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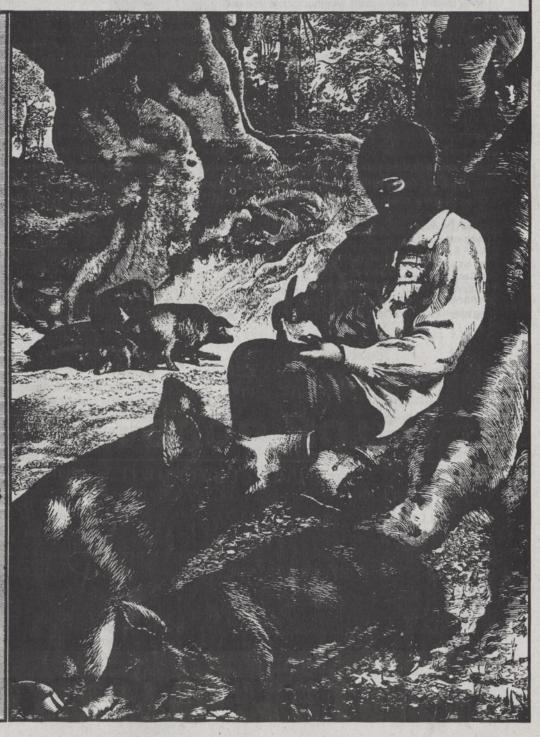
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TO liberate animals from places of abuse, ie laboratories, factory farms, fur farms, etc. and when ever possible, place them in good homes where they may live out their natural lives, free from suffering.

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

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

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

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JOSH ELLERMAN BACK IN CAPTIVITY

As we go to print, we have some sad news. Animal Liberation Front activist, Josh Ellerman is back in custody, having turned himself in to authorities on Monday, June 29. Josh had been living rough in Los Angeles, CA before eventually returning to Utah. Ellerman, age 19, fled Utah before his original sentencing hearing in May He was indicted on 16 federal counts, including charges relating to the building and possession of pipe-bombs that carry a minimum mandatory sentence of 30 years in prison. These charges stem from the firebombing of the Utah Fur Breeder's Co-Op which caused over \$1 million damage.

Josh's disappearance surprised many of us, but as unexpected as it was, our hearts went out to him and we wished him the best on his journey. Living underground is never easy, and no one knew for sure if Josh had contacts to hook up with, or what his plans might have been. Although we've not had a chance yet to hear from Josh since his return, we understand he was living pretty rough, with no support or any contact with animal activists. Before he left, the police and media propaganda machines were working over time, fuelling rumours that Josh was about to help the state and give evidence on others. What a laugh. No one was more taken by surprise by Josh's disappearance then the police themselves, and they were frantic for having let him slip through their fingers. Harassment of activists and warrantless raids turned up nothing on Josh, and have only served to strenghten our determination to see the struggle for animal liberation through to the end.

And then, just as quickly as he had disappeared, a weary but resolute Josh Ellerman made his presence known, calling US marshals from his mother's home. Authorities have since placed him in the Salt Lake City Co. Jail, where he is likely to remain until trial. His sentencing hearing is now set for July 15.

Now is the time to show Josh you care.

More then ever, Josh needs to know he has a community behind him, standing strong and willing to support him and his decisions. It has been undoubtedly a lonely time for Josh while on the run, and while many of us would have wanted to see Josh stay out, still running, whatever personal feelings we might have, now is the time to show Josh we're with him for the long haul ahead.

yer editor,

Letters to Underground

ECO-ACTION FRANCE INFILTRATOR REVEALED

Dear friends,

It has been brought to our attention through various sources that Adrian Franks of Eco-Action France is an infiltrator selling information on activist groups to corporate clients.

Adrian Franks has made himself known to various organisations and movements in Europe as one of the central members of a small direct-action group, Eco-Action, (also known as Earth First! France) which has its base in Equihen-Plage. Adrian Franks has presented himself as an activist focussed on the oil and arms industries and animal liberation. In this guise, he has attempted to weave himself into the European movement active on these issues. He has become involved in ENAAT (the European Network Against the Arms Trade), A-SEED Europe, Earth First! and People's Global Action. In some cases, he has claimed to be working very closely with organisations and networks (such as Corporate Watch UK), but is almost unknown to these organisations/movements.

To his corporate clients, Adrian acts under the surnames Mayer and Lechene. His intelligence agency, Risk Crisis Analysis, is registered in both France and the UK under Adrian Lechene. According to sources, he has created a corporate- oriented information- market on the activities of European activists. He has sought to convince corporate clients of the necessity of his services by way of dangerous exaggeration and misrepresentation of the aims and action-philosophies of movements/organisations he has infiltrated. He has apparently presented these networks as violent, 'extremist opposition' which plan to harm the families of corporate executives. While all of our movements/ organisations Adrian Franks/Mayer/Lechene has infiltrated are very clear in our commitment to impede if not stop the activities of certain corporations, we are all committed to non-violence. Mr Franks/Mayer/ Lechene's portraval is therefore not only a lie, but exposes our movements to possibly more aggressive, violent strategies by corporations to counter our activities.

We are aware that such a denunciation has very serious implications for the person accused. We have been very careful not to accuse without substantiation, and to act upon information rather than speculation. We have confronted Adrian Franks/Mayer/Lechene with the information we have about his activities. He was unable to refute the evidence we found

against him. Further, we have contacted the companies he has approached (as well as those we suspect he has approached) to make clear that while we oppose and will continue to oppose their ecologically and socially destructive activities—we are nonviolent. We have also made clear to them that they will no longer receive valuable information from him. In so doing, we hope to break the working relations between Mr. Franks/Mayer/Lechene's and these companies.

We strongly recommend you and your organization, to cut all ties with Adrian Franks/Mayer/Lechene. Take him off mailing lists (95, rue de la Marine, 62 224 Equihen-Plage, France, email: <eco-action.ef.mala@wanadoo.fr>) and prohibit his participation in gatherings. We ask you to forward this warning to any groups or individuals within your networks so that they do not unwittingly encourage his involvement in their activities. We would be interested to know any further information others might have on his activities within the environmental and social justice movements.

AMOK, A SEED Europe office, Corporate Watch UK Jansen & Janssen, Oilwatch Europe

For further information, contact: Janssen and Janssen <respub@xs4all.nl>, AMOK <amokmar@antenna.nl>, or A SEED Europe <aseedeur@antenna.nl>.

THEY CAN KILL US BUT THEY CAN'T STOP US REMEMBERING SISTER MERLE OF MOVE

This isn't the first time we have suffered the lost of our family. The May 13th 1985 bombing of our family was devastating, not only to us but the world! The death of our sister Merle is no different -- The System killed our family May 13th, The System killed Merle march 13th. MOVE people know who the real enemy is, THIS SYSTEM, and because of John Africa we've never been under any illusion about the treachery of this enemy. For over 20 years, officials, politicians, those running this System have tried to stop the MOVE organization from putting out the truth about their crimes against all of Life. They tried to silence us with bribery, when that didn't work they cam at us with blackjacks and false arrests, when that didn't work they cam at us with guns and when that didn't work they dropped a bomb on our family. As y'all can see by the strong, consistent example of MOVE people in prison and on the streets, that this System's bomb

didn't work either! but just like the May 13th bombing of our children, sisters and brothers didn't stop MOVE, the death of our sister Merle ain't gonna stop us now. it's doin' just the OPPOSITE, it's making us STRONGER and even more determined to be right.

LONG LIVE REVOLUTION! It should be clear to people at this point how this government feels about ANY-ONE who dares to stand up against this System and it should be clear after the examples with MOVE that this government will stop at NOTHING to get rid of people who fight this system. This System tried to kill the MOVE 9 on August 8, 1978 with automatic weapons, deluge guns, gas and other explosives, and when they didn't succeed, they continued trying to kill us while in these prisons. The courts gave us 100 years each in prison, knowing we're innocent, we've done 20 years already and in these 20 years we've been attacked by guards with firehoses, pipes, ice picks and dogs; we've been locked in solidarity confinement for three, four, five years at a time, we've been raped of our blood and had something injected into us that made us sick while on a 50 day hunger strike; some of us were almost killed in the camp hill riots, we've been shipped from prison to prison across the States, we've been separated and at times held incommunicado from each other and our family. We've been denied our natural raw food diet and threatened with misconduct if we have more than one piece of fruit in our possession. This is why there is no doubt in our minds that THIS SYSTEM killed Merle. This System is doing all it can to make sure the MOVE 9 don't come out of these prisons alive, because they see they can't break us, can't make us turn traitor against our belief, against revolution! JOHN AFRICA's teaching, our belief is the most important thing to us, we will NEVER leave MOVE! We are going to stay strong and keep fighting for what is right, to do anything LESS would be to make the deaths of our family May 13th and Merle's death to have been in vain and we will NEVER let that happen. We're here to tell y'all not to get discouraged or hopeless because the strong example MOVE has sent is still here and will ALWAYS be here. The seed of revolution has been planted and there is nothing this system can do to stop it! To quote John Africa, the Coordinator, "The MOVE Organization is not a martyrdom example, we are not suicidal, sacrificial, scapegoats, selfdestructive, we're revolutionaries, strategic revolutionaries with expertise in every facet of systematic confrontation, MOVE is strong willed, clear visioned, one minded, true in dedication, MOVE don't stagger, wa-

ver, stumble or fall short, with the MOVE organization a step forward is a step gained and a step lost for the System because the MOVE Organization will not take a step backwards, our aim is revolution, our trust is momma, our drive is consistency, our target this System and we will not be stopped for we have the courage of Life, the understanding of True Law and the power of god in both fists."

John Africa, long live John Africa, long live revolution and DOWN WITH THIS ROTTEN SYSTEM!

ON THE MOVE JANINE, JANET AND DEBBIE OF THE MOVE 9

SPIRIT OF CHANGE

I write to you on behalf of the editorial of the magazine Muutoksen keviit (Spring of Change). Muutoksen keviit is an eco-revolutionary publication, which tries to gather a wide spectrum of visions and actors of change. We deal with many issues ranging from energy, transport, biodiversity, labour and welfare to food and animal issues. The combining principle is to weave a loose web of ideological connections between these seemingly separate questions. Actually we believe that perceiving these issues as separate ones may be harmful to the movements of change. In short, we deal on Earth Liberation. A great deal of people ranging from ecoteurs to sanctuary keepers, politicians, activists of legal and civil disobedience leaning etc. have been writing in our magazine. This is our eight issue, so our second year is closing. It is not closing quietly. In the last few months Finland has been a hotbed of action. A lot of things have been happening, not all of them good.

We have thus translated a few of our articles for your use. You may already know of some/all of these things, but we hope these articles will deepen your knowledge. Finnish activists urgently need your attention and support. Without too much exaggeration one might say, that the future of the alternative movements in Finland is hanging on the edge. The future seems very insecure, at least to me... The police searched our office, which disrupted our activities almost catastrophicly. Only now, when I'm writing this, I am sure that *Muutoksen kevdt* will go on. This was a close shave economically, for security reasons (e.g. subscribers) and for our ability to just plain WRITE the damn zine.

The latest news however are even worse. During the Orimattila investigation (which seems to be Jelayed, the police tries to get ballistics results that would vindicate

the farmer of attempted killing charges... fat chance) the police stumbled upon a beagle that had

been liberated from the Karttula breeding facility. It seems that the process was started by a snoopy neighbour... sometimes all the work seems hardly worth it. HOW can a person willingly send a pup to torture chamber? The police has been making several arrests, and it seems 100% certain that a few activists will be convicted of a series of liberation raids to laboratories around Finland. This is a sad chain of events including dirty elements that I don't wish even to recall here. Loose lips DID sink ships... The chief investigator of the criminal police Tero Haapala has been bragging on the media, that "the hard core" of the EVR (Finnish equivalent of the ALF) has been pierced and most of the actions will be solved. This is clearly a bluff (if you believe the defence attorney who has specialised in these cases, and has taken a strong political stance on the issue), and a part of Tero Haapala's quest for glory. In any case a repetition of the notorious "terrorist trial" is expected, where all cases even remotely dealing with political action will be lumped, and the jury will be confused with loads of circumstantial evidence. The last time a person was convicted of breaking a fur shop window, even though the SECURITY CAMERA showed him walking peacefully before the shop, doing nothing! So, all of the activists need you help very much. Please keep in touch with us, publicize the news on these events and send support to the prisoners who might be coming (hope not).

See you in May. By that time our Web pages should be ready, and we will try to translate some articles there. What kind of issues would you be interested in? Lets keep in touch. And good luck to you all.

The Editor of Muutoksen Kevdt

DEFINING NON-VIOLENCE

Dear Editor

I have been informed that there is a rumour going around certain parts of North America at the moment which claim I have renounced the use of economic sabotage as a legitimate tactic for the Animal/Earth Liberation movement. This is not true. What I have done is renounce the use of premeditated violent direct action. However, economic sabotage, including tree spiking and arson, is nonviolent and therefore still something I totally support.

Throughout the history of the Animal/Earth Liberation movement there are numerous examples where it has only been because of economic sabotage (which has always included arson) that has produced positive change and results.

For example, in Britain there use to be a seal cull on

The Wash along the Norfolk coast. This slaughter happened every year up until, in the early 1970's, the Band of Mercy set fire to the boats used in the killing. The fire resulted in the organiser of the massacre going out of business and no one else dared start up a similar business in case their boats met the same fiery fate. Since the Band of Mercy action there have been no seal culls on The Wash. Nonviolent direct action works.

In Britain department stores use to sell fur coats. Then throughout the mid to late 80's the Animal Liberation Front ran their incendiary device campaign targeting any department store that sold fur. The result was the department stores stopped selling fur. The protests and the pickets did not stop the sale of fur in British department stores. It was the Animal Liberation Front who can claim sole credit for that. Nonviolent direct action works.

In May 1989 the British fur trade magazine FUR REVIEW published the following statement FUR REVIEW - THE FINAL EDITION . This is the final issue of Fur Review. After more than a quarter of a century serving the Fur Trade, the magazine is closing down. As publishers of Fur Review for the last 15 years we though long and hard before taking the decision to finally cease publication. That decision had nothing to do with its success or profitability. In spite of its now trimmed down appearance compared with the heady days of ten years or more ago, Fur Review has continued to be a success in its own field and to contribute to the overall well-being of our publishing group. Our decision resulted wholly from our own experiences of the actions of those extremists who planted a fire bomb on our premises before Christmas and have made other threats since.

As that article clearly shows, nonviolent direct action works.

Also, if you look at some of the actions happening in North America at the moment you can clearly see that nonviolent direct action works. Rod Coronado is serving two concurrent 57 month sentences. One of these sentences directly relates to the fact Rod aided and abetted an A.L.F. raid on a fur research centre which saw the release of two mink and the torching of the lab. That action was nonviolent. It saved the lives of the animals and it caused massive financial damage to those who would have butchered those animals. If the A.L.F. had merely gone in and rescued the animals without causing any damage, the research centre would of just had to go out and buy a couple more mink. As it was their entire building was destroyed. Nonviolent direct action works.

At the end of last year a joint action by the Animal Liberation Front and the Earth Liberation Front saw the release of 500 wild horses caught by the BLM and then the torching of the corral used to confine the horses. If the horse prison had been left standing the BLM could of just rounded up more horses. As it was, they didn't have anything to put the horses in and the BLM announced it was cancelling its horse kill program. Nonviolent direct action works.

Arson and criminal damage has always been two tools of the nonviolent Animal/Earth Liberation activist. Damaging property does not constitute violence even if that damage is caused by fire. As this letter has shown, the use of arson has, in the past, had very dramatic, positive effect in the advancement of Animal/Earth Liberation.

If people would like to know what my arguments are against the use of Violent Direct Action then I encourage them to read my article 'Violence is Wrong' published in the leading British animal liberation magazine ARKANGEL number 19 (available on subscription from BCM 9240, London, WCLN 3XX, England).

I hope that this letter has helped clear up the misunderstanding people may have about my views on the use of the nonviolent direct action tool of economic sabotage (or rnonkeywrenching as some folks like to call it). It has been proven time and time again that economic sabotage (including arson) works. Economic sabotage (including arson & tree spiking) is ethical. I totally support and applaud all forms Nonviolent Direct Action including economic sabotage.

For Animal/Earth Liberation RABBIX.

MAKING IT COUNT

Greetings Comrades,

In the interest of speeding the process of animal liberation, I want to throw out some strategic comments to help people better direct their energies.

These comments are related to the United States and Canada solely, the current political climate as it relates to animals, and economic considerations, are entirely different in other countries. Some of this may be relative to England, Sweden, or where ever else, but this is primarily meant for North American readers.

To get right to the point, our cell believes that actions against fast food restaurants and small butcher shops are, at this time, a waste of time. Notice that I said "at this time." We are concerned about activists risking arrest at a place where the impact from the action is going to be rather insignificant.

Actions against the meat industry can be highly beneficial. But smashing a window at McDonalds isn't even a drop in the bucket. Live liberations of farm animals, on the other hand, is always great for the individual animal and can be a great propaganda tool. The lab liberations of the 80's were highly successful in publicizing vivisection, especially when videos were given to the press after the raids. Similar actions today against factory farming would be priceless.

Acts of economic sabotage would have much more impact against an actual factory farm, than against a multi-billion dollar corporation. KFC and Burger King won't even feel the loss of a couple of windows — but a factory farm can be shut down if all the equipment is damaged. This is especially true if their particular product is suffering from a low market value at the time of the hit.

Putting a fast food restaurant or small butcher shop out of business doesn't save any animals. People will still buy meat, just somewhere else. These places deserve to get smashed up, but is this what we want to risk long jail sentences with? Meat trucks, however, are good targets. This way the distribution of the product itself is affected. if done on a large scale, it can have an impact directly on meat consumption. We are simply asking activists to think their actions out and to go for larger objectives, instead of acting with little forethought.

With the fur industry, it is conceivable the whole thing can be brought down by ALF attacks. Any fur target is strategic since we can put the whole industry under. Fur farms are suffering big time and the continuation of the current campaign will shut the remaining farms down, no matter how high Russian demand pushes the pelt prices.

For vivisection any property owned by a vivisection university is fair game, but cells need to finish campaigns that they have begun. Don't stop with one action, follow through. Just think your actions out and go for real change. Our cell does not sympathize with McDonalds at all — we just think that we need to avoid arrests when the action that led to the bust doesn't have a chance of producing any tangible results.

An A.L.F. Cell

NEWS BRIEFS

EUROPEAN ACTIVIST GATHERING WENT WELL

The European activists' gathering took place in April in the Netherlands. With well over 200 activists present from all over Europe, including: Germany, UK, Holland, Ireland, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Belgium, Spain, Greece, Poland, the gathering offered a chance to exchange ideas and tactics and to connect with like-minded individuals

Over the weekend there were workshops on various issues involving. animal liberation, as well as discussions, networking, games of football, demonstrations, fund raising gigs and so on. A demo at the local McDonald's had over 150 people invade the premises and throw rubbish around while the police stood by looking helpless. One window got smashed and a Swedish activist was arrested. People moved on to the other Mc-Donald's which was closed down for several hours. The demo received national news coverage in Holland, and also appeared on German TV

That same night over 100 activists besieged the police station and make a lot of noise to let the arrested person know everyone was out there for them. According to reports, there were only 2 police officers felt brave enough to leave the station at that time. Police had to radio for riot cops from Amsterdam because they were worried activists would smash up the police station and liberate our 'comrade'.

There was also a demo at the last dolphinarium left in Holland.

The food was done by Rampenplan, a vegan organic caterers, which was inexpensive as well as being tasty & nutritious.

The event took place at 'Eurodusdie', a spotlessly clean squatted school in Leiden, whose residents put up with the visiting activists admirably.

PREDATOR HUNT EXTREME 98 CANCELLED.

American anti-bloodsports campaigners have successfully managed to get the 'Predator Hunt Extreme 98' cancelled. The hunt is a two day killing frenzy where hunters are awarded points for killing animals. The person who accumulates in the most points wins \$10,000. In this competition different animals are given different values. A Bobcat is worth 60 points. A Mountain Lion 100 points. A Fox 15 points. Following anti-bloodsports protests and the resulting public outcry, this year's competition his been cancelled

2 SWEDISH ACTIVISTS REMANDED

On April 19, two female animal liberation activists was arrested for allegedly driving a car without a license, and which police claimed may be stolen. Both women attended their court hearings where they were also charged with conspiracy to commit arson/conspiracy to do criminal damage.

The two arrested are Jeanette Hansson, 19, and Sara Raberg, 20, from Sweden.

The police have allegedly found two firebombs in the car after they were arrested, and speculate that the target could have been Allmans chark," a meat place attacked once already last year (three meat trucks burned down).

£10,000 AWARDED TO ACTIVIST

May 14/98

A 53-year-old woman was awarded £10,000 damages by Kent police in the latest payout to animal rights' demonstrators arrested trying to stop live exports to Europe. Angela Petro is being paid the money, plus legal expenses, after claiming officers unlawfully arrested and imprisoned her three times, strip searched her, and damaged her wrists. David Philips, the Chief Constable of Kent, has denied the allegations but agreed to the award. The police face at least twelve more claims, having already paid small sums of £900 to £2,500 to at least three animal-welfare protesters

PROTEST RESULTS IN CHARGES

May 19/98

PRAGUE, Czech Republic - Nine young people were charged with "hooliganism" after an environmental protest in Prague ended in looting and clashes with police.

Police with batons broke up a crowd of 2,000 stone-throwing youths after a peaceful protest on the impact that multinational corporations have on the environment turned violent. Twenty-two police officers were injured in the melee. The protesters overturned a police

car, looted several shops and damaged two fast-food restaurants. A judge ruled the nine young people, who were charged with hooliganism and attacking public officials, would remain in custody during the investigation. They face up to three years in prison if convicted. The Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation, the U.S.-based radical environmental group Earth First!, and the Moscow-based Rainbow Keepers were among those organizing the demonstra-

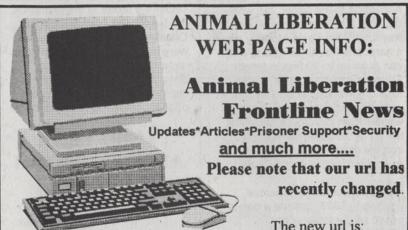
AUSTRIAN **BLOCKADE OF TURKEY CHICK** TRANSPORT

19 Turkeys Liberated

May 26/98 BELGRADE - Over 50 Austrian animal liberation activists stormed an airport loading section for the Dutch airline, KLM, at Linz airport. Workers were in the process of loading 20,000 few days old turkey chicks from an airplane onto a truck. The activists surrounded the chicks that were packed in cardboard boxes, and blocked the loading process.

Initially aggressive workers left and came back with police. Two hours later enough police had arrived to start moving the activists. Activists then tactically retreated out of the loading hall to the airport entrance. A little later the truck came out and was blocked by activists, who did a lock-on with d-locks in an octopus position. After a stand-off of another hour or so, the truck retreated into the airport area again. People unlocked themselves.

Eventually, a state vet arrived to inspect the chicks. He never actually looked at them, but declared them fit for travel. They had come from Toronto, Canada, and had come down from Amsterdam, to continue by truck to Belgrade. They had been travelling for 46



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FINLAND ALFSG! EVRTR

Elinten Vapautusrintaman Tukiryhm Web Site

http://www.sci.fi/~blindeye/evrtr/englsh.htm

EVRTR is a Supporters Group for Animal Liberation Front activists who have been charged with carrying out illegal actions for animal liberation. Information on the EVRTR web pages are mostly in Finnish, however, at the end of each article and/or interview you will find a brief English summary.

SUPPORT ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS! Thank You! FINLAND ALFSG!

hours when activists started their action, obviously without ever getting fed or watered. About 10% were found dead during the inspection by activists. After a delay of another hour, police managed to evade the blockade of the protesters by bringing the truck without lights on - of the runway towards another exit before protesters could catch up. Apart from that, protesters were a bit reluctant to act firmly, as it was obvious that every minute of delay meant more chicks dying of hunger and thirst. 19 chicks had decided to join the protesters and are now in good hands.

HARPOONED WHALE TURNS ON BOAT

June 2, 1998 OSLO, Norway -- A harpooned whale fighting for its life rammed the Norwegian boat that shot it, breaking the vessel's mast and hurling two crewmen into the icy waters.

The whale escaped, but it was unclear if it survived, the Oslo newspaper Verdens Gang reported Tuesday. The two crewmen, one of whom suffered cracked ribs, were rescued.

According to the paper, the whaling boat, the Bolga, was off Norway's northern tip on Monday when it harpooned a minke whale, which can grow up to 30 feet in length. The whale then rammed the 53-foot-long wooden boat. The two crewmen, who had been spotting whales from the crow's nest near the tip of the mast, were thrown into the ocean, about 425 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

Norway resumed commercial whaling in 1993, despite a ban imposed by the International Whaling Commission.

MINK PROTEST LEADS TO JAIL

June 12/98
ENGLAND - AN animal rights campaigner has been jailed for seven days following a protest at a mink farm.

Liz Crocker, 35, of Sandyford, Newcastle, was jailed by the city's magistrates after failing to pay £3100 in court costs, imposed when she was convicted under the Protection from Harassment Act.

Crocker was found guilty of harassing the owners of Cornyhaugh Mink Farm in Ponteland in February during a campaign to try to close the farm

A warrant was issued for her arrest in May after she wrote to the court saying she would not "contribute towards a legal system that criminalises peaceful protesters". She was jailed despite her claims that she had not harassed farmer, Peter Harrison, but had "simply tried to publicize what she believes are cruel animal husbandry practices".

Last September Mr Harrison took out a court injunction banning protests under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, legislation designed primarily to protect women from stalkers. Under the terms of the injunction the Newcastle Animal Rights Coalition - including Crocker - were banned from demonstrating and protesting near the farm. They were also banned from using the road alongside it or telephoning or writing to Mr Harrison.

MORE MINK ARRESTS IN UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH:
Three men are facing two
second-degree felonies and four
third-degree felonies for vandalizing and releasing minks at two
West Jordan mink farms in 1996.
Charged in 3rd District Court are
Brandon James Mitchener,
Alexander David Slack and Sean
Albert Gautsch, all 22 years old.

The three activists were arrested Fri. June 19 after twenty police with guns drawn stormed an apartment building. Without search warrants police took pictures of companion animals, and searched through files and personal belongings. The arrests were made by officers from the Department of Public Safety, Criminal Investigations Bureau; the Salt Lake Metro gang unit; the U.S. Marshal's office, the Utah Highway Patrol and the Salt Lake police department.

All three are charged with 6 felony counts for allegedly liberating animals from two Utah fur farms. Alex Slack was held for seven hours while being interrogated as to the location of A.L.F. activist Josh Ellerman. Alex, a paraplegic, was finally released for medical reasons, without ever having his rights read to him.

The other two activists, Brandon Mitchener and Sean Gautschy were being held on \$100,000 bail for allegedly taking part in two fur farm liberations in Utah. They are charged with two counts burglary (2nd degree felony), two counts criminal mischief (2nd

degree felony), and two counts releasing fur bearing animals (3rd degree felony). Brandon Mitchener has since been released from Salt Lake City Co. Jail on \$10,000 bail, (\$1,000 actually paid), after a bail reduction hearing.

Sean Gautschy remains in Salt Lake City Co. Jail on \$50,000 bail. He is considered a flight risk since he is originally from California. Police had originally offered to drop all charges for information on Josh Ellerman's location.

Clint Marvin was also arrested for an assault charge (not animal rights related) and also was told that charges would be dropped for information on Ellerman's location. Marvin is currently free on bail.

Ellerman, age 19, fled Utah before his sentencing hearing. Josh has since been recaptured and is being held until trial

Also facing charges is animal liberation prisoner, Jacob Kennison, who was only about one hour away from being released from prison when he was detained on 6 felony counts. Jacob faces the same six counts as Brando and Sean. Jacob was about to be released to a halfway house 90 days early for good behaviour.

Sean's address can be found in our prisoner listings.

CANADIAN ARRESTS

On June 29th in Edmonton, Alberta, two activists aged 19 and 20 were arrested by the Edmonton City Police. Police arrested the two in relation to vandalism at ACME Meats, which was covered in anti-meat and "ALF" slogans. We have no further information at this time.

SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

U.S Activists Carry Out Their First Daylight Raid. 19 Rabbits Liberated!

June 20th 1998 marked a first for animal liberationists in North America. We may now proudly celebrate our first ever daylight raid!

For years now, Lance Patton and his father, Oregon State University vivisector Nephi Patton, have bred rabbits for research on a small farm in Philomath, Oregon. The Western Oregon Rabbit Supply's address was unknown, until now.

The action started when about 25 activists from 3 states descended on 2475 Rosecrest Drive around noon on a quiet Satur-



day. Neighbours sat in their lawns sipping tea, others rode around on big green lawn mowers. After the last activists rounded a bend in the road that took them out of the neighbours sight, they had quite a surprise in store. Masked activists began jumping the fences and running towards the breeding sheds. Soon the activists returned with rabbits in hand, directing the other activists to take them to safety. In total, 15- 19 were rescued.

One anonymous activist had this to say:

"It was phenomenal. I ran down the road and peered inside the sheds. As far as I could see there were white rabbits. A stream of urine and feces ran for hundreds of yards. I began to cry, all I could think about was rescuing these creatures. I opened a cage and gently lifted one out. We began to run back up the road, not fully knowing how the less militant protesters would respond, but to our delight they helped us spirit the rabbits to freedom. It was a life changing moment. I saw 60 year olds running as fast as they could, nearly out of breath trying to get these wonderful beings to safety. I saw younger kids, holding banners so that others may hide behind them to continue working opening the cages. Even those who didn't help remained caim. Somewhere inside we knew that this was the last chance for these rabbits. We just did what needed to be done."

Reports place all of the rescued rabbits out of state and in safe hands. Four of the rabbits required medical attention for stress and heat related anxiety. One had a slight infection in its eye.

Due to the nature of this action, and current FBI / ATF investigations in the Northwest, activists expect harassment and lawsuits. Whatever the outcome of such government repression, activists will not forget the victory they had that sunny day. "I've been arrested tons of times," said one activist, "But I never felt like I was saving anyone. This time, I have tangible proof that my efforts made a difference. I've tasted success, and I want more!" Another activist cheerfully said, "I've never been so happy, and I imagine that the rabbits haven't either. Lets keep this up! Nephi Patton, no where is safe for you!"

This action was organized by the Western Regional Animal Liberation Coalition, just one of four new organizations dedicated to holding militant regional demos. More actions have been planned, stay tuned for updates. For more information, contact Animal Defense League Eugene at adleugene@yahoo.com.

EARTH LIBERATION PRISONERS WEB PAGE

CHECK OUT THE E.L.P. 'S PRISONER LISTINGS PUBLICATION SPIRIT OF FREEDOM, NOW 'ON LINE' AT THE LEEDS EF! ADDRESS

(http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/3081/t1.html)

NOW YOU'RE COOKIN WITH GAS!

How to Grab Ronald McDonald by the Balls

Reprinted from Earth First! Journal, June/July'98

by Jebidiah

This little gem of a trick is a quick way to really fuck up a fast-food joint for awhile. The beauty is that it only takes a second, can be performed with no real

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preparation and is totally safe. You can do it on your way to grandma's, the store. work or church. The only tool you need is a 12-inch crescent wrench.

Walk up to the fast-food slop-shop with your crescent wrench. Locate the gas meter behind the building (usually near the back door). It looks like R2D2's little brother. It will be a

medium grey color and will have either a few gauges or digital readout in a plastic case on top. There will be one pipe coming in and one going out. Examine the pipes, and on the incoming one (usually the left one) there will be a little valve. It looks just like any other fitting except there is a circle about the size of a 50 cent piece in it. Coming off this circle is a rectangular tab with a hole drilled in it. That's your baby. Just grab the tab with your Stanley drop-forged crescent wrench, turn it 90 degrees and watch greasy tears roll down the faces of all those sad people in the drive-thru. Orders will quit going out within five minutes.

Since I know, I'll give you a quick rundown on what is going on inside. Jim Bob just dropped his last load of fish sticks into the fryer for today's lunch rush, the safety valves on all the fryers and grills just closed, and the grease is quickly coagulating. The manager is having chest pains as her labor-to-profit ratio plummets before her eyes. One honor student gives a shit. And the rest of the crew snicker and give each other

looks while they get a well deserved break. Dozens of sorry souls are denied their chickenmickwhopperwithfrize. For you tree huggers, that means a ream or two of paper bags, napkins, boxes and shit doesn't walk out the door. For you animal lovers, that means

> that Bambi's cow cousin stays on ice for another day with the chicken parts and fish pieces.

> The best part is it's just plain fun to grab a corporate fast-food joint by the nuts and twist. I like to wait until the lunch rush is hopping and the drive thru is full, then coolly cruise up and shut off the gas

while tying my shoe or whatever. No One will notice, No one notices anything. Then walk to a good hideout to watch as the drivers screech away pissed off. You can laugh over a sprout sandwich or a jug of Jim Beam. The fun will be over in 40 minutes when the gas repair guy comes rolling in and figures it out. But by then lunch is over, three or four hundred bucks in profit are gone, lots of customers are pissed, and Mc-Schmuck owes Jebediah the gas repairman \$60. So all in all, it's got pretty good result-to-effort ratio. Plus, it's funny as all hell!

Here's a quick rundown on most of the vulnerable chain restaurants: Boston Market, McDonalds, Burger King, Taco Bell, Skippers, Jack Off in the Box, Kentucky Fried Chicken, supermarkets with delis and any pizza joint. Tjese places not only rely on gas equipment, they intentionally hire employees who will never figure out how to fix it.

TROUBLE AT THE BORDER

Canadian Customs Detain U.S. Activist

When Nik Hensey leisurely drove across the U.S. border into Canada during a camping trip in Blaine, Washington, the last thing he expected was to be pulled over, have his belongings stolen by Canadian boarder authorities, and to be interrogated for hours about what his political beliefs are. Unfortunately, this is exactly what happened in an outrageous and blatant abuse of authority by Canadian boarder guards.

While travelling on US 5-North, Nik and a travelling companion soon discovered the road turned into a huge divided highway leading straight to the border. With no place to stop or turn around, no sooner had he reached the border when he was asked to pull over and a female immigration officer took possession of his driver's license, photocopied it, and kept it. The car was searched by a customs officer "searching for weapons" amongst the camping gear. Two other officers joined in the search and Nik and his friend were 'patted down,' and told they were being detained.

Four customs officers tore through the truck, and upon finding animal rights related books and literature, the mood quickly went from bad to worse. Throwing the books to the other officers, one stated, "This is what they're here for ... ecodefense, animal liberation, timber wars. they're here to start a war!" The two were immediately arrested and taken to a holding cell where their personal belongings were confiscated.

According to Nik, "About an hour later we were supposedly read some rights but never told we had the right to remain silent. When we asked for a lawyer they brought us a phone with some lady claiming to be a lawyer, as the authorities listened in on another phone. They came in from time to time and asked us stupid questions."

The car had been impounded and the two were told it would cost \$700 US to get it back. They were never once told why they were arrested and at one point, when told they were free to go, they were in fact locked in a room so another unknown person could ask where they worked, etc. Many hours later they were again lead to believe they were being released, when two more men from immigration 'escorted' them to an interrogation room. The two

were separated and Nik was questioned by a woman from immigration for two hours. According to Nik, "She claimed she was just asking basic personal information because she 'deals with the people and they deal with

"We were carrying nothing illegal and as soon as the animal rights material was discovered we instantly became referred to as the 'eco-terrorists' and treated accordingly."

the property' and that she 'didn't know what went on in customs." An obvious lie. "They took digital photographs of me while she asked questions ranging from my political viewpoints on animal testing to my involvement with Earth First!. She asked about a demo I attended at Yerkes in Atlanta and what groups I belonged to. "She then accused me of being in the A.L.F. and wanted to know who my 'friends' were."

After two hours of ridiculous questions, Nik was accused of being involved in the arson of Washington University and was asked about any association he might have with Canadian activists Darren Thurston and David Barbaresh. To top it all off, the customs officer hinted to the possibility that his friend made bombs "because he had a book on Albert Einstein and we were carrying gas oven propane containers." At no time did either of the two answer any question regarding political and personal affiliations, or any question not directly connected with the impounding of Nik's car. At long last, the two were "allowed" to pay for the truck's release. The truck's contents were torn to pieces and lay strewn everywhere, but Nik was able to locate his camera, and, since the customs authorities refused to give their names or badge numbers, he took a few pictures of the area and people. When the female immigration officer saw him taking a picture she "hit me in the face and took my camera."

One of Our Own

U.S. Prisoner Fran L. Thompson: Fallen Through the Cracks?

Fran L. Thompson, at one time a highly visible and vocal opponent of factory farming and large-scale, environmentally destructive poluters in Knox County, now sits in prison - not for any animal liberation actions - but for killing her fiance-turned stalker, having shot him out of defense during a home invasion. Unfortunately for Fran, U.S. courts do not recognize acts of self-defense in cases where battered women have killed known attackers, and she was sentenced to life in prison. Since then, life has been very lonely for Fran, cut off from the things she oved, and from the local animal and environmental community she once was an active part of. Until very recently, Fran's situation was largely unknown within the larger networks of animal/earth liberation support, and while it is clear that she is not an animal liberation prisoner, our hopes are that readers will take the time to contact Fran, and let her know she is not alone.



HER STORY: In 1976, Fran's husband was killed in a construction accident, leaving her with a 7-year-old son to raise on Social Security survivor's benefits. She was active within the community, helping the animals and people around her, any way she could. Having long been involved in local environmental and animal issues, Fran at one time had been considering a career in Environmental Law.

In 1979, Fran fell in love again. She thought he was too good to be true, and he was. Ron Thompson turned out to be a man given to paranoid fantasies and jealous rages. When Fran tried to sever the relationship, she was kidnapped, bound and gagged, threatened and tortured psychologically, and repeatedly raped over a period of two days. She barely escaped with her life. Fran had no other meaningful relationship with a man until Dean Frank came along.

Dean Frank, a local in Knox County, had lost two farms to bankruptcy. Fran's mother hired him to work on the farm the family had bought, and where Fran was living. Dean Frank liked what he saw -- both in the farm and in Fran. He became her friend, but when he also tried to become her husband, Fran wavered in her interest. As Dean Frank became more demanding, Fran looked into his past relationships to discover he had an outstanding history of violence towards women. Fran called the relationship off and focused on her activism

Fran was a prominent organizer in a number of local fights against environmentally destructive projects in her area, many of which eventually brought her into direct conflict with John Thomas, the Knox County Attorney and chief proponent of these industrial agendas. In October of 1986, John Thomas, in concert with the Knox County Board, removed vital zoning laws from the county charter. Four months later, Knox County was the leader in the Dames and Moore Survey for proposed and preferred sites for nuclear waste burial. Soon, too, the Waldbaum project, factory farming at its worst, was built in Knox County, and a hazardous waste incinerator was targeted for the Santee Sioux Indian Reservation by John Tomas, Knox County Attorney.

In the fight to stop all of these, and to reinstate the zoning laws, Fran was always prominent. She frequently attended and spoke at public meetings. She initiated and organized petition drives and had researched and documented Waldbaum's lack of environmental safeguards at their existing facility in Wakefield, Nebraska. She had proven mis-statements of fact in Waldbaum's Environmental Assessment. Needless to say, John Thomas and

Fran Thompson did not become close friends

Meanwhile, in August of 1991, Dean Frank had begun to phone Fran, making threatening statements, and was becoming increasingly irrational. She was told by the Sheriff's Department that there was nothing they could do until he acted, and they refused her protection. It was too reminiscent of her kidnap, torture, and rape in 1983. The police refused to intervene in what they considered a "domestic dispute," so Fran began keeping her deceased husband's .3 57 magnum with her at all times. To top it off, Fran also began to received death threats from "friends of Waldbaum", the factory-farm, adding an additional ingredient of fear.

On Sunday, August 18, 1991, Dean Frank entered the residence of Fran Thompson, uninvited and unannounced. Because of a hearing deficiency, Fran did not become aware of his presence until he was in the next room, again declaring that he was going to kill her. She produced the pistol from next to the chair where she had been working at her computer, and said, "No, you're not." When he launched himself at her, she fired, and fired again. She fired until he went down, striking him three times, and then continued to fire into the floor until the gun was empty, seized by sheer terror and the instinct to survive.

In the kitchen where the phone was - and a box of ammunition - she called the Sheriff's Department to ask for help, even as she reloaded her gun in desperate haste, shaking with fear. Fifty minutes later, help arrived - the sheriff and an ambulance. The sheriff was apologetic that he was unable to do nothing more for her before tragedy struck, and took her back to the station with him, saying that it was obviously self defense, and she would be released after a coroner's inquest. But the next morning, John Thomas, Knox County Attorney, charged Frances L. Thompson with first degree murder and commission of a felony using a firearm. Despite everything showing this was an act of self defense by a woman terrified for here life, things did not go well in the Knox County court, and Fran was found guilty as charged.

Fran L. Thompson was placed in jail garb, handcuffed, and taken to the women's prison in York, Nebraska, where she was held in solitary confinement, with inadequate food, clothing, and blankets in an unheated concrete cell with a metal bed. Fran is currently among the general prison population, but after two months of solitary, the transition is almost as difficult as the higher incarceration. Fran was sentenced to life in prison, and remanded back into custody. She will be eligible for parole in 2022.

Fran Thompson is recognized by the British Vegan Prisoners' Support Group as a prisoner requiring (but not receiving) vegan/vegetarian meals.

Fran wants to hear from you. No, she is not in jail for animal liberation activities, having focused her activities more on welfare and rights issues. But she is a part of our community, and needs to know she has not been forgotten. Fran is not in any way claiming A.L.F. prisoner status, nor is she requesting financial support -- simply a kind word. Please write Fran at the following address:

FRAN THOMPSON 93341: Nebraska Center For Women, Route 1, Box 33 York, Nebraska 68467, USA
Prison rules: No letters from prisoners are allowed. Envelopes must have return address, no enclosures, no stickers, write on one side of page only*

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TROUBLE AT THE BORDER cont.... Things did not end with their eventual release from Canadian customs. Upon reaching the US border, the pair were met by more authorities, and it wasn't until they reached Oregon that they were able to check their belongings. The Highway Patrol had followed them the whole way in the distance. Besides the theft of legal camping gear ("weapons"), much of the animal liberation literature Nik carried for tabling was missing, as well as a bunch of pamphlets, animal rights magazines, membership cards, and personal items. Damages were documented with a video camera. Everything was trashed, stolen, or 'confiscated' and after 8-9 hours of imprisonment and interrogation neither of the two were ever formally charged. "We were carrying nothing illegal and as soon as the animal rights material was discovered we instantly became referred to as the 'eco-terrorists' and treated accordingly."

Welcome to Canada folks, we love your US tourist dollars, but if you are in any way politically motivated, outraged by injustice, active for positive change, questing for a new and better world, you'd be better to stay the hell away, because Canada Customs wants to make your life a living hell, and will trample over any and all basic "rights" you might have thought you had... @

STOP, GODDAMN IT!

Orimattila, Finland, December 6 1997 by Elina Salonen

On the night before the Finnish Independence Day a group of five activists headed for a fox farm with plans to dye the animals with henna, rendering the animals coats useless to the fur industry. They also had a camera for photographing the animals and their living conditions. Unfortunately, when the activists reached the edge of the field surrounding the fur farm, they triggered an alarm and the farmer got himself ready to stop the intruders. In two minutes, he fired his first shots in the air. He had planned for this event, making sure that his pockets were filled with buckshot. After the first shots, the farmer shifted his aim lower. As the activists ran for their car, they were chased by the farmer and his shotgun blasts. It was 200 meters to the car, and the farmer fired ten shots, hitting three of the activists with a total of 15 pellets, before they got out sight.

From the dark came the shout: "Stop, goddamn it!" and we ran. Shots were flying all around us, and the only thing we could think of was to get out fast. Once in the car, we almost drove into a ditch, but then a police patrol stopped us. The next thing I knew we were heading for a hospital in an ambulance. "I would have shot at you, too, if you had come to my fur farm", was the nurse's comment at the hospital. I was transferred from the hospital to a jail, arrested for being suspected for trespassing. The next day the interrogations began. The meaning was to find out what had happened. After three days I heard that there had been demands to imprison us all.

Three days later, Tuesday, December 9 Helsingin Sanomat, the leading Finnish newspaper, discussed the event in an editorial. The paper claimed that "Eco-terrorists have taken the law to their own hands and the farmer responded in kind..." It seems strangely unfair to compare the use of henna and camera to the use of deadly force, e.g. a shotgun. The editorial continued "The reaction of the farmer can be understood, as he is practising a legal trade which is under repeated criminal assaults." Sure, we all understand the actions of the farmer: here's a man who practices a trade in which he violently kills living beings year after year after year, and with it any respect for life and the rights of the living has disappeared. There is no justifying his actions. Although a trade is legal, it does not mean it is acceptable. This reaction cannot be justified simply because the farm has been the focus of mischief or nuisance actions. There is no excuse for attempted manslaughter or grievous bodily harm.

The fur farmer Markku Kuisma has received the status of a hero by the media. He plainly had no regret for his actions, and in the TV-interviews he gave he told how there was nothing else left to do. Nothing but to shoot people. Defending one's private property with a gun is not allowed by Finnish law, but it seemed to be more acceptable than defending animal rights. Newspapers were filled with columns sympathetic to the farmer, and concerned citizens expressed their support for this poor man. The Justice Minister, Kari Hdkiimies (National Coalition Party), defended the actions of the farmer, and fantasised about a future Finland without the freedom of expression. The Minister of the Interior, Jan Erik Enestam (Swedish People's Party) compared animal rights activists to Satan worshippers, and concluded that activists are much more dangerous. All that remained was that the Chief Inspector of the Central Criminal Police, Tero Haapala, leaked rumours about an animal rights activists' base filled with explosives and plans for further actions. The smear campaign had begun in earnest.

As the debate heated up, the media and the public tended to forget the real issue at stake. The farmer had seven guns, the activists a camera and some dye. Not only that, the activists had not actually committed any actions at the farm.

At the first hearing I was imprisoned for a week for suspected vandalism. I would be going to Lahti jail. The thought of being locked up in a cell felt strange, and for the first days I tried getting used the idea of being imprisoned. Staying in a cell is not that bad, if you know how to deal with it mentally. Before this happened I had thought it would be much worse than it actually was.

The cell was small and made of concrete, the guard brought me porridge in the morning and some food in the after-

noon. In the evening I got some tea and was even allowed to go outside on the grounds. Time passed slowly, I spent it reading the same magazines over and over again, I was looking forward to every event, even the interrogations, which meant repeating the same things over and over. At first I could not receive any mail, because, as they told me: "That might make you feel better...". In other words, during the first days they tried to make the isolation as distressing as possible. After a few days I started receiving mail and was allowed to see my mother a lot.

There was no shortage of arbitrary police actions and arrests on the grounds of opinion in this case. After the incident, one activist was interrogated, then released. The others were jailed for three days, arrested for trespassing, which normally in Finland is not grounds for arrest. These people were animal rights activists and thereby treated very differently. One activist remained imprisoned for 27 days. The day she was released, another activist was arrested, this time for two weeks. These arrest periods were uncommonly long compared to the seriousness of the crimes. By comparison, several skinheads were arrested for assault just before Christmas, but were then released, as it would be "too cruel" to keep them in jail during Christmas. Meanwhile, one of the activists was held in jail during both Christmas and the New Year.

After one week the Lahti District Court decided to continue the imprisonment by two weeks.

That hearing was short and it seemed to me that the decision had been prearranged. The next day I was transferred to Vantaa, which meant that I would be spending Christmas in jail. That Christmas was very lonely. I had some Christmas food and my mother brought me presents. The third hearing was held December 30 in Vantaa, where I travelled by plane, just to hear again the same things the two previous judges had said. I was sent to prison for two more weeks. Later that day we drove back to Vantaa. The jail in Vantaa was more comfortable than that in Lahti. The guards were friendlier and the food was better.

The interrogations took place less often during the Christmas holidays, about every three days, if not less often. They dealt with the same things than before, apparently my answers did not satisfy the police. The pages of the tactics manual were turning, and the most amusing comment was: "Let's go for a beer when you're free. The one good thing in all this is that we have become friends." In other words, one of the goals of the interrogator was to strike a friendship in order to get satisfactory answers. In between the interrogations, there were sometimes "conversations", in which the policeman presented his own ideas and views on ethics, trying to make me share my thoughts. The last two weeks went slowly. he last eight days I was on hunger strike, during which I received more support mail than ever. It was really great to receive all that mail and I read some letters many times over. The first day of my hunger strike I phoned my mother after the interrogation and I heard about the demonstration outside the jail. Of course I did not know what was going on outside and I can't find the words to describe how amazing it was to hear the demonstrators. Without all of your support it would have been very difficult for me, so I want to thank you for all the mail, the food, the books, the magazines, the posters and all the other support I got.

On January 7 the Vaasa Court of Appeal released me. This was just a few days before the next hearing. The decision came as a surprise to the police and they kept telling me that we had not had enough time to deal with everything and that we would meet again. Thinking about it afterwards, compared to the sentences other animal rights activists have received, a month seems like a short time, even though it felt very long inside. Receiving support is very important to anyone who has to spend time in prison, so do not forget our foreign friends who are imprisoned.

While the activists were imprisoned, they received support from all around the world. The support demonstrations outside the jail were the first of their kind in Finland. There were also support groups in other countries, activists from Poland, Sweden, Britain, the USA, and in other countries raised their voices in protest. The event awakened many people to support the activists in prisons all over the world. The situation these activists faced in Finland should act as both an example and a warning to others in the field. Given half a chance, those involved in animal abuse would gladly try to kill those of us trying to end it -- and the system will reward them for their blood lust. Let's not give them a chance to try again. Be safe, stay strong, destroy the fur industry!

World Day was a Riot

By Noel Molland.
The Eco-Journalist who writes with Conviction.



The 18th of April, 1998, was the annual international World Day for Laboratory Animals. On this particular World Day, in England, a demonstration was held outside the lab animal suppliers Hillgrove Farm in Witney, Oxfordshire. People started to gather for the demo at just before midday. As people arrived they discovered two different police check points. At both checkpoints you were photographed, searched and had your details taken down which included your name, address and a physical description of what you look like, what your wearing, etc.

Having been searched twice everyone made their way towards Hillgrove Farm only to find a large military style security

fence complete with observation turrets. The first people to arrive made their way to the security fence without any problems. But after about half an hour of a constant stream of people the police tried to block the protesters way and prevent them from getting to the main demonstration. Initially this seemed to work. At least until one or two activists spotted alternative routes to the 'farm' and walked around the police block.

Once people reached the 'farm' the security fence was quickly inspected for any weak links. The mood of the crowd at this point was one of expectation. People wanted to rip the fence down and get to the farm. There was a sense of both anger at the suffering of the animals, but also of hope as people predicted there was going to be a big kick off. In hushed whispers people discussed where they thought the weak spots of the fence were. Then the demonstrators got to work ...

It started with people either picking up rocks and banging the fence or hurling abuse at the riot clad police behind the fence. After a short while people stopped banging the rocks on the fence and instead chose to throw them over

the fence instead, both damaging the roof of the property the fence protected and bombarding the riot police. Others busily used sticks to try and dig their way under the fence. Crowds gathered around the diggers protecting them from the view of the police. Suddenly a cry went up. A group of activists had managed to force open a large gate in the fence. The crowd, which numbered about 800 to 1,000 people, surged around and tried to force their way inside. At this point a wall of riot officers with shields blocked the gate entrance. By now the crowd was whipped up into a frenzy and people were determined to get inside. Even two charges by the mounted police failed to remove the



crowd. Instead the cops themselves became the targets as people hurled rocks and mud at them. One cop, with a video camera appeared at the top of a turret and was forced to retreat as he came under a barrage of missiles. He only returned when he had a colleague with a riot-shield to protect him. The fact they were being filmed did not seem to worry the crowd who were busily hurling rocks, mud and insults at the police.

Elsewhere on the fence a group of demonstrators found a large log which took four of them to pick up. This log soon became a battering ram which pounded against the security fence. Others continued to dig at the very foundations of the security fence.

It was literally only because the police had a proper military security fence they were able to prevent the demonstrators from gaining access to the farm. However, according to the national evening news, the roof of the family home of Chris Brown (owner of Hillgrove Farm) sustained considerable damage from all the rocks that bounced off it. The demonstrators may not of been able to rip the buildings apart brick by brick, but the volley of rocks pounding the roof was certainly the next best thing.

On the day of the demonstration ten people were arrested and charged with Violent Disorder. Over the next month or so the police are bound to go through their video surveillance footage and more arrests are inevitable.

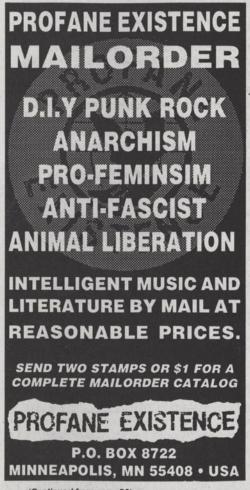
The demonstration caused much media interest. There was live radio commentary. Film footage on the TV news broadcasts and column inches in the national Sunday newspapers.

Regardless of whether people feel the tactics of the demonstrators were right of wrong, the protests that day achieved national media attention. It forced the media to debate the rights and wrongs of vivisection (even if the debate was very one sided) and it will of certainly forced Chris Brown to seriously consider if he really does want to put up with this sort of thing every couple of months.

Life's a riot folks. Enjoy the party.



A NEW SPECTRE?



By Noel Molland

The British 1997-1998 fox hunting season has seen a marked increase in the use of direct action against the hunt. In fact so many actions have taken place, hunt journalist Elizabeth Peplow, writing in the HORSE & HOUND (16th of April 1998), suggested there is "a new spectre, the Hunt terrorist."

Within Peplow's list of what she classifies as "the new spectre" is a sab of the Crawley & Horsham Fox Hunt on the 27th of September 1997 which saw about 60 hunt sabs hurling abuse at the hunters attending a Meet. One hunter, who admitted locking themselves inside their car to escape the sabs, told Peplow the event was "terrifying."

Other 'new spectre' actions include a Hunt Retribution Squad action against the Portman Fox Hunt. Peplow does not go into great details about the events on the 30th of November 1997, but other sources have said approximately six vans pulled up at the Portman Meet. Masked activists, armed with clubs and chains, jumped out of the vehicles proceeded to smash up some hunt vehicles before piling back inside their vans and fleeing.

A similar Hunt Retribution Squad action occurred on the 13th of December 1997, when HRS activists damaged about sixteen vehicles belonging to members of the Hursley Hambledon Fox Hunt. Three hunters were also injured in this attack. Sadly 42 innocent hunt sabs arrested, 3 of whom were later charged with 'Conspiracy to Commit Violent Disorder'

On the 21st of March 1998, the Hunt Retribution Squad struck yet again. This time at a Meet near Aylesbury. Once again vehicles were attacked and hunters assaulted. One man, a forestry worker (Continued on page 22)

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RAGE AND REASON cont ... being a manual on how to kill vivisectors, *Rage and Reason* was written, in the author's words: "... as a warning of things gone wrong, terribly wrong, in our society, and for purposes of throwing some dark light on the tragic, psychological forces at work that compel people to kill... of venting the inevitable frustrations inherent to being a sensitive person..." In the end, we may not agree with the tactics used by Felham, but we sure as hell can see his point.

It is important to note that this is not a book reflecting upon any existing animal liberation group, including the Justice Dept. or similar organizations that have directly targeted individual animal abusers. The characters in *Rage and Reason*, while sharing our goal for total animal liberation clearly fall outside of the animal liberation movement." At the same time readers will share in the characters outrage, understand their motivation and empathise with their pain. Some may be disheartened by the acts of violence, having actively worked to try and dispel the myth that animal liberationists are violent, raving terrorists. If anything, *Rage and Reason* serves to put the law-breaking but non-violent actions of the Animal Liberation Front in proper perspective. In fact, vivisectors, fur farmers and others of their ilk should be GLAD when visited by A.L.F. activists given some of the alternatives presented with the *pages of Rage* and Reason...

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named Roderick Wilson, was beaten unconscious sustaining a broken nose and jaw in the attack. A few hours after the incident, Wilson's mother (another hunter) died from a stroke. The police made 22 indiscriminate arrests of innocent hunt saboteurs after the incident.

A week after the Aylesbury incident the HRS was at it again. This time in the Cotswolds when Joint-Master of the Cotswold Vale Farmers Hunt was dragged off his horse and clubbed unconscious.

However the targeting of the hunt is not just confined to the HRS. A new group calling itself The Provisional ALF, in February 1998, sent out a series of hoax bombs some of which went to blood-sports targets. The Provisional ALF have warned that a real bombing campaign will start shortly.

Taking a nonviolent root to the hunt problem, the Animal Liberation Front have also been very active, both targeting the hunts directly by damaging their property, rescuing hounds, etc. and also by targeting companies and organisations that support hunting. On the day Tony Blair made it clear New Labour would renege on its pre-election promises to ban hunting, the Labour Party HQ was bomb hoaxed. W.H.Smiths stores have received a number of bomb hoaxes, including on the 27th of October its Headquarters, because of W.H.Smiths involvement with the selling of blood-sports magazines. Meanwhile Earth Liberation Front activists have been sneaking into W.H.Smiths

stores, damaging the inside pages of the hunt magazines, before placing them back on the shelves.

The Animal Liberation Front have also been incredibly active with the anti-John Lewis Partnership campaign (John Lewis run a shooting estate in Hampshire for their staff). The John Lewis Partnership HQ has been bomb hoaxed, businesses belonging to John Lewis have started to loose their windows. On the 7th of February 1998, an estimated E20,000 damage was caused to lorries parked at the John Lewis depot in Stevenage. Etc etc.

The result of all this action has been to create a lot of fear within the hunting community. Peplows concerns of "a new spectre, the Hunt terrorist" have been confirmed by Alison Hawes of the Countryside Alliance (formally known as the British Field Sports Society). In early May 1998, Hawes told the DORSET EVENING ECHO "These groups of vehemently"

aggressive hunt saboteurs don't necessarily intend to disrupt a hunt. They are only interested in damaging property and people. They dress in black balaclavas and are almost like an army. They use staves, iron bars and baseball bats with nails on. We are worried that with the hunting bill having failed, this group will take the law into their own handseven more." The DORSET EVENING ECHO informed its readers that Hunt Retribution Squad groups are targeting hunts throughout the South of England including Dorset. As if to confirm how widespread and how common Hunt Retribution Squad actions have become, Mrs J. Davidge, in a letter to HORSE & HOUND magazine (30th April 1998), informs us: "this brand of thuggery is a weekly ritual." Davidge stated that for the Hunt Retribution Squad "destroying hunting has become their 'blood sport'."

(The author wishes to make it clear that he is totally against the use of Violent Direct Action and he does not condone the Hunt Retribution Squad's use of assault tactics - This article was written to keep UNDER-GROUND readers informed as to what is happening in Britain).



Ok Fox — We've got the bastards riding in circles over in that thicket.

Now's your chance to make a break for it!



Ok, kids, you know how it goes. The Diary of Actions is intended to report the news of direct action to save the earth and animals, not to encourage crime. All reports come from communiques, other publications, the internet and the news. Some actions took place in time periods covered by other issues of Underground but were not reported until recently.

CANADA

APRIL 10/98: Guelph, ON -- "Fur is Dead," "A.L.F." and "Meat is Murder" were among the messages spraypainted in red on Guelph Fashion Furs and several fast food restaurants, including Kentucky Fried Chicken and Wendy's. --A.L.F.

JUNE 7/98: Guelph, ON - Members of the A.L.F. slashed all four tires of the car of known vivisector, Keith Linder, operating out of the University of Guelph. The car was parked outside of the vivisector's residence. As well, several slogans / signatures were spraypainted on surrounding roads , including "Animal Rights Now," and "A.L.F."

JUNE 21/98: Tobermory, ON — a breeder (female) rabbit was liberated from a roadside covenience store/ gas station. The owners of the station operated a breeding farm for rabbits on their property. The rabbit in question was locked into a 1' by 1' cage with a wire bottom. Feces had piled up to the extent where the rabbit was lying in them. The rabbit is now living in a caring household filled with toys, yummy food, clean living spaces and another rabbit companion.

JULY 5/98: Guelph, ON -- Vivisector, Keith Linder, operating out of the University of Guelph had his car "attacked" again. The University Of Guelph is one of the largest users and abusers of animals in Canada. The car had its tires slashed, windshield broken and the word "A.L.F." painted on the hood of the car. This demonstration is only latest in a series of actions against the known vivisector, who operates on dogs at the university. -- A.L.F.

UNITED STATES

NOVEMEBER 9/97: Philadelphia, PA.— Phil Leather Man's Leather Manufactures had all of their security gate locks filled with liquid steel. -A.L.F.

NOVEMBER 9/97: Philadelphia, PA. -- A McDonald's/ Taco Bell eatery had 2 large windows destroyed. The



slogan "MEAT IS DEAD" was etched. VICTORY!! NOW CLOSED!!!

NOVEMBER 9/97:Philadelphia, PA: Bassett's Original Turkey, had three windows destroyed, locks were filled with liquid steel. This is the second attack.

DECEMBER 2/97: New York: The "Paint Panthers" claimed responsibility for attacking the Soho home of Vogue editor Anna Wintour, at 172 Sullivan St. "Bloody" paw prints were painted on the sidewalk leading to the house, where a pool of red paint was left on the doorstep. The words "Fur Hag" were also spray painted on the sidewalk. Anna Wintour has been the target of other direct protests for her advocacy of killing all kinds of animals, including Russian steppe ponies, for their coats. In January, an animal rights activist threw a dead raccoon on Ms. Wintours plate as she dined at the Royalton. —Paint Panthers

MARCH 4/98: Tucson, AZ — The A.L.F. destroyed two refrigerated trucks with incendiary devices and vandalized five others with spray paint at the Shamrock Dairy Distribution Center. This action was taken in the name of spreading awareness about the suffering of animals at the hands of the dairy industry.

MARCH 30/98: San Jose, CA — a Safeway (West Coast supermarket chain that was targeted because of open butcher viewing rooms in the deli) at the corner of Union Ave. & Los Gatos Almaden Rd. had "Meat is Murder, Stop Killing Innocent Animals, A.L.F. and End the Police State" spray painted on it.

APRIL 7/98: Philadelphia, PA – Bassett's Original Turkey: Windows were destroyed and locks filled with glue. NOW CLOSED!

APRIL 7/98: Philadelphia, PA -- Taco Bell and McDonald's eatery had two windows destroyed. NOW CLOSED!

APRIL 14/98: San Jose, CA — KFC in the Sunrise Shopping Center had one window broken out and "Meat is Murder, Stop Murdering Chickens, and A.L.F. spray painted on the drive thru.

APRIL 16/98: Pennsylvania — A McDonalds was fire bombed, destroying the bathroom totally. "McMurder spray painted on walls."

APRIL 18/98: Palm Beach -- A.L.F. activists smashed windshields and spray-painted anti-circus slogans on

ELTY OF FUR"

three vans belonging to local Shriners. "Circus Cruelty," "Stop Animal Abuse," and "No circus!" were painted on the vans.Graffiti on one van said "A L. F."

MAY 4/98: Wimauma, FL -- Activists burnt a veal processing plant to the ground. "A.L.F." was painted on the building. The plant claimed \$ 2.5 million profit annually. Estimated damages are half a million dollars. Witnesses say the plant is completely destroyed! The fire at Florida Veal Processors Inc., 6712 State Road 674, was set at two places; upstairs in an employee locker area and in a first floor office. The same cell claimed responsibity for an earlier arson in October/97, at Palm Coast Veal Corp. (3698 NW 16th St) in Lauderhill, FL."

MAY 10/98: Sacrameto, CA - The city's only fur store, an old house downtown, has sustained \$10,000 in structural damage, \$10,000 in damage to goods (not including, the story said, the money to clean the für coats which had major smoke damage) after an early morning fire. Police reported someone threw accellerant on the front entrance and took off. No one has claimed credit.

MAY 27/98: Seattle, WA: Cascioppo Brothers Meats had two dozen glass panes, and two glass doors broken. Three parked vans had windows destroyed. A.L.F. did not leave any spray paint or message. One year ago there was another similar action claimed by the A.L.F.

JUNE 3/98: Cincinnati, OH - Home of Joel A. Belsky (11643 Almahurst), Vice President of Federated Department Stores, had 11 windows etched, all scReens of screened porch slashed. "FUR OUT OF FEDER-ATED" and "A.L.F." spraypainted on garage door, and blood red paint splattered on front door, porch, walkway, and driveway.

JUNE 3/98: Cincinnati, OH - Home of Dennis J. Broderick (8617 Twighlight Tear), Senior Vice President of Federated Department Stores, had 20 windows etched, "FUR OUT OF FEDERATED" and "A.L.F." spraypainted on garage door, and blood red paint splattered on front door, porch and walkway.

JUNE 5/98: Cincinnait, OH - Bomb threat phoned in to 911 claiming bombs placed in Federated Department Stores' Headquarters (7 W. 7th Street).

JUNE 13/98: DC — activists visited Andriana Furs:

*front glass door (in etching cream): "FASHION DOES

NOT REQUIRE CRUELTY"

*side wall (in paint): "FUR IS DEAD"

*other wall (in paint): "FUR IS DEAD"

*side wall (in paint): "FUR IS DEAD"

*other wall (in paint): "END THE BLOODY FUR
TRADE"

JUNE 13/98: MD -- Saks Fifth Avenue also visited by the A.L.F.: *on wall by reserved parking spaces (in paint): "RESERVED PARKING FOR KILLERS" *on loading dock door (in paint): "FUR HURTS" and "STOP KILLING ANIMALS" *on wall (in paint): "VIOLENCE AGAINST ANIMALS IS VIOLENCE AGAINST ALL" *on display window (in etching cream and paint, respectively): "FUR HURTS" and "STOP!" *on other wall (in paint): "FUR HURTS!"
*on sidewalk (in paint): "STOP THE SUFFERING" *along bottom of wall (in paint): "STOP THE MAD-NESS IN THE NAME OF FASHION!" *on other display window (in etching cream): "STOP THE CRUELTY" *on wall (in paint): "FUR IS DEAD" *first glass door (in etching cream): "FUR HURTS" *second glass door (in etching cream): "FUR HURTS" *third glass door (in etching cream): "FUR IS CRUEL" *fourth glass door (in etching cream): "COMPASSION" *fifth glass door (in etching cream): "STOP THE CRU-

JUNE 19/98: Eugene, OR -- activists liberated 19 rabbits from the Western Oregon Rabbit Co., during a daring daylight raid. Conditions within the breeding centre, which raises domestic New Zealand white rabbits for research throughout the United States, were horrific -- thousands of rabbits in outside cages, unprotected from heat or cold, many laying in their own feces. No police, no opposition, no arrests. All rabbits were safely taken out of state and are now in loving homes.

*sixth glass door (in etching cream: "FUR HURTS"

JUNE 21/98: Olympia, WA -- A.L.F. and E.L.F. activsts joined forces and destroyed two U.S. Department of Agriculture animal research operations with well planned arson fires. The U.S. Forest Service wildlife research center near Littlerock and the smaller animal damage control building were hit, causing an estimated at \$400,000 in damage.

JUNE 21/98: — The A.L.F. and E.L.F. had a bonfire (or two) at facilities which make it a daily routine to kill and destroy wildlife. This war against Nature has lasted over 500 years and must stop! This genocide against Mother Eartri and her children MUST STOP! Activists targeted the nerve center of these wildlife destruction facilities to provide some REAL WILDLIFE SERVICES. Between 25 and 30 gallons of a 50% unleaded fuel 50% diesel fuel combination was brought to the research facility on Blomberg Road. Slightly less was required for the smaller Animal Damage Control building on O'leary Road. The buckets were placed at key points and left open so the flames could climb up the walls and shoot underneath the eaves and ventilation holes of the building beginning

its great cleansing process. This war on wildlife and nature must end! We will not stop until it does.

-The Animal Liberation Front and Earth Liberation Front -the real Wildlife Services-

JUNE 25/97: Philadelphia, PA.-- The following animal abusers had their locks filled with glue. Burger King, 2 steak houses, Bassett's Original Turkey (15th St.), Kentucky Fried Chicken, Corn Beef Academy, Leather Man's Leather Manufactures and Grill Masters Deli (specialty meats).

JUNE 28/98: Boston, MA -- Earth Liberation Front activists struck at the Mexican Consulate, in an action showing solidarity with the people of Chiapas. From the communique: "The unjust government of Mexico is complicit in murdering the Indigenous population of Chiapas. Red hand prints, symbolizing the blood on the hands of the Mexican government, were painted on the walls and spilled on the ground. "Viva EZLN" was spraypainted on the entrance. Earth Liberation Front disappeared into the night but the blood on the hands of the Mexican government won't easily disappear." "TODOS SOMOS MARCOS" "REMEMBER GUADALUPE"

JUNE 28/98: Atlanta, GA — "The home of Helen Frushtick (Owner of Helen Frushtick Furs), 5581 Arundel Dr. (404) 255-1025, was visited. One gallon of red paint was left on her outside lawn furniture, on the side and front of her garage, on a lampost in the front yard, and on the sidewalk leading to her front door. 'Fur is death' was painted on her driveway and one stone pillar in front of her house with red spraypaint. 'A.L.F' was spraypainted five times on other stone pillars in front of her home. As a final note, a kryptonite bike lock in the form of a cord, was locked around an electric gate that was at the foot of the driveway, effectively locking her in.

JUNE 28/98: Atlanta, GA -- activists visited "Atlanta Furs, 1099 Ponce De Leon Ave. (404) 875-3335. A sign on the side of the building that read 'fur Sale' was altered with red spraypaint to read 'Death Sale', "A.L.F." was also spraypainted on the side of the building. Also, one gallon of red paint was poured down the front of the store from the roof of the building, splashing over the front of the store, the sidewalk, and a wooden sign suspended over the storefront.

JUNE 28/98: Atlanta, GA -- "Macy's on Peachtree St. (404) 221-7221. 'Fur is Death' was spraypainted at the main entrance. 'A.L.F.' was also spraypainted on a stone surface in front of the store. Around ten shots were fired from an air pistol with at least one plate glass window being destroyed. Other results from other shots are unknown.

JULY 3/98: Madison, WI — A.L.F. and E.L.F. forces carried out a daylight raid on the United Vaccines experimental research fur farm. All cages containing animals were opened, some requiring cage doors to be bent to allow for escape. All prisoners were seen climbing out of cages. 310 animals liberated. Each cage in the fenced in area was numbered and each mink had small black tags on both ears. Light bulbs smashed out in all sheds and a weighing scale smashed. "INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR FUR FARM PRISONERS" spraypainted on storage barn. 3 windows smashed causing alarm to go off and force liberators to evacuate before causing more damage.

The experiments conducted at the United Vaccines' laboratories and research farms are solely to decrease "profit-losses" incurred by premature deaths on fur farms. The cause of these deaths can be attributed to the widespread diseases on farms due to close confinement, malnurishment, poor sanitation and the pschological stress of captivity. The blatant disregard for the mink and fox nations' well-being is apparent in this industry which cares only about fur quality and maximum "production" and death.

This action commemorates the worldwide struggle for independence from occupation and freedom from domination and is dedicated to Josh Ellerman for his dedication to defend Mother Earth and her animal nations. Returning the prisoners back home, the Fur War continues. A.L.F. and E.L.F.

JULY 4/98: Dryden, NY -- activists from the A.L.F. entered the Marmotech facility to liberate over 150 woodchucks from experimentation. Approximately 50 cages were opened, containing an average of three woodchucks each, and left the door ajar to permit the animals escape. When the A.L.F. departed, most of the woodchucks were moving toward the door. Three who happened to be in carriers were brought outside directly and released. According to data cards on the cages, these animals were all disease free. Unfortunately, the A.L.F. had to leave behind several hundred more who had been infected with woodchuck hepatitis virus and other diseases. The A.L.F. took and destroyed the data cards on these cages, as an act of sabotage against this callous treatment of fellow creatures. All log books and other information were also confiscated and disposed of, and vials of infectious serum were removed from a refrigerator to spoil. The liberation was timed to coincide with the time of year in which young woodchucks leave their family unit and begin fending for themselves. Since some of the woodchucks at this facility were wild caught, it is hoped that they will readily return to life in the wild. Those who have always lived in cages may have a harder time of it, but surely it will be better than being killed by "intravenous injection of excess pentobarbital," as would be their fate otherwise. Since the facility was in an area surrounded by fields and woodlands, the now free woodchucks should be able to find plenty of vegetation to feed on. Until this tyrannical and obscene use of our tax dollars stops, the Animal Liberation Front will be there to correct such injustices.

We will never forget looking into the eyes of creatures doomed to a horrible death and not being able to save them. More actions will be forthcoming.

ENGLAND

NOVEMBER/97:Dorset: Hunt Retribution Squad attack Portman Hunt. Hunt vehicles firebombed and hunters threatened by masked HRS activists. -HRS

FEBRUARY/98: Hampshire: Anti-Bloodsports activists hold a noisy demo outside the home of the John Lewish Partnership chairman. The activists, believed to be members of the Hunt Retribution Squad, in a press release announced "it would of taken us two minutes to trash the house compeletely and unless we hear very soon that the shoots are not to continue that is exactly what we'll do."

MARCH 21/98: Buckinghamshire — Hunt Retribution Squad attacks the Wendover Hunt. Masked activists weilding iron bars, sticks and clubs ambush hunters. Two hunters were seriously injured. 22 innocent sabs are arrested as a result of this action.

APRIL 17/98: Stockbridge, Hants — The A.L.F. claimed responsibility attacking an estate belonging to the John Lewis Partnership Thousands of birds were released and 1,500 worth of desirable was caused to breeding pens at Lecklord Abbas. Where the generation of the production of the

APRIL 18/98: Oxfordshife — The largest de tio yet against Hillgrove Farm to held. Some people are saying that up to 2,500 people dathered at the lab animal supplier and then tried to tear the place apart. Thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused to the farm roof as it came under a volly of rocks thrown over a military style security fence that the police had erected. Elsewhere sections of the fence were damaged when repeatedly charged with a makeshift battering ram, had rocks banged on it and had its foundations undermined by determined diggers using their bare hands.

MAY 1/98: Cornwall: Animal activists are beleived to be behind the removal of seven newly born sharks from the Newquay Sealife Centre. All the sharks are native to British waters and could easily be reintroduced into the wild.

MAY 20/98: Hackney — in Brenthouse Rd a meat van was the victim of a devastating arson attack by the A.L.F. The cabin and engine was completely destroyed in the blaze. The heat also smashed the windows and headlights, and the tyres were burnt out. The van was left "looking slightly darker than usual". The owner of the van attacked has since got a new vehicle. This time, perhaps wisely, they have left it unmarked.

MAY 28/98: Oxford — four 6 week old kittens were rescued from Hillgrove Farm. The cats were in a carrying box in a vehicle ready for dispatch to a lab, when intrepid activist(s) entered Hillgrove Farm undetected and rescued them.

MAY 30-31/98: London — Activists smashed the windows of the Philip Hockley fur shop, located at 20 Conduit St. This action represents an escalation in the campaign against the largest of the ten or so fur shops left in London. (Although the shop is still very small by other country's standards!). With police arresting peaceful protesters en masse for leafleting outside the shop, actions like this look set to occur more often.

JUNE 1/98: Somerset — A bomb disposal team and police searched an animal transport firm after up to 40 firebombs were discovered under company trucks. The devices were discovered after firecrews were called to a blazing lorry at George's Yard, Bruton. At least three of the devices-placed under trucks are said to have gone off. The premises had been locked at 9pm

on Sunday night. When a driver arrived for work at 3.30am yesterday he noticed a glow under one of the true which then burst into flames. The second lorry that as fire crews fought to contain flames the first vehicle.

JUNE 4/98 Derbyshire, Gloucestershire Lincolnshire, Notinghamshire, Worcestershire - In an escalation of popular action against frankenstein food, at least seven separate crops of genetically engineered rape-seed were destroyed across the Idit. The fields appear to have been strategically chosen and these attacks brings the total number of known genetic field 'decontaminations' in the UK to 19. It may be that these nightime activities could prevent this particular controversial crop coming to market.

The deliberate release sites, part of at least 300 nationwide, were being trialed by the following transnational companies. Agrevo, Monsanto, Pioneer Genetique and Plant Genetics Systems. The crops which together cover approximately 10,000 sq metres were cut down using common gardening tools and bare hands. It is likely that hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage will have been sustained.

This is a significant blow to companies already feeling were smashed and eviromental slogans was spraythe effects of public distrust and crop failures. It may be that the commercialisation process for genetically engineered oilseed rape has been slowed down because necessary data is now destroyed. The sites visited were -

- * Thorn Farm, Inkberrow, Worcstershire 95/R24/2. Pioneer Genetique.
- * Dryleaze Farm, Siddington, Cirencester, Gloucester 97/R15/22. Plant Genetics Systems
- * Hall Farm, Kneeton, Nottinghamshire 97/R19/17. Agrevo.
- * Nickerson Farm, Rothwell, Lincolnshire 97/R27/1. Perryhall Holdings.
- * East Lodge Farm, Kings Newton, Derby 3 sites: 98/R22/13, 97/R22/9 plus one 'fast-track site' not listed on GMO public register of deliberate releases. Monsanto.

JUNE 5/98: Plymouth -- A suspicious fire set at a Mc-Donald's restaurant caused an estimated £85,000 worth of damage. The premises in New George Street were evacuated after the blaze was discovered in a stock room on the third floor at the top of the building.

JUNE 12/98: Oxford -- Letter bombs have been sent by animal activists to an Oxford professor and the owner of a farm which breeds cats for experiments. Colin Blakemore and Chris Brown escaped injury when the devices failed to go off and army bomb disposal experts were brought in to make them safe. They were sent only weeks after Mr Brown received a bomb threat from a group calling itself the Provisional A.L.F. Two more devices were sent to two workers at Hillgrove Farm in Minster Lovell, Oxfordshire, which has been a target of animal welfare protests for several years. They also failed to go off.

JUNE 17/98: Hackney -- another meat van was the recipient of an arson action. The vehicle, in Frampton Rd, was also totally gutted. In an anonymous message, the

activists warned that the other meat vans will be targets whenever spotted. The communique concluded: "They cannot stop us! - A.L.F."

JUNE 29/98: London -- A.L.F. activists smash window of Calman Links fur shop, the Queen's own furriers, of 36 Knightsbridge SW1. The communique said that the action was done "in solidarity with the woman jailed for leafleting a fur shop". They also warned that more attacks on fur shops would follow.

SWEDEN

MARCH/98: Ume - the site of a future McDonalds had its windows smashed. The restaurant, to be located inside a large supermarket, advertised it's plans with large ads in the window. It wasn't long before activists replied and gave them a first warning; huge windows

painted.

MARCH 25/98: Taljestad -- 22 hens were liberated from the Taljestads Egg battery farm, all of which were in very poor condition. The hens were taken to a vet and then transported to their new, loving homes, "were they not will be treated like money-machines without any fellings". The raid was carried out by Commando Astrid Lindgren, (named after an imprisoned Swedish Writer) and the "actions will continue untill the Goverment fulfil the promise they have given Astrid and the hens!" "BAN **BATTERYFARMING 1999!"**

MARCH 29/98: Stockholm -- Animal research vet, Krister Iwarsson, from the Karolinska Institute had his car redecorated at his home address; Hagavagen 20. Bromma, with red paint. The locks on the car were glued.

MARCH 30/98: Stockholm -- Two windows were smashed at a fur shop and a paint bomb was throwed inside, damaging merchandise.

APRIL/98: Timo Nevalainen, a headman of Karttula beagle breeding centre, received a letter which inclued two bullets. The message was: "a month time to give the beagles back, two months time to close the place or..." (three liberated beagles were found at their new homes and returned to the breeder by the police).

APRIL 3/98: Solna -- Vivisector Viktor Mutt, (Jungfrudansen 18, Solna), who's work tortures cats and guinea pigs for " research," had the door to his apartment filled with public information, "CAT ABUSER" and red paint was splashed all over the door and in the letter-box.

APRIL 5/98: Stockholm -- Four fur shops had their windows smashed and red paint poured over furs on display.

APRIL 5/98: Kil - A mink farm with space for 1000 minks received a visit from the Wild Minks (DVM). The farm was empty at this time, but traces showed that it was used last season and could be used in the near future again. The DVM decides to trash the farm. All cages and traps were destroyed, slogans sprayed, a feeding machine was destroyed and water-system destroved. -- Wild Mink

APRIL 6/98: Enskededalen -- A small fire burned a meat lorrie at Eriksson kott. According to local newspapers, an incendiary device was the source of the flames...

APRIL 18/98: Uppsala -- One beagle was liberated from the veterinary school in Uppsala. It was rescued by the new DBF, a group which operates under the same policies as international A.L.F. activists, and has no connection with the "old" DBF or Emilie E:son.

APRIL 23/98: Vallentuna -- Activists from the animal liberation group "djurrattsmilisen" (Animal Rights Militia) made a visit to lab animal breeders "The Eklund Brothers" outside Stockholm. 121 rats was liberated from their cages and carefully removed to loving and caring homes all over Sweden. This action was to rescue the rats but also to mark the world day for laboratory animals on april 24. This was the second raid at this place. In december 1997 57 rats and mice was rescued from there. The Eklund Brothers are expanding their operations, and the activists involved urge all animal rights activists in Sweden to start up an campaign to close the place down.

MAY 2/98: Karlstad — a total of 28 hens were liberated from their cages at Kils. battery hen unit. All hens have now been placed in good homes. The action was carried out by the new Djurens Befrielse Front (DBF).

MAY 20/98: MoIndal/Gothenburg — A furshop has been forced to close down due to a series of devastating sabotage actions. The A.L.F. activists say that their most effective weapon was a powder fire extinguisher emptied into the store through a mail delivery slot.

JUNE/98: Karlstad --Milk company had several trucks sloganized.

JUNE/98: Umea -- A scan meat truck was vandalized.

JUNE/98: Umea — Windows smashed at one of the only two skin-stores left in the city. The same store closed down totally later that week! A.L.F. VICTORY!

JUNE 19/98: Bjarshog — The Wild Minks struck a mink farm, destroying at least 75 breeding cards before having to flee.

JUNE 1/98: Stockholm — two lorries belonging to ARLA (a large dairy company in Sweden) in Kallhall, north Stockholm, were set on fire and totally destroyed. Slogans left at the scene included "Murderers" and "symbols connected to anarchism."

JUNE 9/98: A owner of several closed down fur farms, mostly fox farms, Soren Svensson, was met by spray-painted slogans such as "Soren - this is the 1st warning" "Start the farm and you will die!" when he arrived to one of his fox farms he is thinking about starting up again.

JUNE 10/98: Stockholm -- McDonalds got their windows smashed in.

JUNE 10/98: Umea -- McDonalds had at least one huge window trashed in a restaurant which THEY HOPE will open in Sept.

JUNE 10/98: Bisam institution (UN animal house) had

one large window smashed, 2-3 lamps destroyed, and an office trashed (two computers totally destroyed, phones broken). A security car arrived on the scene in about 40 seconds, and chased the activists who fled on bikes. One activist fell, but managed flee on foot to saftey. The other activist eluded the security car and also made it to safety. Important data and valuable property was destroyed in the action.

JUNE 11/98: Amal -- A DBF (A.L.F.) inspection on an old mink farm became a daylight raid when DBF-activists checking to see if the mink farm had closed down found 20 rabbits trapped in cages, most likely being bred for their fur and meat. The rabbits were in bad shape and poorly treated. The activists destroyed the empty cages, took breeding cards and liberated two rabbits.

JUNE 17/98: Avesta -- the direct-action group, "The Wild Minks" raided Karl Bengs chinchilla farm, liberating animals and destroying breeding cards. Karls Bengs has been an active breeder for over 20 years and breeds chinchilla both for their fur and to sell for vivisection. The activists broke into the farm and found hundreds of chinchillas in small cages. 6 chinchillas were removed from the farm and are now in safe hands. An estimated 100 breeding cards were removed from cages and later destroyed. Over 10 year of breeding information was ruined. About 60 chinchillas was also released on the floor inside the farm, tasting freedom from their small cages for the first time -- breeding and pelting animals mixed freely, effectively destroying the farm's breeding work. This is the first chinchilla farm raid for many years in Sweden, but rest assured, it won't be the last one. "It does not matter what they farm; mink, fox, ferret or chinchilla ...we are coming after them all, one after one... The Wild Minks"

JUNE 30/98: Gothenburg - The Wild Minks struck again, this time at a combined mink and ferret farm in Rya Hed. An estimated 200-250 minks was found and also 15-20 ferrets. All mink cages was opened and the minks released, but as the minks might kill the ferrets, they was not released, but instead all breeding cards for the ferrets were taken.

JULY 1/98:Norrtalje — activists from the Djurens Befrielse Front (DBF/ALF) cut a fence to the premises of Estuna animal farm, a place that profits mainly from breeding rabbits for vivisection labs in Sweden. Conditions were bad. The activists carefully removed 15 rabbits from the farm. The activists sprayed the new rabbit house with slogans such as "SCUM", "DBF" and "ENOUGH" before leaving the farm. All the rabbits has now been placed in good homes were they will be able to live out they natural life. Several of the rabbits had shown signs of neglect, with overgrowned claws and teeth causing them problems. "Be aware, animal"

abusers, we're everywere and there's no place to hide!"
DJURENS BEFRIELSE FRONT (new)

JULY 5/98: Vetlanda - activists set fire to 5 lorries at ARLA, a Dairy company. Two of the lorries was totally destroyed and the others were heavily damaged.

FINLAND

JANUARY/98: Tampere -- A fur shop lost all windows, the third time in three months.

JANUARY/98: Helsinki -- Three animal export trucks were firebombed at a meat company. One specially equipped truck and a van were destroyed, the third vehicle was badly damaged.

JANUARY/98: Tampere -- Three McDonald's attacked by the E.L.F., and a fur shop lost its windows.

LATE JUNE/98: Konnevesi -- A wildlife research lab owned by Jyvaskyla university was raided by activists. Animals liberated included moles and birds captured from the wild. While most of the animals were released to the surrounding area which puts them at some risk for recapture, the birds have a very good chance of escape. The exact number of liberated animals is still uncertain, but information at the researcher's doctor thesis were destroyed as a result of the raid.

JUNE/98: Tampere - The Earth Liberation Front has been active in Finland, attacking three road construction machines and destroying a partially constructed bridge.

JULY/98: Outokumpu —EVR saved 12 hens from a battery unit. The hens were then placed to a good home where they will be taken care of the rest of their lives. This was the first chicken liberation in Finland.

POLAND

APRIL/98: Bialystok -- Just a few days after it was erected, a McDonalds billboard gets paintbombed.

APRIL/98: Warsaw -- For Earth Night, in the mountains just outside Warsaw, Polish Earth Liberation Front activists cut the cables and blocked the tracks of a mountain 'ski' lift development which is causing massive logging and deforestation.

AUSTRIA

MAY 26/98: Belgrade -- 19 turkeys were liberated by protesting activists at the Linz airport. Activists stormed the loading docks to the Dutch airline, KLM, blockading entrances and keeping workers at bay.

LATE MAY/98: Vienna — Activists liberated several pigs and an unknown number of battery chickens from a factory farm. 4 fur shop windows broken in one night. Also, an exotic meat fair venue was attacked with butric acid the night before the event. Rocks were thrown through the windows and little bottles filled with butric acid followed.

JUNE/98: Vienna — 9 fur shops had glass fixed to their windows with a paper slipped in between reading "fur is animal abuse". To remove these glasses, the whole windows had to be changed.

JUNE 1/98: Vienna -- 16 fur shops had their display windows smashed. This marks the 3rd attack in as many weeks of that kind. Other actions have included 15 shops being attacked with butric acid in one night, and almost every fur shop in the city has at least once had their locks glued and slogans sprayed on the windows.

GREECE

MAY/98: Athens -- on an almost nightly occurance, politicians, police, U.S. businesses and cars belonging to the rich have been targeted in a wave of fire-bomb attacks. So far, there are no suspects, but a number of sophisticated bombs were used to blow up three American car dealerships, two McDonald's and a Citibank branch. At first, most attacks fit no visible pattern, but in recent weeks they have been going after specific, protected targets. "It started as a social phenomenon," said one offical. "This is terrorism." The Conscientious Arsonists appear to be the most organized group, sending written claims of responsibility to newspapers. Their message is simple: "Unemployment, high prices, austerity, and oppression is the future that that the European Union has in store for us "

ITALY

MAY 10/98: Florence — 6 firebombs exploded at a Nestle warehouse, which the A.L.F. took credit for.

NEW ZEALAND

MAY 19/98: Christchurch - A central meat and seafood wholesalers building was destroyed by fire. According to firefighters who attended, 60% of the Lichfield St building was destroyed and all stock (meat) is unusable. No one was hurt and police are investigating to determine the cause of the fire.

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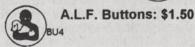
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ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

UNITED STATES

Frank Allen - 1809138 L-20-14, 550 N. Flower, Santa Ana, CA 92703, USA - NEW ADDRESS Jailed for the attempted arson of a highschool slaughterhouse in southern California.

Rod Coronado #3895000, FCI Unit SW, 8901 S. Wilmot Rd., Tucson, AZ 85706, USA

Sentenced to a total of 57 months for aiding and abetting arson and handling stolen property in connection with acting as spokesperson for the North American ALF, and for damaging government property as a protest against the treatment of native Americans (Rod is a member of the Yaqui Nation).

Clinton Colby Ellerman, c/o Salt Lake County Jall, 450 S. 300 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84111-3207, USA

Colby Ellerman, Josh's brother, chargeed with burglary and theft for freeing thousands of mink from the Holt Fur Farm in Utah. Sentenced to two years for mink releases. Also sentenced for \$300,000 arson damage caused to Tandy Leather store.

Douglas Joshua Ellerman, Salt Lake County Jail, 450 S. 300 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84111, USA

Josh's sentencing hearing is set for July 15. He is being held as a federal prisoner without possible bail. His charges stem from the firebombing of the Utah Fur Breeder's Co-Op which caused over \$1 million damage.

Sean Gautschy 2C3 s/o#0229294, S.L. City Co. Jail, 450 South 300 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, USA

Alleged to have taken part in two fur farm liberations in Utah. Considered a flight risk since he is originally from California. Charges: 2 counts burglary (2nd degree felony), 2 counts criminal mischif (2nd degree felony), 2 counts releasing fur bearing animals (3rd degree felony).

Jacob Kenison #06329-081, Yuma Unit, 37900 N. 45th Ave., Dept. 1700, Phoenix, AZ 85027-7004, USA

Only one hour away from being released from prison, Jacob was detained on 6 new felony counts related to Utah fur raids. Convicted of an arson attack on a Tandy Leather store in Murray, Utah. Jake is also serving a 16 month sentence for violating federal firearms laws for buying an rifle he later gave as a gift to a friend.

Mark S. Klein AA45, Oxbow Jail, Inmate Mail, 3148 S. 1100 W., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, USA

Convicted of 2nd degree felony arson (McDonald's) sentenced to 36 months of probation upon the conditions that he serve 1 year in jail.Mark is due to be released July 28.(Do not send news clippings or other items or letters will be returned to sender.)

ENGLAND

Darren Cole - CX4137, HMP Longport, Canterbury, Kent, CT11PJ, England

Currently on Hungerstrike (as of May 1). On remand charged with sending 7 bomb hoaxes to protest the live export of animals used in ritual slaughter at Dover Docks.

Kievan Hickey AP7904, HMP Springhill, Grendon, Underwood, Aylesbury, Bucks., England - New Address

Sentenced to 12 months for receiving stolen property (a cat) in connection with a demonstration January 1997 when activists broke into Hillgrove Farm vivisection breeders and attempted to rescue some cats.

Barry Horne VC2141, HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane, York, YO41PS, England

Recently Moved to HMP Full Sutton after he was found guilty of charges relating to the attempted incendiary devices in Bristol and the successful incendiary devices on the Isle of Wight. Sentenced to 18 years. He is in the process of appealing both sentences.

Keith Mann EE3588, HMP Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5N, England - NEW ADDRESS

Sentenced to 11 years for criminal damage to meat vehicles, attempted incitement, possession of explosive materials, attempted arson and escaping from custody.

Gillian Peachey RL3415, HMP Winchester, Romsey Rd., Winchester, SO22 5HY, England -- New Address

Sentenced in late Feb. to 6 years 9 months - 5 years for conspiracy to commit arson plus 21 months for being in breach of a previous suspended sentence.

Geoff Sheppard MD1030, HMP Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5NX, England

Sentenced to 7 years for possession of a shotgun and possession of items for making incendiary devices. Due to be released soon.

Barbara Trenholm RL1292, HMP Bullwood Hall, High Rd, Hockley, Essex, England - New Address

Sentenced to 10 years for arson against the White Hart pub which the prosecution claim was in connection with the campaign against live exports. She maintains her innocence.

Justin Wright GE3046, HM Young Offenders Institution, Easton, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1DL, England

Sentenced to 5 years for the same offence, as Barbara Trenholm. He maintains his innocence.

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