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SOLIDARITY FOR SEAN KIRTLEY

www.indymedia.org.uk/en/actions/2008/sequani/



LEDBURY – 6th SEPT

On Saturday 6th September two hundred activists made it to Ledbury, Herefordshire, for the Carnival Against Vivisection in solidarity with political prisoner Sean Kirtley. The day of action was called by various groups, including Antispes Britain, in resistance to the imprisoning of peaceful campaigners under SOCPA legislation, and as a stand for the animals suffering inside vivisection laboratories.

Protesters met on the grass verge, where the police held them allowing a maximum of 15 at a time to demonstrate outside Sequani labs. Shortly after militants made a spontaneous break for the labs, with police responding by blocking the bridge to push back the crowd, creating minor scuffles, see pictures to the left.

Multiple attempts were also made to access the labs using various pre-planned routes, meeting police each time, some of which had dogs. Protesters then regrouped at the grass verge to march the original route around town, as others took part in more exciting activities.

For more information about Sean and the Sequani campaign visit:

www.supportsean.wordpress.com
www.sequani.wordpress.com

BRIEF SUMMARY

- ✓ Sab the Ledbury hunt
- ✓ Keep FIT/NETCU at bay
- ✓ Demo Sequani clinical
- ✓ March around town
- ✓ Demo a foie gras target
- ✓ Outwit Hereford Police

CIRCUS CANCELLED

Activists told shopkeepers that Malvern Three counties show was cancelled recently, they politely took down posters and handed VIP tickets (Worth £20 each) to activists... The posters were then trashed and the tickets kept... I wonder who will be in the grandstand seating bobby? Thanks for the free tix! People are so against your disgusting circus you need to hand out free tickets just to get them to display your filth! Solidarity with Sean Kirtley, had he not been locked up these

bastards would have one extra face protesting against their animal abusing ways!

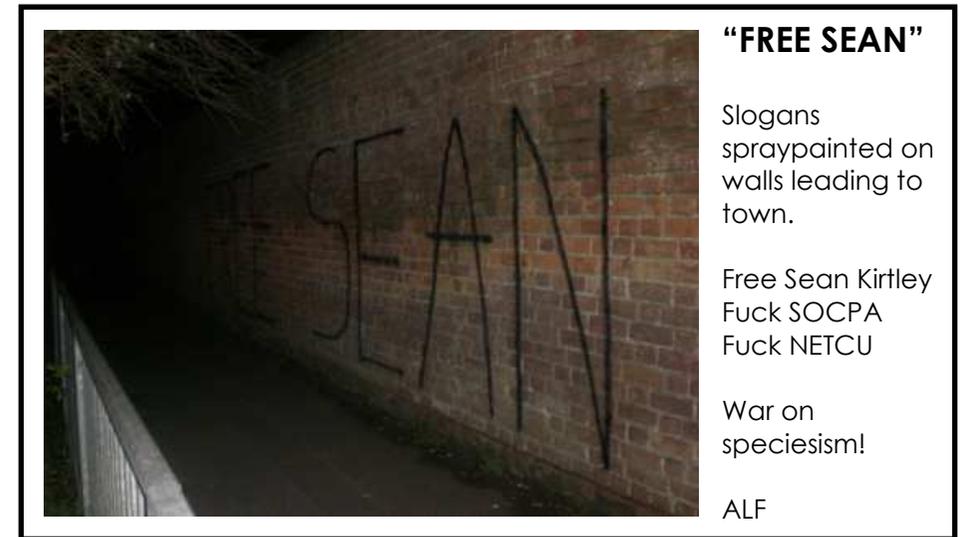
MC SUPPLIER DISRUPTED

A shift change at Cargill/Sun Valley slaughterhouse in Hereford (McDonalds supplier, where a chicken was liberated from in January) was disrupted after the carnival. Security refused to let workers in as they drove around aimlessly for over an hour.

SEAN MOVED PRISON

Same prisoner number:
Sean Kirtley (WC 6977),
HMP Stafford, 54 GAOL RD,
Stafford, ST16 3AW.

Seans new prison does not allow stamps to be sent please include a Self Addressed envelope if you want a reply from Sean.



"FREE SEAN"

Slogans spraypainted on walls leading to town.

Free Sean Kirtley
Fuck SOCPA
Fuck NETCU

War on
speciesism!

ALF

SOLIDARITY FOR DAN AMOS



Actions continue for imprisoned campaigner Dan Amos as the SHAC trial begins this month. 15 activists will be facing SOCPA conspiracy charges, which carry a maximum 15-year prison sentence.

104 HENS LIBERATED

During a dark and quiet night, something was rustling deep in the British countryside.. Nestled amongst the tall shadows of animal exploitation, several figures were busy breaking into an intensive battery farm unit. Hens were awaiting in their prisons, cramped four or five to a cage, mutilated and featherless. 104 were saved in a few small hours and taken to new, loving homes.

This action was carried out in solidarity with Dan Amos, a peaceful protestor who is now in jail. Rather ironically, while Dan sits inside his prison cell contemplating his imprisonment for legally protesting, we continue onwards to see another day, 104 'stolen' chickens in our arms...

Their fate is in your hands; death or Liberation?
Free Dan Amos!
ALF

www.myspace.com/supportdan
www.myspace.com/shacukprisonersupport



MORE ATMS SABOTAGED

Several Barclays cash points in Guildford and West Byfleet have been sabotaged.
Drop the NYSE Barclays
ALF

ATMS GLUED AGAIN

Inspired by recent actions against Barclays, an ATM in Hampshire has been glued up.
ALF

ANOTHER ATM GLUED

Shortly after workers fixed an ATM in the westcountry (we wonder why it was broken in the first place.....) militants visited the capitalist machine and applied liberal amounts of super glue to the card slot.

The New York Stock Exchange must drop HLS or actions will continue. If you don't like it Barclays sell your NYSE shares or continue profiting from misery and expect more direct action.

We will not wait for labs to close with banners, shouts and propaganda; we will close them ourselves.

Dedicated to Dan Amos and
www.smashsequani.wordpress.com.

Militant Antispeciesists

ALF TOUR FOR CHAIRMAN

Over the bank holiday weekend the ALF were busy on the Exbury Estate in the New Forest. This is the family home of Marcus Agius' inlaws, and the gardens are a local tourist attraction. Marcus Agius is Chairman of Barclays. Barclays have been given a simple choice; get HLS [LSR] off of the NYSE, or drop your NYSE shares. A lack of action can be seen as nothing less than a continued betrayal of the animals inside HLS.

We hope our visit to your inlaws will help make the decision easier, especially when you have to explain to them why their miniature railway has been sabotaged, their bridges and walkways have been painted, their flowers 'relocated', and why their 'Wiggly Tree' has lost its wiggle. Painting across the site made it clear why we had been, and rest assured, if you don't do what we ask, we will return.

See you at Kew Marcus!
ALF

EAST SUSSEX - UK



Source: Bite Back Magazine

THOUSANDS OF PARTRIDGES LIBERATED BY THE COUNTRYSIDE RESISTANCE

During a night in September, a group of liberationists set out to locate and destroy a large scale game breeder in East Sussex.

Water dispensers were sliced and combined with feed hoppers to soil the grain, barbed wire fences were cut, and a nearby fox trap was chopped to pieces. However tonight wasn't about causing economic loss. It was about liberating innocent lives..... AND causing economic loss! Workers living on the site in a portacabin and caravan with dogs barking through the night didn't deter us. We located an intensive breeder shed, crammed solid with hundreds of young Partridges. Outside was a run where the birds could leave the dusty shed to walk through inches of their own excrement and see the outside world through metres of wire mesh and netting. Not any more! A few hours with us there and the runs were in pieces, having removed the roof netting and ripping side panels down. Thousands of birds were herded from the units and were last seen flying off into the skies, back into the wild where they should be.

These 'people' are fairly thick types so in case it wasn't clear who had been we left a few messages around the place. 'LOST SOMETHING?' adorns the side of his now empty breeding unit, along with 'FUCK SHOOTING'. ANIMAL LIBERATION NOW - what are you waiting for?
Countryside Resistance

HUNT SABGING IN YORKSHIRE



begun shouting at the police to enforce laws that didn't exist, to which they just told him the truth.

The day's sabbing was a great success, with countless lives being saved and two shoots stopped from killing.

PHEASANTS LIBERATED

A trip to the White Crag Plantation on Rombalds moor, led to the discovery of a fully functional pheasant pen. The three small water distributors were sawn up, along with the connecting pipes. The main connector was placed out of commission and the large water butts were sliced into. The pheasant feeders had their springs removed and the feed was spread around. The fencing had holes cut into it, and was then brought down around the perimeter. Pheasant feeders in the vicinity had their lids removed, and much of the feed was emptied out. Two large containers with feed inside had the bags opened and the feed was scattered. Two set fen traps were also found, released, and then disposed of.

This action is dedicated to the withdrawal of shooting rights on Ilkley moor, do the right thing and give the moor back to the people and to the wildlife that lives there.
Grouse Liberation Front

GROUSE SHOOTS SABBED

West & South Yorkshire Hunt Sabs joined forces on the 30th August to stop grouse shoots in the Holme Valley, near Holmfirth. At the first shoot, over 25 sabs got between the beaters and the guns and then blocked the shooting butts resulting in most of the bloodsports enthusiasts cracking their guns and abandoning the first drive. Obviously angry at their 'sport' being stopped, members of the shoot assaulted one sab to try and get their video camera, rammed the sab van and the owner of the shoot decided it would be a good idea to put one of the front windows through on the vehicle.

The next group of shooters, a bit further down the road, packed up straight away when they saw the sabs arriving; however poor communication meant that they couldn't tell the beaters who carried on driving the grouse towards guns that weren't there. Realising they had been made fools of, one of the head beaters

GLOBAL ALF ROUNDUP

SHOPS IN PARIS ATTACKED

Friday, July 15, 2008: 2 Valette foie gras stores, on rue des Pyrénées and rue Saint-Augustin, were visited by the Animal Liberation Front: Storefronts and sidewalks were tagged 'GAVAGE = TORTURE,' 'ASSASSINS, and 'ALF.' The front was covered with black paint, locks glued. The electrical power display on the sidewalk was glued as well. It's your turn, join the ALF! The ALF will live as long as animals are tortured, exploited. Valette, we will return!

RESTAURANT PAINTED

Media reported that activists in Umeå, Sweden, spray painted a restaurant that barbecued a whole 270 kilo Ox as a publicity stunt at a local fair. "Murderers" and "DBF" was painted on the side of the building.



FUR SHOPS SABOTAGED

Sabotages (smashed windows, paint bombs, glued locks) occurred at the beginning of August in Barcelona at 15 fur shops because of their exploitation of animals and in solidarity with our compañeros/compañeras imprisoned by the State of Austria.

Activists attacked an Escada (an international target) shop several times and other shops that had previously been targeted.

Another target attacked was the Junta de Homologación de la Caza, the office that grants hunting licenses; this was the fourth attack at this office this year.

FLA

RABBIT RESCUED



Animal liberation is not just two words written in zines, web sites, T-shirts, tattoos or patches; animal liberation is not just words spoken at animal rights meetings,



shouted at peaceful demonstrations or rumors spoken about different people; animal liberation is deeds, fury turned into action, a radical response against the anthropocentric system of domination, the love for freedom; it's what few dare to carry out; it is a challenge to authority, to society, to the system and to its institutions. It is a fire that spreads and that is unstoppable; it is insurrection.

Animal liberation is all this and more; so on August 23 a rabbit was liberated from one of the many 'pet' stores in Mexico City (Federal District) in broad daylight and before the eyes of the owners and nearby merchants.

For the animals there is not justice, there is only us.

Frente de Liberación Animal –
Comando Verde Negro (FLA-CVN)
– México

CAGES CUT OPEN AT ANIMAL LAB SUPPLIER

Late on September 10 we entered the compound of Worldwide Primates (16450 SW 180th Street, Miami, Florida) and cut large holes in 4 outdoor cages. Each cage held 5 or 6 monkeys.

There is no doubt that monkeys can survive in Florida. There are hundreds of wild monkeys in colonies across the state. Worldwide Primates is surrounded by fruit farms.

Worldwide Primates is the business of convicted baby orangutan smuggler Matthew Block. He spent one year in prison and then went back to work importing and selling primates to vivisection labs.

Mr. Block, we haven't forgotten you. Your work is still criminal in our eyes.

- Animal Liberation Front

EXPLOITERS TARGETED

In Mexico, the FLA targeted three companies that exploit animals. A dairy distributor, an egg distributor and a 'seafood' restaurant were redecorated. Slogans such as 'eggs are torture', 'stop the exploitation', 'meat is death' and 'do not kill fish' were spray-painted.



"It is very important to show the facts of these businesses to the public, to ask about what is hidden in packaged products and their 'beautiful and artistic' plates filled with death and suffering."

MINK FREED ACROSS THE GLOBE

600 IN UTAH, USA

Media reported that in the early morning of August 19, more than 600 mink were released from their cages at the McMullin & Sons Fur Farm (10495 S 1540 W) in South Jordan, Utah.

4,000 IN BC, CANADA

On Saturday Aug 23, activists entered a mink farm in Aldergrove BC CANADA and released approx 4000 mink. The farm is next to Aldergrove Lake Park which provides over 200 acres of water habitat for them to survive. Operation Biteback is in full force, let these arrows be our tears.....

8,000 IN DENMARK



Media reported over 8,000 mink were released from cages at a farm in Tuenvej, north of Frederikshavn, early on August 26. The outer fence was destroyed, allowing thousands of the mink to escape into the wild.

100+ IN OREGON, USA

Inspired by the recent liberations in Utah and British Columbia; we

released between 100 and 150 mink from S&N Fur Farm (40499 Oupor Drive) in Scio, Oregon. Though thousands more mink remain imprisoned on this farm, crammed sometimes 6 and 7 at a time into filthy feces encrusted cages, at least some will have a chance at a free natural life. Also in the sheds of torture were the cages of furious foxes, yearning to be free, rattling their own cages with vengeance. This is our path through this chaotic and frustrating world. Our wisdom will appear to you long before we will. Till the last cage is empty, till all beings are free.

ALF

700 IN SWEDEN

During the night of September 1st, the horror farm in Härryda was emptied of all 700 mink during the third liberation at that death camp in a year. Many of the animals were accustomed to masked animal lovers and were quick to escape from the misery of the cages. All mink traps were destroyed to make sure that the mink got the best chance to escape. The activists only left one trace behind. At a shed the slogan 'repeat of the 90's' was left as a reminder to an industry already sentenced to death. Always for the animals – DBF

1000+ IN SWEDEN

Media reported that more than a thousand mink were released from cages at a fur farm outside of Skara, Sweden, early on Sept 16.

A MOVEMENT EVOLVING A CRITICAL LOOK AT HIERARCHY

It has been many decades since the formation of the animal liberation front as a group of individuals willing to take action to save the lives of animals using tactics which were seen as radical and direct action which crossed legal boundaries on many occasions. The ALF in its infancy was seen as a group of super heroes willing to risk freedom by the public and their brash actions were revered by those who saw images of animals being rescued from the horrors of the vivisection laboratory.

Some argue the animal liberation movement has lost public support after being marginalized as terrorists by the police lobby groups and state controlled media, however support received during street level activism e.g. information stalls and animal rights outreach seems to be as strong as ever.

It might sound cliché to say “make no mistake, we are at war” but this sadly is a fact. With the creation of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act (SOCPA) and the creation of the National Extremist Tactical Co-Ordination Unit (NETCU) evidence gatherers now interfere with peaceful demonstrations and targeting so-called leaders and campaign organisers of high

profile campaigns such as SHAC (The campaign to close Huntingdon Life Sciences) and SPEAK (Against the Oxford University primate lab).

That said, the use of illegal direct action has continued across the UK and animals are being liberated all the time from farms, breeders, pet shops and various other exploitative hell holes. The clandestine non-hierarchical nature of the animal liberation front has always been the key to its successes this is also the case with the Earth Liberation Front who use the “no leader’s” small cell approach where a group of friends will decide to take action in defence of animals or the planet earth and seem to almost always avoid capture by police or security.

So we have two sides to our movement, the above ground, and those who take part in clandestine actions to liberate animals and sabotage industry. The police however have, in recent years taken the easy option and started to target legitimate campaigners and have imprisoned and remanded many high profile campaigners such as Greg Avery of SHAC, Mel Broughton of SPEAK and most recently Sean Kirtley of the Sequani campaign.

The police have taken the easy road and used “conspiracy” charges to lock away campaigns for noisy demonstrations and supposed intimidation. Conspiracy is a weapon of mass destruction for any social justice movement as the supposed culprits don’t have to have actually broken the law themselves, they need to only have conspired with others or as the law states “persons or persons unknown”.

How terrifying for those who have kept within the boundaries of the law thinking themselves safe from police tyranny. The Sequani trial recently saw a media blackout to prevent any media coverage of the case against six campaigners from the Sequani campaign against the labs in Ledbury, Herefordshire. The reason being that the trial was a farce, with supposed witnesses caught out in lies, admissible evidence given in court and the small fact that the judge who sentenced Kirtley was himself a blood sports enthusiast.

As a movement we will need to keep up the good fight and open campaigning in the public eye is a must but we might be able to take something from the success of the ALF and ELF that is the non-hierarchical structure.

The Carnival Against Vivisection at the Sequani Labs in Ledbury on the 6th September saw the first mass action against a lab in

years which has no organisers and should serve as a template for future actions and protest. In a time when organisers of lawful demonstrations are criminalised we must do away with leadership. If police wish to monitor us and take our photos we must cover our faces. If they make legal avenues of protest impossible we have no option but to take illegal direct action.

The police have only themselves to blame, we can disappear as an open public protest movement but when the sun goes down, those who exploit humans, animals and this planet are not and never will be safe from those righteous people who are being born every day.

Resist!

9 REMAINING AUSTRIAN PRISONERS SET FREE

The remaining 9 Austrian activists have finally been set free! Since May, 10 activists had been charged under 278a StGB of the Austrian penal code. The appeal court explained that there is still a danger of committing further crimes, but the pre-trial detention cannot be upheld. The second reason for detention, danger of suppression of evidence, is by law limited to two months, which have long expired.

EARTH NEWS

NO UK COAL FROM BERLIN

On the night of Thursday 14th August, in Berlin, we made 7 attacks on Deutsche Bank, Commerz Bank, Allianz AG and Dresdener Bank. The locks to the banks and the card-readers were glued and 'no to UK Coal' was spraypainted. Deutsche Bank is the single biggest European investor in agrofuels in Latin America - funding projects by Agrenco, ADM, Brasil Ecodiesel, Bunge, Clean Energy Brasil, Cosan and Sao Martino. Agrofuels, far from being an environmentally preferable alternative to fossil fuels, are responsible for deforestation, industrial agriculture, increased carbon emissions and soaring food prices/starvation. Along with Allianz, Deutsche Bank is also one of the biggest shareholders in UK Coal who currently plan to build 7 new coal fired power stations across the UK. Commerz Bank finances at least 3 agrofuel companies: Agrenco, Bunge and Tereos. Dresdener Bank is a subsidiary of Allianz AG. The targets chosen are both climate change and capital related. Exploitation of the environment and people by State and industry go hand in hand. They cannot be separated and both must be attacked. This attack coincides with the end of the UK Camp for

Climate Action and the beginning of the Klima Camp and Anti-Racismus Camp near Hamburg. Social war not climate chaos!

ELF VANDALISE SEMINIS

The Melbourne office of Seminis, a company which sells GM fruit and vegetable seeds, and is owned by Monsanto, was vandalised on the morning of the 27th of August by the ELF.

The ELF covered the building in slogans declaring Seminis as 'scum' and Earth rapists.

IRISH EMBASSY TARGETED

On the night of Sunday 7 September, the locks in the doors of the Irish Embassy in Berlin were glued shut and graffiti left saying "Shell Out of Rossport" and "No Pipeline". This action was taken in solidarity with the people fighting the laying of the pipeline through Rosport in Ireland and also people fighting the destruction of life by government and corporations everywhere. For more infos: www.indymedia.ie

www.directactionde.blogspot.com
www.earthfirst.org.uk

RESISTANCE TO BORDERS: BIA VANS TRASHED IN BRISTOL

From Indymedia UK:

On the night of Friday 29th August the regional headquarters of the Borders and Immigration Agency in Portishead were the target for a response to the routine violence of forced removal, detention and deportation. We made life more difficult for the thugs in uniform by putting their vehicles out of operation with a volatile mix of paint stripper on bodywork, glass etching fluid on windows, locks glued, tires burst, lights spraypainted, mirrors and wipers removed, as well as some good old fashioned mechanical sabotage on all 7 vehicles in the car park. If a job's worth doing it's worth doing well. "Racist thugs work here" was the message painted on the building.

We stand against the state's steadily creeping fascism of racist immigration policies designed to tighten the grip of capital over all of our lives, of trialling surveillance and control technologies such as ID cards and biometric passports first on foreigners before imposing them on everyone, of the creation of a sub class whose repression justified by media hysteria and the powers that be.

In solidarity, for a response to every abuse and for fighting back in the social war.
Wrecking Crew

WHO ARE WE?



Antispeciesist Action is a collective of militant antispeciesists and animal rights activists committed to confronting animal abuse, suffering and exploitation of non-human beings through the use of direct action.

We believe in the 'No Compromise' philosophy, veganism and actively support the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and animal rights prisoners.

We are opposed to capitalism and the state, understanding that without both entities, the universal exploitation of animals would not be possible.

Until Every Cage Is Empty!

DIARY DATES

Oct 11th – Global
Day Against Surveillance



Oct 15th – Brighton
Smash EDO, Shut ITT



Oct 16th – Global
Day Against McDonalds



Oct 27th – Reading
The Big Blockade 2008



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