

HUNT THUGS ATTACK SABOTEURS

On New Years Day the East Sussex and Romney Marsh hunt met at Hankham in order to go about their lawful business of tormenting and killing wild animals. This season opponents of the hunt have been sabotaging them regularly and effectively, we have saved the lives of several foxes without doubt and we also have reason to believe that the hunt are getting desperate; the number of riders and supporters most weeks has been pathetically small, the Huntsman is so incompotent and the pack so badly trained that very little 'sport' is provided and we know that the hunt is in dire financial straits.

On New Years Day the Hunt reacted.

No sabs went out from Hastings that day but 7 of our comrades from the Tonbridge area came down to oppose the Hunt.We have since heard from them what happened.After having been sabbing for some time this group of 7, including both men and women, were attacked by a group of about 40 heavies armed with pickaxe handles, they were thrown into a river (the temperature that day was sub-zero) where the heavies continued to beat them and also attempted to remove their clothing. Eventually they managed to escape, local police refused to do anything about it; they would nt even take statements. All the sabs had to go to hospital for x-rays and one was found to be passing blood in his urine, at the time of writing(7.I.86)he is still in hospital with suspected kidney failure.

This sort of thing WILL NOT STOP US.

On Saturday the 4th of Jan the East Sussex met at Beckley.We only had one day in which to do it but we decided that we had to get a large number of sabs out for that occasion. In a magnificent display of solidarity between 35 and 40 sabs from all over the South turned up and we ruined the hunt once again; they were moving so fast to keep away from us that they hardly had time to hunt, supporters were giving up and going home throughout the day and the hunt closed early, almost certainly without killing, on account of our presence.

There was no sign of 40 heavies on this occasion and the landrover full they did have did'nt try anything - these 'people' are cowardly shits they only get brave when they outnumber us 5 to I. It is our opinion that the only reason they could get 40 on New Years Day was because the Pevensey Marsh Beagles are'nt going out due to Kennel Cough and one of the South Down packs is out of commission as the Huntsman has a broken leg. This situation will not last. The East Sussex is doomed.

With regard to the New Years Day attack itself one more thing must be made clear: the man responsible for this violence was the Huntsman Mr T.Adams of Battle who without doubt prearranged it and was directing opperations on the day shouting instructions and encouragement to the attackers and so on.

Hunting can only continue because in this society people are brainwashed into passivity, they hold 'opinions'which do not in any way connect with their everyday life and action;80% of the population oppose hunting, in Hastings that means tens of thousands of people, 100 reasonably fit people could ensure that neither of our local hunts ever killed again.

Contact Hastings Hunt Saboteurs C/O Hastings Animal Rights.P.O.Box 71. Hastings. The next meeting of Hastings Animal Rights will be at the Friends Meeting House(upstairs) on Tues twenty first Jan.At 7.30 p.m.

A Hastings Hunt Sab.

THE OPPRESSION OF LANGUAGE

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Language is a very powerful tool. Used well, it can be evocative, stimulating, expressive; in the wrong hands it is a dangerous weapon. Government, the media, police, advertising industry and all the rest of the state's repressive machinery know only too well the power of language to pervert the truth, to imply falsely, to stereotype, manipulate facts, oppress.

Sometimes the reality behind the carefully chosen rhetoric, the selective omission of facts, is clear to any thinking person (as in the miners strike); frequently, however, it is not.

Advertising is a prime example of the insidious approach to repression: it creates stereotypes, role models, encourages greed, reinforces sexist attitudes and generally serves to maintain the status quo. Small wonder, then, that the Tory party and the U.S. multinational death corporation I.B.M. - amongst others - employ the dubious talents of the advertising firm Saatchi & Saatchi.

So what's new? You might be thinking. Every time an example of the manipulation of language passes unnoticed and unchallenged, it reinforces another link in the chain of our own subjugation. All too often the language of oppression is reiterated by people who should (and frequently do) know better, corrupted and used without reference to it's true meaning. Most people are aware of blatantly sexist or racist language, but subtler variations often enter into such common parlance as to pass hardly noticed this does not alter the fact that they still exist and still oppress others, even if the user is unaware of this.

Insults are commonly used to descibe someone/thing in a completely opposite sense to the word's ogiginal meaning. As an example, to call a cop a 'pig' is plainly ridiculous, since pigs are intelligent, sensitive creatures.....

To use the language of our oppressors is tantamount to accepting it and is positively detrimental to our attempts to achieve freedom. The English language is abundantly wealthy and it's up to us whether we limit or liberate it's use.

Melita.

LETTER

Dear P.P.

Don't panic, Alexi Sayle was'nt riding the cop bike at the Surrey Union Hunt on the 7th Dec. The object was a certain P.C.457 Graham Elliot.We had quite a long "Itercation with him. At one point he threatened to instruct a landowner to set his beerman dog on to us. Later on he informed us that his folks farmed 5,000 acres near by, probably bullshit but we wondered why he should spend his life riding a cop bike when he could be sipping sherry in the Range Rover.We wondered why that is until we witnessed in amazement his feeble attempts to break our plastic air horn.

If I were you 457 Elliot I'd quit the police before the new public order laws come in because you won't last the distance mate.

ANARCHIC MOB RUNS RIOT RAMPAGING ROUND BRIGHTON CAUSING CHAOS AND STRIKING TERROR

IN THE HEARTS OF ANIMAL EXPLOITERS & SHOCK & HORROR & PHEW &

Well.....actually it was nt <u>quite</u> as exciting as that, but it was good fun allthe same.

Brighton contains a fair proportion of animal exploitation establishments, including several fur shops. Two of these are Froggett's and Hannington's up-market department store.Both of these sell furs from the notorious Edelsen company, and both have been the target for anti-fur campaigns.Outside opening hours Froggett's facade is completely covered by steel shutters.

In the early afternoon of Saturday a group of us met outside Froggett's, armed with placards and leaflets. A couple of heavies on the door were vetting potential customers (i.e. anyone who did'nt look like us), a wooden stick close to hand. A thug who claimed to be, variously, a lawyer and then a bailiff, was wandering round handing out injunctions between EdeIsen's and Animal Aid and the Fur Action Group, forbidding any members of those groups - or their supporters- from demonstrating in any way against shops selling Edelsen furs. We did'nt let that put us off, though. The thug was also wandering round threatening individuals and attempting to take photos of us.

Soon there was a group of twenty five or so of us, and of course the cops turned up and threatened to do us for obstruction if we did'nt shift. 5 or 4 people stayed behind with placards, while the rest of us split into two groups: one went to a leather shop, the rest of us went to a hotel in Hove which was having a fur sale.

We wandered around in the hotel not knowing where to go, and were confronted by an employee who demanded that we leave. He tried feebly to bar the entrance with a chair, but we strolled in and attempted to enter the room where the furs were on display, but the doors were shut. The hotel employee told us we were 'boring' and should 'grow up'; we attacked him for making money out of the murder of innocent animals.

There was nobody in the exhibition so we decided it was a bit of a lost cause and strolledoff before the cops arrived.

We met up with the other group, being trailed by cops all the time, and went for two fur shops in Hove - both were closed. So we split up again and met back in Brighton, outside McDonalds. In we all trooped and plonked ourselves down in the middle of the floor.

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Harassed employees told us to get up and go; we remained seated and stony silent. Our presence caused quite a bit of confusion and inconvenience - it also attracted quite

a lot of verbal agero from customers - how dare we challenge their right to stuff their faces with bits of corpse?

When the cops arrived, off we trundled, split up again and regrouped back at Froggett's. Some people decided to try and enter, but the doors were immediately closed on them, Froggett himself waving a metal bar around in a most agitated manner. Our fun-filled day finally ended when the cops started to chase some of us, so we all ran away! The subtle presence of a vanload of cops and a cop car sat outside the shop for the remainder of the day, and two full cop vans patrolled the streets in the area for the next few hours.

As I said, our afternoon wasn't as thrilling as the title suggested, but we managed to get up a few people's nostrils, not least the cops. Various anti-fur actions are continuing against Edelsens throughout the country. We will not stop until they cease their bloody trade.

Melita.

THE CONSIRACY TO CLOSE WICKHAM LABS CONTINUES.

A meeting was held in London on the twelth of December to discuss future anoral gus against Wickham Laboratories and the situation of those currently in prison for their alleged part in a raid organised by the South East Animal Liberation League there last year.

Out of the seventy-odd people arrested following the raid, nineteen ended up on trial, twelve being aquitted and seven given prison sentances of up to three years. One of the seven has been released, having been on remand for a year for breaking his bail conditions.

The other six are reported to be as happy as can be expected under the circumstances. They are all receiving vegan food although the nutritional value is dubious. Naturally, visits and letters are strictly limited, but letters from outside are unlimited.

A group has been set up to co-ordinate the continuing campaign to support the prisoners and oppose the labs, and a national demo is planned at Wickham, although there is no date fixed at the time of writing.

The Defence Fund is currently being managed by Enfield Animal Rights Group, whose address is P.O. BOX I33, Enfield, Middx. EN3 6DF. Cheques/P.O.s payable to Wickham Defence Fund.

Barclays Bank locally still seems to be taking quite a hammering, presumably on account of it's support for the fascist regime in South Africa; on the night of 18/19 Dec the S. Leonards branch had windows smashed and on Christmas Eve the same branch had all 5 groundfloor windows smashed and is still boarded up at the time of writing (30 Dec). We also hear that a number of butchers had their windows smashed over the holiday period. Our warmest congratulations to those responsible, such action against those who oppress and exploit human and non-human animals is fully justified.

First South African : 'Did you know that Bishop Tutu was dead ?'

Second South African : "I didn't even know he'd been arrested !"

And now our man about the pubs and clubs reports

Bigbird.

About aweek or so before Christmas myself and a few friends were walking out of the Crypt just after it had closed to find some cops hassling a crowd of people down by Athena.Not wanting to miss out on any fun we took a stroll down to find out what was going on.

But before we had a chance to find out we noticed that one of the cops, for some unknown reason, had put his helmet down on the pavement. One of my friends ran over and kicked it to one side while another scooped it up and ran full pelt down the road to his car. This was met by loud cheers and applause by all the people at the taxi rank. It took the cop about another minute to realise what was going on and when he finally did realise what was going on he walked around feebly asking groups of people 'Dont suppose you know anything about it?"

After all that was over with and about six more cops had turned up we decided to have a little chat with them. I can't remember exactly what we talked' about but after about ten minutes or so one of them said something like 'we're more intelligent than you lot a chance not to be missed we thought, but about twenty seconds after they had all been challenged to an intelligence test they had all gone. I wonder why???