
NOTTINGHAM



ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

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U R G E N T A P P E A L

During the last few weeks the Police have arrested many people and have charged twelve individuals with offences eg. Burglary; criminal damage; receiving stolen animals and Arson. This sudden surge in police interest seems to have been sparked off by the escalation of ALF actions in Nottinghamshire. We were warned by the press that these special police Anti-ALF squads were being set up.

We would remind you that if you do get arrested that you have the right to remain silent. Whatever you say, the Police may twist it around to their own advantage. Even though they may threaten you with more serious charges if you don't co-operate with them, never forget that without evidence they are powerless to bring about a conviction in court. They will also tell you that by remaining silent will prove guilt in court. This is a lie. They may even threaten to 'frame' you if you remain silent. These tactics by the police have brought about confessions by activists when NO evidence was available to the police.

REMEMBER: THE POLICE ONLY WANT CONVICTIONS.....IT IS NOT UP TO YOU TO HELP THEM!!!

IT IS UP TO THE POLICE TO FIND EVIDENCE AGAINST YOU. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ASSIST THEM IN FINDING IT.....DO NOT CONVICT YOURSELF OUT OF YOUR OWN MOUTH!!!!!!!

NO COMMENT.....NO COMMENT.....NO COMMENT.....NO COMMENT.....NO COMMENT.....NO COMMENT

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED BY SENDING ANY DONATION HOWEVER SMALL TO :-

ALF DEFENCE FUND
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NOTTINGHAM.

THANKYOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Anti-ALF plan

POLICE chiefs will meet this week to discuss setting up a special squad to combat the activities of animal rights campaigners who take part in criminal activities.

ACTUALLY

ALF-ANTI-ANIMAL ABUSE PLAN.

ALF chiefs will meet this week to discuss setting up a special squad to combat the activities of animal abusers who take part in criminal activities.

THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT IS NOT A SUCH AN ORGANISATION,
IT IS MORE OF A STATE OF ANGER AND FRUSTRATION.

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IN ORDER FOR THE ALF TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN COMBATTING ANIMAL CRUELTY, WE NEED YOU THE SUPPORTER AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO SEND US ANY INFORMATION (ANONYMOUSLY IF NECESSARY) ABOUT ANY CRUEL PRACTISE AGAINST ANY SPECIES OF ANIMAL. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. SEND ANY USEFUL INFORMATION TO OUR LOCAL BOX NUMBER PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THIS BULLETIN.

18 OCTOBER 1984 - CLIFTON NOTTINGHAM

BRIAN CUPITT 382, FARNBOROUGH ROAD, CLIFTON, NOTTINGHAM, is a convicted Badger Bater, as the enclosed press cuttings show. His latest filthy habit is head butting hunt Saboteurs, so ALF decided to pay this cretin a visit. Foot high words in black spray paint were daubed over his newly decorated gleaming white house. Words like 'Cupitt Badger Killer' 'filth' 'scum' 'ALF will avenge'. Also to our delight his locks were glued up, and his pride and joy (his almost customised American pick up truck) was sprayed with paint. Brian has now threatened to shoot those responsible for the damage. The damage to his property was so bad that Police had to cover up the front of his house with large sheets. Incidentally, we hear that the Police also hate Cupitt as much as we do, so he must be Totally obnoxious.

BADGER FOUR FINED £3,000

FOUR MEN were fined more than £3,000 after being found guilty of 24 offences relating to the illegal hunting of and cruelty to badgers at Rempstone, Nottinghamshire.

Nottingham Shire Hall magistrates decided after the four-day hearing to

COURT IMPOUNDS SPADES AND NETS

dismiss a charge against a fifth man, a Rempstone farmer.

Mr Brian Burton, of Lings Farm, was awarded £1,000 from central funds

towards his defence costs of £1,800.

Mark Shaw, 33, of Staunton Harold, Leicestershire, and Brian Cupitt, 45, of Farnborough Road,

Clifton, had denied injuring or attempting to take away a badger, using metal tongues to take away a badger, unlawfully digging for badgers, sending a dog to hunt a badger, cruelty to animals and assisting in badger fighting.

They were fined £150 on each of the badger charges and £50 on each of the charges relating to cruelty to badgers.

William Napier, 29, of Widecombe Lane, Clifton and Andrew Osborne, 22, of Wodehouse Avenue, Gotham were each fined a total of £731.78p.

Townsmen

The chairman of the magistrates said their fines were lower because they were townsmen and not so familiar with the law regarding the countryside as were Shaw and Cupitt.

Napier and Osborne were fined £100 on each badger charge and £50 on each cruelty charge.

Magistrates also ordered to confiscation of equipment used in the offences, including spades, nets, and "bleeping" equipment.

A request by prosecuting solicitor Mr Peter Quinn for terriers used in the incident at Lings Farm on April 24 also to be confiscated was denied by magistrates.

Men deny they were cruel to badgers

FIVE men are to appear before Nottingham Shire Hall magistrates on September 27 charged with offences related to injuring badgers and unlawfully digging up sets.

Brian John Cupitt, 45, of Farnborough Road, Clifton, Nottingham, William Napier, 29, of Widecombe Lane, Clifton Estate, Nottingham, Andrew Thomas Osborne, 22, of Wodehouse Avenue, Gotham, and Mark Shaw, 33, of Staunton Harold, Leicestershire, plead Not guilty to six charges.

They deny injuring or taking a badger from its set, using badger tongs to attempt to take a badger, digging up a set, sending a dog into a set for or to fight with a badger, cruelty to animals and assisting in the fighting of animals.

Letter

Brian Leslie Burton, 37, of Lings Farm, Rempstone Road, Rempstone, Nottinghamshire, denies aiding and abetting injuring or taking a badger from its set and aiding and abetting unlawfully digging up a badger set.

All the offences are alleged to have taken place on April 24 this year contrary to the 1973 Badgers Act and 1911 Protection of Animals Act.

The men pleaded Not guilty by letter and did not appear in court for the adjourned hearing.



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● Bill (left), with Brian, their dogs and some of their equipment

29 OCTOBER 1984 - NOTTINGHAM

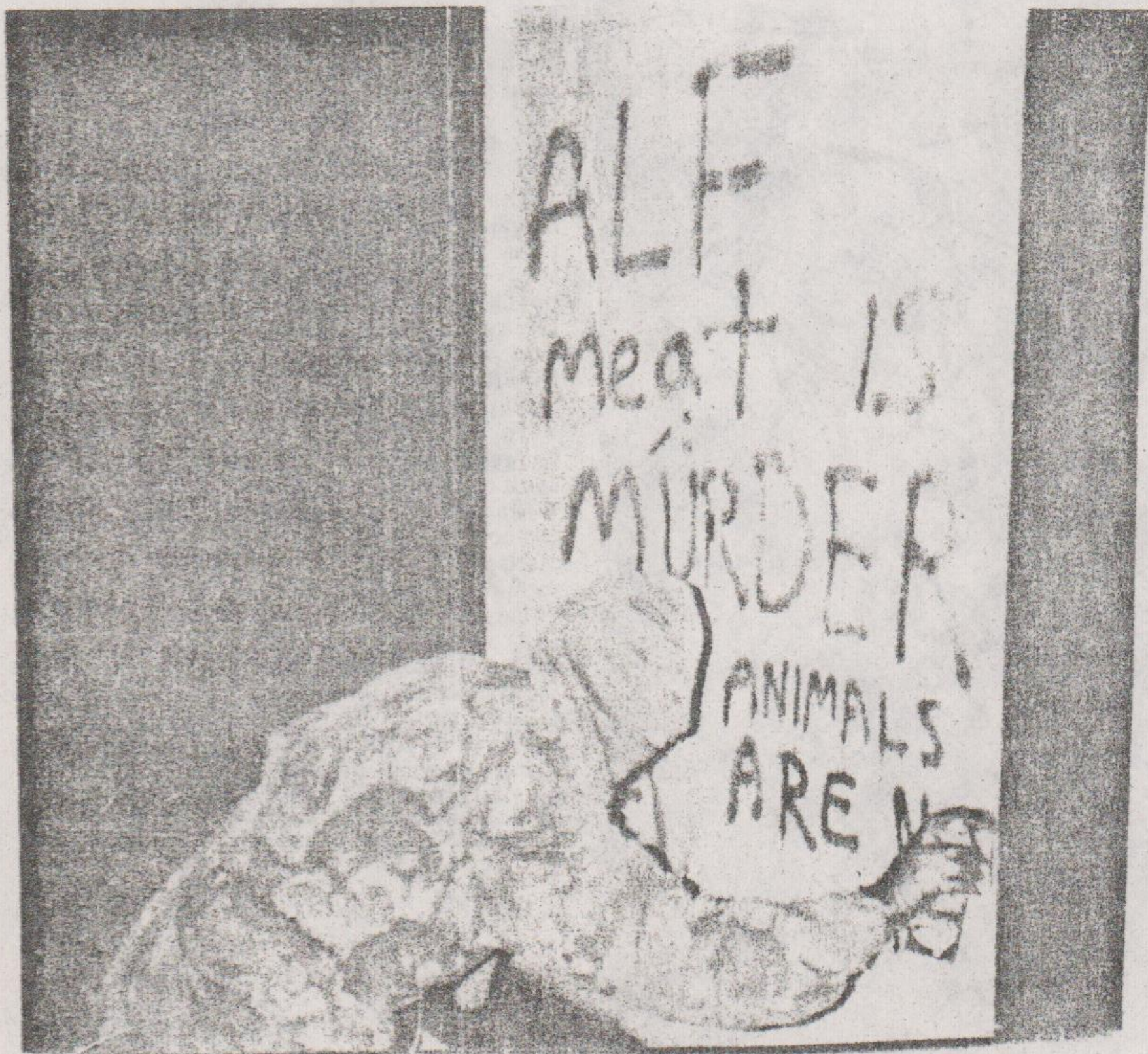
Boots shops at Sherwood Rise, Radford Road and West Bridgford had their windows smashed by ALF activists. Boots have been subjected to many attacks by ALF during the last year.

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1984 - CHILWELL NOTTINGHAM

Murden the butcher on High Road, Chilwell had his window smashed by ALF.

5 NOVEMBER 1984 - ASH CLOSE, EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

ALF carried out their Bonfire Night celebrations by attending a fire at a newly built intensive poultry unit in Ash Close, the only difference being that ALF were not invited and the occasion was NOT a celebration. However, a good time was had by all although we did not let off our fireworks for fear of frightening the poultry or alerting the farmer to the fact that he was about to donate his £20,000 tractor towards the cause of Animal Liberation. A very illuminating time was had by all, especially by what's-his-name, thingy-me-bob who decided to re-decorate the doors to the poultry sheds. (Exclusive action photograph below). Unfortunately the poultry shed doors were so strong that in attempting to rescue some birds, our crowbar bent and rendered any further attempts at liberation useless. However, far away from the livestock and buildings the tractor was sitting on its own just waiting to join in with all the fun. The tractor was doused in paraffin and set alight. The tractor was completely gutted. ALF slogans on the buildings were 'Animals are not meat machines', 'Meat is Murder', 'ALF will avenge the innocent'.



Farm arson theory

POLICE believe the Animal Liberation Front were responsible for an arson attack on a poultry farm at Ash Close, East Bridgford, today. A tractor and several bales of straw were badly damaged by fire and slogans were daubed in paint on poultry shed doors.

THINGYMEBOB IN ACTION
(AUTOGRAPHED PHOTOS NOW AVAILABLE
UPON REQUEST, BY WRITING TO THE
BOX NUMBER ENCLOSING S.A.E. and £10)

12 NOVEMBER 1984 - NOTTINGHAM

SKINCRAFT - one of our most appealing targets because of the expensive curved windows they use to display the skins of dead animals, was smashed yet again. They have now boarded up this window which leads us to think that the insurance company is not paying out anymore. These large curved windows are estimated to have a replacement value of around £1,000 or more.

PAGE 3 PIN-UP

The picture below shows a coyote being strangled beneath the feet of a hunter. This method is used so that the fur is not spoiled. Other methods of killing include shooting, gassing, trapping, clubbing and thrusting a red hot poker up the animal's anus. (How would you like that doing to you, Kilsby you pervert)? All this is done so that people can cover their ugly skin with that of a beautiful animal.. Both Kilsby and the Evening Post are guilty of helping to bring the day of extinction for these magnificent animals even closer. But don't worry folks, we'll have the last Laf(ayette)!!!!



Eddie Kilsby, Managing Director of Lafayette

Successful Businessmen talk to the EVENING POST

For more details on how we can help you succeed in business phone Geoff Davison on 475521, Ext. 303.

More people are buying furs than ever before, according to Eddie Kilsby, managing director of Nottingham fur specialists Lafayette.

"People before bought the once-in-a-lifetime fur, but now some of them are coming back every other year."

"I would say that if you were to go back 25 years we only dealt with the more mature people."

"Now we've widened the field so that it appeals to far more people."

Eddie believes that the introduction of "true fashion" into the market accounts for the increased popularity of furs with people of all ages. He sells many sheepskin jackets ranging from £80 to £200 to teenagers.

Eddie is a man who should know what he is talking about.

This is his 45th year in the trade after starting in London in 1939 — "In our trade you need experience," says Eddie.

"I know all the possible jobs in the fur trade. The only way you can learn is to be amongst it."

Indeed it has taken all his experience to build up Lafayette, the company he started in Pelham Street with £4,000 of capital in 1971, into one of the top fur retailers in the country.

With £1 million worth of stock at any one time ranging from £80 jackets to £3,000 and £4,000 minks, Lafayette is renowned

throughout the East of England.

"We are strictly specialists. We like to think that if you cannot get it at Lafayette, you can't get it."

With another branch in the Victoria Centre, Nottingham, and shops in Mansfield, Derby and Norwich, Lafayette believe in offering quality service as well as quality products.

Eddie Kilsby demands the same dedication to the business from his staff as he has himself.

"This is not a job — it is my life. People say 'Have you any hobbies?' — I say 'My work'."

But he also attributes a great deal of his success to advertising.

"I would say that we built our business on advertising. I see advertising as part of selling."

"Without advertising we would not have been so successful."

In fact Lafayette have people coming into their Nottingham shops from places such as Peterborough, Sheffield and Skegness.

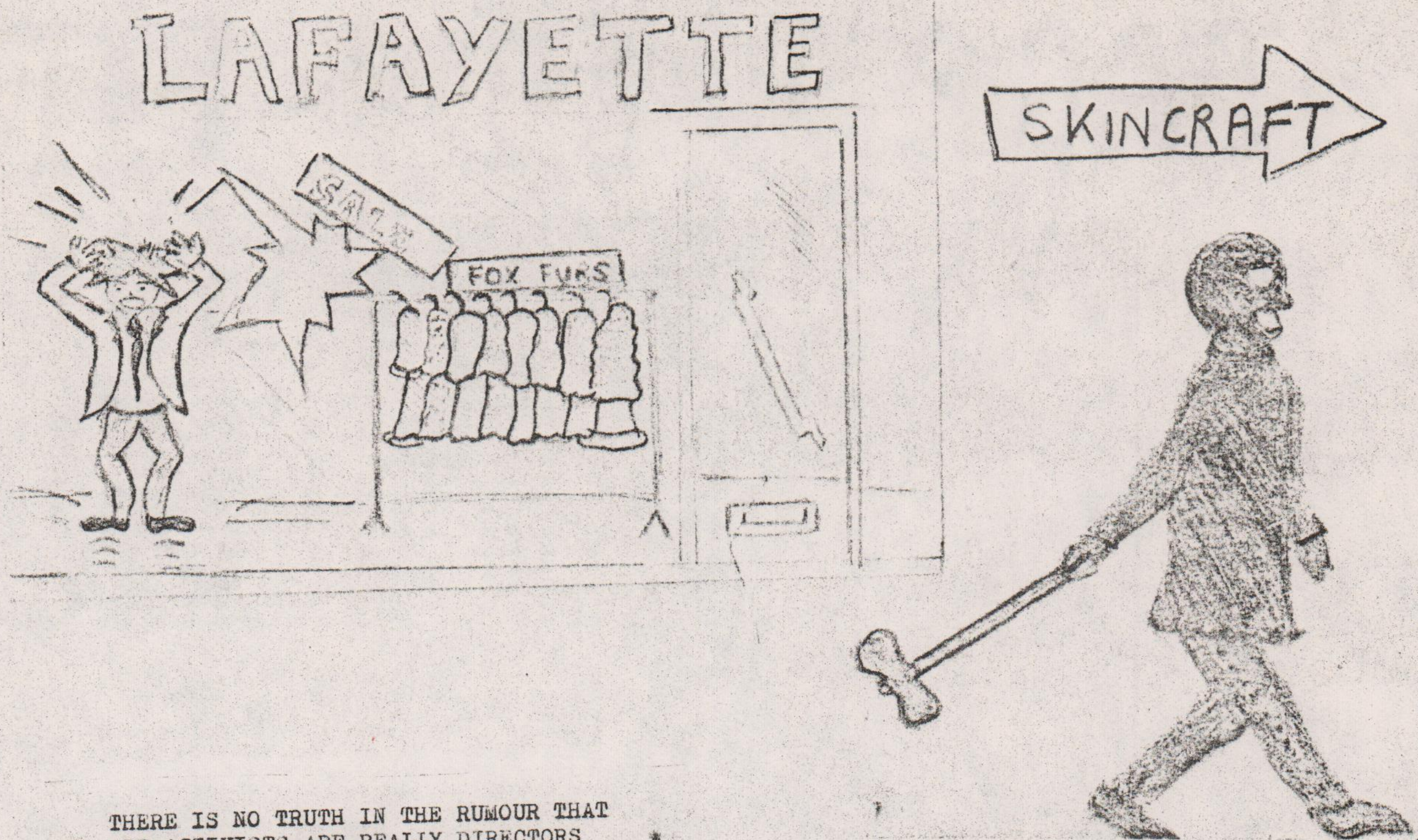
"Our advertising has helped that. The Evening Post does go a long way afield," says Eddie.

"The Post covers the whole area served by most of our shops. We have people coming in from Skegness because they have seen it in the Post."

"I think the sort of customers we hope to attract read the Post."

"...We built our business on advertising" ANIMAL SUFFERING





THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THE RUMOUR THAT
ALF ACTIVISTS ARE REALLY DIRECTORS
OF VARIOUS GLAZING COMPANIES IN THIS
COUNTY!

24 DECEMBER 1984 - NOTTINGHAM

LAFAYETTE Fur retailers in the City Centre came under attack from ALF again.
They had a brick thrown through their window.

4 JANUARY 1985 - NOTTINGHAM

We were fed up of seeing a window left almost intact at the Skincraft shop in the city centre, and felt that something had to be done about it. An ALF activist therefore threw a brass weight at the remaining expensive and large curved window, cracking it.

6 JANUARY 1985 - NOTTINGHAM

Still dissappointed that Skincraft's remaining curved window had not been completely broken, an ALF activist threw a brick at it, cracking it even further. However, never being satisfied with a job half done, the group decided to also put out ALL the remaining window's of Skincraft's rival - Lafayette. The group went back to the city centre with a sledgehammer and two bricks, and smashed all the remaining windows. Later on in the day ALF activists saw the windows of both shops being completely boarded up, and Eddie Kilsby the managing director of Lafayette was seen down on his hands and knees with a feather duster, sweeping out the remaining broken glass from his windows. ALF activists have noticed that in the last week Mr Kilsby has spent thousands of pounds installing metal shutters to the outside of his shop, showing that he is clearly terrified of repeat attacks. Either that, or his insurance company can no longer cope with the expense of paying out for new windows. Don't think this will stop us, Mr Kilsby because it won't. We will be back.

The chilling message from Britain's Animal Lib fanatics . . .

THE
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IN
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IT'S
GLORY

NO!
BUT
WE
DO



WE DON'T CARE IF PEOPLE DIE

ANOTHER
STAR
EXCLUSIVE

By FRANK CURRAN

THE Animal Liberation Front vowed last night to create Christmas chaos in Britain's shops.

They are to step up their terror campaign after claiming to have spiked hundreds of Mars bars with rat poison.

And they admitted: "We don't care if people die — animals come first."

In an exclusive interview with the Daily Star, ALF claimed the Mars scare was just "the tip of the iceberg."

A woman member at the group's secret London headquarters said: "We have various plans afoot with regard to turkeys, fur coats and confectionery."

By the time Christmas is over I think we will have got our message across."

She said hundreds of Mars bars had been spiked with enough rat poison "to kill or seriously injure someone."

ALF, who claim to have more than 1,000 members in Britain, are attacking the company because they claim it funds a

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ANIMAL CRACKERS

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EVERY SINGLE MARS BAR WILL BE CHECKED

By PETER HOOLEY

MILLIONS of Mars bars were withdrawn from shop shelves yesterday.

And in a massive operation, every bar on sale in the country will be checked.

Last night a spokesman for Mars said investigations had so far shown that fewer than 10 bars had been tampered with by the fanatical Animal Liberation Front.

A spokesman for Boots said: "Bars at all our stores are being examined."

"None will be sold until they are cleared but so far we haven't found any of them to be contaminated."

The ALF claimed it has spiked Mars bars throughout Britain with rat poison.

The organisation said the affected bars contained ALF leaflets.

And yesterday bars with notes inside them turned up at Blandford,

Dorchester, Plymouth, Salisbury, Coventry and Leeds.

At least two bars were eaten in Blandford — one by a middle aged man, another by a young mother. Neither suffered ill effects.

One bar was eaten by a four-year-old girl in

Leeds but she suffered no ill-effects.

Police said bars had had their wrappers steamed open and a note placed inside.

Police labs were testing all suspect bars.

A spokesman said: "This is a full-scale operation which is being taken very seriously."

"All suspect bars so far examined by police have been marked with a biro cross on the bottom of the wrapper and have contained a note."

Mars spokesman Locksley Ryan said: "From now on every Mars bar on display will either have been checked or will be brand new product."

A total of 700 million Mars Bars are eaten in Britain every year and 100 million exported.

Home Office Minister David Mellor last night slammed the ALF and warned that someone could die through their actions.

He said they were "dangerous lunatics prepared to sacrifice children on the altar of their fanaticism."

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM OR 'HYSTERIA RULES OK'

Protest

WITH regard to popular public opinion that "criminal activity" is not the way to achieve the abolition of the exploitation of animals in laboratory experimentation, and that it undermines significant advances that have been made on behalf of animals, I must ask what significant advances have been made if animals are still being tortured on our behalf?

If the Mars bar scare is the only kind of action that draws the public's attention to the plight of millions of animals, then surely this is a mark upon society? For instance, how many thou-

sands of people have to peacefully protest against nuclear arms to achieve significant advances and yet we still have a massive arms race?

With regard to using criminal activity for these admirable and truthful causes, it seems extremely sad, yet the only way we can ultimately strive to achieve peace for animals and mankind.

TRACEY PAYNE
Woodborough Road,
Mapperley.

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Maniacs on Mars

HOME OFFICE Minister David Mellor put the matter of the Mars Bar maniacs succinctly into chilling perspective:

"These people are prepared to sacrifice the lives of children on the altar of their own fanaticism," he said.

We simply cannot believe that the majority of people who fight legitimately for animal rights support poisoning of chocolate bars as a weapon of this particular "war".

You've got to be a maniac to approve of that.

The subversive para-military nutters of the Animal Liberation Front contaminate a worthy cause.

A handful of extremists sully the genuine concern, aims and beliefs of those who sincerely, sensibly and within accepted boundaries of decency, campaign against vivisection.

For everybody's sake it's high time these fanatical idiots were weeded out and sorted out.

Condemned

THE RSPCA issues a statement totally condemning criminal activity, like poisoning Mars bars, in furtherance of animal welfare issues.

The society asserts that criminal action which could harm humans can in no way ease the plight of animals which the extremist groups claim to care about. The RSPCA believes that the weekend's events seriously undermine the significant advances that have been, and are being, made on behalf of animals.

We trust that public support for our work will not be alienated by such criminal activities.

JANE D. SYMON
Nottingham and Notts
Branch secretary
RSPCA

Radford Road,
Hyson Green.

EDITOR EVENING POST
(AGE 6)

YET ANOTHER EPISODE IN
THE BOOTS PLC/NOTTS
EVENING POST LOVE AFFAIR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1984

NEWSLINE

BOOTS IN POISON CHOC BAR SCARE

NOTTINGHAM-based Boots have been singled out by animal rights protesters, who are claiming to have 'spiked' Mars bars with rat poison.

Animal Liberation Front activists say they have marked all affected bars with an 'X' — except those on sale at Boots stores.

In a letter to a news-

paper, the ALF claimed Mars Bars manufacturers use monkeys in tests for dental decay.

"We take these threats seriously," said a Nottingham spokesman today. But, he added, stock checks by company chemists throughout the country had so far failed to find any contaminated bars.

ALF COMMENT

WE HAPPEN TO KNOW THE PERSON FROM THE NATIONAL ALF PRESS OFFICE, WHO SPOKE TO THE DAILY STAR. SHE CATAGORICALLY DENIES STATING THAT SHE 'DIDN'T CARE IF PEOPLE DIE'. THIS CHEAP AND SENSATIONAL DRIVEL IS ONLY ONE ILLUSTRATION OF THE DEPTHS THE DAILY STAR WILL SINK TO IN ORDER TO SELL THEIR ADULT COMIC.

6 DECEMBER 1984 - ILKESTON, NOTTS

Eleven butchers' shops and a slaughterhouse in the Ilkeston area had their locks glued up with superglue and pin-nails.

7 DECEMBER 1984 - DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.

ALF caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage to Hackett's slaughterhouse in Daybrook, Notts. Five lorries were sprayed with the words ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT, and various other slogans were also daubed over the lorries. A tachograph was ripped out of one vehicle, superglue was poured into the ignition of another lorry and also into padlocks to the building. Hackett's is one of the most notoriously cruel animal slaughterers in the abattoir business, where their own ex-employees have reported gruesome stories to the press of staff brutally ill treating the animals for 'kicks' prior to slitting their throats without even pre-stunning them.

11 December 1984 - NOTTINGHAM.

BOOTS at Sherwood, Nottingham had a brick thrown through their window by ALF.

20 DECEMBER 1984 - CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE

ALF made a return visit to Tom Whitehead's house in Cheadle, Staffs. Tom snares and shoots animals for Taxidermy. After leaflets were sent to his neighbours informing them of his activities, and after our first visit whereby the entire front of his house was daubed, Tom is still carrying on with his obscene pastime. Because of Tom's reluctance to give up this disgusting killing, we will no doubt have to return again, but with very different tactics.
PS, His window was smashed on the second visit.

Animal group raids dairy

THE Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for an attack on a smallholding in Main Road, Gedling, today. Protesters broke into Leech's Dairy and took two chickens, smashed eggs and damaged property.

3 JANUARY 1985 - GEDLING NOTTINGHAM

The ALF attacked a smallholding in Main Road, Gedling - namely Leech's Dairy, which is really a battery unit, although the owner tried not to draw attention to this small fact when interviewed by a radio reporter. The ALF took two chickens, smashed 15 dozen eggs, ripped up some cages and daubed 'SMASH THE BATTERY SYSTEM' and other slogans on the walls of the unit.

PROTESTERS HIT LORRIES

ANIMAL RIGHTS protesters have claimed responsibility for an attack in which hundreds of pounds damage was caused at Hackett's slaughterhouse, Daybrook.

A police spokesman said five lorries in a secure yard on the premises were attacked some time between Friday night and Saturday morning.

The words "Animal Liberation Front", and slogans were sprayed on the lorries in red aerosol paint.

A tachograph was ripped out of one vehicle, and a substance, believed to be superglue, was poured in the ignition of another lorry, and padlocks to the slaughterhouse.

Meanwhile, police are investigating an incident in which superglue and pin-nails were inserted in the locks of 11 butchers' shops and a slaughterhouse in the Ilkeston area some time between Thursday night and Friday morning.

Most of the shops managed to open on time.

Watts. Evening Post 10/12/84

PARK FURY AT KILLED SWANS

By TERRY WOOTTON

HOLME Pierrepont senior park ranger Chris Garton has delivered another blast at lead-shot anglers.

Chris says the lead fishing weights discarded by fishermen around the water sports centre have poisoned dozens of birds.

A number of mute swans, which swallowed lead weights with the gravel they need to digest their food, have suffered an early painful death. Others have had lead-poisoning symptoms including droopy necks and diarrhoea.

Now, mute swans no longer land at Holme Pierrepont.

And Chris has appealed to anglers to use non-toxic alternatives to lead shot.

He's also urging them to take greatest care not to spill any shot at the edge of the lake, or to leave line or litter which might be harmful to wildlife.

Chris said new alternative weights, though a bit more expensive, are now available — and sporting and conservation groups were making a united plea to anglers to switch... in the interests of wildlife.

'Anglers to blame' says ranger

Plea

If lead weights can't be phased out voluntarily by the end of 1986, the Government intends to ban them altogether.

Said Chris: "A lot of birds are being poisoned by lead shot or killed by discarded fishing tackle — and we appeal to all anglers to stop using lead weights and to take their materials away with them, and clear up any that others might have left."

CORRESPONDENT Mrs Anne M. Chaloner brings up the emotive subject of swans and lead shot.

She calls anglers selfish and uncaring. I would like her to know that anglers have contributed millions of pounds to fight pollution and improve our rivers for the benefit of all. Thirty years ago the Trent was nothing more than an open sewer whose stench made you almost vomit.

Today it is one of the best rivers in the country supporting species of fish not seen for decades, plus an increase in bird life including kingfishers and herons. This is due mostly to the efforts of anglers.

In this lead controversy no one seems to mention the shooting fraternity who deposit millions of lead pellets on the land, marshes and river banks.

It would be nice if someone would praise the anglers occasionally for their efforts instead of always decrying them.

KEN TAYLOR

Frederick Avenue, Kirkby-in-Ashfield.



Lucy's agony — the angler's shame

CONSERVATIONIST Jacquie Parnell with her two-year-old dog Lucy — latest victim of thoughtless anglers at Holme Pierrepont.

Lucy had to be taken to a vet after a discarded fishing hook and line sank deep in the animal's leg.

A number of wildfowl have been killed and injured because they become entangled in abandoned fishing tackle.

And swans have died from lead poisoning at Holme Pierrepont because they swallowed discarded lead weights.

Said Jacquie: "These thoughtless anglers should be barred. In the interests of wildlife, they should always tidy up after them!"

ANGLING - THE HARMLESS PASTIME?

NOT ONLY IS IT CRUEL TO SWANS AND OTHER
WILDLIFE IT IS TORTUROUS TO THE FISH. 8.

22 DECEMBER 1984 - CATTLE MARKET, NOTTINGHAM

We thought that we had seen the last of the poultry sales at the Cattle Market, after the Nottingham Animal Aid Group relentlessly demonstrated there over two years ago, about the diabolical cruelty they had witnessed there. We were sadly mistaken, as we have since found out that there is a once yearly sale of birds for the Christmas Carnivores in order that they can indulge in their ritual tradition of having a bird to stuff for this annual carnage. Members of ALF arrived at the Cattle Market on the 22nd only to find that most of the birds had been sold, and that the three RSPCA inspectors were just leaving. (Typical). However, there were still a few birds left in cages and four geese in a pen tied up awaiting death. A small group of people were attempting to strangle a bird inside one of the cages. One of our members became absolutely hysterical at this nauseous act and tried to prevent them from continuing as the bird was being killed very slowly, and was screaming with fear and distress as hands grasped its neck and vigourously shook it. We could not stop this barbaric act, so in order to prevent the last four geese from being terminated in such a cruel manner, we picked them up and walked off with them through the crowds of people. We drove them straight to an animal sanctuary, where they are safe from the hands of these murderers. Their feet had been bound so tightly behind their backs that they couldn't walk properly when they were released. We hope that the people who would have bought these geese choked on their christmas dinner!

PS, puppies and kittens are still being sold ILLEGALLY at the cattle market. Members of ALF bought two kittens just before Christmas, which were going to be used as dog bait. Go down and scout around yourselves...we need your help.

30 DECEMBER 1984 - NOTTINGHAM

Whilst ALF was driving around the country-side we heard shooting and spotted two cars with pro-hunt stickers on them. On closer inspection it was found that one of the vehicles had a gun case left in it. A member of ALF threw a brick through the windscreen, hopefully ruining the shooters day.

6 JANUARY 1985 - CARRINGTON NOTTINGHAM

Window of Tom Watsons fishing tackle shop smashed as part of the campaign to ban lead shot. This is the second time his shop has been hit.

22 JANUARY 1985 - RADCLIFFE ON TRENT NOTTINGHAM

Members of the ALF broke into the RSPCA Animal Shelter and smashed up the electricution unit used to destroy animals. See full report further on.

DID YOU KNOW !!!

that it has been estimated by the police that the Nott'm ALF has caused a quarter of a million pounds worth of damage over the last few months. Not bad Eh!

RSPCA KEEPS DOG CABINET

THE RSPCA has replaced dog-electrocution equipment smashed by night raiders at the Radcliffe-on-Trent animal shelter.

And it says it will continue to kill dogs by electrocution — until the system is phased out later this year.

Said the society: "We don't accept charges that electrocution is inhumane and not as fast as the alternative, which is a lethal injection of barbiturates. It is as fast, if not faster, and the preparation procedure causes less distress to the animal."

"But because of public feeling about electrocution, we have decided to phase it out at all our establishments by the end of the year."

The Society's statement follows demonstrations in Nottingham and elsewhere over RSPCA use of

the so-called Huelec cabinet to destroy dogs that cannot be homed. An overdose of barbiturates is used to kill very large dogs, and pups.

Last year, the animal shelter at Radcliffe-on-Trent, struggling to cope with record numbers of stray and unwanted animals, had to kill 2,961 dogs. That worked out at eight every day — three a

By TERRY WOOTTON

day more than the number of dogs adopted!

Said shelter manager Victor McMillen: "We are faced with the sorry situation of having too many dogs, and too few families offering them a good home."

He added: "It would be far more constructive if the people who broke in and wrecked our electrocution cabinet would instead direct their campaign at those people who cause animal suffering by turfing out dogs, allowing them to stray or have pups for which there are no homes."

ALF RAID ON RSPCA

WE CAME

WE SAW

WE SMASHED...

WE RAN!

But seriously, we do not wish to make a mockery of the RSPCA. However, we could not allow the killing of dogs by electricution to continue without anything more than a petition used to try and stop them. We realise that the RSPCA has become the dumping ground for animals by irresponsible and uncaring owners.

However, it is within their power to influence new legislation regarding the breeding of animals and also within their financial capacity to fund spaying and neutering of dogs and cats on a national scale. The RSPCA can afford to humanely kill unwanted animals, yet chose the barbaric method of electrocution because it is cheaper. They may become used to killing animals in this way and forget they are living, feeling beings. We must help them to remember.

Advertiser, February 1, 1985 — Page 5

Wreckage applauded

MANY years ago, in the sweet innocence of youth, I firmly believed that the letters RSPCA stood for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

However, I have recently seen on television the ruined equipment now used to dispose of unwanted animals, dogs in particular. It is nothing short of barbaric.

It appears that these poor frightened animals are now being electrocuted. Ask anyone who has suffered an electric shock — it is not pleasant. Animals know what is going to happen; some sixth sense seems to warn them of impending demise.

An injection or gassing was bad enough, but to put an animal into what appears to be a microwave oven is beyond belief. The animal must suffer a terrifying experience, even if only for a second or two.

Normally I do not advocate violence and the destruction of property, but this time I salute those who acted against this atrocity at the RSPCA's Radcliffe-on-Trent animal shelter.

I now conclude that RSPCA stands for the Repulsive and Sadistic Practice of Cruelty to Animals, and I shall never support this inhumane society again. — E. P. McNULTY, 28 Mercia Road, Newark.

Dog death chamber hit

ANIMAL Liberation Front activists have claimed responsibility for the wrecking of a dog electrocution chamber at the RSPCA shelter at Radcliffe-on-Trent.

The chamber is used for putting down many of the 250 unwanted dogs destroyed at the shelter every month because their owners do not claim them and new homes cannot be found.

The activists broke into the pharmacy and smashed electric sockets and the electrical cabinet used to put down the dogs.

A spokesman at the RSPCA national headquarters said the ALF had chosen a "stupid way of making their protest."

"Our staff have the very upsetting job of putting these animals to sleep. We have to do it because we are so over populated with pets that people have abandoned. We have to do society's dirty work," he said.

The electrocution method was painless and the attack would not bring a reprieve for unwanted animals, which would be destroyed by other methods.

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A bone to pick

Sir, — The arrest of members of the Hunt Retribution Squad on charges arising from the desecration of the grave of the 10th Duke of Beaufort (December 31) highlights the perverse morality of our legal system. To disturb the lifeless bones of a deceased aristocrat is a criminal offence whereas to inflict pain and death on living animals is perfectly lawful. Grave desecration may be in rather bad taste. It is not, however, half as sick as the slaughter of innocent, defenceless animals for fun.
Peter Tatchell
London SE 1.

Monday January 7, 1985

PERHAPS ONE DAY WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO READING LETTERS OF THE ABOVE QUALITY IN THE NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST. BUT ALAS, WE SELDOM READ LETTERS AS THE ONE BELOW WRITTEN BY MIKE GRUNDY. WE WONDER HOW MANY YEARS IT HAS TAKEN FOR A LETTER OF THAT QUALITY TO APPEAR. WE FEAR THOUGH THAT HYSTERICAL DIATRIBE, THE LIKES OF WHICH NORMALLY APPEARS IN THE POST COMMENT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE SO CALLED SILENT MAJORITY STOP SITTING ON THE FENCE, AND MOVE INTO DIRECT ACTION. IF THAT SHOULD EVER HAPPEN, WE THINK IT WOULD JUST BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THE RESULTS FOR THE ANIMALS. RESULTS THEY ARE DYING FOR.

Sweet tooth?

I HEARTILY applaud the efforts being made by the Hunt Saboteurs' Association, to bring the barbaric sport of fox hunting to an end. When they have achieved success, may I suggest they turn their attention to another worthy cause, and press, by whatever means necessary, for legislation to ban foxes from eating other livestock? Perhaps they could be conditioned to eat Mars bars instead.

R. MILLIKEN

Wilsthorpe Road,

That toast

IN VIEW of the fact that recent opinion polls have shown that 75 per cent of the population are in favour of the archaic practice of hunting becoming illegal, I am very surprised that such a champion of democracy as the *Evening Post* wastes valuable column inches publishing a photograph of a master of fox hounds with the caption "A toast to the hunt's success". A most shameful act indeed.

MIKE GRUNDY

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Nottingham.

POST COMMENT

Ghouls bury animal rights sympathy

IF THERE is one movement going steadily off the rails then it's surely that body of opinion which is said to support "animal rights".

The movement has attracted so many loony-fringe fanatics and tunnel-vision diehards that it's hard to see how the rest of the animal rights movement — most of whom are no doubt honest, decent people — can generate any sympathy from the public at large.

The desecration of the grave of the tenth Duke of Beaufort is just another example of the sick minds which masquerade under the title of liberationists.

Who else but a bunch of ghouls could spend Christmas night with their pickaxes, attempting to dig up a coffin and exact some retribution for the "massacre of foxes"?

DOESN'T ADD UP

Who else but a gang of common louts — after their spade broke — would set about destroying Remembrance Day wreaths and have their photograph taken with the cross from the grave?

This, then, is the level of the self-proclaimed Hunt Retribution Squad.

There are plenty of hunts in the East Midlands, and we know there are plenty of anti-hunt protestors, too.

But what is the public to make of protestors who claim to be interested in the welfare of animals and who then spray creosote on the noses and the eyes of a pack of hounds?

It doesn't add up.

And there are the others — the ones who inject foodstuffs with a poison and others who frighten children and parents because they claim to have tampered with Mars bars.

SILENT MAJORITY

That's the lunatic fringe.

And that's what the ordinary animal rights supporter is up against.

It's time the silent majority in the animal rights camp made *their* voices heard and got their house in order.

Before it stinks any more.

In the latest in a series of 'contamination' acts at retail outlets, an ALF group claimed to have injected rat poison into Mars bars. The group steamed open wrappers and inserted a leaflet warning of the 'poison'. The bars were then re-sealed and marked with a cross, these bars were then replaced on shelves. It appears that no bars were actually poisoned. In the past similar actions have involved putting small quantities of bleach in shampoo bottles and leaving syringes laying in meat cabinets. These actions have achieved their objectives of clearing the shelves and in the past large quantities of meat have been destroyed at great cost to the profits of animal abusers. The fact that these actions also attack ordinary people who are in no way responsible for the power structure of a society which chooses to oppress animals is discussed in issue three of the bulletin.

However, the most alarming aspect of this action is that despite warnings being issued at 10am those warnings did not reach the shops until 3pm. The result was that some of the allegedly contaminated Mars bars had been eaten before the warnings were acted upon. It should not be assumed that this was due to any accident or forgetfulness on someones part. Although every Mars bar in the country was checked this was merely a matter of looking for ones marked with a cross and was done by staff at the retail outlets at minimum cost to Mars themselves. This neutralised the damaging economic effect of the action. We should also look at the press coverage

The disgusting Star newspaper ran the headline "We dont care if people die" and claimed this was a quote from the ALF press office. They carried on with a series of lies which they claimed were from the press office, all of which ran counter to the original press release and policy of the ALF which made it clear that no-one would be harmed. The Mail quoted shithead David Mellor saying that "Blood curdling threats from animal extremists could no longer be dismissed and soon someone will be killed." They go on to say "Even if the ALF threat amounts to nothing more than an elaborate hoax, police fear that some madman might decide to carry out the threat in reality."

The state has reacted to this latest in a series of actions in the only way it can, by withholding the warning, hoping that some children are poisoned. Fortunately the groups contingency plans meant that this could not happen. However the press lies mean that it appears to the public that the intention was to poison someone. If these actions do not stop soon someone will be poisoned even if shithead Mellor has to put the poison in himself. Remember the warning was held up for five hours.

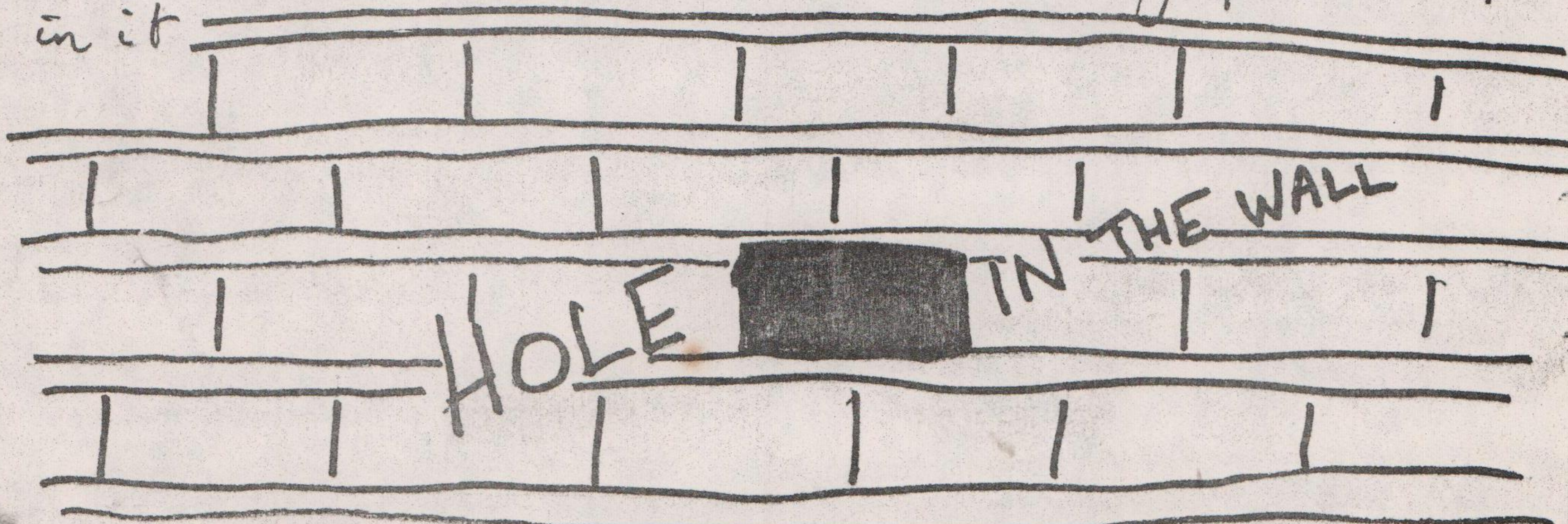
Those people who still believe in this form of action should consider the fact that there is a clear difference between the financial loss caused by removing stock from shelves and economic sabotage caused by damaging equipment or buildings which are used in the process of animal abuse.

LATE VIEWS.

The group had mixed feelings about the poison scares, but there is concern that the opposition in a desperate attempt to discredit us will actually poison a consumer product. Therefore, the view is generally held that product scares are a risk, in the event that the opposition may 'set us up' and use the animals rights' name in vain.....

However, we do not feel that this is a reasonable justification for the curtailment of such actions, conducted by the responsible 'Animal Liberation Movement'.

There's a hole in our wall! We invite inspired graffitiists to put a plug in it



The wall needs stunning contributions from our witty readers. This is your page - send your observations to the Box No.

LATE NEWS.

It may not be possible to produce as many as four news sheets per year, due mainly to circumstances beyond our control. Circumstance as explained above. However, we will not be deterred or destroyed by any outside influence. We will not be intimidated. We will not stop saving life. We will not allow powerful vested interests to use the authorities like the police and gutter press to lean heavily against us, so that we can no longer inform you (the decent and caring public) of our attempts to swing the balance of power towards animal liberation.



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