THE MILITANT VEGAN

FOR THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF ALL ANIMAL ABUSE INDUSTRIES

IN THIS ISSUE:
LATEST ALF RAIDS!
EXCERPTS FROM "THE ALF PRIMER" AND "WITHOUT A TRACE!"

AND MORE!
THE MILITANT VEGAN-1993 #1

The Militant Vegan is being released because there has been a media blackout in the U.S. on direct action on behalf of enslaved animals. We hope to spread the news of recent ALF activities and to increase support for the vegan prisoners in North America.

In addition, we are including most of The ALF Primer and Without A Trace, along with a page from Ecodefense.

Please notice the articles on Johnathan Paul and Darren Thurston, and do what you can to support them!

IMPORTANT! The Militant Vegan is not a "Hardline" zine, and we stand in total opposition to their patriarchal and heterosexist politics.

Addresses: Mail news clippings of ALF attacks to:
Profane Existence/ Box 8722/Minneapolis, MN
55408 and Earth First! Journal/ Box 5176/ Missoula,
MT 59806
The only ALF Support Group in North America is at
Box 75029, Ritchie Stn./Edmonton, Alberta/ T6E 6K1
Canada.

If you are new to the ideas of veganism, write PETA
at Box 42516/ Washington, DC 20015 for recipes,
nutrition and other information. Two helpful books
are Animal Liberation by Peter Singer, and Diet for
a New America by John Robbins.

Since we are not printing an address, we encourage and
beg you to reproduce this magazine! Let's get this
information distributed to vegans across North America!

The Animal Liberation Front consists of small autonomous groups of people all over the world who carry out direct action according to the ALF guidelines. You cannot become a member of - or an ALF activist - by joining or writing to any ALF Support Group, which are completely separate organizations.

Any group of people who are vegetarians or vegans and who carry our actions according to ALF guidelines have the right to regard themselves as part of the ALF.

Disclaimer: This publication is produced for informational purposes only! We do not intend to encourage crime!
1991

- Edmonton AB: Jesse's store that sells fur has its mural and wall painted, locks glued and windows smashed.
- Edmonton AB: Daren's Furs had their windows smashed.
- Edmonton AB: The ALF paid a visit to the house of a vivisector from the University of Alberta who has been killing dogs for over 11 years. They painted his house and two cars, slashed all the tires, and smashed two front windows of his house.
- Edmonton AB: Derose Bros. Meats had their shop painted with slogans and two trucks were spray painted, daubed with paint stripper, and had their windows sprayed with etching fluid $2000 damage.
- Edmonton AB: Two trucks belonging to De Rose Bros. Meats were spray painted and one set on fire. $17,000 damage.
- Edmonton AB: Paris Furs had SCUM daubed on their front window with etching fluid. They have since installed a video security camera monitoring their front window.
- Edmonton AB: Queen City Meats spray painted with slogans, a Kentucky Fried Chicken had its locks glued.
- Edmonton AB: Hurting Furs shop in Edmonton Centre shopping mall had 4 windows daubed with etching fluid.
- Edmonton AB: Daren's Furs had windows daubed with etching fluid.
- Edmonton AB: Three Fur Council of Canada billboards, were paint bombed.
- Edmonton AB: Three delivery trucks of Billingsgate Fish Company were spray painted, had their tires slashed and set ablaze. The building was also painted with slogans and a sign damaged with paint bombs. A fourth device failed to ignite in another truck. $1000 damage.
- Edmonton AB: Activists set ablaze a truck belonging to Hook Advertising and spray painted others with slogans, $10,000 damage. Hook signs carried ads from the Fur Council of Canada earlier this month.

1992

- Edmonton AB: Ouellette Packing Plant was spray painted and had paint bombs thrown at it. Their van was spray painted, tires slashed, and set ablaze.
- Anonymous Rights Militia claims to have poisoned 87 Canadian Cold Buster Chocolate bars in Calgary and Edmonton because of the University of Alberta vivisector Larry Wang's 16 years of animal experiments that led to the invention of the bar.
- Calgary AB: Saks Furs had windows smashed. Rupps Meats had windows smashed and spray painted. 3 Kentucky Fried Chicken shops spray painted. 1 fur shop on 17th ave. had windows etched. 1 fur shop on 4th st. had windows etched. 1 fish shop had windows etched and spray painted. 1 fur shop had windows smashed, and a butcher on McLendall Trail spray painted.

June 1
- Edmonton AB: 29 cats liberated from the University of Alberta. Research documents taken and equipment destroyed.

U.S. 1992-Known Actions

January 13-Walnut Creek, CA: "Corrosive chemical" thrown on the windows of a fur store.

February 28-Lansing, Michigan: $100,000 damage done to Michigan State's mink research program. Documents were taken, and vivisectors' offices were burned.

June-Memphis, Tennessee: Fur stores were attacked with painted slogans and smashed windows.

South Carolina: "A new group called the Vegan Front trashed a fur store."

July 7-Chicago, IL: An attempt was made to burn fur billboards with molotov cocktails. One sign was partially burned.

August 9-Memphis, TN: "Hardliners" arrested while vandalizing a fur store.

October-Minneapolis, MN: Swanson's meats had windows of delivery trucks smashed and slogans were painted.

October 24-Milville, Utah: Animal Damage Control lab burned and 29 coyotes freed.

Logan, UT: Documents taken and a vivisector's office was burned. Total damage: $100,000.

November 8-Minneapolis, MN: 5 trucks at Swanson's Meats were burned and the locks to the building were glued. Damage estimated at $100,000.
SUPPORT NEEDED FOR ANIMAL LIB ACTIVIST

In the early morning hours of June 1, 1992, twenty-nine cats were rescued from a fate filled with pain - neurological experiments. The cats were liberated from a kennel belonging to the University of Alberta in Edmonton. The Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the action, which caused over $100,000 in damages to offices and labs.

In the late evening hours of June 19, armed men raided the home of Darren Thurston and arrested him for break, enter, and theft over $1000, and miscellaneous over $1000. Confiscated were all his clothes, books, files, computer and computer disks. Several days later AFL pulled Grant from a bus and charged him in the same incident. Grant was given bail of $4000 cash, ordered to live with his mother in Calgary, and not to associate with anyone involved in animal rights. Darren has been denied bail three times now. Police have also issued a Canada-wide warrant for the arrest of another "suspect" - an activist living in BC.

Among Darren's files taken by police were all those relating to the ALF Support Group and its publication OOKDA. In a move similar to the arrest of ALF members in Toronto in 1987, the police have charged Darren with almost every ALF action that took place in Edmonton over the past year. His files contained press releases and communiques mailed to the Support Group from ALF cells claiming responsibility for various actions. It seems that, to the police, possession of these documents warrants charges.

To date, Darren has been charged with the following (in addition to the three U A charges): Arson in connection with a firebombing of three trucks belonging to Billingsgat Fish Co.; Mischief over $1000, in connection to another attack on Billingsgat where 18 tires were slashed; Three counts of mischief over $1000, in connection to the painting-bombing of Fur Council of Canada Billboards, Break, enter, and arson, in connection with an incident where a Hook Outdoor Advertising boom truck was burned (break); burglary, theft and mischief, in connection to an attempt to burn an Ouellette (egg) Packers van.

It is typical of police to lay on the charges in the beginning so as to have an advantage in plea-bargaining. At this point we are unaware of any physical evidence in regard to any of the charges Darren and Grant face.

The only clue comes from an Edmonton Journal article (June 23) which states, "A picture sent to the Journal - showing two people holding cats - has led to the arrest of two "well-known" people." This clue is not very helpful, as the police have refused to say who the two people are.

When the Preliminary Hearing comes up Oct. 26, Darren will have been in jail for more than four months: He is surviving off of overcooked and nutritionless vegetables, and his diet being just a fantasy in jail. With the ALF Support Group no longer functioning, there is virtually no support or community in Edmonton to support him. What is needed now most are letters of support, which would surely brighten up his day.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
NOV. 21, 1992

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR JAILLED ENVIRONMENTAL/ANIMAL LIBERATION ACTIVIST

Dear friends,

On Nov. 3, 1992 Jonathan Paul was jailed by a federal judge for refusing to testify at a secretive grand jury in Spokane, Wash. The grand jury is investigating the successful activities of the Animal Liberation Front and is one of several which has been subpoenaing witnesses in Washington, Oregon, and Michigan states.

Jonathan Paul, an environmental/animal liberation activist, invoked his Fifth Amendment rights when he was asked questions about other activists at the hearing. A federal judge then held him in contempt of court for not testifying and sentenced him to serve six months in jail until the judge decides to release him, or until this particular grand jury is over in Dec. of 1993.

Before being led away Jonathan stated, "I will not feed information to this government that wants to destroy political movements."

The grand jury process has been used extensively by the U.S. government since at least the 1960's to harass and impede political movements it disagrees with. The targets in the 1960's were the civil rights and anti-war movements and the Black Panthers; in the 70's it was the feminists, Puerto Rican independence, and the American Indian movements; in the 80's it was the Central American Sanctuary movement; and this decade it's the radical environmental and animal liberation movements.

Government disruption has ranged from overt violence to covert disruption and disinformation to legal harassment. Grand juries specifically have been employed to force activists to spend time, money, and energy defending themselves. These investigations have also served to create divisions between those who will "cooperate" and those who won't, as well as to spread fear and intimidation.

Jonathan Paul, one of the founders of the Hunt Saboteurs in California, is not unfamiliar with government harassment over ALF activities. Several years ago he was charged along with two others in connection with the University of Oregon lab raid in 1986. Charges were eventually dropped when the government could not produce evidence to proceed to trial, but only after thousands of dollars were spent on lawyers fees and time and energy was wasted dealing with the legal system.

The fact that you can be sent to jail for refusing to testify at a grand jury for as long as 18 months is an incredible abuse of the judicial system. The grand jury is nothing more than a huge fishing expedition which the government uses when it has little or no evidence to pin a "crime" on.

We must demand, ultimately, the abolishment of the grand jury process, and immediately, we must demand that Jonathan Paul be set free, for he is guilty of nothing more than sticking to his constitutional rights. On December 1, 1992 the grand jury reconvenes in Spokane, and Jonathan will be in court to be asked again to testify. We can voice our demand to have Jonathan freed by demonstrating in front of the courthouse on that day. Join us there or protest outside a federal building in your own city.

Subpoenaed by the feds

• Ingrid Newkirk, a founder of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and recent author of "Free the Animals: a controversial book on the founder of the U.S. arm of the ALF.
• Alex Pacheco, co-founder of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The organization often speaks for the ALF following raids.
• Amy Bertsch and Steven Simmons, public relations officials for PETA.
• Gary Beverstock, a sanctuary manager for PETA.
• Deb Stout, a Montana environmentalist who writes appeals of federal predator control efforts. Stout's parents have also been summoned to appear before the Michigan grand jury.
• Patrick Hamlen, a single mother in Oregon who was an organizer with the Oregon Hunt Saboteurs. The Hunt Saboteurs shared a post office box with the Coalition Against Fur Farms. The coalition was founded in part by Rod Coronado, key suspect in the ALF raids.
• Mark Day, also of the Oregon Hunt Saboteurs.
• About a half-dozen other people who have asked not to be named or who could not be contacted. Some say they have never even met Coronado.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

1. Send letters of support to: Jonathan Paul
   Spokane County Jail
   1100 W. Mallon
   Spokane, WA 99203

2. Send letters to the judge:
   Judge Johnson
   US District Court
   200 W. Riverside
   Spokane, WA 99201

3. Send letters to the editor:
   Spokane-Pullman Daily News
   120 S Grand
   Pullman, WA 99163

4. Send money to help cover expenses (make checks payable to:
   Animal Support Group (ASG):
   ASG Support Group
   P.O. Box 13878
   Portland, OR 97213

5. Don't cooperate with the FBI or federal investigations

For more information about
• Dan Henrichson, Spokane ALF Support Group Canada
• Patrick Hamlen, Spokane ALF Support Group
• Rod Coronado, Spokane ALF Support Group
• Mark Day, Spokane ALF Support Group
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FREE JONATHAN PAUL!

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The Spokane-Review
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TEA 61K Canada
Animal liberation group trashes kennel, takes cats

No arrests made

"I regret to say that I was once a researcher myself. "I know how these animals are treated and I don't think the life of a human being is worth that. "I find the idea of experimenting on animals so a few drug companies can make more money absolutely repugnant."

"DAWN RIGHT".

Staff relied on the dogs in the kennel to bark and wake them in a nearby house if strangers approached. But they were unaware of the Monday incident until three hours after it happened.

"THE BOLLOCKS"

"I don't know the circumstances of this particular situation, but if the animals were being used in biomedical research then direct action may certainly have been called for," said Roger Magoffin of the Animal Behaviour Centre in London, England.

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Documents show that approx. 30,000 animals are vivisected each year by the U. of A. Experiments university researchers inflict on animals include sensory deprivation, sleep deprivation, exposure to disease, toxic substances and radiation, among the endless horrors.

The black and white film we sent to the Edmonton Sun and the Edmonton Journal shows the actual liberation in progress. It also shows, along with the video we sent to the CBC and CTV affiliate, the cats safely in the arms of their liberators.

All animals have an inherent right to live their lives free from human interference. Today's liberation and economic damage are part of our ongoing campaign against all animal torturers which will end only when the last animal is free and the last lab is burnt to the ground.

The Animal Liberation Front urges everyone to join us in celebrating Environment Week by liberating our four-legged brothers and sisters from their wretched prisons.

Animal Liberation Front
Firebombs removed from rail overpass

Twenty-one "improvised Molotov cocktails" were found hanging Wednesday morning from a railroad overpass at Foster Avenue, police said.

Police speculated they were the work of animal-rights activists who objected to advertisements on the overpass for a nearby fur store.

Police had to block traffic on Foster and Ravenswood Avenues near the overpass as well as trains on the Chicago & North Western North line for more than an hour while the devices were removed and rendered harmless, said Cmdr. Joseph Grubisch of the bomb and arson unit.

He said only one of the devices, all made from peanut butter jars, had completely ignited, and it caused minor damage to a sign for Kin's Fur Shop, 1820 W. Foster Ave.

"I think they were looking to destroy the signs, but it was very dangerous," Grubisch said. "What if somebody walks by and burning gasoline falls on them? What if a woman is walking with a baby in a stroller?"

Chicago Tribune, 7-8-92

ALF BACK ON THE ATTACK

On November 8 five trucks owned by a Minnesota slaughterhouse were firebombed and spraypainted with slogans like "Meat is Murder" and "ALF." The meatpacking buildings' locks were also glued. The owner of Swanson Meats (2700 26th Ave. S. Mann) estimated the total damage at about $100,000.

A month earlier, the windshields of all of Swanson's trucks were smashed and painted with animal liberation slogans. The owner had the trucks moved to a site closer to 26th Avenue after that, where a cab driver reported them burning at about 3:30 that Sunday morning.

Fortunately, the pigs have no leads on the cases as of our going to press. The folks at the media and liberal animal rights groups such as ACR (Animal Rights Coalition) have been typical: complete condemnation of the act and labeling it "terrorist." If they're going to react predictably, then let us be typical in our response, also. We say "right on!" to anyone who sabotages the property of capitalists who brutally oppress other beings, whether those beings are exploited workers or cows and pigs. Support the ALF, and turn the volume up! -- shamelessly tilted from the Swib

WALNUTCREEK

Vandals hit fur shop

Vandals threw a corrosive chemical on the windows of a fur shop over the weekend, which the shop owner contends is the latest in a string of attacks by animal rights activists.

"I don't see it as a coincidence that this happened just after their benefit," said owner Wayne Meyers, referring to Friday night's fundraising event for the Contra Costa Animal Rescue Foundation.

Meyers, who sells mink, fox and rabbit fur coats, said animal rights activists have threatened him numerous times and picketed his store. Vandals have stunk burning cherry bombs to the store windows, causing an undetermined amount of damage, he said. Police said the fur store has experienced more than its share of vandalism, but had no evidence linking the incident to animal rights groups.

By Tribune staff and news services

Food product yanked after poisoning threat

Stores in the Alberta cities of Edmonton and Calgary pulled a new energy bar from their shelves Friday after a previously unknown animal rights group claimed it had injected the product with liquid oven cleaner.

Edmonton police spokesman Kelly Gordon said it was too early to say if the claim was true. But police were advising people not to eat the product, Canadian Cold Buster, which has been on the market about a month. In a letter received Friday by the Canadian Press news agency and the Edmonton Journal, the Animal Rights Militia claimed it had injected 87 bars in stores in Edmonton and Calgary with one-fifth of a teaspoon of liquid oven cleaner.

In the early morning of Sunday, December 15/91, ALF activists descended on the premises of Bellingham Fish Market in Edmonton, Alberta. The team quickly went to work spraypainting the building and throwing paint bombs at it, slashing tires of the four trucks and spraypainting them. They then placed timed incendiary device's in each of the trucks. Some time later the devices ignited engulfing three of the trucks in flames, destroying them completely ($100,000 damage). The last device in the fourth and largest truck failed to ignite.

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT GUIDELINES:

The Animal Liberation Front carries out direct action against animal abuse in the form of rescuing animals and causing financial loss to animal exploiters, usually through the damage and destruction of property. Their short term aim is to save as many animals as possible and directly disrupt the practice of animal abuse. Their long term aim is to end all animal suffering by forcing animal abuse companies and individuals out of business. It is a non-violent campaign, activists taking precautions not to harm any animal(human or otherwise). Because ALF actions are against the law activists work anonymously, either in small groups or individually, and do not have a central contact address or any centralised organization or coordination.
ALF RAIDED MINK LAB
The following is a statement from the Animal Liberation Front (ALF). "Early on the morning of February 28, 1982, the Great Lakes Unit of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) struck Michigan State University's experimental fur farm in East Lansing. Minks were in cramped cages and some were on the premises, held in equally poor condition. Gas chambers used to kill the minks were found. The animals were not killed properly, and the continued suffering was unbearable.

ALF must search for new industries to support his dirty work. His victims are not the only ones who suffer. The taxpayers and students of ISU supported by institutions and institution-supported industry.

In research papers taken, Aulicher states that wild minks, as predators high on the food chain, are highly susceptible to environmental toxins. He therefore concludes that they are ideal and promising candidates for experimental experiments. Yet the effects of pesticides and herbicides, such as PCBs, have already been well documented. ALF is simply exploiting the public's concern over environmental pollution. In his own words, minks suffer from "wasting syndrome," bloody stools, 40 percent loss of body weight, stomach ulcers, high mortality, anemia, and "hyperactivity." If these false accusations against ALF, its members, and its activities continue, we shall keep on fighting."

ALF TORCHES OREGON MINK PLANT

GRAFTON, 1991—Western Wildlife Cell members of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) raided Malecky Mink Ranch in Yamhill, Oregon, and set a fire. It is believed that the animals set the fire in order to destroy the processing plant of this fur farm near Salem. Intelligence sources revealed that the fire was set to continue exploitation of fur animals. Malecky Mink Ranch was a recipient of the funds from Oregon State University's Experiment in Furs and a Mink Ranch in Yankton, South Dakota. In an effort to continue the exploitation of mink fur, the fire was set.

No mink or humans were injured in the ALF's fourth attack on the United States Fur Farm industry. Flocking machines, drying drums, skinning racks, feed mixers, and a workshop were all effectively destroyed, as the fire destroyed the foundation of the ALF's activities.

This action was taken to avenge the lives of mink murdered on the ranch in the past to prevent the further imprisonment of native wildlife in the future. 750,000 mink are slaughtered in the Northwest in the fur trade, and over four million nation-wide on over 100,000 farm.
Reforming the Fur Industry ALF-Style

BY THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

The entire fur and trapping industry can be eliminated in three years if, as it has been stated, it could be done in five, and far so it is going according to schedule.

We are now seeing renewed interest in trapping and fur farming. 40% of all fur farms have gone out of business and trapping license applications are up over last year. Fur farms are closing left and right and it seems that most department stores are dropping fur-related items. They are on the run, and if they're not, they're preparing for a last gasp comeback and the pressure must be increased.

Of course, education tactics are very important. We need to educate the public about the effects of trapping and fur farming. First, let's address the trapping issue. Get a copy of a magazine called The Trapper and Predator Caller and subscribe to it. They say they'll send you a free copy. They'll also offer you a free address and a free phone call to a fur farmer. We need to expose the public to the reality of the situation.

The Trapper and Predator Caller is published by Krause Publications, Iola, WI. There are two trade journals catering to the retail fur business, Fur-Weekly and the Western Fur Industry. These are three major trapping magazines, in total.

The film project prompted Coronado to buy out a retiring fur farmer, "rehabilitate" the farm and give it away, and then to meet the rehabilitation project. Coronado took the name of Jim Fire, and posed as a Furman. When the Fur Farmer was called, they'd show up and tell them to visit a fur farm because you may want to start your own. They'd tell you where they're located. Unless the farmer lives right there, this should be an easy bit. If you visit them during the day, consider what to do about your appearance, vehicle, and license plate. The fur farmer is usually the owner of a small farm that has been in the family for over 50 years. The fur farm is usually a small operation, with a herd of 10-20 tanned and dressed animals. The skin of the animals is used for clothing, and the pelts are sold to a furrier.

Gluon the slow, paint the merchandise, eves the windows. Create an awareness minimum impact for the world. This guide is a waste if action is not taken. This is war in defense of the innocent. The risk we take nothing compared to the fur industry. Put these words into action. There's no time to waste. Good luck and total secrecy.

Note: If companies conduct business through a post office box, the Post Office will readily provide the street address of the company.
ALF suspect in Utah State raid

BY KEN OLSN
Staff Writer

Federal investigators are puzzled by a raid at Utah State University last Saturday that has almost all the earmarks of the Animal Liberation Front. The raid, which left the campus in shock, was roughly the same as most of its predecessors.

The problem: No one has claimed credit for the raid. The FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms and other agencies are asking the press to keep an eye out for any press release from the perpetrators, according to the Associated Press.

The ALF typically sends a press release and photographs to a newspaper or wire service within hours of a raid. Or the group sends a tape to a nearby television station depicting animals being freed.

Someone set two fires in the early hours of Saturday morning that damaged the Logan, Utah office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture predator researcher. His field office of the US Fish & Wildlife Service was destroyed.

In both cases, clocks were supposedly connected to the devices that started the fires early on Saturday morning. At the fire scene, accelerants were allegedly used to spread the fire.

If those allegations are true, it means the fires fit the pattern of other recent Animal Liberation Front raids around the Pacific Northwest and in Michigan.

Valuable research records at Utah State were destroyed. Holes were cut in 27 pens housing more than 50 coyotes. A dozen escaped and most have been recaptured.

Once again, all of the signs of an ALF raid. But the ALF normally leaves graffiti at the site of its raids, with blood-red spray paint, including the trademark acronym "ALF." Building panels with graffiti in Utah were removed before reporters were able to look at them. One had a spiral painted on it with four feathers dangling from it.

The fact that no media has been contacted about this is one of the most recent raids raises the possibility that it's a copycat crime or that the ALF is being more cautious about contacting the press.

Three grand juries, investigating a series of ALF raids, including one at Utah State University last year, have put pressure on some top FBI officials, which are at least acquainted with some ALF members. The FBI's Washington office announced the arrests of Rod Coronado, last spring, and Rod's trial next year, following the raid, is being monitored by FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms.

To date, however, there have been no arrests in connection with the rash of incidents.

In its sixth raid since June 1991, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) has claimed responsibility for the recent attacks on Animal Damage Control (ADC) facilities in Utah. On October 24, 1992 at the ADC Animal Damage Control Predator Research Facility (ADC) in Millville, Utah, and at ADC Project Leader Frederick F. Knowlton's office at Utah State University, federally funded coyote research facility in Logan, ALF activists released coyotes and started fires resulting in over $100,000 in damage.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) facility held more than 100 coyotes used in behavioral research studies for the Animal Damage Control program. ADC cut holes in pens, releasing 29 coyotes, and started a fire in the lab which destroyed a third of the facility. ALF turned the blame to the rest of the vivisection laboratory. ALF was alerted to the presence of the coyotes by USDA students. The USDA claims it studied coyote behavior to help sheep and cattle growers.

Over the last 18 years, the ADC has maintained a relentless and ruthless war against native predators. On behalf of sheep and cattle producers, the ADC has designed and developed predator control tactics such as leg-hold traps, bait, and sterilization. To prevent financial loss to livestock interests who graze public lands, ADC has slaughtered millions of coyotes, wolves, bobcats, foxes, and coyotes in a massive poisoning and gassing campaign across the West.

After setting fire to the ADC, ALF moved on to the Utah State University campus where Knowlton's office is located. Just fifteen yards from the police station, raiders entered his office and began confiscating records detailing the illegal dumping of over two tons of radioactive coyote bodies, bones of radioactive-collared goats in field experiments, and tests where coyotes were left alive to slowly die of malnutrition.

The documents detailed the forced feeding of toxic poisons and records of aerial shootings of research coyotes. ALF then set a fire in the office which resulted in an estimated $10,000 in damage and removed most of the records.

This latest raid comes in the middle of three grand jury investigations into previous ALF attacks. Grand juries were convened in Michigan, Oregon and Washington in early spring and will run until next winter. Dozens of individual have been questioned and subpoenaed and one activist, Jonathan Paul, was ordered to testify before the grand jury in Spokane.
"BATTLING THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT
THE PIG'S POINT OF VIEW

The below article I discovered while looking through police magazines for any pictures. It is, essentially, the pig's point of view on the animal liberation front. You should take it as such. I was both angry at their misunderstanding of our community's point of view, and humoured at their treatment of ALF tactics, ever the "label conscious". Since reading it, I have gained new insight on the ALF and its impact, and I believe if others are considering an ALF action, they should definitely read up on the details they have overlooked.

In April 3, 1989, between 0000 and 0500 hours, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) destroyed two research laboratories and burned a penthouse research unit and an off-campus office building at the University of Arizona. The attack caused $200,000 in damages, and the university spent $1 million in initial research protection.

ALF represents one of the most violent terrorist groups confronting law enforcement in the United States today. In this article, we will examine a brief history of ALF, the tactics it employs, the media's response, and the impact of their actions on the law enforcement community.

What Happened
On April 2-3, 1989, between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m., ALF systematically attacked four university buildings using two or three terrorist networks. The attacks were coordinated with police officials breaking into a ground-floor dorm, took an elevator to the sixth-floor research area and took 965 animals before destroying the laboratories. While this attack in progress, another team set a fire in the dormitory, and the fire was extinguished. Once the fire had been extinguished, one team broke into a ground-floor dormitory in the dormitory, entered the elevator, and went to the sixth-floor research area and took 965 animals before destroying the laboratories.

APD's Response
Recovering from this systematic vandalism, burglary and arson fires as a complicated task for all ALP officers. Within 45 minutes of the first explosion, ALP had discovered three destroyed research laboratories and begun its crime scene investigation. The various crime scenes indicated ALF as thoroughly prepared for this attack. ALF found little or no evidence left behind at any of its four crime scenes. In this characteristic of an ALF attack. An examination of ALF's story indicates that the organization places personnel inside the planned right, prepares extensively for its strikes, leaves little or no trace of physical violence for police purposes and operates at peak efficiency. ALP estimated ALF's attack on the university took approximately 90 minutes.

One of the biggest factors confronting APD in investigating this crime is the nature of the university community. The academic community bailed the cost: 1,100 mice, four rats, 11 fringes, and 16 guinea pigs. Not all of the mice were being used in medical research. It is hard to determine the monetary value assigned to the loss of equipment grants and the devastation suffered by each researcher. Despite six weeks of intensive investigations, the running total of $200,000 in initial damages and extensive networking between APD and California police departments, we have been arrested 12 people, suspects identified, and 12 people identified.

The community reaction was quick and strong. Four hours after the attack was discovered, the university held a press conference featuring the university president, the vice president of research, the director of animal research, the vice president of public relations and the police. The media were given statements on what types of research these stolen animals were being used for, how this would affect future medical research and what the future held in dealing with additional attacks by ALF.

Once the crime scenes were processed, the university authorized APD to immediately fund the hiring of officers. Chief of Police (the state and local police to guard all of the animal research areas on campus. As a result, all police agencies within Pima County were contacted by APD's payroll coordinator and a massive scheduling task began. By 1700 hours on April 3, 1989, 11 research sites had 24-hour police or security coverage.

The incident concluded after six weeks following the attack.

To facilitate the security effort, the vice president of research ordered the immediate centralization of all animal research, from 11 locations down to three locations. Once the animals were moved, police administration and the vice presidents of research and administration began an ongoing review of the police coverage that lasted for months and resulted in continuing modifications to the coverage. Complications occurred immediately as a result of the centralization of all animals. At first, professors could not make arrangements and animals died. Then it took eight weeks after the attack to complete the centralization process. The shifts of police officers guiding these facilities were constantly modified. In the summer of 1989, with the final result being police coverage at all locations from sunset to sunrise.

As the hours were reduced, the cost associated with these areas decreased from $40,000 per week to $16,000 per week.

Among the long-term direct results of the ALF attack were:
- The hiring of six additional full-time police officers assigned to patrol the University of Arizona for the main campus and
- The purchase of a campus-wide security system capable of meeting all levels of security needs to protect research areas on campus.

Like the university reaction to the attack, the public's reaction was quick and strong. The public, the Tucson community was outraged, and to date, its feelings remain unchanged. (Note: every political, police or military force uses the "public's support" as legitimacy, and it seems like the "public's always agree with them. Who's asks questions in the "public" do they specifically ask for their opinions on these things? do they even ask anyone?"

Media Attention
With the ALF announcement in each Tucson paper and on each television and radio station, the media response to the university was immediate. Film crews and reporters toured the damaged laboratories, the burned penthouse and the director's office. The media were assisted by the university director of public relations to ensure that all affected areas of the university were covered. Dean's, directors, graduate and undergraduate students, and employees were interviewed. The overall reaction was outrage.

Available Intelligence
A terrorist arm associated with the animal rights movement, ALF has been associated with 85 break-ins within the United States since 1977, including the $3.8 million destruction of an animal research facility at the University of California at Davis. The organization, founded in England, has developed a very close relationship; consequently, there is little knowledge on ALF. Everything known about ALF is gathered from magazine or newspaper articles. (Note: I hope you caught that one! When writing about the ALF being anonymous, remember: yes lips sink ships.)

Following the university attack, a local newspaper reporter, Carla McClain, sought an audience with an ALF member in an attempt to understand why the ALF had attacked the University of Arizona. Some excerpts from that interview follow:

McClain: The UA raid made a lot of people angry and frightened. You, less, damaged and stole public property. You didn't just liberate a few animals. People see this as a crime, violence, even terrorism. How do you justify that?

ALF member: Unfortunately, right now there is no other way to rescue animals to prevent their torture. I don't like to risk going to jail. This was not done on a whim.

McClain: Who are you? Why did you decide to take such risks for this cause?

ALF member: I am a pretty normal person - I have a job, a house, a mortgage.

I got into the animal movement years ago, during my first year in medical school. I dropped out in my first semester because of the dog lab. I couldn't handle cutting open dogs and killing them for that purpose. I'm embarrassed to say now I did nothing about it at the time except to leave school... Before you can join...
ALF, you are checked out thoroughly - for your sincerity, your commitment, years of action in the movement, a willingness to go to jail if you have to. It is not easy to get into ALF. To be honest, I'd really rather have a normal life. But now that I know what goes on in the labs, on the factory farms, I can't ignore it. I feel a sense of personal responsibility about what society does to animals. It is as if I were living in Nazi Germany and in my town there was a Buchenwald and I knew it and didn't nothing. People who tried to stop those horrors got killed for it. At least I won't be killed for this.

Historical Data
In 1962, Ronnie Lee and Cliff Goodman founded the Hunt Saboteurs Association, one of England's earliest animal rights organizations. At the time, Lee stated in a magazine article that he had founded the group following the principles of the Irish Republican Army. The group changed its name to Band of Mercy in 1972, and five years later it took its first actions in the United States, stealing two dolphins at the University of Hawaii.

ALF developed as a terrorist arm of the Band of Mercy, know-how and an animal research facility in Bristol, England, in the mid-1970s. Other documented incidents of violence include the following:

- On September 5, 1984, there was a bomb threat at the California Primate Center, and a bomb threat at animal research at the home of the center's director.
- On November 22, 1984, death threats were received by researchers at the University of California at San Diego.
- On April 16, 1987, at the University of California at Davis, a research lab was burned down - causing $3.8 million worth of damage and 18 campus vehicles were vandalized.
- In December of 1988, four individuals were killed while building pipe bombs at the Brazilian Consulate in New York City. One of those killed had been a student leader in the animal rights movement at the University of California at Berkeley. At this writing, bombings continue in England and France.

ALF Tactics
There is limited reliable information regarding ALF's tactics, most of it garnered from magazine and newspaper articles based on interviews with ALF members. ALF members are not always residents of the communities under attack. In fact, intelligence indicates there is a core of ALF members living in California, and it is possible that additional members have been flown in from England or other European countries.

ALF's typical modus operandi is as follows:
- Plant an individual inside the research structure or organization targeted by ALF.
- Through the Public Information Act, obtain any building blueprint information or government grant funding information associated with the facility.
- Obtain names of the individuals associated with animal research and begin to systematically disrupt their personal lives.
- Perform several surveillance raids, including taking pictures of the facility, filming inside the lab, recording the type of alarm systems utilized within the facility.
- Plan to defeat the alarm system or stage a police call away from the attack area.
- Conduct numerous dress rehearsals on how the attack will start, what parts each attack team will play (including all specific tasks), how to react to police involvement, how to deal with any type of interruptions by research personnel, how to avoid leaving physical evidence at the scene, and where to safely place the stolen animals.
- Obtain police scanners to monitor police activity in the area prior to and during the attack. Establish prearranged signals to announce police presence if diversion tactics fail and police stumble into an attack in progress. (To date, no police agency has apprehended and ALF member in the act of destroying a research facility.)
- Probe existing security measures surrounding animal research sites to ascertain how electronic security will monitor intrusions and how local security or police will respond to suspected intrusions on the attack site.
- Videotape the actual attack and prepare to send it to PETA headquarters for possible transmittal to a local television station following the attack.
- Prepare a detailed press release claiming responsibility for the attack, explaining exactly what the group did and how effective the attack was in deterring medical research in the area by releasing these animals. Have the press release distributed at all media facilities 45 minutes after the attack is complete.
- Pose as reporters and contact local police to ascertain any plans for extra security at animal research sites - particularly during Animal Liberation Month - as well as police reactions to animal rights attacks.

What the Future Holds
Based upon statements of numerous ALF members, I believe we in law enforcement can expect the violence to continue. The question is, what can we do about it?

By effectively utilizing existing technology and taking full advantage of our professional network, we can successfully deal with ALF. [ed. note: in plain English that means "we can use illegal sh*t such as bugs and taps to spy on "em." technology indeed!] Any police department that has any type of animal research in its jurisdiction is subject to an ALF attack. None of us is (sic) exempt, and we must work closely to track the acts of civil disobedience, criminal damage, animal theft, and arson committed by ALF across the country and around the world.

Local efforts could be strengthened by enacting federal legislation to make any attack on an animal research facility a felony, and by involving the FBI in investigating and gathering intelligence on this organization that is not just national but international in scope.

I believe the FBI should maintain a hotline to handle the intelligence information generated from all agencies involved in ALF arrests, actions and anticipated problems.

There should also be a coordinated effort with the FBI and local police when investigating any ALF attack. ALF has had very few of its members arrested, and no agency has successfully placed an undercover agent in this organization. Thus, the only hope for maximizing the available information to maintain a highly efficient, closely linked network with other agencies,

Prevention of an ALF attack is complicated, but the best overall strategy is education. Although there are limited resource materials of any real value to law enforcement, the books listed below can provide background information on ALF and its related groups - PETA, VOA and True Friends:

- The Mini-Manual of Cassettes, by Carlos Marighella
- Action for Animals, a handbook specifically for ALF members
- Ecodefense - A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching, by David Freeman

There is also a bi-monthly magazine published by Prescription Press in Washington, D.C. - The Animal Rights Reporter - that will provide you with international and national information on the animal rights movement.

Scenting fresh air for the first time, a mink is released into the wild after animal liberators rescued and rehabilitated it—along with other animals—from an Oregon fur farm.
An Animal LIBERATION Primer
second edition

Foreword
This booklet has been produced to be a tool, a tool to empower the average person to make a difference in this world. It has been compiled from numerous sources, into a condensed volume of animal liberation tactics. Read this booklet once and then twice and then again. Make sure you know it inside out, before setting out to do anything.

Who are the ALF?
Members of the Animal Liberation Front are activists who directly intervene to stop animal suffering. At the risk of losing their own freedom, while following ALF guidelines:

- To liberate animals from places of abuse, i.e. fur farms, laboratories, factory farms, etc., and 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; and
- To reveal the horror and atrocities committed against animals behind locked doors by performing non-violent direct actions and liberations.

ALF — The way we work.
This article discusses ideas that could be adopted by a local animal liberation group. It is based on personal experience of several ALF groups operating in the south of England between 1982 and 1984. We did for a while perfect a system where we could move from seeing to raiding an animal abuse centre in a matter of 48 hours. The number of animals we rescued ran into several thousands, along with a record of 250 on one night from a vivisection dealer. We raised everything from schools which bred animals for dissection, up to major laboratories where there was a 24-hour security and intricate alarm systems and although the majority of our actions were against factory farms and vivisection breeders.

We started out as a group of four people with one car. At our height there were as many as 50 active members split into several sub-groups, some of these sub-groups are still active, although the majority of our members have now ceased to be active—the pressure of living under the continuous threat of possible arrest making this impossible on many of the more active members.

Finding people to work with is the hardest of all your tasks. At the moment we see a space of people who have become involved in groups, who, when arrested make statements incriminating themselves (let me mention here that no one has ever profited by making such statements). More than this is the disturbing development of people making statements naming other activists and giving details of raids they have been involved with (in the criminal world this is known as "grazing" or "switching").

In the prison cells some people make a belated and somewhat pathetic attempt to save their own skin by telling the police what they want to hear. But despite the police promises, snitching has never saved anyone's skin and when it comes to avoiding a beating in the cells, the police in general only use violence in interviews when they think it will get results. When people have been hit, and they begin to talk, the police are encouraged, while if they stay quiet "Mr. Nasty", is shepherded out of the interview room and "Mr. Nice" apologizes and appeals to you personally. People who believe in what they are doing and recognize the personal risks they are taking in advance of their arrest will not switch. Those people who switch cannot really believe in what they are doing, otherwise they would have the confidence and the peace of mind to recognize that in a direct action campaign some arrests are inevitable, and although they are unlucky to be arrested at that particular time, the struggle will go on. Their role once arrested is to say or do nothing to impair the struggle.

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When will we say NO to tyranny?

The ALF and Direct Action.
As part of their personal campaign against animal abuse, ALF activists do not eat animal flesh, and many of them use no animal products at all. They are all members of social classes, age groups, professions, races, religious and political persuasions, and are all prepared to go to jail, if that is what it takes to end animal suffering. They are committed to doing all that it takes to end animal abuse, short of harming any living being.

Direct action for animals began in England in the early 1960s when a group called the Hunt Saboteurs Association was formed. Hunt "Sabs" physically disrupt hunts by using false horns, blowing hunting horns to send hounds off in the wrong direction, and chasing animals away to safety. The Hunt Saboteurs have effectively ended many traditional hunting events all over England.

In 1972 a group of Hunt Saboteurs decided that more militant action on behalf of animals was necessary and thus the Band of Mercy began. The Band of Mercy, named after a group of animal rights campaigners in the nineteenth century, smashed guns used on bird hunts and sabotaged hunters' vehicles by slashing tires and breaking windows. The group also began fighting other forms of animal abuse, setting fire to pharmaceutical laboratories and burning boats used for hunting seals.

In 1975 two members of the Band of Mercy, Ronnie Lee and Cliff Goodman, were caught trying to break into a laboratory and were sent to prison. After the arrest, support for direct action grew, and in 1976, the Animal Liberation Front was set up. Since that time, tens of thousands of animals have been rescued and millions of dollars worth of damage has been caused. It has been reported that ALF actions occur at the rate of 75% per week in Britain, ranging from raids on research laboratories to smashing the windows of fur shops. Today there are several independent groups in Britain, the USA, Australia, Italy, France, Germany, Canada, New Zealand, Austria, Denmark, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, Spain, and Sweden. While there are no formal communications between the groups, they all share the same goal: to save animals from suffering HERE and NOW.

Available only Records
Finding a target: Your local animal rights group probably has a very good idea where the local labs, breeders, fur farms and battery units are, although unless you are already involved it is probably best to keep well clear of the local animal rights groups; it is after all the first place the police will be looking for information on likely activists. Always study the location on the map and learn to recognize where you are in relation to roads, streams, footpaths, etc.

The first visit to a target should be during the day. Park well out of the way and approach the target on foot. Try to get as close as possible, look for ways in and ways out (not necessarily the same). Begin to develop your plan—where will you park? Which buildings will you enter? Where will you park your bike? Where will your car be put in a safe place? Where is the nearest fire station? Where is the nearest police station?

Once you have seen all that you can see during daylight, clear off and make a draft plan. Next, return at night, try out your route and find its weaknesses. Get as close to your target building as possible, ideally right up to the break-in point. Check the locks, doors and window fittings, look for signs of alarms, and general security.

Having surveyed the target area, make sure that your route in and out is as simple as possible, stick to hedges, count field boundaries, note the number of gates etc., anything that will make the route nice and easy. Try not to use wide open spaces as part of your route, hedges make you invisible in the dark. It is vital that you walk the route once at night before the job, as darkness is disorienting and places can look very different.

A good time to do a job is at new moon. If you live in the city you’d be surprised how much light is given out by the moon. Winter is ideal with its early dusks, late dawns, and cold, rainy, windy nights—no farmer is going to want to get out of bed at two in the morning just because he has heard a noise that could so easily have been the wind.

Once you are sure of the route, go there at the time of day and the week of the time you are planning to do the job, and do a complete walk-through. Park where you will be parking, walk the exact route and stay at the breaking point for as long as you need to there on the night. If everything works out then you are onto the next stage.

It cannot be stated enough that unless there are clear and obvious advantages you should not take ALF action during the day. Darkness, and knowledge of the area around the target will ensure your escape, no matter how many police units arrive. In 1981, an ALF group was stranded in the fields surrounding a beagle breeding at Ross-on-Wye, while the police had swooped on their transport and arrested their backing vehicle. The group, with beagles still inside, was on the other side of a hedge from parked police vehicles; the group escaped and got the beagles away by traveling as fast as possible, on foot, across country, eventually contacting a supporter who arranged transport for them to be picked up.

However wrong things go on the night, don’t give up—a clear head, good planning and determination should give you an edge on the police.

Once your group has got off the ground you should develop a core of responsible people for tasks, planning raids, the initial break-in, the look-outs, and the organization of people and vehicles on the night. This group should be on site first, set up look-outs, check the area over, and when they are satisfied, break in and locate the animals.

Only then should the "agitators" be brought in; their job is to grab or box the animals quickly and quietly and then leave. If the target has no alarms and no one on site the advance group could conceivably go in hours in advance and prepare everything so that the carriers and their vehicles are there for as short a time as possible.

One person should be responsible for collecting all information on homes, so that when you find homes for fifty hens you do a battery unit, when it’s thirty rabbits or ten dogs you do a breeder. In many ways the homing network needs to be bigger than the ALF group, ideally with 4 or 5 people who can take and disperse animals, re-homing them outside of the animal rights movement. It is this ability to disperse animals so that your homes are never used up that will permit you to become an efficient animal liberation group. In general those people involved in the homing network should not be in the ALF group as it would be a very damaging blow should those people be arrested. Only members of the core group of activists should have contact with the homing network.

Tools are a vital consideration. You will need two pairs of bolt-cutters and two crowbars (large and small) a pair of diamond-tipped glass cutters, walkie-talkies and a tape recorder. Have a proper tool bag to carry them in, never touch them when wearing gloves, even when buying them, and always clean them between jobs. The blades on your bolt-cutters should be changed regularly—alway s after a lab job and run a file over them. If your crowbars leave distinctive imprints on whatever they have jammed open. The tools should always be kept at a safe house in between jobs. A safe house belongs to someone who is not in your group and not going to come to the attention of the police.

When you plan a job, it is advisable to have a plan "B" if things go wrong. Work out what you are going to do if you come across a guard or if the police arrive, which could be when you are going in, in the middle of the job, or on the way out with animals. Whatever happens don’t panic, it only wastes time. You should have worked out which way to run, and who should be with you. You should know what could go wrong with your plan and have an easy solution to it when it arises. When it comes to running away it is probably best to all leave the site together heading in the same direction to a pre-arranged rendezvous point 3 or 4 fields away; from then on it may be better if you split up and travel in groups of three or four in different directions.

When doing a job you must have confidence in those who you are working with. When you appoint one or more lookouts you must be sure that they know what they are doing, that they are not frightened, and that should anything go wrong they will be able to notify you of what is happening. Once you are inside a place, you should just get on with your job, looking over your shoulder only after time. Do not panic if the animals begin to make a lot of noise, this is not unusual. Chickens and rabbits make a lot of noise but beagles are notorious and can be heard for miles; always remember that you have a lookout so get on with your job and the sooner you get out of the sheds the sooner the animals will quieten down.

If disturbed you should collect people and leave quickly, most people who discover you will be quite happy to frighten you off their property and then call the police. Unless you are confronted by a farmer who is literally shooting at you with his shotgun, you should not abandon anything. Security guards are easier to deal with as the property is not theirs. Their job is not to be a hero but to phone the police, although any sign of weakness on your part may encourage them to grab hold of a trolley, so the rule is—don’t panic, leave together, and leave quickly.

Parking a lot of vehicles for a raid can look suspicious, one way around this is to go out several hours earlier and park the carriers’ cars in different streets in a nearby town or village. The whole of the carrying group can then be brought in by the vehicle which is to leave the animals, the carriers can come carrier and the drivers to a rendezvous point near the animal abuse centre and the animal transport only arriving when the group has got its hands on the animals—either arriving at a specific time, or being called up with a radio when the job is complete.

Whatever the plan always make sure that the animal van is the first away and has the least chance of the police noticing it. It is important that if you decide to remove animals you are prepared to face a prison sentence—the animals must be protected and if that means a choice between going to prison or the animals being taken back, then you will be released, for the animals there is only one way out.

Although it is good to do jobs on home territory, you should consider travelling out of your area on occasions, thus, if you travel, the less chance of the police noticing that it was your group. It is important not to get into a routine of doing jobs on the same night of the week in the same police district. It is only when the police know that you are running a pattern of jobs that they will have the opportunity to start fishing for you.

Clothing is a very important consideration as police forensic science is now very advanced and can identify clothing and footwear, prints, tools, animal etc. In one criminal case forensic scientists proved that a discarded shoe was responsible for a footprint at the scene of the crime, they then managed to identify fibres insects etc and from thirteen different fragments of the defendant’s sheep. The police have access to highly sophisticated techniques, in practice these will only be used once they are convinced that you are the culprit, and they can then justify the enormous expenditure which is not acceptable for routine testing.

Wearing boiler suits can be a good idea as they cover your clothes, you can wear your party clothes underneath, when you reach your transport on your way home you can strip off the boiler suits.
straighten your hair and look very presentable should you be stopped by the police. This is even better if you have a mixture of girls and boys in the car, then if you are randomly stopped by the police you can have a story to bluff them with, you could have been to a party, a wedding, etc. It is a good idea to have rehearsed false names, although this is complicated for your drivers if the vehicle is registered in their own name. It is a good idea to wear socks over your shoes, this prevents tell-tale footprints being left in the soft soil, and ensures that when you get back to your car your shoes won't be covered in mud. Always wear gloves, and never believe that a quick wipe with a damp cloth will remove your fingerprints.

Within a direct action campaign arrests are ultimately inevitable, either through bad luck, bad planning, good police work, a frame-up or an act of "good". The fact that you have been arrested does not necessarily mean that you have enough evidence to charge you, and if you are charged you will have the opportunity in court to give your defence. In the police station there is only one rule, "Never Make A Statement". In the war soldiers were instructed that should they be taken prisoner they should tell their captors their name, rank and serial number; in the animal rights movement it is name, address and date of birth, beyond that you should reply "no comment". Other interrogation techniques involve asking you what you had for breakfast, how long you have been a vegetarian, who do you live with, where did you meet and who planned the raid. Refuse to answer all questions, and NEVER MAKE A STATEMENT.

Other more interesting police tactics are when the police bring an item of evidence into the cell and tell you to pick it up with the obvious result that your fingerprint will be left on it. It is particularly important to be wary of handling match boxes if you are being interviewed."adversary") It has happened in the past that the police have walked into a cell with a quantity of cannabis and explained how easy it would be to plant it on the accused - so demonstrating their ability to frame you.

Sooner or later the police will inevitably try to frighten you, with their threats of a long prison sentence, many of the factory farms as one can find, hunt kennels, fur shops, slaughterhouses, etc. If actions have taken place in your home area then it may be a good idea to go the most straightforward,-stringent, painless way of getting the job done if you don't help them, and eventually there will be the threat of physical attack. The physical assault rarely amounts to more than a bit of pushing around. It is designed to show you that they are loosing their patience and demonstration that they can do what they like. It is very unwise to attempt to retaliate against your attacker. If you are more seriously beaten in a police cell you should roll into a ball with your back to a corner and your head tucked well down into your chest. NEVER MAKE A STATEMENT.

Interviews with Animal Liberation Front Activists.

How did you become members of the ALF?

We are not members of the ALF, in fact the ALF has not one single member. We are ALF activists by virtue of the fact that we carry out actions, whether on an occasional or frequent basis. Immediately after the superfuge has been injected into a fur shop we lock the person/s involved in direct action.

How do you go about carrying out actions?

There are a number of aspects that one has to take into consideration.

First and foremost it's important to have a look around the region at all the targets, laboratories, of the factories as one can find, hunt kennels, fur shops, slaughterhouses, etc. If actions have taken place in your home area then it may be a good idea to go the most straightforward, stringent, painless way of getting the job done if you don't help them, and eventually there will be the threat of physical attack. The physical assault rarely amounts to more than a bit of pushing around. It is designed to show you that they are loosing their patience and demonstration that they can do what they like. It is very unwise to attempt to retaliate against your attacker. If you are more seriously beaten in a police cell you should roll into a ball with your back to a corner and your head tucked well down into your chest. NEVER MAKE A STATEMENT.

When and if you use the press it is worth considering your policy towards claiming actions. It is not a good idea to claim all your actions in a way that is under a distinctive name, or to organize your press releases in a way which identifies the actions with one group of activists, this merely helps the police to put together actions and start drawing a pattern about the way the group works. In general the national press are overwhelmingly hostile to animal liberation groups and so it is often a waste of time dealing with them.

If you phone through a press release to a paper they may well record it. If you send a letter they may well give the letter the police so always be brief. You should explain why the target of the raid was chosen, how many animals they use, what they use them for and if possible provide a photo of the conditions inside. If you do supply a photo then remember it will be sent to the police and the papers have finished with it. Unless you have a member of the group who is prepared to train themselves in the use of a video camera there is little point in attempting to use them on a raid. They are cumbersome and unless you know what you are doing the results will be unusable.

It is probably unwise to build up a trusting relationship with the local press, or with a particular reporter, second-rate reporters would claim to support anyone to get a story. You should always consider the implications should this "trusted" reporter tell the police all they knew.

What you have read in this article is a summary of the ideas used by our group, they illustrate the way in which we worked. If nothing else we proved that with hard work, common sense, a passion for animal rights and the initial advantage of being unknown to the police, it is possible for a relatively small group of people to launch a campaign as we did which not only saves hundreds - and if you are lucky thousands - of lives, but can cause serious disruption to sections of the animal abuse industries.

How do you carry out actions against shops involved in animal exploitation?

There are a number of ways in which we cause them financial loss. First is the length of time they are open, remembering the slogan "time is money". We place small pieces of wire, a half-inch long, or match sticks in yale locks, screws/washers into mortise locks and then squit in superglue, both to the lock in the front door and any side or back door. When completed any shutters on the windows have the locks similarly treated. A few days before the action we walk around the shops in the early hours to see if the locks are installed so that we have an idea of how many pieces of wire/match, tubes of glue etc. we require. Returning on the night between 7-8 P.M. (we don't wander around the shops after the bars have closed when the police are expecting trouble, and shirt and tie don't go amiss), we walk up and down to check no police are standing in a doorway as they sometimes do in shopping centres. All clear and from a bunch of us stand close to the door eating a bag of chips and talking, shielding the person giving the lock, it only takes a few seconds. This is usually done by a female activist who has the materials in a small plastic bag under her clothing, if we were to be spotted acting suspiciously there is far less chance of a female being searched. We would of course be able to say which bar we have all just been to. Some stores have the type of handles on the doors that can be locked together with a bicycle lock. Any messages are written either with paint (on windows which are not too clean, or by to go the brick/woodwork) or with a felt-tip pen. Where circus posters on walls are concerned we write the words "CANCELLED" twice on 6"x4" paper in felt-tip pen, photocopying it, cut the corners in half so we have two CANCELLED strips and paste them over the posters. We also type up a "cancelled" note informing the shops that display posters in their windows of any up-to-date details of any up-to-date actions. When about to take down the poster in their shop, also informing them that the complimentary tickets they received for putting up the poster in their
SLINGSHOTS
This versatile tool can be used to knock out any windows even put holes in so-called "shatter-proof" windows. In illustration you see the compact and easily concealed type slingshot (a). Missiles must be small, dense, and avoid irregularly shaped objects (c) as they don’t fly straight. Small rocks, steel ball bearings and large nuts (d) are suitable. In illustration (e) you can see how one or two catapulters can hit a target from a passing car. Be careful you slingshots do not extend out of the car window.

CRUSH THE HEADS OF
VIVISECTIONISTS

1. Wet a sponge.
2. Wrap the sponge tightly with a string and let it dry. When dry, it should be half its normal size.
3. Remove the string.
4. Introduce the sponge into toilets or water drains to plug them up as the sponge swells.

Why and how do activists destroy vehicles and buildings?
We would first like to point out that damage to property does save animals. All the units at a factory farm can be destroyed in one night, a number of factory farmers have gone over to free-range egg production after a devastating action, some have been closed down. Laboratories have a poor record for security. Early tests of various drugs the broiler hen reaches its maximum weight in an incredible seven weeks. The units are then cleared of the hens, many with broken limbs, which are slaughtered, processed for supermarkets and eventually the dinner table. The dirty and dead hens are cleared, the units disinfected and made ready for the new chicks. Shortly after the disinfecting is the time to burn them down as this disinfecting process scares away rodents. Some of the biggest destruction jobs have been successfully carried out by two people. A number of buildings were worth half a million dollars plus also many vehicles have been destroyed by just two people. The method used for factory farm units/laboratories etc. is for one person to carry two children in one carrier bag and boxes of firefighters in the other. Alternatively, undetected by public transport, a newspaper and a box of matches are the only additions required. The container of gas and the boxes of firefighters are wrapped in cling wrap to eliminate any smell from them if we are using public transport in which case newspapers cover everything in the bags. Everything, absolutely everything, has been carefully wrapped (fingerprints) including any crowbars used to gain access.

At the target area one acts as a lookout while the other gets into the building. If it’s a wooden broiler unit (the doors are often left open when being cleaned) both carrier bags containing the old clothes were placed in a corner, the inflammable liquid is poured onto the old clothes drenching them, some can be poured on the well for good measure. The boxes of firefighters are half opened and placed on top against the wooden walls. Using a piece of rolled up newspaper that is lit with a match, the firefighters are then lit while standing a few feet away. This is in case we have any inflammable materials on our gloves. The box of matches is tossed on top. If it’s in a lab, slaughterhouse, etc. furniture is placed around one bag, the second one is placed in another room, again surrounded by furniture, and lit in the same way as above. Where there are a number of units/buildings either the largest building is destroyed or we go for the lot, transporting the materials by car. We have already confirmed that there are no people or animals in a target building, our first job on the raid is to check the buildings thoroughly.

Black plastic bin bags or sacks full of old clothes (one for each unit/building, more if possible depending on circumstances), half to one gallon of inflammable liquid to each bag/sack is required (the liquid being bought a gallon at a time from different sources). On top of each is placed a box of firefighters half opened (2 or 3 packets, even better, though not necessary). The sack is tilted so it leans against the corner of a wooden unit so that it can’t fall away from the side panels while burning. The materials are driven to the units separately. In the case that one car is used, the sacks full of jumble can be stacked with a person left to keep an eye on them, then the gas, and finally the boxes of firefighters, newspaper and box of matches.

Trashing vehicles, all that is required is gasoline or paraffin. If the doors will open (as they often will with trucks) the gas is poured over the dash-board and seats, if need be a window is forced. If it’s a car that is alarmed the old sheet is laid on top, inflammable liquid poured over and firefighters placed under each tire (a refinement that can be carried out against anything with tires, eg. tractor of a factory farmer).

The firefighters are lit and the lighted paper tossed on top of the gas drenched sheet. If the fuel tank eventually goes up on a truck it may travel 20-30 yards. If the truck is not this distance away from a house or unit with animals in it we release the handbrake and push it beyond this distance.

If for some reason a truck cannot be destroyed outright and excellent tactic is to buy a tin of grinding paste, per truck, and mix the contents with oil. The resulting paste is poured down the oil pipe into the engine, this process ruins the engine. Once, sometime after one of these actions had been successfully carried out a particularly well made enclosure was built by the firm around the trucks with several dogs on the loose. Consequently a further raid would have proved difficult so a successful hoax was executed. Empty grinding paste tins were thrown over the fences, the firm informed of another raid. Finding the empty tins they had the engines stripped before finding it was a hoax. Also sugar, sand or water is added to fuel tanks.

ETCHING FLUID
ALF activists have discovered a new "weapon" which has successfully been used in some areas and will soon doubtless catch on in others. Sheffield ALF initiated the idea when they squirted "etching fluid" over more than fifty windows in the city in a continuation of their campaign against House of Fraser stores which have Edelson Pur departments. The stores attacked were Rackhams and Cole Bros. The fluid eats into the glass. Following the stir that this caused, the ALF in Merseyside used etching fluid on travel agencies where tickets were on sale for circuses using animals and the windows had to be replaced. There was also success with is in Stirling, Scotland, when the windows of two bloodsports shops and a fur shop had to be renewed after slogans were written on them with etching fluid. Then a dairy van had its windscreen doused with the fluid in London. The windscreen is particularly good target, since they have to be replaced before the vehicles can be driven. Glass etching fluid is available from craft and fine art shops. A small bottle costs about $20 but the expense is well worth it when one considers the reduction of risk to an activist using it there is none of the noise.

In an effort to stay compliant with state and federal laws regarding the distribution of instructions to build destructive devices, we endeavor to redact such materials. We regret the damage that such redactions do to the completeness of our archive and apologize to our readers.
GENERAL TRACES
FINGERPRINTS

The science of fingerprint examination is called dendrology. We are born with our fingerprints, and we'll never be able to change them or get rid of them. If you touch something with your finger, you leave behind a fingerprint that has the same characteristics as the surface upon which it lies. Obviously surfaces such as glass, marble, china, and certain paintings are the easiest, while it is almost impossible to lift prints from brown paper or unglazed pottery. A fingerprint is basically the tiny ridges, oval or oval-shaped, which lie on the surface of the skin. The surface of the skin is composed of sweat, which is an acid, and is therefore easily wiped. The ridges are formed by the underlying bone. It is most likely to occur with windows, doors, drawers, locks, etc., and is often found in the same place. The basic ridge pattern is a single line of ridges, and is not subject to misconception. To operate the police use a technique known as "matching fingers," which involves making a number of impressions on cards, and then matching them with the prints that have been lifted. This method is based on the fact that human beings have a unique ridge pattern in each part of their bodies. The police store these fingerprints in a computer and use it to identify suspects. The computer can then compare the prints to those on file and provide a match. This method is very accurate and has been used successfully in many cases. It is a powerful tool in the fight against crime.
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EYE SPY

SURVEILLANCE: HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU?

We find video cameras these days in almost every public place: The Unisexwear, shopping centres, supermarkets, banks, stores, offices, rich houses, hospitals, at traffic lights, airports, etc. There are a few values of video cameras, which have some legitimate use but many are being regarded as security measures. For the main part, these cameras serve to detect potential criminals and keep a hand on the movements of people. If you've ever been caught in a lie or had to talk about a lie that you had not even told. This one is for you. It's called a lie detector. It's not a lie detector but it's a lie detector that will help you detect a lie. The lie detector is a lie detector machine that is used to detect the presence of a lie by measuring the physical reactions of the person being tested. The machine is based on the principle that when a person lies, their body will react differently than when they tell the truth. The machine measures the physical reactions of the person being tested, such as heart rate, blood pressure, and skin temperature. If the person being tested is lying, the machine will detect these changes and indicate that they are lying. A lie detector can be used to detect lies in interviews, in legal cases, and in personal relationships. The machine is often used in law enforcement to detect lies in criminal investigations and in the workplace to detect lies in interviews.

FIELD NOTES

- Medicine for monkey-wrenchers: Ecotone has scrambled knuckles on heavy equipment, cut themselves, or suffered numerous minor injuries. Unusually, this monkey-wrenching is undertaken in forests, and, while it may seem harmless, it is often accompanied by a heavy-induced emotional strain that can affect the individual's mental and emotional well-being. The use of monkey-wrenching as a form of self-mutilation is a serious problem that should be addressed.

- Disposing of tools: Never bury tools used in occupation on your land or that owned by friends or associates. Police agencies are experienced in the use of metal detectors to uncover hidden items. Moreover, metal detectors can be harmful, as they can cause damage to the environment and can be difficult to control. When disposing of tools, it is important to follow the proper procedures to ensure that the tools do not cause harm to the environment or to others.

- Water: Monkey-wrenching can be hot, dry, work. Keep a water jug in your vehicle. If you carry a canteen on hot days, it is essential to keep it filled with water to prevent overheating. A partially filled canteen can make a loud soothing noise. If you’re traveling at night under strict security precautions, you should drink all of the water in your canteen or your next drink might be in order to keep it from sloshing and revealing your presence.

Psychology: Learn to play your hunches and be aware of subtle feelings. In a studio environment the sharks are the point to the thing where you can develop a protective “sixth sense” that defies rational explanation. Dreams and “feelings” with no basis in fact or observation have saved many an outlaw or monkey-wrencher from arrest. Nevertheless, under no circumstances should you allow this to become a substitute for proper planning and organization. The other side of the picture, make sure that neither you nor your associates slip into despair. If fears and pressures seem to be mounting, take a vacation.

Another type of behavior for which to be on alert, particularly among experienced operators, is “shooing.” This energetic, aggressive, “nothing-can-stop-me-now” attitude almost inevitably follows periods of depression. The pattern will be acted out by the most highly motivated individuals after periods of extreme danger. Police officers can be seen “shooing” away any potential threat. They are often seen standing or sitting in the road, blocking the way for others to pass. This behavior is a form of self-protection, a way of ensuring that they are not caught in a trap or a vulnerable position.

Regardless of what you are doing, or where you are operating, remember that you are an outlaw and only acquired experience. The prospective monk-wrencher should see and read new pertinent sections of this volume before attempting an actual start. It is recommended that you start with simple tasks and easy targets, and only gradually work your way up to major monkey-wrenching operations.

- Power tools, chainsaws and oxy-acetylene or propane torches all bear serial numbers (sometimes not readily apparent). A tool such as this dropped at the scene of a hit can be traced from the manufacturer to the retailer who sold it. There must be no paper trail linking you to the tool purchase.

- In all of your monkey-wrenching endeavors, be prepared to deal with any situation that may arise. You will not be able to predict every event, but you must be prepared to deal with the unexpected. This is achieved through a thorough understanding of the task at hand and through the development of a backup plan.

Use your imagination!
MEAT EATIN' BAMBI
HUNTER SPEAKS OUT

Many times during my stay in the People's Republic of Boulder, I've defended my red meat fixation to those whiny liberal vegetarians. I've been told that animals have as much right to live as I do, that wearing their skin as a belt is barbaric and that eating "animal flesh" is disgusting.


Yeah, they treat the calves cruelly to make veal, but so what? I'm about to graduate, I've got a ton of bills, I have no idea what I'm going to do with my life and I'm supposed to worry about a flippin' cow?

Hey, maybe cows are secretly masochistic and enjoy it! Besides, veal is without a doubt one of the finer pleasures our planet offers.

And another thing—if I hear one more hippy tell me how cruel it is to hunt and slaughter our sweet, "innocent" little forest brethren, I'm officially opening up hunting season on liberals.

Some concepts for ya' here, people:
1) Hunting is not murder, and it won't be until they pass a law against it.
2) Hunting is a great way to enjoy the outdoors.
3) Hunting has been around even longer than prostitution.
4) Since we can't legally kill most of the things we hate, why not take it out on animals? They don't fight back, you can't get sued if you only wing 'em and you can eat 'em when you're done.
5) Killing your dinner puts you in touch with your ancestors.
6) You have no idea how fun it is to drive past a VW busload of hippies with a deer strapped to your hood.

In the comparatively short lifespan that we humans enjoy, taking away the right to hunt would just make life that much worse—because the feeling of killing your dinner and preparing it is simply without equal.

I'm a simple man, and I have simple needs: sleep, nicotine, Mountain Dew and red meat.

When you come down to it, the only thing that separates us from animals is that we shop, cook and screw indoors.

So until deer evolve enough to shoot back, I think I'll have another helping of venison.

Stark swerves for squirrels and bunnies.

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AS LONG AS THERE ARE SLAUGHTERHOUSES, THERE WILL BE BATTLEFIELDS
Like the first issue, The Militant Vegan is being produced to provide coverage of issues and events that are ignored by both the media and the mainstream animal liberation movement. We try to bring together news from various publications and newspapers to show that militant action for animals is growing in North America.

Our second goal is to build support for imprisoned animal activists. While Johnathan Paul is free, Rik Scarce and several others are behind bars. Show them all your support by writing them letters!

If you are new to the ideas of animal liberation and veganism, write PETA at PO Box 42516/ Washington, DC 20015 for literature and recipes. The book Diet For a New America by John Robbins is an excellent vegan primer.

Two publications which report ALF-type actions are: Earth First! Journal/ PO Box 5176/ Missoula, MT 59806 and Profane Existence/ PO Box 8722/ Minneapolis, MN 59806. Mail them both news clippings of direct action.

The only ALF Legal Support Group in North America is at: ALFSG/ Box 75029, Ritchie Stn./ Edmonton, Alberta T6E 6K1 CANADA.

In England, the ALFSG is at: BCM 1160/ London, WC1M 3XX/ ENGLAND, and the ALF Press Office is at: BM 4400 / London/ WC1N 3XX. The Swedish ALFSG is at: DBF/ Box 2051/ S-265 02/ Astorp 2/ SWEDEN.

An excellent animal liberation magazine is Arkangel/ BCM 9240/ London/ WC1N 3XX/ ENGLAND.

In this issue, we hope you will enjoy the "History of Direct Action in the U.S." We spent many long hours in various library microfilm rooms, looking through old newspapers from around the country!

Again, we are remaining anonymous, so there is no return address for more copies. We encourage and beg you to reproduce this magazine and distribute it around the U.S. and Canada. Let's get the news of militant veganism heard!

Neither this magazine or the publishers intend to encourage crime. The Militant Vegan is for informational purposes only!
Animal rights activists suspected in firebombing

By Susan Feyder  Staff Writer

Five trucks belonging to a Minneapolis meat wholesaler were firebombed Sunday after being spray-painted with slogans including "Meat is murder," and the initials of an animal rights group.

The five trucks were destroyed, said LeRoy Mann, owner of Swanson Meats Inc., 2700 26th Av. S. Mann, who has operated the business for 12 years, estimated the damage at about $100,000, and said insurance will cover some of that.

The firebombing appears to be the worst local case of vandalism related to protests against the meat industry.

Mann said this is the second time in recent weeks his business has been targeted by vandals, who left messages behind claiming they support animal rights. Four weeks ago, the windshields of all his delivery trucks were broken.

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Vandalism/ Police say they have no leads in fire

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were broken and some trucks were spray-painted with slogans and the initials of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), a group associated with animal rights activists. The Minneapolis Police called the incident a "bad job of vandalism" and said they have no leads in the case.

The only other damage at Swanson Meats was quick-hardening glue put into the locks of the building. That's similar to the damage suffered by other meat companies and other businesses in recent years from vandals who leave messages claiming to be part of animal rights groups.

Last year, Ready Meats, 3350 NE Johnson St., had its windows broken, siding smashed and locks glued shut. "Don't kill the animals," was spray-painted on the Johnson Meat Co. building at 1732 Proctor Av. in Minneapolis. Also last year, workers at Speaks Meat and Seafood, 605 43rd Av. NE in Hilltop, found the words "Meat is dead and you are next!" spray-painted on the store's back door.

Summit Meats and Deli, 14637 County Rd. H1 in Burnsville, has been vandalized several times in recent years. On one occasion, a pet store and restaurant in the same mall as the market were vandalized the same day.

The Animal Liberation Front is considered a loose federation of activists in the United States and Great Britain that has been classified by the FBI as a terrorist organization. ALF members have claimed responsibility for an estimated $500,000 in damage to animal laboratories, research institutions, and schools over the past year.

No spokesperson for the group could be reached last night. An official of the Animal Rights Coalition (ARC), a separate Twin Cities-based animal-protection group, condemned the firings.

"ARC does not condone violence," said Dan Olds, a board member of the group. "We're against animal suffering, and we speak out against industries like the meat industry, but we're definitely against this kind of action." The group has demonstrated against the meat and fur industries as well as in practices in animal research that it believes are inhumane.

Last year the meat industry in the St. Paul-Minneapolis, MN area alone was the recipient of at least six attacks, not all identified with ALF or Earth First.
On Saturday, April 3, 1993, a fifteen-year-old hunt saboteur was murdered by a hunter named Tony Ball in Waresley, England. After a successful sab in which a fox was saved from death, the hunt boxed up its hounds in a van and began driving down a narrow lane. Saboteurs, numbering around 30, blocked the path of the van until Ball revved his engine and pulled forward slowly. Thomas Worby’s jacket caught on the side mirror, and he was dragged along the lane until he grabbed the sideboard of the vehicle. Worby beat on the window of the van to try to get Ball to slow down, but Ball refused and Worby fell under the van. His head was crushed as the van sped away and other hunters taunted the sabs who rushed to the boy’s body.

Like the murder of Mike Hill under similar circumstances in February of 1991, the hunter faces no charges. Alan Summersgill, the man who killed Mike Hill, went unpunished as six men were jailed for threatening the sick degenerate. Fortunately, Summersgill’s house and hunt club were set on fire. Hopefully, justice will also be dealt to Tony Ball, and any other animal abuser who dares assault an activist. Closer to home, a recent article in the Earth First! Journal detailed the more than 200 attacks against environmental and animal activists in the past few years. This will only escalate as we become more and more successful in our fight for the lives of innocent animals. Let’s face it, the battle for animals and the environment will be a war, with casualties on both sides. While we would all like to see animals freed without violence, the truth is that most animal abusers will attack us when we try to put a stop to their greed. Every vegan in this country should get off drugs and alcohol, get in shape, and learn self-defense. If you want to stop animal abuse, be prepared to fight. Don’t ever let Mike Hill and Thomas Worby be forgotten.

*Adopt-a-McDonald’s ALF-Style*

Jeremy Rifkin’s group, Beyond Beef has urged activists to “Adopt-A-McDonald’s” by handing out flyers, buttons and balloons in front of McDonald’s to persuade burger-eaters to cease their misguided ways. The Animal Liberation Front has taken the campaign a step further.

In the early morning hours of December 25, 1992, Animal Liberation Front activists in Victoria, British Columbia, paid a Yuletide visit to McDonald’s on Pandora Avenue, delivering gifts of painted walls and broken windows. One week later, early on New Year’s Day, we descended upon Williams Quality Meats on Blanshard Street, supergluing bits of toothpick into their locks. As far as we know, these are the first ALF actions to occur in Victoria. But ALF attacks do not just “occur.” They are the work of womyn and men who are no longer able to sit back and allow terrible, cruel things to happen. Now, more than ever before, we must remember the four-leggeds and the scaley ones. We will continue our war; but alone, we cannot possibly do enough, fast enough. Animal oppression is everywhere. Involvement in the Animal Liberation Front begins with your first liberation or act of economic sabotage. Do not try to find us, get together with a group of friends whom you know you can trust. Animal liberation is virtually a stone’s throw away. Careful...No evidence.

—Source: Animal Liberation Front
Activists Desperately Seek Headlines With Paint Panther Vandalism

Apparently desperate because their movement is losing ground and fur sales have increased this season, animal-rights activists appear to have launched a new organization, which two weeks ago launched a series of vandalism attacks on fur retailers across the United States in order to grab headlines.

The Fur Information Council of America (FICA) recently warned furriers to increase their security precautions in response to an activist group calling itself the Paint Panthers, which claimed responsibility for spray-painting stores near Christmas in Washington, DC, Denver, Miami, and Aspen.

"We anticipate that more furriers will be targeted in the coming weeks as this group desperately tries to use the media," said Bill Outlaw, FICA's executive director of media relations. "I think it's a reaction to the fact that fur sales are increasing so far this year.

The important thing for furriers to remember is to contact police immediately, clean the affected area (if painted) and contact FICA and let us handle the media calls," Outlaw said.

"Everyone in the industry should be aware that these type of actions actually work against the activists because it turns the public off to their approach," he added.

There are strong indications that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is promoting the activities of the Paint Panthers by making contact with the media to try to generate publicity for the incidents.

"One reporter told us that she was sent a fax about the incident by PETA," Outlaw said.

Dave Matthews, spokesperson for PETA, told the Denver Post that, while the Paint Panthers are not connected with PETA, PETA does not "condone or condone people who claim as their methods remain non-violent."

"We understand the frustration that drives activists to do stuff like this," Matthews was quoted in the paper. "It sends a stronger message."

In the Denver area, Lloyd's Furs, Iris Ringer Furs and Mark's Furs were hit early Sunday, Dec. 17, by vandals who smashed paint-filled ornaments against the buildings and spray-painted graffiti on them.

"Our best approach when this happens is to remind the public that these actions are not what freedom of speech is all about," he continued. "I'm convinced that the public is on our side on this.

"I'm also convinced that these tactics are another indication that the activists are losing steam and they know it."

Rodeo Roped In By Bomb Threat

Rodeo became an animal rights target on July 5 when the Park Rapids Rodeo was the recipient of a bomb threat. According to Putting People First, the American Horse Council, which is a member of the Animal Rights Coalition Forer, Three thousand spectators had to be evacuated; a search of the grounds did not turn up any explosives.

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(Fur Age Weekly is a shifty trade journal for the fur trade industry and is always a laugh.)

Activists Go On Desperate Vandalism Spree

Animal-rights activists lashed back recently at pro-fur media exposure by using vandalism on national television and then carrying it out against several New York City fur retailers.

On NBC's Saturday Night Live Feb. 6, series regular/activist Kevin Nealon used his "Weekend Update" news parody segment to display a photograph of Aretha Franklin performing during one of the Presidential Inauguration concerts, showing her wearing her golden sable coat.

Nealon said that the coat was reportedly worth $60,000. Then he quipped, "Did I say $60,000? I meant $25!" as he took out a can of spray paint and defaced the photo.

This was all accompanied by Nealon's trademark smarmy grin, but most people in the audience didn't get the joke. They remained largely silent.

The following night, under cover of darkness, the PETA offshoot group Paint Panthers spray-painted epithets on the storefronts of seven Manhattan fur salons.

There were no serious damages, only messages like "Murders," "Fur Scum," and "Blood Money."

The majority of retailers immediately cleaned up the mess so not to attract publicity or frighten customers. But Nealon said, "They can have spray-painted people as well, but we do not have confirmation of that."

"We have a positive story to tell now," said Outlaw. "Of course, we'd rather they not cover the vandalism at all, because it might intimidate consumers, but now we can show that fur sales are up, people are choosing to wear fur, and these kinds of desperate acts actually work against the animal-rights movement. Also, we can make the media aware that they are being used by these people to promote vandalism."

Outlaw cited a recent column by "Miss Manners" in the Washington Post, in which she chides various activist groups for their methods, saying violence never wins converts.

Activists in the San Francisco Bay Area have been busy, as several people have contacted us to tell us that during the months of April and May, egg, cheese, milk, MacDonald's, and other animal abuse advertisements on billboards have been defaced all over the city of Berkeley and in north Oakland. In some cases, the billboards have been splashed with red paint, and slogans such as "Go Vegan!" "Vegan Power!" "Animal Torture," and so on have been painted. Many of the billboards were in highly visible areas and some remained for weeks.
HISTORY OF DIRECT ACTION FOR ANIMALS IN THE U.S.

This list was mostly taken from "The Liberator" and old Canadian ALFSG newspapers. The rest is taken from news articles, articles and movement and opposition magazines.

All of the actions before 1991 were listed in movement publications or mainstream media. But with magazines such as the Animals' Agenda becoming more moderate and no longer covering direct action, many of the recent actions (such as the Park Rapids, Indiana, Utah/Montana, and Paint Panther actions) were only to be found in opposition publications. It's a shame that anti-animal groups do a better job of covering direct action than activists do--so we're publishing this magazine to gather news of direct action for the movement.

It is also worth mentioning that while this list probably covers all of the major raids, it's a safe bet that hundreds of minor actions have gone unreported around the country.

1977
May 29 Honolulu, HI: 2 dolphins liberated from a U. of Hawaii marine lab.

1979
March 14 New York, NY: 1 cat, 2 dogs, and 2 guinea pigs liberated from NY U. Medical Center.

1980
December 4 Tampa, FL: 55 gerbils and 35 rats liberated from the U. of Southern Florida.
December 9 Venice, FL: circus trailers spray painted.

1981
October Amherst, MA: 2 rabbits liberated from U. of Mass. Hatch Lab.

1982
April 2 College Park, MD: 42 rabbits liberated from U. of Maryland.

1983
January 14 Bethesda, MD: 3 dogs liberated from same Navy lab.
December 22 Dade County, FL: 5 turtles attacked with spray paint and jammed locks.
December 25 Los Angeles, CA: 12 dogs liberated from UC Harbor Medical Center.

1984
February 2 Gainesville, FL: Rats liberated from U. of Florida.
May 28 Philadelphia, PA: 60 hours of videotapes taken and $50,000 damage done to U. of PA Head Injury Clinic.
July 22 Philadelphia, PA: 1 dog liberated from U. of PA School of Veterinary Medicine.
July 26 Philadelphia, PA: 4 cats, 1 dog, and 8 pigeons liberated from U. of PA School of Vet. Med.
August 12 Springfield, CA: 1 rabbit and 3 raccoons liberated from George's Livery.
September 5 Davis, CA: 3 fake bombs delivered to UC Davis vivisections.
October 10 Varnum, CA: Murals on a slaughterhouse defaced.
November 12 Stockton, CA: Knudson Facility, a "B" dealer, had broken windows and paint splattered, ALF message left in box.
December 9 Duarte, CA: 115 animals (cats, rabbits, dogs, mice) liberated from City of Hope Medical Center. $500,000 in research damage and $7000 sabotage.
December 12 Tampa, FL: Fur store spray painted.

1985
January 14 San Diego, CA: fake bomb left in fur store restroom.
January 14 San Diego, CA: death threat to UC San Diego vivisector forces cancellation of seminar.
January Minneapolis, MN: 1 dog liberated from U. of MN.
February 13 Davis, CA: 2 beagles liberated from UC Davis Energy-Related Health Lab.
February 16 Napa, CA: 10 City of Hope rabbits re-liberated from Napa County Animal Shelter.
March 10 Los Angeles, CA: Animal Control Director's home and Porsche splattered with paint.
March 13 Sacramento, CA: $5000 damage done to a fur store.
March Honolulu, HI: 2 mongoose liberated from Honolulu Zoo.
April 11 Davis, CA: UC Davis vehicles spray painted at lab.
April 20 Riverside, CA: Almos 1000 animals (a monkey, cats, oppossums, rabbits, pigeons, gerbils, mice, rats) liberated, documents taken, and several hundred thousand dollars of economic sabotage done at UC Riverside.
August 10 Bethesda, MD: Leather shop spray painted.
September Cleveland, OH: 6 number of horses and raccoons were liberated from a riding stable.

1986
January Berkeley, CA: A number of rabbits liberated from captivity at the Tilden Regional Park.
June 4 Hartley, DE: 25 hens liberated from Sydell's egg farm.
July Oregon: 66 silver foxes were freed from a fur farm.
July In seven states and around California, ALF-cells attacked fur stores.
October 26 Eugene, OR: 264 animals (hamsters, cats, rabbits, rats, and pigeons) liberated and $50,000 damage done to U. of Oregon breeding facility.
November 24 Sacramento, CA - 127 turkeys liberated and $12,000 damage done to 2 turkey farms.
November 26 Arizona - 10 fur stores attacked.
December 6 Rockville, MD - 4 chimpanzees liberated and documents taken from SEMA Corp.

1987
January 5 San Jose, CA - fur store attacked.
January 19 Williamsburg, VA - 6 mice liberated from William and Mary College.
February 3 Falm Springs, CA - An I. Magnin's billboard was cut down because they sell fur.
February 4 Beaumont, CA - A Kentucky Fried Chicken was spray painted and its billboard was cut down.
March 19 San Jose, CA - fur store attacked.
April 16 Davis, CA - Animal Diagnostic Lab under construction was burned down and 18 UC vehicles were damaged. $45 million damage.
April 17 Delaware - 40 hens liberated from a battery unit by Farm Freedom Fighters.
April 17 Bloomington, CA - 115 rabbits liberated from Universal Animal Care.
April 18 Riverside, CA - 50 rabbits liberated from a breeding farm.
April Havasu City, CA - 4 animal abuse businesses attacked.
April Fresno, CA - fur store attacked.
April Milan, PA - 40 hens liberated from Wolfe Poultry Farm.
May 20 Sacramento, CA - Grau Hall Scientific Corp. was spray painted.
May 24 Litchfield, CA - 300 wild horses freed from Bureau of Land Management.
June 13 Davis, CA - 7 turkey vultures liberated from UC Davis lab.
August 12 Las Vegas, NV - 3 goats liberated from U. of Nevada.

August 23 Beltsville, MD - 36 cats and 7 pigs liberated from USDA lab by the Band of Mercy.
September 1 San Jose, CA - San Jose Valley Veal, Inc. had a warehouse burned by the Animal Rights Militia. $10,000 damage.
October Fairfield, CA - hunting club billboard paint bombed.
October Fresno, CA - fur store and taxidermist attacked.
October CA Olivea Egg Farm spray painted.
November 9 Marysville, CA - rodeo billboard cut down.
November 15 Ceres, CA - 38 hens liberated and equipment sabotaged with slogans left at Faith Home Poultry.
November 17 Fairfield, CA - Hunting club spray painted and billboard cut down.
November 19 Gilroy, CA - Truck spray painted at Davis Egg Ranch.
November 26 San Jose, CA - A grain building at the Ferrara Meat Co. was burned down by the Animal Rights Militia. $230,000 damage.
November 27 Wash. DC - 2 fur stores had windows smashed.
November 27 Bethesda, MD - 4 fur stores had windows smashed.
November 28 Santa Clara, CA - A poultry warehouse was set on fire.
November Tucson, AZ - Fur store receives a bomb threat, which prompts the owner to give up after 3 years of vandalism.
December 5 Bethesda, MD - Fur Vault has windows smashed and reports to the Justice Dept. that its chains have had $50,000 damage in the past year and a half.

1988
January 29 Irvine, CA - 13 beagles liberated from UC Irvine, 13 year project ruined.
March 6 San Jose, CA - A meat company had its trucks paint stripped.
March 21 San Jose, CA - The same meat co. had its windows etched with acid and trucks spray painted.
March 27 Hayward, CA - 64 rabbits were liberated from the Nitarbell Pabbrick.

April 2 Gilroy, CA - 63 chickens liberated from the Davis Egg Ranch.
April 5 San Jose, CA - Meat shop spray painted.
April 27 Colima, CA - Harris Ranch spray painted.
May 10 Colima, CA - Harris Ranch spray painted.
June 5 San Jose, CA - several animal abuse businesses were attacked.
June 4 San Jose, CA - The Sun Valley Meat Co. was burned to the ground.
June 12 Santa Rosa, CA - 2 veal calves liberated from Santa Rosa veal farm.
August 12 Loma Linda, CA - 7 dogs and 2 goats liberated, $10,000 sabotage, and hundreds of documents taken from "Baby Faee" lab at Loma Linda U.
August 21 Atlanta, GA - Two fur stores attacked with etching fluid.
October San Jose, CA - several animal abuse businesses were attacked.
October 1 San Francisco and San Bruno, CA - 7 animal abuse businesses were attacked.
October 15 Escondido, CA - 3 trainers who beat an elephant had their homes splattered with paint and their cars paint-stripped.
November 12 Manteca, CA - 33 turkeys liberated and slogans painted at a ranch.
December 5 Palo Alto, CA - A fake bomb was left in a lab under construction.
December 17 Philadelphia, PA - 4 fur stores were splattered with red paint.

1989
January 6 Tucson, AZ - 3 dogs liberated from Veteran's Admin. Medical Center.
March 10 Soquel, CA - 40 rabbits liberated from EL Laboratories.
April 3 Tucson, AZ - 1,131 animals were liberated and 2 labs and a vivisector's office were burned down at the U. of Arizona.
May 10 Dixon, CA - The Dixon Livestock Auction Warehouse was burned down jointly by the ALF and Earth First!
July 4 Lubbock, TX- 5 cats were liberated and $70,000 damage done at Texas Tech U.

? Santa Rosa, CA- The front of a fur store was set on fire.

? California- Butcher shops and a KFC had smashed windows and slogans painted.

December Miami, FL- Fur stores splattered with paint.

December Long Island, NY- Police arrested a woman after she smashed the windows of a fur store.

December 25 Memphis, TN- The Southern Meat Market was attacked.

1990
In 1990, the ALF carried out 2 unpublicized raids in Pennsylvania and upstate New York.

Memphis, TN- large numbers of animal abuse businesses were attacked during 1990.

January 14 Philadelphia, PA- Documents, tapes, and discs were taken from the office of a vivisectionist at Harvard.

Early 1990- An FBI agent told the Natl' Cattlemen's Assn. that animal activists were doing widespread damage to ranches.

April New York area- A vivisectionist at Columbia University had his house set on fire.

Summer Florida- 6 rabbits were liberated from the Dawson Research Corp.

Summer San Francisco, CA- 7 incendiary devices left in 5 fur selling Department stores over a 3 month period were all found.

June 9 New York, NY- 15 fur stores had their locks glued.

Fall Morgan Hill, CA- 100 guinea pigs were liberated from Simonsen Laboratories.

Fall Kensington, MD- 3 meat sellers were attacked.

October 29 Buffalo, NY- Hundreds of rats, mice, and hamsters were liberated from SUNY-Buffalo by Animals Now.

November Tucson, AZ- Supermarkets pulled turkeys after a man said they had been contaminated. None were.

1991
Minneapolis, MN- During 1991, at least 6 meat dealers were attacked with painted slogans, smashed windows, and/or locks glued.

Memphis, TN- During 1991, large numbers of animal abusing businesses were attacked.

January 1 Chicago, IL- 11 rabbits and 10 guinea pigs liberated from Cook County Hospital's Hektoen Laboratory, and dried fruit and bananas were given to imprisoned baboons.

June 10 Corvallis, OR- Oregon State University's Experimental Fur Farm was broken into, and activists destroyed equipment and a data base and set fire to a storage shed. $62,000 damage.

June 15 Edmonds, WA- Incendiary devices were planted at the Northwest Fur Foods Cooperative, a major supplier of fur farms and the OSU program. $62,000 damage.

July Memphis, TN- McDonald's Regional Office had a dozen windows and two doors smashed.

August 13 Pullman, WA- At Washington State U, 7 coyotes, 6 mink, and 10 mice were liberated and $50,000 damage was done to 2 labs.

December 21 Yamhill, OR- An incendiary device destroyed the processing plant at the Malecky Mink Ranch.


1992
Memphis, TN- Several attacks on animal abusing businesses.

January 13 Walnut Creek, CA- "Corrosive chemical" thrown on the windows of a fur store.

February 28 Lansing, MI- $25,000 damage done to Michigan State's mink research program as documents are taken and offices burned.

June Memphis, TN- Fur stores attacked.

? Indiana- Hoosier Trappers was spray painted, and a fur delivery van in Indianapolis was damaged.

? South Carolina- The Deuce Front attacked a fur store.

July 5 Park Rapids, MN- 3000 people were evacuated from the Park Rapids Rodeo after a bomb threat by the Animal Rights Coalition Force.

July 7 Chicago, IL- An attempt was made to burn a fur billboard.

August San Francisco, CA- Anti-fur protesters noticed that fur and leather shops in the Union Square area had their windows chemically damaged.

August Memphis, TN- Fur stores attacked.

August 9 Memphis, TN- Police arrested 3 Hardline after 3 people were caught spray painting a fur store.

October Minneapolis, MN- Swanson's Meats had windows of its delivery trucks smashed and slogans painted.

October 24 Milan, UT- Two Animal Damage Control labs at Utah State were burned and 29 coyotes were liberated. $150,000 damage.

November 8 Minneapolis, MN- 5 trucks at Swanson's Meats were firebombed and the locks to the building were glued. $100,000 damage.

December Miami, FL- Fur stores attacked by Paint Panthers.

December Aspen, CO- Fur stores attacked by Paint Panthers.

December 17 Denver, CO- 3 fur stores attacked by Paint Panthers.

December 20 Wash, DC- 5 fur stores attacked by Paint Panthers.
The following are the toll free 1-800 phone numbers of various animal exploitors. Every time you keep them on the phone for thirty seconds, it costs them a dollar. The longer you talk, the more they pay. Be creative: order their catalogs, make C.O.D. orders to fake addresses, etc. Carry this list around with you and make a few calls every time you pass a pay phone. Copy it and pass it around. Call for animal liberation!!! (All numbers begin with 1-800.)

American Feeds & Livestock, 223-7553
American Legend Fur Auction Home, 445-MINK
Atlantic Seafood Direct, 227-1116
Atlantic Veal Corporation, 221-6988
Auth Brothers Meats, 424-2610
Beck Sausage, 543-6328
Big Game Fishing, 458-2879
Brooks Laboratories, 321-3368
Birchwood Livestock Genetics, 892-6342
Blossomland Bee Supply, 637-3262
Bowhunting Safari Consultants, 833-9777
Brisken Burk Furs, 241-7243
Bristol-Myers Squibb, 468-7746
Brushy Mountain Bee Farm, 233-7929
Buffalo Meat, BUY-BUFF
Burger King, YES-1-800
Burhams Brothers Foul Callers, 451-4572
Burkshire Corporation Lab Animal Supplies, 443-6379
Butterball Turkey, 323-4848
Carolina Biological Supply Company, 334-5551
Cattlemen Meat Company, 832-6595
Certi Fe Prime Meats, 257-2977
Charles River Lab Animal Supplies, 222-RATS
Church's Fried Chicken Catering, 635-5394
Clifty Farm Country Meats, 738-8239
Colgate-Palmolive, 338-8388
Country Fed Meat Company, 637-7559
D. Cohn Fur Processors, 2-TAN-FUR
Diamond's Leather, 426-6105
Diamond V. Fur Mills, 373-7234
Dipcraft Raising Manufacturers, 245-6145
Double J. Limousine Beef, 544-5893
Dog Proof Trap Company, 828-7077
Dunn's Knife Company, 24-KNIFE
Eel Skin Elegance, 922-2188
Eel Skin Unlimited, 243-8335
F.C. Taylor Fur, Company, 334-2923
Franz Sawdust Company (for pelt drying), 262-8700
Fresh Seafood Express, 654-1366
Funke Mink Farm and Trap Supplies, 626-2894
Furs by Weiss, 423-MINK
Fur Wardrobe, 424-3877
Glazed Honey Hams, 458-7682
Harvard Apparatus Lab Animal Supplies, 272-2775
Hasleton Research Products, 345-4114
Heavenly Ham, 230-8845
Hegar Feed Supply Company, 688-1990
Henig Furs, 521-2037
Henry J.'s Meat, 242-1314
Hilltop Lab Animals, 245-6921
Holt Products Veal Hormones, 369-4658
Honeybaked Ham, FOR-A-HAM
Honeycrust Hams, 423-4267
Hoosier Trapper Supplies, 423-9526
I.W. Elwood Taxidermy Supply Company, 228-2291
Jerky Hut, 223-5759
Johnny Stewart Wildlife Callers, 441-3036
La Budde Feed and Grain, 776-3610
Lake Del Veal Veal Antibiotics, 328-0652
Lamb Pasta Sauce, 237-LAMB
Laplas Bee Supply Center, 321-1960
Leather Center, 352-0952
Leather Factory Corporation, 333-7155
Langenfelter Brill Furs, 331-5255
Lobster Express, 424-5901
Lock's Live Lobsters, 446-4009
M & F Meat, 334-5596
Malcom Meat, 822-6328
Merit Nomac Furs, 323-0449
Midwest Turkey Call Supply, 541-1638
Mills Fur Farm Supplies, 722-6455
Minden Meat Market, 272-3529
Myer's Meats, 635-3785
Nashville Poultry and Egg, 662-3447
National Beef Company, 835-9180
National Fur Feed, 558-5803 (In WI, 242-5902)
National Superior Fur Processors, 77-BEARS
Nebraska's Choice Steaks, 255-5944
Northern Fur and Sport, 523-4803
Oklahoma Catlemens Association, 622-2776
Omaha Steaks International, 228-9055
Pawson's Hams, 344-4267
Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, 538-2695
Proctor & Gamble, 543-0485
R.F. Outdoors Trapping Supplies, 762-2706
Research America, FON-CURE
Riggings and Wear Trapping Supplies, 546-5647
Riverdale Mills Cages, 762-6274
Robbins Livestock Auction, 336-7753
Robinson's Hams, 458-4267
Russ Carman Lures, 545-8737
Sabal Meats, 527-2825
Safari Land Hunting, 624-5988
Sativa-CAE Veal Hormones, 468-2472
S.C. Johnson's, 848-2886
Shatz Brothers Meats, 541-3898
Shultz Meats, 842-0297
Sir Loin Meat Shoppe, 541-5933
Sportsman's Guide, 888-3006
Stryker Bee Supply, 541-8908
Susquehanna Industries Veal Feed, 232-8325
Teller Furs, 243-4225
Taxidermy How To Videos, 334-8012
Tom Miranda Great Outdoors, 356-6730
Trapper and Predator Caller Magazine, 258-0929
Tri-County Taxidermy, 521-2825
United Vaccines, 283-MINK
U.S.A. Fox & Furs, USA-FOXX
U.S.D.A. Meat and Poultry Hotline, 535-4555
Veal Hotline, 323-0955
Vealson Etc., 338-4868
Ward's Biological Supply Company, 962-2660
Weaver Chicken, 233-6332
Wisco Fur Foods, 235-6956
Woodstream Corporation Trapping Supplies, 800-10
Woodwards & Lathrop Fur Department, 953-0020
World Hunts, 441-MINK
Xome Meats Company, 622-1688
VEGAN REVOLUTION IS COMING

Soul food
A fast-food tycoon pushes chicken and praises the Lord

An engraved plaque containing that goal greets all visitors to Chick-fil-A's Atlanta headquarters: "To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us; and, to have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A."

In 1964, Cathy hired Chick-fil-A's first employee. Today, its 365 restaurants rank No. 3 nationally in chicken fast-food sales. Its California restaurants include one in Sunnyvale and one in Santa Rosa.

Ideas come from God, Cathy says, but "they won't keep. They have to be acted upon." And act is what Cathy did when he experimented with pressure-cooking a boneless chicken breast and serving it as a sandwich.

Cathy's round face, gentle smile and relaxed Southern accent depart from the stereotype of the harried executive. But his determination is certainly intact. Behind it lies a vigorous faith rooted in the belief that succeeding in the fast-food chicken business is God's mission for his life.

For more than 30 years, Cathy has taught a Sunday school class of 13-year-old boys at First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ga.

But on Sunday, don't look for Cathy or his employees in a Chick-fil-A restaurant. They're closed. He says he attracts the kind of employees who want to attend church on Sunday and spend time with their families.

Truett Cathy runs a major business based on the principles of faith, charity and love.

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In This Issue:
A.L.F. HITS HARD IN WISCONSIN AND TENNESSEE

-Latest Reported Actions

-Activist Arrested in Indiana

-Tactics to Build the Vegan Movement

-Direct Action in England

-Harsh Sentences on Appeal in Memphis

-and More!
Welcome to the third issue of The Militant Vegan. Once again, we have clippings of direct action for animals from around North America, support for vegan prisoners, and news of the radical animal liberation movement. Starting with this issue, we'll be adding our own articles and opinions on the state of the movement and how people can get involved.

The Militant Vegan has three goals: To provide news of direct action, to build awareness and support for those who are imprisoned in the cause of animal liberation, and to unify and inspire a small but rapidly growing wing of the environmental and animal liberation movement.

Over the past few years, small groups of young radicals have sprung up across the country. These new vegan activists are enthusiastic and ready to act for animals, and it's about time we do for the mainstream animal liberation groups what Earth First! did to the mainstream environmental groups at the beginning of the 1980's. Let's be the radical energy that pushes issues into the minds and values of the public and saves millions of lives—there's no question of what the situation is for animals, and there's no time to lose. Get organized, get active, avoid infighting, and act!

If you are new to the ideas of veganism, we recommend reading Diet For a New America by John Robbins and getting information and recipes from PETA at PO Box 42516/ Washington, DC 20015. Remember that health food stores are a ripoff, and better prices and food can be found at Asian and Indian groceries. Copy recipes out of cookbooks at the bookstore.

Yes, this is a single issue magazine. We all have been and will continue to be involved in various human rights and environmental issues. But we refuse to discount animal issues and we will stand up against any sort of animal abuse wherever it appears. We represent no political ideology, just a common sense value system where the rights of the innocent are always defended against exploitation and abuse.

A lot of people around the country have been getting free "subscriptions," as we try to reach people we've seen listed in other publications. Also, distributors have gotten packages with multiple copies for their store or mail order service. Still, we can only afford to make a few hundred copies of each issue, which is a shame because there are thousands of people interested in this kind of information. So we beg you to make copies of this magazine and sell it, give it to your friends, etc. We've already heard of people in three cities selling the copies they made. Also, if you read about direct action in your area, save the clipping and mail it to those who will publish it: Earth First! Journal/PO Box 1415/ Eugene, OR 97440, Profane Existence/ PO Box 8722/ Minneapolis, MN/ 55406, and Out of the Cages/ PO Box 2960/ Santa Cruz, CA 95063.

One important thing to realize is that we are not an ALF Support Group. We simply print what we read elsewhere. The only ALF Support Group in North America is at ALFSG/ Box 75029, Ritchie P.O./ Edmonton, AB/ T6E 6K1/ CANADA. They receive action claims by ALF groups and take donations for accused ALF members in prison. They also sell various publications.

In England, the ALFSG is at: BCM 1160/ London, WC1N 3XX/ England, and they do the same as well as selling t-shirts, buttons, and publishing a quarterly prisoner support magazine. The English ALF also have a separate Press Office which receives action claims and acts as a media spokesperson. They can be reached at: ALF Press Office/ BM 4400/ London, WC1N 3XX/ ENGLAND. The Swedish ALF (DBF) can be reached at: DBF/ Box 2051/ S-265 02/ Astorp 2/ SWEDEN.

The Animal Liberation Front seeks to end all human-caused animal suffering by nonviolently liberating animals from abusive conditions and by destroying the property of animal abusers. Any group of vegans and/or vegetarians who carry out actions according to these guidelines have the right to consider themselves an ALF group. The ALF is non-hierarchical and operates in cells with little or no intergroup communication.

We're pretty excited about this issue as we've packed a lot more information into it than we did with previous issues. We hope you all enjoy it! We remain committed for a lifetime of work to free innocent animals and restore natural biodiversity and ecological balance.

The Militant Vegan and the publishers do not intend to encourage crime. This magazine is for informational purposes only.

AS LONG AS THERE ARE SLAUGHTERHOUSES, THERE WILL BE BATTLEFIELDS.

The following reports are taken from media reports and opposition publications. This list is probably not a complete account because most actions are never reported. This is the first issue of Combat stopped them.

1992
January 1-Edmonton, Alberta- Ouellette Packing Plant was spray painted and had paint bombs thrown at it. Their van was spray painted, had tires slashed, and was set ablaze. ALF
January 3-Calgary and Edmonton, AB- The Animal Rights Militia claims to have poisoned 87 Canadian Cold Buster chocolate bars because of University of Alberta vivisectionist Larry Wang's 16 years of animal experiments that led to the invention of the bar.
January 4-7-Calgary, AB- Four fur stores and a meat seller were attacked with spray paint, window smashings, and/or etching fluid. ALF
January 8-Edmonton, AB- A delivery truck of Ouellette Packers had its tires slashed. ALF
January 9-Edmonton, AB- Billingsgate Fish had all three replacement delivery trucks spray painted and 18 tires were slashed. ALF
February 7-Calgary, AB- Fur stores were damaged. ALF
June 1-Edmonton, AB- 29 cats were liberated from the University of Alberta. Research documents were taken and equipment was destroyed. ALF
December 25- Victoria, BC- A McDonald's was spray painted and had its windows smashed. ALF

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January 1-Victoria, BC- Locks were jammed at Williams Quality Meats. ALF
January 7-Ottawa, Ontario- Fur stores have had their windows smashed. This was listed on an animal rights computer bulletin board, so we have no details. May 4- Montreal, Quebec- Paradise Furs and another fur store were spray painted with slogans. Painted Panthers

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1992
Memphis, TN- Numerous attacks on animal abusing businesses. January 13-Walnut Creek, California- "Corrosive chemical" thrown on the windows of a fur store.
February 28-Lansing, Michigan- $125,000 damage done to Michigan State's mini research program as documents are taken and offices burned. ALF-Great Lakes Unit June 14-Memphis, Tennessee- Sudden Furs attacked.
July 5-Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania- Hoovler Trappers was spray painted and a fur delivery van in Indianapolis was damanged.
July 9-South Carolina- The Vegan Front trashed a fur store.
July 12-Park Rapids, Minnesota- 3000 people were evacuated from the Park Rapids Rodeo after a bomb threat was phoned in. Animal Rights Coalition
July 30-Chicago, Illinois- An attempt was made to burn fur billboards.
August 28-Memphis, TN- A TMM store had its locks glued, and a truck had its tires slashed and was spray painted, $934.58 in damages. August 15-San Francisco, CA- Anti-fur protesters noticed that fur and leather shops in the Union Square area had their windows chemically damaged.

August 4-Memphis, TN- The same TMM store had its windows smashed, locks glued, and slogans spray painted. $2,954.74 in damages.
August 5-Memphis, TN- Motels Furs was spray painted and splattered with paint bombs. $3,086.65 in damages.
August 9-Memphis, TN- J.P. Holloway Furriers was being spray painted when police, who had been staking out the store, arrested 3 Hardliners at the scene.
October- Minneapolis, MN- Swanson's Meats had the windows of its delivery trucks smashed and slogans spray painted on them. ALF
October 24-Milwaukee, WI- Animal Rights Control Labs at the Wisconsin State University were burned down and 29 coyotes were liberate. $150,000 in damages. ALF
November 8-Minneapolis, MN- Five delivery trucks at Swanson's Meats were firebombed and the locks to the building were glued. $100,000 in damages. ALF
December- Miami, Florida- Several fur stores were spray painted. Painted Panthers
December 18-Aspen, CO- Breckenridge, Keystone, Denver, CO-20 fur coats were damaged by having red paint spayed on them. Painted Panthers
December 20-Washington, D.C.- 5 fur stores were spray painted and splattered with paint-filied Christmas ornaments. Painted Panthers

San Francisco, CA- ALFSG has word of action but no details.
Chicago, IL- ALFSG has word of action but no details.
Seattle, WA- ALFSG has word of action but no details.
Los Angeles, CA- ALFSG has word of action but no details.

1993
January 13-Cleveland, Ohio- Ciska Furs spray painted and splattered with paint. Painted Panthers
February 8-New York, New York- The Fur Vault, Ritz Thrift Shop, Elizabeth Arden, Bloomingdale's, Fendi Bergdorf Goodman, and Harold J. Ruben Furs were damaged with paint bombs and spray painted slogans like "FUR SHAME," "BLOOD," "SCUM," "P.P.," and "Murderers." Painted Panthers
April-Seattle and Oakland, CA- A large number of animal abuse billboards were spray painted with slogans such as "Go Vegan!" "Vegan Power!" and "Animal Torture."
April 17- Bethesda, Maryland- Three McDonald's, two Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Honey Baked Ham were spray painted with slogans. Meat Free Mission
April 27-MO- Five visesstores had their homes spray painted with slogans like "Animal Torturer," etc. Animal Advocates
May-Berkeley and Oakland, CA- More animal abuse billboards spray painted.
June 10-Memphis, TN- The owner of Gilbert Key Furs had his home spray painted and its locks glued. A taxidermy was spray painted and its windows were broken and door locks glued. A meat shop was spray painted. ALF
July-Manager, TN (1 hour east of Nashville)- A meat market was spray painted with slogans and "ALF." The same night, an empty stockyard was set on fire and burned to the ground. The fire was so big that it took the firefighters 4 hours to put it out. Bulldozers have cleared the ruins. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is looking into the case, but the fire destroyed all traces of whatever was used to start it. ALF
July-Memphis, TN- An unsuccessful arson attack was made on Jack Lewis Furs, and the store was spray painted. The store had a new $3,000 security camera, but it did not work as the attackers were well disguised. It did record the time the attack was made.
July 23-Berkeley, CA- An article on the harassment of a University of California visesmentor mentioned that the campus had spray paintings appear calling him a "Killer."
July 30-Bloomington, IN- After 4 delivery trucks at a poultry store had their refrigeration units unplugged and were spray painted, police arrived and saw two men. When they went after one, the other shook a fence to create a diversion and he was arrested instead. His trial is set for sometime in October.

The Diary of Actions is continued on page 3.
Anti-meat vandalism hits Sims

H-T Report
A Bloomington man was arrested Friday morning when vandalism to a dock was discovered behind Sims Poultry Co. on North Madison Avenue.

David R. 19, of Bryan St., was booked into Monroe County Jail at 4:01 a.m. on preliminary charges of criminal mischief and resisting law enforcement. He was released on $1,000 bond.

The arrest came after someone reported noises coming from the dock, police said.

Officers saw "Meat is murder" spray-painted on the dock door as well as "Meat is death" on the side of a delivery truck. "ALF" was painted on another truck and "We will stop you" on the back of a third, police said.

In addition, the refrigeration units on four delivery trucks had been unplugged, police said.

Police then spotted two males in the area wearing dark clothing; they chased and caught one of the men. The man, later identified as , said he had met two other men at the Waffle House the night before and they all were vegetarians, police said.

No other arrests have been made.

DIARY OF ACTIONS CONTINUED
August-Madison, Wisconsin- At the University of Wisconsin, the ALF broke through a door at the building housing all the campus vivisection offices and set fires on fire. We have no further details yet, but the University does farm animal research and does research for the fur farm industry, among other things. ALF
August-Milwaukee, WI- A meat delivery van was set on fire. ALF
August-Memphis, TN- A Kentucky Fried Chicken and another animal abuse business were attacked.

We hope to have more details on these recent actions in the next issue.

The A.L.F.
strikes again!

STOP THE PRESSES! LATE BREAKING NEWS!
1) Slingshot, an underground newspaper, received the action claim quoted below:

"GREETINGS FELLOW ACTIVISTS,
The Animal Liberation Front, Golden Gate Unit, claims:
March 26: Oakland. Butcher shop spray-painted.
May 26: San Francisco. 3 chicken restaurants, 2 butchers, and 2 leather shops had slogans painted and locks glued shut.
Mid-June: San Francisco. 3 fur shops had locks glued.
July 9: Albany. A KFC had all its locks glued, slogans painted on 3 walls and all windows etched with acid.
July 16: San Francisco. City Meats (sells veal) had its front lock glued and slogans painted. A Burger King had its front lock glued.
July 31: San Francisco. 2 trucks at Roberts' meat shop had all locks glued and slogans painted all over them. At United Meats, a back fence was cut through, and trucks had all locks glued and slogans painted such as 'Meat is Murder.'

WE FIGHT FOR THE ANIMALS!" (Source: Slingshot magazine)

2) On the morning of July 6 in Montgomery County, Maryland, fake bombs were left on the front steps of 4 vivisectors. The bomb squad found that the packages contained a brick, a plastic mouse with fake blood, and a threatening note. (Source: Putting People First)

3) On July 16, the grand jury in Michigan indicted Rod Coronado on several counts for the 2/28/92 ALF raid on Michigan State's mink lab. They say he could face 50 years in jail, but the problem is, they can't find him! Stay free Rod! Notice how the murderers, child molesters and drug dealers who rule our streets get out of jail in months or years, while the FBI hunts down those who stand up to barbarism and the real criminals running our society go untouched. (Source: Putting People First)

We apologize to our friend whose article on vegan philosophy was supposed to go in this space. It'll be in the next issue.

Further proof that our enemies are every bit as depraved as we say they are:

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ADDITIONS TO THE U.S. ALF HISTORY FROM LAST ISSUE
In November 1983, the ALF set a fur store on fire in Santa Rosa, CA. Damages topped $100,000 and the store had to close.

As of December 1988, the Yerkes Primate Research Center at Emory University in Atlanta, GA had undergone 2 bomb threats and 5 attempted break-ins.

In January 1990, there was an attempted break-in at John Orem's Texas Tech lab, the site of a successful ALF raid in 1989.

The fire at the Columbia vivisector's house was in January 1990, not April.

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**Activity Act Up: The exterior of Lloyd's Furs, 2780 E. Second Ave., was sprayed by activists.**

**Paint Panthers' smash ornaments, spray graffiti**

By Sarah Ellis
Special to The Denver Post

Three Cherry Creek-area fur stores were hit early today by vandals who smashed paint-filled ornaments against the buildings and spray-painted graffiti on them.

An anti-fur protest group calling itself the "Paint Panthers" took credit for the hits, according to Don Mathews, spokesman for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

The group is not connected with PETA, Mathews said, but as long as their methods remain non-violent PETA does not "condone or condemn them."

"We understand the frustration that drives activists to do stuff like this," Mathews said, "It sends a stronger message."

*From The Denver Post, December 10, 1992.*

**Animal-Rights Activists Vandalize 5 Area Fur Salons**

**Area police said they are investigating the incidents. Animal-rights activists said it is the fourth such attack in the last week by the group on fur stores across the country, with similar incidents occurring in Miami, Denver and Aspen, Colo. Some of the earlier attacks involved squirting blood-red paint on people wearing furs. "We don't begrudge them the right to their opinion, but they don't have the right to vandalize property to make their point," said Bill Outlaw, a spokesman for the Fur Information Council in Herndon, Va. "People have the right to wear fur without having to fear undue intimidation."**

*From The Denver Post, December 21, 1992.*

**Law Targets Animal Rights Activists**

**WASHINGTON — A new law aimed at the militant, underground animal liberation movement makes violence against farms and research labs a federal crime. Farmers and researchers say they hope the law has a chilling effect on the radical elements of the animal rights movement. But activists who sympathize with the Animal Liberation Front say the attackers will not be deterred. The law targets raids on labs, livestock facilities, aquaria, zoos, circuses and rodeos in which damages total at least $10,000.**

*From PETA News, Summer 1993.*

**Furrier, taxidermy are hit by vandalism**

Vandals spray painted the Es Memorial Chapel and Tibbits Kirschner, owner of Gilbert K Furs at 4560 Poplar, and said he painted the wall of a taxidermy shop. Tibbits Kirschner Inc. at 8800 S. Cooper Street in West Memphis. According to police reports, Kirschner said three people were arrested recently for similar vandalism and he believes the incident was a retaliation.

"He said, the vandalism will not put him out of business," Kirschner said. "I'll just paint over it.""

*From The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Sunday, June 13, 1993.*
Payday' arrives for 3 sent to prison

By Lawrence Buser
The Commercial Appeal

Three animal-rights activists who broke windows, glued locks and spray-painted for stores last year were sent to prison Monday by a judge who said their "payday" had arrived.

The three were ordered to begin serving a sentence of 11 months and 29 days for their guilty pleas last month to four counts of vandalism under $100.

They were sent to the Shelby County Penal Farm where they must serve a term of six months before release.

Several of the city's furriers urged the judge to show no mercy, saying they have been terrorized by such acts since 1987.

"This will have ramifications nationwide," said state Prosecutor James Lammy Jr., who said his office was subpoenaed by the furriers' group. "I'm sure they did appreciate the enormity of what they did, but I'm sure they do now."".

Defendant John P. Goodwin, 20, was described as the ring leader, Coderendant Michael S. McDonald, 19, and Coderendant John F. Keenan, 19, are Minnesota residents who said they moved to Memphis last year, in part, to join animal rights causes.

Employers and relatives testified for the defendants, who said they regretted their actions, which caused at least $7,500 in damages.

Write P. J. Jesse, and Mike at PO Box 241502/ Memphis, TN 38124.

From Page B1

Vegans

They vandalized last July and August. They also admitted other acts of vandalism for which they were not charged.

Police said there have been about 100 similar incidents of vandalism at furriers and retail stores in the past three years. Graffiti often included words such as "meat is murder," "『a fur" and "ALF.""

Thieves were stopped after their arrest by police.

"You may not be the Kian, but you wanted to intimidate someone," Judge Fred Alexly told them. "The First Amendment does not extend itself to violence and when you cross that line you belong to me. I believe in the right to protest, but not the right to violence.""

The three pleaded guilty to vandalizing TMX Stores at 6122 Macon Road, on July 28 and Aug. 4; Motes Furs, at 4773 American Way, on Aug. 5, and J. P. Holloway Furtiers at 673 Avalon on Aug. 9.

"I received a phone call and was asked if I liked being treated the way animals are being treated," said Janice Dowell. "We lived in fear every time we walked into the store."

One furrier, Steven Ballou, said a threatening message was similar to his own situation. King Fur's last year.

"The message, "Communique #1 From The Vegan Front," said in effect, your crimes against the planet, animals and the environment of this planet go uncondemned. Judgement day is near," said attorney Mac Zickinson, who represented all three defendants. They had no evidence they were the message.

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Their sentence free until May 17, when Criminal Court Judge Fred Alexly will decide whether to grant them probation.

"The First Amendment protects free speech, but not vandalism," said state Prosecutor James Lammy Jr. Prosecutors had written to their congressman or go on TV to try to get him to make their point.

The defendants said they did not want to comment while their sentence is pending, but at least one of them did just what the prosecutor suggested.

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On all levels, from the number of local animal liberation groups to the amount of attention the government pays to animal issues, there is no comparison to the amount of activism in the United Kingdom. This has been true for more than a century, as the Western concepts of the rights of animals were developed by English philosophers (After influences from Eastern philosophies.) While we have little space to cover the militant wing of the English movement in detail, the following is intended as a brief and inspiring sketch.

The first group who carried out direct action for the animals were the Band of Mercy, who damaged hunters' rifles in the 1870's. The Hunt Saboteurs' Association was founded in 1982 with the purpose of disrupting bloodsports on the field. A member of the Hunt Saboteurs decided to go a little farther, and in 1972 Ronnie Lee founded the Band of Mercy, which would carry out illegal direct action for animals like its namesake. Members of the Band of Mercy burned hunting vehicles and a seal hunting boat, and burned down a laboratory under construction in Milton Keynes. Lee was caught in late 1974 and was sent to prison for a year. During his sentence, other activists liberated dogs who were being forced to smoke cigarettes in a laboratory. In 1976, Lee reorganized the group and gave it a new name—the Animal Liberation Front. The first ALF attack was on Charles River Laboratories. Lee was again jailed for a year, this time for liberating hundreds of rats from a lab, in February 1977. Over the next few years, the ALF continued to carry out several laboratory raids and many other attacks a year.

In the meantime, the Hunt Saboteurs continued to grow as well. The anarchist punk movement began supporting direct action for animals, and brought thousands of people into the movement. Bands such as Conflict and the Apostles detailed ALF tactics in their songs.

While the ALF and Hunt Saboteurs remained committed to nonviolence, the Animal Rights Militia sent letter bombs to the leaders of political parties and several vivisectors in 1982. One vivisector was injured. The same group carried out the “Mars Bar Hoax” in 1984 where ARM claimed it had poisoned the candy bars on shelves because its parent company carried out vivisection. All the candy was pulled off store shelves across England and the company stopped testing on animals soon afterwards.

With a vast increase in actions during the mid-80's, the meat industry began to bear the brunt of ALF attacks. Butchers' shops and delivery vans began to be firebombed across the country. Smaller actions such as the usual window smashings, gluing of locks, and so on were reported regularly in large cities, small towns, and rural areas. Now that the ALF was a serious threat to animal abusers, the British government began to take
ARSON ATTACK ON BASC's HQ

Left: Firemen fight the blaze at the British Association for Shooting and Conservation headquarters. Thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused.

Slogans daubed on one of the Simpson vehicles, among them 'Meat is Murder.' £1,196

On 16th September the Northern ALF cell raided Adlington Poultry Farm, a battery unit near Stockport. After drilling through walls and cutting locks to gain access, and then dealing with seven security cameras, the activists rescued eighty-two hens, smashed hundreds of eggs and painted slogans.

notice. The Scotland Yard set up the Animal Rights National Index in 1984 to monitor the movement and identify ALF activists.

As a result, Ronnie Lee, Vivien Smith, and several others were arrested on conspiracy charges after what was described as a major ALF firebomb factory was discovered in Sheffield. The prisoners were accused of being the leadership of the ALF, and they were sentenced to long prison terms by a judge who had been a Fascist organizer in the 1930's. Lee received 10 years, the longest sentence. During the trial, he said, "Going to prison in order to stop the imprisonment of animals may seem a peculiar concept, but then their prisons are so much worse than ours." The ALF showed that it was a non-centralized group under no leadership by carrying out a number of attacks and liberations in the weeks after the trial.

The Hunt Saboteurs also continued to grow, with fox hunts being harassed in most areas. As a result, hunters began to regularly use violence to defend their sadistic bloodsports. One scumbag hunter told an Essex court in 1986 that beating a hunt sab "is rather like wife beating, they are both private matters."

1987 marked the beginning of the English ALF's most famous campaign. To smash the fur trade, the ALF began setting off incendiary devices in fur stores and department stores that sold fur to turn on fire sprinklers and destroy the coats. On July 12, one of the devices left in Debenham's department stores in three cities caused three million pounds damage to the store in Luton. Smaller attacks targeted fur stores again and again until they went out of business. Then, on December 20, 1988, the ALF set off firebombs in 5 cities, sent letter bombs to fur stores, and had incendiary devices discovered in several more. The biggest fire completely destroyed a gigantic department store in Plymouth which sold fur. In the wake of these attacks, most department stores in the U.K. stopped selling fur. The ALF is credited with decimating 70 to 90 percent of Britain's fur industry in these years.

February 1989 saw a further increase in militancy as the ALF used plastic explosives for the first time to blow up a university building in Bristol. While this action was exceptional, firebombings and arson became much more common ALF tactics. Delivery vans were the most common targets, as the meat and dairy industries found to their dismay. Live animal liberations continued, with thousands of animals liberated every year.

In the most direct attack on vivisection so far, an unknown group placed bombs under the cars of two prominent torturers in June 1990. Both received minor injuries, but a small boy was injured by flying metal after vivisector Patrick Headly's Volkswagen exploded. This horrible result showed the danger in using such tactics.

The Hunt Sabs began to actually force hunt clubs to give up, as most major hunts faced constant sabbing whenever they went out. Violence against sabs increased, and in
February 1991, 18 year old Mike Hill was murdered when hunter Alan Summersgill knowingly accelerated his truck when Hill was on the back of it. This April, 15 year old Thomas Worby was murdered by hunter Tony Ball, who crushed his head with the hunt van. Scores of sabs have been seriously injured by hunters and hired "escort" thugs. As a result, direct action against hunters has increased and many sabs have begun to fight back despite the HSA’s official pacifist stance. Summersgill’s house and hunt club were burned down, and numbers of hunters have had their cars destroyed by incendiary devices. Smaller attacks have increased as well, and hunts and hunting balls are often the scene of vicious confrontations.

A big upsurge in activity made 1991 and 1992 the most active years ever for the ALF, and 1993 is shaping up the same way. Literally thousands of animal abusers have been targeted from a series of firebombings in Scotland, to arson attacks in Northern Ireland, to laboratory and factory farm liberations around the U.K., to hundreds of delivery trucks burned, to arson attacks against the fishing industry. Of course, government repression continues, as the Operation Fox arrests show. Scotland Yard carried out extensive surveillance for months before arresting Vivien Smith, Keith Mann, and several others in October of 1991. Ronnie Lee was released in November 1992, and very few arrests are made considering that several attacks take place every single day.

From the looks of it, direct action in the U.K. will probably make the country the leader in animal liberation in the industrialized world. While moderates claim that ALF actions detract from the movement, the solid gains made by the ALF in England show what direct action can do. For the billions of animals still to be liberated from their cages of hell, we thank all the activists in the U.K. for their tireless work. Keep it up!

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Bombers won’t stop me, hunt woman vows as sister escapes car blast

A HUNTWOMAN vowed yesterday to defy animal rights extremists after a bomb exploded under her car.

The incendiary device which damaged Sarah Godley’s Ford Sierra went off seconds after her 24-year-old sister had walked by with her boyfriend.

Defiant: Sarah Godley

Miss Godley, a member of the Surrey Union Hunt, blamed animal extremists for the blast outside her home in the village of Westcott, near Dorking.

“They have said they want to kill me,” she said. “And this nearly killed my sister, Joanna. I proved it to me that the anti-hunters are hypocritical, violent, vicious and intolerant. It makes me more determined than ever to go hunting. Even if I feel like lying in bed on a Saturday morning, I shall join the hunt to defy them.”

The 31-year-old secretary, who has been hunting for seven years, clashed with campaigners after recording their demonstrations for a film, The Unacceptable Face of Protest.

She received 3am telephone calls labelling her a “hideous, perverted troll”. They stopped when she rang anti-hunt activists in the early hours to complain.”

Earlier this year, her car and the large country house she shares with her parents and sister were daubed with red paint and paint-stripper.
Building the Vegan Movement

We're at an exciting juncture in the history of the animal liberation movement. Large numbers of young vegans are getting involved in the fight for saving animals, which means that we will start to see changes in a movement that has been made up of older activists for the past decade. So at this time, it's important that we organize this new energy in the most effective manner to save as many animals as possible.

Here are our ideas.

First, we need people who are compassionate, hard-working, intelligent, and physically fit. We need activists from all races and all economic and social backgrounds, vegans who stand against all forms of oppression and injustice. Fortunately, we have many such vegans working for animals now, and with enough communication, we will attract many more enthusiastic activists.

Unlike other radical movements, the vegan movement will avoid attracting the type of violence-loving thugs who are often drawn to political movements of many types. I think we've probably all seen people who join movements because they are looking for conflict and a place to blow off steam. The animal liberation movement will never appeal to most such people simply because a vegan diet takes a personal commitment. Most likely, it will be our opponents who will be psychotic and prone to sadism. After all, animal abusers like trappers, hunters, and so on are some of the most violent, ignorant, bigoted scum in the entire country.

The most important thing we can do now to build our movement is to communicate. Get a PO Box, and let us all know you're out there. We need vegan contacts in every large city and in every state and province. This will allow for the trading of ideas and information, and for vegan activists to travel from state to state, educating and inspiring others.

Use the PO Box to spread information through flyers and zines. We need positive, exciting calls to action that look good and are well written. Use computer bulletin boards to spread ideas, and make sure the message is constantly heard and repeated at your school, on your campus, at music shows, and in neighborhoods where students and young adults live or hang out. This can be done with flyers, posters, stickers, etc., all of which can be designed and made cheaply. (For stickers, simply xerox a sheet of your designs onto sticker paper, available at copy and office supply shops.)

Keep up with the movement, and encourage potential vegan activists to read books like Eco Warriors and Free the Animals! Pass around copies of Arkangel, Howl, the Earth First! Journal, and others to inspire vegan activists and show them that they are not alone. Serious activists can study the abolition movement of the mid 1800's for ideas and tactics. Also, keep up with what the filth are doing by reading hunting magazines at the public library and sending off for newsletters by animal abusers.

At the same time that radical vegans are organizing around the country, we need to stay in contact with and get along with the mainstream movement. There's too much infighting as it is, and we need to remember that different types of people will play differing roles in the fight for animals' lives.

So let's get going! Each animal saved is a success, and every small victory adds up. We've got a long and hard struggle ahead of us, but the day will come when no redneck degenerate will stand in the way of an animal's freedom. We will win—kindness, strength, and perseverance.

How We Can Deal With Government and Private Surveillance

The extent of government spying and collusion with industries it approves of in harassing political groups may come as a surprise to many activists. But since at least the 1970's, various federal agencies have spied on and disrupted, often violently, political groups ranging from pacifists to urban guerillas. While we cannot go into much detail here, all radical vegans should read "War at Home" by Brian Glick, "The COINTELPRO Papers" by Churchill and Vander Wall, and "Break-ins, Death Threats, and the FBI" by Ross Gelbspan. All can be ordered from South End Press/116 St. Botolph St./Boston, MA 02115. These books describe in detail tactics used to disrupt activists' efforts.

So what can we expect to face in the near future? On the low level, we can expect mail to be read or "mislabeled," phone taps, wiretaps, and camera and video surveillance at demos and meetings. All of these tactics are regularly used by state, local, and federal agencies all over the country, and the FBI and many others, including private spies, keep files on activists.

On a more serious level, we can expect infiltration attempts, burglaries, police searches and hassles, activists being followed, and in the rare case, violence or an assassination attempt.

While we know of other movements facing disruption, how do we know that the government and others spy on our movement? We only have to remember the infiltration of Mike Fain into Dave Foreman's Earth First! group and Sapone and Mabey's setup of Fran Trutt to realize how serious things can get. Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney were almost killed by a bomb with almost certain FBI involvement. The office of Friends of Animals in Connecticut was robbed of Rod Coronado's videotapes of fur farms. The old US ALFSQO quit because their houses were broken into so often and their phones were tapped. Six agencies, including the FBI and Michigan police, copied every single file in Darren Thurston's apartment after he was arrested, and his phones had been tapped for months.

It seems that we must be prepared for harassment, so what can we do? First, assume that all phone calls and mail to your home or PO Box are monitored. To communicate without hassle, use PO Boxes under fake names on both ends. Next, never trust anyone with confidential information unless you've known them outside of the movement or for years. Keep your files safe from burglary and learn self-defense. Don't draw attention to yourself as a radical at mainstream meetings. Take pictures of spies at demos when you're sure they are, and never talk to any police agency. It is important to disregard all threats, rumors, gossip and insults from inside the movement because that has often been the government's most effective way of splitting movements.

Even with these precautions, don't get paranoid! Remember, the FBI has totally failed to catch the ALF or Rod Coronado—they simply don't have the resources to watch us all!


This is from the booklet "Without A Trace" available for 35 from DSFA c/o Box 8, 82 Colston St/ Bristol/ U.K.

AN INTERVIEW WITH AN ALF ACTIVIST

How do you go about carrying out actions?
There are a number of aspects that one has to take into consideration.

1. **Preparation**
   - **Information Gathering**: Research the location, history, and activities of the farm or facility involved.
   - **Legal Research**: Understand the laws and regulations surrounding the target's operations.

2. **Team Coordination**
   - **Communication Plan**: Establish clear communication channels among the team members.
   - **Roles and Responsibilities**: Assign specific roles to each team member.

3. **Technical Skills**
   - **Technical Knowledge**: Acquire knowledge in the areas relevant to the action, such as locks, gates, and security systems.

4. **Physical Preparation**
   - **Physical Fitness**: Engage in physical activity to prepare the body for the endurance required.
   - **Habitat Familiarity**: Familiarize oneself with the environment of the target to avoid discomfort.

5. **Morale and Support**
   - **Team Morale**: Maintain high morale among team members.
   - **Public Support**: Seek public support and media coverage.

**Example Action**

**6. The Raid**

**7. Aftermath**

**Conclusion**

**Notes**

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**Planning and Preparation**

- **Raid Planning**: Establish a clear plan for the action, including timelines and contingencies.
- **Espionage**: Conduct activities to gather information about the target's security routines.

**Executing the Raid**

- **Entry Strategy**: Choose an entry point that minimizes the risk of detection.
- **Disguise**: Use disguises to blend in with the surroundings.

**Post-Raid Activities**

- **Debriefing**: Conduct a thorough debriefing to analyze the effectiveness of the action.
- **Publicity**: Utilize media to report the action and its consequences.

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**Conclusion**

The planning and execution of actions are complex and require careful consideration to ensure the success and safety of the operation. Each aspect of the process is crucial, and meticulous attention to detail is necessary to achieve the objectives.

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The text continues with further details on the planning, execution, and aftermath of the actions, emphasizing the importance of preparation and the legal and ethical considerations involved.

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**Legal Considerations**

- **Anti-Cruelty Laws**: Familiarize yourself with local laws and regulations regarding animal welfare.
- **Self-Defense**: Understand what constitutes self-defense in the context of animal rights activism.

**Ethical Considerations**

- **Harm Reduction**: Prioritize the safety of all involved, including the activists and any nonhuman animals.
- **Informed Consent**: Ensure that all actions are in line with the principles of nonviolence and non-coercion.

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**Conclusion**

The successful execution of these actions relies on the combination of strategic planning, legal awareness, and ethical considerations. The ultimate goal is to advocate for the rights of nonhuman animals in a manner that upholds the highest standards of nonviolent resistance and ethical activism.
When returning to the vehicles on no account do we walk along roads at night. If something went wrong we would at most walk in fields parallel with roads to help direct us to the meeting up place.

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

With the big commercial labs there is always the chance of a silent alarm connected to the local police station. By going through a wall into a room with animals we usually find no problem, but later when entering the actual lab, to destroy it or remove animals and any underlying experiments we prefer to go for a smash and grab effort. Some Sneakers have come into their own. A 14lb hammer is aimed at the monorail lock repeatedly. We have taken time by going through the outside wall first or smashing in through a window and then dealing with the internal doors with the sledgehammer. In a confined space a 16lb hammer with the handle cut down to about 20" is the answer. Crews have also been in, in planning this type of action we have to be totally practical. Those fit enough to run some distance after the raid carrying dogs, etc...and receipts full of documents will be responsible for razing the animals, papers, for destroying equipment if possible, the lab itself. For the most part, raider labs are straightforward, only a handful of the very big labs have more elaborate security equipment.

We never paint the letters ALF on a wall or lab, at times we will spray 'Friend Liberation' or 'Animal logic'. We paint slogans in dark colors and where they are visible to any passersby. Following up on the story--this helps entice the action has taken place when the owner or manager discovers it. Where the noise of a spray can may alert a guard dog a large felt tip pen is sufficient.

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

If we have to carry potentially noisy animals, e.g. dogs, a long distance across fields, etc...particularly after a smash and grab, we carry some anti-missile (as used by the army to put hounds off the scent of foxes). We give a good show once cornering a stream, road, etc...for obvious reasons.

FIGHT THE FURRIERS BY PHONE

Fall is the time when fur season begins. Fur scum have started a major media push to try to stem their losses of the past few years. Many furriers and trappers have toll-free mallorder phone lines. So call them for free, and politely tell them what you think of them. Of course, many of these numbers are shut off in various cities and most of northern California and many get disconnected nationwide because hooligans call from pay phones (still toll free) and hang up on them over and over again, costing them money and driving them crazy. In those cases, you can't get through to them.

All numbers start with 1-800.

Fur Vault-ASK4FUR or 548 2908 or 451 3733
Custom Furs-257 FURS or 735 FURS
Lingenfelter Brill-531-5255
USA FOX USA FOX
Henig Furs-521 2037
Erwin Goodman Furs-221 8826
Mert Nomac Furs-323 0449
Revillon Furs-248 2564
Brisken Berk Furs-241 7243
Hoosier Trapping Co.-423 9528
Russ Carmen Traps-545 6737
Funke Mink Farm/Trapping-626 2894

LaBude Feed/Grain-776 3810
Tom Miranda Outdoors-356 6730
Woodstream Co., Traps-800 1819
RP Outdoors-762 2706
Koch Supplies-279 4252
Diamond V Mills-373 2724
National Fur Foods-558 5803
Wisco Fur Foods-235 9556
United Vaccines-283 MINK
Mills Fur Farm Supply-722 6455
Dipcraft Manufacturing-245 6145
Heger Co.-888 1990

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- Fighting the Fur Trade
- Actions in California
- More Strategies For the Grassroots Animal Liberation Movement

News, Opinions, and More!
Welcome to our fourth issue—we published the first one last January, thinking it would just be a one-off project to inform people about issues and actions that neither the mainstream press nor the moderate animal liberation magazines were covering. We printed about 25, which we sold in less than a week. It was then that we realized how strong the interest is in these issues.

All around the country, grassroots vegan activists are getting organized with a new sense of urgency and determination. We all support the big groups, because we won't be sidetracked by infighting and every tactic has a place in the struggle. But we know that a more radical, more active, and completely non-compromising movement is necessary to defeat the animal abusers. Just since our last issue, we have seen more and more people communicating around the country, spreading ideas for new tactics and inspiring one another. 1994 will be our strongest year yet—the year that animal killers everywhere will fear the animal liberation movement.

If you are new to vegan ideas and want to save animals, we recommend reading Diet For a New America by John Robbins for starters, and contacting PETA at PO Box 42516/ Washington, D.C. 20015 for recipes and information about animal abuse. Avoid all the overpriced health food stores, as Asian and Indian groceries have better food at cheaper prices. Copy recipes out of cookbooks at the bookstore.

For the most part, we've gotten nothing but praise for our efforts. But to answer a couple of small criticisms, the magazine is only 12 pages per issue because we have very little money and we try to keep it where postage rates are lower for the hundreds of free copies we mail out. And as to why we mostly focus on the ALF when not everyone can partake in direct action, we understand. We will try to cover other tactics as well from now on.

Again, this is a single issue magazine. That doesn't mean that we see animal liberation as any more important than many other issues, and we are in full support of the battles against fascism, patriarchy, and all other forms of social injustice. At the same time, we do not represent any ideology, just a basic value system of compassion, equality, and justice.

We have been sending out lots of free issues, and distributors have been getting packages to sell. But due to our lack of money, we only print a few hundred copies of each issue. In several states now, people are xeroxing the magazine and selling the copies. So in your area, PLEASE help get this information out by making copies of this issue. There are thousands of people who care about animals and might be inspired to do more if they realized all that is happening out there.

The Militant Vegan is not an ALF Support Group, and we have no contact with illegal units. So if you see articles about direct action in your area or if you are a member of an ALF cell, send the clipping or a report of your actions to the North American ALF Support Group/ Box 75029, Ritchie P.O./ Edmonton, AB/T6E 6K1/ CANADA.

In England, the ALFSG is at BCM 1160/ London, WC1 N 3X/ ENGLAND, and they print a quarterly magazine for prisoner support (20$ a year for a subscription,) sell t-shirts and other items and take donations for ALF prisoners. A separate ALF Press Office takes action claims and provides a spokesperson to the media after ALF raids. They can be reached at ALF Press Office/ BM 4400/ London, WC1 N 3X/ ENGLAND.

The Swedish ALF is at DBF/ Box 2051/ S-265 02/ Astorp 2/ SWEDEN.

To keep up with the movement, read the Earth First! Journal/ PO Box 1415/ Eugene, OR 97440 and Out of the Cages/ PO Box 2960/ Santa Cruz, CA 95063. All activists should also read Free the Animals! by Ingrid Newkirk, Eco Warriors by Rik Scarce, and the new third edition of Ecodefence by Dave Foreman.

We hope you enjoy this issue, but remember, without action, all our hopes for animal liberation will never be realized. Let's get moving and make this the year the movement hits hard across the country! The Militant Vegan and the publishers do not intend to encourage crime. This magazine is for informational purposes only.

Clinton Trying Tofu Diet
Washington

President Clinton is shifting from burgers to bean curd in a bid to better his health, his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, told reporters.
The Departments of Justice and Agriculture issued a congressional report on "animal extremism" in September. The report details general information about the ALF in England and the U.S. and gives pie charts and graphs on the location and intensity of attacks. Interestingly, the report claims that direct action for animals is in decline. However, our list of actions in the past few years show far more activity than the report does, and we don't even count phone and mail threats like they do. Furthermore, action is more widespread than ever before—especially in the big years of 1987-88, almost every action was in California and Washington D.C.

Good News: David A., the 19-year old arrested in Bloomington this summer for poultry truck sabotage, apparently was let off with little punishment at his trial in October.

The Sea Shepherds are looking into buying a submarine, as Paul Watson is inspecting Russian and British military subs on sale. The ship will be unarmed, but Watson says he will use sonar to scare whales away from whaling ships and ambush sea turtle killers.

The Memphis Three will most likely receive a suspended sentence soon, as the prosecutor says he will not seek more jail time.

Two hundred activists converged on Wisconsin’s state capitol in November, as did two hundred trappers, to argue for the passage of a leghold trap ban proposed by a state legislator from Racine. It won’t pass, but the big news was all the action going on in the state. We’ve listed all that is known in for this year, and in 1992 the McArthur Mink Ranch in Janesville was hit, with animals liberated and the building foundations cracked. The farm recently went out of business. We heard that police in the state are looking into all the action there.

In Madison, Wisconsin, activists held a hunt sabotage in late November with lots of media coverage.

Kim Trimiew, an Oregon activist, was briefly imprisoned by the Washington grand jury in October for refusing to testify. The government is trying to link her to the August 1991 ALF raid on Washington State University.

The California Hunt Saboteurs have re-formed, with the first meeting held in Berkeley on December 15. Grassroots activists have been busy in that area as well, producing a newsletter and holding numerous protests.

One thousand five hundred people marched against fur in New York City on November 26.

The Michigan grand jury, supposed to end in December, will go on for 18 more months.

Keith Mann, arrested for numerous arson attacks against the meat trade in England in 1991, escaped from police custody in Liverpool on June 23. Stay free Keith!

Chris Tucker, who was imprisoned in London for throwing a smoke bomb into a McDonald’s, was released this summer.

Annette Tibbles, convicted of conspiracy to commit arson against animal abusers, was sentenced to 4 years in jail in England. Send her a letter of support, it costs 52 cents per ounce for airmail: Annette Tibbles/ HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road/ Holloway, London N7 0NU/ ENGLAND.

The "environmental" Green Party in Chicago called on people to provide information on ALF members after the action there in November. Whose side are the moderates on? Listen, if you don’t like ALF tactics, fine, but don’t try to pass yourself off as "green" when you suck up to the fascist fur-selling murderers.

Rik Scarse was released from the Spokane jail a few months back, after serving almost 160 days for refusing to talk about Rod Coronado to the Washington grand jury.

A new group to defend people harassed by the grand juries has been set up, with contacts in 35 cities and offices in California and Ohio. Sorry we don’t have the addresses...

Vandals Sour on Milk Products — Billboards Defaced in Berkeley

By Janet Wells

A dairy billboard along Shattuck Avenue had "moo-oo" scraped on it. A billboard advertising eggs used the same tampering, suggesting that eggs are "good for decor." At least four billboards have been defaced.

"It seems rather extremist, but funny," said Shamim Chamin, a vegan who manages the distribution section at Living Foods in Berkeley. "The vegans are saying that you're bringing products into your body that are not meant for consumption by adult humans."

Vegans think of dairy products as toxic for adults, cluing more buildup, contamination and disease.

Rather than adhere to the USDA's four food groups of meat, dairy, fruits and vegetables, and grains and legumes, vegans develop their own diet guidelines, restricted to fruits, vegetables, grains and legumes.

"Their point of view is known, " said Adrin Boede, senior director of marketing communications for the California Milk Advisory Board, which directs the advertising campaign. "We're not pleased that they chose to attach a billboard as the way of expressing it.

The campaign, which started in July and includes television, commercial and billboard ads, has received "very positive consumer reaction," said Michael Freeman, advertising director for the California Milk Advisory Board. "We're helping consumers understand that dairy feeds the way we live today. They're healthy and convenient."

The Milk Advisory Board plans to replace the tampered billboards as soon as possible, Boede said.

In the meantime, Berkeley’s vegans are getting free publicity.

"I found most of those ads offensive because they're paid for by the dairy industry, which tries to push their products by saying it's healthy to eat," said Michael Bouch, a macrobiotic cook at the Organik Cafe in Oakland. "I think it's great that somebody feels the same way that I do, and to have that message out there..."
HUNT SABOTEURS: GETTING ORGANIZED

The sun was just coming up over the hills of the Cache Creek area of north-central California. There were two teams of three saboteurs in the back of the hatchback pickup, all of us dressed in camouflage and bundled up against the cold. Our team was to get out at the first stop. The night before, we had been given topo maps and a briefing of the situation at hand. Standing around the campfire with a mix of 40 or so camouflaged activists, we discussed our plan to stop the murder of Tule Elk by a small number of licensed trophy hunters. We would split up in teams to cover the area, all equipped with Coast Guard air horns to scare off elk from the hunters. We knew we'd have to be careful; the Fish & Game and BLM cops were patrolling in airplanes, on ATV's and on foot to arrest us, and we'd have to look out for ranchers: most of the area is private ranchland.

With these thoughts in mind, we jumped out of the back of the truck when the driver told us and headed for cover so that we wouldn't be seen. We had a long day ahead of us...

-From an account of a hunt sab by a West Coast activist

Hunt Sabotage, the active disruption of hunting, has been practiced in England since 1962 and in the U.S. since the mid 80's. As sabbing tactics can vary from region to region, we will discuss methods from around the country in the hope that new hunt sab groups can be formed.

HOW DO I DECIDE WHAT HUNT TO SABOTAGE?

In the West, activists have usually concentrated on trophy hunts for highly visible species such as bison, bighorn sheep, and Tule elk. To find out about trophy hunts in your area, get your state's hunting regulations guide for free from your Department of Fish & Game. These
WHAT TACTICS CAN BE USED TO DISRUPT HUNTS?

The main aim of a hunt sab is to scare away the intended targets of the hunters. This can be done with noisemakers, like whistles and air horns, or by going through areas where hunters will come and leaving human scents.

A second goal is to harass the hunters themselves. Follow them around, block access roads, mislead their hounds, be creative! Even the presence of sabs may anger them to the point that they cannot hunt as well as otherwise.

More specifically, the organization of the sab can vary in tactics. The favored method in the West is to bring together activists from around the region and transport them to the site in vans or trucks. Wildlife and animal liberation groups can be hit up for money to buy gas for the trip and trail food for the duration of the sab. Each activist is instructed to bring camping equipment and dark or camouflage clothing. The sab lasts for days or weeks, and a base camp is made either legally on the land of a sympathizer or illegally on state or federal land. Topography maps are very important, since most of the sabs will not be familiar with the region.

For the actual sabbing, activists split into small groups and are assigned an area of a few square miles to cover. Drivers who know the area well drop the groups off before sunrise when no other traffic is passing by. The groups are out until dusk, and the hard part is being picked up. Each group leaves a few rocks by the side of the road and hides in the bushes. The drivers cruise around the area looking for such signals until all the groups are picked up. This part of the sab is why the drivers have to know the area.

WHAT CAN THE POLICE DO TO HUNT SABOTEURS?

37 states have passed the so-called "hunter harassment" laws banning hunt sabotage. However, every time an activist has been charged with this offense, it has been overturned in court. As happened recently in Montana, the first amendment was cited as to why activists can disrupt hunting and the judge has agreed. As a result, it is unlikely that anyone will be charged with this offense in the future. It is much more likely that police agencies will follow the California example and charge people with trespassing, disorderly conduct, and other minor offenses. Numerous California activists have spent time in jail or paid fines for being caught during hunt sabbs.

Obviously, activists caught destroying hunters' vehicles, vandalizing hunt clubs, tearing down blinds and stands and removing salt licks will be charged by the police.

To avoid being caught, activists should lie low when spotter planes fly over, and be on the lookout for police patrols on foot and on ATVs. It is very difficult to be caught in wilderness areas if a group knows what it is doing.

Hunt sabs should avoid situations like a sab in California in 1990 on an island. Activists were bought to said that the island was small and had little ground cover, so it was a simple matter for the police to arrest almost everyone who went.

WHAT ABOUT THE MEDIA?

You may want to contact the media about the hunt sabotage in order to bring publicity to the hunt itself and the extreme bias of the government towards the hunters. Be absolutely prepared to discuss every ecological and biological question about wildlife mismanagement, wild populations, ecosystem stability, etc. That could come up about the hunt in question. Know what the enemy is going to say ("We're helping these animals by managing their populations," etc.) by reading hunting magazines at your public library.

A FINAL WORD

In England, frequent sabbing around the country has shut down numerous hunts and saves thousands of animals. Get organized and do the same here! It's also a great way to bring the local animal liberation community together to meet and share ideas. Be creative and fight the hunters in your area!
Animal rights group sets fires

CHICAGO — An animal rights group claimed responsibility Monday for a series of weekend fires that caused minor damage but no injuries in downtown Chicago department stores.

Five of eight incendiary devices ignited, causing small fires in Marshall Field’s, Carson Pirie Scott and Saks Fifth Avenue stores late Saturday and early on Sunday when the stores were empty. The Animal Liberation Front said it had planted the devices and would continue to target stores that sell fur.

ALF fugitive expects to be caught

BY KEN OLENS

PULLMAN — Although he has eluded federal law enforcement for nearly two years, alleged Animal Liberation Front activist Rodney A., Coronado doesn’t expect to be free forever.

"It’s inevitable they are going to catch me," Coronado said in an interview several months ago. "I’m not going to leave this country in the hands of the U.S. government and think it will be OK.

"I just hope someone will be ready to take my place as a spokesperson for the ALF," he said.

Coronado, 27, was indicted Thursday for destroying two scientists research and damaging a mink farm at Michigan State University. The charges, announced Friday, include malicious destruction of property, interstate transportation with the intent to commit a crime, setting a fire to end animal research, setting a fire to interfere with commercial fur harvesting and transporting stolen goods.

If convicted, he faces a maximum of 20 years in prison, $125,000 in fines and a lifetime of supervised probation. Other indictments are expected for him and suspected accomplices. Five federal grand juries have subpoenaed more than 40 agents in a long-running investigation of Coronado and the ALF that is described as less than half-finished.

While he acknowledges visiting Michigan in February, he says he was miles away when the ALF raid went down. Still, Coronado won’t be surprised by the indictments.

"I have confirmed the indictment," Coronado said. "If you aren’t attracting government attention, you should re-examine what you are doing.

Coronado is the key suspect in a series of ALF raids in 1991 and 1992 that hit four universities, a mink farm processing operation and a defunct mink farm. He says he faxed a press release to the Spokane Associated Press about the attack at Washington State University last month, but denies having anything to do with vandalizing the mink farm and freeing onyx, mink and mink in Pullman.

The FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and a Michigan U.S. attorney announced the charges against Coronado in connection with the MSU incident Friday, though they do not know where he is. That’s been the case for more than a year, most of it spent in a Bohemian vacation cottage in Pullman.

Coronado was a suspect a year ago. They called him a "person of interest.

Coronado went into hiding because of threats on his life from the fur industry and because federal agents are always heavily armed when they come looking for him, he told the Portland Oregonian Sunday.

Federal agents tried to catch Coronado in southern Oregon in June 1992, but missed. They boarded ships belonging to the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, looking for him later that summer. The FBI even tried to persuade family members, who live in California, to initiate a missing persons search for him.

Bomb Damage Office Of Federal Agency

Bene — A bomb exploded on the roof of the Bureau of Land Management’s main building Wednesday, and the blast was big enough to be heard at least two miles away.

The bomb rippet a three-foot hole in the building’s roof and 1.56 pounds of damage and caused a small fire.

Anti-fur activists blamed for Chicago store fires

By Sandra Sanchez

USA TODAY

As thousands of shoppers crowded Chicago department stores Monday, federal and local authorities continued searching for mailbox-size devices that are blamed for five weekend fires.

The Animal Liberation Front, an "underground" animal rights group, says it planted nine incendiary devices in four downtown stores to protest fur sales.

Late Monday, Chicago police and FBI agents had retrieved eight devices from four department stores. Most were hidden in lunch-size paper bags and were made of matches attached to small battery-powered clocks that were set to explode at different times.

Agents recovered one device Sunday in the silver and china section of Neiman-Marcus, near crowds of holiday shoppers, says Chicago police Sgt. Edward O’Donnell. The device didn’t ignite.

"I have no idea where one device is," says O’Donnell.

Other devices were found at the Carson Pirie Scott and Marshall Field stores in the Loop, and at trendy Saks Fifth Avenue in the glitzy North Michigan Avenue shopping district.

Five minor fires were ignited Saturday and Sunday at Marshall Field, Carson and Neiman-Marcus stores.

Two of the fires set in Neiman-Marcus were extinguished by in-house sprinklers.

As agents scrambled to locate the last device, store officials beefed up security and tried to calm shoppers.

"We’re taking every precaution to secure the safety of our shoppers and store associates," says Neiman-Marcus spokeswoman Liz Barrett.

Barrett says merchants often fell victim to animal rights extremists during the holidays.

This is typically when incidents like this likely occur to cause (activists) to get a wider audience of attention.

The Animal Liberation Front is known for taking responsibility for such attacks. Founded in England in the 1970s, it has been declared a terrorist group by the FBI.

The group claimed responsibility for the weekend fires via a letter sent to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"And while we don’t condemn it, we don’t condemn it," says PETA spokesman Dan Mathews. "We understand why some activists are driven to even more extreme tactics."
WINTER WAR AGAINST THE FUR TRADE

As many activists are aware, the fur industry has started a multi-million dollar advertising campaign to convince the public to wear fur again. Still, a Los Angeles Times poll on December 25 showed that 50% of the population are opposed to wearing fur. The industry is still tottering on the brink, despite their claims of increased sales. To push them over the edge, we need to redouble our efforts to save fur-bearing animals.

For many years now, there have been protests in front of retail fur stores, and these need to continue. But to expand our campaign, we need to call public attention to every link in this chain of animal suffering. The following is a list of various businesses who are part of the fur trade in one way or another. If you live near any of these murderers, set up protests outside their offices over the next few months. Step up the pressure—THIS CENTURIES-OLD REICH MUST FALL. For the mink, the marten, the fox, and all furbearers, WE WILL REVERSE!

ON THE STREETS—Always confront everyone who wears fur. You have every right to speak out against anyone in fur. Let them know that their cruelty will not be tolerated in your city. Don't back down!

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH—The fur industry relies on research done in labs to increase their profits through further genetic manipulation of furbearers. Fur farm research takes place at Michigan State in East Lansing (still hurting badly from an ALF raid), Washington State in Spokane, Utah State in Logan, Idaho State University, Brigham Young University, the University of Wisconsin at Madison and Milwaukee, and Rocky Mountain Laboratories in Hamilton, Montana.

FUR FARM FEED SUPPLIERS—The unnatural state of the pelts of murdered fur farm prisoners is partly due to the types of special feeds developed by feed suppliers. The main ones are:

- Heger Co./545 Hardman Ave./South St. Paul, MN
- National Fur Foods/Box 220/New Holstein, WI 53061
- (a crucial feed supplier for the industry)
- Wisco Fur Foods/Box 10/Abbotsford, WI 54405
- Heartland Blends/Route 1/Scribner, NE 68057
- Northwest Fur Feeds Cooperative/Edmonds, WA

FUR PROCESSORS: These are the scum who clean up the pelts for their future use as vanity items.

- B&W Pelt Processing/Rte. 2/Orantion, WI 54436
- Platinum Co-op Processing/113 Whiteside/Columbia, IL 62236
- National Superior/4447 West Cortland St./Chicago, IL 60634
- Tubari Ltd./3 Roes Ln./Saddle Brook, NJ 07662

FUR FARM EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS:

- Go Fur Farm Supply/Box 348/Eden Valley, MN 55329
- Riverdale Mills (cage wire)/130 Riverdale St./Northbridge, MA 01534
- Crown of Minnesota/1200 Central Ave. N.E./Minneapolis, MN 55413

FUR AUCTION HOUSES: This is where trappers and fur farmers sell the skins to retailers. A weak point in the industry as only a few remain open.

- Seattle Fur Exchange/240 Andover Park West/Seattle, WA 98138
- North American Fur Auctions/1275 Valley Brook/Lyndhurst, NJ or 65 Skyway/Rexdale, Ontario, M9W 6C7 CANADA

TRAPPING SUPPLIERS:

- Northern Fur and Sport/9191 Leavitt Rd./Elyria, OH 44035 This is the largest trapping supplier.
- Kruick Outdoor Supplies/30 Lightcap Rd./Latrobe, PA 15650
- Verleeg Trappers Supply/Smithville, OH
- Rocky Mountain Fur Co./1507 Willis Rd./Caldwell, ID 83605
- Montgomery Fur Co./Ogden, Utah.
- Russ Carmen (a real scumbag)/New Milford, PA
- Duke Traps/West Point, Mississippi
- Woodstream Traps/Lititz, PA

FUR FARM ORGANIZATIONS: These are small groups of fur farmers who meet to produce propaganda, lobby state legislators, and manage sales of skins. This is only a small sample.

- American Fox Assn./Max, North Dakota
- Canada Mink Breeders Assn./65 Skyway Ave. Suite B/Rexdale, Ontario M9W 6C7
- Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative/8700 S. 700 W./Sandy, UT 84070
- Fur Farm "Animal Welfare" Coalition/225 E. 6th St./St. Paul, MN 55101 This is the biggest and most evil—they must be confronted! See the latest Earth First! Journal for an article about the lies they are spreading.
CHINCHILLA FUR FARMS—There are 6 or 7 chinchilla farms left which imprison over 1,000 animals, and a few smaller ones. There are only four buyers for chinchilla pelts in North America: Rosenfelt in New York, Cancilla in Canada, Princeton in New York, and the largest, Jerry Fullingham, who handles over 200,000 pelts worldwide and is located just outside of Denver, Colorado.


Here are some addresses for fur farms around the country. Some of these may be out of business, since this comes from a 1992 Fur Farm "Animal Welfare" Coalition listing. We have tried to list farms from around the country, but if you live in the Midwest or Utah, try local phone books for a lot more. Imagine how mad these murderers would be if they woke up to see protestors outside their farms!

Crider Furs, Inc./ Route 2, Box 150/ Nicholls, Georgia 31554
This is the largest fur farm in the nation, with 82,000 mink imprisoned there. Most mink farms are much smaller.

Franklin, Idaho has 3 mink farms: Jeffrey Hobbs, Boyd T. Hobbs, and Larry D. Kingsford.

Gengel Mink Farm/ 39614 North Fairfield Road/ Lake Villa, IL 60046

Hoosier Hills Fur Farm/ RFD 1/ Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

Webster City, Iowa, has 2 mink farms: Twilight Mink Farm/ RR 2, Box 119/ 50595 and Hillpiper Mink Farm/ 136 Parkview Dr./ 50595

Carmel's Mink Ranch/ Route 143/ Hinsdale, MA 01235

Channing, Michigan has two mink farms: Robert Roell/ Star Route, Box 92/ 49815 and Jim & Vince Roell/ Box 88/ 49815

Minnesota activists: Check your phone books!

Cary Mink Farm/ Route 1, Box 98-A/ California, Missouri 65018

Crowell Mink Farm/ 1109 Church Ave./ Bozeman, Montana 59715

Kirkpatrick Fur Farm/ 2304 South Memorial park Rd./ Grand Island, Nebraska 68803

Merle Main Mink Ranch/ Route 60/ Gerry, New York 14740

Mohoric Mink Ranch/ 7035 Chatham Rd./ Medina, Ohio 44256

There are 3 mink farms in Astoria, Oregon: Trails End Fur Farm/ Route 3, Box 546/ 97103, Bill & Nancy Tynkila/ Route 6, Box 118/ 97103, and Ray & Verna Tynkila/ same address.

Burns Mink Ranch/ Box 377, RD3 Bend Rd./ N Wilmington, Pennsylvania 16142

Utah and Wisconsin activists: check phone books from around your state.
Animal Researchers Feel Hunted

By Janet Wolfe

Encouraged by bulletproof glass, Dr. Roy Henrikson sits in his University of Oregon office, wondering when to whistle. He figures that if he stays quiet, he'll be safe. He has been getting death threats, however, and this week he found that the thick plate glass in his office window was broken by a brick or rock. Someone has been to his home, too, and he worries about what will happen next.

The tail, inquiring researchers is not always where they walk, for the basement lab, the elevator remaining motorless until they clear the security zone. When he works at a field station on the hill, he has to remember to deactivate the motion sensors before leaving.

At private companies researching high-energy physics or defense weapons, such security measures are common. But Dr. Henrikson is a university researcher, not a secret agent—and as head of Berkeley's animal research program, b. is under constant surveillance, along with thousands of researchers nationwide.

"The whole climate is one of fear and harassment and opposition," said Henrikson. "This is terrorism."

Now, in a signal of the increasing polarization over the animal rights issue, universities and medical centers are beginning to tighten security to keep animal activists at bay. Video cameras, surveillance teams, and digital door codes are part of the high-tech arsenal.

ABS: Tight Security for Animal Researchers

By Faith S. Raider

Contributing Writer

Two Bay Area vegans have come forward, on condition of anonymity, to explain their reasons for covering dairy industry billboards in Berkeley with spray paint and poster paper two weeks ago.

At least two Berkeley billboards bearing the slogan "yogurt, good fast food," briefly read "yogurt, good fast death" and "go vegan!" after alterations by two vegans—core-vegetarians who do not eat dairy products or eggs.

A billboard on Shattuck Avenue advertising eggs now shows the one-word addition "mucus."

One "billboard vegan," who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said political and nutritional convictions spurred the pair to action.

"The reason we do it is for the animals. The meat and dairy industries torture millions of animals every day," he said.

"Animals are kept in small cages, pummeled with drugs, attached to machines, and as soon as they can't give anymore, they are slaughtered and consumed.

"While ads for burger-oriented fast food would seem like a more obvious vegan target, the activists say the Milk Advisory Board's health and fitness campaign, which began in July, is "just as offensive as the meat ads."

"The meat and dairy industry are the same industry. They reap huge profits and have almost unlimited access to the media," the said the "billboard vegan."

Adri Boudevyn, Director of Communications for the California Milk Advisory Board, said, "We wish that when people have a beef, they would start a dialogue instead of defacing property."

Boudevyn said the labor costs of replacing the billboards is a few hundred dollars.

"They should get their own board," the director said.

The vegan activists said health concerns are reason enough to become vegan. Vegans avoid meat and dairy products in order to stear clear of toxins and dairy-fatting effects such as mucus buildup.

The two activists are not part of an organization, but they said they were inspired by other vegan billboards.
DIARY OF ACTIONS

Every single night, the women and men of the Animal Liberation Front carry out direct action to stop animal cruelty at its sources somewhere in the world. England sees thousands of attacks a year, and ALF units are active across the industrialized world. Whether its the Black Ravens in Russia, the DBF in Sweden, Animal Rescue in Japan, or the ALF in New Zealand, Canada, Israel, Poland, Italy, Spain, France, etc., the goal is the same: to liberate the suffering and destroy the property of those who kill for profit.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS

Unfortunately, there is no good source for international actions outside Britain, so we have only read of a few actions. In Germany, 3 shooting towers used by hunters were brought to the ground on consecutive nights. The towers are made of metal and concrete, so it was no easy job. In Norway, red paint was splattered all over a vivisection office of some sort in May. In Singapore, cats were liberated from some sort of government-owned station. In Canada, a butcher shop had its locks jammed in January in Victoria, the Paint Panthers hit a fur store in Montreal in May, and fur stores have had windows smashed in Ottawa.

In England, actions occur on a nightly basis, so it would be impossible to list even a few hundred of them. Some highlights include: 150 hens liberated from a slaughterhouse in London in February and the place was sabotaged, the same night saw a vivisection company in Brighton suffer heavy damage from 30 ALF activists, 80 rabbits were liberated in Lymn in May, 19 empty chicken rearing sheds were destroyed by fire in May in Whitley, a broiler shed in West Hadham was burned down in July, a slaughterhouse near Manchester was wrecked in August, 83 hens were liberated near Kent the same month, 2 pigs were liberated from Wye College, 10 beagles were liberated from a Cheshire hunt club, 6 dogs were liberated in Lincolnshire, and literally thousands of animal abusing businesses suffered attacks in the usual manner. Also, the Animal Rights Militia planted an "intricate explosive device" at Birmingham University in February.

UNITED STATES: JANUARY-NOVEMBER 1993

These reports are taken from various sources, so see our previous issues for sources for the actions before September. Probably a lot more has happened in the U.S. that has not been reported or that we haven’t read about. We only print actions that have been previously reported by mainstream media or activist and enemy publications; again, we are not an ALFSG, only a news magazine, so activists can send action claims to the Edmonton group.

New York State (and elsewhere?)—In an article in GQ magazine on PETA, the existence of an ALF-style pet rescue group was mentioned. The group supposedly warns owners of abused animals to treat them better, and if they do not, the pets are taken from yards and sometimes homes. They are then placed in decent homes.

San Francisco, CA-ALFSF had word of actions as of May 1993 but no details.
Chicago, IL-same as above.
Seattle, WA-same as above.
Los Angeles, CA-same as above.

Madison, WI-A fur store has been attacked repeatedly.

January 13-Cleveland, Ohio-Ciska Furs spray painted and splattered with paint. Paint Panthers.

March 26-Oakland, CA-Butcher shop spray painted. ALF Golden Gate Unit
April-Berkeley and Oakland, CA-A large number of animal abuse billboards were spray painted with slogans such as "Go Vegan!" "Vegan Power!" and "Animal Torture."
April 14-Bethesda, MD-Three McDonald's, two Kentucky Fried Chickens, and Honey Baked Ham were spray painted with slogans. Meat Free Mission
April 27-Montgomery County, MD-Five vivisectors had their homes spray painted with slogans like "Animal Torturer," etc.
Animal Avenger
May-Berkeley and Oakland, CA-More animal abuse billboards spray painted.
May 26-San Francisco, CA-3 chicken restaurants, 2 butchers, and 2 leather shops had slogans painted and locks glued shut. ALF Golden Gate Unit
June 10-Memphis, TN-The owner of Gilbert Kay Furs had his home spray painted and its locks glued. A taxidermy was spray painted and its windows were broken and door locks glued. A meat shop was spray painted. ALF Golden Gate Unit
July-June-San Francisco, CA-3 fur shops had locks glued. ALF Golden Gate Unit
July-June-Memphis, TN-An unsuccessful arson attack was made on Jack Lewis Furs, and the store was spray painted. The store had a new $3,000 security camera, but it proved worthless as the attackers were well disguised. It did record the time the attack was made.
July 6-Montgomery County, MD-Fake bombs were left on the front steps of 4 vivisectors' homes. The bomb squad found that the packages contained a brick, a plastic mouse with fake blood, and a threatening note.
July 9-Albany, CA-A KFC had all its locks glued, slogans painted on 3 walls, and all windows etched with acid. ALF Golden Gate Unit
July 16-San Francisco, CA-City Meats (sells veal) had its front lock glued and slogans painted. A Burger King had its front lock glued. ALF Golden Gate Unit.
July 23-Berkeley, CA-An article on the harassment of a University of California vivisector mentioned that the campus had been spray painted with slogans calling him a "killer."
late July-Manchester, TN-A fire was lit with files in the office of the Coffey County Stockyard and was quickly put out. ALF slogans were spray painted on the walls. ALF Golden Gate Unit
July 30-Bloomington, IN-After 4 delivery trucks at Sims Poultry had their refrigeration units unplugged and were spray painted, police arrived and arrested one of the two men they saw. (See the news section.)
July 31-San Francisco, CA-2 trucks at Robert's Corned Beef had all locks glued and slogans painted all over them. At Uniter Meats, a back fence was cut through, and 3 trucks had all locks glued and slogans painted such as "Meat is Murder." ALF Golden Gate Unit
August 6-Manchester, TN-The Coffey County Stockyard was burned to the ground, with $100,000 in total damages. Local police and media wanted to deny that it was an ALF action, and
November 4-Orlando, FL-The same slaughterhouse was attacked again. [A Florida 'zine describes the action, and it seemed clear that the editor knew about the action. We'd like to say that while the police probably can't read every tiny 'zine that comes out, the fact that we came across the account shows that the issue could just as easily wind up with them. So we won't list the name of the 'zine and encourage the editor to be more careful in the future (note-that doesn't mean that we condemn or condone the action itself.)]

November 4-November 8-San Francisco, CA-Local TV news reported red paint thrown onto fur stores. ---San Francisco region, CA-Z Furman Fur Service (private home) paint bombed, Bernard's Fine Furs (private home) had front windows smashed and paint bombs thrown. Saga Fur and Leather was paint bombed and had its locked gate and windows etched. Herbert's Furs had locks glued. Michelle's Furs had locks etched, windows glued. Sheepskin store was paint bombed. Kane's Furs had locks glued, sign spray painted. Front windows broken. JE Hart fur store had locks glued, windows etched, sign spray painted, and expensive light fixture destroyed. Midwest Furs had locks glued, windows etched, and sign spray painted. California Fur Industry skycraper had locks glued and windows etched. ALF [NY Transfer News Collective]

November 8-November 12-Chicago, IL-8 or 9 incendiary devices were left in 4 department stores which sell fur, and six went off in Marshall Fields, Carson Pirie Scott, and Saks Fifth Avenue. None ignited in Neiman Marcus. The devices were off at night, and set off sprinklers after small fires ignited. Police recovered 2 of the 8 devices, which were described as a matchbook and timer in a brown paper bag, and the FBI says it thinks that people crossed state lines for the action. The ALF sent a press release to PETA, saying that the action signalled a "more intense" campaign of "economic sabotage against stores which sell fur." ALF [NY Transfer News Collective and mass media]

Dial-a-Degenerate

As promised last issue, here are more toll free phone numbers for the animal abusers who sell furs, imprison fur-bearing animals, or supply or support the fur trade in one way or another. Call them and tell them what you think of their crimes against innocent animals. Calls from pay phones are still toll free. Remember to be polite. In some areas, these numbers are cut off because people harass them from pay phones.

Fin Fur......1 800 4USIMAGE
Mr. Chips......1 800 343-2447
Pollacks......1 800 635-4417
Furs and Leather......1 800 872-6465
Bizakis Furs......1 800 541-2114
Max Zeller......1 800 336-FURS
Rhomburg......1 800 762-7310
LJ Freeman......1-800 424-0002
Ron Lee Apparel......1 800 759-FURS
Sofi Tex......1 800 635-2504
Pollack Furrer Supply Co......1 800 422-7467
Diamond Furrer Supply Co......1 800 242-1924
Samuel Bauer & Son......1 800 5000385
RP Outdoors......1 800 458-6608
Tubari Ltd. Fur Processors......1 800 332-0037
Dean Parrison (a trapper)......1 800 999-6498
King of Sports Fox Food......1 800 223-8581
LET THE MORONS BE HEARD
To Beef or Not to Beef

According to the latest issue of the Beef Brief, a publication of the National Cattlemen's Association and Beef Board:
Vegetarian diets can pose health risks. Eating meat is good for the economy. Eating meat is good for the environment.
Besides, says the board, real Americans eat meat!
People will tell you with pride that Wyoming is hard on women and horses. How plain do you need it said?

Go all the Way!
"One cowboy with commitment is worth more than a hundred who are only concerned"

Cow Palace
COWBOY CHURCH
Sun., Oct. 31, 10:00 a.m.
Stockyard Club

Women were put on earth to reproduce, and are... animals. Women's liberation is on an equal to gay liberation... they are both ridiculous.
-Wyoming steer wrestler

If we kick ranchers off the public lands, what are people going to eat? People need meat.
-Colorado public lands rancher

Some Ideas for Aggressive Tactics
Most animal liberation events consist only of marching and perhaps a little civil disobedience. But hasn't CD become an expected ritual of protest in this country? What was once radical and new is now routine to the point that protest "leaders" often negotiate the CD with the police in advance! Clearly, fresh street tactics are needed to bring animal suffering to the attention of the public.

In England, there is a group called the Animal Liberation Investigation Unit which practices a unique form of public direct action. 20 to 30 members of the group will march into a slaughterhouse, factory farm, or laboratory in broad daylight with video cameras. They try to gain as much photographic evidence of cruelty and torture as possible, and then get it out to the local media. Many of them are arrested for trespassing in the process, the same charge that many CD arrestees receive. But notice the difference between the two types of action—one is staid, boring, and predictable, while the other is exciting, confrontational, and brings graphic evidence of torture to the public eye.

We think that the movement to save animals could benefit immensely from a wave of ACT-UP style tactics. Disruptive, confrontational, and media-savvy actions are often angry and unpleasant, but in the long run they bring results. What if a U.S. version of the ALIU existed? What if scores of rowdy activists disrupted meat industry meetings or fur auctions? What if cities across the country had local groups using such tactics?

Maybe within a couple of years we can work towards these types of actions. This means that we radicalize the grassroots animal/environmental movement, stop playing polite games and stop engaging in the "same old, same old..." FOR ALL THE ANIMALS BEING TORTURED RIGHT NOW—LET'S GET AT IT!

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FUR STORE TORCHED IN WISCONSIN

ACTION FOR ANIMALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Inside this issue:
Undercover Report from Mink Conference
Sea Shepherds Sabotage Whaling Ship
Major Designers Drop Fur after Protest
and More!
Welcome to our fifth issue! We've got the latest news of grassroots animal liberation action, and a special undercover report from the International Mink Show in Wisconsin this January. As always, activists around North America will receive free copies, but we encourage people to xerox this magazine and distribute it in your area. With people in several states making copies of each issue now, the circulation of this information is in the thousands.

As we've mentioned in the last two issues, the vegan movement is rapidly growing, especially in the Midwest. Things are still growing, and with protests every day somewhere in North America and more than 20 acts of sabotage and liberation in just the first 2 months of the year, it seems clear that 1994 will be the most successful year ever for the movement. With enthusiasm, creativity, and a commitment to grassroots organizing, we will save thousands of animals and shut down more and more animal abusers.

If you are new to vegan ideas and want to save animals, we recommend reading Diet for A New America by John Robbins for starters, and contacting PETA at PO Box 42516/Washington, DC 20015 for recipes and information about animal abuse. Avoid all the overpriced health food stores, as Asian and Indian groceries have better food at cheaper prices. Copy recipes out of cookbooks at libraries and bookstores.

While this magazine focuses on the fight for animal liberation, we fully support and take part in campaigns for human rights and non-animal environmental issues. We don't stand for any particular ideology, just values like compassion, responsibility, justice, and so on. We encourage the movement to attract people from many different backgrounds and we encourage individual activists to keep in shape and remain drug free for the better advancement of our ideas.

The Militant Vegan is not an ALF support group, and we make no contact with illegal units. This is to ensure that we can continue publishing the good news of animal liberation. So if you see articles about direct action or are a member of an ALF cell, send the clipping or a report of your actions to the North American ALF Support Group/Box 75029, Ritchie P.O./Edmonton, AB/T6E 6K1/Canada.

In England, the ALFSG is at BCM 1160/London, WC1N 3XX/ENGLAND, and they print a quarterly magazine for prisoner support ($20 a year for a subscription.) sell t-shirts and other items and take donations for ALF prisoners. A separate ALF Press Office takes action claims and acts as media spokesperson after raids. They can be reached at ALF Press Office/BM 4400/London/WC1N 3XX/ENGLAND. The Swedish ALF is at DFB/Box 2051/S-265 02/Astorp 2/SWEDEN. The Spanish ALF Supporters Group is at/PO Box 5390/28080/Madrid/SPAIN. The Israeli ALF Supporters Group is at/PO Box 6023/Tel Aviv 61060/ISRAEL.

To keep up with the movement, subscribe to Out of the Cages (14$ a year) at PO Box 2960/Santa Cruz, CA/95063. The best animal liberation magazine anywhere is Arkangel (15$ a year, they take U.S. cash) at BCM 9240/London/WC1N 3XX/ENGLAND. The Earth First! Journal is also useful, write them at PO Box 1415/Eugene, OR/97440. All activists should read Free the Animals! by Ingrid Newkirk, Eco Warriors by Rik Scarce, and the new third edition of Ecodefense, which is available for 18$ from the Earth First! Journal.

We hope you enjoy this issue-keep building up the movement, and we get closer and closer to a victory for the animals. It will take long years and hard work, but in the end, our efforts will pay off. We can wipe out the fur trade soon, and start really taking on the meat and dairy industries, the source of almost all human-caused animal suffering.

The Militant Vegan is a newsmagazine only, and we do not intend to encourage crime against animal killers. This magazine is for informational purposes only.
Kim Trimiew and Deb Stout were jailed by the Spokane grand jury for refusing to testify on February 18. Please send support letters to each of them at: Spokane County Jail W. 1100 Mallon/ Spokane, WA 99260. With four of the grand juries reconvened after they were supposed to end for 18 more months, it is clear that their main purpose is long-term intimidation of the movement.

Peaceful protest against hunting was banned on federal lands in December, after S.187 passed the Senate as part of the anti-crime bill. The "hunting rights" bill endorses hunting as a "right," and bans speech and protest against it on the one third of this country which is federal land. We warn the 182 members of Congress who hunt that we will not accept their "law" which, as always, upholds the powerful against the weak.

Alabama and Nebraska are considering "hunter harassment" laws. These laws typically ban hunt sabbing and passive protest at hunts, and are on the books in 47 other states. While more than 60 people have been arrested under such charges, few have been convicted due to the blatant suppression of speech and assembly that the laws represent.

The Bear Defense Action Network is organizing "poach patrols" against the barbaric practice of killing black bears for their paws and gall bladders in southern Oregon. To get involved, call (503) 482-6429.

Fashion designers Calvin Klein and Ann Klein dropped fur after considering "the humane treatment of animals" after PETA occupied their main office in January. This is a major blow to the fur trade, and the Fur Farm "Animal Welfare" Coalition will have to withdraw their new brochures which tell of Calvin Klein proudly using fur.

Animal abusers suffered another blow soon afterwards, as the Nevada Supreme Court unanimously rejected the lower court ruling that PETA had slandered the vicious baboon beater Bobby Berosini in 1989. Long played up by our enemies as a case of animal liberationists' "lies," a lot of murderers will now be eating their words.

Anti-fur demonstrations were held in cities across Canada on February 12, that nation's day of protest against the fur trade. Other demos against fur have been held in Vancouver, Memphis, Seattle, and at the opening of the Seattle Fur Exchange Fur Auction on February 22.

Protests against pet theft were held in about 25 cities around the U.S. on February 14.

PRISONER SUPPORT: The following activists risked their lives and their freedom to save defenseless animals. They would all love to get letters, and it costs 52 cents per ounce airmail to England.

Vivien Smith was jailed in England in 1991 for conspiracy to burn scores of meat trucks. Write her at: Vivien Smith TT2743/ A4 Unit/ HMP Holloway/ Parkhurst Road/ Holloway/ London N7 ON/ ENGLAND.

Terry Helsby was recently convicted in Liverpool for causing tens of thousands of dollars damage to butchers' shops and a zoo. Write him at: Terry Helsby EF0761/ HMP Risley/ Warrington Road/ Risley/ Warrington/ Cheshire/ WA3 6BP/ ENGLAND.

Allison McKeon was sentenced for the same offense. Write her at: Allison McKeon RE2370/ HMP Ashkan Grange/ Askham Richard/ York/ YO9 3PT/ ENGLAND.

Max Watson was also sentenced for the same "crime." Write him at: Max Watson BJ2477/ HMP Haverigg/ Haverigg Camp/ Millom/ Cumbria/ LA18 4NA/ ENGLAND.

Mark Power is also in jail for animal liberation activities. Write him at: Mark Power HP0606/ HMP Foston Hall/ Foston/ Derbyshire/ DE6 5DN/ ENGLAND.

Anthony Miller was jailed in New Mexico in 1990 for freeing horses and destroying the trailers used to transport them away from their natural range under abusive conditions. He was a government employee, and was sentenced to 10 years in jail for his act of kindness! At the time, he knew nothing of the animal liberation movement, but has since made contact with a number of groups. Please write Anthony because he gets little support because his action was unknown to the movement for so long: Anthony Miller 40351/ PO Box 1059/ Santa Fe, NM 87504-1059

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Court rejects grand jury witness’ appeal

BY KEN OLSEN
Staff Writer

Investigators throughout the country will probably find out what Kim Trimiew says to a federal grand jury in Spokane investigating the Animal Liberation Front.

But that doesn’t mean she is entitled to immunity from prosecution across the nation, a three-judge panel from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday.

If Trimiew is indicted by one of the four other grand juries investigating the A.L.F., she can request a hearing where the government has to prove it didn’t use any of her testimony against her, the judges ruled.

That finding could mean Trimiew returns to the Spokane County Jail, where she was held on contempt charges for two weeks in October for refusing to testify before the grand jury. Her attorney, Stephen House of Portland, could not be reached for comment Friday.

In an earlier interview, House said if the three-judge panel rejected the appeal, he would ask the full appeals court to reconsider.

Trimiew, 21, is an Oregon activist and a target of grand jury investigations in Washington, Oregon and probably Michigan. She was subpoenaed to Spokane to testify before the grand jury investigating the 1991 A.L.F. raid at Washington State University in August.

Trimiew only has immunity from prosecution in Washington. Her attorney argues that since there are so many jurisdictions investigating the A.L.F. raids, she will never be able to tell whether her testimony helped bring about her indictment or other places. The federal government rejected his request for extra safeguards for her, like broader immunity.

U.S. District Judge W. Fremming Nielsen jailed her Oct. 5 for contempt after she twice refused to testify. The appeals court freed her on bail Oct. 29, pending its decision.
**SEA SHEPHERDS SABOTAGE WHALER**

On January 24, the Sea Shepherds attempted to sink a whaling ship in Norway in retaliation for Norway's continued killing of Minke whales. Below are the Sea Shepherd communiqué (issued before they realized that the ship only partially sank) and an article from the Norwegian media.

Sea Shepherd Strikes Again in Norway—Second Outlaw Whaling Ship Sunk
January 24th, 1994 Santa Monica, California (Sea Shepherd HQ)

The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society is responsible for the sinking this morning of the pirate whaler Senet in the port of Gressvik, Norway at 0145 hrs. The Senet, registered in Gressvik, killed five Minke whales illegally during the summer of 1993. The ship is owned by Martin Siervik.

This is the second Norwegian whaler sunk by the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society since the withdrawal of Norway from the International Whaling Commission in July 1992. Sea Shepherd agents sunk the whaler Nybroena on December 27, 1992.

This second sinking is in retaliation for the illegal slaughter of some 300 Minke whales in 1993.

The attack was organized by Lisa Distefano, 30, the director of Sea Shepherd’s Oceanic Research and Conservation Action Force (ORCAFORCE). The Senet was scuttled by ORCAFORCE field agents trained in underwater demolition. The ship was sunk at dockside. There were no crew members on board. The agents left a Sea Shepherd calling card on the ship to verify our actions.

Captain Paul Watson, 42, the founder and international director of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, informed the Norwegian authorities of the sinking and called on the government of Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland to recognize the worldwide moratorium on commercial whaling.

"It is with great reluctance that we must initiate these actions," said Captain Watson. "However, when nations do not heed the law, it is the duty of concerned citizens to enforce the law against the offending nation. Norway is a pirate whaling nation. Our actions were an enforcement of international conservation regulations against illegal whaling activity."

Captain Watson added, "I think that Lisa Distefano and her crew acted very responsibly. There were no injuries. The future for the world’s whales is a little more secure today with the loss of this pirate whaling vessel."

The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society has sunk seven whaling ships and shut down operations on three others since 1979. None of the strikings resulted in injuries and no criminal charges have been filed against the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society for the attacks. The Society only targets whaling operations that are in violation of the conservation regulations of the International Whaling Commission.

The following is a translation of an article that appeared in the Norwegian newspaper Stavanger Aftenblad on January 25:

**NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES REACT STRONGLY TO WHALE BOAT SABOTAGE**

OSLO (NTB): Norwegian authorities reacted strongly to the action on the whaling boat "Senet" outside of Fredrikstad. Sunday night. State Department will ask the authorities in the USA for cooperation to stop the organization Sea Shepherd from using their base in California for sabotage abroad.

"We dissociate completely from Sea Shepherd's attempt to sink the whaling boat outside Fredrikstad. It's sabotage that borders on terrorism and is of course totally unacceptable," said press spokesperson Ingvar Haven i the State Department. Also, the international environmental organization Greenpeace condemned the sabotage action against the "Senet."

Secretary Jan Odin Olavesen from the Norwegian Small Whale Hunting Association characterized the sabotage in Fredrikstad as the absolute bottom from the controversial conservation society. "The attack has only one purpose, to create international fame for Sea Shepherd. For us whalers, the attacks on Norwegian whaling vessels have no effect, except that we become more insistent on working for our cause," Olavesen said to NTB.

It was around 01.45 Sunday night that people from Sea Shepherds cut two cooling water intakes to the flush pumps in the "Senet," so that the water flooded into the boat. Only quick reaction from the Fire Department in Fredrikstad, when skipper Arvid Enghaugen discovered the sabotage around nine Monday morning, stopped the boat from going under.

According to a press release from Sea Shepherd, the sinking attempt was led by the leader of the organization's action group, Lisa Distefano. The activists put Sea Shepherd's visiting card on the door to the engine room. They also locked the door with a large padlock to hinder the salvage work.

The "Senet" last year had a quota for five Minke whales, which were shot in 11 days. The rest of the year, the boat does regular fishing. The crew on the "Senet" had been told earlier that the boat could be targeted for actions by Sea Shepherd because it is so close to the Swedish border. As late as the New Year weekend, a message came from the police in Lofoten that something might be up. The crew had therefore in the last weeks kept the "Senet" hidden around Onsøy. But Sunday night, it again moored at the Sleivik pier after a three day long trip to Denmark. The fact that activists struck so quickly points to them keeping the boat under surveillance.

Sea Shepherd leader Paul Watson says that the organization is planning several similar actions. The purpose, according to Watson, is to increase the whaling boats' expenses through higher insurance costs, and other costs, so that it will not be economically profitable to participate in the whaling.
Animal rights group suspected in arson

Radical activists linked to blaze at Brookfield furrier

Antifur group takes fire blame

By Penny Roberts

Chicago police are investigating whether a radical animal-rights organization planted fire-starting devices in four of the city's largest department stores over the weekend. The Animal Liberation Front is claiming responsibility for leaving the devices, which started small fires in Saks Fifth Avenue, Marshall Field's and Carson Pirie Scott, and forced the evacuation of the top floor of Neiman Marcus.

In a news release dated Sunday that was faxed to the Washington, D.C.-based People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the organization said it targeted stores that sell fur products. PETA released the statement Monday.

“This action signals the start of a new, more intense campaign of economic sabotage against stores which sell fur,” the statement said. “Any store selling fur items will be considered a legitimate target. No fur will be tolerated—fur hats, fur gloves or fur-trimmed coats are enough to put a store on the ALF hit list.”

The statement also said the organization planted nine devices in four stores, but police have reported finding eight. The incendiary devices consist of a matchbook and a timer bonded to a 9-volt battery, and are designed to “flash” and start a fire. They were left at the sites in lunch-size paper bags.

Both the Arson Section and the Animal Liberation Front are considered a radical branch of the animal-rights movement that has been linked to several terrorist-like activities. Their first actions were documented in March of 1993, when they released five animals from New York University's Medical Center in New York City.

Over the years, they have claimed responsibility or been blamed for vandalizing facilities, disrupting research, threatening scientists and setting fires at least eight times.

The Arson Hotline, 1-800-362-3005, is offering a $5,000 reward for tips leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in the Brookfield fire. Authorities said all tips are kept confidential.
UNDERCOVER REPORT ON THE FUR FARM INDUSTRY

To effectively fight the industries of animal abuse, we must understand the way they work and know their weak points. We are publishing this article to give our readers important information that can be used to destroy the fur trade as well as to show the animal killers that we can and will infiltrate them at every step of the way. In the future, we hope to have more articles of this nature on various animal abusing businesses.

On January 8, 1994, the fur farm industry had their annual International Mink Show in Madison, Wisconsin. I went to this event as an investigator for the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade. I discovered many things that confirm the need for the animal rights movement to continue to focus as much energy as possible on this issue.

Before I discuss the findings from this investigation, I would like to thank D’Arcy Kimmetz and the Alliance for Animals for conducting, an excellent protest and civil disobedience at this event. Five members of the group raided the conference, with several of them wearing bloody fur coats. Two of them chained themselves to the podium while the other three were physically pushed out of the building. Eventually, security had to remove the entire podium that the protesters were chained to! This received news coverage on three TV stations.

I began my investigation by talking to the organizer of the event, a fur farmer named Gene Cooper from Wisconsin. He claimed that China has just opened its first fur stores and is a new market for the industry. The industry is also exploring the possibilities of opening fur markets in South America. Korea is the biggest fur consuming nation, and national groups should take note of this as they are in a position to do something about it. Koreans could consume all of the mink pelts produced in North America and then some! There is so little mink produced these days, 18 million a year compared to 45 million annually in the late 80’s, that supply is below demand and fur farmers are starting to make money again. They estimate that is will take ten years to meet this demand. Of course, this estimate does not take the animal liberation movement into consideration! An anti-fur effort in Korea and all the Far East is imperative to our success.

The first workshop was on Aleutian Disease (AD). This is a disease that has wiped out several fur farms in the last year. Farmers dread AD and believe that a cure will never be developed. They believe that it must be prevented by testing all breeding mink and killing those infected. Several researchers are experimenting with mink in an effort to find ways to curb this disease and save the industry money. They include Rocky Mountain Laboratories in Hamilton, Montana with Dr. Marshall Bloom and Utah State University in Logan, Utah with Dr. Gary Durrant.

Evidently, AD has become a big problem in Utah. Raccoons are not native to the state, but were introduced for hunting purposes. The raccoons approach mink in fur farms and transmit the disease to them. Utah activists take note, efforts are underway to eradicate the raccoons.

One speaker, Kent Disse from Minnesota, claimed that formaldehyde gas can be used to disinfect the cages and prevent AD. The fur farmers recognize that this chemical is currently illegal, but they still went into detail on how to make it. It was recommended that this chemical be made without employee help in order to avoid criminal prosecution.

There were two other things that I noticed during this workshop. One is that researcher John Gorham of Washington State University developed an iodine program to help detect AD. The fur farmers claim that this test is ineffective. This is just one more example of minks and other animals being tortured in labs for results that are of no use. Fortunately, the ALF has virtually crippled Dr. Gorham’s mink research. The other thing will be of no surprise to anyone. The fur farmers talked about ways to keep other wildlife away from their mink to eliminate the possibilities of disease transmission. One said that starlings were a problem at his farm so he placed a bowl of feed at the edge of his farm. They would then flock to this feed and become used to it. He then added salt so that it was 30% salt and 70% feed. He claimed that the starlings ate this mixture once and never came back. When asked if this killed the birds, he proclaimed “Who cares?” to a roomful of laughter.

The next workshop dealt with melatonin implants. After a ten year process, the FDA is about to approve this product (which is now available.) Melatonin causes the mink to fur out sooner. To explain, each winter fur bearing animals develop a thicker, prime coat. It is at this point that they are skinned and killed. By injecting mink, fox, chinchilla, or Finnish raccoon with melatonin, the animals fur out in October instead of December.

The advantage to this is the savings in terms of labor and feed. The average mink consumes 64 pounds of feed before being killed. Mink who have been injected with melatonin consume an average of 52 pounds of feed before slaughter. Feed costs are cut by 18.8%.
One mink farmer claimed that in tests, melatonin implanted mink had heavier leather and were harder to flesh. This is undesirable to the fur farmers. The manufacturer said that an early pelting out process avoids this problem. He added that this implant will not reduce fighting or self mutilation. He also pointed out that melatonin is already available in Canada and one fur farm using the product was receiving two to four dollars more per pelt than the average mink farmer.

This is the first FDA-approved chemical ever produced for mink besides antibiotics and vaccines. The sole purpose of this product is to save the fur farmer money. It costs about 40 cents per dose and is injected into the loose skin between the shoulder blades. The manufacturer, Terry Cairns of Wildlife Pharmaceuticals, said, "Mink don’t seem to mind it too much. I think they mind being handled more than being injected."

Wildlife Pharmaceuticals is the only company that makes this product, since four others could not afford the FDA approval process. They are located at 1401 Duff Drive, Suite 600, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 1-800-222-WILD. Terry Cairns is a fox farmer as well.

The next discussion was about how to increase breeder reproduction. The fur farmers have decided to expose the mink to one and a half hour of lighting each morning or evening in addition to sunlight hours. This tricks the minks' biological systems and pushes breeding success up from about 85% to 93%.

The real key to their success, however, is through scientifically formulated mink feed. Perhaps the main mink research center at this point is the National Fur Foods Experimental Mink Ranch. The other big players were crippled by the ALF, but this one is, at this point, untouched. They have developed feed which, when added to the standard wet feed (ground up slaughterhouse by-products and grain,) cuts disease rates in half by reducing bacteria counts in the feed. This product also helps develop minks with lighter leather, silkier fur, uniform pelt size, and breeders with better milking and bigger kits. This is a major asset to the fur farm industry.

The National Fur Foods Co., which is a subsidiary of National Milk Specialties, is located in New Holstein, Wisconsin. The experimental fur farm may be located in nearby Oshkosh. They can be reached at 1-800-558-5803. This company needs to be shut down!

The spread of Aleutian Disease is of great concern to the fur farm industry. The development of high quality pelts while cutting costs at the same time may be their only greater concern. Furriers feel that U.S. mink quality is getting worse. Once again, National Fur Foods is working to solve this problem. They claim that their feed is specially formulated to produce lighter leather, silkier fur, etc. I cannot emphasize more how evil, and how crucial, this company is.

The next workshop covered management, pelt prices, and the future. With pelt prices up, due to lack of supply, the fur farmers plan to upgrade their equipment and buy new breeding stock to eliminate some of the inbreeding that was going on. It was again mentioned that using National Fur Foods crumlets would save them money. One mink farmer warned against expanding the mink herds as this would lead to lower prices. An updated water system has been produced by Aqua Cir-Clean of Green Bay, Wisconsin. It was promoted as a real money saver in terms of labor costs.

The mink industry has a problem with animals dying shortly after birth. It was recommended that they watch kits closely during April and May as this is the time when they are born. National Fur Foods claims that they have people at their experimental fur farm during all hours of the night during this time period. They are watching the kits to correct any problems that will lead to an early death.
The next discussion covered the use of antibiotics in mink to help keep them alive until pelling time. I overheard someone say that only 3 antibiotics are approved for use in mink. The speaker mentioned this but continued to list 10 or 15 different antibiotics that could be used along with the correct dosages.

Mike Savidusky of Savidusky Furs in Madison, Wisconsin spoke next. Due to a lack of competition, he is once again on stable ground. His focus is on youth and he is experiencing his best times since 1986. It is apparent that overconfident activists are ignoring the fur issue because they believe that we've already won. The battle isn't even half over and we must continue to hit the furriers hard.

The ecology issue is something that the furriers are now focusing on. They say that fur is a "natural" product. They ignore the fact that 56 times more energy goes into the production of a fur coat than a synthetic one. The Coalition To Abolish the Fur Trade has information to counter every one of their claims of this issue.

Due to higher pelt prices, wholesale rates will be higher next year. They won't be able to sell their coats at near nothing prices during the '94-'95 season. In response to this, Savidusky claims that 40-45% of his profits are now coming from cleaning, restyling, remodeling, etc., so even if he sells low, he can make more money when more fur is on the street. There is a small group of furriers, all at least 300 miles apart, who are unloading tons of merchandise at extremely low prices to capitalize on this. They all schedule their sales around each other and get the merchandise on consignment.

It is the fur industry's belief that the movement against them is weakening because our protests have been less confrontational and shorter. What does this tell you? We must have large, long, loud protests. This summer we will begin our "Summer Heat" campaign. Up to 10% of the mink on fur farms die from heat related diseases and this will be the basis for the campaign. It would be great if other groups joined us in this new, angry campaign that aims to truly educate the public. We can destroy the furriers' morale by showing them that we're stronger than ever—we've just been putting our energies elsewhere for the past two years. We must focus on the fur trade and win!

(The next workshop, given by the Fur Farm "Animal Welfare" Coalition, described a new propaganda video to be shown to Michigan schoolchildren that promotes animal abuse.)

It is clear that we must embark on a new, confrontational campaign that embraces new tactics as well as old ideas that have proven to be effective. We suggest that activists push for city ordinances that ban the sale of wild fur. This will be the first step in our efforts to completely abolish the fur trade. All stores that still sell fur must be boycotted and they need to know why they lost your business. Fur wearers must be made to feel uncomfortable. They see fur as a status symbol and when they are frowned upon, their coat will lose its appeal. Posters can be put up with a paste made from a flour/water mixture. Stickers and leaflets must be everywhere. Consider investigating fur farms and documenting the conditions the animals are in. We have a small fur farm list and your state department of agriculture may help you as well. If a group of activists conducted a civil disobedience on a fur farm, the media would get shots of the small, filthy cages the mink are kept in. This should be considered. Other activists have sabotaged fur stores and fur farms. This causes the furriers' insurance premiums to skyrocket. I know of a fur store in Memphis that was attacked repeatedly and lost their lease and their insurance.

In conclusion, the fur trade is hurt but still kicking. Grassroots groups must continue to fight in the streets while the national groups need to work on shrinking the fur markets in Korea and the Far East. Let's stop these murderers once and for all!
The Silent Treatment
An author draws hard time for clamming up about the Animal Liberation Front

When students turned out for the first day of Rik Scarse's class in sociology at Washington State University this fall, they were told that their assigned instructor wouldn't be coming—and probably wouldn't make it the rest of the semester. Scarse, the author of the 1990 book Eco-Warriors: Understanding the Radical Environmental Movement, was still cooling his heels in the Spokane County Jail. In May he was ordered behind bars for refusing to discuss his research on the Animal Liberation Front with a federal grand jury.

Scarse was released in October (the presiding judge, who could have detained him until December, decided that coercive confinement was not working). But some environmental activists have taken it long incarceration as a clear message that the government is keeping the heat on a two-year-old investigation of Operation Bite Back, a series of attacks against fur farms and research laboratories carried out in 1991 and 1992 by the ALF. And some are concerned that the government will take up similar investigations of other groups on the extreme fringes of the environmental movement. "First it was the ALF," says Robert Amon, an Idaho-based member of the radical group Earth First! who expects to be investigated by a federal grand jury this fall. "Next it will be Earth First! again. Then maybe the Lewiston (Idaho)-Rotary Club for considering inviting us to come as guest speakers."

For the 35-year-old Scarse, the trouble began in 1992, when a federal grand jury investigating vandalism of U.S. Department of Agriculture research offices at Washington State University subpoenaed him to testify. Among other things, the grand jury wanted to know whether Scarse had interviewed three ALF members who were suspects. Arguing that as a writer he had a First Amendment right not to divulge anonymous sources and a professional obligation not to break promise of confidentiality Scarse refused to talk. Some state and federal courts do grant writers, reporters, and academics professional privilege, but many—including the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which heard Scarse's case—do not. On May 1, Scarse was ordered a jail for contempt of court.

"I'm not a suspect," said Scarse from his cell. "I have no been charged with a crime."

A sticking point in Scarse argument involves the company he keeps. Several suspects: ALF members are alleged close friends of his, and Rodine A. Coronado, a key suspect in ALF raids in four states, was staying at Scarse's house in Pullman, Washington, on August 12, 1991, the day of the raid at the university (Scarse says he was out of town). Coronado was indicted in July on five federal charges in connection with February 1992 raid at a Michigan State University lab; he's been hiding since the fall of 1992.

Meanwhile, the government continues its investigations of the ALF. A new grand jury will likely convene in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and in Spokane, another person has been jailed for not talking about the ALF case. This proves you don't have to be a Molotov-cocktail-throwing subversive to gain the government's attention," says Scarse. "People should look at my case, and think about the other possibilities."

—KEN OLSEN

STEP UP SECURITY, USE CAUTION, RETAILERS WARNED

For retailers, there are circumstances in which they may find themselves in situations where they need to be concerned about potential threats to their safety and property. Here are some tips on how to prepare for such situations:

1. Keep an eye out for suspicious activity. Be aware of any unusual behavior such as people loitering or acting in a manner that is out of place.
2. Keep your store well-lit and stocked. A well-lit store with plenty of inventory is less likely to attract attention.
3. Use security cameras to monitor activity in your store.
4. Keep a lookout for unusual vehicles or packages.
5. Be vigilant when opening or closing your store.
6. Keep a list of known troublemakers and inform employees of any potential threats.
7. Have a plan in place for responding to any emergencies that may occur.
8. Consider hiring security guards to help deter potential threats.
9. Keep your emergency contacts up to date and accessible.
10. Stay informed about any recent crimes or incidents in the area.

Halifax/Yorkshire, England, called police when he became suspicious of a video cassette holder that arrived in the mail. The holder contained a brochure, which was removed before detonation. A man was atered at St. Mary's Hospital for injuries. The British ALF is said to have connections to American cults of the ALF.

Federal authorities are in the process of examining local law enforcement agencies about ALF activities in the area. To reduce the chance of damage or injury, they have offered the following advice to industry members:

- Contact local law enforcement officials to brief them about the potential for ALF action against your business.
- Ask them to help you conduct a review of your operations.
- Conduct a thorough inspection of your facility every day before closing, keeping a special lookout for packages or paper bags left under shelves, display cases or garbage.
- If unidentified passengers or packages are found, take extreme caution. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO HANDLE OR REMOVE THEM YOURSELF. Contact enforcement authorities immediately.
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- Ask them to help you conduct a review of your operations.

Department of the Arctic, Antarctic, and Subarctic Service, Washington, D.C. Thanks to the information provided by the author, this list of tips is a great resource for any business owner looking to protect their store from potential threats.

—KEN OLSEN

Top: Outside, December 1993
Above: Seattle Times, January 14, 1994
Right: Fur Age Weekly, January 10, 1994
DIARY OF ACTIONS

Every single night, the women and men of the Animal Liberation Front carry out direct action to stop animal cruelty at its sources somewhere in the world. England sees thousands of attacks a year, and ALF units are active across the industrialized world. Whether it’s the Black Ravens in Russia, the DBF in Sweden, Animal Rescue in Japan, or the ALF in New Zealand, Canada, Israel, Poland, Italy, Spain, France, etc., the goal is the same: to liberate the suffering and destroy the property of those who kill for profit.

Note: The Diary of Actions is intended to report news of "illegal" actions to save animals, not to encourage crime. All reports listed come from movement and opposition publications, internet bulletin boards, mainstream media, and local 'zines. There is probably a lot we missed, since we obviously cannot read every little 'zine out there. To help get out the news of direct action, send reports and clippings to Out of the Cages/PO Box 2960/ Santa Cruz, CA 95063.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS

In Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada, the ALF slashed 54 tires and glued the locks of 17 trucks belonging to the Department of Renewable Resources on December 14. The DRR is carrying out a wolf kill program. The activists cut barbed wire topping a security fence to get in.

In Croatia, the ALF has been glueing the locks of meat and leather shops while actively opposing the war there. In Hamar, Norway, the ALF has sabotaged the building that almost all furs there go through, as well as fur stores in the city. In Finland, the ALF carried out an "Operation Bite Back," in which locks were glued and windows smashed at numerous fur stores from October to December.

In England, ALF attacks happen every day and it would be impossible to list them all. Some highlights include: over 100 wild birds released from captivity in Surrey, two chinchillas liberated in London on November 14, 50 hens liberated from a farm in Yarnton on November 21, 30 turkeys liberated and vehicles sabotaged in Ringmer a week earlier, 100 battery hens liberated in East Sussex on December 13, the attempted burning of a slaughterhouse in Spen End, and arson attacks on a meat truck and a vivisection company in West London.

A new group called The Justice Department sent a large number of letter bombs to animal abusers, some of which went off, and firebombed chain stores which test on animals. This has caused quite a bit of controversy in the movement in England.

In Northern Ireland, a McDonald’s had its windows smashed on December 4 by the ALF. In Sweden, the Djuren’s Hamnars (Animal Avengers) attacked fur stores, butchers, and vivisections in Stockholm during the summer with paint and glued locks, and liberated 9 guinea pigs and 2 rabbits from an animal breeder outside the city on November 8.

UNITED STATES

In our last issue, we listed actions from January 1 through the end of November 1993. Since then, we have learned of a few more during those months:

May 31-Baltimore, MD- At the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, 10 rats, 5 dogs, and 3 cats were liberated. Students Against In Vivo Experiments and Dissection (SAVED)

Summer- Fon du Lac, WI-A large number of attacks against animal abusers took place. ALF

June 24-Grosse Pointe, IL- Lee’s Fashion and Furs and two other fur shops were spray painted with slogans, had posters glued to windows, and locks glued. Vegan Action League

August-Eaton, OH- At least three beef promotion billboards were spray painted with slogans such as “ALF.” ALF

August-Dayton, OH- A butcher shop was spray painted with slogans like “Meat is Murder.” ALF

November-Los Angeles, CA- Two cars belonging to fur store owners had their windows broken. ALF

November 27- Marietta, OH- Leather shoe store had slogans such as “Blood Money,” “Cow Killers,” “Don’t Wear Animals,” and “Murderers” painted on the walls. ALF

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December 11-Fond du Lac, WI-A McDonald’s received 4 holes in its windows and a display on the roof was deflated. ALF

December 23-San Francisco, CA- Activists damaged 25-30 fur garments in 5 department stores and on the streets with super glue, razor blades, and scissors. ALF

December 26-Brookfield, WI- Chudik’s West fur store was set on fire, with $125,000 in damages. The store and the owner’s van had previously been attacked repeatedly with acid, painted slogans, and glued locks. ALF

January-Ohio- Unspecified action against animal abusers.

January 5-San Jose, CA- Tarlow’s Furs had several windows smeared with etching fluid. ALF

January 7-Stockton, CA- Mansoor Furs, the only furrier in the city, had its lock glued and slogans spray-painted. A Chuck E. Cheese restaurant received similar treatment. ALF

January 8-Seattle, WA- In the second such incident, an Eddie Bauer store received $5,000 damage from slashed merchandise after refusing to stop selling clothing with fur trim.

January 13-Tillamook County, OR- Survey stakes were pulled up at a clear-cut site in an action to sabotage those who destroy wildlife habitat. ALF

January 15-Beverly Hills, CA- Display window of American Express smashed to protest promotion of fur. ALF Nov. 26 Cell
Farm bureau offering reward for vandals of pro-beef signs

By JIMMY JOHNSON

EATON, Ohio — The Preble County Farm Bureau is offering a reward for information on vandalism of signs that promote the sale of beef. At least three signs have been spray-painted in the last three months.

In early August, a sign for Beef was spray-painted on U.S. 35 in Eaton. In late August, a sign for Beef was spray-painted on U.S. 50 near Eaton. In late September, a sign for Beef was spray-painted on U.S. 35 near Eaton.

Officials believe the letters “A.L.F.” were painted repeatedly on the signs. They believe the letters stand for the Animal Liberation Front, an underground animal rights group.

TheALF has claimed responsibility for 60 percent of animal rights terrorist acts, such as arson and bombing, in the United States since 1977, said Jim Hill, of the Preble County Farm Bureau. Hill said the organization is an underground organization that believes in non-violent means to achieve its goals.

Officials believe the vandalism is a form of protest against the sale of beef. They believe the campaign is aimed at promoting the sale of meat products.

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Officer discovers damage

A police officer on patrol found four plate glass windows broken at the McDonald’s restaurant, 929 E. Johnson St., early Dec. 11. The windows were possibly hit with ball bearings. An inflatable figure on the roof of the restaurant was also deflated.
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Conflict Gypsy
read is the new green
this publication and many more can be found on conflictgypsy.com, the free archive of old & rare direct action news
Welcome to Militant Vegan #6! In this issue we bring you reports from several months of direct action for animals, clippings and updates of news affecting us and the animals, and more! Premiering this issue is a new direct action comic with tactical and safety information. We hope you enjoy everything and please remember not to reproduce or redistribute! We are happy to say that circulation of this magazine has now reached many countries all over the world. Thank you to the people who have made copies. So, for the animals, let's get the word out!

If you are new to vegan ideas and want to save animals, we recommend reading No More Victims by John Robbins for starters, and contacting PETA at PO Box 42516 / Washington DC 20015 for recipes and information about animal abuse. Avoid all the overpriced health food stores, as Asian and Indian groceries have better than average prices. Copy recipes out of cookbooks at libraries and bookstores.

While this magazine focuses on the fight for animal liberation, we fully support all other human rights and non-animal environmental issues. We don't stand for any particular ideology, we stand for compassion, responsibility, justice, and so on. We encourage the movement to attract people from many different backgrounds. Also, though we are a direct action magazine, we believe there is room for many different types of activism, and support all those who are working towards a cruelty-free world in whatever way they can.

The Militant Vegan is not an ALF support group, and we make no contact with them. This is to ensure that we can continue publishing the good news of animal liberation. So if you see articles about them in this issue or anywhere else, please print out this note and send it to them. We have no connection with them. The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade is now officially announced that they are also interested in actions. You can send reports to C.A.T. / PO Box 700 / Victoria, BC V8S 3L2 Canada. The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade is now officially announced that they are also interested in actions. You can send reports to C.A.T. / PO Box 700 / Victoria, BC V8S 3L2 Canada.

In England, the ALFSG is at BCM 1160 / London, WC1N 3XY / England, and publishes a quarterly magazine for prisoner support (20$ a year for a subscription) sell T-shirts and other items and take donations for ALF prisoner support. A separate ALF Press Office takes action claims and acts as a media spokesperson after raids. They can be reached at ALF Press Office / BM 4400 / London WC1N 3XY / ENGLAND. The Swedish ALF is at: DFB- Animal Avengers 2033 / S-182 2/ Astorp 2/ Sweden. The Spanish ALF is at: Group 2600 / P.O. Box 50390 / Madrid / SPAIN. The Italian ALF is at: Group 2400 / P.O. Box 5400 / Italy. The Israeli ALF is at: P.O. Box 220 / Tel Aviv 61060 / Israel. The Danish ALF is at: P.O. Box 220 / 86300 / Denmark. We hope you enjoy this issue, and remember that you can make a difference!

The Militant Vegan is a magazine that reports the known facts about direct action and animal liberation. We do not intend to encourage crime against animals. This magazine is for informational purposes only.
Two protesters were arrested July 2nd in Memphis after they locked themselves to the door of a Goldsmith's department store at a demo organized by the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade. Activists in Memphis are also publishing an inspiring newsletter.

The Memphis Three are still awaiting the result of their appeal of their conviction on four counts of attacking fur stores in 1992. They served three weeks of a yearlong sentence before being released on appeal last summer.

David Barbarash, wanted in Canada for ALF actions in Edmonton in 1991 and 1992, was arrested in Scotts Valley, California on May 9. He was driving along a road with activist Johnathan Paul following in another car when they were stopped at a roadblock by 30 local police and FBI agents. David was jailed and sent back to Canada, where he is awaiting trial for allegedly liberating cats from the Univeristy of Alberta and setting fish company trucks on fire. He can recieve letters at: David Barbarash/ Edmonton Remand Centre/ 9660-104 Ave./ Edmonton, Alberta/ T5H 4B5/ CANADA.

Darren Thurston, convicted of the same charges, was sent back to jail in May. He can receive letters at: Darren Thurston/ A-E #13/ Calgary Correctional Ctr./ Box 3250, Station B/ Calgary, AB/ T2M 4L9/ CANADA.

Kim Trimiew and Deb Stout are still in jail for refusing to testify to the Washington grand jury investigating the ALF. Write them separately at: Spokane County Jail/ West 1100 Mallon/ Spokane, WA 99260.

Vivien Smith sentenced to six years in jail for burning scores of meat trucks in England, escaped a few months ago. Let's hope she stays free!

English Animal Liberation Prisoners would love to get letters from supporters in North America. Airmail costs 52 cents per ounce. Activists currently in prison are:

Terry Helsby EFO 761/ HMP Risley/ Warrington Road/ Risley, Warrington, Cheshire/ WA3 6BP/ ENGLAND.

Annette Tibbles TT2215/ HMP Holloway/ Parkhurst Road/ Holloway, London/ N7ONU ENGLAND.

Angie Hamp/ HMP Holloway/ Parkhurst Road/ Holloway, London/ N7ONU ENGLAND.

Allison McKeon RE2370/ HMP Askham Grange/ Askham, Richard, York/ Y02 3PT/ ENGLAND.

Max Watson BJ2477/ HMP Haverygg/ Haverigg Camp/ Millom, Cumbria/ LA18 4NA/ ENGLAND.

SPATTER MATTER

Paint-filled balloons or ornaments have been used to "bloody" this huge sign in Woodbridge, N.J. On the third redecoration, rain drizzled the "blood" all over the coat. Surely Mother Nature doesn't appreciate the way furriers are harming her citizens.
Animal rights activist gets jail sentence
'Crimes of urban intimidation'

KATHLEEN ENGMAN
Legal Affairs Writer

Edmonton

An animal rights activist who kidnapped cats and fire-bombed fish company trucks had his suspended sentence replaced Thursday with two years less a day in jail.

"If a free society can survive when zealous ... deliberately break the law in an effort to impose their will on others by dangerous and unlawful intimidation," three Alberta Court of Appeal justices said in sentencing Darren Todd Thurston.

No matter how laudable their motives or how passionate their beliefs, such zealous undermine a free society, the justices said in a written judgment.

The justices said it's important to "indicate in the clearest possible terms that crimes of urban intimidation are totally inconsistent with the freedoms of a democratic Canada."

These freedoms depend upon the recognition by every citizen of the rule of law."

Thurston pleaded guilty to arson, and break and enter with intent to commit an indictable offence. On Sept. 5, 1993, out of Queen's Bench Justice gave him a suspended sentence, noting that he'd already spent 15 months in pre-trial custody. Other mitigating factors included Thurston's relatively youth of 23 years, his guilty pleas, and no prior criminal record.

The suspended sentence does not reflect the seriousness of the circumstances in which the offenses were committed. The crimes had an element of urban intimidation to them," the justices said.

They also upheld the trial judge's order that Thurston pay $73,725 for property damage he caused.

Bryan Fallwell, owner of Billingsgate Fish Company Ltd. said he was pleased that Thurston's sentence had been increased. "I thought he got off much too lightly the first time."

If Thurston had pickecd his store, he said he could have accepted it. "But to take it into a terrorist situation, it is criminal."

Thurston, a leader of the Animal Liberation Front, and accomplices had set fire to three Billingsgate trucks on Dec. 16, 1991. The fire spread. Ironically, about a dozen lobsters died because the fire caused a short in the water circulation system in their tanks. The lobsters were endangered because one of the trucks was fuelled with highly explosive propane. Total damage was $54,946. Scrashed on the walls were the words: "murder" revenge" and "A.L.F."

Six months later, Thurston and accomplices broke into the University of Alberta's Bio Animal Research Nnel. Phone cords were cut, paint was splashed and files were strewn about. Twenty-nine cats valued at $44,350 were stolen. Scrashed on the walls were the messages: "We'll be back for the mice."

"No more. Damage there was $22,375."

On June 8, 1992, Thurston and others sent a communique to the media, along with pictures of two people holding cats and a banner reading "Free A.L.F." The communique said the group intended to set fire to a university building, but "unfortunately we ran out of time."

Also said: "Shut down your labs and re-introduce the prisoners to their native habitat. We won't stop until they do."

The justices added that Thurston's sentence is not "by any means the maximum sentence which the court is prepared to impose in cases of dangerous and unlawful public intimidation."

FBI joins probe into attacks on meat firms
Fires claimed to be work of animal-rights group

By PAT FLYNN
Staff Writer

The FBI has joined the investigation into a series of arson attacks, ostensibly committed by an animal-rights organization, against meat wholesalers in San Diego.

FBI spokesman Jan Caldwell said yesterday that she could not confirm the agency's involvement, but sources familiar with the investigation said the bureau has taken up the matter.

FBI agents yesterday interviewed John Cummins, owner of San Diego Meat Co. on 8th Street downtown, one source said.

Cummins' company was hit in the pre-dawn hours Sunday by a fire that did $73,000 worth of damage to a building and its contents. The business also was attacked late Thursday night, when two of its refrigerated trucks were ignited by a flammable liquid.

Investigators looking into the Thursday-night incident found the slogan "Meat is Murder" spray-painted on the company's building as well as the acronym "F.A.M.

Less than an hour after the Thursday fire was set, a man claiming to represent an organization called the Farm Animal Re-venge Militia called television station KUSI and claimed to have started the blaze.

The "Meat is Murder" slogan also was found in the aftermath of an Oct. 7 arson in Claremont in which a van belonging to City Meat Co. was torched.
DIRECT ACTION FOR ANIMALS! PART 1

Starring Wendy & Ramona

This comic is for entertainment only. It is not intended to encourage crime.

It all started at the World National Factory Farm Animal Remembrance Day Rally...

And so, fellow compassionate individuals, the time has come to speak out against inhumane treatment of animals. Again! Abusive farming procedures, blah, blah, blah. W-H-A-M-E-R.

Embrace yourselves.

Wendy! I haven't seen you all summer.

Hey Ramona! I might have expected to run into you here.

I love cows.


I hear the moos... I hear the clucks... I hear the gobbles... All together now!

Me too! I guess demonstrations are important but why do they waste so much time on speeches, when everyone here already cares about animals?

Sign this petition? ZZZZ.

STOP EATING ANIMAL.

Anyone could hear what we're talking about... want to come over to my house? Sure! Let's skip the candlelight vigil.

Yeah - I'm sick of talk, talk, talk! The animal abusers don't even notice our rallies!

Sign this petition? ZZZZ.

I wish someone would do something that would really have an effect on those monsters!

Sure, let's just get over it.

Sign this petition? ZZZZ.

Of course. Now.
A few hours later...
So now we know what needs to be done...
How do we locate good targets?
Since neither of us have cars, we can’t really go out to the country where the factory farms are...

But we can hit the butcher shops!
Yeah! Do you have a yellow pages?

Hey! This one is near my old high school! Would it be a good target?

Well, there’s an alley on one side of it where kids from school used to smoke.

Oh, and it has big windows! About four of them! Great!

That sounds good...

It’s a quiet neighborhood though. We’d wake up everybody.

Hmm. That’s a problem. Wait? We could ruin the windows with glass-etching fluid.

What’s that? Artists and decorators use it to stencil designs on glass, but we can use it to ruin the butchers’ windows with slogans! I’ll just have to find a stained-glass supply store that has it, or maybe an art-supply or crafts store.

Perfect. I guess everything else we need—super glue for their locks, spray paint, heavy rubber gloves, and a paint brush for the etching fluid—I can get at a hardware store.

Let’s plan this for Sunday night, then, and if we have to change our plans, just remember to say nothing explicit over the phone...

That Sunday night...
We’re almost there. Let’s park our bikes and walk the rest of the way so we have another chance to check things out. Good Idea.

I’m so glad we waited till 3am! There’s no one out! I don’t even see any lights on! Shhh! We have to whisper now!

Now... you look-out while I put superglue in the lock...
so far, so good...

Put the etcher and paintbrush away in my pack so you don't have to take off your own. Then you can take my spray-paint out at the same time.

Okay. Good idea!

Mustn't forget to alter my printing....

Look out for me while I slash up this awning. Then let's go!

Now what?

A few minutes later...

Whew!

Weeks go by and the attacks continue...

Sheriff, what can you tell us about this wave of butcher-store vandalisms? Do the police have any leads?

Ugh, we have reason to believe the attacks are perpetrated by people who do not eat meat!

This is an obviously attempt to discredit us! Mayhem and property destruction do nothing to help animals! Our "Sing Along for Animals" fundraising campaign, on the other hand...

The Vandalism has cost local butcher stores over $30,000! Insurance rates for meat shops in the area have skyrocketed!

Yeah!

A few days later

Thanks for coming over! We can make plans for our next "party" and I wanted to show you a drawing I made... for a possible incendiary device.

Wow, really?

You know that big meat distribution place we checked out last week? Instead of our usual tactics, why not burn out one of their trucks?

Look! We fill two plastic bottles—the cheap, thin kind—with kerosene, and tape them together with a kerosene-soaked sponge between them. Then we stick two incense sticks in the sponge and leave the whole thing in the cab of the truck!

Great? How?

So, what we need to buy, preferably without touching them, are: incense, some bottled water, tape, a sponge, kerosene from the camping store, and a few lighters—in case one doesn't work.

I'll get a glass-cutter too. Then maybe we can cut the truck's window and avoid the noise of breaking it!
But Wendy, let's be extra careful this time. Let's buy secondhand shoes that are too big, and stuff the toes—just in case we leave footprints. Then we can just throw the shoes away afterwards.

Yeah. Let's buy some old clothes, too, so we don't leave anything—even a thread of carpet or a cat hair, that could be traced back to us! And don't forget to burn that drawing!

Okay! The coast is clear! Go ahead and cut that window!

Okay! It's unlocked now!

Good thing I wrapped the end of this hammer in tape... it's much quieter... Hey! This worked!

Wait a minute! Do you hear singing? It sounds like a bunch of people are coming!

My God! You're right! What could it be?

Oh no! It's a candlelight vigil! And they're headed this way! What the heck are they doing out so late? Those must've been some really long speeches beforehand!

Come on! We'd better just get out of here! All we are saying... is give humane farming practices a chance... Eek! Fire!

A few minutes later!... Here we are at the very site from which our slaughtered brothers and sisters are sent all over the city, and we must ask the question...

Eek! Fire! Aaak! We'll be discredited! They'll think we startled it: Run! To be continued.
In the past couple of years as the vegan movement has rapidly grown, we have noticed an unfortunate trend among some younger segments of the movement. Using veganism as a way to appear tougher or better than other people may be helpful to those who are trying to determine their identities and their views, but in the end this hurts the movement as well as those individual activists. This article, then, is directed at these activists in the hope that they will learn from the larger movement and consider a more effective form of behavior.

It has become too commonplace for militant animal rights activists and vegans in general to scorn others who don't subscribe to their views, or even to snub vegetarians who aren't vegan [yet]. This article isn't meant as an attack on anyone who may be guilty of such behavior, and certainly isn't meant to promote harmful infighting, but is rather an attempt to bring up something which all of us as part of a growing movement need to think about.

We were all probably meat eaters once; and at some point of course we concluded that meat eating was wrong. Chances are, however, it wasn't an unfriendly and ridiculing vegan who convinced us of that. If any of us was influenced by another into making the switch, most likely it was by an exemplary, kind person with an open enough mind that they were not above explaining themselves to us. And of course, even if one of us was never influenced by anyone and was vegan his/her whole life, it wouldn't hurt him/her to try to be that kind of person. If we say that we respect all life (this is the basic tennant of animal rights philosophy) then we should show it in how we treat everyone. Let your personality be an affirmation of your beliefs!

Of course, all of us deal with frustration when encountering apathy and antagonism. And no, we probably shouldn't all just smile and nod when somebody starts bugging us about murdering lettuce (we've all heard that one, right?) We can make sure to always know the facts so that we can explain ourselves articulately and convincingly. But we must never assume that everyone is opposed to our ideals or is simply not worth our time. And seeing all non-vegans as an ignorant mass awaiting conversion to a superior way of life is just as bad. Go about with the intent to learn something new from another person every day, and you'll be surprised how soon people start wanting to hear what you have to say!

For the few of us for whom shyness or distrust still prevent from friendliness, here's a couple of reasons why personality makes a difference, from a strategic point of view:

1) **People are more likely to listen to you.** A friend used to joke that people she dated always went vegan after meeting her. True, perhaps they'd just never heard of veganism before that, but more likely it was because they admired her, and grew to admire her lifestyle. This just goes to show that people are more likely to be influenced enough by someone to make a serious change in their own lives if they like that person.

2) **Security.** What's the oldest stereotype of the militant extremist? Cold, hard, and lacking in social skills or interest in anything besides their cause, right? Setting oneself apart as an extremist will not only make you stand out to the police but will aid them in their investigations. You will seem like an "obvious" direct activist in their eyes. Also, if you take the trouble to make lots of different types of friends, it won't seem so strange to your roommates or neighbors if you go out at all hours: they will assume you're attending social functions.

3) **You are the movement.** Our community is ever growing but still small enough that many people are still unknowable of what we stand for. We have no manifesto, so what it ultimately comes down to is that every militant animal rights activist is representative of the entire movement. What kind of movement that is depends on what kind of people we are. It's up to us whether our movement is a hateful, alienating, arrogant one, or an open-minded, caring, articulate, impressive one. Insuring the latter over the former does not make one less radical. It is nothing less than an important tactic on the path to a cruelty-free society.
DIARY OF ACTIONS

Every single night, the women and men of the Animal Liberation Front carry out direct action to stop animal cruelty at its sources somewhere in the world. In England, thousands of attacks a year, and ALF units are active across the industrialized world. Whether it’s the Black Ravens in Russia, the DBF in Sweden, Animal Rescue in Japan, or the ALF in New Zealand, Canada, Israel, Poland, Italy, Spain, France, etc., the goal is the same: to liberate the suffering and destroy the property of those who kill for profit.

Note: The Diary of Actions is intended to report news of "illegal" actions to save animals, not to encourage crime. All reports listed come from movement and opposition publications, internet bulletin boards, mainstream media, and local zines. There is probably a lot we missed, since we obviously cannot read every small zine out there. To help get out the news of direct action, send reports and clippings to Out of the Cages/PO Box 2960/Santa Cruz, CA 95063

INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS

In Sweden, the Animal Avengers set three meat trucks on fire. In England, several actions happen every day and it would be impossible to list them all. Some highlights from the ALF include the burning of a meat truck in London, an arson attack on a vivisecion company in London, arson attacks in three cities on a chain store that tests on animals, a stallion liberated in Swale, 58 hens liberated in London, 10 puppies liberated in Hants, and numerous vehicles trashed. The Justice Department sent more real and hoax letter bombs to animal abusers, all of which were disarmed by the police. The Poultry Liberation Organization carried out a contamination hoax that cleared eggs off store shelves in Brighton and left a device that exploded at night in an egg store in Bexhill. The Hunt Retribution Squad placed incendiary devices in the offices of a hunting magazine in Windsor. In Northern Ireland, letter bombs were mailed to hunting magazines and hunting clubs, all of which were disarmed by the police.

UNITED STATES

Here are a few more actions from the past few months that we did not know about for #4 or #5:

October 7, 1993- Clairemont, CA- A van belonging to the City Meat Co., which had been previously attacked, was set on fire. "Meat is Murder" was painted at the scene. Farm Animal Revenge Militia

January 28-San Diego, CA- Two vans belonging to the San Diego Meat Company were set on fire. Farm Animal Revenge Militia

January 30-San Diego, CA- The Farm Animal Revenge Militia broke into the San Diego Meat Company through a boarded-over window and set the building on fire. Damages were $75,000, and "F.A.R.M." and "Meat is Murder" were painted on the walls.

February 12-Syracuse, NY- A bucket of paint was thrown on the front of a fur store.

MARCH 1994-MAY 1994

March-New Jersey- Unspecified actions against animal abusers.

March?-Woodbridge, NJ- A fur billboard was splattered with red paint three times.

March-San Francisco Bay Area, CA- Hanes Furs received glued locks, a sign partially smashed, and slogans painted in front of the store. A Honey Baked Hams received a glued door lock, glass etch on the windows, and slogans all over the store front. A butcher shop received glass etch on the windows and spray painted slogans. A milk ad on the street was smashed. A McDonalds received a smashed window. A sheepskin store received two broken windows. Robert’s Furs received a glued lock and painted slogans. The Harris Steak House received glued locks, painted slogans, and etched windows. Two trucks at Robert’s Corned Beef received slashed tires, painted slogans, etched or broken windows, and one had its locks glued. ALF

Late March-Cleveland, OH- The ALF broke into a meat packing plant and caused serious damage to equipment and supplies. Security cameras filmed the masked activists, and the footage was shown on local TV stations. Apparently, the police have questioned local animal rights supporters, but no arrests have been made. ALF

April-Pueblo, CO- Animal abuse billboards were spray painted.

April 5-San Francisco, CA- A McDonalds had slogans spray painted on its walls and smeared onto its windows with etching cream. ALF

April 23 (Earth Day)- San Jose and San Francisco, CA- Durham's Meat in San Jose and Columbus Sausage and Meat were hit by the ALF in an effort to radicalize Earth Day. Four trucks were severely damaged at Durham’s. ALF

April 28- San Francisco, CA- A restaurant is hit because it serves live lobster. Windows etched, locks glued. Crustacean Liberation Front

May 1-West Hollywood, CA- Display window of Contemporary Hides smashed. Increased police patrols and surveillance have limited our number of actions. ALF

May-Oakland, CA- Butchers and fish shops are attacked. ALF

May-Newtown, PA- Harm Sweet Ham had its windows shot out. ALF

May-Southampton, PA- A fur store had its windows shot out. ALF

May-Washington D.C.- A fur store had a ball bearing shot through their display window. U.S. Congressional Cell

The diary of actions is continued on page 11...
Under fire, San Diego Meat Co. saw $75,000 in damage from yesterday morning's arson, the second there since Thursday.

**Meat firm arson sets off search for group**

City fire investigators are probing whether a radical animal rights group is linked to arson early yesterday that caused $75,000 damage to the San Diego Meat Co. in downtown San Diego.

The fire came just three days after another blaze at a seaman house where two refrigeration truckers for delivering meat to restaurants.

Fire Capt. Bill McLeod, of the Metro Arson Strike Team said someone broke into the meat business early yesterday by breaking boards off a window. A flammable liquid was splashed around and a fire started in two rooms.

Investigators discovered graffiti that read "Meat is Murder" and "Farm" spray-painted on the building. The same phrases were painted on a Clairemont meat company that was torched last Oct. 3, authorities said.

After the Clairemont fire, a man who claimed to be part of the Farm Animal Revenge Mafia called a San Diego TV station to claim responsibility for the crime, and fire investigators.

"We're looking at a group that is apparently trying to have a movement of some presence in the community by advocating that the purchase and serving of meat is somehow related to murdering animals," McLeod said.

The fire was reported at 1:14 a.m. and under control within a half-hour, a dispatcher said. The fire caused $69,000 in damage to the C Street building and $13,000 to its contents.

**Anti-fur protesters targeted Goldsmith's Department Store**

Saturday. About 30 protesters showed up, including this pair who chained themselves to doore before being hauled off by store security personnel.

**Fur boycotters at store charged**

Two 19-year-old members of local animal rights group handcuffed themselves to the doors of Goldsmith's department store in Oak Court Mall on Saturday while urging customers to boycott the store because it sells fur coats.

Forrest Bobbitt and Matthew were detained by Goldsmith's security officers and charged with vandalism disorderly conduct. They are banded from all Goldsmith locations, officers said.

Security officers said that Black Action to Abolish the Fur Trade, which has about 100 members in Memphis, has protested the store twice before but "This is the first time we've never gone this far."

Nearly 30 people participated in the two-hour protest. Members of the group say they will continue to stage protests at the store until it is "fur-free."

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**DIARY OF ACTIONS CONTINUED**

May-Silver Spring, MD: A Gillette billboard was spray painted with "Gillette Kills Animals" for their continued use of animals in product testing. U.S. Congressional Cell

May 25- Santa Cruz, CA: Buildings where vivisection takes place on the UC campus were spray painted with slogans including "ALF." ALF

May 31- Fond Du Lac, WI: A McDonald's had six windows shattered and "Meat is Murder" spray painted on a wall. The local paper reported that there was a $700 reward offered for the attackers. ALF

June-Kensington, MD: A Roy Rogers/ Hardees fast food restaurant had "Meat is Murder" spray painted on their wall and a brick delivered through their window. More to come... U.S. Congressional Cell

June-Oakland, CA: A butcher shop had "ALF" etched on its windows in very large letters. The shop, located in a crowded shopping district, has visible damage from previous attacks. ALF
AND NOW A FEW WORDS FROM THE ANIMAL ABUSERS...

A WORD ABOUT THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.

THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT IS COMING UP THIS SPRING FOR REAUTHORIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS. THIS LAW HAS BEEN USED BY THE ANIMAL RIGHTS NUTS TO HAMPER THE SALES OF BOBCAT & OTTER PELTS IN SHIPMENTS OUT OF THE USA. THEY ALSO WANT TO PUT BUGS, BEETLES, WORMS & GOD KNOWS WHAT NEXT. IF ANY OF THESE THINGS ARE FOUND ON YOUR LAND OR WHERE YOU FISH, TRAP OR HUNT, YOU WILL BE BARRED FROM USING THAT LAND. TELL YOUR CONGRESSMAN YOUR FEELINGS ON THIS NUTTY ISSUE. ASK HIM TO VOTE FOR THE COMMON SENSE AMMENDMENT ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.

XIII. CREATION AND VIEW OF HUNTING

We believe God created the cosmos, and planet earth as a beautiful habitation for mankind. We believe man, God's special creation, was given dominion over the earth, to partake of, and govern all its resources wisely. We further believe that the art of hunting with bow and arrow is a time proven means of human survival and resource management and that it is in harmony with the divine plan.

Gen. 1:1-31; Gen 9:2,3; Gen. 10:9; Gen. 27:3

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Then along came Environmentalism, a view that nature and natural forces should be the dominating force of change. It is a concept that Nature is "god," and man is no more or less than any other living creature in the natural flow of events. This new philosophy was based upon several tenets:

4. Man must reject all of modern technology and call for a return to a simple, pastoral life free of fumes, artificial chemicals, and any noise but the chirping of birds and the croaking of frogs.

6. Most environmental groups, with no regard for truth, use misinformation to further their agendas and are anti-God, anti-American and anti-gun (in the hands of law-abiding citizens). ABUNDANT WILDLIFE SOCIETY believes America is the greatest nation on earth, that its greatness is due to its Christian heritage, and that guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens are the best means of restraint against the tyranny of government.

THE MILITANT VEGAN-NEXT ISSUE OUT IN OCTOBER
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OPEN SEASON ON THE FUR TRADE

rod coronado arrested  *  1994's record year of actions  *  action report from finland  *  prisoner support, press clippings, news, and more!
We're proud to say that the Militant Vegan has reached issue seven; it has far surpassed anyone's initial expectations. At the outset, only twenty-five copies were produced. Now the Militant Vegan is distributed to a number of countries around the world, well beyond the scope of its humble beginnings. The far reaching circulation of this magazine is due not to the comparatively small mailing we give it following production, but because of the amount of recirculation you give it. Keep up the good work! By xeroxing the Militant Vegan and distributing it at demos, shows, and through the mail, you get the word out to thousands of people. Feel free to sell copies as a fundraiser for your group, as many people have done. As long as more people know about the plight of the animals and know that there is something they can do about it, the better off the animals will be!

If you want to take the most important step to save animals and are wondering about veganism, we suggest you pick up Diet for a New America by John Robbins and contact any one of a number of groups devoted to the issue of veganism. One such group is PETA (P.O. Box 42516 Washington DC 90015), which is more than willing to send you recipes and information on veganism. Literature on vegan cooking and nutrition can be found, and easily copied, at most bookstores and nearly all health food stores. You can avoid the high prices at health food stores by shopping at Asian and Indian groceries.

When the Militant Vegan was started there was a void in terms of magazines focusing on direct action on behalf of animals. Now, however, there are other good sources of this information available. If you are interested in the active defence of animals we recommend you look at the newsletter of the North American ALF supporters group, "Underground," which you can get for $3 from the NA-ALFS (P.O. Box 8673, Victoria, BC, Canada V8W 3S2, e-mail: un028@freenet.victoria.bc.ca). They also run a literature distribution from which you can order lots of great booklets and magazines (including back issues of the Militant Vegan). The ALFS also badly needs donations for prisoner support.

The Militant Vegan is not an ALF support group, so we make no contact with illegal units. This is to guarantee that we are able to continue reporting the good news of animal liberation. If you see any articles about direct action or are a member of an ALF cell, send clippings or an untraceable report of your actions to the NA-ALFS. You might also want to send information to the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT, P.O. Box 40641, Memphis, TN, 38174).

The English ALFS is at BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX, England, and they print a quarterly magazine for prisoner support ($20 a year), sell t-shirts and other items, and take donations for ALF prisoners. A separate ALF Press Office takes action reports and acts as a media spokesperson after raids. They can be contacted at ALF Press Office, BM 4400, London WC1N 3XX, England. The Swedish ALFS is at DBF - Animal Avengers, P.O. Box 2051, S-265 02, Astorp2, Sweden. The Spanish: APDO, 50390, 28080 Madrid, Spain. The Israeli: P.O. Box 6023, Tel Aviv 6 1060, Israel. The Polish: P.O. Box 223, 86-30 Grudziadz 1, Poland.

A good way to keep up with the movement is to subscribe to "Arkangel," the best animal liberation magazine around, at BCM 9240, London, WC1N 3XX, England ($15 a year, they take U.S. cash). Don't forget "Underground" for keeping abreast as well (address above).

If this issue of the Militant Vegan is as enjoyable as the last please pass it along to your friends. Remember, you can make a difference!
NEWS AND COMMENT

Rod Coronado, perhaps the North American movement’s best known spokesperson, was arrested on the Pascua Yaqui reservation on September 28th. Rod was charged on connection with fires set at Michigan State in 1992, and has evaded capture for the fourteen months since the issue of a warrant for his arrest. Please refer to page 4 for more information on Rod, and write him at Rod Coronado F4445, Newaygo County Jail, PO Box 845, White Cloud, MI 49349. A group has formed to support him at Rod Coronado Support Committee, PO Box 1891, Tucson, AZ 85702.

Lise Olsen, accused of attempting to burn a fur billboard in July of 1992 in Chicago, was recently convicted and sentenced to two years in jail. Because she suffers from chronic fatigue syndrome, there is an appeal to have her classified as minimum security. Anyone wishing to write on her behalf should send letters to Howard Peters III, Director, Illinois Department of Corrections, 1301 Concordia Court PO Box 19277, Springfield, IL 62794 9277. Letters to Lise should be sent to: Lise Olsen, B-48426, PO Box 5001, Dwight, IL 60440, or write to the NA-ALFSG (address on facing page).

Darren Thurston, convicted for ALF actions in Edmonton in 1991 and 1992, is serving a four year sentence following a March appeal by the Crown. Write to him at Darren Thurston, Fort Saskatchewan Correctional Facility, Bag 10, 7802-101 St., Fort Saskatchewan, AB, T8L 2P3, Canada.

David Barbarash has been released after being arrested on the same charges.

Kim Trimiew and Deb Stout have also been released after being held for refusing to testify before a Washington grand jury.

Gurjeet Aujla was charged in early June with “conspiracy to cause explosions.” Write him at Gurjeet Aujla, HMP Birmingham, Winston Green Road, Birmingham, B18 4AS, England; 011-44-021-554-3838.

Terry Helsby, Allison McKeon, and Max Watson have been convicted earlier this year for vandalizing butchers’ shops and a zoo. Write them at, respectively: Terry Helsby EF0761, HMP Risley, Warrington Road, Risley, Warrington, Cheshire, WA3 6BP, England; Allison McKeon RE2270, HMP Askham Grange, Askham, Richard York, YO2 3PT, England; and Max Watson BJ2477, HMP Havergg, Havergg Camp, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 4NA, England.

Annette Tibbles is serving four years on a “conspiracy to commit arson” conviction. Write her at Annette Tibbles TT2215, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, Holloway, London, N7 ONU, England.

Angie Hamp and Keith Mann, underground ALF activists, were arrested at an animal sanctuary in the spring of 1994. They can receive mail at, respectively: Angie Hamp TW1687, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, Holloway, London, N7 ONU, England; and Keith Mann, HMP Manchester, 1 Southall Street, Manchester, M60 9AH, England.

Vivien Smith, the longtime English ALF activist who escaped from prison earlier this year, remains underground.

Six Hunt Sabs were arrested in England in early November. The arrests occurred under section 68 of the new Criminal Justice Act of 1994, which aims to stop the success of hunt sabbing in shutting down hunts across the U.K. For more information, write: Hunt Saboteurs Association, PO Box 1, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 2JY, England.

Two legal blows to the fur industry. The November 9th elections in Arizona saw the banning of commercial trapping on public land through the passage of Proposition 201. Voters in Oregon approved Ballot Measure 18 which bans the hunting of bear over bait and the hunting of bears and cougars with hounds. Hopefully we’ll soon see propositions to ban fur farming.

Pressure pays off, judging by the number of businesses that have decided not to handle fur any more. In Memphis, Tennessee, Jack Lewis Furs has gone out of business after years of actions. In New York, the Limited, Fontana, and Campaign have decided not to list the collars of their coats with fur following ALF activity in that city. Think of what could be accomplished if more people got out there and did something about these animal exploiters!

Fur Free Friday is November 25th, and the National Activist Network and Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade plan to turn up the pressure with CD actions in at least 15 cities.

The North American ALFSG office in Victoria was recently broken into, with their computer and other equipment stolen. Fortunately, they had backup discs and no information was lost. However, they are more than ever in need of large donations, so please send them whatever you can.

California Hunt Sabs will be back in action November 18-20 in the northern part of the state to stop black bear hunting.

Canadian hunt sabs recently stopped a goose hunt by using air horn to scare the flock from the hunters.

This summer, five activists in Syracuse, New York were arrested in a CD outside a fur store, and a CD was held outside a fur store in Minneapolis as well. Arkansas saw its first radical protests ever as well this summer, with fur store owners having to lock their doors to keep out the demonstrators.

Hunt sab support is going on right now in Minneapolis for fifteen activists recently arrested in a sab. They’re scheduled to go to trial on December 5th and are in need of donations for their legal defense. Anyone interested in contributing should contact SOAR, 235 CMU, 300 Washington Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN, 55455. SOAR has also had several members arrested at recent CD’s at fur stores and a McDonald’s.
ROD CORONADO ARRESTED

On September 28, 1994, longtime activist Rod Coronado was arrested in Tucson, Arizona, where he was living under an assumed name on the Yaqui tribal reservation. Charged with the February 28, 1992 ALF raid on Michigan State University fur farm researcher Richard Aulerich, Coronado was extradited to Michigan and will be held under charges that could put him in jail for 50 years. As the target of a nationwide manhunt by the FBI and the BATF and five federal grand juries, Rod's arrest will undoubtedly be held as a victory by those who slaughter animals and destroy the environment.

But how did the 28 year old activist come to be such an important figure in the movement? As many are aware, his long years of hard work and seemingly heroic deeds have been an inspiration to fight harder and longer for animals and the earth. Rod Coronado grew up in Morgan Hill, California, just south of San Jose. Even as a child, he loved animals, sculpting whales and “taking special care of the family pets,” according to his father. A 1986 San Francisco Chronicle article described how he sent $150, “his entire savings account,” to Greenpeace and other environmental groups. After graduating from high school, he joined the Sea Shepherds in Vancouver, Canada and was soon sailing on missions in defense of whales. In a spectacular attack in November 1986, Coronado and a friend went to Iceland under cover and on one night sunk two whaling ships, half the nation’s fleet, and smashed the whale processing plant’s equipment and computers to the tune of two million dollars damage. Iceland has never resumed whaling since that day.

After another Sea Shepherd anti-whaling campaign which got him banned from the Faroe Islands, Rod and two fellow activists formed an ALF cell to hit fur stores in Vancouver. Smashing windows and throwing paint all over the furs, the numerous attacks forced two stores out of business. Unfortunately, a passerby one night saw the ALF activists’ van and they were arrested. Coronado jumped bail, and there is still a Canadian warrant for his arrest for this incident. His dedication at this time period can be shown in a March 1988 article in the Santa Clara Valley Metro, where he describes the animal liberation and environmental movements as the same and explains, “It’s war,” to a reporter’s question about ALF actions. For the next two years, he continued to serve on Sea Shepherd campaigns, but decided to quit mainstream groups in 1990 for a new project.

In a front cover article for the EF! Journal in 1991, “Freedom for Fur Farm Prisoners.” Rod described his campaign with his Coalition Against Fur Farms where he infiltrated the fur farm industry, giving the movement valuable information on that filthy trade. Posing as someone interested in learning the ways of the industry, he filmed a fur farmer breaking a mink’s neck; this footage was used by CBS’s 60 Minutes program and was seen by millions of viewers. After buying a fur farm ranch from a farmer, he and fellow activists spent long months rehabilitating the fur farm animals, and successfully re-introduced them into the wild. This action was an important step in the growing cooperation between the radical environmental and animal liberation movements.

In June 1991, the ALF began a devastating campaign against the fur farm industry, beginning with an arson attack on the Experimental Fur Farm at Oregon State University. The farm closed forever and records on fur farmers were taken. Five days later, a million dollar blaze hit a mink foods cooperative in Edmonds, Washington, a major player in the ability of fur farmers to increase their yields and genetically alter the wildlife they imprison and slaughter. Two months later, Washington State was raided by the ALF, with numerous animals liberated and a fur farm researcher’s data destroyed in a pool of acid on his office floor. In December, a $119,000 blaze destroyed the mink processing plant of a fur farm in Yamhill, Oregon. Then in February, over $100,000 damage was done at Michigan State and 30 years of research was destroyed. Aulerich is a major ally of the fur trade, and at this point the FBI and BATF stepped up their efforts to defeat the ALF. In May, the BATF sent a helicopter with an armed squad to Coronado’s cabin in southern Oregon, but Rod went underground and was not found for over two years despite the manhunt. He was targeted for the raids because he wrote the press release for the WSU attack; Rod says he was acting only as spokesperson for the ALF. Despite the grand juries impaneled to stop the ALF, Utah State’s Animal Damage Control Program research lab was hit in October 1992, with coyotes liberated, the field station set on fire, the head researcher’s office bombed, and proof of illegal dumping of radioactive animal corpses revealed to the public. The government blamed Rod for this raid as well.

When he was caught, Coronado was acting as a guide for troubled Native American youth on the reservation, taking them on trips to the wilderness. During his years underground, his many press releases and articles inspired many activists and were partly responsible for the new animal liberation/environmental activism around the country. Rod needs all the support he can get during his trial, so we encourage everyone out there to write him c/o the North American ALFSG with letters of support and donations for his trial. As far as we at the Militant Vegan are concerned, Rod Coronado is as great an American hero as Martin Luther King Jr. and he deserves as much support as possible.

Up in smoke. Aulerich surveys the damage.

Rod Coronado #F4445
Newaygo County Jail
PO Box 845
White Cloud, MI 49349
**Bomb Scene:** A policeman guards the wrecked Boots shop

**Militants' terror trail**

**ANIMAL rights campaigners have been more active in the past 12 months than any other time in their 18-year history.** And none more so than the Animal Liberation Front, which caused £15 million worth of damage last year.

Scotland Yard says the group has been responsible for more than 100 incidents since the late '90s.

The ALF has been involved in a number of incidents including setting a fire at a London branch of Boots, and torching a horse-drawn carriage at a local town.

**Animal protesters send five bombs**

**ANIMAL rights extremists are believed to have torched five horse-drawn carriages at a local town.** The group has also been involved in a number of recent attacks on animal laboratories and factories.

**Mary Braden, a jockey, has been charged with the arson attack on the horse-drawn carriage.**

**Arsonist sought in horse buggy blazes**

**A fire official is still investigating the incident.** Fire attacks on horse-drawn carriages have been reported in recent weeks.

**Carriage firm out of business**

**By Barry Smith**

Fire officials are still investigating the arson attack on the horse-drawn carriage. The carriage firm has been operating for 20 years and has been involved in a number of recent attacks on animal rights groups.

**Rabbit farm shutdown force by rights groups**

**"You can't keep looking for bombs under cars"**

**By David Banks**

A Cheshire rabbit farm has been closed down by animal rights activists. The farm, which had been operating for over 10 years, has been targeted by a group of animal rights activists.

**Cheshire police have arrested three men in connection with the incident.** The farm had been operating for over 10 years and had been involved in a number of recent attacks on animal rights groups.
DIRECT ACTION FOR ANIMALS Part 2

fighting the fur industry!

with Wendy & Ramona

This comic is for entertainment only. It is not intended to encourage crime.

One Saturday in December...

Hey! You got plans today?

No, why?

Let's go downtown!

Yeah!

Gosh Ramona! No one would recognize you! It's perfect!

Let's Go!

We fit right in. Ha!

Spare some change for food, ma'am?

Milton! Make this... vermin stop harassing me!

This makes my day...

In Here! Elyencher's DEPARTMENT STORE

METROPOLITAN VIGILANTE TIP #1: Try to avoid wearing anything that would make you stand out from a crowd.

#2: Pick the busiest shopping day possible.

Act nonchalant, but keep both eyes open! Check (maybe on a separate trip) for security cameras!

Is this on sale?

Reduce her with the gift of fur.

What luxury! I know! Did you see this one, Sandra?

We'll smash them one day...

Don't drop bits of fur on the floor! Put them in a bag & flush them down the ladies room toilet!

Many stores later... We got so much accomplished today! It was worth having to touch those gruesome coats. And I've got one last sticker! I'll put it on this payphone while we're here. Let's call some fur business's 800 numbers!

Back at Ramona's...

Well, you two sure are dressed up! Where the heck did you go, a funeral?

Oh, we went downtown, saw glamorous people, went to glamorous stores, tried on glamorous clothes...

Good God, what's got into you? Must be the holiday spirit.

Uh... didn't you want to look for a necktie to give your dad?

Stay Aware! Leave before you draw too much attention to yourself!

Stay tuned for more adventures! Happy Holidays!
REPORTS FROM FINLAND

Fighting the Finnish Fur Trade

Finland is widely known from its strong fur industry. While there are around 500 fur farms in the US, the number is 2000 in Finland. Over half of the fox pelts in the world are produced here and the number of minks murdered is 1.5 million annually.

Another sad fact is that while the fur industry is on the decline in almost every western country, it’s getting stronger here. During the summer, furriers announced that 1993 was the first profit making year in a long time. Their newest report claims that the increasing demand for Finnish fur pelts gives them the opportunity to raise fox farming by twenty percent and mink farming by three.

One of the biggest fur auction houses is located here in Helsinki. There are several international pet auctions held every year. The auction houses are considered the weakest link of the fur industry as only a few of them remain here in Europe. Others are located in Copenhagen, Denmark and Oslo, Norway.

So far, activism against the furriers has been quite low due mainly to the policy of our animal group, Vegan Resistance. But there is light at the end of the tunnel - radicalism and the general will to do more than ever before are definitely on the increase. In the latest fur trade publication, they mention their fears of the growing movement in Finland, saying, "we have to be prepared for immoral attacks from anti-fur groups."

This has created a need for a new group, a new group which is totally uncompromising and which supports any type of activity for fur-bearing animals. This group will organize aggressive protests (the kind of activity we haven't seen in Finland yet,) and maybe even Civil Disobedience protests against the fur auctions. The group will serve as a mouthpiece for illegal direct actions and explain to the public why this type of activity occurs.

This new group will only concentrate on the issue of fur, simply because it is a cruel form of animal abuse which can be defeated. For far too long, the Finnish furriers have collected obscene profits without interference from animal rights activists. The time has come to put an end to this.

Please write care of Vegan Resistance.

Vegan Resistance, PO Box 1, 00691, Helsinki, Finland

WHO'S BEHIND THE MASK?

A letter from Darren Thurston, written September 5.

...Early one morning I lay very still, I was under a pine tree, my whole body pressed into the earth. I’d been there for six hours already, watching the Ellerslie Research Station, a University of Alberta animal laboratory. All of a sudden a field mouse ran over my hand and stopped to stare at me, this strange one lying under a tree with binoculars and a radio to his ear. It talked a short moment and went back on its way, needless to say I didn’t understand what it said but it moved me. It made me think again of my commitment to the earth and just why I’d been lying under a pine tree eight hours a night for seven days straight. Later that week I helped liberate 29 cats and damage equipment at that laboratory.

Unfortunately not all stories end up happy-nineteen days later I was arrested by the RCMP. Fortunately 29 cats are still out there, living their lives in loving and caring homes. I spent 15 months locked up awaiting trial, and finally in September 1993, I was given a suspended sentence, two years probation, and ordered to pay $73,725 restitution. The state was not impressed. They wanted blood-oops, I mean three more years prison time, and immediately appealed the judge’s sentence. On May 12, 1994, after I was free for a very short eight months, the Alberta Court of Appeals issued a written decision sentencing me to an additional two years less a day. On Friday the 13th, after saying many tearful goodbyes, I took the long walk and turned myself in.

I’m well into my government vacation now and I’ve just recently been transferred to “the fort,” which is definitely nicer than the last two government resorts. Not to say it’s been all fun; I’m not too happy to be back inside after only eight months out, but I’ve gotten used to my temporary home. I think of it as a strengthening process, one where we can harden ourselves in our struggle. For the battle has begun and it is not going to be easy. More people will go underground. And more people will go to prison-in England activists are serving four, six, ten year sentences. Yet actions continue there unabated. Sisters and brothers (mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts, and even second removed cousins) earth and animal warriors, we must join hands with others fighting for their own liberation. You must realize that we all have tremendous power - it takes but one person to cost them millions. When you see the pictures of a masked liberator, stop asking who’s behind the mask and look in the mirror!

Many thanks to all those who have written me during my time inside. It sure helps me survive. And to the few people who have traveled thousands of miles and put hundreds of hours into my support, a huge thank you. To those on the front lines, stay strong, stay free, and keep fighting the good fight.

Clenched Fist Salutations,
Darren Thurston
Please Note: The Diary of Actions is intended to report news of illegal actions to save animals, not to encourage crime. All reports come from movement and opposition publications, internet bulletin boards, mainstream media, and local 'zines. There is probably a lot that we've missed, and probably more actions that were never reported in the press. We have more info for the early months of the year than this fall because it takes us months to find about reported actions. To help get out the news of direct action, please send news clippings or reports to the North American ALF Support Group at PO Box 8673/ Victoria, BC/ CANADA V8W 3S2.

1994: A Record Year For Direct Action

Both here in the U.S. and across Europe, 1994 so far has seen record levels of direct action. During the 1980's, U.S. actions peaked in 1987-88 with a record of 52 actions in one year, according to the Report to Congress on the ALF. These years were characterized by high-profile lab raids and were mostly limited to California and the east coast.

Starting in mid-1993, ALF actions saw a furious increase across the country, including many states which have never seen action before. The patterns of the past year seem to suggest that the ALF has changed course from the 80's and is now concentrating on widespread but low-level attacks and firebombings of fur and meat industry targets.

Ironically, the increase in action happened right after the 1993 Report to Congress portrayed the ALF as in decline and the federal grand juries starting in 1992 were supposed to break the back of direct action in the U.S. The following report lists the major actions in Europe this year and every report we've found for the U.S.

International Actions

In England, thousand of actions happen every year, and it would be impossible to list them all, especially as this year has been the biggest ever in the 22 year history of direct action for animals. The ALF scored a big victory against the major rabbit breeder Hyline and its market-
fur wholesale trader was trashed in July in Lahti, nine meat trucks were damaged in August in Lahti, and there have been numerous hits on the 30 fur stores in Helsinki.

The ALF has claimed the attacks.

Spain, Holland, Switzerland, Australia, Poland, Norway, Italy, and Northern Ireland have all seen action as well in 1994.

United States
Dates Unknown-Beverly Hills, CA-Somper's Furs was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit
Studio City, CA-Red Lobster was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit
Woodland Hills, CA-Woodland Hills Furriers and Fashion Furs were hit nine times, once making local TV news. ALF Southland Unit
Van Nuys, CA-The Leather Factory was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit
Sherman Oaks, CA-Winnicks Furs was hit three times. ALF Southland Unit
Reseda, CA-El Bulli's Restaurant was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit
Response, CA-Vitello's Italian Restaurant was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit
Encino, CA-Angelo's Italian Restaurant was hit with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit
Sherman Oaks, CA-Mr. Kosher Meats was hit three times with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit
Santee, CA-A veal restaurant had its window smashed. ALF Southland Unit
Santa Monica, CA-Cafe Reni's, which serves veal, was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit

Southland Unit
CA-A building owned by Procter & Gamble was spraypainted with slogans and had its locks glued. ALF Southland Unit
CA-A Burger King was hit with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit
CA-A "B" dealer had his walls, gates, and driveway spraypainted. ALF Southland Unit
Reseda, CA-A store selling hunting equipment was hit twice with glued locks and painted slogans. ALF Southland Unit
Woodland Hills, CA-A Sheeptskin store was hit twice with glued locks. ALF Southland Unit
Santa Cruz, CA-A McDonald's billboard was altered to read "Over One Billion Slaughtered" and "ALF." ALF Southland Unit

New York, NY-A fur store had its windows smashed by a brick. ALF Southland Unit

January-OU-Unspecified action against animal abusers.
January 5-San Jose, CA-Tarlow's Furs had several windows smeared with etching fluid. ALF

January 7-Stockton, CA-Mansoor Furs, the only furrier in the city, had its lock glued and slogans spray-painted. A Chuck E. Cheese restaurant received similar treatment. ALF

January 8-Seattle, WA-In the second such incident, and Eddie Bauer store received $5,000 damage from slashed merchandise after refusing to stop selling clothing with fur trim.

January 13-Tillamook County, OR-Survey stakes were pulled up at a clear-cut site in an action to sabotage those who destroy wildlife habitat. ALF

January 15-Beverly Hills, CA-Display window of American Express smashed to protest promotion of fur. ALF Nov. 26 Cell

January 16-San Francisco, CA-Activists not part of ALF threw red paint on Robert's Furs.

January 17-Oakland, CA-Middent's Furs had its windows etched, locks glued, and canvas awning torn to shreds. ALF

January 22-San Francisco, CA-Kane's Furs had a lock glued, slogans painted, and holes put in the windows. ALF

January 27-Beverly Hills and Santa Monica, CA-Display...
window of Somper Furs smashed. Display window of
Adrienne (furs) smashed. An escalation if planned for
the succeeding months. ALF Nov. 26 Cell
January 27-San Francisco, CA-Nagano Furs had its win-
dows etched. ALF
January 28-San Diego, CA-Two vans belonging to the
San Diego Meat Company were set on fire. Farm Ani-
mal Revenge Militia
January 29-San Francisco, CA-Kane's Furs had holes
put through its windows. ALF
January 30-San Diego, CA-The Farm Animal Re-
venger Militia broke into the San Diego Meat Com-
pany through a boarded-over window and set
the building on fire. Damages were $75,000
and "F.A.R.M." and "Meat is Murder" were
spraypainted on the walls.
February-Oakland, CA-At least 2 Hormel
meat chili billboards were
spraypainted with slogans like
"Go Vegan."
February-Detroit area, MI-
Locks are glued at fur stores
week after week.
February-Philadelphia area,
PA-Paint filled ornaments were
thrown at Ham Sweet Ham and
the lock was glued. Other ani-
mal abusers have also been at-
tacked.
February 5-San Francisco, CA-
Kane's Furs had locks glued, slo-
gans painted, and neon sign
smashed. Herbert's Furs had its
door etched and lock glued. A
veal restaurant had its windows
etched. ALF
February 8-Pittsburgh, PA-
Paint Panthers hit Abraville Furs.
February 9-Columbus, OH-Paint Panthers hit at least
one fur store.
February 9-Cincinnati, OH-Paint Panthers hit at least
one fur store.
February 10-Chicago, IL-The Paint Panthers hit the
American Fur Mart and the Chicago Fur Outlet.
February 11-Omaha, NE-The Julia Talent Fur Store was
hit by the Paint Panthers.
February 12-Syracuse, NY-A bucket of paint was thrown
on the front of a fur store.
February 14-Denver, CO-The Paint Panthers hit
Koslough Furs.
February 14-Colorado Springs, CO-The Paint Panthers
hit Lay Limited Furs.
February 15-Kansas City, MO-The Paint Panthers hit
Gehhardt Furs and Sident Furs.
February 16-St. Louis, MO-The St. Louis Fur and
Leather Gallery was hit by the Paint Panthers.
February 19-Pleasant Hill, CA-The ALF liberated 6 rab-
bits from Diablo Valley College. Students told the ALF
of a professor who killed a rabbit by snapping its neck
and then bragged about it. The animals were taken from
the Horticulture garden and were placed in a caring, per-
manent home to guarantee that they will live out their
lives in safety. ALF
February 20-Oakland and Walnut Creek, CA-Middlet's
Furs had locks glued, windows smashed, and paint
bombs thrown inside. J.E. Harl Furs
had locks glued and exterior painted.
February 21-New York, NY-Paint Panthers hit Elizabeth Arden Furs
and Fendi Furs.
Late February-Louisville, KY-At a bowhunting trade show, an elabo-
rate fake bomb was left that con-
tained a note saying that a real
bomb was hidden in the building.
Five thousand convention goers
had to be evacuated for hours.
March-New Jersey-Unspecified
action against animal abusers.
March?-Woodbridge, NJ-A fur bil-
board was splattered with red paint
three times.
March-San Francisco Bay Area, CA-
Kanes Furs received glued locks, a
sign partially smashed, and slogans
painted in front of the store. A Honey
Baked Hams received a glued front
lock, glass etch on the windows, and
slogans all over the store front. A
butcher shop received glass etch on the
windows and spraypainted slogans. A
milk ad on the street was smashed. A
McDonald's received a smashed window. A sheep skin
store received two broken windows. Robert's Furs re-
ceived a glued lock and painted slogans. The Harris
Steak House received glued locks, painted slogans, and
etched windows. Two trucks at Robert's Corned Beef
received slashed tires, painted slogans, etched or bro-
ken windows, and one had its locks glued. ALF
March 7-Atlanta, GA-At the Capitol City Carriage Co.,
five horse-drawn carriages were destroyed by incendi-
dy devices after the guard dogs were distracted. Years
of peaceful protest accomplished nothing, but the blaze
put the company out of business.
April-Pueblo, CO-Animal abuse billboards were
spraypainted.
April 4-Parma, OH-State Meats, Geiler Meats, and an-
other butcher shop were heavily damaged and had slo-
gans like "ALF" and "Meat is Murder" spray painted on
walls and equipment. Despite security camera footage
of the masked activists and police questionings of area animal liberation supporters, no arrests were made. ALF
April 5-San Francisco, CA-A McDonald’s had slogans spraypainted on its walls and smeared onto its windows with etching cream. ALF
April 23?- (Earth Day) -San Jose and San Francisco, CA-Durham’s Meat in and Columbus Sausage and Meat were hit in an effort to radicalize Earth Day. Four trucks were severely damaged at Durham’s. ALF
April 25-Tempe, AZ-At Arizona State University, the doors of the psychology building were padlocked, the front gate of the Animal Care Program had its lock glued, and slogans were painted at both locations.
April 28-San Francisco, CA-A restaurant is hit because it serves live lobster. Windows etched, locks glued. Crustacean Liberation Front
May 1-West Hollywood, CA-Display window of Contemporary Hides smashed. ALF Nov. 26 Cell
May-Oakland, CA-Butchers and fish shops were attacked. ALF
May-Newtown, PA-Ham Sweet Ham had its windows shot out. ALF
May-Southampton, PA-A fur store had its windows shot out. ALF
May-Washington, D.C.-A fur store had a ball bearing shot through their display window. ALF U.S. Congressional Cell
May-Silver Spring, MD-A Gillette billboard was spraypainted with “Gillette Kills Animals” for their continued use of animals in product testing. ALF U.S. Congressional Cell
May 25-Santa Cruz, CA-Buildings were vivisection takes place on the UC campus were spraypainted with slogans including “ALF.” ALF
May 31-Fond Du Lac, WI-A McDonald’s had six windows shattered and “Meat is Murder” spraypainted on a wall. The local paper reported that there was a $700 reward offered for the attackers. ALF
June-Kensington, MD-A Roy Rogers/Hardee’s fast food restaurant had “Meat if Murder” spraypainted on their wall and a brick delivered through their window. “More to Come.” ALF U.S. Congressional Cell
June-Oakland, CA-A butcher shop had “ALF” etched on its windows in very large letters. The shop, located in a crowded shopping district, has visible damage from previous attacks. ALF
July-Miami, FL-33 primates were taken from a lab dealer. Was it a liberation raid???
July-MN-Outside the Twin Cities area, the meeting house for a pro-hunting group called “Hides for Habitat” was burned down in an arson attack.
July-South Dakota-3 teenage girls were arrested for splattering an anti-animal rights billboard with red paint, but soon afterwards two of the signs were cut down with a chainsaw. Unfortunately we have no more details, as this news came from a fur farmer who unknowingly spoke to an animal liberation infiltrator.
July 10-Memphis, TN-Especially Leather Furniture Shop and the Southern Meat Market had their locks glued.
July 10-Little Rock, AR-Honey Baked Hams received a smashed window. ALF
July 11-Little Rock, AR-Specter Furs was paint bombed. ALF
August-Berkeley, CA-An animal abuse billboard was altered with animal liberation and vegan slogans.
August-Cleveland, OH-Animal abuse billboards were defaced with animal liberation slogans.
August-Pittsburgh, PA-Fur stores were attacked.
August-Indianapolis, IN-A fur store was attacked and a McDonald’s billboard was defaced.
August-Erie, PA-A local newspaper reported that numerous fur coats in a shop were vandalized.
Autumn months-Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN-We have unconfirmed rumors that fur stores have been attacked several times.
September-Washington, D.C.-Miller’s Furs had slogans etched into the windows.
September-Syracuse, NY-A fur store was attacked with glued locks, etched windows, and spraypainted slogans on the sidewalks in front. ALF
September-Memphis, TN-Goldsmith’s, which sells fur, had windows smashed, truck windshields smashed, slashed truck tires, and glued locks. $6,000 in damages. ALF
September 9-Syracuse, NY-A fur store was hit for the second time in a week; this time it was paintbombed and had more slogans spraypainted.
September 17-New York, NY-Four stores received glued locks-Billy Martin Leather, Bally’s Limited (fur), and Elizabeth Arden (fur) had locks glued, and the front window at Rubin Furs was defaced with a glass cutter. ALF
September 27-Santa Cruz, CA-Several fast food restaurants had their locks glued and slogans spraypainted.
November 7-Memphis, TN-Before Jean Benham Furs moved, their new location was firebombed. The owner may now drop fur.
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Welcome to the Militant Vegan #8, our second anniversary issue. If you are new to vegan ideas and want to find out more, we suggest reading *Diet for a New America* by John Robbins and contacting PETA at PO Box 42516, Washington D.C. 90015 for information and recipes. You can easily copy recipes from cookbooks in libraries and bookstores, and you can get several well-done cookzines from Vegan Action at PO Box 4353, Berkeley, CA 94704-0353. Shop at Asian and Indian groceries to avoid the rip-off prices at health food stores.

The Militant Vegan is not an ALF support group, so we make no contact with illegal units. This is to guarantee that we can continue to publish the good news of animal liberation. Since many ALF units do not claim their actions, it can be difficult to get a complete picture of all the action out there. The North American ALF Support Group exists to publicize ALF actions and support activists arrested for protecting animals. If you see articles about direct action or are a member of an ALF cell, send the clippings or an anonymous report of your actions to the North American ALFSG at PO Box 8673, Victoria, BC, CANADA V8W 3S2. Their e-mail is un5028@freenet.victoria.bc.ca. The ALFSG is in need of large donations for prisoner support, and sell their magazine Underground for $4; they need all the money they can get. The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade also accepts action reports at PO Box 40641, Memphis, TN 38174.

The English ALFSG is at BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND, and they print a quarterly magazine for prisoner support ($20 a year), sell t-shirts and other items, and take donations for ALF prisoners. A separate ALF Press Office takes action reports and acts as a media spokesperson after raids. They can be contacted at BM 4400, London WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND. The Swedish ALFSG is at DBF-Djurarens Hamnars, PO Box 2051, S-26502, Astorp 2, SWEDEN. The Spanish ALFSG is at APDO, 50390, 28080 Madrid, SPAIN. The Israeli ALFSG is at PO Box 6023, Tel Aviv 6 1060, ISRAEL. Another European organization worth contacting is Vegan Resistance at PO Box 1, 00691, Helsinki, FINLAND.

A good way to keep up with the movement is to subscribe to Arkangel, the best animal liberation magazine around, at BCM 9240, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND. It's $15 for four big issues and they take US cash.

Enjoy this issue, and pass it on to friends! This magazine is not intended to encourage crime. It's a news magazine only.

One last thing, we'd like to say than you to all our readers over the past two years, everyone who has distributed this magazine, and everyone who makes an effort for the animals. We're putting what would have been issue #8 over the internet, and this may well be the last one...
News and Comment

More than anything else, the story of the animal liberation movement over the past year has been the phenomenal growth of radicalism among young people across the country. New grassroots groups barely a year old like Vegan Action, Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, and SOAR set the pace of the movement and have inspired a level of activity not seen since the mid '80s, if ever. Now the second wave of this new activism has begun with the formation of even newer groups like the Animal Defense League in New York and SEAL in Ohio. The interest in animal protection among college students and teenagers is skyrocketing, promising a brighter future for animals in the years to come. Far from the media-created stereotypes of young people as "slackers" and apathetic potheads, these new activists are among the best and brightest of our generation. And believe it, we've only just begun!

It's not our intention here at the Militant Vegan to cut down anyone who works for animals. But it has to be said that grassroots activism for animals declined in the early '90s, even as interest in animal rights increased. Why? because groups which led the movement in the '80s, like Last Chance for Animals and IDA, lost their sense of urgency and direction, sunk into ritual protests, spent too much time on costly lawsuits and neither-here-no-there issues like pet theft, and therefore ceased to attract and inspire the huge numbers of people who became concerned about animals. We can all learn from this, and keep our activism stylish, innovative, ever-creative, and committed to increasing the number of vegans and the number of activists.

We encourage everyone out there to write to and donate to these new groups, and learn from them how easy it is to set up an active group in your city or state. We've made a lot of progress, but many states will have no regular groups, protests, or actions. You and your friends can accomplish so much, so give it a try!

Fur Free Friday on November 25 saw the most radical day of protest against the fur trade yet, bringing new energy to a ritualistic event which has accomplished little in the past few years. Groups of people blocking store entrances and occupying fur salons were met with riot police, helicopters, and paddy wagons as around 50 people were arrested in about 25 actions in the U.S. and Canada.

The arrests included 5 in San Francisco, 5 in Memphis, 4 in Atlanta, 7 in Minneapolis, 8

ANTI-FUR PROTESTERS BLOCK DEPARTMENT STORE ENTRANCE

An unidentified customer (above) outside Jacobson's at Keystone at the Crossing asks protesters why they're blocking the store's outside entrance. About 30 young people chanted and held signs Sunday to protest Jacobson's fur sales. Officers with the Marion County Sheriff's Department helped disperse the protesters after an hour-long demonstration. Sheriff's officials said there were no arrests, but that might not be the case next time. One protester, Seth Stevens (left), handcuffed himself to the front entrance of the store, forcing Washington Township firefighters to cut the handcuffs off with bolt cutters. Shannon Dakin, a spokeswoman for the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, said the group plans more protests.
in Washington, D.C., 3 in Virginia Beach (although they were not charged afterwards), 12 in Albany, NY, 1 in Columbus, OH, and 1 in New Orleans. Perhaps the most effective action was in Newport Beach, CA, where 48 people sat down—right in the fur salon of Nieman Marcus and blocked it for 30 minutes before the police arrived. Media coverage was heavy, including CNN. The event was sponsored by CAFT (see address on inside cover), the National Activist Network (PO Box 19515/ Sacramento/ CA 95919), Animal Defense League (address below), SOAR (235 CMU/ 300 Washington AVE. SE/ Minneapolis, MN 55455), Orange County People for Animals, and several others.

Three days later, activists in Minneapolis dumped animal carcasses outside Dayton’s, which sells fur, to highlight the brutality of the fur trade. Two activists were arrested as the action brought shocked reactions from passersby and heavy media coverage.

A similar action was done by the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade in Memphis on January 8 after CAFT members obtained skinned fox carcasses from an Arkansas fox farmer who went out of business. When activists arrived at Goldsmith’s, a department store which sells fur, police were waiting in force. Three women who ran up and dumped foxes in front of the store were tackled by the police and arrested. Two others were cited, and protesters on the sidewalk showed two dead foxes to TV crews.

Activists from across the Midwest raided the International Mink Farmers’ Convention in Madison, WI, on January 7. As a large crowd demonstrated outside, 30-40 activists stormed into the room where 60 fur farmers were meeting. The fur farmers attacked the crowd, and the two sides chanted back and forth at each other during the scuffling. Three activists who chained themselves to a stairwell were arrested, and one of them had her wrist fractured by the police, who violently dispersed the crowd. The disruption of the convention, which is the main yearly event for the fur farm industry, was sponsored by Alliance for Animals, CAFT, and SOAR.

Two hunt sabs from the Fund for Animals may be charged under the new federal “hunter harassment” law after a protest at the Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts in November. Mike Markarian and Todd MacDonald tried to convince hunters killing Chinese pheasants to stop, and Markarian was hit with a rifle butt and threatened. The activists will try to file charges against the hunter while they wait to see what they themselves will be charged under. Contact: Fund for Animals/ 850 Sligo Ave./ Silver Spring, MD 20910.

In a blatant protection of animal abuse, on January 9 the Supreme Court let the ruling of a Montana court stand in defense of that state’s “hunter harassment” law, even though it bans speech on public lands by those who protest against hunting. With legal ways of protest shut off, activists may now find no other way to stop the killing than to sabotage hunting vehicles, shops, and equipment.

After months of work, Vegan Action in Berkeley, CA, got UC Berkeley to agree to serve vegan food at every dormitory meal. Berkeley is the first large university to adopt a vegan policy, and the victory reflects the enormous interest that young people have in animal issues and veganism. The campaign received heavy local news coverage last fall, and Vegan Action looks set to become the leading vegan issues group in North America. For information on running a campus campaign, information on going vegan, or a mail-order of diverse titles, send a SASE + 2 stamps to Vegan Action/ PO Box 4353/ Berkeley, CA 94704-0353. Yearly membership is $15, and we highly recommend donations to one of the best animal rights groups around.

Indiana and Ohio activists have been busy putting pressure on the fur and meat industries, with several militant protests a month. Contact: SEAL/ PO Box 2611/ Dayton, OH 45401, and Animal Defense League/ PO Box 30214/ Indianapolis, IN 46230.

On December 10, 6 members of the Animal Defense League were arrested while blocking the entrance to the Bonwit Teller department store, which sells fur. 24 people blocked the door until the police arrived. The Animal Defense League is one of the best up-and-coming groups, so contact them at PO Box 6845/ Syracuse, NY 13217 or at PO Box 66302/ Albany, NY 12206. Their excellent ‘zine, Dressed in Black, is available from the Syracuse address for $1.50.
How did the Militant Vegan start?

In 1991-92 the Animal Liberation Front had done a series of raids on the fur trade, and they got little to no coverage in the movement or mainstream press. Also, those years were kind of a lull for the movement in general, and we wanted to get things going again. Other movement magazines were doing a good job of trying to reach new people but there was no publication made for activists. The first one came out right after New Year’s in 1993. It was a big success right away, so we’ve kept it up since then.

Why has every issue been so short?

Most of the distribution is done not by us, but by grassroots activists all over. The 12 page limit keeps xeroxing costs down. We do pack a lot of info in each one...

How do you manage that distribution?

We mail it out to groups and people who xerox copies and sell them to raise money for their groups, events, etc. It’s gotten all over North America and into Europe as well.

So is this the last issue of the Militant Vegan?

It might be. The group of us that has done it are all leaving town, going to new places, so it would be hard to work together in the future. We’ll all continue to be active in the movement, of course, but this may be the last issue. We feel pretty satisfied with what we’ve done; when we started, a “militant vegan” was unheard of but now radical veganism is the driving force behind all the new energy out there. A group called the “Militant Vegans” blew up 8 milk trucks in Sweden recently - that was pretty flattering.

Hopefully, new activists can publish a grassroots magazine to inform and unify the movement nationally. To get our news, we just call groups and talk to them and then print it all up. It’s pretty easy.

What should the movement concentrate on in 1995?

The fur trade must be confronted with more force, it’s a battle that has gone on far too long and it’s time to put a stop to their killings once and for all. More generally, the meat and dairy industries are responsible for most of the animal suffering in the U.S., so the pressure against those industries must continue to increase.

Internally, we’re seeing the big groups from the ‘80s like PETA go mainstream, with huge memberships and increasing influence. We should all support that necessary aspect of the fight to save animals, but the real task for all of us is to strengthen the growing grassroots movement. Ideally, vegans in every city should set up a group that maintains contacts and coordinates campaigns with others around the country. Aggressive campaigns and stylish, innovative approaches can win over young activists and set the stage for more to come. The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, Vegan Action, and SOAR are all good examples of radical groups started in the past year.

Won’t the government crack down on activists, like they did with Earth First?!

It is inevitable that the FBI, local police, and private security agencies will spy on, and in some cases seek to disrupt the movement. People should read books on the subject and be prepared. That said, most people will never be bothered and fear of the government must not be a damper on our actions to stop cruelty to animals.

Since you mentioned Earth First! as an example, we’d like to add our opinion that they sort of boxed themselves in for a crackdown and an internal collapse by a combination of infighting, irresponsible rhetoric, and an attitude that cut them off from the people. If liberation continues different activity, and image as responsible, and maintains its highly ethical, positive, then we will have the numbers and public support to prevent or lessen the effects of FBI activity. The critical difference between positive radicalism that is inclusive and constructive and the anti-social nihilism of some movements is the difference between whether we remain in the fringes, like Earth First!, or succeed in making our radical message accepted, like the gay/lesbian movement has done over the past decade.

What about direct action and the ALF?

We can’t encourage crime in this magazine, but it’s possible that daily attacks on furriers along with well-directed strikes against key points in the industry could put the fur trade under, like the British ALF did in the late ‘80s. Actions against the meat trade increase awareness of the barbaric conditions farm animals suffer under and are a warning to the butchers of what will come in the future...
Prisoner Support

Rod Coronado was bailed out in December and returned to the Yaqui reservation in Tucson. His trial will start in the spring for the February 1992 ALF raid at Michigan State. Send donations and write him at Rod Coronado Support Committee/PO Box 1891/ Tucson, AZ 85702.

Lise Olsen has been moved to a new address. Write her at Lise Olsen 248426/ 2600 N. Brinton/ PO box 1200/ Dixon, IL 61021.

Darren Thurston was released from jail in Canada in January.

International prisoners would love to hear from you; two stamps will cover air mail.

Keith Mann was sentenced to 14 years in jail, the longest ever sentence for an ALF activist. See his statement later this issue and write him at Keith Mann EE3588/ HMP Wandsworth/ PO Box 757/ 23 Heathfield Road/ Wandsworth, London SW18 ENGLAND.

Angie Hamp was recently sentenced to 4 years for ALF actions. Write to her at Angie Hamp TW1687/ HMP Holloway/ Parkhurst Road/ Holloway/ London N7 ONU ENGLAND.

Gurjeet Aulja is awaiting trial for "conspiracy to cause explosions." Write him at Gurjeet Aulja HV 2047/ HMP Birmingham/ Winsor Green Road/ Birmingham/ B18 4AS ENGLAND.

Allison McKeon RE2370/ HMP Askham Grange/ Askham Richard/ York/ Y02 3PT ENGLAND.

Max Watson BJ2477/ HMP Haverigg/ Haverigg Camp/ Milom/ Cumbria/ LA18 4NA ENGLAND.

Dave Callender HV3314/ HMP Birmingham/ Winsor Green Road/ Birmingham/ B18 4AS ENGLAND.

Greg Avery HV3313/ HMP Birmingham/ Winsor Green Road/ Birmingham/ B18 4AS ENGLAND.

The above two are new prisoners awaiting charged of conspiracy to cause criminal damage. Two others, Colin Chatfield and Annette Tibbles, will be near release by the time you read this.
DIARY OF ACTIONS

Please Note: The Diary of Actions is intended to report the news of direct action to save animals, not to encourage crime. All reports come from other publications, the internet, or communiqués sent to animal rights groups.

As we reported in the last issue, it seems that the Animal Liberation Front, which made headlines in the 1980s with scores of lab break-ins in California and the east coast, has changed tactics and spread to many other areas of the U.S.

Since around the middle of 1993, a flood of small actions concentrated against the meat and fur trades have taken place at the rate of 8-15 a month. A state/province breakdown for 1994 alone from reported actions is as follows:

**Arizona:** At least 1 actions. Unclaimed.

**Arkansas:** 2+. Animal Liberation Front active.

**British Columbia:** 6+. ALF, Animal Rights Militia active.

**California:** 77+. ALF, ALF Stockton Unit, ALF Golden Gate Unit, ALF Southland Unit, ALF November 26 Cell, Crustacean Liberation Front, Farm Animal Revenge Militia active.

**Colorado:** 3+. Paint Panthers active.

**District of Columbia:** 5+. ALF active.

**Georgia:** 1+. Unclaimed.

**Illinois:** 1+. Paint Panthers active.

**Indiana:** 3+. ALF active.

**Kentucky:** 1+. Unclaimed.

**Maryland:** 9+. ALF active.

**Michigan:** 1+. Unclaimed.

**Minnesota:** 7+. ALF active.

**Missouri:** 2+. Paint Panthers active.

**Nebraska:** 1+. Paint Panthers active.

**New Jersey:** 2+. Unclaimed.

**New York:** 10+. ALF, Paint Panthers active.

**Ohio:** 6+. ALF, Paint Panthers active.

**Oregon:** 1+. ALF active.

**Pennsylvania:** 6+. ALF active.

**South Dakota:** 2+. Unclaimed.

**Tennessee:** 11+. ALF active.

**Utah:** 3+. Vegan Revolution active.

**Washington:** 3+. Paint Panthers active.

**Wisconsin:** 5+. ALF active.

location unspecified: 2.

**Totals:** At least 171 actions in 23 states, D.C., and 1 province.

This increase in actions since mid 1993 corresponds to an increase in actions across Europe, which has seen numerous arsons, break-ins, and smaller attacks across the continent, and in England, where the already high levels of actions increased with tens of millions of pounds of damages and scores of bombings and arson attacks in 1994.

The following are actions we missed last issue when we listed over 80 actions from January through December. Undoubtedly, this issue’s list for October through December is also incomplete and we’ll find out much more later.

**February** - Madison, Wisconsin - Herschandler’s Furs “Fur Her” billboard paint bombed. Local papers reported $11,000 damage (!) and the sign was permanently removed. Savidusky’s Furs had windows smashed. ALF

**February 12** - Memphis, Tennessee - Hattaway Taxidermy - truck engine damaged. ALF

**March** - Rochester, New York - Rodeo trucks were damaged with smashed windows and paint. ALF

**March 5** - Memphis, Tennessee - Jack Lewis Furs: paint bombed, locks glued. ALF

**March 30** - Memphis, Tennessee - Jack Lewis Furs: locks glued. ALF

**April** - Madison, Wisconsin - A taxidermist was hit three times, with windows smashed. ALF

**May 1** - Rochester, New York - Windows were smashed at a hunting store, and the display window of Lipsitz Furs was smashed. ALF

**May 2** - Rochester, New York - Federal Meats had locks glued, windows smashed, and the building and sidewalk was spray painted. ALF

**May 4** - Rochester, New York - Red paint was
thrown on the sidewalk and front windows of Federal Meats. ALF (Note - we also have rumors of activity in Buffalo, NY, in 1994).

**June** - San Francisco, California - The Crustacean Liberation Front hit several businesses which sell live lobster.

**July** - San Francisco, California - The Crustacean Liberation Front continued their campaign, getting coverage in three newspapers and local radio.

**Summer** - Minneapolis, Minnesota - A McDonald's was spray painted with slogans like "McDeath" and had its locks glued. A KFC had its walls spray painted with slogans like "ALF" and "Meat is Murder" and had its locks glued. A fish restaurant was spray painted with "stop raping the oceans." And its locks were glued and a screen door was ripped off. A butcher shop had its locks glued and had "veal is child abuse" and "Meat is murder" spray painted. ALF

**Summer** - Fond du Lac, Wisconsin - Many downtown restaurants were spray painted with vegan slogans. ALF

**July** - Olney, Maryland - Boston Chicken: "Meat is Murder" spray painted on a wall, brick thrown through a window. ALF U.S. Congressional Cell

**July** - Olney, Maryland - KFC: rock thrown through a window. ALF U.S. Congressional Cell

**July** - Washington, D.C. - Jennifer Leather ad displayed in the metro subway station destroyed. ALF U.S. Congressional Cell

**July 29** - Madison, Wisconsin - ALFSG reports that three people were arrested after two pro-animal abuse billboards were cut down. We've been unable to confirm this with activists in Madison, so we await further details from the ALFSG.

**August** - Washington, D.C. - Another Jennifer Leather subway ad destroyed. ALF U.S. Congressional Cell

**August** - Washington, D.C. - DC 101 Annual Championship Barbeque ad "with two happy dancing pigs" in the subway was destroyed. ALF U.S. Congressional Cell

**August** - Southern California - A starving, emaciated goat was liberated from a county fair and "is now happily and healthily living on a spacious farm." Farm Animal Revenge Militia

**August** - Memphis, Tennessee - Goldsmith's, which sells fur, had windows smashed four times. ALF

**August 6** - Memphis, Tennessee - Jack Lewis Furs: paint bombed, locks glued. ALF

**August 8** - Vancouver, British Columbia - Western Freezer Meats: locks glued, van windows smashed, tires slashed. ALF

**August 9** - Vancouver, British Columbia - Capilano Furs: tires slashed, paint bombed. Speiser Furs: locks glued, all windows etched. ALF

**August 10** - Vancouver, British Columbia - Western Freezer Meats: locks glued, windows etched, truck tires slashed and windows etched, paint bombed. ALF

**August 25** - Memphis, Tennessee - Jack Lewis Furs: paint bombed. ALF

**August 31** - Memphis, Tennessee - Factory farm pigs liberated. ALF

**September 4** - Memphis, Tennessee - On the same night as the attack on Goldsmith's we listed
last issue, a McDonald’s and a KFC has their windows smashed and Fur Fashions of Memphis had their locks glued. ALF

**September 18** - Beverly Hills, California - Beverly Hills Fur Company: display windows smashed. “Every fur store in the area has now had some action performed against them. More to come.” ALF November 26 Cell

**OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1994: U.S. AND CANADA**

**mid-October** - Pleasant View, Tennessee - At the McEllis fur farm, cages holding 20-25 foxes were opened so the animals could escape. ALF

**October 17** - Salt Lake County, Utah - Three windows worth $500 were smashed at a Honey Baked Hams. Vegan Revolution

**October 18** - Sebastopol, California - Jose LaCalle, a chinchilla fur farmer facing cruelty charges for killing chinchillas with genital electrocution, had his office spray painted with anti-fur slogans.

**October 26** - Salt Lake County, Utah - Honey Baked Hams was hit again and a window was smashed at Meier’s Meat Market. Vegan Revolution activists left a note at Meier’s saying “Murderers. Next time it won’t be windows...”

**October / November?** - West Valley City, Utah - A pipe bomb was thrown through the window of Jordan Meat Co., causing about $1,500 in damages. Vegan Revolution

**November** - Spokane, Washington - Exclusifs II was spray painted by the Paint Panthers.

**November** - Seattle, Washington - A Kentucky Fried Chicken was attacked. No details at this point.

**November** - Maryland - Thousands of dollars of fur coats had fake blood thrown on them at Best Kept Secrets. ALF

**November** - Olney, Maryland - A KFC was spray painted and had its windows smashed out. ALF

**November** - New York, New York - A large steel garbage can was thrown through the front picture window of a fur salon. ALF

**November 7** - Memphis, Tennessee - The new location of Jean Benham Furs was firebombed before it opened. The BATF investigated, questioning nearby shop owners and trying to question at least one local activist, who refused to speak to them. It appears that the investigation has gone nowhere, but the fur store is now open for business. ALF

**November 17** - San Francisco, California - Robert’s Furs was hit, other actions. Berkeley’s Milk Board was paint bombed. ALF

**November 29** - Dayton, Ohio - A Lazarus Department Store, which sells fur, had a van spray painted with slogans. ALF

**Late November** - Mankato, Minnesota - A fur store had “Fur is Dead” spray painted on it. ALF

**Nov./Dec. - location unspecified - Local grocery store continually has rodent glue traps thrown away and UFC reoder tags for them removed with the result that the store no longer sells them. ALF

**December 2** - Bloomington and Indianapolis, Indiana - In an apparently coordinated attack, Lazarus Department Stores had windows smashed and were spray painted. ALF

**December 6** - Madison, Wisconsin - McDonald’s was paint bombed. ALF

**December** - Gaithersburg, Maryland - A McDonald’s was extensively spray painted with a number of slogans and had its windows smashed out. ALF

**December** - Maryland - Hundreds of dollars worth of fur coats were splattered with fake blood at Best Kept Secrets. ALF

**December** - Maryland - Fur coats spray painted at a used clothing store. ALF

**December** - location unspecified - “Giant” grocery chain has a large number of semi-trucks with meat advertisements on them spray painted with “Meat Kills.” “Meat is Murder.” etc. ALF

**December** - Berkeley, California - A store had gum stuck in fur trim coats on display and fur trim hats were torn, smeared with red paint, and had slogans written on them. ALF Golden Gate Unit

**December 16** - Berkeley, California - The North-west Animal Facility at UC Berkeley was hit with six large Christmas ornaments filled with red paint. ALF

**December 22 - 23** - Vancouver, British Columbia - After receiving letters saying that turkeys had been injected with rat poison, Safeway and Save-On-Foods chains pulled turkeys from the shelves of all their stores and offered refunds to customers. Tests showed no poison, and the action seems to follow on the often-used British tactic of a contamination hoax. The action caused over one million dollars in damages. Animal Rights Militia

**December 23** - San Francisco, California - Locks were glued at Robert’s Furs and Home Fine Sausage had locks glued and was paint bombed. ALF Stockton Unit

**December 24** - Memphis, Tennessee - Two windows were smashed at Tandy Leather. ALF Golden Gate Unit

**Late 1994 or early 1995** - San Francisco, California - Herbert’s Furs had “Fur Scum” burnt into their glass front door with acid during their going out of business sale. ALF

**January 16** - Syracuse, New York - Georgios Furs was paint bombed. ALF
Spread Your Love Through Action

An open letter from Rod Coronado

On March 3, 1995, I pled guilty to aiding and abetting a fire at Michigan State University (MSU) that destroyed 32 years of research intended to benefit the fur farm industry. The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) claimed responsibility for the raid, the seventh in a series of actions dubbed "Operation Bite Back" which targeted fur farms and universities engaged in tax-payer supported research jointly funded by the fur trade. I also pled guilty to one count of theft of US Government property; in particular, a jacket belonging to a 7th Cavalry Officer killed at the Little Bighorn near Crow Agency, Montana in 1876. This negotiated plea agreement is the result of a seven year investigation by the FBI into my activities, and the federal government's continued targeting of indigenous activists who assert their sovereignty and continue their fight for cultural survival. It is also the culmination of nine federal grand juries that have lasted over three years, subpoenas over sixty political activists, jail for six months each, and harassed and intimidated countless others in the hunt for members of the ALF.

In return for the guilty pleas, the US government promises not to seek further prosecution of me in the remaining districts investigating the ALF, nor subpoena me to testify against others suspected of ALF activity. The price I pay for not testifying against my compatriots is a three to four year prison sentence.

Prior to the plea agreement, I was the sole defendant in a seven court indictment alleging that I was responsible for a nationwide coordinated effort to cripple fur farm research and development. With a lifetime commitment to protect the earth behind me and in front of me, I must choose carefully the battles in which I fight, and the arenas in which I fight them. Like most indigenous people, I am unable to match the limitless of the US government in their efforts to incarcerate me, nor am I able to adequately defend myself amidst laws that criminalize the preservation of our sacred earth mother.

This is only the latest attempt by the US Government to make an example of those who break free from the confines of legitimate protest. At a time when ecological and cultural destruction is common place and within the perimeter of the law, it becomes necessary to adhere to the highest laws of nature and morality rather than stand mute witness to the destruction of our land and people. I believe it to be the obligation of the earth warrior never to be ashamed of one's own actions to honor the sacred tradition of indigenous resistance. Therefore, I accept full responsibility for my actions and remain grateful to have had the honor of serving as a member of the ALF as their spokesperson and supporter.

With a record of over 300 animal liberation actions and rescues in the US without injury or loss of life, yet thousands of lives spared from the horrors of vivisection and fur farming, the women and men of the ALF remain to me some of the most respected of non-violent warriors in the struggle to save our planet. My role in the MSU raid was a non-participant, acting as a conduit for the truth hidden behind locked laboratory doors. While in Ann Arbor, Michigan, awaiting instructions, I received a phone call from an anonymous ALF member detailing the raid for inclusion into a press release. Later, I received research materials and evidence seized during the raid. These documents would have exposed taxpayer sponsored research benefiting the fur farm industry, and experiments where mink and otters are force-fed toxins and other contaminates until they convulse and bleed to death. Accompanying these documents was a video tape of the cramped and unsanitary conditions mink and otter endure at MSU's research laboratories. My desire to release this information to the public was greater than my desire to protect myself from rabid investigations by the FBI and the ATF. Seventeen months later, I was indicted by the Michigan grand jury based on this evidence.

Earlier in the month of February, 1992 I was at the Little Bighorn River in Montana. I
went to the sight of the infamous battle and was shocked at this, the only monument I know of that glorifies the loser. In further disgrace to the warriors who lost their lives defending their families and homelands, the monument paints a one-sided story of the conquest of the indigenous peoples of the Great Plains by the US military. The truth remains that George Armstrong Custer and his 7th Cavalry were an illegal occupational force trespassing in clear violation of the Fort Laramie treaty of 1868 to attack peaceful encampments of noncombatants in the heart of the Lakota Nation. The theft of the Cavalryman’s journal is a reminder of indigenous discontent with the treatment of our heritage and culture by the US Government.

Over the last ten years I have placed myself between the hunter and the hunted, the vivisector and the victim, the furrier and the fur bearer, and the whaler and the whale. These are my people, my constituency. It is them that I owe my life. I have chosen to continue the time honored tradition of resistance to the invading forces that are ravaging our homes and people. Many people have been tortured, murdered and imprisoned on this warrior’s path, yet we must continue to stand tall against the tyranny that has befallen this continent in the last 503 years. As warriors we must accept that prison awaits those who are unwilling to compromise the earth and her people when we choose to remain allegiant to fellow warriors whose identity remains unknown. We are all Subcommandante Marcos, Crazy Horse and the ALF. Never, ever, should we forget that in order to achieve the peace and liberation we strive for some sacrifice is necessary. This will not be the first time an indigenous person has gone to prison while upholding the obligation to protect our culture, homelands and people, and it most definitely will not be the last. It is with total love that I say good-bye to my earth mother for a little while to enter the concrete and steel prisons of US Government reserves for its discontent citizens. Such rewards await those who must give their lives and freedom to prevent destruction of the most beautiful planet in the universe, our life-support system our beloved mother earth.

To those who have fought besides me, you will always be my friends and families and for you I will give up that which I love the most, my freedom. I will face prison rather than speak one word against those on the frontlines of the battle to protect earth. Our relationship is a sacred one, and in your freedom I pray that you spread your love through action that continues to rescue all that remains wild. Never surrender!

Though we may never see each other again in the trenches of the struggle for animal and earth liberation through illegal direct action, in my heart I will always hold you closest. Be patient my friends. I have not forgotten those already behind bars, those in the traps and in the rifle sights of man’s ignorance and greed. It is time for me to hand over my role as a "hero" to the animal and environmental movement to others whose faces are not yet known.

To you I give the responsibility to preserve and protect what is left of the splintered nations of others we call animals. In your hands lie the future of this centuries-old struggle, in yourselves you must find heroes. Now you must take the risks rather than cheer on those who have walked before you. Carry her spirit well, and shower yourselves in her beauty when in need of true power. I have been brought back home to my people, the Yaqui Nation and it is to them that I now return to satisfy the restless spirits of my great grandmothers whose cries I must answer.

Sometimes we are forced to do things we do not like when we are warriors. On this land that I now live, where my ancestors are buried, the great warrior Geronimo sometimes found it necessary to surrender to the enemy in order to recruit young warriors for future battles. We are a patient people. Never forget the beauty, magic, love and life we fight so hard to protect and that others have given so much to defend. Our pain and sadness is very real but so is our happiness and joy as we witness the coming Spring. I will always be beside you and you may always find shelter in my home. I love you all, and in you I place the hopes for a rebirth and a rekindling of our sacred relations to all animal people and creation.

*Forever in Your Honor and in Her Service, Rod Coronado-Witko Yau Ura*

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