOTEBOOKS. THIS SHOWS THAT LAB RAIDS CAN STILL BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED. A VIDEO ALONG WITH STILL PICTURES WILL BE ARRIVING TO SELECTED GROUPS WHICH SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO OUR FRIENDS THAT COULD NOT BE TAKEN. THEIR FUTURES DEPEND ON YOU ...ACT NOW"

In addition to property damage and the loss of the animals, countless hours of research were destroyed in the action. University officials estimate the total cost of the damage will tally in the millions of dollars. Slogans were also left at the scene. Red spray paint reading "Vivisection is scientific fraud" and "A.L.F." greeted vivisectors the next morning. -A.L.F.

APRIL 5/99: Chevy Chase, MD -- three 3 display windows etched at fur shop -A.L.F.

APRIL 5/99: Washington, DC -- Rosendorf/Evans Furs, 5 display windows etched -A.L.F.

APRIL 5/99: Washington, DC -- Andriana's Furs, 4 display windows etched -A.L.F.

APRIL 21/99: Woodbridge, NJ -- Three display windows and front door smashed at Woodbridge Furs. -A.L.F.

APRIL 27/99: Woodbridge, NJ -- Three display windows and front door of Woodbridge Furs smashed with bricks bearing the message "Stop of Be Stopped" and signed A.L.F. The furriers seemed to be waiting in anticipation of the visit and rushed out to stop the activists, throwing a brick of their own. -A.L.F.

APRIL 23/99: San Francisco, CA -- Animal-rights demonstrators broke into three research labs at the University of California, shattering glass, overturning refrigerators and ruining at least one medical experiment, UCSF officials said. Four mice appeared to be missing from a neurology lab after a roaming group of demonstrators broke into the lab and confronted a UCSF researcher. Officials claim the disruption would mean "probably months" of scientific work lost.

APRIL 26/99: Bayonne, NJ -- Brick thrown through Gil's Furrier's display window. -A.L.F.

APRIL 26/99: Bayonne, NJ -- Bricks thrown through Famous Furs' center display window and glass door. -A.L.F.

APRIL 28/99: Philadelphia, PA -- Jacques Ferber Furs has their brand new window (in place less than 24hrs after being replaced from an attack on the 24th) etched with the word "DEAD." Also, the store front was covered with oil based red paint. -ALF.

MAY 2/99: Albequerque, NM-- Fur's by Michael has three windows etched, locks glued, and awning splattered with red paint.

MAY 2/99: Albequerque, NM-- Harper's Furs has five large display windows etched with "FUR IS MURDER" and "ALF". -A.L.F.

MAY 4/99: Washington, DC -- Andriana Furs hit: two display windows and two doors hit with etching cream.

MAY 5/99: Trenton, NJ -- Flemington Furs billboard paint-bombed. -A.L.F.

MAY 6/99: East Brunswick, NJ -- One display window at Furs by Guarino broken. A brick was thrown at the second display window, which did not break. -A.L.F.

MAY 8/99: Bayonne, NJ -- Gil's Furrier had their glass door, a small window above the door, and sign smashed out. The display window was damaged. -A.L.F.

MAY 8/99: East Brunswick, NJ -- Slogans painted at Furs by Guarino. Messages such as "FUR IS MURDER", "FUR KILLS", "STOP OR BE STOPPED", and "A.L.F." covered the walls. -A.L.F.

MAY 9/99: Eugene, OR -- A fire tore through a meat-packing business near the Eugene Airport, destroying a two-story office building, a shipping dock and a refrigeration unit. The A.L.F. claim responsibility. Police estimated $150,000 damage to Childers Meat Co. at 29476 Airport Road. Using 20 gallons of a diesel fuel/unleaded mixture, four 5-gallon buckets were strategically placed near the two-story office building containing the companies business records and along the main building near a natural gas line. Using two kitchen timer delays, with another two-timers as back up, there was plenty of time to leave town before the Mothers Day celebration really ignited. "As long as companies continue to operate and profit off of Mother Earth and Her sentient animal beings, the Animal Liberation Front will continue to target these operations and their insurance companies until they are all out of business. Happy Mothers Day." -A.L.F.

MAY 13/99: East Brunswick, NJ -- Furs By Guarino has two large rocks thrown at right display window, creating two holes which added to the hole already there from a previous attack. Two more large rocks were thrown at the left display window, shattering it completely. One more rock was thrown at the glass door, shattering it. -A.L.F.

MAY 15/99 : Manalapan, NJ -- Classic Furs had four bricks thrown through two front windows, shattering them both. Then one brick was thrown at the glass door, leaving a large hole. -A.L.F.

ENGLAND

DECEMBER 15/98: Ilford -- two butchers' shops and one McDonald's had their windows smashed by ALF activists.

DECEMBER 15/98: Wanstead -- The streets around AG Dennis were sealed off by police after an explosion at the butcher's shop caused by an incendiary device.

JANUARY/99: North London -- McDonald's at the Angel Islington had its windows smashed.

JANUARY 4/99: Leytonstone -- three shops on the High Road - Kennedy Fried Chicken, a fish shop and a pet shop - were sloganized.

JANUARY 6/99: Whitechapel -- windows were smashed at a fish and halal meat shop.

JANUARY 27/99: North London --"Meatland Butchers" in Green Lanes, Wood Green, had free ventilation installed thanks to a brick picked up from a local builders yard. The whole shop was smashed & spray-painted on tiles and pavement with "Murderers" and "ALF". A quick getaway was made and police arrived a few minutes later. -A.L.F.

JANUARY 27/99: London -- "Trust Meats" in Camden Road visited. Windows smashed and slogans were painted. However the alarm went off so a quick getaway was made. No arrests.

FEBRUARY/99: Wood Green - A.L.F. activists smashed up Meatlands, on High Road, A phone call to media warned that attacks would continue. An ALF spokesperson said: "We caused severe economic damage... and will continue to target this shop and all other shops in the area as retribution for all the animals which have been slaughtered." The shop sustained over 1,000 pounds damage from smashed windows and painted slogans. -- ALF

FEBRUARY 2/99: East London -- A mobile burger/meat stand in Homerton had its tires slashed and window smashed.

FEBRUARY 15/99: Shoreditch -- Fish shop windows smashed, east London.

FEBRUARY 15/99: Hounslow -- Butchers shutters painted with slogan.

FEBRUARY 15/99: New Cross --Butchers window smashed.

MID FEBRUARY/99: Mid London -- Simply Sausages Meat Van -all tyres slashed.

MID FEBRUARY/99: Mid London -- Russell & Hume Meat Van - 3 tyres slashed.

MID FEBRUARY/99: Mid London -- Meat Market Van - all tyres slashed twice, spray painted all over (van was hidden but found down a quiet road, the 2nd time, to have tyres re-slashed.

MID FEBRUARY/99: Mid London -- Smithfield van [famous London meat market] - 2 tyres slashed.

MID FEBRUARY/99: Mid London -- 5) "Meatland" Butchers, in Palmers Green was smashed again - the whole window was a write off. Second time in the same month

FEBRUARY 26/99: Hounslow -- Kebab shop window smashed, west London.

FEBRUARY 27/99: Shoreditch -- Butchers shop window smashed & graffitied.

FEBRUARY 27/99: Shoreditch -- Leather factory windows smashed & slogans painted, east London.

FEBRUARY 28/99: Leytonstone : Co-op windows smashed, east London. (Co-op Insurance Society own shares in Huntingdon Life Sciences).

MARCH 21/99: Towcester - A.L.F. activists claimed responsibility for an arson attack on a meat processing and packaging company. The three-storey offices used by Weddell Swift Ltd., Banbury Lane, Cold Higham, had the entrance of the building severely damaged as well as damages to the ground floor and stairwell.

MARCH 25/99: Surrey - A.L.F. activists raided the premises of Regal Rabbits, Great Bookham, Leatherhaed. Regal Rabbits breeds animals for cruel and useless animal experiments. Activists entered through a window on an outer wall and then through the ventilation system to reach the breeding cages. Around 60 rabbits were rescued from filthy, disease ridden conditions. The animals taken were breeding females with their litters, all now saved from the butchery of the vivisectors blade. The empty cages were trashed and slogans daubed all over the building.

These beautiful, playful rabbits are now able to live their natural lives in safe, loving homes. Animal liberation is easy, take control, just do it. Smash the labs. -A.L.F.

APRIL 19/99: London -- Metropolitan Meat Market - Lordship Lane - 2 tyres slashed.-A.L.F.

APRIL 19/99: London -- Simply Sausages van: 2 tyres slashed, window dented with brick.-A.L.F.

APRIL 19/99: London --W G Budd - butcher shop in Palmers Green triangle (opposite Safeways) - received brick through window. -A.L.F.

APRIL 19/99: London --Halal Meat Market - Cricklewood Broadway - also window caved in thanks to a brick - glass shattering over crates of eggs.-A.L.F.

APRIL 19/99: London --White meat van parked off Palmers Green - 2 tyres slashed.-A.L.F.

APRIL 19/99: London --Mr Bartfeld - Sheldon Avenue, Highgate (fur trader) his window was dented with a brick. -A.L.F.

APRIL 24/99: Edmonton, London -- Dixy Fried Chicken van had its windows smashed.-A.L.F.

APRIL 24/99: Edmonton, London -- Salisburys butchers on the A10 roundabout had a window smashed and 2 tyres on one of its vehicles slashed.-A.L.F.

MAY 5/99: Ilford -- Newstead the Butchers, in Aldborough Road South, Was hit by activists who exploded a bomb at the store. The device was taped to the window of the shop and shattered the glass.

MAY 7/99: Portobello Rd, W London -- Meat shop window smashed.

MAY 7/99: Maida Vale, W London -- Butcher's window smashed.

MAY 8/99: Stepney Green, E London -- Kennedy Fried Chicken windows and door smashed.

MAY 8/99: Whitechapel, E London -- Southern Fried Chicken and butcher's windows smashed.

MAY 10/99: London -- Wentworth St, E1. Cafe window smashed.

MAY 11/99: Devon -- A.L.F activists planted incendiary devices which exploded at a meat depot. Three lorries were destroyed in the incident at the Novacold premises.

MAY 11/99: Worcestershire -- a group calling itself AMBRIDGE AGAINST GENETIX has claimed responsibility for trashing five GM oil seed rape test sites. The name Ambridge Against Genetix is derived from the fictional rural town of Ambridge as featured in the long running British radio drama The Archers. Currently 'The Archers' are running a theme about GM crops and from this fictional story a very real direct action group has been born.

MAY 12/99: Angel, Islington, N London -- Kebab shop window smashed, Cafe signs smashed and slogans painted, Butchers signs smashed and slogans painted

MAY 12/99: Old St, E London-- Leather shop window smashed

MAY 12/99: Walthamstow, E London -- Kebab shop window smashed

HOLLAND

JANUARY 9/99: Geleen, Limburg - an attempted arson attack against a McDonalds was claimed by the Red Rooster, a cell responsible for several big arsons in the past three years against the meat (and in particular the poultry) industry. The McDonalds had been evacuated twice during the week prior to the arson. Staff came to work at around 8 on Sunday morning

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to find a jerrycan of petrol in front of the door. The activists had thrown petrol all over the entrance and set it alight. The same cell claimed responsibility for the following hits in Holland and Belgium:

1. Numerous bomb threats to McDonalds
2. Arson against poultry trucks in 1 April 1998
3. Arson at the Antwerp slaughterhouse Belgameat in Belgium 1-05-98: "liberation day."
4. Arsons against McDonalds in: Belgium Merksem, Berchem, Borsbeek, Antwerp, Brussels, Dendermonde and Deinze.
5. Paint-bomb attacks against McDonalds in St-Niklaas and Tongeren (both in Belgium).

MARCH 2/99: Meijel, Limburg - Holland's first mink raid occurred. 1500 mink were freed, and well over 3700 cages had been opened. The fence had been torn down in 4 places and the police do suspect activists of the liberation. The farmers were alerted at about 6 in the morning when the newspaper delivery boy told them he's seen some mink running around in the neighbourhood.

MARCH 2/99: Groningen -- McDonald's also received yet another bomb threat. The restaurant was closed down for several hours.

MARCH 18/99: Putten -- Activists from the 'Barry Horne Brigade' opened cages at a mink farm during an attempted liberation. Goeka Pelsfarming BV based in Putten was visited and 40 cages were opened. In their communiqué, just published in Holland's radical activist journal Ravage, the ALF cell's communiqué states "We encourage other activists to go and liberate mink, we have acquired a taste for this..."

APRIL 8/99: Putten -- During the second attempt at the Goeka Pelsfarming the Barry Horne Brigade cut a 4m hole in the fence around the farm and opened 500 cages. The mink ran straight into the woods. We know that not all of the released mink will survive this adventure, but many will. This is animal liberation."

BELGIUM

MAY/99: Lint -- Arson against meat truck at Lintor poultry slaughterhouse. - Red Rooster ALF

MAY/99: Sint-Niklaas -- The Belgium ALF set fire to a McDonald's restaurant after immobilising security cameras. Gasoline was poured through the ventilation ducts. Damage was limited to the storage area and the refrigeration area, there was also general smoke damage. The fire department claims that the fire would have gone out by itself eventually. The initials ALF were spray painted on the walls. - Red Rooster ALF

MAY 22/99: Wijnegem -- Police found what they claim are 5 bullet holes in the windows of a McDonalds. Cops say they found one bullet and 5 cartridge shells, at that the restaurant was targeted by the ALF. The day before, the manager claims to have received a threatening letter signed by the ALF.

MAY 23/99: Lint - A second arson attack occurred at a chicken slaughterhouse, in which a transport truck was the target. Damage is reported at 6 million Belgian franks. The front of the slaughterhouse was spray-painted with the slogan, which was in English: "Stop killing innocent animals".

SWEDEN

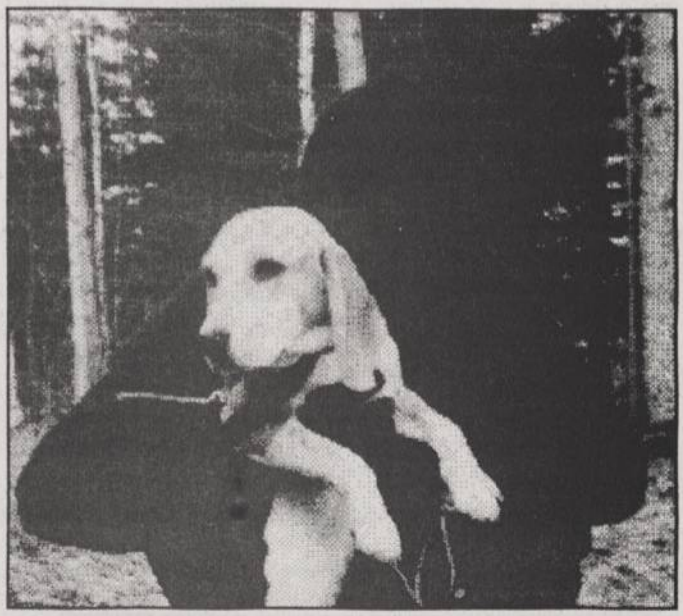
FEBRUARY 7/99: Listerlandet -- 400 minks and a tractor was smashed. -Unclaimed.

MARCH 6-8/99: Vimmerbym -- fur farmer Birger Alderbert was visited by DBF activists determined to cut short his plans to start up new fur farms. The DBF first visited the Aspenäsets fur farm. Several cages had been rebuilt and improved, but the DBF smashed over 300 of the cages that looked to be in the best condition, and also destroyed feeding machines. Next, the DBF visited Aldeberts fur farm in Sodra Vi where four new sheds with cages had been built. Two new was sheds were being built. The DBF trashed this farm and then visited Soren Svenssons fur farm in Kristdala, after a tip that there was animals on this farm. No animals were found but cages were destroyed and tools taken. An incendiary device was left in the main building, but unfortunately it did not go off. --DBF

MARCH 8/99: Kolboda -- Fliseryds sports-fishing club had a house damaged and boats were also destroyed. Also, 40 hunting platforms was destroyed in a area where foxes, elks and roe deer are being hunted.

MARCH 9/99: Skane - 1500 mink were given their freedom from the Mexico Mink Farm. -D.B.F.
MARCH 15/99: Falkenberg -- 500 minks set free at Lonestigs mink farm. This is the second hit against this farm. -D.B.F.

MARCH 16/99: Pitea -- A fish vehicle was set on fire. On the car's side the slogan "Murder of the fishes" was written. - unclaimed.



MARCH 17/99: Norrkoping -- a hot dog bar had the words "Meat is Murder" written on its windows. Arson was attempted but the fire was put out..

MARCH 18/99: Falkenberg -- Lonestigs fur farm outside was raided and approx. 500 minks were set free. The Swedish ALF has raided more farms than any other ALF in any other country.

MARCH 21/99: Skelleftea - two meat-companies have been attacked by animal activists. Damage unknown.

APRIL 1/99: Orbyhus -- During a daylight raid four beagle dogs were liberated from Wema-hund Ab. This places has bred dogs for vivisection for over 30 years. This was the first liberation ever at this facility. All the dogs have now been placed in new homes where they will be able to live the rest of their lives in peace. One of the liberated beagles had an injured eye. The breeders also claim that another one of the dogs has an eye that has just been operated upon. The breeder is privately owned and small, an easy target for grassroot animal rights campaigners to close, so we urge them to take action now and to save the WEMA-dogs. Djurens Befrielse Front.

APRIL 12/99: Stockholm - A DBF activist spotted a box with the text "live animals" being put on a train destined for a vivisection lab, sent from animal breeders Charles River. Liberated from the train was a rat mother and 14 baby rats. All are safe in new homes.

APRIL 14/99: Gothenburg -- 11 windows was smashed at a McDonalds. -DBF.

APRIL 14/99: West Sweden -- 14 chickens was liberated from a train. DBF activist watched boxes with the text "live ckickens" being loaded onto the train. When the coast was clear, the activists hopped on the train and open the boxes (they contained hundreds of chickens). The activists took as many as they could carry. The chickens are now in loving homes. The struggle continues. -D.B.F. (Swedish ALF)

APRIL 25/99: Aniagra -- nine hens were liberated from the largest egg production facility in the area. The DBF communiqué read: "The hens lives under horrible conditions in small cages where they hardly can move. The light is on almost all hours because the hens shall not be able to rest. Now they are living in loving homes where they can walk freely and do just what hens like to do." Swedish law prohibits these kinds of conditions for layer hens, and the DBF (Swedish A.L.F.) has acted to enforce those laws.

APRIL 24/99: Gothenburg -- One beagle was liberated from Salgrenska hospital by animal rights activists. A window was smashed, slogans sprayed and one beagle taken away. Three activists then sat down and called the police, to make a political point for getting arrested.

FINLAND

DECEMBER/98: Helsinki -- The fur store, Kokljuschkin, had 6 windows smashed.

DECEMBER/98: Vihti -- Fur farmers storage building: 4 windows broken and slogans spray-painted.

DECEMBER/98: Helsinki -- Leather store had several windows smashed, 3 other fur stores lost one window each.

DECEMBER/98: Espoo -- Fur dressmakers had all its windows smashed and slogans spray-painted.

DECEMBER/98: Tampere -- A new McDonald's was welcomed to town with 13 broken windows and two construction machines sabotaged. - E.L.F.

DECEMBER/98: Tampere -- A fur wholesale company had 4 windows broken, "Fur is Murder" spray-painted.

DECEMBER/98: Tampere -- A furs shop had three windows broken. This store is now closed after dozens of hits.

DECEMBER/98: Tampere -- Four windows smashed at a McDonalds, and smelly "potato goo" was thrown inside.

JANUARY/99: Helsinki -- Fur store had a window smashed and the fur store Kokljushkin lost 6 more windows.

JANUARY 14/99: Kuopio -- Eight windows were smashed at the vivisection center in Kuopio, and locks were glued. The action was dedicated to the activists jailed in Sweden.

FEBRUARY/99: Helsinki -- Fur store lost a window.

FEBRUARY 8/99: Uusikarrlepyy -- Fire severely damaged a fur feed centre, called Nyko Frys. This feed supplier is supposed to be the biggest one in Finland with about 250 customer fur farms. Damages were extensive. - Unclaimed.

MAY 2/99: Outokumpu -- 14 hens have been liberated from a battery unit in east Finland. The same place was raided last summer and 12 hens rescued.

AUSTRIA

MARCH 28/99: Vienna - animal activists were responsible for three butyric acid attacks on fur shops in the city.

GERMANY

SEPTEMBER 7-8/98: Aachen-Orsbach -- The windows of a farmer´s house on a mink farm in were smashed with stones (he lives on the farm). Animal liberation slogans were sprayed on the wall of the farm. -T.B.F.

OCTOBER 8/98: Vechta, Holdorf -- a mink farm was raided. The asbestos walls surrounding the farm were broken down, the fence was cut and 4000 mink were liberated. According to the farmer, the damage she sustained were around 250.000
DM (1US$ ~ 1,60 DM). -T.B.F.

NOVEMBER 8/98: Guestrow -- 300 mink were released at a farm. The main gates were opened and the mink escaped into the nearby woods. - T.B.F.

JANUARY 25/99: Borken -- a mink farm was raided. The asbestos wall surrounding the farm was broken down and 5000 mink used for breeding were released. The animals were all breeding stock held captive by Josef Brokamp, of Gemenwirthe 66, 46325, Borken (tel: 02862 2684). According to the speaker of the regional "Fur Breeders Association" damages reached between 40.000 DM and 100.000 DM. -T.B.F.

FEBRUARY/99: Gustrow -- Three hundred mink released from a fur farm.

AUSTRAILIA

FEBRUARY 17/99: Campbelltown, Sydney, NSW - A.L.F. activists set up a time delayed incindenary device outside a McDonalds store. Damage was not as extensive as was hoped as fire was discovered by passing motorist before it could take hold. These actions will continue.

MAY 23/99: Scone -- Animal rights activists broke into the Parkville Piggery, releasing the piggery's 4,000 pigs and spray-painted graffiti on the walls. Arrests were made.

AOTEAROA (NEW ZEALAND)

MARCH 11/99: Christchurch - at least a dozen activists launched an attack against genetic experimentation when a crop of GE potatoes was destroyed at Lincoln Crop and Food Research Institute. The $200,000 research project, which involved mixing the genes of potatoes with genetic material from toads and silkworms to make the potatoes rot resistant, was totally destroyed. "The Wild Greens" has claimed responsibility.

Common Sense Security For Animal Liberation Activists



As the tactics employed within the animal liberation movement become more sophisticated and effective, the techniques of the state, corporations and police that are used against us also become more sophisticated. It's up to all of us to make sure the efforts employed against us are not effective in hindering animal liberation. The use of caution in the face of the concerted effort to stop us is both prudent and necessary. Here are some useful suggestions:

VISITS FROM THE AUTHORITIES

DON'T talk to the FBI or any government investigator without your attorney present. Information gleaned during the visit can be used against you and your co-workers.

GET the names and addresses of the agents and tell them you will have your attorney get in touch with them. They rarely set up an interview under those circumstances.

DON'T invite agents into your home. Speak with the agents outside. Once inside they glean information about your perspective and life style.

DON'T let agents threaten you into talking. If the FBI intends to impanel a grad jury, a private talk with you will not change the strategy of the FBI.

LYING to the police is a criminal act. The best way to avoid criminal charges is to say nothing.

ANY information you give the authorities can and will be used against you. Don't try to outwit the cops, your arrogance could get you or others into serious trouble.

AGENTS of the state sometimes try to trick you into giving information "to help a friend." Don't believe them.

DON'T let them intimidate you. So what if they know where you live or work and what you do? This is still a democracy and you still have constitutional rights. They intend to frighten you; don't let them. They can only "neutralise" you if YOU let them.

GENERAL TIPS

If you wish to have a private conversation, leave your home or office and go outside and take a walk or go somewhere public and notice who is near you. Never say anything you don't want to hear repeated when there is any possibility of being recorded.

Don't use code of the phone. If you are being tapped and the transcript is used against you in court, the coded conversations can be alleged to be anything. From the very outset it is wise to assume that everything said on a telephone is totally public, and that everything can be overheard, so don't say anything on the phone you don't want to hear in open court. Also, do not gossip on the phone about other activists. Smut is valuable to anyone listening; it makes everyone vulnerable. Telephone records are also used to establish circles of contact between people - who knows who, etc. So be careful!

The above can also apply to e-mail and private electronic mail-lists. There is no such thing as a secure computer line: government agencies openly admit to collecting and processing telephone, fax and computer communications of groups and individuals. The federal government uses the intelligence gleaned from electronic communications to monitor "problem" groups, including animal liberation activists. Security agencies in Canada, the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand share intercepted communications of interest with one another, effectively creating a global surveillance web. Be careful! Learn to use effective encryption programs (like PGP) for all e-mail communications, not just sensitive ones, otherwise sensitive communications stand out like a sore thumb!

IF you are being followed, get the license tag number and description of the care and people inside it. Photograph people following you or have a friend do so. If you are followed or feel vulnerable, call a friend; don't "tough it out" alone. They are trying to frighten you. Debrief yourself after each incident. Write details down: time, date, occasion, incidents, characteristics of the person(s), impressions, anything odd about the situation.

Keep a "weirdo" file and keep notes from unsettling situations and see if a pattern emerges. Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean that they aren't watching!

Write for your government files under the FOIA and pursue the agencies until they give you all the documentation filed under your name.

AROUND THE OFFICE

Be sure to never leave one copy of an important document or list behind; take a minute to duplicate an irreplaceable document and keep the duplicate in a safe place. Back up, encrypt and store important computer disks off-site. Sensitive data and membership lists should be kept under lock and key.

Keep your mailing lists, donor lists and personal phone books away from light-fingered people. Always maintain a duplicate.

Sweeps for electronic surveillance are only effective for the time they are being done, and are only effective as they are being done if you are the person doing the sweep.

Remember to always assess your undertaking from a security point of view; understand your vulnerabilities; assess your allies and your adversaries as objectively as possible. Do not underestimate the opposition. Do not take chances. Plan for the worst, hope for the best.

Lastly, understand that these are some very basic security tips to help you live your life with minimum interference from the state - but this in no way cover everything you could do to protect yourself and your endeavours. Do not assume that if you have these basics covered you are untouchable. Prepare yourself ahead of time in case you are taken in by the police for interrogation. Know and trust your cell mates completely. When in doubt, walk away. The best way to prepare for run-ins with the law is to EDUCATE YOURSELF. Know your rights and take them seriously.!

PRISONER FRAUD DISCOVERED

Brian Ozzy Knecht trys to pull a fast one

In late August of 98, the animal liberation magazine, *No Compromise* received a letter from a Sayre, O.K. prisoner, Brian Ozzy Knecht, requesting a prisoner sub to the magazine. Knecht mentioned in his letter he was "*in for crimes dealing with the release of mink and the burning of the office*" at a mink farm in Wisconsin.(Knecht, 9/22/98) Knecht was apparently arrested and charged for a July 26/96 mink liberation and arson at Brn's Mink Ranch at Eagle Point, WI, for which he received a total of 15 years. Anne Crimaudo from *No Compromise* responded to Knecht's letter requesting supporting documentation to his claims, asking for press clippings, court documents, charge sheets, etc. Knecht's name was also forwarded on to the NA-A.L.F.S.G. and word went out that there may be another US prisoner entitled to support for animal liberation activities. We are disappointed to have to inform our supporters that after investigating his claims, it is clear that Brain Ozzy Knecht is NOT an animal liberation prisoner, but a fraud.

PRISONERS NEED SUPPORT

In the case of many arrested or imprisoned animal liberation activists, either the action in question or the activist arrested are known within the animal liberation movement. Communiqués for the action were received, or others saw news footage of the raid, or the activist arrested is known for their animal liberation views. However, this is not always the case - in the past there have been people in jail for animal liberation activities who are not aware of the network of support that exists for them. They may be unconnected to the animal liberation movement and acted out of their own conscience, or they might work within an isolated area or town, and not be connected up to the larger movement of activists, or their action went unpublicised and are relatively unknown. What ever the situation, it is important that any legitimate animal liberation prisoner receives support, whether they are well known or completely new. In cases where we are contacted or make contact with prisoners who appear to be incarcerated for action that fall under our animal liberation support guidelines, but are unknown to the Supporters Group or other activists, we endeavour to confirm their status as animal liberation prisoners. We believe that not only does the NA-A.L.F.S.G. have a duty to provide support to animal liberation prisoners, but to also ensure that freeworld SG members know who they are dealing with when providing support.

In Knecht's case, no one the SG contacted within the US animal liberation movement had heard about the mink raid action he claimed to have participated in. In a letter to the NA-A.L.F.S.G., Knecht wrote, *"There was absolutely no publicity about the mink farm itself that I know of, and I know that was hushed because the mink farm lied about how many mink were released and how much damage was done so they could collect big-time on insurance money. If there was any publication of my crime, my sentence, or my revocation at all, I know nothing of it because we were not allowed newspapers in the County jail."* (Knecht,12/23/98) Knecht sent court documents to *No Compromise* (who forwarded them on to the SG) which appeared to corroborate Knecht's claims. With Wayne Cody Lassell and Anthony Miller still fresh in all of our memories (two US prisoners who tried to pose as animal lib prisoners but were found out) it was decided that Knecht would be listed as a prisoner so Supporters could make contact with him. It was our feeling that everyone deserving of support should receive it, and that until such times as we were able to absolutely show Brain was NOT what he was claiming, freeworld activists should be made aware of his presence and make contact. That being said, it was strongly felt that further investigation of Brain's claim was needed since there were still so many questions about his situation. No financial assistance from the SG would be given to Knecht either, unless we were certain of who he was. Brain was listed in *No Compromise* and in *Underground #13*, but was not posted on the *animal-liberation.net* prisoner web page.

UNDERGROUND # 14 — Summer 99

HUMMM...THAT'S ODD...

When word went out about Knecht and his alleged action, concerns were raised by activists who could find no record of the mink raid in any of their press clipping files, and there was absolutely no mention of the raid found in searches of mink industry data-bases. How was it that an activist could receive 15 years for mink liberations and the mink industry didn't jump all over it as an example to deter others? Brain mentioned in letters to No Compromise and to the SG that his prior convictions heavily influenced his sentencing, and that at least 10 years of his sentence was added due to breaching probation for unconnected crimes. In a letter to *No Compromise*, Knecht wrote, *"My prior [conviction] was not animal related, but a charge when I was 18 (16 years ago) for growing hemp, no hemp tax stamp, and possession of marijuana."* (Knecht, 10/20/98). However, in a letter to the Supporters Group, Knecht wrote, *"...to answer your questions concerning my crimes and the lengthy sentence I received, it was not all based on the crime concerning the mink farm. When I was young and stupid I got caught up in some big trouble running guns when I was 18 in a federal sting operation back in 1984. Most of the reason I got so much time was because I was revoked on parole violation and all my good time was taken away from me."* (Knecht, 12/23/98). Perhaps it was a small thing, but later when we had a chance to compare his responses to exactly the same question, his explanation of drug charges affecting his sentencing to *No Compromise* and his claims of gun running problems in a letter to us made us wonder about the consistency of Knecht's claims in general.

Document sent by Knecht

STATE OF WISCONSIN — CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH — CHIPPEWA COUNTY

State vs Brian Clifford Knecht

JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION

Sentence to Wisconsin State Prisons

Date of Birth: 05-08-1965

Case No.: 96CF000116

The ☑ Court ☐ Jury found the defendant guilty of the following crime(s):

Ct.	Crime(s)	Wis Stat. Violated	Plea	Fel. or Misd.	Date(s) Crime Committed
1	1st-Degree Arson (Brn's Mink Ranch) [939.62 Habitual Criminality]	943.20(1)(a)	Guil.	MA	7-26-96
	Breaking & Entering [939.62]	940.23(1)	Guil.	MA	7-26-96

IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is convicted on 11-21-1996 as found guilty and is sentenced as follows:

Ct.	Sent. Date	Sentence	Length	Concurrent with/Consecutive to/Consecutive	Agency
1	11-21-1996	State Prisons	15 YR	Concurrent to Count 2 and Consecutive to sentence in 93CF000026	DOC
1	11-21-1996	Costs			
1		Restitution		Restitution to be determined. To include any and all $$$ which is still missing order	

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JAMES R. BEHNKEN CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Conditions of Sentence/Probation

Obligations: (Total amounts only)

Fine	Court Costs	Attorney Fees	Restitution	Other	Mandatory Victim/Wit. Surcharge	5% Rest. Surcharge	DNA Anal. Surcharge
	20.00				70.00		

IT IS ADJUDGED that 116 days sentence credit are due pursuant to § 973.155 Wisconsin Statutes.

IT IS ORDERED that the Sheriff execute this sentence.

BY THE COURT:

Thomas J Sazama, Judge
Roy La Barton Gay, District Attorney
Laurie Sazama Osberg, Defense Attorney

Circuit Court Judge/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

11-25-96

Date

State of Wisconsin } ss
County of Chippewa }
This document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in my office and has been compared by me.
Attest _____ Deputy Clerk
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Actual court document

STATE OF WISCONSIN — CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH — CHIPPEWA COUNTY

State vs Brian Clifford Knecht

JUDGMEN. OF CONVICTION

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Ct.	Crime(s)	Wis Stat. Violated	Plea	Fel. or Misd.	Date(s) Crime Committed
1	1st-Degree Reckless Injury (939.63(1)(a)2 Use Dangerous Weapon (Felony > 5 Yrs))	940.23(1)	No Contest	FC	on or about 7/26/96

IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is convicted on 11-21-1996 as found guilty and is sentenced as follows:

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11-25-96

Date

CUT AND PASTE

The case against Knecht was cemented on July 6, when two members of the NA A.L.F. Press Office went to the Chippewa County Courthouse to look at the files of Brian Ozzy "Clifford" Knecht. What they found was very interesting and was very different from how Brian Knecht represented himself to animal activists.

Their investigation into Knecht started on the internet at http://ccap.courts.state.wi.us/internetcourtaccess and www.state.wi.us which turned up 27 case files for Knecht in three Wisconsin counties (14 in Chippewa, 12 in Eau Claire, and 1 in Dane County). From his original correspondences with animal activists at *No Compromise* and later the NA-ALFSG, Knecht stated that he had prior convictions for activities unrelated to animal activities, so the investigation focused on case numbers 93CF00026 and 96CF000116 in Chippewa County, covering the two documents that Knecht sent activists to prove he was ALF prisoner. Katie and Joe from the Press Office brought those two papers with them and read through the entire files for those case numbers.

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH CHIPPEWA COUNTY

State vs Brian C. Knecht

JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION
PROBATION REVOCATION
Sentence to Wisconsin State Prisons

Date of Birth: 05-08-1965

Case No.: 93CF000026

The ☒ Court ☐ Jury found the defendant guilty of the following crime(s):

Ct.	Crime(s)	Wis Stat. Violated	Plea	Fel. or Misd.	Date(s) Crime Committed
1	Criminal Trespass (Brn's Mink Ranch) [939.62 Habitual Criminality]	946.31(2)	Guilt.	MA	7-26-96
2	Criminal Damage (Brn's Mink Ranch) (939.62)	946.32(3)	Guilt.	MA	7-26-96

IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is convicted on 08-10-1993 as found guilty and is sentenced as follows:

Ct.	Sent. Date	Sentence	Length	Concurrent with/Consecutive to/Comments	Agency
1	11-21-1996	State Prisons	2 YR	Concurrent with sentence in 96CF116 and 96CM458.	DOC
	Restitution			All damages to property $864.05 Read-in-for uncharged.	

Conditions of Sentance/Probation

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY, WI
NOV 25 1996
JANET RUBENZER-PIKE
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

IT IS ADJUDGED that 0 days sentence credit are due pursuant to § 973.155 Wisconsin Statutes.

IT IS ORDERED that the Sheriff execute this sentence.

BY THE COURT:

Thomas J Sazama, Judge
Roy La Barton Gay , District Attorney
Laurie Sazama Osberg, Defense Attorney

Circuit Court Judge/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Date 11-25-96

What Brian sent us...

State of Wisconsin } ss
County of Chippewa }
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Attest ____, 19__
____, Clerk
____, Deputy Clerk
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reveal that he shot a man in the left arm and kidnapped his wife."

Case #93CF000026 from Knecht says the crime is Criminal Trespass (Brn's Mink Ranch) and Criminal Damage (Brn's Mink Ranch).

The actual court documents from his file says Interfere w/ Child Custody. Katie and Joe compared the exact pages from Knecht and the court and noticed everything was the same except the charges have been changed. There was a court statement that was copied that reads that Knecht and a Christopher Kurschner transported two 16 year old runaway girls to Texas. Both 16 year olds returned pregnant and were transported without permission from their families.

Brian Ozzy Knecht is NOT an A.L.F. activist. None of the charges against Knecht have anything to do with animal liberation, mink farm raids or arson as he claimed. Comparisons between documents Knecht sent to activists and documents retrieved from the court house show beyond a doubt that Knecht has forged and concocted a story in order to receive support from the animal liberation movement. We appreciate the efforts of everyone involved with bringing to light the con-job Knecht was attempting to pull, including those activists who so quickly voiced their distrust of Knecht's claims. We encourage anyone in contact with Knecht to cease corresponding, and anyone possessing any other relevant information to pass it our way. @

Case #96CF000116 from Knecht says the crime is 1st Degree Arson (Brn's Mink Ranch) and Breaking and Entering. The actual court documents from his file says that case number 96CF000116 is a crime of 1st-Degree Reckless Injury, Felon in Possession of Firearm and Theft-Movable Property. Katie writes, *"We compared the exact pages and noticed everything was the same except for the charges. We read through the 27 page court transcript which has nothing to do with animal rights in any way. The transcript*

...What was discovered.

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH

State vs Brian C. Knecht

JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION
PROBATION REVOCATION
Sentence to Wisconsin State Prisons

Date of Birth: 05-08-1965

Case No.: 93CF000026

The ☒ Court ☐ Jury found the defendant guilty of the following crime(s):

Ct.	Crime(s)	Wis Stat. Violated	Plea	Fel. or Misd.	Date(s) Crime Committed
1	Interfere w/ Child Custody [939.05 Party to a Crime]	948.31(2)	Guilty	FE	11-04-1992

IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is convicted on 08-10-1993 as found guilty and is sentenced as follows:

Ct.	Sent. Date	Sentence	Length	Concurrent with/Consecutive to/Comments	Agency
1	11-21-1996	State Prisons	2 YR	Concurrent with sentence in 96CF116 and 96CM458.	DOC

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CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

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BY THE COURT:

Thomas J Sazama, Judge
Roy La Barton Gay , District Attorney
Laurie Sazama Osberg, Defense Attorney

Circuit Court Judge/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

CHIPPEWA COUNTY-9 CRIMINAL COURT RECORD 11-25-96 9:54am
CIRCUIT COURT

Caption: State vs Brian Clifford Knecht
Responsible C.O.: Thomas J Sazama
Case Number: 96CF000116

Name	Address	City	St	Zip	Sex	Race	DOB
Brian Clifford Knecht	16786 Stillson Road Lot 20	Chippewa Falls	WI	54729			05-08-1965

Filing Date/C.O.	Disposition Date/C.O.	District Attorney	Defense Attorney	Next Action
07-29-1996 Thomas J Sazama	11-21-1996 Thomas J Sazama	Roy La Barton Gay	Laurie Sazama Osberg	

No.	Offense	Statute	Sev	Amend Offense	Amend Statute	A/Sev	Disposition	Sent
1	Attempt to cause death of another human [939.63 - Use of a Dangerous Weapon]	940.01	FB	1st-Degree Reckless Injury	940.23(1)	FC	Amend	
1	1st-Degree Reckless Injury [939.63 - Use of a Dangerous Weapon] [939.63(1)(a)2 - Use Dangerous Weapon (Felony > 5 Yrs)]	940.23(1)	FC				Guilty / No Contest	81
2	Kidnapping/Seize or Confine w/o Consent [939.63 - Use of a Dangerous Weapon]	940.31(1)(b)	FB				Dismissed /Pr Motion	
3	Possession of Firearm by Felon	941.29(2)	FE	Felon in Possession of Firearm	941.29(2)	FE	Amend	
3	Felon in Possession of Firearm [939.62 - Habitual Criminality]	941.29(2)	FE				Guilty / No Contest	72
4	Burglary-Armed w/ Dangerous Weapon	943.10(2)(a)	FB	Theft-Movable Property (Special Facts)	943.20(1)(a)	FD	Amend	
4	Theft-Movable Property (Special Facts) [939.62 - Habitual Criminality] [943.20(3)(d)5 - Penalty-Theft if Property is Firearm]	943.20(1)(a)	FD				Guilty / No Contest	72

Date	Court Record Entries		C.O.
07-29-1996	Complaint with warrant filed		Julie Andert
08-02-1996	Amended complaint		
08-02-1996	Bail/bond hearing Court minutes filed		Steven Crey
08-02-1996	Bail bond cash No contact with: Lowell and Catherine Faulkner if released. Not to leave Chippewa County if released unless notify Sheriff's Dept.	50000.00	Steven Crey
08-02-1996	Warrant cancelled/served		Julie Andert
08-06-1996	Notice of hearing		
08-08-1996	Initial appearance Court minutes filed		Thomas J Sazama
08-08-1996	Other papers Public Defender order appointing Atty. Laurie Osberg.		

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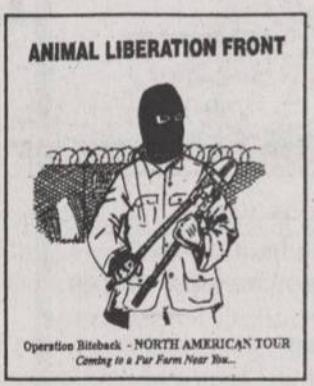
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ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

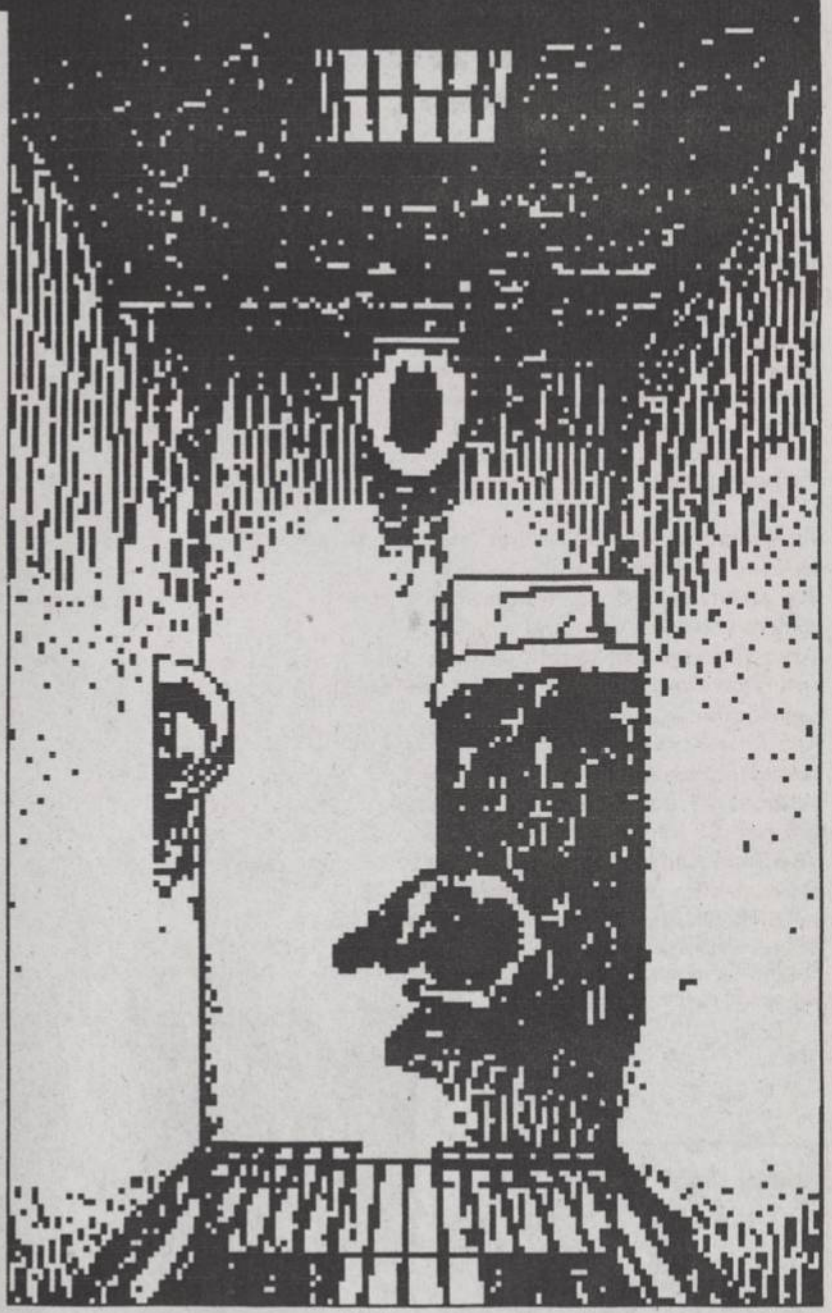
ENGLAND

Barry Horne VC2141
HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane, Nr. Stamford Bridge, York, YO4 1PS
Sentenced to a total of 18 years for arson at several premises on the Isle of Wight and attempted arson in Bristol. Currently recovering following a 68 day hunger strike against vivisection.

Tony Humphries AP7965
HMP Swaleside, Brabazon Rd., Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4DZ
Sentenced (Mid March) to 7 years for conspiracy to cause explosions plus 2 years concurrent for possession of explosives. Moved in early May.

Steven Massey DJ5855
HMP Spring Hill, Grendon Underwood Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 0TJ
Jailed for charges arising from the Hillgrove demo's.

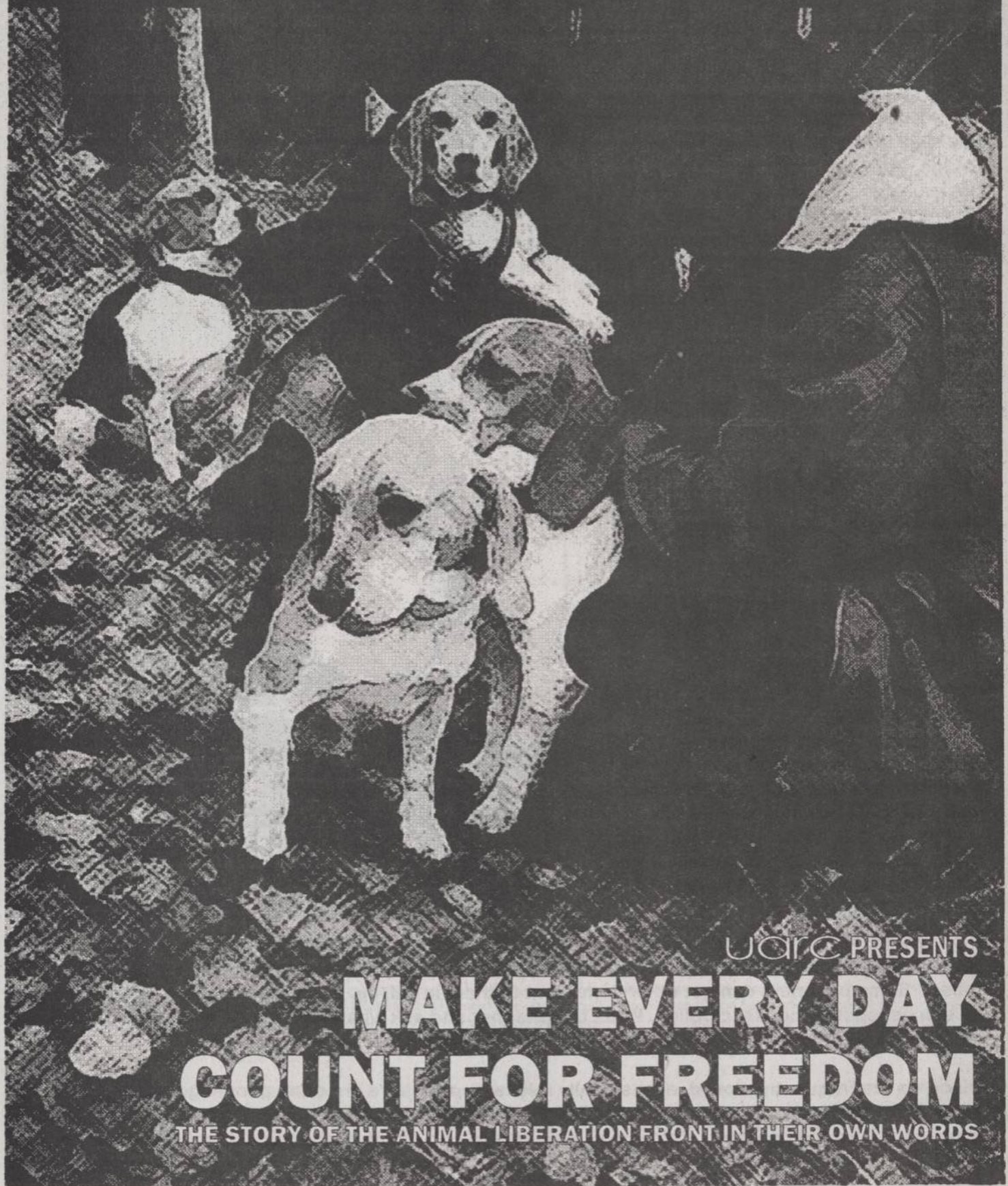
Geoff Sheppard MD1030
HMP Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5NX
Sentenced to 7 years for possession of a shotgun and possession of items for making incendiary devices. Geoff is NOT allowed to write to any PO Box address, BM box address or other Box type address. So if you do write to him, please use a house address if you would like a reply. Due to be released next February.



Prisoners REALLY appreciate mail. It is often the only link they have with the outside world. Tell the prisoner about yourself (hobbies and interests, etc.) Make the letter interesting, be friendly and upbeat. Some prisoners can get other items sent to them in jail, eg. postcards, stamps, letter paper, envelopes, photos, books, clothing. Write the prisoner and ask what they can be mailed. Regulations vary jail to jail.

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