

SOUTH EAST
LIBERATOR

RENTOKIL - RAID REVEALED

SHAMROCK-WHO'S GOT THE KEY ?

SEALINK ACTION UPDATE ...

WINTER ACTION
1992/93

DIRECT ACTION

REPRESSION AND REACTION

The animal abuse industries and the state which serves them must be very worried indeed. Time and time again they have predicted the demise of the ALF only to see it grow in strength. In the 1980's they tried a twin track approach to defeat the ALF. On the one hand this meant extremely harsh sentences for activists caught and the use of incitement and conspiracy charges to criminalise the ALF Supporters Group and the Press Office, whilst at the same time trying to drive a wedge between the ALF and the rest of the movement. Their tactic was to portray animal liberationists as 'terrorists' in the media, thus allowing the movement to distance themselves from the ALF.

For a while in the late '80's this strategy enjoyed some success. However, rather than become isolated, the activists simply got down to doing the job and the year of 1990 saw an upsurge of direct action including big raids such as Interfauna and Boots' laboratory at Thurgaton.

DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS

One week after the Boots raid came the first inspection by the Animal Liberation Investigation Unit at Thurgaton. Here was a new type of low-level direct action which didn't carry the same risk if arrested because activists weren't breaking the criminal law.

Another crucial development was the re-launch of the ALF press office in Oct '91 with Robin Webb as Press Officer. With his long experience in the movement he was able to bring a degree of maturity which had hitherto been lacking: now the media goes straight to him for comment on



actions rather than the wet bureaucrats of the national societies.

There is now a wide spectrum of direct action: from inspections, High Street sabotage such as gluing the locks and smashing the windows of Boots, butchers etc, right through to economic sabotage based on arson and complex raids on labs and factory farms.

THE BEAST GETS ANGRY

Despite its recent success, the animal liberation movement cannot afford complacency. The more we hurt the Animal Abuse Industries the more they become desperate and vicious.

A good example of how far the state will go is Operation Fox, the massive police surveillance operation carried out in the north of England last year. This involved four months of non-stop 24 hours a day watching and listening to a number of houses in Manchester, electronic tagging of cars, opening mail to homes and post office boxes, breaking into homes and cars as if done by burglars etc. The whole operation must have cost millions and resulted with 10 people being charged with "conspiring to pursue the aims and objectives of the ALF by causing criminal damage".

RONNIE RELEASED.

We would like to take this opportunity to send our best wishes to Ronnie Lee, who was recently released after 6 years incarceration for his compassionate belief - animal liberation - which we all share.

The State considered Ronnie to be the 'leader' of the ALF and believed that his imprisonment would mean the demise of direct actions - to the extent that even though Ronnie was a 'model prisoner', all applications for parole were refused.

Of course, the ALF didn't and never will stop taking direct action on behalf of animal suffering. There are no leaders, only concerned organised individuals not prepared to just watch the pain, misery and murder of innocent creatures with whom we share this planet.

1991-1992 proved to be the ALF's most active period to date with literally millions of pounds worth of damage caused to animal exploiters and thousands of animals rescued from the clutches of vivisectioners, factory farmers, hunters etc ...

STOP DEATH JOURNEYS TO EUROPE

THE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES...

ROUGH SEAS ROUGH JUSTICE.

On a wet and windy morning, four people from the South East boarded a Sealink ship, destined for France. The four animal rights protesters stayed on the ship for the return journey back to Dover. Half an hour before the ship was due to dock, even though by this time, two of the Dover four were feeling pretty green and sickly, they decided to continue with their protest by throwing a huge banner over the side of the ship which would be read by TVS and other media folk which were awaiting at the dock alongside some animal rights protesters.

As the Dover four prepared to hang the banner of protest over the side, eight thugs, calling themselves Sealink staff, arrived on the windswept top deck and made a 'Citizens Arrest'. The Dover four had been accused of writing slogans and sticking up posters in all of the ship's toilets. They were taken to the captain's office and held captive whilst the ship docked and police arrived on board. After searching the four, they were all arrested for criminal damage and driven to Dover police station, where they were held in cells for several hours before being interviewed by CID.

Eventually they were released on bail. On 21st December, the Dover four were asked to return back to the station, meaning a three hour drive for some. Finger prints were taken and the four were allowed to leave, again on bail, until March '93.

To be continued.



Jan 7th saw another dual action campaign. 55 demonstrators were at the entrance to Dover docks, accompanied by eleven police mini buses.

At the same time 10 activists occupied the foyer of Sealink offices in Ashford for 3 hours, attracting a lot of media coverage despite the police preventing coverage on local TV.

There are more demonstrations planned and a National Weekend of Action as well so for more information contact SEARC, 19a Atherst Rd, Bexhill on Sea, E Sussex.

SEARC v Sealink

One of the campaigns that SEARC has undertaken is against Sealink and the export of Live animals.

On Nov 12th 230 activists demonstrated at Dover Docks. Police presence was very high and certainly over rated for a public demonstration.

Dec 1st saw another demonstration at Dover Docks with 53 people at the entrance with their banners etc for 2 hours whilst 4 activists were actually on board a Sealink ship (see Rough Seas, Rough Justice). High police numbers were also at this demo.

SEARC v Sealink - UPDATE

Information from an employee has revealed that three months of intensive nationwide campaigning by SEARC against Sealink exporting live animals has resulted in a major response from Sealink, who have been obliged to change the daytime transit of thousands of live animals from Dover to a night-time campaign.

S.E.A.R.C.

Rentokil

On Wednesday, December 2nd 1992, 10 activists of the Animal Liberation Investigation Unit (ALIU) conducted an inspection of laboratories at Rentokil (Pest Control) Ltd, National Headquarters, Felcourt, Surrey.

The whole site is huge, with a manor house and a modern complex of which a section contains animals awaiting or undergoing vivisection.

The sole intention of the group was to gain photographic and video evidence of some of the animals routinely tortured and killed inside and expose the fact that Rentokil are not only contracted internationally to murder millions of mammals, amphibians, birds and insects with horrific traps and poisons, but also inflict tremendous suffering to living creatures in their labs in order to develop even more powerful poisons, pesticides, insecticides, fungicides and other forms of 'pest' control, such as lethal mechanical and electrical traps.

In the short time we had allocated ourselves, we could only inspect a small section of the lab, but were not interrupted doing so.

Inside two rooms, we sadly found hundreds of rodents shelved in barren, confined lab cages, mainly rats and mice, many with young babies. There was no bedding in any of the cages and one room contained cages with wire mesh floors and separate litter trays - a miserable and painful way for any animal to spend its sad and short life.

The fate of these poor souls was revealed in an opened freezer, which was crammed packed with the corpses of rats and mice in plastic bags and containers of dissected organs and dead insects. Small mammals had also been pickled in jars.



Another room entered was divided into large sections (2m x 2m with 1m high sides) where mice were being bred in large family groups, all undergoing what Rentokil describe as "bait feeding" experiments and development of "physical devices" ie new traps. This section was recently raided by the Animal Liberation Front.

Also observed in the area inspected was a rather sick collection of stuffed animals on a desk including a mounted copy on a rack of lab cages blocking a fire exit. A macabre display of different mouse and rat traps were exhibited on a shelf below a poster advertising Miscal Rodenticide - Rentokil's own shameful 'black museum'.

Other rooms photographed through outside windows had equipment with radiation symbols and warnings and a large selection of insect specimens and information posters on insects.

Another piece of apparatus found looks like some kind of fumigation device, where animals will be entered to test chemical gasses.

Rentokil's chemicals will be tested on animals to establish 'lethal dose' levels and will be administered on them by mouth, by injection, by inhalation and by skin application.

For example, in an experiment conducted by Fisons Pest Control Ltd, at Chesterfield Park Research Station, Essex, six different pesticides were applied to the skin of white rats by a sleeve of plaster. Most lethally dosed animals died within seven days (BJ Indust. Med. 26, pp59-64).

From the CIBA GEIGY laboratories in Cambridge came a review of a 'promising new insecticide' called Idoxifenphos - together with its poisoning effects on dogs, cats, mice and rabbits (proceedings of 5th British Insecticide and Fungicide



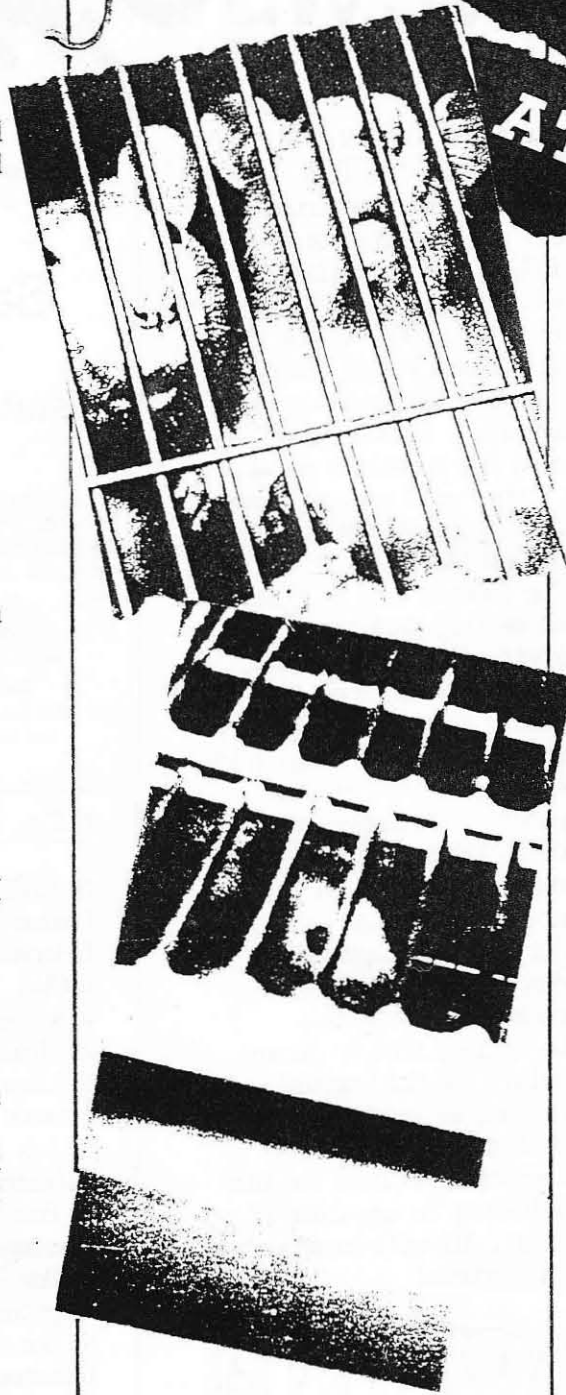
Conference).

Different Labs have produced very different results. Marked differences between individuals of the same species make such test unreliable.

The long term accumulative effects of these poisons are still unknown and cannot be discovered by tests on laboratory animals. These may be causing permanent ecological damage from which the environment may never recover.

Chemical 'pest' control is a futile business. Animals and insects adapt quickly to poisons. Superficially you could say the 'pest' has been destroyed, but some of them will survive to breed again - they are then more adaptable to the effects of the chemical and are able to breed immunity into the offspring, so as the cycle repeats itself, a totally immune 'pest' can eventually be produced (this effect can happen in just one season) leaving companies like Rentokil to develop and produce even more powerful and dangerous chemicals to inflict on living creatures and the environment.

There are many alternatives to the horrific deaths of millions of animals and ecological destruction. Well erected fences can be used to prevent animals from entering crop fields. Natural deterrents and netting can be used to protect plants from insects and birds. A large proportion of domestic problems with insects and small mammals are a direct result of poor housing conditions. Humane traps will help to remove unwanted rodents from homes and the work place, which can then be made secure so they can no longer enter the premises.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AIMS AND TACTICS OF THE ANIMAL LIBERATION INVESTIGATION UNIT - AND PHOTOS OR VIDEO IF NEEDED AND NOT SUPPLIED, PLEASE CONTACT:

ALIU, PO BOX 38, MANCHESTER M60 1NX.

NB, Money is always needed to continue with the investigative work of the ALIU, so if you feel you could donate any money, it would be gratefully received.

NOT WELCOME AT WELCOME LONDON ZOO

13 people split into 2 groups, one group entering through the delivery gate whilst the other group climbed over the side fence. Both groups were successful and even though we were spotted by builders, no security was alerted.

Our principal intention (to enter the Wellcome building to take footage & documents) was unsuccessful as the doors were locked, but on the third floor, manmots were sighted through a meshed window. They were caged individually in small cages, approx 3 cages high and 7 across.

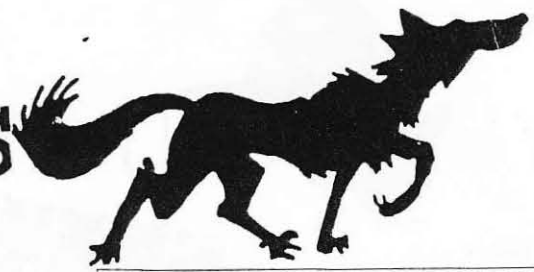
Footage was taken of the on-site slaughter house to the anger of the irate slaughtermen who alerted further security. Yet, several people managed to enter the neighbouring building and took documents. When the workers realised what was happening, they were adamant that no one entered a "strictly no entry" door (believed to house animals).

Several people were held inside by angry workers and later arrested outside the grounds and 6 people managed to get away with documents. Unfortunately, all footage was confiscated by the police.

As usual, the people over-reacted, keeping them inside for hours and stripsearching them with the aim of "looking for explosives!!" as quoted by one officer.

The case continues...

SABBINING NEWS



HASTINGS.

Sabs from Hastings have had a good season with the East Sussex & Romney Marsh F.H. Even though the hunt have been going out 3 times a week, they haven't had a sab-less hunt.

Considerable success has been gained using a variety of tactics and undoubtedly many lives have been saved.

The new huntsman has proved unpopular with sabs and supporters alike. One supporter described him as a 'stupid old cunt' to sabs and it is rumoured that some hunt staff have resigned because of him.

Following the injury of sab Terry Hill who dislocated his arm after being ridden down by a rider, a mass hit was organised, with groups from all over the region helping, causing complete chaos and lack of hunting (due to lack of hounds!!) and damage to vehicles of supporters who made racist remarks to a London sab.

WEST KENT.

Ashford Valley F.H., having not been done for 5 years, are now being saboed at least every Saturday with around 40 sabs. T.V. coverage of noisy dam at their hunt ball in Ashford.

Person arrested for alleged attack on huntsman who had ridden down a sab the previous week.

SOUTHDOVS HUNT SABOTEURS.

SHS were out 2 or 3 days a week during cubbing, spreading themselves thinly at the Chiddingfold, Surrey & Birstow and Surrey Union hunts. This season sees them adding Southdown & Erridge to their 'nit' list.

CHICHESTER

West Sussex Wildlife Protection have continued their campaign against the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt. By linking up with other groups in the South East we have forced the hunt to employ regular security 'stewards'. An average of a dozen, but sometimes as many as twenty paid stewards have been supplemented by local lads and larrikins.

Our sources tell us that one hunt master, Christopher Burnett, is footing much of the £500 per Saturday that the security costs. The security men are made up of rough Irish men, some of whom are ex squaddies. Attempts have been made to take horns and sprays from sabs, and one incident where this resulted in an injury and was captured on video is currently being investigated by police.

We believe that Mr Jeremy Whalley, the Chiddingfold huntsman, is leaving at the end of the season but not before he is exposed for his involvement in something of a scandal. All will be revealed in due course!



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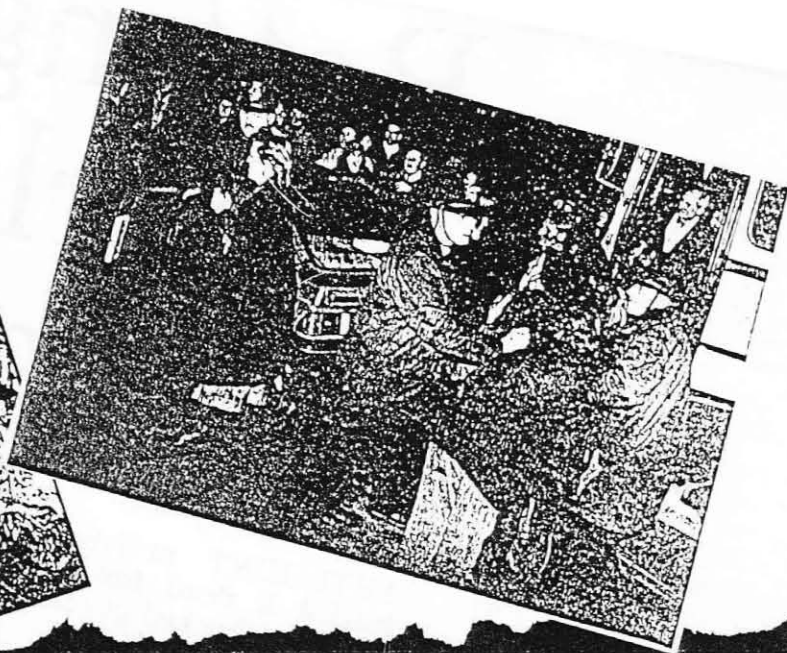
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EASTBOURNE HUNT BALL

Saboteurs from all over the South East were in good spirits for the now legendary Eastbourne Hunt Ball. Approx 70 demonstrators ensured the ball goes would have a night to remember.

Some 30 police officers were

in force, with their usual cunning they had erected crowd control barriers on the wrong side of the Winter Garden entrance, thereby leaving a nice free area in which to harass the arriving guests. The good humoured, if somewhat charged atmosphere changed when an old friend, 'Ready Steady Preddy', came on

the scene. Well known for his violence, he adopted his usual aggressive stance and almost immediately started assaulting people, one of which was a 16 year old girl, who he punched in the face. This act, amongst others, is on video. Despite 14 arrests, those who attended agreed it was a good night and look forward to next year's ES & RM Ball!!



BOXING DAY BLUES

The Southdown & Enridge Hunt pranced and pored in Lewes High Street whilst an undercover animal rights person fed them mince pies laced with laxatives!! 40 sabs from Eastbourne, Brighton and Southdowns, as well as people from the

demonstration persuaded the hunt relentlessly across field and furrow. At the end of the day the frustrated hunt retaliated by ramming an Eastbourne hunt sab car and removing the door whilst the vehicle was still moving!! No mean feat.

The Chiddingfold, Leconfield & Cowdray Hunt met at Midhurst, to be greeted by demonstrators from local groups. One sab was hit in the face after making a remark about a fur coat. This is on video. Despite security men on this hunt, it was sabbed the whole day.

Hunt protest

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Jaine Kluckers, who founded Badger Protection Group in West Sussex, explained the basic procedures of a hunt.

"The huntsmen and their hounds usually corral the Vixen and her cubs are and then move in.

"Men are employed by hunting groups to come along with their smaller terrier dogs which locate the fox, follow it into the earth and begins to 'bay'.

"When a dog bays it makes a terrifying sound like a child crying. Once you've heard that sound it'll haunt you forever," she said.

She rejected claims that hunting could be described as a sport.

"True sport is a contest between two equals. In fox-hunting one team is the fox and the other consists of hunters, their horses, the hunters' friends, their friends' horses and up to 40 dogs bred to kill," she said.

Rotting fox is hurled at hunt guests

By CHRIS PARTRIDGE

ANTI-HUNT activists hurled a dead fox in front of shocked guests at a hunt ball.

Flour bombs were also thrown and a policeman was injured when 100 demonstrators mobbed the function.

Children leaving a carol concert next door were caught up in the fracas at the Winter Garden theatre, in Eastbourne, Sussex.

Robert Barnard, a box office clerk at the Winter Garden, said: 'The children were coming out just after 8 pm as the rumpus was coming to a head.

'They were horrified. Some stayed in the foyer crying.'

Simon Wild, of the West Sussex Wildlife Protection Group, was among the crowd that gathered as guests arrived for the East Sussex and Romney Marsh Hunt's annual event.

'Some hunt saboteurs had a fox from a meeting on Tuesday' he said. 'It was thrown just in front of ballgoers as they went inside. It stank really strongly.'

Last night organisers were considering whether to hold the ball

again next year. Brian Toon, of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, said: 'This was a pathetic attempt by the saboteurs to try to force their views on other people.

'Whatever they do will not stop members of the East Sussex and Rom-

ney Marsh hunt going about their lawful business.'

Superintendent Christopher Bentham said: 'My officers showed tremendous restraint in the face of outrageous provocation. I am very proud of them.'

Wildlife supporter Mr Wild said: 'I'm all for really strong protests but perhaps one or two incidents got a bit out of hand this time.'

Two men were fined by Eastbourne magistrates yesterday in connection with the incident and six others had their cases adjourned.



STINK: Dead fox at the the hunt ball demo

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Saboteurs fear use of heavies by hunts

HIRED heavies are being used by hunts across the south to prevent saboteurs from destroying their sport.

The tactics have already been used in West Sussex although at this stage it seems unlikely that Hampshire hunts will follow suit.

But hunt protestors across the region fear the plain-clothed security men could attack them and disappear - leaving police unable to act.

The hunters claim the new strategy, used by the Chiddingfold Leonfield and Cowdray Hunt, near Northchapel, on Saturday, is their latest effort to prevent violent attacks from saboteurs.

But Simon Wild, of West Sussex Wildlife Protection Group, said: "It is a totally new tactic and we are worried that it could bring with it new problems.

Frightening

"There were about 15 hired heavies at the hunt. They are a pretty frightening looking bunch and we are scared they will beat up saboteurs caught on their own.

"These people are not like the police, they are a law unto themselves. We are at the mercy of these people who could get violent."

Saboteurs, who try to disrupt hunts so foxes can escape the hounds, were followed across public footpaths, intimidated and swore at as they tried to follow a weekend meet, Mr Wild claimed.

He said: "Our greatest fear is they could attack a saboteur and then not come back to the area. It would be very difficult then, if not impossible, for the police to trace them.

"On Saturday they followed us everywhere we went and stopped when we stopped. If a couple of us ran on ahead some of their men would do the same.

Intimidation

"It was very intimidatory and while they may have landowners' permission to not let us on private land that does not allow them to track us across public rights of way."

Jeremy Whaley, joint master of the Chiddingfold Hunt, said security at Saturday's meet was made up of a private security firm, landowners and hunt supporters.

He said: "There is no reason for the security firm to attack saboteurs. We have made it quite clear that we will not tolerate them just wading in and that if they do the firm will lose the contract.

"They are there to prevent

By SIMON RUSHTON

trespass, damage to our hounds and stop our followers from being attacked.

"There has been a long history of violence, intimidation and provocation by the saboteurs and we felt it was time something was done."

He claimed hunt supporters had been attacked, verbally abused or threatened virtually every weekend last season.

Hampshire Hunt is unlikely to follow suit and hire private security patrols because its members feel their present security arrangements are adequate.

John Newcomb secretary of the Hampshire Hunt, said: "We have never used private security firms and have no intention of using them in the immediate future."

And Captain Simon Clark, Master of the New Forest Hunt, said: "We are not looking at this type of security for our group."

A spokesman for the Isle of Wight Hunt refused to say what security measures they were looking into for the coming season.

Portsmouth hunt saboteur Martin Palmer said private security firms had not been seen at Hampshire hunts. He said: "Although I don't think most hunts could afford private security if they were introduced it would not be in the firm's interest to attack saboteurs.

"But I would be worried if they were used as a front for terriermen and hunt supporters to violate us."

WE'LL STOP THIS CRUELTY

Campaigners threaten to step up action

EXCLUSIVE by Elaine Hutton

ANIMAL campaigners have pledged to step up action to stop weekend fox-hunting.

Their threat comes just months after having an 11,000-signature petition calling for hunting to be made illegal in the county thrown out.

They claim people are coming to West Sussex for "weekend hunting holidays" and warn they "strongly encourage" to start on Saturday.

The West Sussex Wildlife Protection Group say they managed to ban the kind sport for months, but that it is about to start again. Saturday's hunt will be the first weekend event this year.

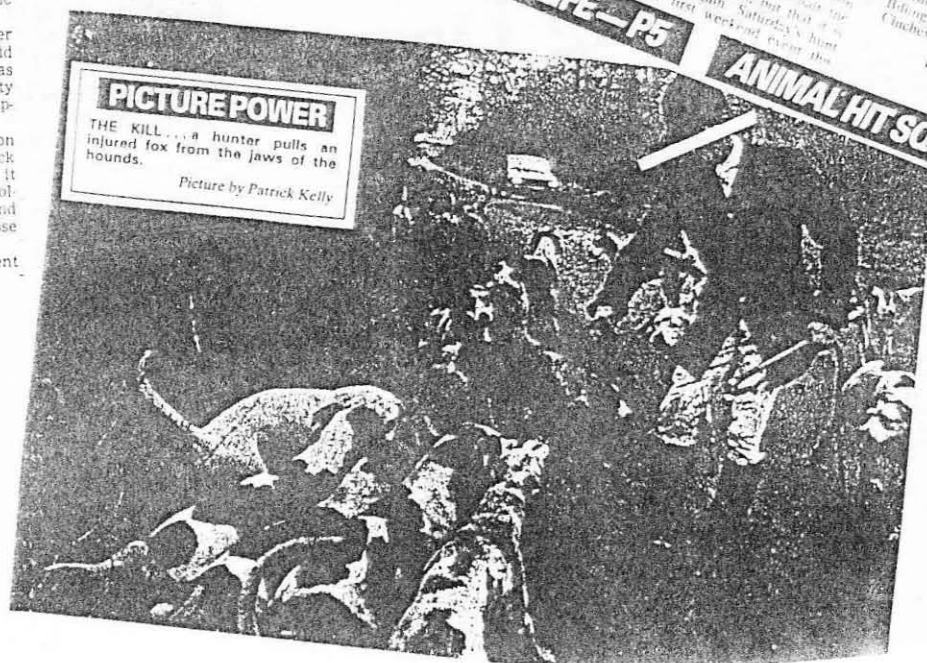
The campaigners say recent figures show that more than 80 per cent of the British public are opposed to hunting but that people are often unaware of hunts taking place up to three or four times a week in their area.

Hunts are held regularly at Petworth, Longshurst and Charlton near Chichester.

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ANIMAL HIT SQUADS - P9



PICTURE POWER

THE KILL... a hunter pulls an injured fox from the jaws of the hounds.

Picture by Patrick Kelly



Graffiti scrawled over the entrance to Petworth Kennels.

Saboteurs blamed for graffiti

Saboteurs were responsible for personal graffiti daubed on the walls of the Petworth kennels, a huntsman has claimed.

are not the slightest bit interested in saving foxes lives, their primary aim is to provoke hunt followers."

The joint master added: "How are cruel words like these helping them save the fox?"

Joint Master of the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt Jeremy Whaley returned from hunting last Saturday to find, "Where's Nicky?" and other references to his wife scrawled over the kennel walls.

Mr Whaley claimed the saboteurs deliberately went to the kennels on Saturday evening, knowing he was still out hunting. "But my daughter was in the house and when she saw sabs in the garden she was frightened and called the police," he added.

The chalked writing on the gates beside the busy A283 referred to the break-up of Mr Whaley's marriage last year.

He said: "These are the words the sabs use all the time to wind me up. It is not the first time. They

Chairman of the West Sussex Wildlife Protection Group Simon Wilton, who regularly organises anti-hunt protests in the area, said he knew nothing about the incident.



Boxing Day: Police try to keep hunt supporters and saboteurs apart during the Surrey Union Hunt clash.

Ugly scenes at hunt clash on Boxing Day

by Judy Williams

A SCREAMING, banner-waving mob disrupted the traditional Christmas meet of the Surrey Union Hunt at Newlands Corner on Boxing Day.

Three hundred hunt saboteurs, many with their faces daubed with black paint, or hidden by balaclavas and scarves, clashed with riders and pro-hunt followers.

There were ugly scenes and one sab was arrested for assault.

Sabs and hunt supporters began arriving several hours before the meet which was variously advertised as beginning at 11am and noon. Feelings were running high by the time the police turned up. The arrest was made at 10.30am.

Between 30 and 40 officers, including two mounted, had been deployed and Supt Stan Harland of Guildford Police admitted there had been "a bit of unpleasantness."

"There were more demonstrators than in previous years and they were a lot more vociferous. Many had been imported from outside the area and they were angry," said Mr Harland.

Screaming "murderers" and "scum" and chanting "go home", the sabs attacked horse boxes, kicked cars and hurled abuse at riders.

There were fewer than two dozen riders, who struggled to control frightened horses and ponies, and at one stage there was talk of calling the hunt off.

There was no sign of the festive stirrup cup, and soon after noon, without warning or fanfare, the hunt rode off towards West Hanger and Netley Heath, with sabs in hot pursuit. A number of riders joined the hunt once it had left Newlands Corner.

Police said the hunt lasted 1/2 hours. No fox was killed.

One rider condemned the sabs' "callous disregard" for horses and hounds.

"They are not interested in animal welfare. There was sheer delight on their faces as they screamed and hollered. They had a total disregard for safety," he said.

Joint master Prue Goodchild said: "The riders were absolutely horrified at the mob."



Feelings running high: A vociferous hunt saboteur.

Torn apart in hunting war



Two men were led away by police but later released without charge

IT TOOK around two hours for the hounds to flush a fox out of cover and get close enough to tear it apart.

But as the dogs fought to get their jaws around the muddy, bloody body, the hunters once again found they had become the hunted.

For the ragged army of saboteurs had caught their scent and were arriving by the Transit-load, spilling into farmer Bill Walter's land on the edge of Shadoxhurst.

It was the Ashford Valley's first kill of 1993 and the 'antis' had failed to stop it.

Like their foes, they were dirty, wet and angry. Stewards told protestors they were trespassing. The information fell on deaf ears.

They were gatecrashers at an up-market fancy dress party and for once they had arrived too late. The hunting horns and whips, brought to confuse the hounds, were useless now. And, leaderless, it seemed they didn't know what to do next.

Near a small pond in a corner of the field, the hounds were being pulled off the fox's carcase. I tried to take a photograph.

As I got near, my arms were grabbed by two foot followers after hunt master Richard Pemble bellowed at them to stop me. Like a red-coated cavalry commander surrounded by mutinous peasants under orders not to open fire, he was determined to see discipline maintained.

Riding up, he put his horse between me and the kill and explained that pictures would be "against hunt masters' rules."

Behind us skirmishes were breaking out between around 30 'antis' and a similar number of hunt supporters, trying to get them off the land.

A pro-hunter rolled on the wet grass complaining he had been kicked in the groin. Elsewhere stewards, their arms outstretched, tried to shoo larger men away. Two other intruders were led away by police, arrested but later released without charge.

Meanwhile Mr Pemble was explaining to me that the saboteurs had been responsible for the animal's death.

"We were wanting it to run, but when it saw them coming, it

'Antis' too late to save fox from bloody kill

Words and pictures by MIKE BEAUMONT

changed directions and ran back through the hedge and straight towards the hounds," he said. I had seen the fox just seconds before the kill. It dashed from the hedge and raced a few yards before diving back through, into the jaws of the excited dogs.

If anything, it had been the sight of me and my hunt follower guide David Rolf who had been "responsive" for its death.

For we and not the protestors had found ourselves closer to the terrified beast in its final seconds.

The day had begun wet, windy and dismal, in the car park of Woodchurch's Bonny Cravat pub where the riders gathered. On the other side of the road, the 'antis' had stood and watched in silence.

Whispering to beat the eavesdropping devices the other side were suspected of using, Mr Pemble explained that the protestors knew where they were to start the hunt.

Secret

Our new destination was to be kept secret, even from the other riders.

Worlds apart in ideology and, no doubt, politically, the hunters and the 'antis' both set out as if on a war game.

Both claim moral superiority and both have an unshakable belief in the justice of their cause. The Ashford Valley insists it is doing a service to both farmer and fox by keeping numbers of foxes down with "quick, clean kills."

Their opponents say bloodsports are "barbaric" and that the spectacle is an anachronism.

As we set off in convoy behind two vanloads of saboteurs, a vanload of police and assorted pro-and anti-cars, countryman Mr Rolf spoke proudly of his love for nature and of the pleasure of seeing cubs at play. He went on:

"The numbers do need to be kept down and hunting with hounds is the most humane way of doing it.

"Shotguns often leave the foxes injured and they die in agony, often after gangrene has set in. They just starve to death.

"The alternatives are snares, poison or gas — and those are very cruel options.

"But this way they are either killed or they get clean away, there's nothing in between. It may not be the most efficient method of fox control, but it is the best way."

The mild-mannered, tweed-jacketed father of two admitted he would be just as happy if a day's sport ended without a kill — but he has nothing but contempt for the saboteurs' attempts to disrupt the hunt.

His greatest pleasure is to get ahead of the hunt and to crouch, silent and watchful, as the fox goes by with the baying hounds in pursuit.

But now things have changed and Mr Rolf said: "The saboteurs have been with us every time we go out and it has all become very unpleasant.

"The 'antis' have strung wires between trees to trip up the horses and crush the riders. I've been threatened and I've been followed home by a car which sat outside my house for hours.

"It was worrying, but there is nothing the police can do. These are just scare tactics.

"We refuse to give in to the intimidation and we're never going to stop hunting. But it's no fun when they are here."

As Hunt Master Richard Pemble impotently raged from his horse at the milling demonstrators, he sent a Range Rover to pick up the fox's mutilated body to prevent it becoming propaganda in the hands of demon-

strators he describes as "urban terrorists."

And once again he rode in front to block my camera, repeating that it was against the rules.

"But you invited me here and surely the whole point of the hunt is to kill the fox?" I asked. "Why do you want to hide it?"

Mr Pemble gave the same answer as before — supported by a follower who called out: "Are you one of them biased press then?"

I wasn't being biased. I just knew, as they did, that the image of a wild animal's tattered body is a very powerful one.

It is an image that can move all but those who make their livings from the land, irreconcilably dividing those that do from those that don't.

Such is the strength of the emotional response to such a scene that the saboteurs seem unlikely to go away.



Huntgoer guilty of wounding

A FOX hunt supporter who attacked and wounded a Green Party official in a violent clash between supporters and saboteurs near Petersfield was yesterday sentenced to 140 hours' community service.

Kenneth Mansbridge, aged 38, of Battery Hill, Winchester, was convicted at Portsmouth Crown Court of unlawfully wounding Jason Fazackarley at a meeting of the Hursley and Hambledon Hunt at Privett.

But Judge Michael Addison did not award compensation to Mr Fazackarley, who Mansbridge mistook for a saboteur.

Passing sentence, Judge Addison said Portsmouth Green Party secretary Mr Fazackarley - who ended up in hospital with serious head wounds - had gone to the hunt with 70 to 80 saboteurs and "brought the misfortune on his own head".

Mr Fazackarley was left covered in blood after clashes at the hunt meet-



● GUILTY
-Mansbridge



● ATTACKED
-Fazackarley

ing on March 16 1991.

Mansbridge denied unlawfully wounding Mr Fazackarley, but a jury returned a unanimous guilty verdict.

Mr Fazackarley, of Seagrove Road, Fratton, Portsmouth, denied going to the hunt to disrupt it. He claimed he was compiling a conservation report on fox hunting for the Green Party.

A group of hunt suppor-

ters surrounded him and punched and kicked him as he lay on the ground, he said.

Mansbridge told the court Mr Fazackarley, who stood for the Green Party in Portsmouth city council elections, attacked him with a stick.

He denied being part of a group which repeatedly kicked and punched Mr Fazackarley as he lay on the ground, saying he

kicked him in the groin and punched him in the face in self defence.

Mansbridge said: "I only kicked him and punched him once. There were only the two of us there. I didn't see anyone else attack him."

But Judge Addison told Mansbridge: "It was a shameful assault by you and others."

He also ordered Mansbridge to pay £150 court costs.

The assault was part of a series of clashes between supporters and saboteurs. Fights broke out after saboteurs threw smoke bombs and prodded horses with sticks, the court was told.

Six other hunt supporters, including terrierman Kevin Coker, of Roughay, near Upham, were cleared of violent disorder and other offences because of insufficient evidence.

Several saboteurs were sentenced to community service last year for offences of violence at the same hunt.

Saboteur set to appeal

A HUNT saboteur is set to appeal against Horsham magistrates' ruling that she pointed a fake gun at the joint master of the Surrey Union Hunt at Faygate.

Anne Elizabeth Llewellyn, a 40 year old grandmother from Bedfont, Middlesex, was found guilty of a public order offence.

Leaving the court after a hearing on Wednesday she said her reaction was one of "total offence".

Llewellyn was conditionally discharged for 18 months and ordered to pay costs of £190.

She had denied having a firearm during protest at Furze Field Copsel Lane on February 1 last year.

She was found on the charge of carrying a subsequent

police search of Llewellyn's house, the court heard.

But magistrates, headed by Dr Frank Newby, were convinced by the eye witness accounts of joint master Prudence Goodchild of Peaselake and two terrier men with the hunt.

Mrs Goodchild told how Llewellyn had pointed a black handgun at her from 30 yards away, fired it and shouted "Bang, bang, you're dead".

But Llewellyn, backed by fellow protesters, insisted she had raised a white coffee cup towards her long-standing adversary and called: "Cheers Pru, we're here for the duration."

Jeremy Lynn, defending, stressed that she had been protesting against hunts for 14 years and held a responsible post as education officer for the Hunt Saboteurs' Association, which involved visiting schools to give talks.

He asked: "Is it likely

she's going to be so silly as to turn out at a hunt with a gun, even a toy gun? It really is ludicrous to suggest she would do any such thing."

Giving her evidence in the case, adjourned from last month, Llewellyn described how she and fellow protesters had come across hunt terrier men digging out a fox.

She and another woman had sat on the two entrances to the earth and the had moved off to the nearby road.

Having allowed the fox to escape out of sight of the hunters, the protesters decided to wait until the hunters had moved on.

Pensioner William John Tait, of Edgware, passed round some coffee from a flask and it was then that Llewellyn toasted Mrs Goodchild, she claimed.

Llewellyn explained she had known Mrs Goodchild

for about six years: "She's a very domineering woman and is constantly shouting at me every time she sees me. She's always trying to get the police to stop me or check my vehicle."

Llewellyn estimated that Mrs Goodchild had complained about her to the police 20 to 25 times and she had ended up in court on several occasions, but had never been convicted as a result.

Jennifer Crockford, prosecuting, repeatedly asked her whether she would describe herself as a "fanatical" anti-hunt protester. Llewellyn said she would not.

Mrs Crockford also challenged defence witness Thomas Frampton, a 31 year old coach driver who lives with Llewellyn and

was with her at the protest. She asked him how it was that he could remember the exact words Llewellyn called to Mrs Goodchild, when the incident had happened nearly a year ago.

Concluding the case for the defence, Mr Lynn claimed: "There's a howling difference in the evidence of the prosecution witnesses."

For instance, Mrs Goodchild had described "a single phut" from the gun, while terrier man Paul Webber spoke of "a couple of bangs, like a starting pistol".

Mr Lynn described Mrs Goodchild as "a veritable battle-axe of a woman". He said: "We are talking about a lady who routinely reports hunt saboteurs to the police."

Day I said my prayers - by hunt master

A HUNT master told a court how she started praying when a woman allegedly pointed a gun at her.

Horsham magistrates heard saboteur Anne Llewellyn told Prudence Goodchild: "Bang, you're dead."

Mrs Goodchild said: "Anne Llewellyn had what appeared to be a pistol in her right hand."

"She looked at me, raised her arm and pointed it at me. I thought I'd better say my

prayers." Llewellyn, 40, of Bedford, Middlesex, denied causing harassment, alarm or distress.

The court heard the alleged incident happened at Furzefield Copse, Kilnwood Lane, Faygate, during a hunt in February.

Mrs Goodchild alleged she heard what sounded like a gun being discharged into the ground.

She said: "I was hanging on to a pick-up vehicle. My legs were

like jelly. I felt shattered and tearful."

Terrier man Paul Webber, of Snowhill Cottage, Betchworth, claimed Llewellyn pulled a replica gun from her pocket, aimed it at Mrs Goodchild and said: "Bang, you're dead."

He thought it was childish and said: "It didn't frighten me. I would have run off to the police had I heard a bullet. I dismissed it as stupidity."

But magistrates were told Anne Llewellyn raised her arm

to toast Mrs Goodchild with a cup of coffee and shouted: "Cheers, Pru."

No weapon was found in a police search of her home.

Mrs Goodchild told Jeremy Lynn, defending, she did not see or hear the toast and denied being annoyed that saboteurs had prevented a fox being dug from its earth or frequently making allegations to police about saboteurs.

The hearing was adjourned to January 6.



Protesters fined after uproar at hunt ball

TWO anti-bloodsport campaigners have been fined after clashing with hunt ball guests in Eastbourne.

Another 11 have been bailed to appear before magistrates charged with incidents following a protest outside the Winter Garden.

Paul Simmons, 27, from Clapham, admitted threatening behaviour, and Dylan Seeling, 23, from Brixton, admitted disorderly behaviour.

Gregory Sanders, prosecuting, said Simmons had kicked and tried

to punch a guest going to the East Sussex and Romney Marsh Hunt ball on Friday night. He said there were 100 protesters at the Winter Garden and told Eastbourne magistrates: "A number of people ran up to people going to the hunt ball shouting abuse at them."

"Police tried to calm matters and tried to arrest people committing criminal offences."

Some officers were dragged away from protesters and there was more trouble outside the police station later.

Simmons was fined £80. Seeling, who spat on a couple as they entered the ball, was fined £32.

Three people who pleaded not

guilty to alleged offences were bailed until January 8.

Andrew Summers, 22, from Brixton, denied assaulting a police officer.

James Caswell, also from Brixton, denied obstructing an officer, as did Robin Wheeler, 19, from Clapham.

Another three were bailed to appear before Eastbourne magistrates on January 8. Denise Friend, of Belmont Road, Brighton, is charged with threatening behaviour and being drunk and disorderly; Angharad Talbot, 19, from Brixton, faces a threatening behaviour charge; and Paul Kirk, 21, of Enys Road,

Eastbourne, is accused of threatening behaviour.

A further five were given police bail to appear in court on February 23.

They are Jean Tyler, of Pebsham Lane, Bexhill; Keith Godwin, 23, from Bethnal Green; David Stott, 24, from Brixton; Philip de Sousa, 21, of Kingsbury Road, Brighton; and Martin Key, 25, of St John's Road, Eastbourne.

They are variously charged with offences including threatening behaviour and obstruction.

A 16-year-old Brighton girl arrested for allegedly obstructing a police officer was given police bail until Friday, January 15.



Hunt ball charges

SIX people appeared before magistrates charged following clashes outside a hunt ball in Eastbourne.

Denise Friend, of Belmont Street, Brighton, denied threatening behaviour, being drunk and disorderly and resisting a police officer.

Paul Kirk, 22, of Enys Road, Eastbourne denied threatening behaviour and causing harassment, alarm or distress. Angharad Talbot, 19, denied causing harassment, alarm or distress.

Robin Wheeler, 19, of Clapham, London, and James Caswell, of Brixton, London, had already denied obstructing police. Andrew Summers, 22, of Brixton, London, denies assaulting a police officer.

All six were bailed until Friday, January 22.



14 arrested at hunt demo

POLICE arrested 14 people during an angry anti-blood sports protest outside a hunt ball.

Members of the East Sussex and Romney Marsh Hunt as well as police were spat on and pelted with flour and eggs by 100 demonstrators screaming abuse outside the Winter Gardens, Eastbourne.

Firecrackers were set off and a dead fox, allegedly killed by the hunt earlier this week, was dumped.

Most of the arrests were made as officers tried to separate the two factions.

Police had drafted in reinforcements after similar disturbances last year.

Supt Kit Bentham said: "My officers have shown tremendous restraint in the face of outrageous provocation, and I am proud of them."

Police arrested the protesters in connection with public order offences, including a suspected assault on an officer.

Sussex Downs saboteur Denise Friend claimed: "It has been a success for us because there were far fewer guests than last year."

Eastbourne Council, which owns the Winter Garden, discussed banning the ball after last year's disturbance, but voted to allow it to go ahead.



A demonstrator takes a dead fox to the ball

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MIKE HILL

Mike Hill was tragically killed on Feb 9th '91 whilst sabbing the Cheshire Beag. Not only was terrierman Summersgill never brought to justice for Mike's death, but people who protested outside Summersgill's house were sent to prison for public order offences. For more details on the Anniversary sab contact:

SHAME ON SHAMROCK

Thirteen hours of video film, showing the most appalling conditions and also cruelty, towards the monkeys, inflicted by staff at the monkey farm, Shamrock (GB) Ltd, damning documents against the farm, damning information from investigators abroad, of monkeys suffering before being sent to Shamrock.

All of this information was processed and put into an extensive document, by the BUAV and then sent to the Home Office. The report of the Home Office is as follows:

Poor standards of care and handling have been found at Shamrock. A lack of effective managerial control.

Insufficient attention was paid to the maintenance of a regime in which animals should have been treated at all times with due dignity and respect and which the physical and emotional needs of the animals should have been given proper emphasis.

Poor techniques and over forceful handling may have resulted in avoidable stress and suffering.

Aspects of accommodation for the primates fall short of desirable standards.

What the Home Office have ordered:

The personal licence of the 'day to day care person' to be withdrawn.

All staff to be trained in how to handle monkeys properly! One member of staff will not be allowed to work with the monkeys again until he has been trained in animal handling!

Due to the lack of action taken by the Home Office, the protests continue and will do so, until the last monkey is gone from Shamrock.

Two of the most recent protests took place outside the farm. On the first, the



entrance gates were padlocked. After an hour and a half the police moved in and so the lock was eventually cut and staff were free to leave. Four weeks later, the staff were locked in for two hours, whilst a party was held outside the gates.

The notorious Steven Greyer, who is shown on video inflicting pain and suffering on the monkeys and seemingly takes enjoyment in doing so and whose hobbies, amongst others, are fox shooting, ferrating and who makes a little money on the side by killing and plucking chickens and turkeys, is captured on film trying to prevent the gate collapsing from protesters.

Eventually the staff were allowed out, the first car attempted to knock down the video person. Mid was thrown and one dim and stupidly unsuspecting member of staff (John the driver, who takes the monkeys to and from the airports and laboratories) left the window of his new white Porsche open and you've guessed it, the mid went all over his face and down his sheep skin jacket - shame.

The event received much television coverage. The white Porsche received much paint stripper.



THE ALF STRIKES HIT LIST!

KENT

Kentucky Fried Chicken, a butchers, Cancer Research, British Heart foundation shop and a gunshop in Tunbridge Wells all had windows smashed. A car displaying the B.F.S.S. sticker had it's tyres slashed and windscreen smashed in Sevenoaks in mid december. A Sealink ferry had anti live export slogans daubed on it in Dover and a large bill board advertising P&O ferries was splashed with red paint.

'Boots mutilate beagles' posters were glued to Boots windows in Dover, red paint was thrown at a P&O office and anti live export slogans have been sprayed on walls in the Dover area.

SURREY

During the early hours of Sunday 22nd November access was gained to a section of laboratories at Rentokill (pest control) ltd in Felcourt, Nr East Grinstead, by activists cutting through the wall, constructed out of wood, wire meshing and plastic sheeting.

The unit was divided into 6 small enclosures, each holding colonies of mice, and undergoing what Rentokill describe as 'bout feeling' research and development of new physical devices, i.e. traps. In the short time available due to a visiting security firm, only 2 colonies of mice could be removed about

40 mice in total. All have been rehomed to more caring owners. In a press statement the ALF said this was just the start of a national campaign of economic sabotage against this sick company, until Rentokill close down it's labs and stop it's 'pest control' business which now brings in just 5% of the companies profits.

SUSSEX

In early October an Old English Sheepdog was rescued from appalling conditions in Hastings and after several weeks of veterinary attention it is now happy in his new home.

During mid October slogans including 'hunt scam' were daubed at the kennels of the Chiddingfold, Leonfield and Cowdray Hunt. Two of the grooms cars were paintstripped, locks glued and 'scam' sprayed over their windows.

A gun shop and a butchers in Petworth had their windows smashed.

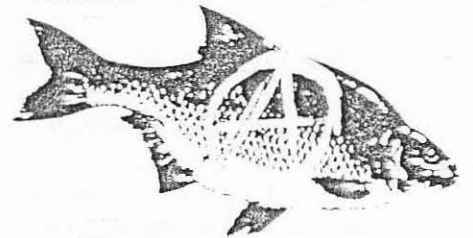
A Boots window in Horsham was smashed and McDonalds in Hastings had 6 windows smashed in late December.

Nick Fawcett, a former master of the Surrey Union had over £1,000 of damage caused to his landrover when paint stripper was poured over, his grooms car was also attacked.

4 meat lorries had their tyres set on fire, the wind screen wipers removed and windscreens smashed.

A Shamrock employee's white Porsche had it's paint removed.

Nick Fawcett also had the windscreen of his horse box smashed.



MAIL ORDER

Green Anarchist
A very good publication 'Into the 90's and interviews with ALF activists are available from Green Anarchist, (About £2.75) C/O 151b London Road, Carburley, Surrey, GU15 3JY.

ALF'S TIP NO 1

Take 1 sponge (natural) Wet it, then wrap it up very tightly with string, When dry remove string. Place in any small confined space ie : toilet 'U' bend. Leave.



LONDON

Furshop in Knightsbridge rattled day before it was due to open.

On 8th October red paint was daubed on the nose of Mr A Sanders, 7 Orchard Drive, Edgware who is one of the directors of Pitman Moore Ltd, whose company use animals in research. Also in October windows were smashed in betting shops, 6 butchers, 1 fishmonger, 2 fishing tackle shops, 1 burger bar, 1 euro fried chicken shop, 2 windows at Boots and 2 windows of Boots owned Do It All.

Windows were smashed belonging to 5 butchers in the Wembley area. During the evening of 25th November Boots the opticians plus two other Boots shops in Ealing had their windows smashed, the following day the manager of Boots the Chemist in Greenford, 42 the Broadway, 081 578 1812 had paint stripper poured all over his car. In a press statement West London ALF warned of the start of a campaign against not only Boots property but to all their employees property and cars etc.

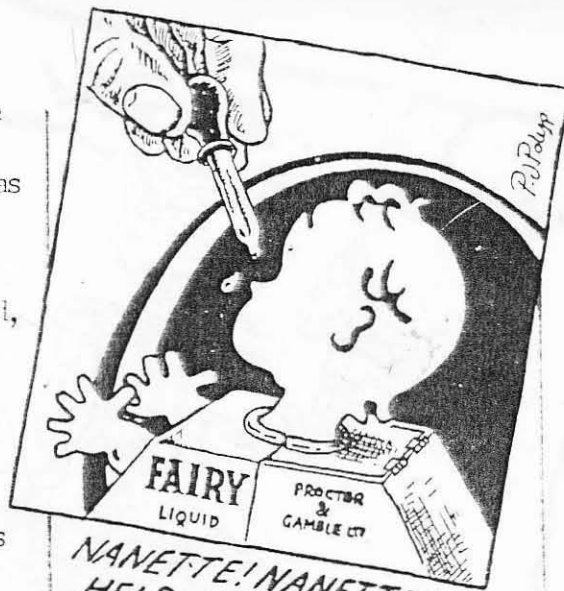
On 27th - 11th Dec 12 vehicles belonging to carringtons Vauxhall (General Motors) dealers were paint stripped.

In late Dec 6 windows of Boots in Streatham were daubed with etching fluid. McDonalds on Brixton have been attacked several times since it's recent opening.

2 Butchers in Northfield and 2 butchers in Southall had their windows smashed.

McDonalds and a Fur shop in South London had windows smashed in Early January.

50 snares destroyed in green belt area.



**NANETTE! NANETTE!!
HELP ME, NANETTE!**

Halfords and Boots store damaged in West London on 27th Dec

Director of a local London radio had nose daubed due to adverts and interviews with Geny Cottle.

Rentokill Van paint stripped, tyres slashed, wind screen wipers broken and windscreen smashed in Stretham, London.

Employment agents had locks glued and warning for their involvement in employing people to local vivisectioners.

KENT

Battery farm had two windows smashed and slogans daubed in red paint in Chilham, Kent in early Jan.

GENERAL MOTORS

An ultimatum has been made to General Motors, if they don't stop crash tests using animals by February 14th then big trouble awaits, issued by West London ALF.

PRISONERS

Neil Croucher - DV 1515
Martin Eggleton - DV 1518
Dave Blewkinsop - DV 1530
Graeme Wood - DX 0976
John Curtin - DX 0978
All five at:
HM Prison, Kirkham, Preston,
PR4 2RA

Keith Mann - NE 0613
HM Prison, Hedon Road, Hull,
HU9

Alistair Mullen - A8028
A wing, H5, HMP Maze, Lisburn,
Co. Antrim, N Ireland, B127
5RF.

Dave Nelson - A8030
A Wing, H5, HMP Maze, Lisburn,
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Mark Power - HF0606
HMP Foston Hall, Foston,
Derbyshire, DE6 5DN

Viv Smith - TT 2743
HM Prison Holloway, London, N7
QU.

Chris Tucker - R 1914
HMP Brixton, Jebb Ave, London,
S:2 5XF.

Darren Thurston
Edmonton Renard Centre, 9660 -
104 Ave, Edmonton, Alberta,
Canada, T5H 4B5.

Graeme Campbell is now out after sentence reduced after appeal was won.

Mark Power is appealing against his conviction.

A Canadian man has been released after the charge was dropped due to lack of evidence.

Mr Smith has been given 3 years for a hoax contamination claim on Boots.

Boots Demo 2 - charged with intention of unlawful damage to the building.

Kevin Gokwin - bastard CPS solicitor is hassling Operation Fox defendants re: bail restrictions etc.



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ALF'S TIP NO 2

Select your washroom. Take 1 bottle of concentrated washing up liquid, Pour it into toilet cistern, or if not accessible directly into toilet pan. Leave...



WICKHAM 4

Four people were charged with Conspiracy to cause Criminal Damage after they were caught on the premises of Torbay Farm, Lower Upham, Hants.

This farm is one of many properties owned by the infamous Wickham Research Laboratories, and breeds sterile chicken for research purposes.

At court on November 27th the four pleaded guilty to the charge. The three men were given 100 hours community Service and the woman got 60 hours.

They give thanks to all those that gave help and support during the run up to the case.

Also it is known that the person who squealed on them was in court themselves just before Xmas for defaulting the DSS and now has a criminal record all of their own!!!!



ANIMAL LIBERATION

IF NOT YOU - WHO?
IF NOT NOW - WHEN?

SMASHING
LBAG supporter Helen Collins appeared in court recently for smashing a window of Boots the Chemist in Horsham, W Sussex. She was unluckily arrested in the early hours of 26th September because a policeman walked around the corner. Helen pleaded guilty and was fined £75 + £664 compensation and £35 costs. Donations for Helen can be made via LBAG, C/o Alara, 58 Seven Sisters Rd, N7 6AA.

OPERATION FOX



Lancashire. One person is on remand in prison and the rest have night time curfews, have to sign at police stations 3 times a week and are not allowed out of their county of residence. Some of them spent long periods remanded in custody before getting bail. Send letters of support and money to 'Operation Fox' Defence Campaign, PO Box 155, Manchester, M60 1ET.

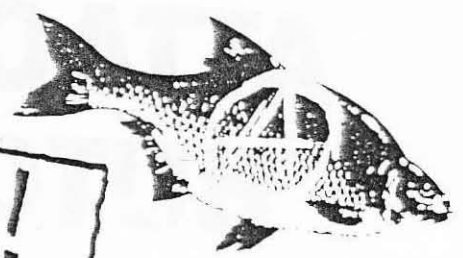
Following a police action codenamed 'Operation Fox' ten people from various parts of the country have been charged with conspiracy to further the aims and purposes of the ALF (between 1st January 91 and 1st December 91) by causing criminal damage within Greater Manchester, Merseyside and



TORTURE ANIMALS



Earth First!



CIRCUS VICTORY

No circuses have visited the South East since last summer as a result of recent bans in Worthing, Lancing, mid Sussex, and Bognor. Worthing pier Christmas circus 'spectacular' was brought to an end as a result of the pier being set alight twice and councillors homes being targeted. Lancing Parish Council had 27 windows smashed showing circus posters. This may have influenced their new policy.

There doesn't seem to be too many definite up and coming actions for Earth First! in and around the Southdown (Brighton) area. Last year 800 telephone directories were collected, some were used to build a wall outside British Telecom House others were sent back to BT via the freepost address. This action was to protest about the amount of waste caused by BT not recycling them or using recycled paper. BT's response was to look into it. Well Mr/Ms BT Spokesperson, this is not good enough so it looks like is should be happening again this year. Remember, they make £92 a second profit!

On 28th Jan there is a planned sitdown blockade of Parliament. This is to bring the country's attention to the

world's rapidly decreasing forests, both tropical and temperate, not least, Mahogany from Sarawak, in Malaysia that only has about seven years of forest left at the current rate of human extraction.

On the same note there are 'Don't Buy Sawm Up Rainforest' stickers that can be obtained from Southdown Earth First! for targets such as B&Q, Texas, Sainsbury's Homebase, and anywhere that sells hardwood.

It has been reported that B&Q in Edinburgh and Bristol have been damaged by incendiary devices, which as a local group we neither condemn or cation.

Contact: Southdown Earth First!, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, BN2 2GY

FUR IS BACK

But never again at these prices



SALE

Fur is back in fashion in a big way - so prices will soar in 1993. Meanwhile you can pick up a fabulous fur at a bargain price, in our Sale of the Century.

For example:
3/4 length Russian Sable reduced from £7,600 to £13,950.
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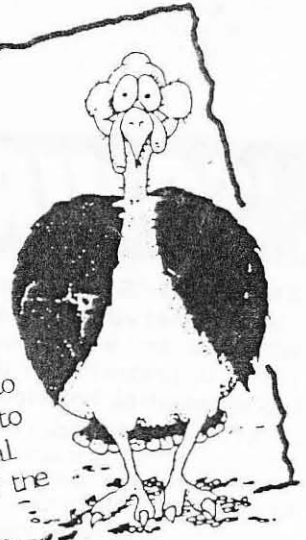
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On 22nd December, animal rights people all over the south east took part in a 'turkey shopping' day.

Trolleys of frozen meats, deli foods, ice creams etc were left abandoned in the aisles, frozen fish were stuffed behind the bread to throw out. A united front to show disgust at the ritual slaughter of animals for the 'festive' season.



ATTACKS MOUNT ON BUTCHERS SHOPS

ANIMAL rights fanatics caused £4,000 worth of damage to an Edgware butchers last week.

It was the latest incident in a month long victimisation campaign.

The vandals daubed paint on the shop front of Price's Meat in High Street in the early hours of Thursday, and wrecked a refrigerated van parked outside.

And the attack follows weeks of

harassment by the campaigners.

Butcher Gloria Price said: "We are really getting fed up with this but we won't let these crazy people get the better of us.

"This time they caused a lot of damage to one of our vans by putting cement mix in the petrol tank, slashing the tyres and pouring paint stripper all over the bodywork. They also caused minor damage to another of our vehicles too."

The fanatics also turned their

attention on the shop itself, cracking a window, painting the words 'Animal abusers' on another, and putting superglue in two of the locks.

Staff were forced to break down the door in order to get into the shop.

Miss Price said: "The van is undriveable now and we have had to replace the glass and both the locks.

"Plus the paint has glue in it and we are still trying to get all of it off.

"But we didn't close at any time and

business was not disrupted."

The extremists struck on the same day that animal rights demonstrators marched through the city centre to bring attention to their campaign.

Miss Price added: "This is by no means the first time these animal rights people have targeted us. Last time they threw red paint on the shop front to try and make it look like blood."

ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP LAUNCH TERROR RAIDS

A BLITZ attack by animal rights activists caused thousands of pounds worth of damage as the extremists warned of the start of "a massive campaign".

And a national spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front warned that the campaign — which hit food and sports shops and a burger bar in Slough, Langley, Burnham and Farnham — could escalate to include fire

attacks. Spokesman Robin said Thursday's attacks, with sporadic attacks on following nights, were by an "undercover" group of people unknown to the public, but added: "I understand they have been

quite busy in the Slough area."

The "busy" cell left Brackenhurst Butchers in Langley's Parlaunt Road with an £800 bill after a ball bearing was catapulted through the window, the manager saying: "I agree everybody has an opinion — but if I was to smash people's homes up,

they would put me away. These people belong in an institution."

The owner of Slough's Euro Fried Chicken take-away in Bath Road said a ball bearing attack about 10pm narrowly missed a shop assistant, adding: "It could have been quite serious. I will lose my insurance premium and, at the end of the day, everybody else

will suffer the increases."

Responsibility was claimed by West London ALF in a statement saying: "This is just the start of a massive campaign that will see many of them cleaning out their gutted shops and dealing with various insurance claims ... It is with utter conviction we say that the severest retribution will be taken against those who profit from the needless slaughter, bloodshed and exploitation. Look on the bright side — at least you've been warned."

The statement also threatened action against laboratories CellTech in Slough, Miles Ltd in Stoke Poges, Servier Research in Fulmer and Wyeth in Burnham.

Boots and Do-It-All have also been targeted. A CellTech spokesman

said the company had received no warnings, adding: "With regards to animal experimentation, yes, we do it. But this is confined to the rodent species and involves the discovery of drugs for life-threatening diseases."

For Servier Research, a spokesman said: "There is no animal research at Fulmer. There never has and there never will be. We are a pharmaceutical marketing outlet."

Chief Inspector Kathy Govier of Slough police said the pattern of Thursday's attacks had alerted police to animal rights activists before any statement was issued, adding: "Anybody who commits offences against the law will be dealt with by the due process of law — whatever the motivations might be."

BY RICHARD WILDING



'SQUIRREL' RESTAURANT CLOSES

BRIGHTON'S Shifting Sands restaurant (left), which caused a nationwide storm of protest after dishing up squirrel, has closed.

The eating house, which opened for business just a year ago in fashionable Kensington Gardens, now has its leasehold up for sale.

There was widespread protest in September after the Leader

REPORT by VERONICA CLARK

revealed that the restaurant's menu had offered customers sauteed squirrel in a leek, celery and white wine sauce, priced at £6.50.

Animal lovers branded the dish 'cruel and unnecessary'.

The Leader report prompted national newspaper and local TV coverage — and even led to a heat-

ed radio debate. The restaurant hit back at the criticism, displaying a spoof menu in its window, including 'fricasse of batwing', and 'rook pie'.

But vandals didn't see the joke. They struck early one Sunday morning, lobbing a brick through the restaurant's window, causing

an estimated £500 worth of damage.

This week animal lover Rena Collins, who had originally pleaded with Shifting Sands to stop cooking squirrel, suggested their idea had backfired.

"I'm stunned that the restaurant has closed," she admitted. "No one wants to put anyone out of business, but they did go too far."

Extremists hit at local shops

ANIMAL rights extremists have launched a pre-Christmas campaign of violence targeting chemists and butchers.

Three cells of up to 10 people in North West London have been smashing up store windows and splashing them with slogans written in acid, in a bid to force them to close.

Five butchers shops were hit in Preston Road, Wembley, on November 20 in the latest of a string of attacks which have already caused tens of thousands of pounds of damage.

CB Mears, Mashallah Halal Meat, Gordon Lane, a Kosher meat shop, and another butcher had their windows smashed and locks superglued.

Their owners have already replaced the glass and are furious at the prospect of having to spend hundreds more on shutters to deter further violence.

Boots Pte and pet stores have also been vandalised and "Meat is Murder" and "ALF" - animal liberation

front - daubed in acid on their windows.

Shops have been targeted by the extremists based in North West London because security is now so tight at the labs run by the Medical Research Council, at Harrow's Northwick Park Hospital and in Mill Hill, plus the Public Health Laboratories in Colindale.

An ALF member said: "It would be foolhardy to try to hit any of them."

He added: "We have more going on here than ever before. There has been an ongoing campaign in the area for some weeks. Christmas is a tough time for animals and we hope this will, in however small a way, help them."

"We don't suppose it will stop shops from the kind of trade which affects animals, but we might stop insurance companies wanting to cover them."

One butcher, who did not want to be named, said: "This is the first time we have been hit and I have been

here for years. It is very upsetting."

Wembley Police said they had only been told about one of the attacks. The criminal activities of the ALF are probed by Scotland Yard's Special Branch and logged nationally on an index kept by its detectives. A police spokesman said the attacks would be investigated.

IN BRIEF

Animal Lib gang in attack on shop

ANIMAL Liberation Front members have claimed responsibility for an attack on an Edgware butchers. Activists glued locks in the front door, daubed the words 'Animal abuse' on the window, poured a corrosive substance on a Ford Transit van, broke its windscreen wipers and let down the tyres. The attack happened last week at Prices Meats in the High Street. Damage was estimated at £4,000.

Lab under siege

A WICKHAM laboratory was besieged by demonstrators urging an end to animal experiments.

More than 50 protesters from the Combined Local Animal Welfare Group laid a tiny coffin at the gates and dressed in rabbit suits to hammer home their campaign against Wickham Research Laboratories in Winchester Road.

Wickham Research Laboratories manager Paddy Edwards declined to comment on the demonstration.

Police in Wiltshire have warned farmers to be vigilant for a possible pre-Christmas blitz by animal rights activists after a fire caused £100,000 damage to a poultry farm at Hilperton. Incendiary devices were subsequently found at premises in Semington, near Trowbridge, which police said were used in association with slaughtering or egg production. The Guardian, 30.11.92.

After selling 20 million 'diet' choc bars, over a period of 14 years, the law has finally caught up, with Boots the chemist.

On December 10 the company were fined £250, under the Trade descriptions Act 1968 for selling 'diet' chocolate that contained the same number of calories as ordinary chocolate. They were also ordered to pay £750, in costs.

ALF goes on orgy of destruction ACTIVISTS 'REVENGE'

By HAMISH PATERSON

ANIMAL Liberation Front members have claimed responsibility for an orgy of destruction after smashing 15 shop windows in a late night attack.

The animal rights activists struck at nine betting shops, a butchers, a cafe and

clothes store - shattering more than £8,000 worth of windows.

All the windows hit by the ALF were broken by steel ball bearings shot out of a car window from a high powered catapult late on Saturday night.

The ALF contacted the 'Observer' to say that they had launched the 'massive' terror campaign to cause great

financial loss to those who exploit animals.

Their action was sparked by the recent deaths of two horses which were put down at an equestrian event and at a horse race.

They are also targeting shops which they maintain are linked with

product testing on animals.

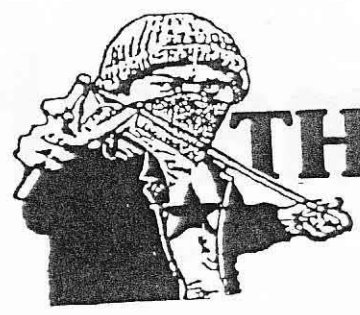
A chain of betting shops had their windows smashed and £2,000 worth of damage was caused to Boots in Slough High Street.

Police and shop owners were baffled by the motive behind the attacks at the weekend.

Boots manager and retail association chairman Bob Ball said: "Replacing glass is an expensive business and I haven't a clue why we were targeted."

The owner of Balm menswear shop in Burnham added: "This has not affected business at all, it is just an inconvenience."

Activists say they also hit six butchers, a fish shop, two fishing tackle shops, a burger bar and chicken take-away shop and Do It All.



THE ALF STRIKES

Police dog finds animal rights protesters lying in grass

ALF

A POLICE DOG discovered three animal rights campaigners in balaclava helmets lying in grass and officers later found a girl sitting in the driving seat of a car nearby after a raid on a chicken farm at Upham, near Bishop's Waltham, a court was told. Judge Michael Addison, sitting at Portsmouth Crown Court, heard that threatening graffiti and the letters ALF (Animal Liberation Front) had

been daubed on buildings at Torbay Farm, Lower Upham.

Sally Jenkins, 25, married, of Ferndale Road, Chichester, jobless Trevor Liddle, 25, of Arun Road, Bognor, nurseryman Mark Hogben, 23, of King Street, Westbourne, Havant, and graphic designer Kevin Hardy, 31, of Alder Road, Headley Down, Bordon, admitted conspiracy to destroy or damage farm property. It

was said the farm was owned by SPF Farms Ltd, trading as Wickham Laboratories.

Jenkins was ordered to do 60 hours community service and the others were ordered to do 100 hours each.

Prosecuting counsel Timothy Mousley said police were called at 1am on June 19 when intruders were reported within the farm boundary.

Police discovered graffiti had been

sprayed on buildings. When police dog Luke was released, he found three of the defendants lying in grass, dressed in black and wore balaclavas and surgical gloves.

Jenkins was found a short time later in the driving seat of a car in a nearby road. Cans of spray, sugar and super glue were found by police.

Defence counsel Jeremy Lynn said the defendants each had a common

interest in the preservation of wildlife and were members of West Sussex Wild Life Protection Society.

They just wanted to stage a protest at what they considered, rightly or wrongly, was cruelty to chickens, involving testing them in sterile conditions for vaccine. He said: "They are four people of good character. They are not violent or mindless hooligans."

Protesters bid to halt research

By GRAHAM KEELEY

AN ANIMAL Liberation Front activist is to lead a demonstration outside a Wickham research laboratory.

Robin Webb, press officer for the group which says it is prepared to break the law to help animals, will head a protest march on Saturday against Wickham Research Laboratories.

The Combined Local Animal Welfare group (CLAW), which includes animal activists from Fareham and Gosport, is supporting the campaign against the firm.

CLAW spokeswoman Helen Nelson claimed the firm carried out tests on animals for multinational companies.

She claimed many of the companies would prefer their customers not to know their products were tested on animals.

Mrs Nelson said: "We believe the time has come to call a halt to this barbaric and archaic practice altogether."

"There are now plenty of alternative methods of safety testing which are more humane, and far more reliable than subjecting animals to all the horrors of the vivisection laboratory."

The march through the village, starting at 2.30pm, will end with a speech from Mr Webb.

Activists are planning to march to the Garetmar Kennels at Misingford to hold another demonstration.

Wickham Research Laboratories manager Paddy Edwards said: "I will not say anything because they talk rubbish and nothing that you say can change it."

Ferry firm refuses to ban animal exports

STENA Sealink has denied claims that it no longer accepts live animals for shipment during the day.

Animal rights campaigners say that the company had taken the decision after their demonstrations and public pressure.

A Stena Sealink spokesman said: "Stena Sealink Line is not in a position to make concessions to pressure groups requesting us to discriminate against law abiding individuals or companies."

"We will continue to accept live animals for shipment at times convenient to our customers."

Mike Nunn, South East Animal Rights convener, said: "At the demonstration on Thursday, only one cattle truck came through from Ireland. As we were leaving, a demonstrator was approached by a Sealink employee."

"He said that there were no lorries through here because there had been such a fuss about it, and

such a response from people who are really sickened about travelling on ships where animals are being mistreated underneath them, that they decided the best idea would be not to carry the animals in the day."

"We're not interested in these half measures. The idea is the animals should not be exported in the first place and that's the aim. The campaign will intensify," he said.

SEARC has held three demonstrations against the export of live animals. A weekend of action is planned in July.

Chanting

In Ashford on Thursday, animal rights activists chained themselves together in a two hour demonstration at the Stena Sealink offices.

Six women sat in the reception area chanting "shame on Sealink" in protest against its policy of carrying livestock for slaughter

abroad.

Meanwhile, two men unfurled a banner on the car park roof at the company's Charter House headquarters.

The protest, by SEARC, was linked with similar demonstration at Dover.

Stena Sealink directors Jim Hannah and Maurice Storey mediated with the protestors.

Mr Storey and protestor Sandra Francis, from Brighton, spent 20 minutes in discussion away from the main demonstration.

But they failed to win a promise to ban live freight — a practice which often means long journeys across Europe during which the animals are neither fed nor watered.

Police told protestors they must move on after they had made their point.

There was no trouble and everyone left the building quietly.

Police later confirmed there had been no arrests.

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Animal tests march



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Vandals' blunder

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OOPS!

Charity shop hit in Animal Lib attack

ANIMAL rights activists are targeting cancer charity shops, chemists and butchers in a Christmas campaign.

Protesters have smashed store windows across North-west London, splashing them with slogans written in acid.

The Animal Liberation Front claims Boots, Imperial Cancer Research shops, Dewhurst, and pet stores have been hit in a wave of attacks.

Prices Meats in Edgware is the latest victim. Activists glued door locks, daubed the shop window with the words 'Animal abuse', poured a corrosive substance over a van, broke windscreen wipers, and let down its tyres. The High Street butchers now faces a repair bill of £4,000.

The Imperial Cancer Research shop in Station Road, Edgware, also had its window smashed recently. "We do not sell furs. We only breed mice and rats for experiments and they are just vermin," said a spokeswoman for the charity.

"These protesters who cause all this damage are hypocrites. I am sure they wear leather belts, leather jackets and leather shoes."

An ALF member said: "There has been a campaign in the area for some weeks.

"Christmas is a tough time for animals. We hope this will, in however small a way, help them. We don't suppose it will stop shops from the kind of trade which affects animals. But we might stop insurance companies wanting to cover them."

A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers said there had been no noticeable increase in insurance claims from businesses targeted by the ALF.

"Naturally, if one particular shop put in a number of claims for damage caused by animal rights activists the policy price would definitely increase," he explained.



Graffiti gang gets it wrong

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Fire bomb threat from ALF

THE ANIMAL Liberation Front has admitted a string of attacks on butchers' shops and declared it is prepared to use fire bombs to try to force butchers to close down.

The Indian Meat Shop had its window broken some time on Wednesday night and Pak Butchers and Al-Manawar Butchers, all in The Broadway, were attacked the following night.

A spokesman for the group said: "The ALF will use any method so long as life is not threatened or endangered. If properties are empty overnight and there are no neighbouring properties that are inhabited they could be a target for incendiary devices."

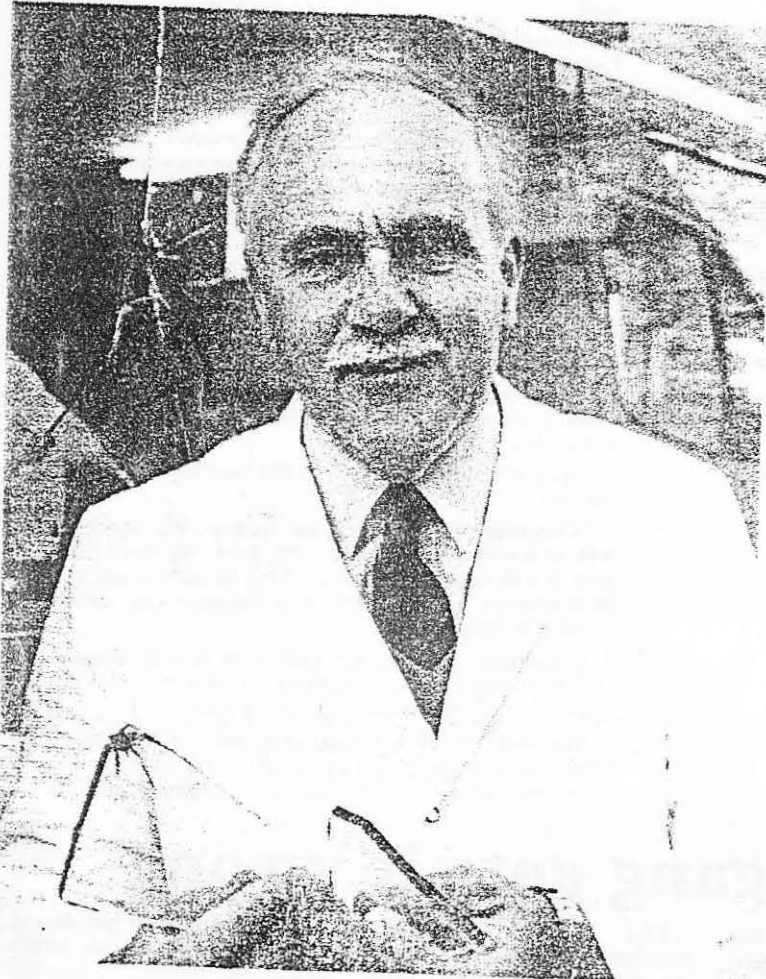
Sgt Alan Aubeelack of Southall police said: "We deplore any use of violence whatever the situation. We

will be watching for any other attacks on butcher's shops and we urge everyone to be vigilant."

The owner of Pak Butchers, Iqbal Zaffar, 47, said: "We had metal shutters installed on Wednesday so this can't happen again, but you don't know what they are going to do next. You can't stop people buying food by doing this. It's only sick people who do things like this."

Vandals go on night rampage

Owner of the butchers shop, Paul Rixon, left, with Nick Baldwin, outside the broken window.



Hunt supporters have fallen victim to a night's campaign of vandalism, including acid attacks, graffiti and window smashing.

But the local anti-hunt group has claimed it was not responsible for the damage in Petworth and Cocking on Tuesday night.

The Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray kennelmen woke up on Wednesday morning to find "hunt scum" slogans daubed on their gates just outside Petworth.

The main gates into Petworth House in Pound Street had also been sprayed with graffiti.

Two of the grooms' cars had acid thrown over them. "scum" sprayed all over the windows and glue poured in the locks.

The Covert, a country sports shop in Petworth, and butchers Playfoot and Page who sell game, had windows smashed.

By Michelle Reynolds

Cocking-based hunt supporter and a former master of the Surrey Union hunt, Nick Fawcett, had acid thrown over his Landrover, causing £1,000 worth of damage, and also over his groom's Honda which will need a complete re-spray.

Mr Fawcett, who was hunting on Wednesday, said: "The sabs are not out today and are conspicuous by their absence. It is the first Wednesday they have not been out this season.

"I think they are getting frustrated by their lack of success and are now targeting private individuals. But I don't think they have done themselves a lot of favours by their activities last night."

Press officer for the West Sussex Wildlife Protection Group Simon Wild said he knew nothing about the incidents on Tuesday night. "We

are really hunt saboteurs in the traditional sense. Horn blowing and false trail setting, what we get involved in, is of this sort of thing."

He said groups of sabs sometimes also helped target the Petworth-based hunt from London, Portsmouth, Guildford and Brighton.

"When you have 80 per cent of the population opposed to hunting you are bound to expect a strong reaction from some people.

"Our policy as a group is not to get involved in anything illegal of this nature. The hunt sabs policy is to save the life of individual consciences."

Paul Rixon, who faces a £250 bill for the replacement of his butchers shop window in Galer's Row, said: "This sort of thing is not getting sabs anywhere. They are not getting any sympathy. They are being looked upon as a bunch of cranks."

• Letters - see page ten.

Hunt saboteurs blamed for campaign of damage and graffiti

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