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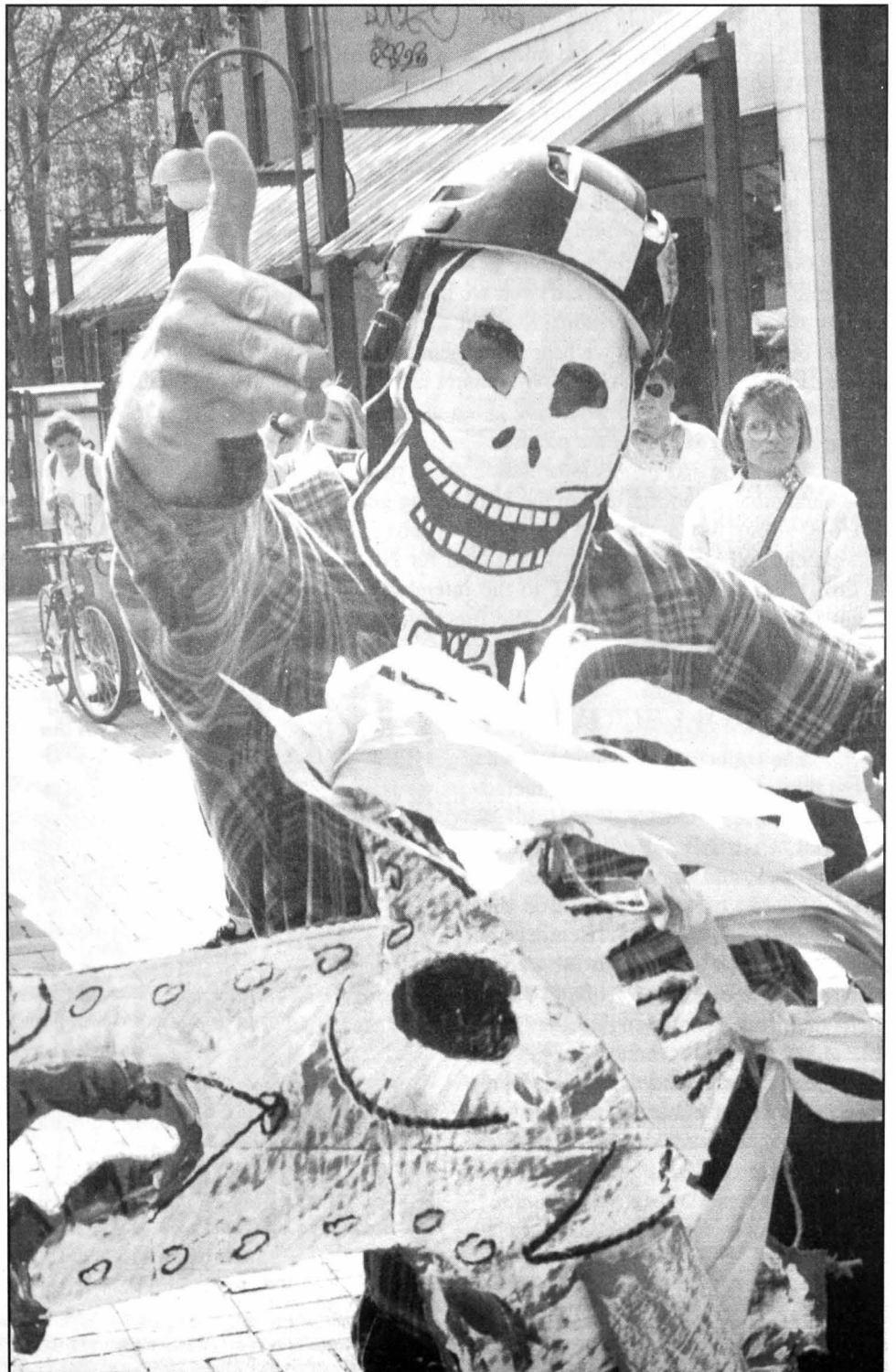
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## ABOUT THIS ISSUE

Preparation for this issue found us ironing out the flaws in our production of the **ALARM**, including the establishment of an editorial collective. At the Binghamton Activist Conference, a meeting was held to discuss the **ALARM** to find out how it could function more smoothly as a voice for the northeast. The concept of bioregional editors was agreed upon with people taking on the responsibility for soliciting articles from local activists about events around their region in addition to fundraising from that region to help cover production costs. Bioregional editors for this issue were Bart Semcer from New Jersey, Billi Barker from Maine and Steve Taylor from the midwest. Other people interested in taking on this responsibility are urged to contact us or attend the spring rendezvous where another **ALARM** meeting will take place.

We are still in a terrible financial pickle. A grant from the Haymarket People's Fund covered our debts from the last issue but we will be going into debt again to publish this issue. Subscriptions have been slow to come in so, in order to encourage people to subscribe who haven't yet, we have put a red check mark by their address as an indication that their subscription is going to be cancelled unless we hear from them that they wish to continue to receive the **ALARM**. We cannot afford to continue to send **ALARMS** to people who have given us no sign that they even open them up to look at the pictures.

This **ALARM** brings information about many imminent crises demanding attention; From the Innu facing genocide from Hydro-Quebec with the help of the Quebec Provincial Government and police, to the strip planned for Nova Scotia to the Emily Proctor cut here in VT to the intended timbering of Mount Blue State Park in Maine. We function so that people receiving this publication are inspired by it into action on any of

the myriad of worthy causes. The actions that we cover such as our Columbus Day demonstrations, the Maine Dioxin protest, the air toxins hearing and the Dartmouth banner hanging should give you the creative ideas necessary for empowerment to act. We give you the facts to state your case effectively as well as demonstrating to you the very important fact that you are not alone. Not only that but we provide you with a Resource Directory of real people to talk to for information or assistance in getting started.

In this **ALARM** we also have expanded our coverage to include the First Annual Temperate Forest Conference in Deloraine, Tasmania at which was formed the Native Forest Network, a very important group who will serve to increase communication among forest activists worldwide so that we are able to find trends in the worldwide functioning of the multinationals and governments as well as sharing information about new and useful tactics in the defense of the forest.

One of our activists, Orin Langlelle, was fortunate enough to be able to attend this conference and has taken on the responsibility of being the NFN Eastern North America Direct Action Coordinator and all-around hooligan.

We have continued our coverage regarding the struggles of indigenous people. We have an article about the Innu, in Quebec, fighting the multi-national monster Hydro-Quebec and an update about the Abenaki, who continue to stand up against the fascist State of Vermont. We also have an article regarding our Columbus Day demonstrations which celebrates the 500 years of native resistance in this last edition of the **ALARM** for 1992.

Welcome to issue Number Five of the **ALARM**, we hope you find it useful in your effort to overthrow the state...Enjoy!

**The Alarmists**

### THE COLLECTIVE

The collective of individuals who put out this edition of the **ALARM** included Garth Allen, Colby Kervick, JR Terrierist, Orin Langlelle, an unknown computer hack, and Anne Petermann.

Field correspondents for this issue were Billi Barker, Bart Semcer and Steve Taylor. In addition to the above, contributors included Elizabeth Reed, Micha de Liuda, Deighlough, Ellis Dean, Mike Z., Antoinette Dwinga, Tom Benner, Jan Wilder-Thomas and Clem Balesdant, Jason Annabelle, Debbie Kaufman.

Special thanks to OH-TOH-KIN for the graphic of the Native American with the Canadian Flag across his mouth.



### ABOUT THE COVER...

This photo was taken at the Earth First! rally and celebration of 500 years of indigenous resistance. Featured is Death riding atop his trusty steed during a takeover of the Burlington Church Street Marketplace and a disruption of the Columbus Day sales happening there. The outstretched hand of Death signifies the continuation of the ecological devastation and genocide of native peoples that are soon to lead to the collapse of planet Earth. Photo: Langlelle.

One of Webster's definitions of alarm is "a mechanism that warns of danger, arouses from sleep, etc." With the **ALARM** we hope to arouse the human species from mental hibernation. With awakening, hopefully empowerment will follow to prevent the further desecration of Gaia.

The **ALARM** intends to be a revolutionary ecological news quarterly published by Earth First! groups in the northeast region. The **ALARM** is part of the international direct action movement that takes a no compromise stance in defense of Mother Earth. Responsibility in this publication rests with the individual authors and correspondents. The contents do not necessarily represent the viewpoints of this publication, the EF! movement, local EF! groups or individual EF!ers. Although the **ALARM** does not accept the authority of the hierarchal and patriarchal state, nothing herein is intended to run anyone associated with the **ALARM** afoul of any government's police power.

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# The Action Page

## National Earth First Activist Conference Jan 29-31, 1993

Shawnee EF! and the Shawnee Defense Fund will be hosting the Earth First! Activist Conference January 29-31, 1993 in the Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois. The organizers will be meeting at the Black Diamond Ranch located at the 5,000 acre old-growth Trail of Tears State Forest in the western Shawnee.

This is a working conference for EF! organizers who are networking among EF! groups. The focus of the weekend will be strategy sessions and discussions of issues within the EF! movement. The agenda will be formulated at the beginning of the conference so please talk with your local groups in order to bring their ideas and written comments/ statements/ proposals to the gathering.

Representatives from the various bioregions are invited, although no outside funding for travel expenses are available as of yet, there is a slight possibility of partial reimbursement. For security reasons, anyone wishing to attend should contact us ahead of time. Maps will be available by contacting your local EF! contact listed in the EF! Journal.

There will be a charge of \$40 for food and heated lodging for the weekend. Cabins will be reserved on a first come basis but there is also camping for those who prefer ice to fire. Please bring sleeping bag and warm clothes. The weather could range from wet and cold to mild and sunny. Be prepared!!

Those who are flying will land at the St Louis Intern'l Airport and should plan to arrive on the 28th as that is the day that the shuttle will take people on the three hour journey to the Shawnee. By train people should travel to Carbondale, Illinois. Contact us to arrange to be picked up. People travelling by auto are encouraged to car pool.

CONTACTS: Call Mike at (618) 549-7387 or Jan at (618) 564-2878 or write 913 S. Illinois, Carbondale, IL 62901.



## Mount Blue Threatened by Winter Cutting

Mount Blue State Park, near Farmington Maine, is threatened by the plans of the Timberlands Company to clearcut vast tracts of forest over the next three winters. The cutting for this winter is imminent, and a campaign is being organized to defend the forest.

The company prefers to cut in the winter because the ground is frozen and there are no tourists to witness their crimes against nature. The Timberlands Co. is able to decimate forests on this State Park due to a back room deal with Maine in 1966 in which a swap was made. The state traded \$400,000 worth of standing timber (AKA forest) for a plot of land worth roughly \$3,000. Gee, why can't we ever make deals like that?

People interested in helping with this campaign or who want more info should contact Billi Barker (see ALARM Resource Directory).

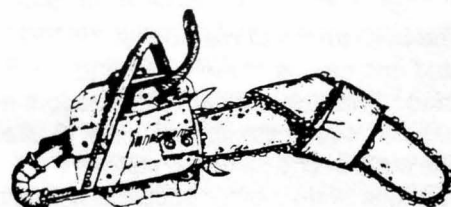
## Green Mountain National Forest Update

As we go to press, the A. Johnson Company of Bristol, Vermont has begun timbering two of the remaining uncut portions of the Spruce Lodge Timber Sale also known as the Emily Proctor Sale. As of yet they have not touched the remaining cuts adjacent to the trail, to the New Haven River and the Breadloaf Wilderness, which are the areas that Earth First! has pledged to defend. However, the cutting of these two plots is a good indication that they will try to cut the sections along the trail anytime soon.

As usual, this timbering is especially slimy. The disgusting nature of this particular cut is that they began cutting before the Forest Service was to meet with Preserve Appalachian Wilderness. PAW had threatened to sue them if they did not cancel the cut, and this meeting was where the FS was to inform PAW of their decision whether or not to cancel the Timber Sale.

EF! is formulating an immediate defense plan for the Emily Proctor should they try to cut. Please contact us at the **ALARM** as soon as possible to participate.

Elsewhere on the forest, PAW has threatened to sue the Forest Service over 40 different Timber Sales having a total of over 300 violations of Federal laws if the sales aren't cancelled. The Forest Service has shown how honorable they are in respecting deadlines for decisions with the Spruce Lodge Sale so it is likely that they have given the go-ahead to cut all 40 of these sales before they can be taken to court regarding their legality. So much for the Forest "Service" caring for our "public" lands.



## Stink Raised Over Proposed Dioxin Increases

source Solon EF!

One activist was arrested and members of the public were made ill at the hearings held on November 5 and 6th to discuss Maine Governor McKernon's proposal to raise the legal levels of dioxin in Maine's rivers. Evidence and emotion were presented to the Governor-appointed Board of Environmental Protection.

The first day consisted of "experts" explaining the dioxin increase and the "acceptable risks" entailed. This included facts about the "acceptable" number of (human) deaths expected for each increased dioxin level. The dioxin increase being advocated by Maine's governor and being pushed by the Governor's brother, a lobbyist for the paper industry, the largest producers of dioxin in the state, is from .013 parts per quadrillion (ppq) to .5ppq, an increase of nearly 40 times!

Earth First!ers blew whistles and made loud comments about the integrity of the "scientists" presenting their evidence about acceptable health risks. One activist, Jeffrey Phillips, was told to quiet down or be arrested.

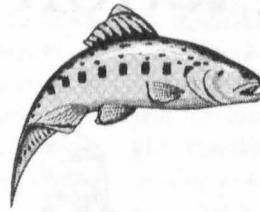
The day continued with the industry-owned biostitutes explaining that all of the emphasis on the toxicity of dioxin is just hype, that there is actually very little to worry about. One idiot actually went so far as to say that just because it kills and mutates lab animals does not mean that it will necessarily harm humans. Listening to these sell-outs turned out to be too much for some as the stench of vomit suddenly became overpowering and the room had to be cleared out.

With many fans blowing fresh air in and rancid air out, the proceedings continued. Again EF!ers disrupted them with whistles and obnoxious comments.

### A Poem

-Steve Taylor

The persistence of memory of  
Mud and humus of the forest and  
Land of warrior and native of freedom and  
Life and love of the light of fire of man and  
The steel of chains of the state of  
The hate of division of people and kids of  
Subdivisions of the earth and oceans of  
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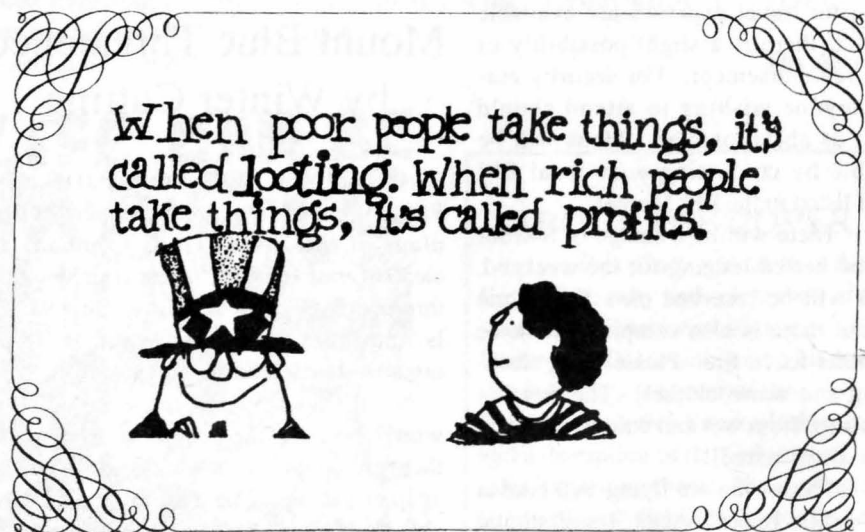
Phillips was arrested and charged with criminal trespass and disorderly conduct. Later in the day a contingent of students arrived with signs, costumes and chants. They made their presence known in various ways; by invading the hearing room, chanting in the hallways of the building and singing outside.

At the break for dinner, as they attempted to leave the still reeking building, many of the biostitutes were greeted by the EF!ers with deluges of dioxin-laden river water. One internationally-renowned and particularly nauseating Harvard scientist was doused in an especially vicious manner. The Board, seeing what had been going on outside, huddled just inside the doors discussing what to do. In the end they walked right out the front doors into their own personal cascade. Security, fearing the dioxin, did nothing.

When the hearings resumed later that evening, it was the people's chance to speak out. The outcry against the increase was astounding. High School students and fisherfolk, mothers and grandfathers, each said the same thing in their own unique way--Don't poison the rivers! Let life live!

Dioxin is one of the deadliest poisons known to humanity. Causing many forms of cancer and mutations, it is especially toxic to females and young. It is also bioaccumulative meaning that it never leaves the body once it is ingested, thus the dose consumed increases by many times with each step up the food chain and is particularly hazardous to nursing babies who receive high dioxin doses through their mother's milk.

It is obvious that they only people to benefit from this increase are the CEO's of the Multinationals decimating the Maine woods for paper. Pressure must continue to be applied to the Board of Environmental Protection to be sure that they understand that the people will not stand for this poison for profits scenario.



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Conscience and consciousness of the man of  
The plan of rhyme and reason of the brain of  
Prospects and schemes of buildings and  
Bombs of intelligence and smarts and thoughts of  
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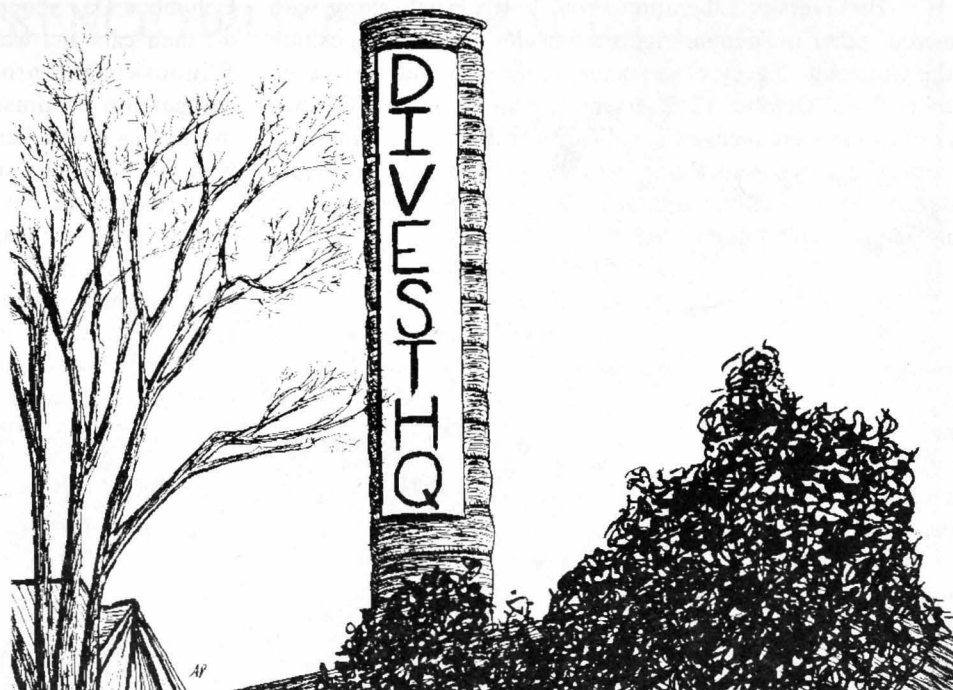
## "Divest H-Q" Banner Flies at Dartmouth College

by Mike Z.

On November 7th, 50-60 Dartmouth students and several members of local communities demonstrated outside of the Hanover Inn where the Dartmouth Council of Ethically Responsible Investing was meeting to decide about their recommendation to the Board of Trustees regarding the possible divestment of 7.2 million dollars which the college currently has invested in Hydro-Quebec.

Earlier in the week, unknown persons hung a huge banner reading "Divest H-Q" from a smokestack at the campus power plant. For several weeks prior, the students had sat next to a mock dam handing out information about H-Q and collecting signatures for a petition supporting divestment. Students from the Native American Studies Program and the Environmental Studies Program presented the petition, which contained 2300 signatures, to the Council during the demo, while others gave speeches and drummed outside.

Later that day, 60-70 students invaded the Council meeting. According



to one student "We left of our own volition...this time." Next time? Well, the Council meets this week with the Board of Trustees to give them their recommendation about divestment from Hydro-Quebec but the Board will not

make their decision until possibly as late as February.

For more info contact:

Justin Rubin, HB 3740 Dartmouth College  
Dan Isaacson, HB 1467 Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755

### Earth First! Takes Over TV

Biodiversity Liberation Front in conjunction with autonome forum has created a radical television show with



revolution as its main theme. The program is titled "Kill Your Television" and airs on Burlington public access cable three times per week. We have hosted discussions on themes ranging from anti-Forest Service

campaigns and dramatic banner hangings to local hearings and Tasmanian direct actions.

We strongly urge folks all around the country who have a cable company in their town to take advantage of the 'public access law' that allows revolutionaries and anarchists to fan the flames of discontent through people's idiot boxes for absolutely free! People can also sign out video equipment at no cost and the editing equipment is also available for public use. Even the tapes are free! What can you lose? Do it today!

In addition to this media takeover, Earth First! has also struck a blow to mass media through a local anarchist-run radio program called the 'Grade D But Edible' show. This program, which has been featured on WRUV in Burlington, VT every Tuesday from 7-9am has featured interviews with local EF! activists as well interviews with national figures like Judi Bari and Mark Davis and the latest in industrial music. The show is going to be changing shifts, however, and people are urged to call WRUV at 656-4399 for the new time.

### The ALARM's Third "It's All Bullshit" Award Goes To...

Well, actually, we're presenting the Award to a number of individuals this month, some of whom may be more deserving than others. These lucky people are those nice folks who wish to bring us increased dioxin levels in our air and water, namely, Governor McKernon of Maine and his lackeys at on the Board of Environmental "Protection"(BEP) and Governor Dean of Vermont with his stooges from the Agency of Natural

Resources (ANR).

McKernon, whose brother is a lobbyist for the paper industry, wishes to assist that industry in its profit-making endeavors by increasing the allowable levels of dioxin in that state's rivers from .013 parts per Quadrillion(ppq) to .5ppq, an increase of 38.5 times. The people on the BEP, appointed by McKernon to do his bidding, will be making the decision about the proposal.

Dean, a physician-turned-politician, apparently has no problem

turning his back on his former profession in that he has backed a proposal to relax restrictions on the allowable levels of airborne dioxin in an effort to make things easier for industry. The ANR is ignoring common sense and are not opposing the new weaker standards.

Congratulations to each and every one of you. It takes something special, a certain level of sell-out, to receive this award and you have most certainly outdone yourselves. For all you do, this "It's All Bullshit" Award is for you.

## Earth First!ers Oppose Columbus Myth and Present-Day Genocide

Biodiversity Liberation Front Earth First!, along with numerous other indigenous rights advocates, showed opposition to the Columbus legacy of genocide, repression and ecocide on October 9 and October 12 (Indigenous People's Day). The two days of action were pledged in solidarity with native peoples and all living creatures in this 500th year of forced euro- and anthropocentric domination and the 500th year of resistance to ecological and cultural devastation.

**October 9, 1992**

### Vermont Supreme Court Sandbagged

BLF Earth First!, Central Vermont Greens and the All-Species Project joined with representatives of the Abenaki, Cree and Micmac in front of the VT Supreme Court in Montpelier to commemorate the resistance and survival of Native Americans since the arrival of Columbus. The Supreme Court building was chosen as a protest against the Supreme Court's decision this summer denying the ancestral rights of VT's indigenous Abenaki which stated they lost these rights due to the "increasing weight of history", and most recently, the Court's decree denying the Cree people's appeal of the VT contract with Hydro-Quebec. This contract allows VT utilities to buy \$4 billion worth of hydro-electric power from H-Q while "washing their hands" of any responsibility for destroying Cree, Inuit, and Innu lifestyles and of the further devastation of the James Bay bioregion.

A wigwam was set up close to the steps of the Supreme Court building and a traditional pipe ceremony followed. After a speak-out, hundreds of pounds of sandbags were carried up to the actual Supreme Courtroom where those in session were effectively barricaded into their chambers. Spokesperson Carrie Bioux stated, "This was a demonstration to these arrogant bastards of the increasing weight of our resistance".

A spontaneous street march then occurred which blocked traffic and resulted in a cat and mouse game with police. There were no arrests although one cop got yelled at by a passerby for stepping on an American flag which was his method of preventing protesters from dragging it on the ground.

**October 12, 1992**

### One arrest; Traffic Blockaded Near Hydro-Project

BLF EF! rallied next to the Winooski-One hydro-project in Winooski, Vermont on the 500th anniversary of the Columbus invasion. After the rally about 25 EF!ers blocked traffic on the Winooski-Burlington bridge causing a major traffic jam of

Columbus Day shoppers, forcing the stranded motorists to shut off their cars and watch the devastation of the Winooski River. Winooski-One project owner John Warshow denied the comparison of himself to Columbus stating that there are no indigenous people here. The Abenaki would be very interested to hear this especially since Winooski is an Abenaki term meaning "Land where the onions grow", which they used to before John destroyed the river for that hideous dam.

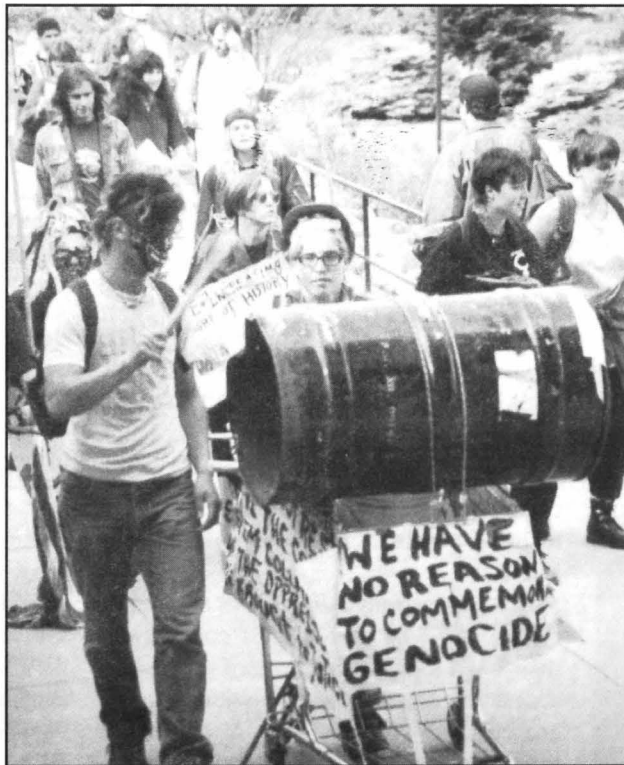
With traffic at a standstill, one of the blockaded drivers, off-duty police officer Michael Schirling, lunged his car forward in an attempt to force protesters out of his way. When he screeched to a halt, narrowly missing one protester, he leapt out of his car and began flashing his Kop ID ordering people out of the road or be arrested. He arrested EF!er Anne Petermann who was standing on the sidewalk exercising her first amendment rights. So much for free speech. EF!ers went to her rescue to try to prevent her arrest. One cuff was put on Petermann, by now on the ground, but the crowd refused to let her be dragged to the police car. Finally numchuks were pulled out and were used by one kop to put a compliance hold on her. During the melee, protesters watched Schirling's wallet mysteriously part from his body to swim away in the Winooski River. Petermann was later released after being charged with disorderly conduct for refusing to leave the road even though she was arrested on the sidewalk.

Leaving the bridge, the EF! contingent, some dressed in outrageous costumes, proceeded to march up to the University of Vermont where more folks joined the demonstration. From the

campus, the march took over Main Street, further snarling traffic on the way to the Church Street Marketplace while protesters dragged and tore up Amerikan flags, handed out informational leaflets and hurled well-aimed rotten tomatoes (organic, of course), at Frat houses, banks, City Hall and assorted capitalist enterprises celebrating the Columbus Day eco-genocide thing.

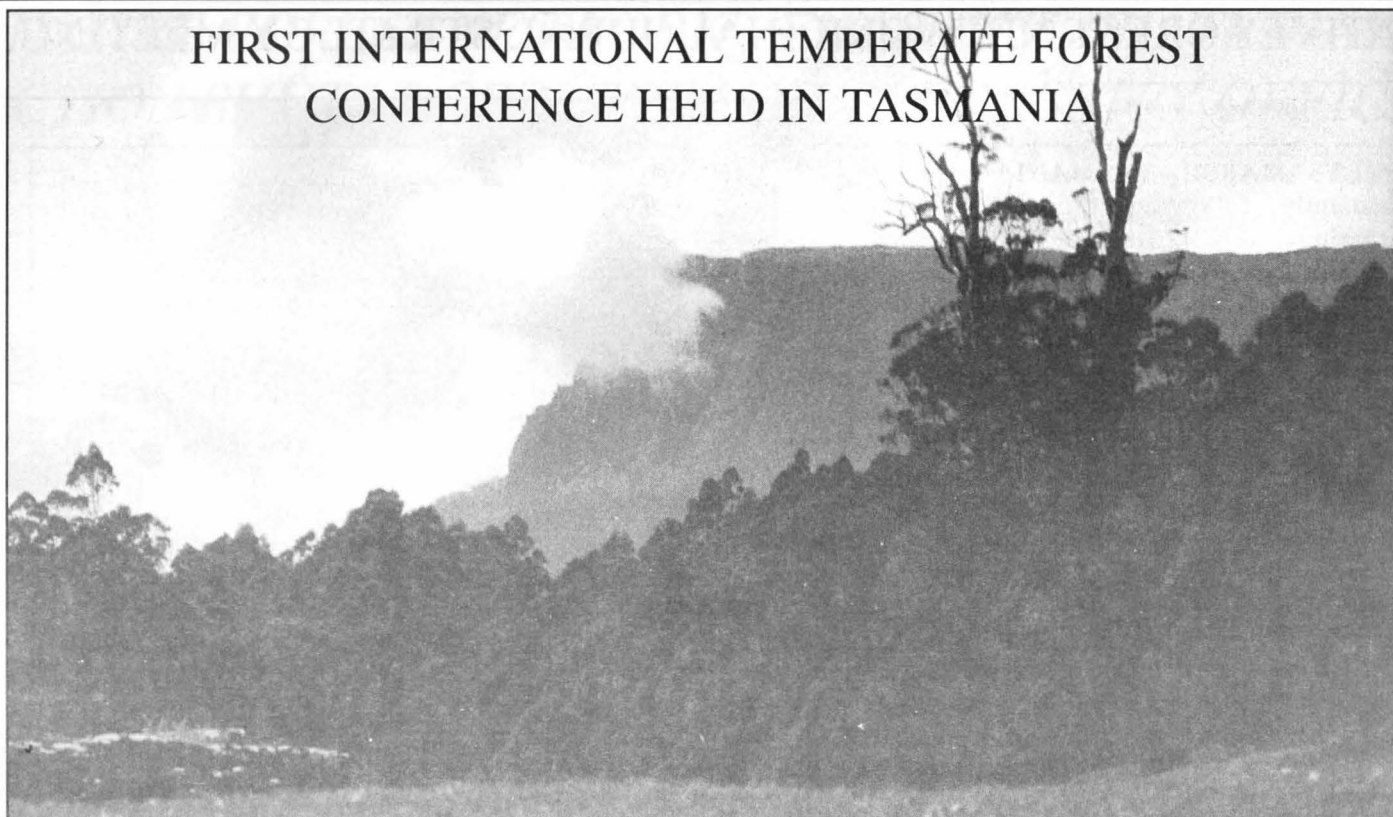
The contingent of EF!ers and other hooligans then met up with yet more street theater people and performed skits on Church St. aimed at de-mythifying the Columbus "discovery" while combining it with opposition to such present-day outrages as the invasion of Hydro-Quebec into James Bay and the culturally genocidal rulings of the VT Supreme Court against the Abenaki.

Oh yeah, before everybody went home, an Amerikan flag-draped TV set was smashed for some reason or other while Burlington Kops looked on and laughed.



Anti-Columbus Day marchers prepare to take over the Winooski to Burlington bridge next to the Winooski-One Hydro Project. There was one arrest. Photo: Langelle

## FIRST INTERNATIONAL TEMPERATE FOREST CONFERENCE HELD IN TASMANIA



A Cloud lifts over the Tiers during an unofficial opening of the 27,800 hectare Great Western Tiers National Park in Tasmania. Photo: Langelle

by Orin Langelle

DELORAINÉ, TASMANIA---The First International Temperate Forest Conference (FITFC) was held November 16-17, in Deloraine, Tasmania, Australia, and was attended by almost 200 representatives from the Southern and Northern Hemispheres. The representatives agreed in their mission statement, "To protect the remaining temperate forests around the world to ensure they can survive, flourish and maintain their evolutionary potential." British botanist, Professor David Bellamy, was the keynote speaker.

Representatives and the media heard speakers from both hemispheres condemn multi-national corporation's profit before the planet practices, international reports of environmental destruction, and calls for a temperate forest action plan. Toward the end of the conference, attendees met in small groups to formulate the above mission statement. The attendees also formally stated to recognize the rights to existence of all species and ecosystems and the problems faced by indigenous peoples while being aware of the limitations to human economics imposed by the economics of natural systems upon which we all ultimately depend.

The day prior to the FITFC, an

international contingent attended the unofficial opening of the Great Western Tiers National Park. Professor Bellamy unveiled a sign and declared the 27,800 hectare area an inviolable International Park for all time and nominated the Great Western Tiers for World Heritage status. The Department of Parks, Wildlife and Heritage, in its report on the optimal boundaries for the World Heritage area, recommends most of the proposed National Park be included. The Tasmanian Government continues to ignore this recommendation and those involved in the inception of the Great Western Tiers National Park publicly declared, "to continue to work non-violently and persistently to protect this place."

About a week before the FITFC, Australian media publicized that Earth First!ers from the United States would be attending the conference. Tim Cadman, FITFC Convener and Native Forest Network co-founder, was roughed up by an assailant in Deloraine. Cadman also said there were bomb threats to the Deloraine Community Complex where the FITFC was held. Despite the fact that threats and actual violence happened because international non-violent forest activists, conservation biologists, and non-governmental organizations were to gather at a global conference, paid timber

industry mouthpiece, Steve Guest, had the audacity to call Earth First! a violent organization who have "maimed and killed workers in the United States." To that statement a representative from the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) wrote in a Letter to the Editor for the Tasmanian *Examiner*, "Mr. Guest's inaccurate statements incorporate the classic example of trying to divide the worker-environmental community. This tactic will not work as the workers and environmentalists identify the real enemy of ecological and working class destruction: the industrial and corporate state."

Guest went on further in his tirades to demand to Professor Bellamy and the FITC organizers to condemn and denounce EF!'s presence at the conference. When Professor Bellamy was questioned concerning this, he replied, "Earth First! is the best friend the world has!"

It was decided that an International Temperate Forest Conference would occur every two years. The Second International is planned for 1994 and will take place somewhere in North America. A North American Temperate Forest Conference is scheduled for the latter part of 1993 and the site will probably be somewhere in the east coast region of the United States.



## NATIVE FOREST NETWORK INAUGURAL STRATEGY MEETING

by Orin Langelle

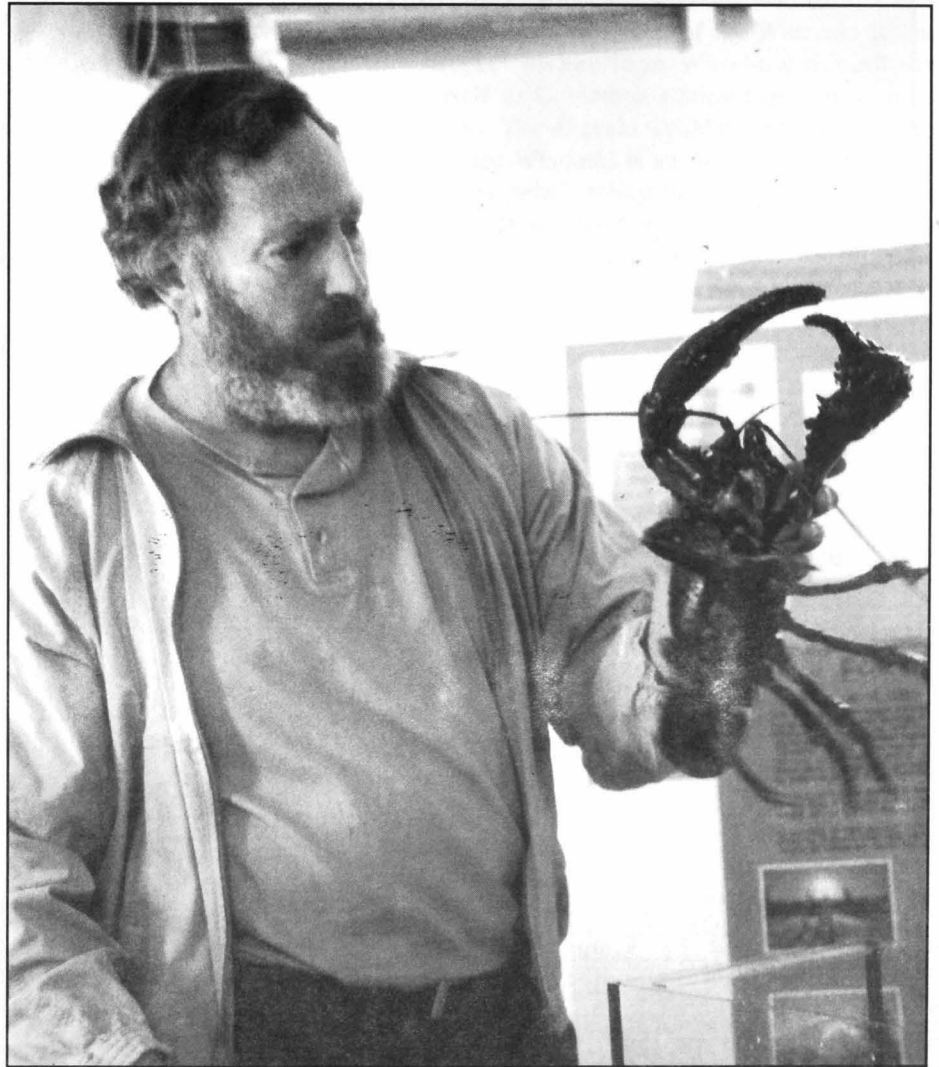
JACKEYS MARSH, TASMANIA--Immediately following the First International Temperate Forest Conference, about 30 forest activists from both the Southern and Northern Hemispheres met in the Jackeys Marsh Community Centre, Tasmania, for the Native Forest Network (NFN) Inaugural Strategy Meeting. Participants in the three day session braved torrential rain, leeches and Boag's beer to hammer out the details of the start of a global network designed to share information and foster activism on the grass roots level.

Despite two mysterious and questionable computer malfunctions those attending produced the following philosophy: "NFN is a global, autonomous collective of forest activists, conservation biologists, and non-governmental organizations. It functions on a consensus basis and is non-violent, non-hierarchical and non-patriarchal. Furthermore NFN is non-discriminatory on grounds of race, culture or species."

The NFN mission was identified as; "To protect the Earth's remaining Native Forests, be they Temperate or otherwise, to ensure they can survive, flourish and maintain their evolutionary potential." The three goals of the NFN are 1) To ensure the maintenance of biodiversity and ecological integrity; 2) To recognize the rights of indigenous people and forest dwellers and to ensure that cultural values of ecosystems are identified and protected; and 3) To ensure the maintenance of ecological productivity of natural and modified ecosystems for the benefit of all species including humans.

It was proposed that the NFN campaign on both tropical and temperate issues, with its first priority being the creation of a Temperate Forest Action Network. In actuality, with a campaign on tropical and temperate issues, and when activists return to their bioregions, it may be more feasible to watch a Native Forest Action Network develop.

NFN comprises state, regional, national and international representatives. Information will be sent to clearinghouses based in the Northern Hemisphere in Bozeman, MT, and in the Southern Hemisphere in Deloraine, Tasmania. NFN



Jim Nelson presents "Albert" an *Astacopsis gouldii* (world's largest crayfish). *Astacopsis* are endangered due to logging on the Gog range. Photo: Langelle

will produce a newsletter whose production is centered in Tasmania of which Montana will receive the hard copy for printing and distribution. It is also planned that the Chilean delegation will translate the NFN newsletter into Spanish for further information dissemination.

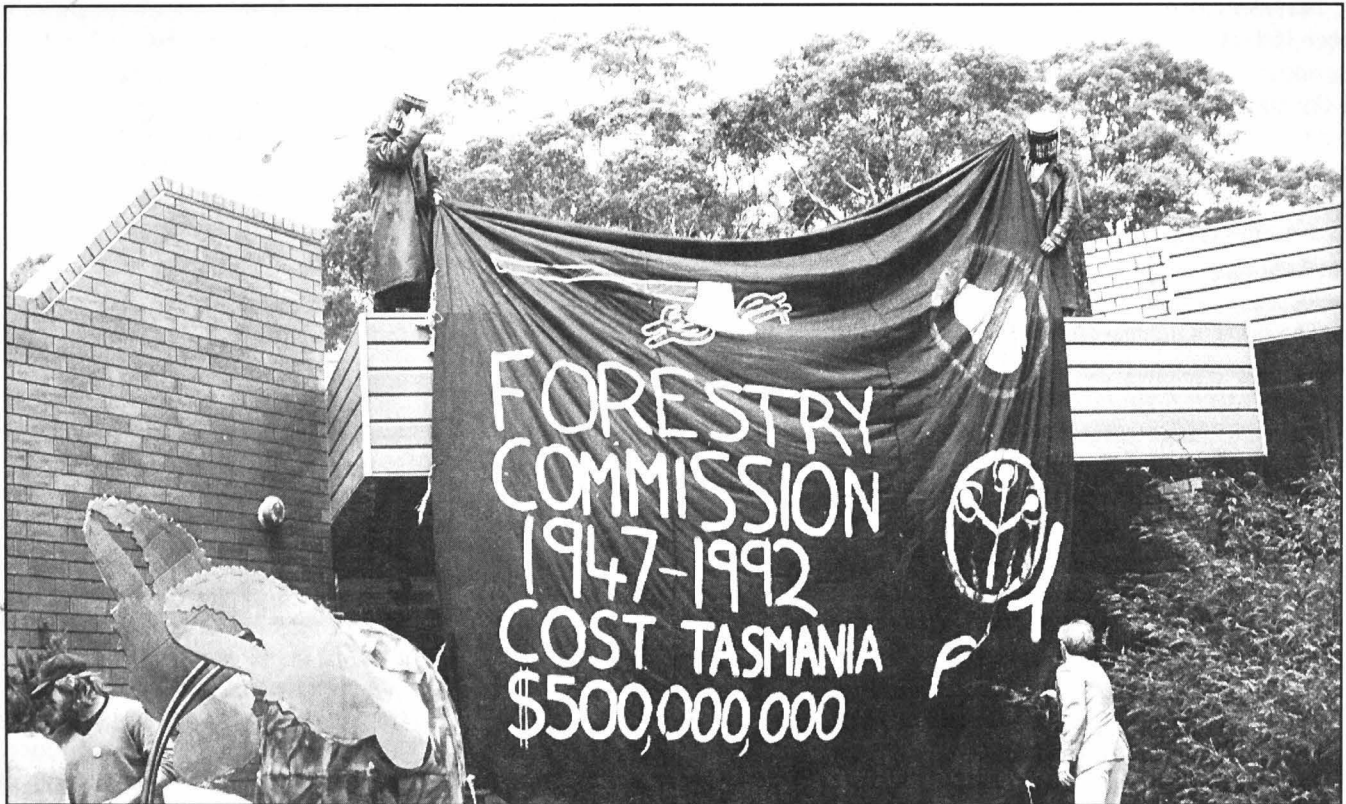
Global campaigns and "hotspots" were discussed as well multi-national involvement with the destruction of the planet. It appears that the next international gathering of the NFN will take place immediately following the Second International Temperate Forest Conference scheduled for North America in 1994.

The inception of the global NFN umbrella and the subsequent Action Network offers many possibilities for grass roots activists to unite, while still remaining autonomous, by sharing infor-

mation and tactics in an effort to non-violently combat the destruction of earth by multi-national corporations or other entities. The NFN also provides the opportunity for activists to demonstrate solidarity world-wide when the need arises in the many crisis situations that are becoming ever more apparent as the present ecological devastation further escalates.

For further information concerning becoming active with or joining the NFN, please contact: Native Forest Network, 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine, Tasmania 7304 AUSTRALIA telephone--(003)622 713 or, in Eastern North America: NFN, Orin Langelle, POB 57, Burlington, VT 05402 USA telephone--(802)658-2403. Additional North American contacts will be listed in the next **ALARM**.

## NATIVE FOREST NETWORK'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL ACTION SHUTS DOWN TASMANIAN FORESTRY OFFICE



The first international action of the Native Forest Network (NFN) stops business as usual in the Devonport office of the Forestry Commission Tasmania (FCTAS). Modern day "Ned Kelly" Bushrangers occupied the roof and unfurled banners while activists chained themselves to doors inside and dumped woodchips to show their outrage at the FCTAS forestry practices. Photo: Langelle

By Orin Langelle

DEVONPORT, TASMANIA--The first international action of the Native Forest Network (NFN) effectively stopped business as usual in the Devonport office of the Forestry Commission Tasmania (FCTAS) on 24 November. NFN (a broad coalition of international non-violent activists) chose FCTAS as a target due to the FCTAS' jurisdiction, and the lack of responsibility for logging on the Gog Range near Deloraine, Tasmania, and the non-protection of *Astacopsis gouldii*, the world's largest freshwater crayfish and a recognized IUCN threatened species.

Activists dropped banners from the roof of FCTAS' regional Working Circle headquarters, chained themselves to doors to blockade access, and dumped woodchips to show their outrage at FCTAS' blatant disregard of the destruction of *Astacopsis* habitat and woodchip exportation to foreign markets at the expense of the Gog. Unconfirmed reports stated that during the NFN's takeover, the FCTAS' computer systems crashed.

Before the direct action a press conference was held at the Deloraine Environment Centre, where Jim Nelson, a local Gog resident, presented to the media "Albert" an *Astacopsis* whose fellow species are endangered due to the siltation caused by logging procedures on the Gog. Tim Cadman, NFN spokesperson, said, "Few people in Tasmania realize the global significance of the freshwater crayfish, and such wanton destruction of their habitat should be internationally condemned." Western North American representative Randall Restless stated, "Areas like the Gog should be protected everywhere. We can not afford to be parochial about forest protection, but we must realize that Native Forests and associated species are under siege around the world. We need these remaining scraps of native forest for the continuance of evolution, the protection of biodiversity, as the green lungs of our planet and for our own survival. The parallels between Tasmania and the Wild Rockies where I live are amazing. Both places are under increasing attack by the timber beast, and both are experiencing

rising local activism."

Due to the NFN's takeover of the FCTAS, in which the modern day "Ned Kelly Bushrangers" (infamous Tasmanian activists who have previously stopped and locked on to a woodchip train) participated, Tasmanian Forest Minister Tony Rundall intimated that radical conservationists should be hanged. Because of Rundall's attack on the Bushrangers, who he said deserved the same fate as the original Ned Kelly, Green MHA Gerry Bates furiously negated Rundall's accusations of green "terror" on the parliament floor and was the first house member since 1987 to be banned.

The action at Devonport promised not only more non-violent civil disobedience concerning the Gog and other Australian hot spots, but global direct action by NFN groups in their bioregions who identify the need of protection against corporate and multi-national encroachment and destruction.

(This article was originally written for Australia's Green Left Weekly)

## State's Attorney Van Benthuyssen to Take Stand to Explain Racist Attack

by Anne Petermann

What initially appeared to be a routine harassment of the Abenaki on November 16th at the Federal Court in St Albans, soon became very interesting. During the first of the two hearings, the usually cool State's Attorney, Howard Van Benthuyssen, began to unravel and during the second hearing was put into a terrible pickle when his racist behavior was challenged and the judge ordered an investigation into the allegations against him.

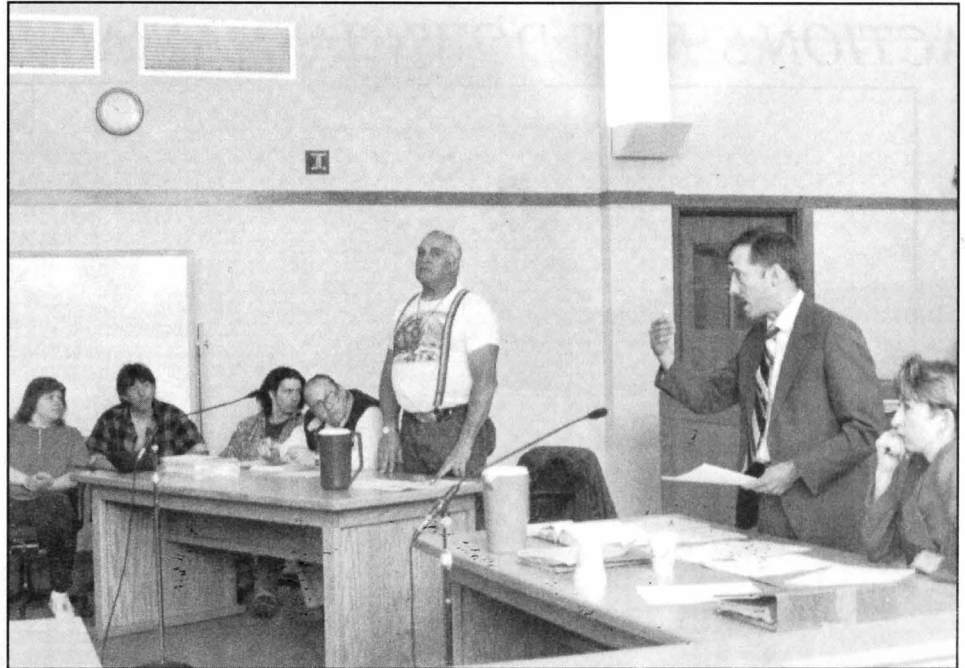
The charges against Chief Homer St. Francis at the first hearing, assault on an officer, stemmed from an incident at which Chief Homer St Francis was pulled over by two brother kops, one from VT and one from NY, for having Abenaki license plates. The NY kop apparently emerged from his car with a baseball bat stating, "Now we'll show you how we deal with the Indians here in NY". This alleged assault appears to have been merely an attempt at self-defense.

In the court, the Chief made a motion to switch the indictment from himself to the kops and followed it by a motion to dismiss the charges against him for lack of evidence. This lack of evidence stems, stated the Chief, from the fact that the officers had no authority to tow the car simply on the basis of it having Abenaki plates.

Howie Van Benthuyssen then got overly excited and stood up exclaiming "the officer tried to prevent removal of the vehicle [by Chief St Francis] and Homer got out and slugged him!"

Chief St. Francis objected to this unfounded outburst and the judge agreed with him. The Chief then demanded that Howie be charged with conspiracy, with which he had tried to charge him twice before.

The third motion called for the dismissal of the case due to the Jay Treaty, a treaty regarding native people such as the Abenaki, who reside on both sides of the artificial US/Canada border. Howie tried to say that the Treaty was irrelevant due to the Vt Supreme Court's decision this summer which stated that the Abenaki have no indigenous title or right to sovereignty due to the "increasing weight of history". To the contrary, the Chief said the Supreme Court's decision was irrelevant due to the Jay Treaty pointing out "In



Abenaki Chief Homer St. Francis (center) casts a glance at State's Attorney Howard Van Benthuyssen (in suit with hand in motion) during a court hearing. Photo: Nestor Mahknov

the French/Indian war, who do you think the Indians were, anyway?" The judge agreed to hear the evidence about the Jay Treaty as well as the Chief's allegations against the officers, much to Howie's dismay.

The Chief's lawyer then brought up the problems he'd been having due to Howard's office refusing to hand over evidence that was necessary for the Chief's defense. Howard tried to use the lame justification of "local protocol" but the judge didn't buy it and told Howie that he had to hand over the info by the end of the week. When the Chief's attorney asked for a change of venue for the case to Bennington, the only area in Vermont that has never been Abenaki territory, in order to draw a non-biased jury, Howie naturally objected in his attempt to be as uncooperative as possible.

Later in the day, Chief Homer St Francis was made to answer to another of Howard's charges, that of "false swearing". This charge arose when Howie decided that the Chief had incorrectly filled out a form requesting a Public Defender. It was at this hearing that the Chief's attorney brought out the fact that most of these forms are filled out incorrectly by people who frequently leave questions blank and that this is the only time that the State's Attorney's Office has ever investigated the validity of the infor-

mation on one of these forms much less actually gone so far as to press charges. The attorney was able to convince the judge that there was enough of a possibility that the whole charge was racially motivated, that he allowed for a further investigation into these charges including making Howie take the stand to testify under oath whether he has actually called himself an "Indian Fighter" which has been alleged, or to explain some of the racist statements he has made to the press.

At the next of the Chief's hearings, however, where Howard was to testify, he mysteriously did not show up, but rather sent an underling in his place who was completely unfamiliar with the case. She requested a postponement to become more familiar. Interesting trick to get out of a tight spot.

It is becoming readily apparent that the State has been too avid lately in its age-old persecution of the Abenaki and that now it appears to be backfiring. In the future they will undoubtedly learn their lesson and become a little more subtle about their hate campaign, continuing the principles of eugenics (the method used earlier in this century to effect "ethnic cleansing"--the genocide of all people deemed inferior to keep the elite white race pure). In the meantime, stay tuned to these pages for the sequel to the Howard Van Benthuyssen Takes the Stand saga.

# H-Q to Invade Innu Native Lands

Quebec Provincial Police forces are amassing on the borders of the Malietenam Reserve of the Innu People on the Quebec-Labrador Peninsula. The Quebec government has stated publicly that it intends upon eliminating the traditional leadership of the Innu and has placed an injunction upon them forbidding any movement off of the Reserve or even conversations about the situation that is daily heating up. At issue is the traditional Innu's refusal to accept an \$800 million Hydro-Quebec offer to relinquish title to their ancestral lands.

The Innu are the original inhabitants of the land they call Nitassinan. This area is 1,040,000 square miles of rivers and subarctic forests. The mega-utility Hydro-Quebec wants to build a series of dams on the land similar to their infamous James Bay projects to the west. Their \$800 million offer, however, was turned down by traditional leaders, and two public referendums held on the issue resulted in 80% of the people rejecting the offer. Unwilling to take no for an answer, Hydro-Quebec has apparently gotten the Quebec government to do its bidding under the auspices of the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA). The department oversees administration of the Native Reserves and resources and, as such, has given the Innu until December 15th to accept Hydro-Quebec's bribe. In preparation for that deadline, the Quebec Provincial Police (SQ) have amassed their troops at the Nitassinan border. They have said that they will enter the reserve by December 7th, ostensibly to enforce their demands and "bring peace to the reserve".

Mr. Tom Dostou, a spokesperson from the Coalition for Nitassinan, the Innu Traditional Movement, has stated that the Innu will "be passive for as long as they can". Last summer a standoff took place between the SQ and people of the Innu Nation after native people set up a non-violent barricade in response to the DIA's refusal to allow a referendum on the H-Q issue. Eventually the referendum was allowed and the offer was voted down, but the DIA has subsequently ruled that the referendum was illegal.

Another Innu occupation took place in October at Lake Robinson, one of

the proposed dam sites. One hundred and fifty Provincial Police with a military back-up surrounded the occupiers, mostly women and children. That occupation ended peacefully, but in recent weeks violence has broken out in the area. Traditional Chief Gilbert Pilet's house was fired upon by an unknown assailant and Dostou himself was beaten by suspected H-Q supporters. Dostou says goons hired by a DIA Chief have been intimidating traditionalists and H-Q opponents. Now, with the SQ at the gates and vigilantes on



the Reserve, the potential for violence has greatly increased.

Dostou says that the Innu "reject present and future hydro-electric dam projects as a violation of our national territory and of our Mother Earth". He adds that his "nation is united in the desire for peace and harmony with the earth and all nations", but that they reject "the attempt by the Quebec Provincial Government to intimidate the traditional people and their leadership with threats of force and violence".

UPDATE: For the time being, the situation with the Innu has calmed down. This calm is in no way expected to be permanent. It is possible that the Quebec government may wait until February or March to move in on the Innu people.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

EF! and the Native Forest Network are organizing a solidarity action expedition to give assistance to the Innu should they set up a blockade. If you are serious about travelling up to Quebec to work on their behalf, or if you want more info, please contact Orin Langelles, Native Forest Network POBox 57, Burlington, VT 05402. "This is an international outrage! Hopefully demonstrations will occur worldwide at Canadian Embassies to protest this blatant attempt at repression and genocide against the Innu and the ecocide of the bioregion."--Langelles

For now the people are requesting assistance in the form of spreading the word about their plight and in pressuring those causing these troubles. Please send messages of protest to:

The Hon. Brian Mulroney  
Prime Minister  
House of Commons Rm 30-S  
Center Block  
Ottawa, ONT K1A 0A6  
CANADA

Hon. (ha,ha) Premier Robert Bourassa  
885 Grande Allé East  
Bldg J, 3rd Floor  
Ville de Quebec, PQ G1A 1A2  
CANADA

Hydro-Quebec Public Relations Dep't  
75 Boulevard René Levesques West  
Montreal, PQ H2Z 1A4  
CANADA  
Tel: (514) 289-2211

Hon. Tom Siddon  
Minister of Indian Affairs  
10 Wellington St., 21st Fl., Rm 2100  
Hull, Quebec, K1A 0H4  
CANADA  
Tel: (613) 997-0002  
Fax: (819) 953-4941

Mr Claude Ryan  
Minister of Public Security  
2525 Laurier Blvd 5th Fl.  
Tour de Laurentide  
Ste-Foy, Quebec G1V 2L2  
Tel: (418) 643-2112

Louis Preston  
President of World Bank  
Tel: (202) 458-2001  
Fax: (202) 477-1305

(The World Bank is the motivating force behind the H-Q deals in that they are telling the Quebec separatist government that they will have no credit as an independent nation without H-Q.)

## Ompompanoosuc Falls in Peril

by Elizabeth Reed

The water is roaring tonight at Ompompanoosuc Falls. It is cascading over the rocks with unabashed fury, carrying silt, trees, guts of abandoned cars, and everything else in its way. It is a monster, voracious and alive, embodying undefined beauty. It hurls dead pines over jagged rocks. Wisps of white water spatter the air. The undertow sucks with deadly precision. It is a rare living organism, one of the few falls not yet choked by the concrete of industry. But, unnaturally, it is next on the list.

They've already taken too much. They can't have this one. There are so few wild, unpoisoned places left. Even if the courts decide that a dam can, in fact, be constructed on the Ompompanoosuc, they're not going to build one without a fight.

The falls in question are set just below a covered bridge in Thetford Center, a small rural community in central Vermont. A local group of citizens, Friends of the Ompompanoosuc, have spent much energy and money fighting the impending calamity. They have pursued legal angles and have made appeals to the aesthetic interests of the community. It is probably due to their dedicated competence that the waters are still free-flowing at this time. At present, there is still a place in Thetford where the children can swim and splash in the gentle summer current. But can we depend on the courts and government agencies to protect this public heritage? We're talking about public land!

Parenthetically, public land controlled by (who else?) the Army Corps of Engineers. Even so, public land! Yet it is a private citizen, who does not live near

the river, but who hopes to profit off of it by constructing a lovely little power station who intends upon massacring the cascades. Strangely, the State of Vermont has come out strongly in opposition to this hydro-project. It has even co-filed lawsuits on the fall's behalf. But perhaps the oddest twist of all is that it was the state that initially granted all of the early building permits for the dam. What is not strange at all is that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), whose

strands falling dramatically into pools of aqua. But that is really not the issue. Water carries life, and its course must not be obstructed. Most natural areas have been mutated, disfigured, or strangled by human interests. This natural area has not yet fallen into the clutches of industry, and is yet still empowered with the earth's virility. Even so, it remains high on the endangered species list and its future is jeopardized by greed and ignorance. The important thing to keep in sight is that it

**Only through our apathy can this dam get constructed.**

sole goal it is to develop and regulate sources of energy, has had no problem issuing building permits. They are close buddies with the Corps and they refuse to even prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the project, even though not doing so clearly puts them in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). FERC has also disregarded pleas from VT's Agency of Natural Resources as well as from Governors Kunin, Snelling and Dean to rescind the contractor's license. Isn't it a little scary to have these politicians on our side? Something is definitely awry. Supporters of this project argue that it is only a small damn, "but damn it, it's only a small river." (E. Abbey)

Throughout, the water has continued to flow. The water has not stopped to deliberate or balk at its oppressors. It has a purpose and knows what it needs to do. This is the whole point. We are not talking about aesthetics, we are talking about life. Surely one is awestruck by the beauty of the cascades, the feathery white

must be kept open and free and unmarred by commercial interests. So we have to be ready to fight for the river if the legal battles aren't effective. Meanwhile the falls will gracefully continue the pursuit of existence for its own sake.

At present, the decision is back in the hands of the Vermont Supreme Court. It is likely that many more months of legal paper shuffling will occur before a final decision can be reached. While it is hopeful that the courts will come through for the river, it is not a certainty. Therefore, we need to be prepared before the first drops of cement begin to pour. Remember, only through our apathy can this dam get constructed. When we put petty concerns about property taxes, depreciation of vehicles, and the price of tomatoes before the purity of the falls, all is lost. Keep the rivers in sight!

For more information, or if you want to be kept up to date, contact Two Rivers EF! (see Resource Directory). We'll see you on the slippery rocks as the river slurps at the shore.

### UNPLUG

by Micha de Liuda

Why must we flick on, switch on, turn on appliances galore?

Do machines run your life? What runs their life? The power grid!!!

The earth and her children are being poisoned every day in the name of electricity. Humans prostitute themselves to feed the hungry monster. This horror is unnatural at this level and needs to go on a diet.

Your home is a source of pain; your workplace is a polluting den to Gaia. Why

must we dismember ourselves from the darkness of the night? Why must we spend endless hours in front of TV's, computers, microwaves, video games, etc? Are we forgetting the feel of our mother's breast?

Must we cut wide paths in the forest and field to accommodate power lines? Must we annihilate indigenous peoples for the sake of this monster? Must we all be constantly irradiated because of nuke plants puking their deadly vomit on everything?

The best way not to contribute to all of this mess is to not plug in. Boycott elec-

tricity the best that you can. I know of two folks who live in Burlington (within city limits) who do without electricity. One person is an old-timer who has never had it. I, myself, find my own children's behavior and health to be very peaceful in our current-free home.

Let us have light--pollution free skies, calming homes, Hydro-free lands, Nukespew-free air and water.

Solar and wind power are not the only answers to these many environmental problems.

**UNPLUG YOURSELF!!**

## RAILROAD IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

By Ellis Dean

All aboard! Time to sing that old tune, "I've been working on the railroad". Why? Because now scheduled to be making stops at all of your favorite mountain-tops, waterfalls, cliffs and wilderness areas is that all new, state of the art, Crawford Notch Scenic Railway! Yes, the people who brought you Storyland and Heritage, those two darling attractions in Glen, NH will soon be sending a tourist train through the White Mountain National Forest!

Too tired to hike? Hop on and you can explore all of those places that you are too lazy to get to on foot. Here is the itinerary: the train will conveniently leave Bartlett, clank its way up along the border of the Presidential Dry River Wilderness, zoom across the mighty Saco River, past Arethusa and Ripley Falls, under the peregrine falcons roosting on Frankenstein Cliff, across the Appalachian Trail, of course, through the guts of Mount Willey, onto the great cliffs of Mount Willard, then roar past the falling veils of Silver and Flume cascades, and finally come to rest in the heart of condo country at Bretton Woods. What? You find this offensive? You mean because they've already fucked up the Notch with a snack bar/ jelly bean stand? Because the Appalachian Money Club (AMC) and US Forest Service have turned the notch into a watering trough for tour buses? You're suggesting that there should be a cut-off point?

The White Mountains do NOT need yet another "scenic" railway! Already existing elsewhere in nearby parts are the Conway Railroad, the Lincoln Railroad and of course the infamous Cog (or Smog) Railroad which spews its waste all day long up and down Mount Washington. Where will it end? If it is left up to them, not until all of the mountains have been paved over with asphalt. So folks, why not give a toot and start rehearsing your favorite railroad songs:

"Can't you hear the whistle screeching  
So early in the smoke-filled dawn?  
Can't you smell the noxious poisons?  
Capitalists be gone!"

Or, as Abbey put it "I've been working on the railroad."

So hey, White Mountain people, where are you? Get in touch. For more

info or to be put on the contact list, contact us folks at Two Rivers EF!

(see Resource Directory in this issue for address).

### RIDGE AND VALLEY PROVINCE TO BECOME GOLF COURSE HELL

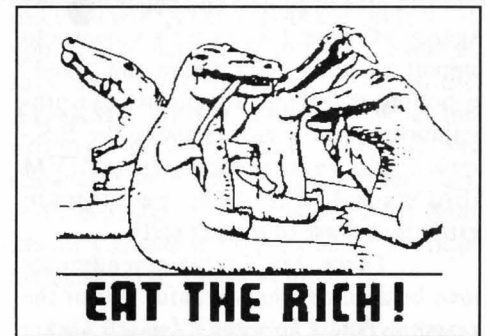
by Bart Semcer

The bastards of growth are seeking to carve up New Jersey's Appalachian corridor even further with the Sussex County Golf Preserve Project. The project would turn northwest New Jersey into a smaller version of the Hilton Head or Myrtle Beach golf resorts by adding at least 15 new golf courses to the 13 already in existence. Aside from the course development, the project would also warrant the construction of hotels as well as increase the amount of pavement and biocides used in these wild, semi-wild and rural reaches of the state. One of the most disturbing aspects of the project however is that, according to the developers, in order for the project to succeed the state must amend its wetland protection law which currently restricts the development of boggy parcels. This because they "want to have some of the fairways in the buffer areas".

The concept of the project has already drawn unanimous support from the Sussex County Planning Board which deemed the project an "environmentally sound land management concept", as well as drawing an endorsement from the United States Golf Association.

The main culprit behind this is Jack Kurlander of Vernon, New Jersey. Kurlander is no novice land raper; in the 60's he developed the Vernon Valley/Great Gorge Ski Area, was instrumental in the creation of the Hidden Valley Ski and Tennis Club in Vernon and was part of the planning for Crystal Springs, a golf and townhouse complex in Hardyston.

Kurlander and proponents of the project argue that the Golf Preserve is the perfect way to preserve the open spaces of the region. Jack Prather, owner of the



public relations firm working on the project has even questioned, "If you can't build a golf course what can you build?"

These guys aren't completely heartless though, they promise to preserve areas on the fairways for wildlife. Currently, approvals are being sought to develop the 18-hole Black Bear course in Franklin and Hardyston, the Evergreen at Great Gorge, and the Wolf Paw and Black Creek courses. Construction is pending on the Bear Brook course and housing project in Fredon.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Tell them to go build in Hell!

Call Jack Kurlander at (201) 827-4230  
Tell him where he can stick his golf clubs.

Call the Sussex County Freeholders Office at (210) 579-0210 and demand that they condemn the project.

Contact the US Golf Association at (908) 234-2300; POBox 2000, Far Hills, NJ 07931. Demand that they withdraw support for the project.

Call the NJ Department of Tourism at (800) 537-7397 and demand that they condemn the project. Also tell them that you will not visit New Jersey until the project is withdrawn.

Call or write NJ Governor Jim Florio at (609) 292-6000; Capitol Building, Trenton, NJ 08650. Tell him to damn the Sussex County Golf Preserve.

SAVE THE  
NEW JERSEY CORRIDOR!!!

# Earth First!ers disrupt Air Toxin Hearing

by Garth Allen

At a blah,blah, blah public hearing in the colonial Capital of the State of Vermont, Earth First!ers joined the dissenting voice of protest and anger over the Agency of Natural Resource's schemes to support business in its continuing "need" to pollute the planet for profits. As pro-pollution industry drones spoke the B.S.-ometer got rave reviews from UVM SEACers and VPIRG who were there to testify in defense of mother earth.

These Air Toxins amendments have been under the watchful eye of the Vermont Public Interest Research Group and have been their pet project for some time. They have issued their own plan which has gained broad based support from people, politicians and industry yet stands opposed to Gov. Dean and the Agency's drive for deregulation and destruction.

So, as the B.S.ometer entertained, another EF!er donned a RadSuit and held a sign that said "cANceR" (for the Agency of Natural Resources). Along with the Earth First! theater, the dissent was widespread at the microphone. Opponents of a proposed incinerator in Rutland showed up in Montpelier to lend their voice of outrage to the growing scream of anger because they see the rule changes as a legal loophole which would permit a carcinogenic trash burner to spew its fumes over the already overpopulated banks of Otter Creek. As VPIRG provided a scathing criticism of the board of 3 in judgement over the quality of air, Seventh Generation workers also testified against the proposed rule changes, (even though this one guy who spoke from the halls of eco-capitalism would rather have been "sitting with a beer in front of the TV at home" that night). As environmentalists

came out strong blasting the Agency and the colonial government's plans, industry cried out between confusion and support over the proposed changes. Earth First!ers added an extra dynamic to the trial by speaking about developing a movement that would wrestle control away from government and industry into the hands of the people into a more sustainable and livable economy and ecology.

In reaction to all this, the State of Vermont has decided to look over the proposed changes to try to develop a new package more in the interest of industry. In an attempt to discredit VPIRG, the Burlington Free Press poorly quoted J. Mullhern of VPIRG who verbally wondered whether the state was on the side of industry in Vermont. Whether industry and the state are united is not even a question.

It's a reality!

# Binghampton Activist Conference a Success

by Garth Allen

The first weekend of October there was a gathering of Earth First!ers south of Binghampton, New York in a woodlot complete with hiking trails, fluorescent mountain bikers, spotlights, and a shooting range. Upon arriving at the campsite, well the road near the campsite, there were no signs of life. Luckily an Earth First!er came out of the woods fresh from a bonfire that supposedly had flames leaping 6' into the air. Leaving the flames in the woods we crossed the Pennsylvania border and payed \$5 to see Walkin' Jim play for a crowd of Rotarians (perhaps the least /un-wild bunch of people ever to see Walkin' Jim Stoltz). It was a happy affair seeing that most of the folks who were heading to the gathering met at the show. After some tears and laughs we headed back to the campsite, now dark, to set up tents and start the night's campfire for revelry and our own singin' and chattin'. One couple, to be left unnamed, stayed in the truck all weekend. These RV Earth First!ers did get up in enough time for breakfast the next morning although there were doubts among the campers. Another individual to be left unnamed left a stash of sleeping bags a little to near the aban-

doned 6' flaming fire the night before and in the morning light found only ashes.

Saturday was a day-long meeting about the **Alarm** and other chit-chattin. Folks from Albany, Binghampton, Maine, Burlington VT and New Jersey all reported about what projects they were involved in. The activity slid from a couple of lobbyists in DC to folks working on an Environmental Congress to direct action. After a long morning of getting

acquainted we started yip-yapping about the **Alarm**. Regional editors from Maine, New York, and New Jersey claimed they would gather the regional dirt and news from their area. There was also much talk about fundraisers that could happen to raise money for the **Alarm** and was left to the responsibility and dedication of those who wanted to see the **Alarm** come out each and every quarter of the year. That night we all moved out to a church where we watched slides of the Shawnee actions of Summer 1991 and a bootleg of a police training video for young kops to learn how to deal with and apply non-compliance holds to non-violent protesters.

Sunday morning awoke to find only one Earth First! casualty to Saturday night's beer drinkin': one EF!er who didn't drink at all was drooling beet juice blood for breakfast. Before we head out we threw some ropes in some trees, tied some knots and ate a farewell pasta dinner with homebrew in the Binghampton burbs.

The next regional gathering is up to whoever wants to organize it. If the freddies want to trap us on some desert island in the middle of Lake Champlain, who knows, some people may even show up!



# Burlington Mayor Wants \$50 Million Road

by Colby Kervick

The EPA has just unleashed a \$50 million proposal for cleanup of the Pine Street Canal Superfund site. The area is a former wetland that was destroyed by toxic coal tar dumping beginning in the 1950's. The EPA proposes that the waste must be cleaned up and that the best method for doing so would be to cap the area with an above ground and sub surface cement barrier and to drain all of the free phase out of the ground as this would be the most cost effective clean up plan and would best contain the contamination. Currently they are taking "comments" on their proposal.

The interesting thing about this project is that the barge canal site lies right in the path of a proposed road: the Southern Connector. This proposed highway would create a fast corridor for traffic into Burlington, channeling it straight to the city's waterfront, which Mayor

Clavelle also has plans to decimate by building a shopping complex. The city argues that with increased traffic jams etc., the road is necessary to lighten the flow of cars, an excuse that has been proved wong over and over as more highways invariably mean more cars. It is ironic that for years, the barge canal site was recognized as a toxic area, yet only now, when Mayor Clavelle wants to construct a road, is any action being taken.

This clean up seems to be a stepping stone toward constructing yet another road with a cost of \$50 million to the tax payers. It is essential that the area be cleaned up because high levels of lead and benzene found in the soil have been leaking into Lake Champlain. However, if the clean up is only a precursor to more destruction (the Southern Connector) then we must speak out. This only represents another hypocritical action on behalf of the "Progressive" government, leading us to believe they are doing something posi-

tive for the environment when the real agenda is clear. Build, develop, build, develop. Let's show it for what it is folks!

At some point in the future, there will be a public hearing for the people to discuss their feelings about the project. If you wish to participate in an EF! event at this hearing contact us here at the **ALARM**. Written comments about the proposal may be sent to Barge Canal Cleanup Comments c/o Burlington City Hall, Burlington, VT 05401. Also drop Mayor Clavelle comments about his little highway at the Mayor's Office.

## Judi and Darryl Come to Visit Vermont and Maine

Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney graced the Hall of the Billings theater on Nov. 4th to give their inspiring roadshow about their struggles in No. California. These struggles have included Judi being car bombed in 1990, their amazing IWW organizing work with the loggers and millworkers, Redwood Summer and their most recent victory, the Albion Community Uprising (see **ALARM** #4).


Judi and Darryl also came to Maine at the University of Orono. They were both astounded at the similarity between Maine and No. California with the pecker poles (small cut trees) and lively activists. This was their first roadshow since the 1990 assassination attempt. At both of the performances, the audience howled, sang along and laughed and a good time was had by all.

## Wise Use Movement Expands in Vermont

The recently formed Vermont Environmental Coalition is actually a front group for businesses that intends to gut Act 250. Act 250 preserves Vermont's open spaces and rural character by limiting development.

The group intends upon raising \$250,000 to achieve its goals and has raised over \$100,000 towards this goal thus far. With this money they intend to hire a full-time lobbyist and Executive Director. According to one member, a

developer, the group intends to counter such "ultra-environmental" groups as Vermont Natural Resources Council and Citizens for Responsible Growth (an oxymoron). These groups focus exclusively on legal tactics which makes one wonder what the VEC would do if they ever encountered a group like EF!. If they succeed in their plans to gut ACT 250 and the legal groups no longer have any legal grounds, they undoubtedly will meet EF! who only focus on natural laws.



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"Summer's Coming":

## A discussion of Biotechnology

*source: autonome forum*

As we mentioned in the Autumnal equinox edition of the **ALARM**, several fields of genetically manipulated plants in the Netherlands were destroyed on the night of July 27/28, 1991 by a group calling itself the Raging Diggers. The following is a statement from another group associated with the Raging Diggers reprinted from the Dutch left-radical paper "Konfrontatie", which outlines the issues which should be the foundation for anti-biotechnology resistance.

The discussion of biotechnology has been slow in coming. It is not a popular political issue. All too often, biotechnology is portrayed as a form of technological salvation. Although some people are still uneasy about the notion of scientists tinkering with genes and pieces of DNA, biotechnology's social context usually gets buried in technical debate. The topic is rarely discussed in the media.

Not to sing biotech's praises, but the ethics and environmental technical aspects of biotech are only side issues. Not that we don't think that these issues are important, but we feel that the essence of biotechnology lies elsewhere. It is that essence that we want to discuss, either through our direct action or, in this case, by means of a written discussion.

Biotechnology in its Context

The biggest difficulty in the biotechnology debate is trying to shed light on the relevant social relations involved. In the press statement issued by the Raging Diggers, of whom we are a part, it was stated that technology is an expression of social relationships. This is the context within which biotech must be analyzed.

Biotechnology is a part of several social relationships including that between humans and nature. Nature has been subordinated to meet the needs of human beings and has been transformed into a profit-making commodity. Biotech takes this to the limit. Cells, genes and pieces of DNA are utilized for trade and profit. From this comes the reductionist illusion



that life can be controlled and explained if you just unravel its tiniest parts under a microscope. Are cows getting sick because we force them to produce too much milk? Well then, we'll just stick in another gene.

Biotechnology also affects the relationship between science, research and conforming to the demands of economic development. University research is designed to address the problems of the economic sector. The subservience of universities is shown by how they carry out research that is socially and economically risky. Students and researchers shut themselves in their laboratories and simply say that they cannot comment on the results of their industrious labor.

Naturally the same is true when it comes to explaining the fact that the genetic material is stolen from the Third World. This is part of the North-South relationship. The exploitation of the Third World, the destruction of the social structures there, and the labeling of indigenous societies as inferior--all of this has been

commonplace since Columbus stepped off of his little boat. We drag tons of food out of the Third World, and while we enjoy our excesses, the evening news would have us believe that all the hunger in Africa is due to too many children and too little rain. So as not to disrupt this delightful plunder, the banks and financial institutions worship at the altar of "free trade". Of course the "free market principle" in the words of GATT ( the General Agreement of Tariff and Trade), stipulates that export limits are for western holdings in the Third World, and that no half-assembled items from these countries may enter our markets. It fails to mention that institutions like the IMF make use of the Third World's dependency on the North by making further dependence on imports from the North the central part of debt-reduction programs. And biotech is one way of manufacturing substitutes for fertilizers which we still have to get in the Third World. Thus, a dependency on newly developed fertilizers can be created,

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making local farmers virtual slaves to a few multinational corporations.

These are the deeply-rooted relationships which are the beacons of the destructive North-South relationship.

The use of Biotechnology greatly changes this power relationship. The development, direction and implementation of biotechnology is controlled by a small number of corporations. Included in this elite are Monsanto, DuPont and Sandoz who spent 99 million dollars on biotech research in 1990. These are companies that have the money for such expensive research. These companies have the markets, infrastructure and political power necessary to exploit this new terrain. For them, biotech means a step forward: new areas of profit, the strengthening of their power and a monopoly on knowledge. This trend leads to the control over food and genetic material being placed in the hands of an elite few. These are great changes which, although seemingly abstract, have a direct effect on people's lives. For example, farmers in the Third World become increasingly dependent upon expensive Western seeds and pesticides, existing agricultural methods are destroyed, corporations are given patents on life and genetic diversity is placed in the hands of multi-nationals.

These are the fundamental relationships and structures which we feel should be at the center of the biotechnology debate, because they are the core of the problem. Biotech claims to be the answer to society's problems of hunger and environmental ruin, problems which arose from the self-same relationships from which this so-called solution stems, problems caused by the self-same groups who now hope to solve them with biotech. But this so-called solution will only bring more profits for the corporations, while at the same time laying the groundwork for future problems, which will also require profit-making "solutions"...

### The Speeding Train of Biotechnology

Many people view biotech as an inevitable development which can no longer be stopped. Critics of it don't opt for fundamental resistance, but rather hope to influence its course of direction. These so-called pragmatists stress the slogans of

biotech propaganda and accept the side affects of profit-hunger. But the existing mechanisms of exploitation and oppression remain. Apart from this, we see two other things that are problematic. How realistic is the expectation that those responsible for the implementation of biotech will be willing to openly discuss its implementation and application? The importance of implementing biotech is so great that at best just a few details might be talked about. In our opinion, the difference between biotech agents and their opponents are fundamental.

The second problem is the state's supplicating glaze upon this influential strategy. The state tries to act as neutral party without any real stakes in the biotech industry. In reality state subsidies provide an easy means of influence over biotech research. Profit, innovation and competi-

this so-called solution will only bring more profits for the corporations, while at the same time laying the groundwork for future problems

tion are the key words of economic policy, both nationally and internationally. The state and the industrial sector both stimulate, from the respective positions and possibilities, the implementation of biotech. Along side this (fundamental) view, it's doubtful that the state can really act as a neutral regulator in the process. No one can deny that great political changes have taken place over the last few years. With the coming of European unity, international development, and international restructuring, the national political playing field has been greatly diminished. With a stern hand, internal relationships are being made to fit external realities. Annoying 'leftist' notions like consultation, discussion and democratization are being increasingly swept away. You cannot avoid this development the moment you seek possibilities for political influence.

### Consumers vs. Biotechnology

So there is only one way to stop the biotech train: to meet it at its end-station. (Some people) have expressed the hope that consumers can be turned into opponents of biotech. This perspective has also become more common in the environmental and solidarity movements.

This isn't necessarily wrong. Informing people is an important part of the struggle against biotech. The real question is, how effective is this? Conscious and critical consumerism still avoids the arguments that have fundamental change as their goal. The appeal to the consumer is made under the banner of freedom of choice: the right to know about the food that you are consuming. But what about the damage to humans and the environment caused by the multinationals' monopoly over food production? And besides, what do consumers really want? Tomatoes can be manipulated, but so can opinions. It is essential to understand the positions of consumers' organizations, and thereby hope to influence the consumers. What for? To eventually enter into a three-way discussion with the state and the industry? At the same time, this leaves the direction

of the social discussion in the hands of the consumers and, consequently, the fickle mass-media.

We see biotechnology as a given. Biotech is an important weapon in the authorities and multinationals' arsenals for influencing the public sector and winning competitive profits in the international market. No matter how much they claim to be in the interest of the environment and combatting hunger, all the evidence points to the contrary. We need to bring out the fundamental realities in a radical and powerful manner. With the few means at our disposal, we seek to hinder the development of biotech and sound a political alarm. In the end, biotech is not some abstract notion which cannot be touched. There are identifiable institutions which are responsible and there are concrete political moments for intervention. We need to point out and attack the responsible institutions. We need to seize on the political moments (for example, the discussions around changing patent restrictions) to make the issues clear. And hopefully we can inspire others to give form to their resistance to biotechnology. Take a shovel in hand...

## Westray Coal Co. Rips Through Pictou County, N.S.

by Clem Balesdant

Our once peaceful lives were shattered this past January by the roar of what some in our society term as progress. On Jan. 9, 1992 my neighbors on Foster Ave. were awakened into reality by the sound of chainsaws and bulldozers all too close to their backyards. Their investigation revealed the Crown land (province owned land within our town boundary) behind their properties being torn asunder. This was the beginning of a coal strip-mine; no warning, no interviews, no public input, no socio-economic study and certainly no democratic voice.

The Westray Company, favored by the Nova Scotia Government, had begun what was termed the removal of a "sample" of coal by strip mining. They also had begun what was to become one of the most controversial subjects to hit our County of Pictou and all of Nova Scotia for some time. It was so controversial that once life time neighbors now have no tolerance of each other; friends to enemies. The government-backed company unconcernedly tore at this lucrative, close to the surface, coal. This project, termed a "sample" removal, was to take out 100,000 tons of coal with a further 100,000 tons shortly after. Some sample!

Our area was settled by Scots in the 1700's. History records gas, (methane) bubbling up in our local East River and the settlers setting it afire for varying useful reasons. They ultimately found and mined coal. The rights to the coal were Crown, given to a company in England called the General Mining Association. Many coal mines were started in this area.

As men penetrated deeper into the coal seams, however, they paid a heavy price. Methane, the odorless

invisible killer made its presence known, and despite apparent safety practices our mines through accident and explosion took some 625 lives. Coal was mined underground in our area until about 1962. Our town of Stellarton has since disassociated itself and cleansed itself of coal and its shadow.

While this company strip mined into the lucrative Foord Seam (at one time the thickest soft coal seam in the world), they also operated an underground mine at a local area called Plymouth. This supposed state of the art coal mine used electronically operated equipment underground as well as bulldozers and gasoline-operated farm tractors.

The result is that on May 9, 1992 this mine exploded, killing a further 26 coal miners. The company had been granted almost complete environmental immunity by the Nova Scotia government for this strip mine by terming the project a "sample" removal and a full environmental review was not required. The Westray Company, after their underground mine exploded, immediately went into a high geared program of attempting to bypass the complete environmental review process required of a major project. The project: strip mine one million tons of coal per year to a depth of four hundred feet.

We citizens, as of Jan. 9, 1992 had been backed into a corner. We came out, few in number, but fighting. Our group actively pursued a media campaign of letters to newspapers, factsheets to town residents, letters to government representatives, bumperstickers; all we could think of. Expenses were out of pocket of our members. Our goal was to force a full Environmental Assessment of this project which requires nine to twelve

months and would thus give us breathing room and a chance to re-group.

Our Provincial Environment Minister was finally forced into the decision requiring the full Environmental Assessment. Our thanks to the caring-supportive people out there who assisted in getting this decision in any way. Today we Concerned Citizens Against Strip Mining must now attempt to have a Federal Environmental Assessment also. By federal involvement, we the people can then possibly receive funding so that we can hire the expertise to present our case to this Environmental Assessment by the province of Nova Scotia. We stand pretty much alone at present.

The Province (supportive of the company) will do the Environmental Assessment, judge public input and make their decision. They will not fund public groups such as ourselves to challenge their findings. So now again, after nine months of frustrating battle against the Provincial Government and the Westray Company we must re-organize to battle a government whose decisions will most almost assuredly favor this Westray Company.

We Concerned Citizens Against Strip Mining do not want this strip mine developed in our town. Our area, with its past history of coal, railroad terminals, coal fired power plants, and steel mills has the second highest cancer rate in Nova Scotia. The higher area being a similar industrial area as our in Cape Breton.

This blight upon our town, the plague on our health, this construction and destruction can not be tolerated and we implore you to assist us by sending letters to our Nova Scotia Environment Minister: T. Donahoe, Halifax to call a halt to government-sponsored death and destruction.



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## Mark Davis Political Prisoner Update

(Source: *Karen DeBaal, Santa Cruz EF!*)

Earth First!er Mark Davis, one of the Arizona Five arrested in May, 1990 after a two-million dollar FBI sting operation, and later found guilty of simple vandalism remains in jail after 15 months. If the system has its way he will remain in prison for an additional 33 months for a crime normally punishable by 12 to 18 months. This is obviously excessively harsh treatment for both Mark and his two daughters, 12 and 14 who also suffer due to the loss of their father for this time period.

There is still hope for a better outcome. the Parole Board's action is still legally open to question, even within the broad discretion they enjoy. At this point, there are a few avenues of potential relief, one of them possibly susceptible to public input.

The next step is an internal appeal to the Parole Board to reconsider their decision. This is usually a rubber stamp process with little hope of success; however, in this case, they might actually reconsider under certain circumstances. If they receive a substantial number of letters in opposition to their actions thus far, and if the press shows some interest, and if a few congressional offices should express a desire to hear an explanation of the situation, it might just cause them to change their minds.

### What to do

To accomplish these goals, here's

what you can do:

1. Write a letter expressing outrage at the blatantly unfair handling of Mark's case. When referring to it, be sure to mention his registry number (Mark Davis 23106-008). One of the things that the parole office is by law supposed to do is promote respect for the integrity of the justice system by providing the appearance and reality of fairness, so attacks on that point will theoretically be heard.

Address the letter to:  
National Appeals Board Analyst  
United States Parole Commission  
5550 Friendship Boulevard  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

BUT! send it for bundling and forwarding to Mark's attorney:

Jim Larson, Attorney at Law  
632 Commercial St, Third Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94111

If you can, get others to write also. Sheer volume will certainly be noticed.

2. If you are a media person or you know one who might be interested and friendly, contact Dayle Carlson at (707) 578-7382 for information on how to help in that way. Dayle is a post-conviction specialist working on this also. Incidentally, both he and Jim are working without fee.

3. Get your friendly neighborhood

congressperson interested. Actually, all that needs to happen is that a staffer writes a letter to the Parole Board expressing Congressperson X's interest in the case. This is also a little touchy, so if you have a lead on someone who might do it please call Dayle for coordination purposes.

To any of you willing to help, thanks and good luck. You additionally can contact any of the following if it will be helpful:

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[John has been coordinating legal efforts for the prisoners]

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Mark Davis 23106-008  
Federal Prison Camp  
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Boron, CA 93516

Peg Millet 23118-008, 37900  
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Phoenix, AZ 85027

[Peg is the only other one of the Arizona Five still incarcerated. She is due to be released in early 1993.]

## Remembering Lost Comrades

Petra Kelley, one of the founders of the Green Movement in Europe and avid anti-nuclear activist, was murdered recently. The authorities are trying to pin the murder on her lover who conveniently also died in an alleged suicide. Those who knew Petra and her lover find this very difficult to swallow and foul play is suspected.

Dhanibal Nawa Padvia, an activist opposing the monstrous Sadar Sarovar Dam Project, which consists of over 3,000 dams, was murdered by "forest Guards" in Taloda. Taloda is a forested area being cleared for resettlement of some of the 100,000 people who will be displaced by this project. When the "forest guards" and police went into the

tribal village of Kalibel to evict people, the villagers protested and the guards began beating them up and opened fire on the people including Dhanibal Nawa Padvia. She was the only person killed and seven others were wounded.

These losses are especially great to women and feminist activists around

the world who lost the voices of two powerful sisters.

We must rise up stronger with every comrade lost and speak out against the murder of the planet which takes place hand-in-hand with the murder of those defending her, who all too often are women.



# Lynx struggling to survive in New York

by Snaggletooth

Felis Lynx Length 29 1/8" to 41 7/8"  
Weight 11 1/4 to 40 lb's Buff or tawny with mixed blackish hairs, underparts cinnamon brownish, short tail tipped with black, Long Black tufts located on tips of ears. Long pale cheek ruffs, whitish with black barring, forming a double pointed beard at throat. Large furry feet.

Trapped in Canada's Yukon territory and transported to the Adirondacks 83 F.Lynx flew 3,600 miles at a cost of \$4,000 a piece. Director of the restoration project is Rainer Brock, an associate professor at the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry (E.S.F.), based in Syracuse. ESF was created in part by Louis Marshall; in 1911, father of Bob Marshall. "I feel tremendously exhilarated but also worried", Rainer Brock said after the release of the first five Canadian Lynx on 1.3.89, "Very little is known about restoring predators. It's extremely rare anywhere. In a crowded world, it's becoming increasingly difficult to accommodate a species like the lynx."(!!!!!@\*&?)"We're far less optimistic now than we were in the beginning". To date 83 lynx were released. 35 are confirmed dead. So far there has not been any confirmed reproduction of the lynx released. Brock's studies show that the lynx might be only able to survive in the high peaks region, due to a lack of other predators like the bobcat and coyote, and because it had the conifer cover required for their habitat. Balsam Fir (*abies balsamea*) the only fir native to the

north east found in coniferous forests. The Lynx rests under the roots of fallen fir and some times rest in them.

Nearly \$100,000 in private contributions, much of which was raised by school children, and nearly \$200,000 of E.S.F.'s Adirondack Wildlife Program, was directed towards the project. But state

## RESTORATION OR ROADKILL?

budget cuts meant Brocke and his assistants were not able to do lynx follow up tracking and studies to the extent that they had hoped.

Just recently researchers have lost contact with all of the lynx because the batteries that power the radio collars only last two years.

Just before the lynx were released feces and urine were spread around the area to give the illusion that the animals had been here before, but it didn't fool them, they began moving great distances outside the target area. At least 16 Lynx have been killed by cars. One was found dead- killed by a deer hunter, in New Brunswick Canada 385 miles away. Another died in Pennsylvania, 200 miles away. A poultry owner in Clifton Park shot and killed one because it had been poaching on his chickens, just like "Shaun" the Lynx that was killed north of Concord NH. in the fall of 89.

Ward Stone the state wildlife pathologist who has performed post-mortems on

several of the lynx said he was encouraged by the fact that the lynx that he examined appeared to be getting enough food. They were not emaciated, despite long distances traveled, and had gained weight since their release. Even though researchers have lost touch with the lynx they can live up to 15 years and reproduce right up to their death. Brocke stated "The basic assumption has always been that if the lynx can't deal with a high mortality rate, there's no place for the lynx in New York State".

Unlike the Lynx, Moose are returning to New York on their own. Both species were driven out towards the end of the 19th century, mostly because of the loss of habitat from logging, and over hunting. During the past 10 years, moose have wandered into New York from neighboring New England states. Currently 30 to 40 moose are in the state, and the State is proposing to speed things up by bringing in 100 more moose and releasing them in the Adirondacks at a cost estimated at \$1.3 million. Most of that cost would be covered by private contributions as part of the proposal. Those 100 moose should be able to reproduce at a rate that would add to the population 1,300 individuals in twenty years, compared to the estimate of 250 moose in twenty years if left alone.

If hikers in the Adirondacks see what they think are lynx tracks - large base ball sized round impressions Brocke and his assistants would like to be called at 518 582- 4551.

## Black Bear Habitat Opened to Hunting in Pennsylvania

Due to an agreement between the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the West Penn Power Company, two new areas will be added to Pennsylvania's Forest Game Program. The areas in question are the 4,235 acre Buffalo Creek Tract in Washington County and the 2,300 acre Limestone Run located in Armstrong County. The lands were made available to hunters under a five-year lease between the Game Commission and the Power Company.

Studies have shown these areas to be home to a minimum of 350 different species of wildlife, including black bear, of which the hunting will be allowed on these lands.

Black bear recovery is vital if we are to ever see a wild east again. The Wildlife Project seeks to end all black bear hunts and needs help with coordinating efforts to achieve this goal. If you can help, contact us (see listing in Resource Directory).

## Bald Eagles Recovering in MA

1992 was a record year in attempts to restore bald eagles to their habitat within the political boundaries of Massachusetts. Seven nesting pairs, five within the Quabbin Reservoir and two nesting along the Connecticut River, raised a record seven chicks (record since they were almost wiped out by human interference). Ain't that America!



## SHAWNEE UPDATE

by Steve Taylor of Big River EF! in exile

Not a glimmering of integrity, due process, or ecological concern was demonstrated by the US Forest Service or Federal judiciaries in a recent cut of the Whoopie Cat Timber Sale area in the Shawnee National Forest of southern Illinois. Despite personal guarantees to forest activists that there would be no cutting this harvest season, the USFS attempted to covertly extract timber from a sale announced only in the spring of 1990.

Rumors of the sale were heard by members of Regional Association of Concerned Environmentalists upon filing an appeal of the new Forest Plan. Since clearcutting was outlawed in the Shawnee by an act of Congress in 1990, the USFS has decided to use "Gap Phase Dynamics" for its means of timber extraction. The RACE appeal cited, in particular, the pine warbler guild and cooper's hawk as species threatened by this new technology (which, incidently, looks a whole lot like smaller clearcuts).

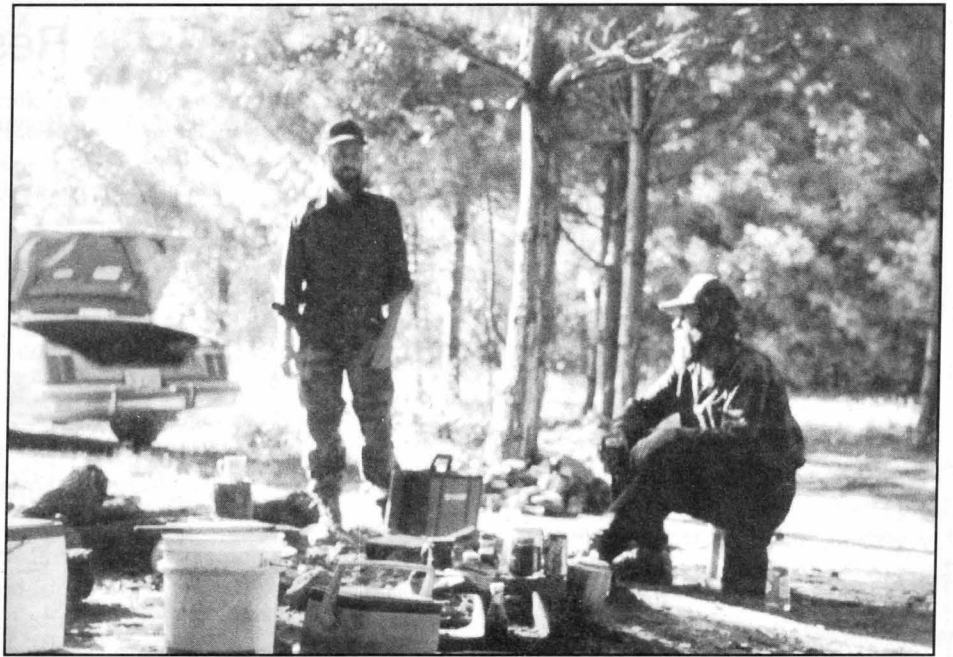
In a desperate attempt to get a least one cut out this year, the Forest Disservice resorted to attempts of outright covert timbering. Upon inquiry, the FS District Rangers were unwilling to share any information as to whether there was timbering being done in the Vienna region of the Forest. Securing their own maps and scouting the area, activists discovered the cut and established an observation/protest camp on September 25th.

## Welcome to Our Police State--Police State

-by Billi Barker

Yet another radical activist is being held for no apparent reason other than intimidation. Animal Liberation Front (ALF) activist Johnathon Paul of Portland, OR was headed for his once a week apprenticeship position as the Feds waited for him at the parking garage where he regularly parks to subpoena him. It was thus that Johnathon came to realize that he was being watched.

On November 3rd, Johnathon went to Spokane WA to testify in front of the Grand Jury, as ordered. Rick Scarce and Deb Stout's mother were also there to testify. The Grand Jury wanted to garner information from them regarding ALF's



Forest defenders prepare for the Whoopie Cat encampment in the Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois. Photo: Steve Taylor

Tensions ran high during the 43 day encampment. Timber contractor Dale Brandt resorted to employing non-locals, as not too many Illinoisians seemed interested in joining the fray. Accusations of tree spiking, equipment sabotage and even urination into water jugs ran rampant. Loggers cut clubs and RACE prepared for an appeal of the sale.

In an impressive display of musical rulings by the Federal Court of Appeals, Dr. Joe Glisson was denied his stay. Glisson intended to argue that the sale which implemented the new Forest Plan violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. On October 13th, one day prior to Glisson's motion,

the court decided to grant another litigant a stay for the same plan rendering Glisson's litigation moot. Although the new plan was not to be implemented, the cut continued under the assumption that it was the implementation of the old plan which allows the now-illegal practice of clearcutting. (!) The fact that the FS announced to the public that this sale was for 416,000 board feet and was allowing for the removal of 600,000 board feet was also considered immaterial.

Said Randall Thomas, an arrestee of this year's encampment, "When we went to court, we saw some interesting things."

raid of Michigan State University's animal testing labs last February. The Grand Jury demanded names, addresses and phone numbers of Johnathon's friends and family. Johnathon plead the fifth and was granted immunity (i.e. his constitutional rights were taken away). As a result, Johnathon has been sitting in Spokane County jail since then and will continue to do so indefinitely with no charges against him save that of refusing to turn over his address book.

Rick Scarce was questioned regarding the contents of his book *Ecowarriors*, but was let off due to freedom of artistic expression, and Deb Stout's mother was questioned and released.

An appeal was filed based on the

technicality that Johnathon was never given the customary five days of freedom after being granted immunity. The same judge that threw him in jail denied this appeal.

On December 10th, the Grumbles motion will take effect which states that after so many days, jail time ceases to be coercion and becomes punishment (as if it wasn't punishment already) and there is a possibility that they will have to release him, but this is, of course, not definite.

Johnathon is said, by visitors, to be doing well under the circumstances and had finally been offered vegan food after the first three weeks that he was there.

Letters of support can be sent to Johnathon Paul at Spokane County Jail 1100 West Mallon, Spokane, WA 99210.

RECOLLECTIONS OF CHITAGUA ROAD  
by Steve Taylor

Fevered groping,  
Frenzied frolicking,  
Insanity imploding upon itself.  
Rhythmic drums, singing, chanting,  
Unclad and howling,  
Dancing around,  
The light of fire on sacred ground.

Sweat, laughter, renewing the fight.  
Earth spirits reflecting in the night.

Free drugs, strange hugs.  
Dangerous creatures to be found.  
T.V. freaks, newspaper fodder.  
Cops in the woods gettin' down.

Microphones, cameras, children crying.

Feds with guns, our forest dying.  
A nation of warriors, of rage and hope.  
Standing for a while,  
And then much longer.

OWL  
by Micha de Liuda

Owl circles our tent during summer's zenith,  
Each night at a different porthole of power,  
She calls to disperse deception.  
Warm winds kiss our bejeweled naked bodies,  
We squat among the burdock and  
red raspberry cane.  
Darkest, deepest sexual interlude.  
Shaman's messenger, bringer of dreams lost  
but not forgotten.  
We smoke the liberator of the mind.  
The Green Goddess conjures memories of  
our soul's past.  
Voice of the night calls and speaks the  
wisdom path.  
Grandmother evokes our warrior dreamtime.  
Medicine of Witches and Sorcerers.  
Sophia's child hunts and guards the  
magical family.  
They sleep on a bed of mud, moss and dew.  
Wide wings swoop across the road  
over and over again.  
Winter warning cry.  
White feathers slice the air.  
The silent knife cuts the debauchery  
of patriarchs.  
We are surprised each time it happens  
but why?  
Have not our Grandmothers of  
the spiritworld always awakened us?  
Children hear her sacred oracle.

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## LETTERS

Dear **ALARM**,

Please help. When I got the **ALARM** of Autumn, I became alarmed at the idea of clearcutting in my backyard. So I investigated, preparing to set up a general alarm. I wrote the enclosed article about what I found. Please help me figure out what I got wrong, since my alarm has changed.

The picture is of a "staging area" where logs are brought to be loaded on trucks, not the clearcut or the trail. What did it have to do with the story? Didn't your reporter have the energy to go a few hundred feet further to get a photo of the cut itself? The trail goes to the west of the log road, at least the one to be used during the cut, since the trail was really a logging road.

What is the rule about clearcut size limits? The Forest Service man knew of none. The Proctor cuts were 9 to 10 acres each. Where was the 20 acre cut? Scoping was done in years previous to the cut, there was no attempt at secrecy, they just didn't keep up with the list of newly interested people. The forest is full of cuts, recent and old, that allow views and wildlife to exist.

Who in the Forest Service "admitted that every one of their timber sales was in violation of the law"? I could find no one in the Service who knew what this referred to, and all sales were legal, according to them.

Your article mentions nothing about creating forest openings to diversify the biology as natural burns had before man.

It seems that alarms should be of valid problems, or those raising alarms will not be listened to with much patience. Please let me know of corrections to the enclosed article which is being printed in a local paper. Your replies will be printed.

Thanks,  
Peter Grant

(Editor's Note: A rebuttal of the Forest Service Public Relations doublespeak is in order. The "staging area" for logs is, in fact, in the middle of what used to be the Emily Proctor trail. Since the FS allowed it to be destroyed, they have constructed a new trail which goes around the destroyed one. If Mr Grant had had the energy to

walk a few feet past the first clearcut he would have seen where the trail continues after the part of it that was converted to a skid road ends. As for the 20 acre clearcut being "only" 10 acres, even if this were true, the Environmental Assessment still states that the clearcuts are to be 2-3 acres in size and thus the law is still violated.

With regard to your statement that there was no attempt at secrecy the FS "just didn't keep up with newly interested people", this is, in fact, a violation of the National Environmental Protection Act scoping process. But as for that hogwash about clearcuts being necessary to wildlife and for views; it has been proven time and time again that forest fragmentation (caused by clearcuts) is the leading cause of the loss of biodiversity. Clearcuts do not mimic fire as fire does not compact soil and completely remove vast amounts of biomass and nutrients. How else could we explain the fact that when fire created openings there was a healthy forest in Vermont but now, with clearcuts, there are more than 650 rare, threatened and endangered species in Vermont. While it is true that a clearcut has more diversity than an 80-year old stand of trees, these are species that are abundant wherever there is disturbance, or edge, which is most of the State. After a certain age, however, (100 to 150 years) the forest begins to be habitable by those species which require seclu-

Dear **ALARM**,

I finally met one of the participants of your movement who gave me a copy of the **ALARM**, thanks! I volunteer time as a board representative for a moderate environmental and consumer advocacy group and agree with most but not all of your techniques. I feel that its important that we hit such subjects as clearcutting, incineration, low-level radioactive dumping, and excessive hydro-power from both radical and moderate angles. I encourage you all to attend conferences and activities by SEAC (Student Env. Act. Coalition), CARD (Citizens Against Radioactive Dumping), NYPIRG (NY Public Interest Resource Group), EIG (Wesleyan-Env. Interest Group), and other moderate groups. We're all working toward a sustainable future and these groups teach valuable skills such as letter writing, pub-

lic speaking, media blitzing and peaceful direct action. The bonding of radical and moderate action is necessary for environmental victory. This forum of ideas, frustrations, hopes, and genuine tree lovers is a great start!

These are many of the 650 R,T&E species. These species cannot survive in or near clearcuts and will continue to decline as long as people continue to swallow the nonsense spewed by the US Forest Service about clearcuts diversifying species and being good for wildlife. As for views, we at the **ALARM** would gladly sacrifice a few scenic vistas for some healthy forest.)

### Legislative Letters Needed!

I. Kindly write your Congressperson to co-sponsor HR 5680, the "Downed Animal Protection Act of 1992". This would help reduce the suffering of farm animals- cattle, hogs, and equines- who are too sick or hurt to walk to the place in the slaughterhouse where the animals are struck by the stun gun. Downed animals lie where they have fallen, sometimes for days, until workers drag them, by whatever body part they can grab, to be killed. Also encourage them to co-sponsor HR 4124, the Humane Methods of Poultry Slaughter Act of 1992.

II. Next, please write both of your Senators, urging them to co-sponsor S. 2296, the Senate version of the Downed Animal Protection Act.

Addresses are:

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US Senate  
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Dan "Bighorn" McCormack  
The Finger Lakes

P.S. I am a geography student and would be interested in making maps for those with a database for anywhere they need a map of. I can make color or B/W with no professional guarantee--but it is free, so give me a try! POBox 5014, Cortland, NY 13045.



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