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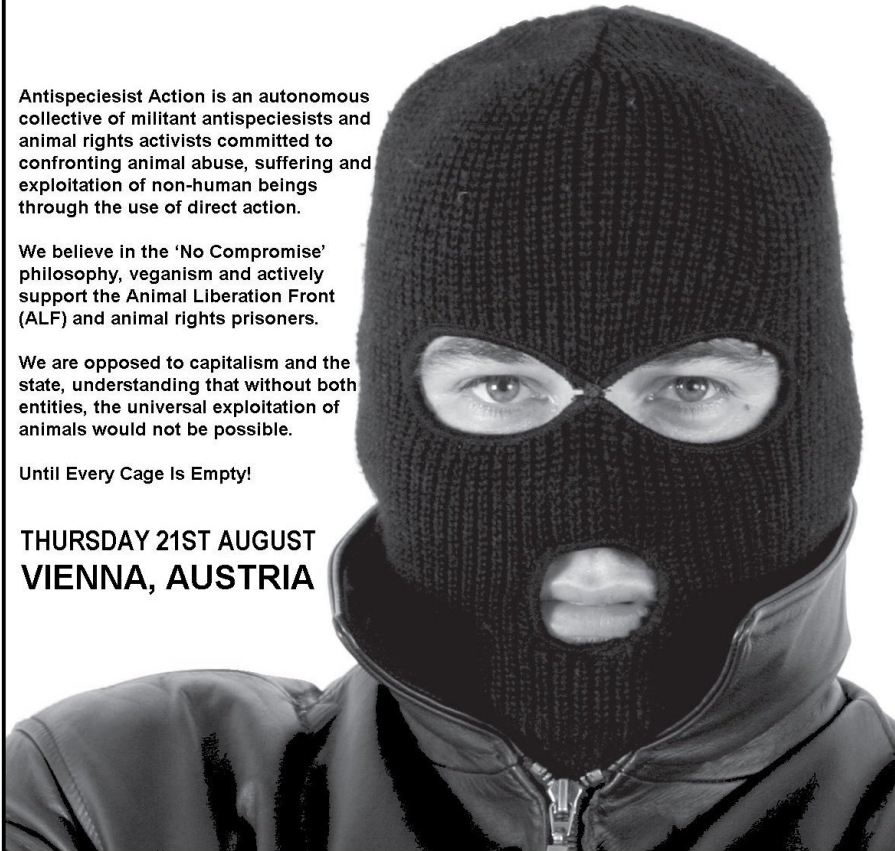
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ISSUE 2

“SOLIDARITY IS A WEAPON!”

 **FREE SEAN
KIRTLEY!**



SOLIDARITY ACTIONS FOR PEACEFUL CAMPAIGNER SEAN KIRTLEY

Communiqués reported to Bite Back Magazine/WARN: 22/05 - 14/06

Sean along with many others had his door smashed in and his house raided by police back in 2006 as part of "Operation Tornado" which was designed to start a case and try and lock up peaceful animal rights campaigners using new SOCPA legislation which was created to protect the vivisection industry from effective campaigners such as Sean and the Sequani defendants.

On May 30th 2008 Sean was found guilty of "conspiracy to interfere with contractual relationships so as to harm an animal research organisation" and was sentenced to four and a half years for his role in running the SSAT (Stop Sequani Animal Testing) website.

Since his imprisonment there have been solidarity actions in Yorkshire, the south west and as far away as Mexico. It was also reported whilst editing this issue that "Free Sean Kirtley" was spray painted around a city centre in the South West."

BRIDGE PAINTED - SOUTHWEST

Solidarity is a weapon!

In the early hours of the morning 'Free Sean Kirtley' was painted off a bridge in the southwest. This was our first action to highlight the unjust imprisonment of peaceful

campaigners under SOCPA. It will not be the last.

Section 145 Resistance

MCDONALDS REDECORATED

McDonalds in South Yorkshire had their toilets redecorated with 'Free Sean Kirtley' posters and 'McDonalds=McMurder' (Sheffield & Barnsley restaurants)

Till all are free..

PS: Some SUVs at a garage on Ecclesall Rd, Sheffield, needed their paintwork redoing after a little redecoration in red...free Jeff Luers!

29 CHICKENS LIBERATED

Activists liberated 27 chickens from a factory farm in the UK on the 5th of June. These chickens were less than a fortnight away from being taken to the abattoir. Although all of the chickens were in a terrible state after the weeks of terrible conditions in their overcrowded hell-hole they took to their first few days of freedom well scratching around in the dirt and feeling the warm June air.

This action was carried out by 6 individuals in response to the unjust imprisonment of UK activist Sean

Kirtley by a kangaroo court. This was their first liberation, it won't be their last.

BRIDGE PAINTED - YORKSHIRE

'Free Sean Kirtley' was painted in 6 foot high letters off a bridge in Yorkshire.

This action was done to highlight the injustice in the UK 'justice' system and the imprisonment of peaceful campaigners.

ALF

FUR SHOP PAINTED

Following the recent sentencing and imprisonment of fighters for animal liberation (Eric McDavid, Rod Coronado and the unjust arrest of Sean Kirtley), activists united in the Frente de Liberación Animal (FLA) of Mexico could not remain unarmed and without demonstrating our total rejection of the system of 'security' of the major world powers (in this case England and the United States) who are accomplices in murderous speciesism, both executioners and true genocidal murderers of our mother earth and our animal brothers and sisters.

That is why the FLA has carried out a direct action against the dirty fur business in Mexico State. In the evening of May 19, red paint was continued on the next page...



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spilled on the doors of such a business, its walls, curtains and windows were redecorated as well with paint-filled bulbs, thus demonstrating our small and sincere yet at the same time strong support to our fellow prisoners, to those who not only have dreamed of animal liberation but have carried it out, to those who risked their lives to liberate and to avenge the lives of others, to those who left fear behind and decided to take to the street and not to join those vegans who only avoid consuming animal products and do not see the real struggle moving forward from there.

As a cell of the FLA we are enraged to know that the capitalist system burdens us by creating aberrant behaviors and sicknesses (like speciesism, machismo and racism) which surround all those who want it to change, it hurts us but we push forward in the struggle for animal liberation when we hear that another compañero is in the dungeons of the of the bourgeoisie, from Mexico we send a warm embrace of solidarity and our most sincere support for these three who are condemned. Forward! Not one step back!

They may be able to censor our words and our deeds, but never our ideas! The day will come when the cages will be opened and finally they will see a new freedom.

Give up on this struggle-- NEVER!
FLA/ALF

NFU TARGETED



On June 12th, prior to the rally for badgers at the end of the month, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) sabotaged farming union offices in protest against the Welsh assembly's decision to cull badgers, who are accused of spreading bovine TB, despite dairy cattle raised on intensive farms being the culprits.

The Carmarthen offices of both the National Farmers Union (NFU) Cymru and the Farmers Union of Wales (FUW) were daubed with slogans including "no cull", "cull farmers not badgers" and "ALF".

The locks at the FUW's office in the town were glued shut, with slogans also painted on four other NFU Cymru buildings, including those at Haverfordwest and Swansea.

Director of NFU Cymru in a rant to icWales realised that:

“These attacks are illegal and they are going to cost thousands of pounds...”

FUR INDUSTRY UNDER ATTACK IN OSLO

A Norwegian newspaper in May reported that never before has fur industry been as under attack as it is now. Some Oslo fur dealers have been the repeated targets of vandalism and threats. For months, fur dealers like Stein Phillip Thoresen in Oslo have dealt with attempted break-ins, smashed windows and other forms of vandalism. His shop, Atelier Henry Phillip, has been a constant target as has his home and even his car. He's not alone. Other clothing stores selling fur coats and accessories are also frequent targets.

Since 2003, more than 150 attacks have been reported to police, 50 of which have been in the last six months. The police, however, haven't made any arrests and dealers like Thoresen are getting desperate. He has said that unless the activists are caught soon, he will likely quit the business, which he understands is probably exactly what those behind the attacks want him to do. The picture below is of a fur shop that received £20,000 worth of damage from activists in May this year.



FALLING TOWERS 43 IN 92 DAYS, SWEDEN



Media in Sweden reported that 43 hunting towers were sawed into firewood outside Falkenberg in the months of March, April and May. Police suspected animal rights activists were responsible, with at least thirteen different actions carried out to destroy the towers, some with the use of a chain saw.

News from the frontlines

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NETCU & Judge Ross crucify civil liberties

Sean Kirtley was sentenced to 4 and a half years in prison followed by 5 years of draconian limits on his everyday life all in all a 10 year sentence. Those of us who have protested alongside him testify that he was never abusive or threatening, he did not cause criminal damage, he did not harm anyone or threaten to. He did what many activists of every denomination do, he handed out leaflets, put posts on an inoffensive website, held a banner (eg stop Sequani animal testing) and vocally expressed his disgust at experiments on animals without the use of expletives or threats.

The odious creep Judge Ross has defecated over the hard won right to protest and even given commendations to the police who orchestrated this crackdown on what little democracy we do have. Everyone involved in this case from the snivelling liars behind the screens to the prosecutor Lockhart is an absolute disgrace to humanity. They all clearly are of the opinion that peacefully expressing your views is a worse crime than raping a child or killing someone been left to fend for themselves

and we utterly condemn their lack of basic decency and integrity.

Dave Griffiths who was manipulated into a guilty plea even though he stood about on demos often not even holding a banner and never shouting was given 30 weeks suspended for 2 years, a hundred hours community service and a 2 year CRASBO. He has NO previous convictions.

Of course Netcu have popped something up on their website about the whole affair using Sean's conviction and sentence as a fig leaf for their failure to incarcerate the other 11 activists despite squandering millions of pounds of tax-payers money. Maybe DI Williams could tell us all what he means by "lawful protest" because it would appear to mean writing an occasional letter to the paper or an MP to mildly criticise. Whilst DI Williams and his gremlins have exaggerated this case to the max' ordinary folk suffering from attacks by actual criminals have been left to fend for themselves

despite paying for this farce.

Ross is quoted as saying that Sean organised a campaign which involved "harassment and intimidation of staff at Sequani and its partners and neighbouring premises, criminal damage, assault, annoying communications and letter writing campaigns". If he said that then he is either lying or he had not listened to any of the evidence. Of course Netcu have a very vivid imagination, its the additives in the donuts!

Harassment and intimidation: Anyone who cannot cope with peaceful demonstrations during which none of them were harmed or threatened should maybe not work at an animal torture centre. Quite frankly histrionics, exaggerations and lies from behind a screen about how traumatised you are because people object to you poisoning and murdering innocent creatures does not count as harassment or intimidation to anyone of normal resolve. Security guards at least had some integrity by saying that they were

neither intimidated or harassed and considering that they are the only workers we speak to surely they provide some sort of benchmark.

Criminal damage: We are only aware of one incident of damage; a window was broken at a company connected with Sequani, accidentally by one activist who owned up to it. Sean was not involved. So Ross believes he should serve 4.5 years for someone else's action. Even if Sean had broken the window on purpose is this really worse than raping someone, or beating someone to a pulp?

NO-ONE has ever been assaulted on any demonstration except us by Sequani employees. If anyone has been assaulted why was evidence not put before the jury? This is a disgraceful, blatant lie.

Annoying communications and letter writing campaigns. First of all, a company like Sequani hate anyone who does not think that they are the most fabulous people on the planet. Of course many of us think that they are despicable animal abusers. Many people write polite letters to companies with dubious morals when all that company wants are letters telling them how great they are. Tough Sequani deal with it. Malicious letters of course are very naughty and those who send them can go to prison. Either way Sean is not responsible for letters written, calls made or faxes sent by anyone else. To lay the blame at his feet is nonsense. It is possible that if anything bad happens to a Sequani worker for example a mugging that this will be attributed to known campaigners using this logic. Run a campaign against an animal research company and you are responsible for every little offence given over which you have no control, no evidence needed.

SOCPA and NETCU..

NETCU always wanted to round up animal rights people and throw away the key. On their website they have made this very clear. Of course to achieve this objective they along with their chums in government and media had to demonise animal rights protestors and at the same time put halo s on the vivisectors.

Of course animal rights folk are a mixed bunch. Some people within the movement are prepared to use civil disobedience, cause property damage, occupy offices, etc but many others who do not wish to be arrested, or may not approve of such tactics have protested legally. Other campaigns contain an equally diverse bunch of individuals. There is always someone brave enough to scale that fence at a nuclear base and always others who play their equally important role holding banners exactly where the police tell them to. Now NETCU's express desire is to silence AREs (animal rights extremists as some of us are known to them) and within that definition is anyone who attends a demonstration against animal abuse if you are opposed to

vivisection you are basically a terrorist. With the government they have tried to get the public to believe that:

1. All animal research is essential and for medical reasons only.
2. That animal rights activists all use violence and try to kill people (which means that we are also grossly incompetent because of the complete absence of dead bodies and missing limbs).
3. That animal rights activists simply by being opposed to torturing animals in laboratories are opposed to medical research and hypocrites to boot because humans can only live if they take animal tested drugs (preferably every day) and as we are obviously alive we must have a big stash of medication which we administer in secret every day.

Disgracefully it has even been suggested by some commentators (not NETCU or their chums in the government...not yet anyway) that all anti vivisectionists should be denied medical care despite the fact that some of us are nurses and doctors, despite the fact that we have paid our taxes for such care if we need it and despite the fact that on numerous occasions many of us have required the services of Accident and Emergency, ITU and the morgue following attacks on us by animal

a beautiful relationship or a nasty dictatorship?

abusers and the police.

4. That as a result of all this that it is legitimate to make anti vivisection demonstrations illegal under SOCPA as the police were incapable of facilitating peaceful legal protest whilst investigating who was responsible for torching a vivisectors car.

Helpfully Netcu tells us that it "acts as a central support service for business and the academic sector targeted by domestic extremists particularly organisations involved in or with connections to the animal research industry.....We provide tactical guidance, security advice and support", which is very nice of them but just bear in mind that if your business is being run into the ground by criminal gangs you are on your own after all being physically assaulted in your corner shop is hardly as worrying as someone holding a banner outside and thus the law now gives more protection to the victims of banner holding than it does to battered health care workers and small shop owners.

No mention of threats, verbal abuse and physical attacks by pro vivisectionists, security and police. No mention of unlawful arrests, the

police handing over confidential information on activists to vivisectors or the fact that many scientists believe that testing on animals itself hinders medical advancement. Of course the real reason NETCU and the government are so interested is the economic bit (we could almost be writing about them on every other point). We at NW believe that if something is unethical, hinders progress, causes pain and misery and that we would all be better off without it we really do not care about jobs or economic growth just as we really would not be too bothered about the lamentations of those who lost out when people were freed from the horrors of slavery. Of course we have no problems with in vitro testing, computer models, using volunteer humans etc as long as such research is not detrimental to anyone's well being, for example GMOs. To make it a crime to challenge the practice of vivisection as any criticism could in theory cause economic damage is a very dangerous precedent.

Read the rest of this article at NW...



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www.netcuwatch.org.uk

EARTH NEWS

LEAVE IT IN THE GROUND!



On 13th June 2008 protestors halted a coal train carrying fuel for Drax power station in Yorkshire, the single biggest source of CO2 in the UK. Dressed in white overalls and canary outfits, the protestors used safety signals to stop the train on a bridge overlooking the power station, before climbing on board and dumping coal off onto the tracks.

The train was stopped on a branch line used exclusively for delivering coal to Drax. Protestors used a network of climbing ropes to suspend themselves under the bridge from the train to prevent the train from moving. The last report from the action was about the police evicting the protestors.

The protest was timed six weeks before the all vegan Camp for Climate Action in August 2008 at Kingsnorth power station - which will also highlight how using coal to supply energy will be a disaster for the planet.

MANSIONS BURNING



The most recent development to go up in smoke was a \$3.5 million mansion destroyed in the evening of June 2nd, as pictured above. In total, 16 partially or recently constructed luxury mansions have been intentionally burnt down in southeast Charlotte, western Union County, and Lancaster County, South Carolina since 2001. Authorities have yet to find who is responsible for the fires, but now believe that radical environmentalists may be behind the arsons. The fire at 8407 Winged Bourne Drive, south Charlotte, started about 7:30 p.m. in a second floor hallway and spread quickly, shooting flames hundreds of feet into the air. The three-story mansion was about 60% complete. Within 24 hours Investigator ruled out all possible accidental causes.



Anarchy in Brighton SMASH EDO CARNIVAL



The Smash EDO Carnival Against the Arms Trade was held in Brighton on Wednesday 4th June with over 500 people marching from The Level to the EDO/ITT factory in Moulescombe. Police plans to contain everyone in a pen outside a neighbouring unit were foiled, and protestors managed to get to the factory. The factory gates miraculously opened after a tug, as a police van attempted to block the entrance to the EDO/ITT car park, but around 200 protestors seized the opportunity to enter the car park and vent their rage against the arms company. Minutes later, 10 windows had been smashed with "smash capita" and "Fuck EDO" graffitied on the building. SchNews pointed out that even the managing director had his SUV treated to a few bricks.



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