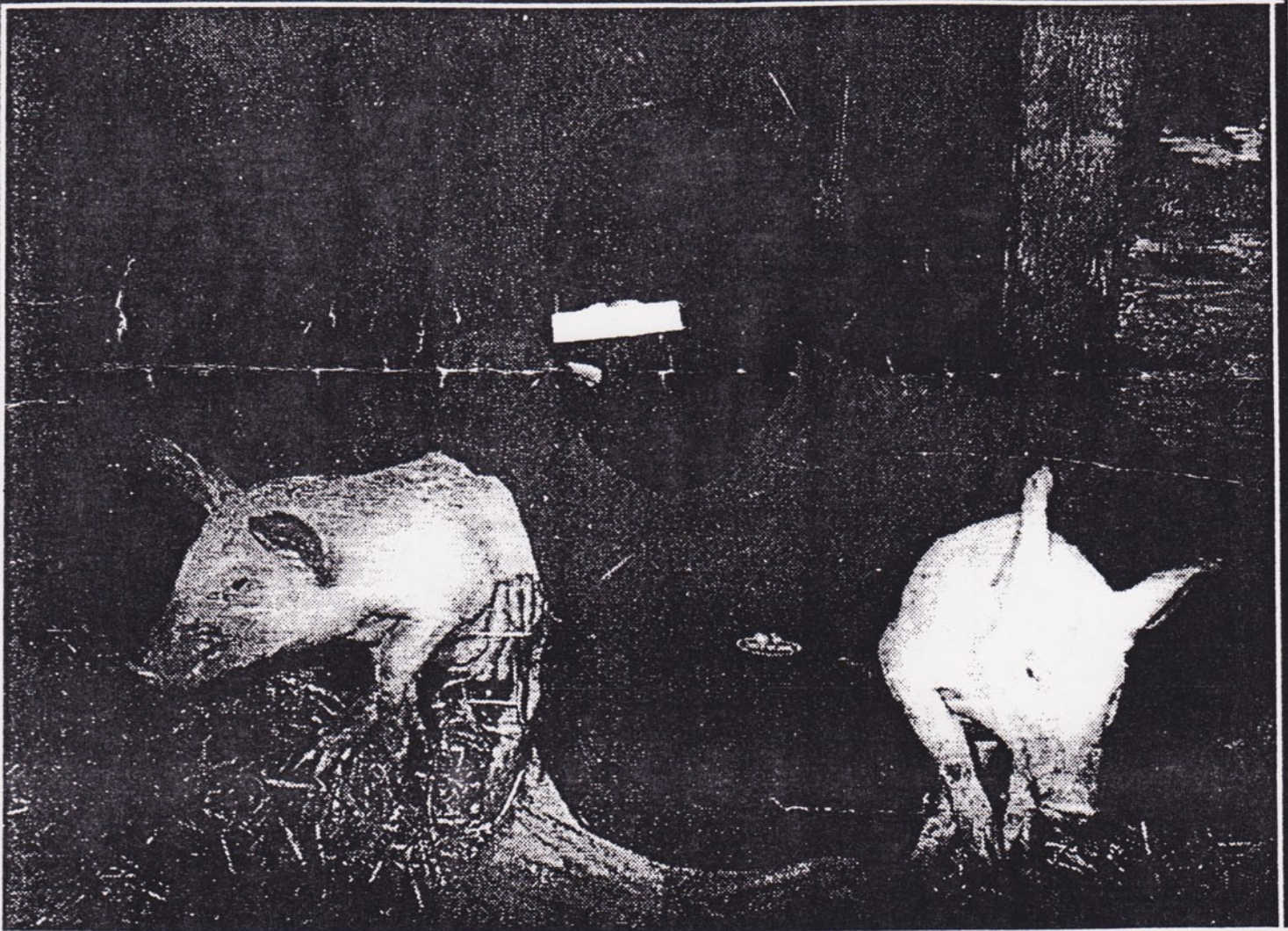


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Welcome to our fifth issue! We've got the latest news of grassroots animal liberation action, and a special undercover report from the International Mink Show in Wisconsin this January. As always, activists around North America will receive free copies, but we encourage people to xerox this magazine and distribute it in your area. With people in several states making copies of each issue now, the circulation of this information is in the thousands.

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

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



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

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

In England, the ALFSG is at BCM 1160/ London, WC1N 3XX/ ENGLAND, and they print a quarterly magazine for prisoner support (20\$ a year for a subscription,) sell t-shirts and other items and take donations for ALF prisoners. A separate ALF Press Office takes action claims and acts as media spokesperson after raids. They can be reached at ALF Press Office/ BM 4400/ London/ WC1N 3XX/ ENGLAND. The Swedish ALF is at DBF/ Box 2051/ S-265 02/ Astorp 2/ SWEDEN. The Spanish ALF Supporters Group is at / APDO: 50390/ 28080 Madrid/ SPAIN. The Israeli ALF Supporters Group is at / PO Box 6023/ Tel Aviv 61060/ ISRAEL.

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

Outside the smelly, blackened ruins of her fur shop, spray painted on the side with "ALF" and the words, "No More," Eva Del Conte said she wouldn't talk about the Animal Liberation Front.

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

The Militant Vegan is a newsmagazine only, and we do not intend to encourage crime against animal killers. This magazine is for informational purposes only.

On the cover: ALF activist liberating pigs from Wve College in England. August 1993.

War over animals

Activists
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NEWS AND COMMENT

Kim Trimiew and Deb Stout were jailed by the Spokane grand jury for refusing to testify on February 18. Please send support letters to each of them at: Spokane County Jail/ W. 1100 Mallon/ Spokane, WA 99260. With four of the grand juries reconvened after they were supposed to end for 18 more months, it is clear that their main purpose is long-term intimidation of the movement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Allison McKeon was sentenced for the same offense. Write her at: Allison McKeon RE2370/ HMP Askham Grange/ Askham Richard/ York/ YO2 3PT/ ENGLAND.

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

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

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

Court rejects grand jury witness' appeal

BY KEN OLSEN
Staff Writer

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

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

If Trimiew is indicted by

one of the four other grand juries investigating the ALF, she can request a hearing where the government has to prove it didn't use any of her testimony against her, the judges ruled.

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

Friday.

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

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

Trimiew only has immunity

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

U.S. District Judge W. Fremming Nielsen jailed her Oct. 5 for contempt after she twice refused to testify. The appeals court freed her on bail Oct. 20, pending its decision.

SEA SHEPHERDS SABOTAGE WHALER

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

Sea Shepherd Strikes Again in Norway-Second Outlaw Whaling Ship Sunk

January 24th, 1994 Santa Monica, California (Sea Shepherd HQ)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES REACT STRONGLY TO WHALE BOAT SABOTAGE

OSLO (NTB): Norwegian authorities reacted strongly to the action on the whaling boat "Senet" outside of Fredrikstad, Sunday night. State Department will ask the

authorities in the USA for cooperation to stop the organization Sea Shepherd from using their base in California for sabotage abroad.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Animal rights group suspected in arson

by MIKE MULVEY

Milwaukee County Bureau
Brookfield — The underground Animal Liberation Front suspected of starting a fire at a fur shop in what authorities say would be the radical group's first arson in Wisconsin, was learned Thursday. Investigators found the letters

Radical activists linked to blaze at Brookfield furrier

"ALF" and the words "We skin you alive" painted on an exterior of a wall at Chudiks' West Inc., 1120 N. Calhoun Rd., which was the site of a Sunday morning fire. ALF is the acronym of the

Animal Liberation Front, which took credit last month for several arson fires at Chicago department stores. Chudiks, a fur retailer, suffered at least \$125,000 in damage

to its building and furs, said Deputy Fire Chief Richard J. Ronan. No one was injured in the blaze. "These ALF people are animal activists who are against animal

laboratory testing and the selling of furs," Ronan said. "The fire remains under investigation, and it's being investigated as an arson." "Our arson team, the Brook-

field police, the state fire marshal's office and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms are all working on the case. "The writing would lead us to believe someone wanted to take credit for it. This is believed to be the first fire started by ALF in

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Anti-fur group takes fire blame

By Penny Roberts
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

Bomb and Arson Section Sgt. Edward O'Donnell would say only that police are seriously investigating possible involvement of the Animal Liberation Front and that it is the only organization that has claimed it placed the devices.

Other police sources said the statement was also faxed to Women's Wear Daily in New York City. Recipients of the fax message contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which in turn notified local law-enforcement officials Monday morning.

The Animal Liberation Front is a radical branch of the animal-rights movement that has been linked to several terroristlike activities. Their first actions were documented in March of 1979, when they released five animals from New York University Medical Center in New York City.

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

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buildings as well as several meat trucks, according to PETA.

In Chicago, the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility in January 1991 for "liberating" 11 rabbits and 10 guinea pigs from Hektoen Lab on South Wood Street—a Cook County Hospital research laboratory.

The organization has no national headquarters or direct contact with the public. It disseminates its messages through anonymous telephone calls or by sending information to PETA, a non-violent, educational organization of animal-rights activists. Workers discovered the latest fax Monday morning.

"It appears they sent it that night [Saturday]," said PETA spokesperson Jenny Woods. "They never contact anyone directly. They're very careful."

The devices started fires in

three of the stores, causing minimal damage and no injuries. One was discovered at the fourth store before it could ignite. Investigators found no evidence of break-ins or forced entry, leading them to surmise the devices were planted Saturday as shoppers flocked to the stores.

Police said they now believe more than one person was involved.

Spokespersons for the department stores declined to comment on the organization's possible involvement.

The president of the Associated Fur Industries of Chicagoland questioned whether an animal-rights organization was really responsible.

"It doesn't make any sense. If they were targeting fur sales, why did they set the bedding department on fire?" said Hal Waltz. "I think they're just claiming they did it so they can get publicity and attention."



Radical group linked to arson at fur shop

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the state, but ATF has said the group has been more active elsewhere in the country."

An angry Barth W. Chudik, store owner, said the blaze was the latest in a series of incidents at his store.

"It's them (ALF), all right. I've had vandalism committed by animal rights' organizations in the past. I've had acid thrown on my van. I've had slogans written on my building. I've had my store's locks glued shut. I've received threatening phone calls."



Chudik: Will stay in business

"But no one has ever tried to burn my place. And no one has ever tried to kill me. Now, I've been a victim of the former. I hope the same isn't true of the latter."

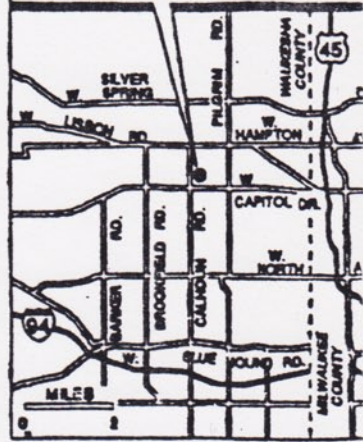
Chudik said he doesn't know what he can do to protect himself or his business.

"When people are this far off the edge, there isn't much you can do," he said. "I'm going to stay in business and be around for a long time. We're not going to run and hide. I'll take whatever security measures I can."

The Chudik family has been in the fur business in Brookfield since 1916 and has run its store on Calhoun Road for 24 years.

Ronan said it appears the fire was started with some type of flammable liquid on the northeast corner of the building. He said

Fur store arson



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Arson Hotline

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

authorities are unaware of a local ALF organization.

Last month, ALF took credit for placing eight fire-starting devices outside of four downtown Chicago department stores to sell furs. The devices started three small fires that were quickly extinguished. No one was injured.

In taking credit for the Chicago fires, ALF vowed to intensify its sabotage against businesses dealing in animal furs.

ALF also is suspected in 1992 torching of several delivery trucks at a Minneapolis meat wholesaler.

UNDERCOVER REPORT ON THE FUR FARM INDUSTRY

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

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

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

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

The first workshop was on Aleutian Disease (AD.) This is a disease that has wiped out several fur farms in the

last year. Farmers dread AD and believe that a cure will never be developed. They believe that it must be prevented by testing all breeding mink and killing those infected. Several researchers are experimenting with mink in an effort to find ways to curb this disease and save the industry money. They include Rocky Mountain Laboratories in Hamilton, Montana with Dr. Marshall Bloom and Utah State University in Logan, Utah with Dr. Gary Durrant.

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

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

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

killed the birds, he proclaimed "Who cares?" to a roomful of laughter.

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

The advantage to this is the savings in terms of labor and feed. The average mink consumes 64 pounds of feed before being killed. Mink who have been injected with melatonin consume an average of 52 pounds of feed before slaughter. Feed costs are cut by 18.8%.



One mink farmer claimed that in tests, melatonin implanted mink had heavier leather and were harder to flesh. This is undesirable to the fur farmers. The manufacturer said that an early pelting out process avoids this problem. He added that this implant will not reduce fighting or self mutilation. He also pointed out that melatonin is already available in Canada and one fur farm using the product was receiving two to four dollars more per pelt than the average mink farmer.

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

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



222-WILD. Terry Cairns is a fox farmer as well.

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

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

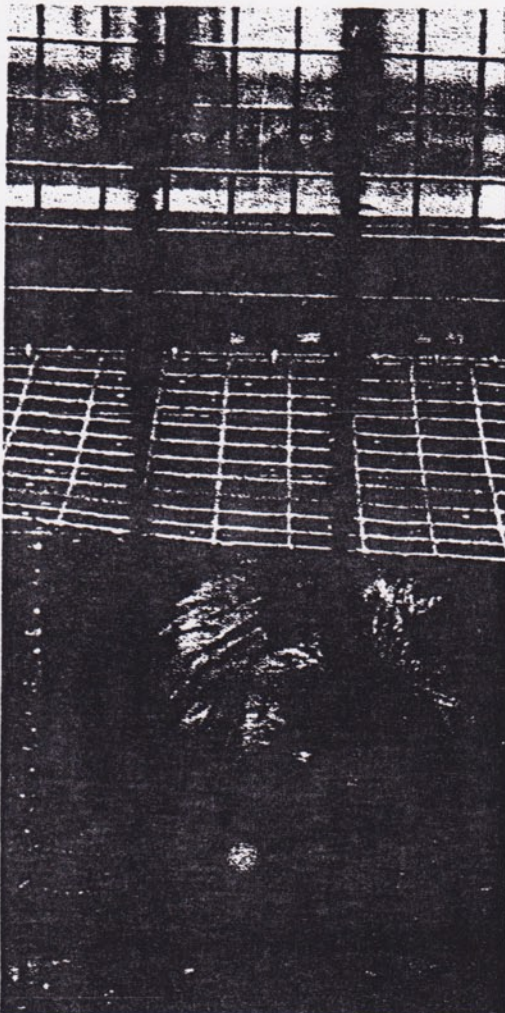
The National Fur Foods Co., which is a subsidiary of National Milk Specialties, is located in New Holstein, Wisconsin. The experimental fur farm may be located in nearby Oshkosh. They can be reached at 1-800-558-5803. This company needs to be shut down!

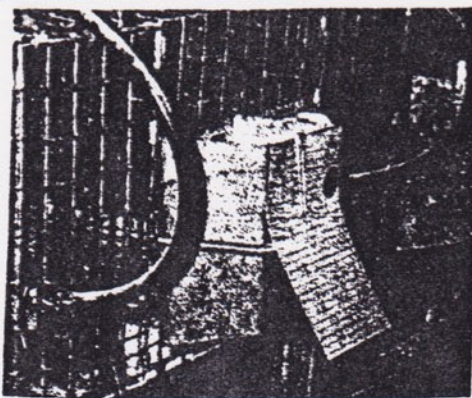
The spread of Aleutian Disease is of great concern to the fur farm

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

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

The mink industry has a problem with animals dying shortly after birth. It was recommended that they watch kits closely during April and May as this is the time when they are born. National Fur Foods claims that they have people at their experimental fur farm during all hours of the night during this time period. They are watching the kits to correct any problems that will lead to an early death.





The next discussion covered the use of antibiotics in mink to help keep them alive until pelting time. I overheard someone say that only 3 antibiotics are approved for use in mink. The speaker mentioned this but continued to list 10 or 15 different antibiotics that could be used along with the correct dosages.

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

The ecology issue is something that the furriers are now focusing on. They say that fur is a "natural" product. They ignore the fact that 66 times more energy goes into the production of a fur coat than a synthetic one. The Coalition To Abolish the Fur Trade has information to counter every one of their claims of this issue.

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

It is the fur industry's belief that the movement against them is weakening because our protests have been less confrontational and shorter. What does this tell you? We

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

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

It is clear that we must embark on a new, confrontational campaign that embraces new tactics as well as old ideas that have proven to be effective. We suggest that activists push for city ordinances that ban the sale of wild fur. This will be the first step in our efforts to completely abolish the fur trade. All stores that still sell fur must be boycotted and they need to know why they lost your

business. Fur wearers must be made to feel uncomfortable. They see fur as a status symbol and when they are frowned upon, their coat will lose its appeal. Posters can be put up with a paste made from a flour/water mixture. Stickers and leaflets must be everywhere.

Consider investigating fur farms and documenting the conditions the animals are in. We have a small fur farm list and your state department of agriculture may help you as well. If a group of activists conducted a civil disobedience on a fur farm, the media would get shots of the small, filthy cages the mink are kept in. This should be considered. Other activists have sabotaged fur stores and fur farms. This causes the furriers' insurance premiums to skyrocket. I know of a fur store in Memphis that was attacked repeatedly and lost their lease and their insurance.

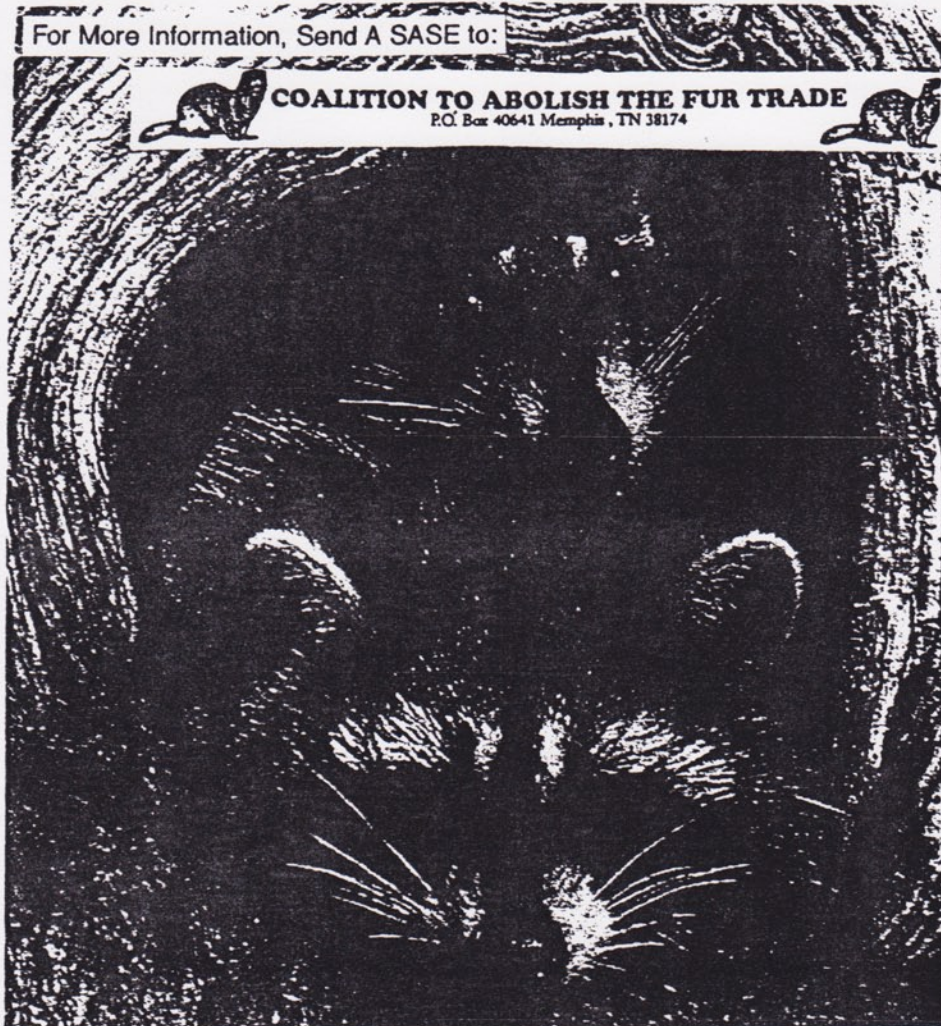
In conclusion, the fur trade is hurt but still kicking. Grassroots groups must continue to fight in the streets while the national groups need to work on shrinking the fur markets in Korea and the Far East. Let's stop these murderers once and for all!

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The Silent Treatment

An author draws hard time for clamming up about the Animal Liberation Front

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

Scarce was released in October (the presiding judge, who could have detained him until December, decided that coercive confinement was not working). But some environmental activists have taken his long incarceration as a clear message

that the government is keeping the heat on in a two-year-old investigation of Operation Bite Back, a series of attacks against fur farms and research laboratories carried out in 1991 and 1992 by the ALF. And some are concerned that the government will take up similar investigations of other groups on the extreme fringes of the environmental movement. "First it was the ALF," says Robert Amon, an Idaho-based member of the radical group Earth First! who expects to be investigated by a federal grand jury this fall. "Next it will be Earth First! again. Then maybe the Lewiston [Idaho]-Rotary Club for considering inviting us to come as guest speakers."

For the 35-year-old Scarce, the trouble began in 1992, when a federal grand jury investigating vandalism of U.S. Department of Agriculture research offices at Washington State University



"I'm not a suspect": Scarce

subpoenaed him to testify. Among other things, the grand jury wanted to know whether Scarce had interviewed three ALF members who were sus-

pects. Arguing that as writer he had a First Amendment right not to divulge anonymous sources and a professional obligation not to break promise of confidentiality, Scarce refused to talk. Some state and federal courts do grant writers, reporters, and academics professional privilege, but many—including the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which heard Scarce's case—do not. On May 1, Scarce was ordered to jail for contempt of court.

"I'm not a suspect," said Scarce from his cell. "I have not been charged with a crime."

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

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

In her case, Powers believes her crime was walking downtown wearing a parka that had a fake fur collar, which she had bought at an outlet store. She doesn't have any other explanation for the 2-foot-long splotch of red paint that somebody squirted on the back of her coat.

After she found the paint, she went over the previous hour. What stood out was seeing two men walking by her, one of them carrying a sign that read "FUR IS DEAD."

That Saturday, Jan. 8, there was an animal-rights demonstration downtown. That Saturday, too, the Eddie Bauer store downtown reported that \$5,000 in merchandise had been slashed, including down-filled parkas and leather chairs.

It was the second such incident. The store's manager told police that Eddie Bauer had received several letters telling it to stop selling items made from animal material.

STEP UP SECURITY, USE CAUTION, RETAILERS WARNED

Fur retailers should exercise extreme caution when they spot an unmarked or unusual package as part of stepped-up security measures in 1994, federal law enforcement authorities have advised the Fur Farm Animal Welfare Coalition.

Marsha Kelly, executive director of the St. Paul, MN-based Coalition, said federal authorities have encouraged fur retailers to beef up security following the planting of nine incendiary devices by the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) in Chicago-area retail stores over the Thanksgiving weekend. Federal law enforcement officials have told the Coalition that precautions are advisable to protect people and property from further ALF violence.

"There is no need for alarm, but the FBI does urge retailers and all industry members to take steps to ensure that they and their operations are safe and secure," said Kelly. "A well-prepared industry will not only increase physical security, it will help deter further incidents."

As previously reported here, devices used in the Chicago incidents consisted of a nine-volt battery attached to a timer and a matchbook, placed in a paper bag. Six of nine devices ignited, setting off small fires. Despite a statement by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) saying that ALF's intention was to set off sprinklers and inflict only water damage, according to the Coalition the devices were placed under shelves and in other locations chosen to avoid being extinguished by sprinklers.

Similar incidents have occurred recently in Europe. Two members of the British fur trade recently received letter bombs, according to European sources. Danny Sawrby of the Swalesmoor Mink Farm in

Halifax/Yorkshire, England, called police when he became suspicious of a video cassette-holder that arrived in the mail. The holder contained a bomb, which was removed before detonating. In a related incident, the owner of a London fur shop and his three-year-old daughter were hurt when a flare exploded after he opened an envelope. Both were treated at St. Mary's hospital for injuries.

The British ALF is thought to have connections to American cells of the ALF.

Federal authorities are in the process of informing local law enforcement agencies about ALF activities and tactics. To reduce the chance of damage or injuries due to ALF actions, they have offered the following advice to fur industry members:

•Contact local law enforcement officials to brief them about the potential for ALF actions against your business. Ask them to help you conduct a security review of your operation.

•Conduct a thorough inspection of your facility every day before closing, keeping a special lookout for packages or paper bags left under shelves, displays or furniture.

•If unidentified parcels or packages are found, use extreme caution. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO HANDLE OR REMOVE THEM YOURSELF. Contact enforcement authorities immediately.

"The animal-rights movement must learn that terrorism and violence do not pay," said Kelly. "In addition to protecting ourselves, we can help send that message by exercising good judgment and working cooperatively with authorities who will put these criminals behind bars."

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



DIARY OF ACTIONS

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

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

INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

UNITED STATES

In our last issue, we listed actions from January 1 through

the end of November 1993. Since then, we have learned of a few more during those months:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

January-Ohio- Unspecified action against animal abusers.

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

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

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

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

January 15-Beverly Hills, CA- Display window of American Express smashed to protest promotion of fur. *ALF Nov. 26 Cell*

January 16-San Francisco, CA- Activists not part of ALF threw red paint on Robert's Furs.

January 17-Oakland, CA- Midden's Furs had windows etched, locks glued, slogans painted, and canvas awning torn to shreds. ALF

January 22-San Francisco, CA- Kane's Furs had a lock glued, slogans painted, and holes put in the windows. ALF

January 27-Beverly Hills and Santa Monica, CA- Display window of Somper Furs smashed. Display window of Adrienne (furs) smashed. An escalation in actions is planned for the succeeding months. ALF Nov. 26 Cell

January 27-San Francisco, CA- Nagano Furs had windows etched. ALF

January 29-San Francisco, CA- Kane's Furs had holes put through its windows. ALF

January-February- San Diego, CA- Several attacks on meat companies have been reported in local media, with at least one arson attack in which a refrigerated meat truck was burned and the building was spray painted with "Meat is Murder." Mike Brown, the president of a targeted meat company, said, "The more this is publicized, the worse it makes it....I wish I sold produce in San Diego instead of meat." The actions were claimed in a phone call to a local tv station by the *Farm Animal Revenge Militia*.

February-Oakland, CA- At least 2 Hormel meat chili billboards spray painted with slogans like "Go Vegan."

February-Detroit area, MI- Locks are glued at fur stores week after week.

February-Philadelphia area, PA- Paint-filled ornaments were thrown at Ham Sweet Ham and the lock was glued. Other animal abusers have also been attacked.

February 5-San Francisco, CA- Kane's Furs had locks glued, slogans painted, and neon sign smashed. Herbert's Furs had its door etched and lock glued. A veal restaurant had its windows etched. ALF

February 8-Pittsburgh, PA- *Paint Panthers* hit Abraville Furriers.

February 9-Columbus, OH- *Paint Panthers* hit at least one fur store.

February 9-Cincinnati, OH- *Paint Panthers* hit at least one fur store.

February 10-Chicago, IL- The *Paint Panthers* hit the American Fur Mart and the Chicago Fur Outlet.

February 11-Omaha, NE-The Julia Talent Fur Store was hit by the *Paint Panthers*.

February 14-Denver, CO- The *Paint Panthers* hit Koslough Furs.

February 14-Colorado Springs, CO- Lay Limited Furs was hit by the *Paint Panthers*.

February 15-Kansas City, MO- The *Paint Panthers* hit Genhardt Furs and Sident Furs.

February 16-St. Louis, MO- The St. Louis Fur and Leather Gallery was hit by the *Paint Panthers*.

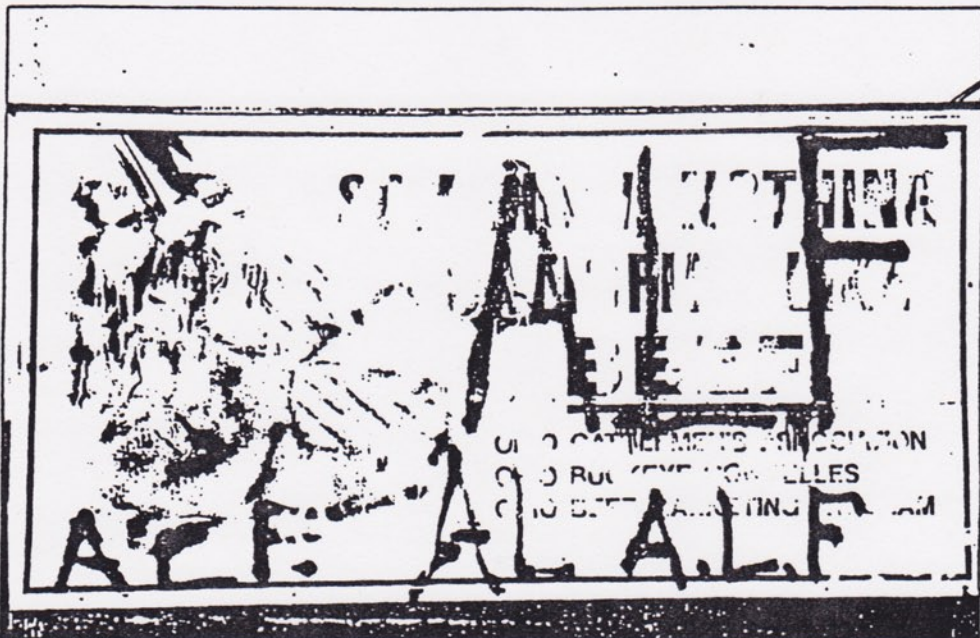
February 19- Pleasant Hill, CA- The ALF liberated 6 rabbits from Diablo Valley College. Students told the ALF of a professor who killed a rabbit by snapping its neck, and bragged about it. The animals were taken from the Horticulture garden and placed in a caring, permanent home to guarantee that they will live out their lives in safety. ALF

February 20- Oakland and Walnut Creek, CA- Midden's Furs had locks glued, windows smashed, and paint bombs thrown inside. J.E. Harl Furs had locks glued and exterior painted. ALF

February 21-New York, NY- *Paint Panthers* hit Elizabeth Arden Furs and Fendi Furs.

Late February-Louisville, KY- At a bowhunting trade show, an elaborate fake bomb was left that contained a note saying that a real bomb was hidden in the building. Five thousand convention goers had to be evacuated for hours.

Beef signs spray-painted



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Farm bureau offering reward for vandals of pro-beef signs

By JIMMY JOHNSON

EATON, Ohio — The Preble County Farm Bureau is offering a reward for information on vandals who defaced signs that promote the sale of beef.

At least three signs have been spray-painted in the last three months.

In early August, vandals painted signs on U.S. 35 and U.S. 127 near Eaton that read, "Somehow Nothing Satisfies Like Beef."

Using black and white paint, the letters "A.L.F." were painted repeatedly on the signs.

Officials believe the letters stand for the Animal Liberation Front, but they do not know if the underground animal rights group really had anything to do with the vandalism.

The ALF has claimed responsibility for 60 percent of animal rights terrorist acts, such as arson and bombing, in the United States since 1977, said Jim Hill, of the Preble County Farm Bureau.

A butcher shop in Dayton was recently spray-painted. A trademark of ALF is the phrase "Meat is Murder," which was left on the shop's wall.

Hill said there's no way to prove ALF is involved, but the vandals clearly know something about the organization, he said.

"That's basically the symbol that they leave," he said.

"You could go out today and ask 100 people on the street...What does ALF stand for? And they'd say...the TV show," he said, referring to a TV sitcom that featured a crea-

ture from outer space named ALF.

"It's tough to think it's kids playing around," he said.

He said the incidents in Preble County and the one incident in Dayton are the only ones he's heard of in Ohio.

Though ALF is an underground organization, Hill said the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) group often defends ALF's acts. Hill noted that PETA's director, Ingrid Newkirk, recently toured laboratories that used animals for testing at Miami University and Wright State University.

Asked about the vandalism of the signs around Eaton, Jenny Woods, a representative of PETA, said, "We don't condone the action but we can understand the frustration of people

who see what's going on in a slaughterhouse."

Terrorist acts by ALF include the arson of a University of California veterinary diagnostic laboratory, which caused \$4.5 million damage, and the destruction of 22 years of research at a Michigan State University laboratory.

Hill quoted a U.S. Department of Justice and Agriculture study about the growing trend: "It appears the willingness of animal right extremists to employ destructive and violent methods remains strong."

Hill said anyone with information about the sign vandals should call the sheriff's office at (513) 456-4111.

Palladium-Item reporter Larry Price contributed to this story.

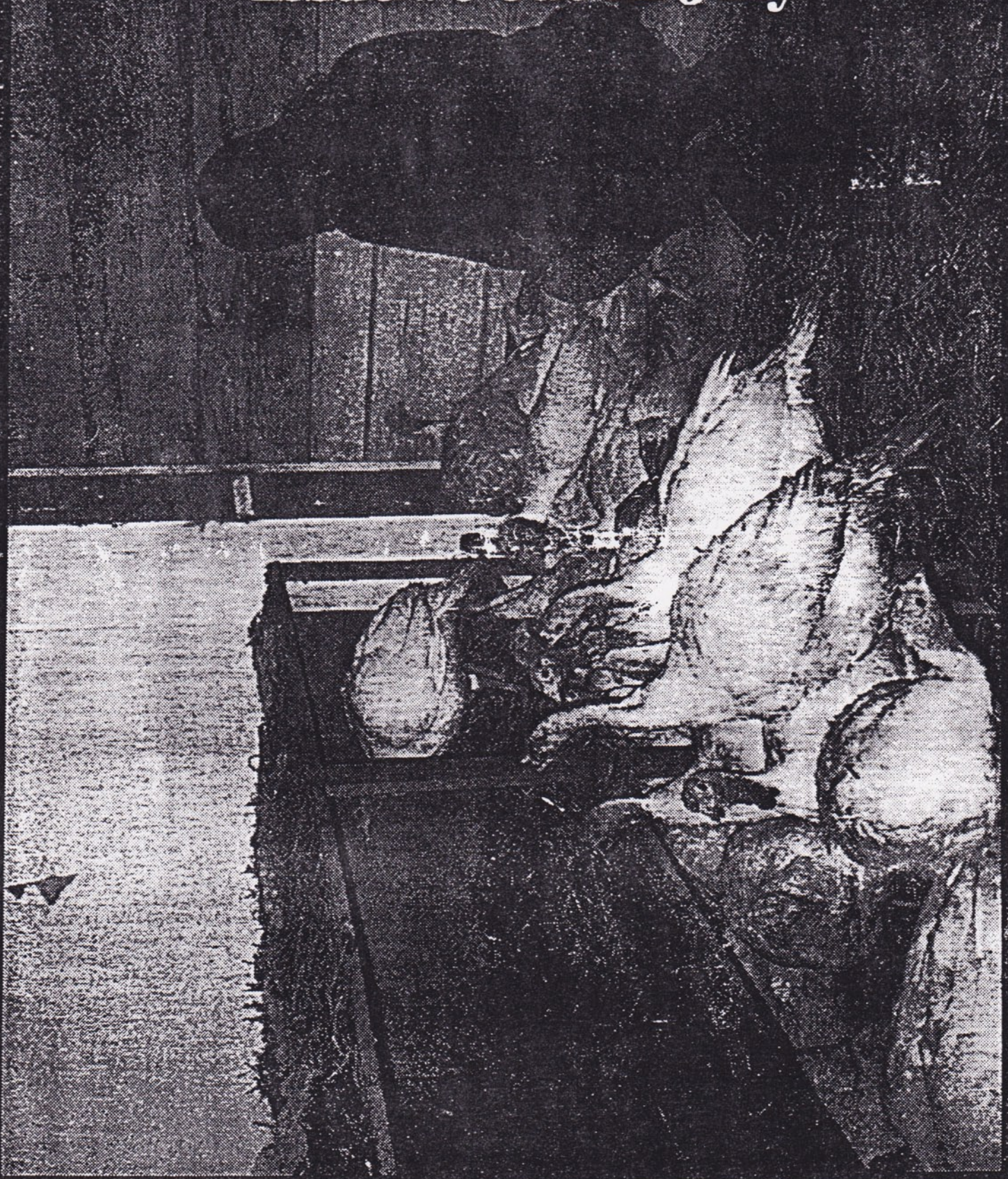
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Officer discovers damage

A police officer on patrol found four plate glass windows broken at the McDonald's restaurant, 929 E. Johnson St., early Dec. 11. The windows were possibly hit with ball bearings. An inflatable figure on the roof of the restaurant was also deflated.

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