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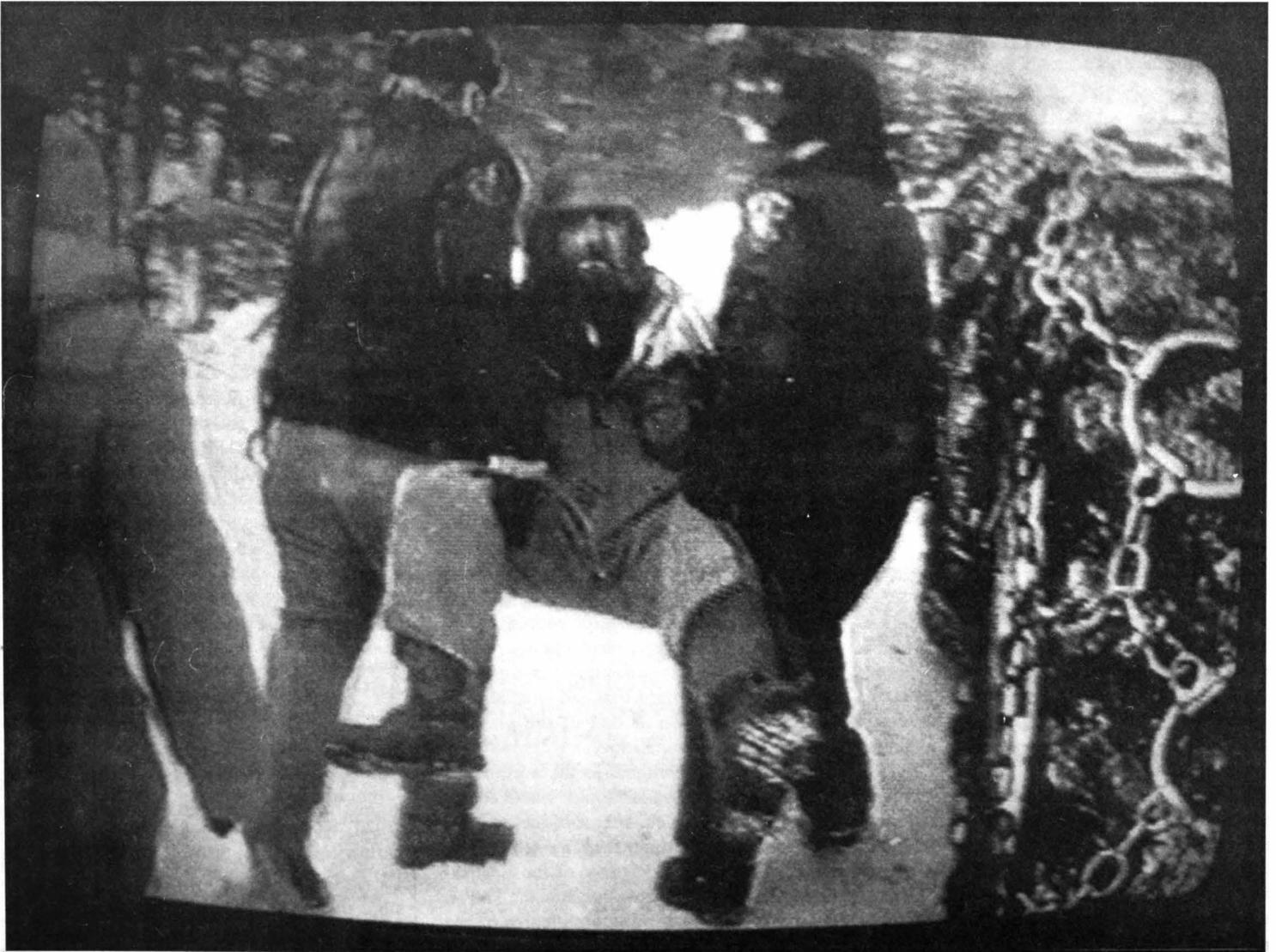
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History of the *Alarm*

by G.L. Doebler

What's in a name? When it comes to journals of social change, names mean a lot. It has long been common practice for social revolutionaries to invoke powerful symbols in naming their journalistic vehicles. *Freedom*, *Firebrand*, *Liberty*, *Lucifer*, *Mother Earth*, *Blast*... The vivid names of those publications reflected the ideals and aims of the radicals who created them. They were intended to rally to the faithful, rouse the curiosity and interest of the oppressed, and ring out in defiance of the oppressors.



The act of warning and the condition of imminent danger have been referenced as symbols by revolutionaries for centuries. From the ringing of the *tocsin* in Paris in 1789 to the sounding of the bell on the commons of Kent State University in 1970, alarms have been used to gather people together to stand against the common enemy. Alexander Herzen's famous newspaper *Kolokol* (*the Bell*), awakened the sleeping Russian giant to revolution. And on October 4, 1884, the anarchists of Chicago published the first issue of *The Alarm*, a journal which, they believed, would arouse the American working class to action against untrammelled capitalism.

I was quite pleased to learn that the folks who publish this journal decided to reclaim a part of our history by calling it the *ALARM*. This choice of name reflects a conscious decision of the radicals of today to identify with the radicals who came before them. Since the ruling class survives, not only because it accentuates differences based on race, nationality, gender and religion, but also because it divides one generation from the next, robbing us of our history and therefore our identity, it is an act of liberation to maintain the thread of consciousness that connects us with kindred spirits of the past.

The history of the first *Alarm* is inseparable from the biography of its editor, Albert R. Parsons, and history of the Haymarket Affair, an event that defined the shape and substance of American anarchism and inspired an entire generation of radicals to pursue their activist careers by demonstrating to the world the sham of American justice. On May 4, 1886, a bomb was thrown by an unknown person into the ranks of a column of Chicago police who were attempting to stop a peaceful meeting near the Haymarket Square. The meeting had been called by members of the Chicago branch of the International Working Peoples Party (IWPA)—the anarchist international—to protest a brutal police attack on workers from the McCormick factory who were on strike for the eight-hour day as part of a national general strike for the eight-hour day that had been initiated on May 1st. The explosion killed one policeman instantly. More were killed—along with scores of workers and innocent bystanders—by their own cop-brothers when the police panicked and opened fire indiscriminantly in response to the blast.

Eight Chicago anarchists, including Albert Parsons, were subsequently tried for conspiracy and murder; and though the actual bomber was never identified and none of the defendants could be shown to be involved in the throwing of the bomb, a biased judge and prejudiced jury, on the basis of perjured testimony, found them guilty. Four, including Parsons, were executed on November 11, 1887; one committed suicide before his scheduled execution; and three were given lengthy prison terms. These men became international martyrs for anarchism, and their farcical trial and judicial murders became known as one of the greatest injustices in American history.

The extreme vengeance the authorities directed towards these anarchists was a consequence of the ruling class' fear of the growing revolutionary movement they were building, and *The Alarm*, the newspaper of the English-speaking section of the North American IWPA, figured prominently in the nightmares of the rich. *The Alarm* appeared from 1884 to 1889, with a brief hiatus in 1886 when its offices were raided in the aftermath of the Haymarket bomb, and again in 1915 and 1916. (at one time, Italian-American anarchists took up the flag, printing a journal entitled *L'Allarme*.) Albert Parsons, blacklisted from the regular printing trades for his involvement in the Great Strike of 1887, served as editor; but the endeavor

was really a collective one involving the efforts of Albert's wife, Lucy Parsons, and many of the other 150 members of the American Group of the IWPA, including Lizzie Holmes, William Holmes, Sam Fielden, and several of the other Haymarket martyrs. Originally published as a weekly, *The Alarm* experienced constant financial problems which reduced its appearance to every other week. Making a virtue of necessity, however, the *Alarmists* refashioned the publication as a co-operative, *The Alarm Press Club*, selling shares and spawning support groups around the nation. They also organized lecture tours and special event fundraisers that brought supporters closer together and helped spread the word about anarchism. Picnics, dances, games and other diversions helped keep *The Alarm* alive—and helped build a movement.

The pages of *The Alarm* were filled with lively articles, contentious debates, and reports from radicals around the country. The topics covered were quite contemporary from our vantage point and included the ongoing debate between anarchism and socialism, gender issues and sexual politics, the plight of the Native Americans, and direct action tactics for the street and workplace. Minutes of anarchist group meetings, radical news from overseas, reports of strikes and demonstrations, protests against the outrages of authority, anarchist stories and fables, and political analysis and debate: all these made the columns of the *The Alarm* come alive with vitality and a rebellious spirit. Appeals for funds, needless to say, punctuated the pages.

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ABOUT THE COVER...

This photo was taken during a blockade at Mount Blue State Park in Maine, late in February. Pictured is a protester being carried away (toward the guest accommodations provided) by the authorities. In the first set of arrests, all 13 activists non-cooperated with the state during their two day stay at Club Maine Med and were treated just like it doesn't say in the travel brochures. The blockade continued, and the following weekend 21 non-violent demonstrators were arrested. See page 4 for the details. The resistance continues...

Photo: *Portland Free Press* (from independent activist video)

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* afoot of any government's police power.

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The Action Page

M@YD@Y! M@YD@Y!

An international call is always issued to those who feel the employing class and the working class have nothing in common. Meet Saturday morning, Mayday, at the Onion River Food Coop in Burlington, VT, @ 10 am for a "LET THEM EAT CHAOS" celebration. Bring noisemakers and blow the whistle on those who attempt to control us as we frolic through the streets of this supposedly enlightened burg(er). Yes, class war has found a new home for the rich! Contact the *ALARM* if you must.

**EF! calls for
Tourism Boycott
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NAFTA ACTIONS

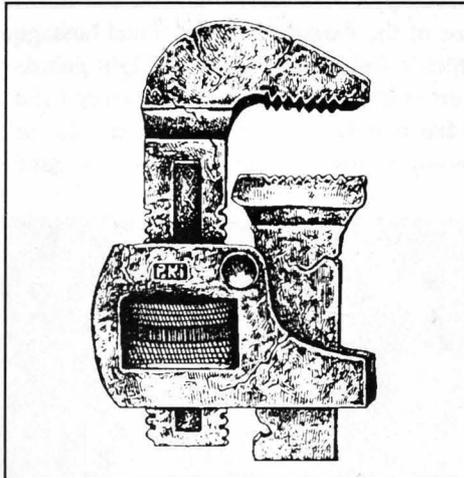
A-SEED and SEAC have announced, in opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), border actions to be held at the U.S.-Mexico and U.S.-Canada borders. These simultaneous solidarity border actions will be held on April 4th. Contact your local SEAC chapter for details or Madeleine from the Burlington A-SEED group @ (802) 656-4484 or 656-6202.

MAYDAY—On May 1st, anti-NAFTA proponents will gather at Vermont's State House in Montpelier to protest this absurd treaty bent on destroying the environment and worker's interests and benefitting the multi-national corporate entity. Please contact the Burlington Peace Coalition @ (802) 863-2345 for further logistics.

**Idaho Actions
This Summer
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PAW PRINTS ROADSHOW

Casey Neal and the PAW PRINTS ROADSHOW with the elusive Buck Young (no relation to Neil) will be in the northeast sometime in April. Rumor has it that this smashing presentation will be in Burlington, VT, on April 22nd. For details harass the PAW office @ (802) 257-4878.



EARTH FIRST! MEETS

EF!ers in the Burlington, VT, area meet on the third Sunday of every month at 3 pm in the Last Elm Cafe. The Last Elm Cafe is anarchist operated and is located at 167 N. Winooski Ave, in Burlington. They are non-speciesist, so bring your animal friends.

AN EARTH NIGHT ACTION

On the evening of April 22, Earth Night 1990, an underground faction calling themselves the Earth Night Action Group (ENAG) took responsibility for toppling power lines around Santa Cruz, CA. They were protesting the general dis-empowerment of the human with relation to the wilder forces of life that are supposedly controlled by the powers that be. ENAG targeted Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) who, amongst other atrocious behavior, made deals that were against the development of solar energy practices. A lot of wet yuppie poodles were not blown dry that night.

Issue #2 of the then fledgling *ALARM* (April '92) commented on the International Day of Outrage against the Forest Service on John Muir's birthday. Not suggesting anything, a night of outrage philosophically was mentioned. At this, the last standing fire lookout tower in a "wilderness area" of the Adirondacks met its demise.

Who is to say what will happen next on Earth Night?

British EF! groups are calling for their next Earth Night to take place on April 1st and are seeking solidarity actions from april foolers everywhere. See their letter to the editor for more details.

CARMAGEDDON

An international day of outrage is scheduled for May 15th, against the infernal combustion monster. Northeast gas guzzlers have nothing to fear on that day as all EF! activists will have crawled to the Northeast Rendezvous scheduled to be going on at that time. But have no fear, we in the northeast will strike on the 17th. Coming soon to a location near you.

**EF! Northeast Rendezvous
May 13-16**

Georgia Pacific Actions!

A region-wide action is being planned for early April in New Jersey against the Georgia Pacific Corporation. G-P is the #1 importer of tropical hardwoods in the US. This rainforest wood comes primarily from Southeast Asia and the Amazon basin and is mainly used for plywood, veneers and moldings.

G-P continually disobeys federal laws regarding the pollutants that they release into the air and water. They have twice as many EPA violations as any other forest product company.

For more information, call Wetlands at 212-966-5244

Solidarity Actions Against Champion

Tom Carney of Greater Adirondack Bioregion EF! and Billi Barker of Maine EF! report that on the 29th of March there will be simultaneous demonstrations occurring against Champion International in Connecticut and Maine. The demos are occurring in solidarity with an action planned against Champion in Tennessee. Activists are protesting the Champion mills due to Champion's disregard for the environment through their massive clearcuts and their polluting of the air and water with dioxin. For more info on these actions, contact Tom at (518) 374-6592 or Billi at (207) 247-4112.

To tell Champion what you think of their environmental practices, contact them directly at Champion International, One Champion Plaza, Stamford, CT 06921, (203) 358-7520.

Police Brutality Against Mount Blue Activists

source: *Maine EF!*

Activists blockaded a logging road at the Mount Blue State Park in Maine periodically for a couple of weeks. Early Sunday morning, February 21st, activists went into the woods.

Seven barricades were erected, the road was spider-webbed, and a large bonfire was lit in the middle of the road.

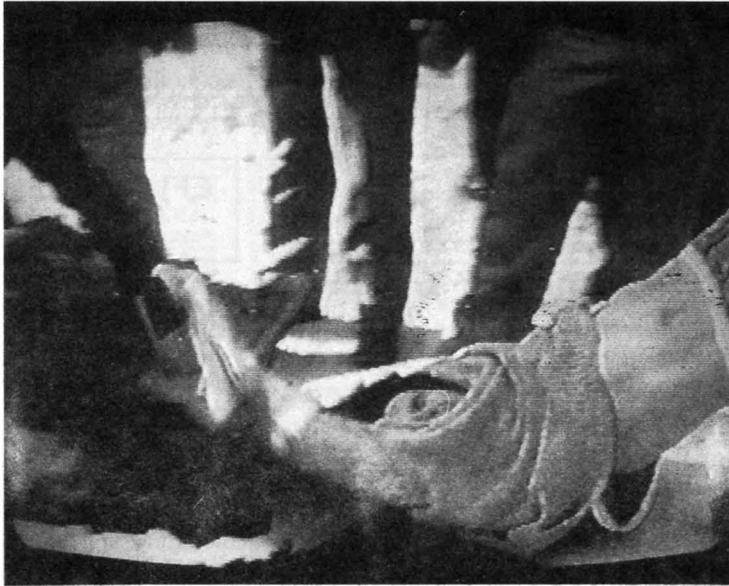
At 5am the first logging truck arrived. It drove straight through the numerous barricades and was ultimately stopped only by the activists themselves who put their bodies between the trucks and the trees.

The arrests began at 10am. People were given 15 minutes to leave,

after which everyone was arrested, including support people who were not in the road. A total of 13 people were arrested. The activists practiced jail solidarity and were in total non-compliance with the police. Everyone went limp and no one gave their name. Due to the remote location of the arrests, the kops decided to have fun with the activists. At least one activist, a minor, was dragged through the hot coals left from the blazing bonfire. Two women were dragged such that articles of their clothing were torn off down to their bare skin. Another woman was forced into a kop kar in a manner that caused her head to be repeatedly smashed against the top of the car. People were cuffed so tightly that in many cases, their circulation was almost completely cut off. They were then dragged down the road by the cuffs. Others were dragged by the collar of their shirt, severely choking them.

Once they got to the jail, conditions did not improve. Seven women and 5 men (the minor was released) were crammed into two small cells. The men had no sink or toilet and were given no water for over 7 hours. In protest, the women, who did have a sink, poured water under the door of their cell. To mop up the water, the

guards placed a towel next to the door. One of the women took the towel hostage which infuriated the guards. Eight guards then came into the cell to retrieve the stolen towel. They were unsuccessful in finding it and the guards eventually gave



Police drag Mt Blue protestor. Photo: *Portland Free Press* (from independent video)

the men water as ransom for its safe return.

Charcoal, left in peoples' pockets from being dragged through the fire, was mixed with toothpaste to create graffiti on the walls. At night the men received one mattress and four blankets; the women, four mattresses and six blankets. No one slept but rather rioted in the cells for the entire time they were there, drumming on the doors and chanting.

In the morning, everyone requested juice but were given coffee. Eventually they were given four ounces of juice. Three of the women began to go into hypoglycemic shock. One woman threw up and was uncontrollably shaking. Despite their demands for help, no one came for an hour. A "paramedic" came in and asked what kind of insulin they were on. Insulin, it was pointed out to him, is for high blood sugar, not low. What these women needed was juice. They were given four more ounces of juice—not enough.

It was not until the jail was visited by an irate father, the Associated Press, Channel 8 and support people for the activists, that they finally began to see better treatment. After the guards received a call from the emergency room regarding

the hypoglycemic women, they finally started receiving juice every hour.

The people were in jail for 48 hours but were finally released without giving their names. The kops did, however, insist on a polaroid. One activist refused, putting her shirt over her face to cover it. The Kops then held her upside down by her ankles, banging her head on the cement floor until her face was uncovered. They snapped the shot and dropped her head first.

The cars that people left in Farmington to carpool up to the site were bashed with baseball bats, and the woman at whose home near Mt. Blue people had been meeting had learned that she was being immediately evicted due to her political involvement.

Two reporters who had acted friendly toward the protestors, informing them of what was going on with the situation in town, ended up to actually be spying on the protestors for the kops. One reporter, a male, actually used the kop kamkorder to video the arrests. The other reporter meanwhile, made sure that she was in none of the still photos that the male took so that she could take credit for them in the region's capitalist press.

A report leaked to the media stating that several hundred trees in the State Park had been spiked by a party claiming to be EF! may have caused the initially severe reactions of the kops. Whether or not the site was actually spiked is not known, nor is it known whether it was actually done by people sympathetic to EF! or by Feds trying to discredit the EF! movement by publicizing this highly controversial tactic.

The following weekend, activists again blockaded Mt. Blue with the result being that over 30 people were present and 21 people were arrested. This time the treatment was much better and they were quickly released, again without giving their names. On Thursday, March 4th, 50 or more activists went to Augusta to rally in support of Mount Blue.

This campaign is intended to continue over the next two winters as the contract calls for winter cutting through 1995. The cutting for this year is slated to be finished by March 15th. For more information on the campaign please contact Billi Barker at (207)247-4112; POBox 507 N. Waterboro, ME 04061.

Activists in PA Fight for Mount Graham

by Bart Semcer

On March 3rd, activists converged on the campus of Muhlenberg College in Lehigh Valley, PA, to draw attention to the situation atop of Mount Graham, a sacred Apache site and home to the endangered red squirrel in Arizona. The action was called to correspond with the appearance of NASA consultant William Brunk. This was due to NASA's involvement, along with the Vatican, in building a huge telescopic observatory atop Mt. Graham to search for extra-terrestrial life (dubbed the Columbus Project). Vatican astronomers have announced that if such life were found, they would consider baptising it to bring it into the fold of the Catholic Church.

Twenty or more activists held signs, chanted and shouted outside of the lecture hall where Brunk was scheduled to speak. A banner reading "Scopes and Squirrels Don't Mix! Save Mount Graham!" was hung from the building's main gallery in clear view of the lecture attendees. Fliers were also presented to the crowd informing them of the project and its consequences for the mountain's inhabitants. Several student protestors were asked to speak about the topic the next day in a

class as a result of the action. Brunk appeared confused and annoyed.

The protestors moved inside as the talk began. A woman activist was prepared to give a statement. Having been completely ignored by Brunk, she stood up and began by condemning the intent toward ecological destruction that has been displayed by all project partners as well as the religious bigotry put forth by F. Coyne of the Vatican Observatory. She reminded NASA that, as a government agency, it is subject to the demands of the American public which has come out repeatedly against the Mount Graham Observatory. She demanded that NASA cease all plans for developing on Mount Graham. Brunk's reaction was one of tense silence. The action received extensive media coverage.

Actions such as this help to sound the alarm. It is doubtful that many Lehigh Valley residents had ever heard of the controversy before, and while it did not stop the bulldozers, it did equip people with knowledge which hopefully may inspire them to join us in the battle for life.

Mount Graham will host the EF! Round River Rendezvous this summer.

Panthers in Pennsylvania???

by Eastern Predator Project

The mountain lion has been thought to be extinct in Pennsylvania since 1871 when the state's last puma was killed. Since 1964, however, the number of sightings has been increasing until 273 panther sightings had been recorded between July, 1983 and December, 1991.

The mountain lion may be officially listed as extirpated in PA, but it is becoming increasingly evident that the big cats are returning. This trend is evident throughout the east with 1500 cougars being reported since 1965. John Lutz, founder and President of the Eastern Puma Research Network believes



this is due to a gradual migration of the cats from Canada plus a remnant population that has always existed.

Critics argue that since no physical evidence of the cougars has been presented, they do not exist. Photographs of the animals in the wild are dismissed as circus runaways or released pets. With the number of sightings increasing, however, these excuses become harder to swallow.

Physical evidence that has been obtained in PA is several deer kills in Potter County. Mountain lions kill their prey by biting it on the neck, evidenced by two puncture wounds. Dogs and coyotes kill by attacking the hamstring of the animal. Dogs and coyotes will also eat the entrails and bones which cougars will not.

As the puma reclaims its ancestral home we must act vigilantly for its protection from hunters, skittish citizens and government agencies. It seems that the only thing that will convince the Game Commissions of their existence is either a

Black Bear Need Hunt Saboteurs in PA

by Bart Semcer

During the 1992 season, hunters in Pennsylvania killed 1,584 black bears. This was the fourth largest black bear kill in the state's history. Lycoming County had the highest number of kills with 140. Clinton and McKean Counties came in a close second and third.

Several unique genetic specimens were lost in the mass slaughter. In Carbon County, an 827 pound bear was killed. It was the heaviest bear ever officially weighed in PA and was possibly the largest ever recorded. In Pike County a female cinnamon-phase bear weighing 171 pounds was also killed.

DDT Infects Pennsylvania's Rivers

A recent report issued by the Environmental Protection Agency has found that eating four ounces of fish per month from the following areas increases one's risk of cancer to more than one in 10,000: Delaware River at Torresdale and Eddystone; Little Valley Creek at Paoli; Susquehanna River at Ransom and Pittston.

The study looked at 388 different sites and DDT concentrations were found in nearly all of the fish examined. The report issued a risk list of 46 sites across the country. Both the National Wildlife Federation and the Environmental Defense Fund looked at the study and found similar risks at 4,000 different sites.

dead cat or plaster tracks and even then it is questionable whether they will act upon it.

The Eastern Predator Project (EPP) needs your help in protecting the cougar as it makes its comeback to the Appalachians. We need your documented photos of the cats or their tracks detailing exact time and place where they were taken. Places marked on USGS maps would be most helpful. If you happen to find a tracks or a carcass, notify your state Game Commission, the USFWS and the EPP.

This project can only work with your help. We can't be everywhere in the woods and are unfortunately stuck in front of our computers much of the time. So get out there, stay quiet and see what walks by.

Eastern Predator Project, Muhlenburg College, Box 1631, Allentown, PA 18104 (215) 740-4255.

EF!ers in Green Mountains Fight Illegal Timber Sales

by Anne Petermann

Biodiversity Liberation Front and Two Rivers EF! succeeded in shutting down logging operations at the Spruce Lodge timber sale in the Green Mountain National Forest on December 23rd.

In an hour-long confrontation, EF!ers blockaded loggers from entering the site. Forest Service personnel ended the fun by informing the loggers that there would be no cutting that day. The official reason for this delay was for soil mitigation because the ground was unfrozen and muddy. The Forest Service had not, however, had any problem with allowing a logging road to be bulldozed into the area after heavy snowmelt and rainfall earlier that week.

Claiming victory at the site, the EF!ers then moved their protest to the Middlebury District Ranger's Office, occupying it and calling for the immediate resignations of Forest Supervisor Terry Hoffman, Forest Planner Mary Jeanne Packer and of course Forest Service Chief "Freddie" Dale Robertson.

The Forest Service was forced to keep the loggers out of the site until the ground was well frozen in mid-January. When they did return, EF! was there to protest. When the EF!ers arrived, they found the road clogged with blockades and spiderwebbed extensively with yarn. The loggers returned to find their equipment spiderwebbed also.

The A. Johnson Co. did eventually kill the trees on the site with the illegal help of the USFS but not without paying the price of the surrounding community becoming aware of the travesties occurring on the National Forest. As a result of these protests and other organizing endeavors, a new EF! group has formed on the Middlebury College Campus. One of these EF!ers was lured to the Campus Security office under false pretenses and then intensively interrogated about the Spruce Lodge protests. (When this type of harrassment happens, remember, you have the right to say nothing. Anything you say WILL be used against you and your comrades.) Their ploy to entrap or frighten off this EF!er was unsuccessful.

BLF has been opposed to this timber sale since last summer when a banner which read "Forests Not Stumps" was hung at a recently clearcut area of the sale



An EF!er covers USFS sign with banner at the Middlebury District Ranger's Office.

Photo: Langlell

where a Forest Service meeting was to take place.

The reasons for the opposition to this sale are numerous and include such reasons as the fact that the area is a black bear feeding ground as evidenced by bear-clawed beech trees; the Forest Service did no scoping prior to the sale, violating the National Environmental Policy Act; to log the area, a portion of the Nationally Recognized Emily Proctor Trail was obliterated; the New Haven River, a Significant River and proposed Wild and Scenic River with one of the best trout populations in the state, and its tributaries will be clogged with silt by erosion from the clearcuts; there is a strong possibility that the shelterwood cut violates the boundaries of the Breadloaf Wilderness area; visual quality and soil mitigation standards were violated and the size of the cuts were greater than stated in the Environmental Assessment.

What is truly appalling about the violations associated with this sale, however, is the fact that this sale is merely one of forty different illegal sales that are being slaughtered wholesale to beat any potential lawsuits or direct action that might be brought against them.

WHAT TO DO

Contact Green Mountain National

Forest Supervisor Terry Hoffman at 151 West St. POBox 519, Rutland, VT 05702 (802) 773-0300. Tell him what you think about his habit of preparing incomplete Environmental Assessments to sell illegal timber sales to the A. Johnson Co.

Dial 1-800-You-Suck!

President Clinton, in all his goodness, has set up a series of 1-800 numbers to "report waste, fraud and abuse in Federal agencies." To express concerns about dioxin, call the EPA at 1-800-424-4000; call the Dep't of Energy at 800-541-1625; call the Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 800-233-3497; call the Dep't of the Interior at 800-424-5081 and demand that all 'Warranted but precluded' species be immediately protected under the ESA; and be sure to demand Terry Hoffman's and F. Dale Robertson's resignations at the Dep't of Agriculture, 800-424-9121.

It must be noted, however, that Clinton admitted recently that he no longer pays attention to these hotlines because they are getting too many calls from a certain fascist slob afternoon talk show DJ. So much for government listening to the people.

Earth First! Invades Conservation Congress

by Anne Petermann

On February 20th, Earth First! activists invaded the second annual Conservation Congress in Bristol, Vermont. We went there to protest against millionaire Bill Sayer, one of the head honchos of the A. Johnson Lumber Co., the largest Vermont-owned timber company in the state.

The A. Johnson Co. was responsible, along with the Forest Service, for the travesty that occurred at the Spruce Lodge Timber Sale on the Green Mountain National Forest (see related article). In addition, Bill is a developer who owns an astounding amount of land in Vermont. For this reason he is highly opposed to development restrictions. He also took a recent trip to Russia where it is speculated that he attempted to stir up interest in massacring the large areas of old-growth forest that still remain standing there.

At the planning session to which Bill was invited as a guest speaker, he expressed his opinion on a variety of topics. He thoughtfully stated that, as de Tocqueville pointed out, "The real threat to democracy in the USA was when the people began to figure out that, through the voting process, they could take away

the wealth of people who were economically successful." (actually, we will never take their wealth away by voting, but rather by dismantling the system that gives them their wealth and power—Alarmists) He continued, in typical "Wise Use" fashion, to explain that the right to own property is the most basic freedom from which all of our other freedoms, such as freedom of speech, religion and press, stem. He felt that it was a "great irony that the...staunchest defenders of the First Amendment...are some of the first to attack the right to own private property."

To cement his train of logic he pointed out that because wetlands are some of the most productive agricultural land, that it could be considered an abuse to protect them. There are even *ecological* trade-offs, he reasoned, due to the fact that wetlands produce methane which contributes to the greenhouse effect.

The EF!ers present successfully disrupted this planning session by shifting the focus from the economic to the ecological. The EF!ers took over the question and answer period with accusations that Bill Sayer, who had previously accused EF! of "attacking decent hard working families" who were trying to earn a living cutting

timber, does not really care about workers due to the fact that, in Vermont over the past ten years, the timber industry had increased its cut by 31% while the number of timber-related jobs has decreased 18%. Bill never responded to the basic problems that these figures indicate but rather focussed his response on a defense of technology. Another question pointed out that it is the pressure from large industries such as A. Johnson that forces the small independant contractors to buy expensive pieces of equipment such as skidders which in turn forces them to have to substantially increase their timber quota to be able to pay off the debts incurred by the machinery purchase.

All in all, the session was very enlightening. The best way to defeat one's enemy is to know how they think. Bill touts the (un)Wise (ab)Use line very faithfully and thus his responses are very predictable. This is important because we will be facing off with Bill and the A. Johnson Co. in the future due to the fact that they are the company whom the Forest Service is contracting to destroy the ecologically imperative Lamb Brook region of the GMNF. Stay tuned to these pages as the fight develops.

How to Avoid Cabin Fever

by EF! Spider Web Action Team
(S.W.A.T.)

We all met at Midnight one January evening, by the paddle ball courts, and introduced ourselves to the other deformed bundles of clothing we didn't already know. We separated into two cars and headed for the current logging site near the Emily Proctor trail; one car approaching from Ripton, the other from Bristol. It was snowing, so we had some rather stressful moments (without 4-wheel drive) managing already snow-packed Forest Service roads. However, it was discovered that the consumption of frozen leguminosae alleviates stress and has enormous calming effects. Somehow (destiny - or extreme luck), the two cars met at the site, at approximately the same time.

Our plan was to spiderweb the site. Yarn was distributed and the action began. We had all forgotten to bring flashlights or head lamps, so we soon discovered the



Kop collects yarn for evidence.

Photo: Petermann

effectiveness of our own work, as we tripped over it. The webbing was very thorough; it was tied to many trees and spanned the range of human height. We even webbed the skidder. We weren't

under any pressure to finish in a hurry, consequently it was a work of art. Not only was it probably aesthetically pleasing in the morning, but also a real bitch to get through.

The falling snow and the lateness of the hour together had a very peaceful, almost magical effect. Everyone was having a wonderful bonding experience, so we motivated to build log blockades - one at the beginning of the spiderweb, and one at the end.

Feeling a sense of satisfaction (and a bit chilly), we got back in the cars and all headed back the Ripton way. We speculated about the tracks of some drunken four-wheeled brother/sister, which continued in the snow down Rt. 125 for at least 10 miles. We arrived back home at the ridiculous hour of 4 a.m. It was a great action enjoyed by all and it left members of our group motivated to directly act on short notice again.

HYDRO-QUEBEC'S SAINT MARGUERITE-3

(the alarmists note: in issue #5, we ran a piece entitled "H-Q to Invade Innu Native Lands." We received reports and one complaint that our information was not entirely factual. For this we apologize. We tried to validate all the information in the story before it was printed. At least two sources confirmed. We also tried to contact Gilbert Pilot for on site verification but his phone was not in service. It is extremely difficult to obtain information concerning this developing story as the Innu (Montagnais) evidently are in dire financial straights and sometimes can not pay their phone bills; much less afford faxes. So far no one involved in the ALARM has been able to make the journey. To make matters worse, it appears there is a community conflict going on and with that come divisions. If the ALARM is to have a position on the entire matter it follows that it's time to put the Earth First!)

Hydro-Quebec's Saint Marguerite-3 (SM-3) project involves constructing a dam across the St. Marguerite River, 360 km inland north of Sept Isles, a town on the Gulf of St. Lawrence on Quebec's eastern shore. Two additional dams 840 km further north will divert the Pekans and Carheil Rivers into the St. Marguerite. These two rivers are currently tributaries of the Moisie River (renowned for the size of the 12,000 to 32,000 salmon that return to spawn every year) which empties into the Gulf of St. Lawrence about 60 km north of Sept Isles. The diversion will reduce the flow of the Moisie by 40% at the confluence of the three rivers. It has been estimated that in the reservoir of the more northerly Carheil, the mercury levels recorded in the James Bay projects will be surpassed. The current construction cost of the project was estimated in 1991 at just under \$3 billion.

Construction of access roads for work at the lower St. Marguerite dam began in June of 1992. These roads will connect the site to the port of Sept Isles. Road construction, scheduled for July of 1994 for access to the diversionary dams to the north, will provide land access to Labrador City and to Baie-Comeau. These roads will increase motor traffic considerably between Nitassinan and other parts of Canada.

Nitassinan is the vast territory inhabited by 10,000 people of the Innu (Montagnais) Nation situated on the Lower North Shore of the St. Lawrence

and includes the Quebec-Labrador Peninsula. In the Innu language—Innumun—the word "Nitassinan" means "our land". For over 9,000 years the inhabitants of this territory have been able to survive from generation to generation, developing their language, their culture, their way of life—in short their existence.

Their vision of the world begins with their land and arises from their interaction with her. Their presence in Nitassinan for millenia is witness to their tenacity and their wealth as a nation.

Since the beginning of this century those inhabiting this region of the Americas have had to endure the consequences of railroads, highways, fences, communication and high tension lines that slice and partition the land. The Innu have seen their territory plundered by mines, the massive cutting of forests, and hydro-electric exploitation.

The SM-3 amounts to cultural genocide of the Innu people. The Moisie River has served as a vital waterway for access to the interior areas. For food, the Innu are in the position of choosing between mercury-poisoned fish or depending on junk food supplied by the welfare society. The SM-3 project involves the flooding of ancestral burial grounds and many sites held sacred by the Innu.

The environmental impact caused by the SM-3 will be devastating. Mercury contamination occurs when vast areas of land are flooded. As the flora decays it produces conditions favorable to the methylation of mercury. Methyl Mercury is a bioaccumulative poison that affects many forms of life as it becomes concentrated. Besides poisoning humans, (the Cree have had health disorders due to the James Bay projects) many forms of wildlife including aquatic species are also affected.

The H-Q projects alter enormous areas of an ecosystem that is productive yet fragile due to the cold northern climate. While the river areas that are destroyed form a small part of the land mass, they are a crucial part of the ecosystem. Almost every species in the area is affected in a negative manner, from the salmon to migrating birds to mammals.

No independent Environmental Assessment has been made concerning the

impact of the SM-3 project. No surveys have been made of any rare species in the area.

The SM-3 project will also generate millions of tons of carbon dioxide and methane from the rotting flooded vegetation. In addition, the trees destroyed by the flooding will no longer help remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. In short, the project will contribute to the greenhouse effect.

The roads from the dams will have a pronounced effect on the environment due to activities associated with the increased access to the region. This impact will be intensified by the construction of aluminum smelting plants and other industrial plants to be built as the Quebec government tries to create an artificial market for the electric output.

The transmission lines associated with the project have their own negative impact. The defoliants used to keep them clear are dangerous, especially within an economy dependent on hunting. Some of the defoliants being used are identified as being more powerful than agent orange—the defoliant used in Vietnam that had long-term health effects. The long-term Electro-Magnetic Radiation effects of these high tension power lines has not been fully documented. Effects that have been documented include sterility.

Too make matters more grave, it appears that the vested interests profiting from the H-Q nightmare have become the dominant force in Quebec politics. They are fanning the flames of separatism so that H-Q can remain independent from federal environmental review or federal human rights protection for the indigenous peoples whose lands are being confiscated for the development projects. The companies and institutions originally created to serve a governmental goal of energy independence are now controlling the government.

Source: The Coalition for Nitassinan and the Regroupement de Solidarite avec les Autochtones.

NEXT ISSUE: The Great Whale Project (La Grande Baleine) and a Native Forest Network report on the multi-national ties and internationalism of H-Q.

Power Poles Sabotaged in Vermont

In early January it was reported by Vermont's *Rutland Herald* and the Associated Press that ten electrical transmission poles, in five different Vermont locations, have been sabotaged since April, 1991.

A letter was received by the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) in April of '91 stating that three utility poles in Rutland County needed to be replaced and that there would be other consequences unless CVPS, who hold the largest contract for electricity with Hydro-Quebec, cancelled that contract.

The wooden poles were all notched, cut or drilled in a way that they could fall over in high winds or heavy snow. This is according to Thomas Hurcomb, Vice President of Public Affairs for CVPS. In all cases, a "Q" roughly approximating the Hydro-Quebec logo, was painted or drawn in crayon on the vandalized poles.



No one has yet claimed responsibility for the sabotage. CVPS is offering a reward of \$20,000 for information leading to successful indictment of those responsible.

Due to the violation of two Federal laws, the FBI has begun an investigation. One of these laws states that anyone found guilty of interfering with interstate commerce through threats of violence can be fined up to \$10,000 and imprisoned as long as 20 years. Another Federal law carries a penalty of \$50,000 or 10 years in jail for destruction of an energy facility.

Governor Dean was upset by the act claiming that it was the first time that acts of "potential violence" like this had occurred in Vermont. He is excepting, of course, the poisons dumped by industry and the tremendous acts of violence levelled at the indigenous community here.

The contract between Hydro-Quebec and the 17 Vermont utilities has been the focus of controversy for several years. The Canadian Utility's plans threaten the Cree, Inuit and Innu (Montagnais) people

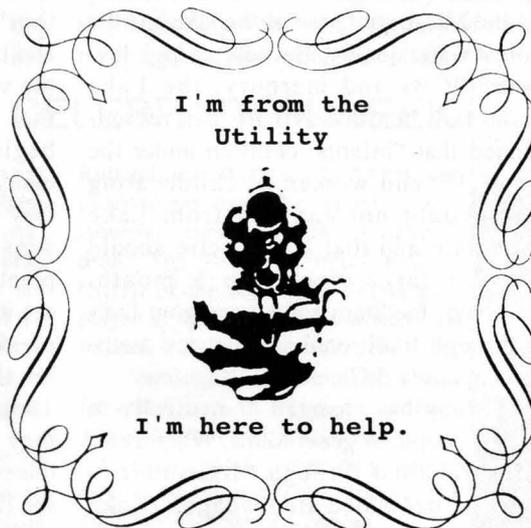
with cultural and de facto genocide due to plans to relocate the people into manufactured villages where they are subject to alcoholism, drug abuse and suicide. In addition, the traditional hunting grounds are slated for clearcutting and/or flooding and the water is becoming contaminated with the deadly, bioaccumulative compound methyl mercury due to the new reservoirs. The largest breeding ground for migratory water fowl in the eastern hemisphere will be destroyed which will significantly deplete the waterfowl populations throughout North America. One of two populations of fresh water seals worldwide are threatened with extirpation as are the beluga whales that live in the Bay. Vermont does not need this form of deadly electricity from H-Q and the contract with that utility is a disincentive to conservation efforts.

Guy Versailles, Chief Media Mouthpiece for H-Q stated that hydro-electric power "remains the most ecological solution." An EF! spokesperson replied, "When pigs fly!"

Hydro-Quebec Sets Up Private Police Force

Ottawa, Ontario (February 8, 1993) In spite of the fact that there have not been any reports of vandalism by the Cree people, Hydro-Quebec has set up a police force to combat this imaginary threat. The report by CBC - Radio Canada (French) says that this force has the right to "arrest suspects and raid their homes."

"The Cree way is one of non-violence. By driving around in their police cruiser with shotguns hung in the back, Hydro-Quebec is doing more to provoke violent confrontation than to avoid it. The recent announcement of this force, headed by a former Director of the Sureté du Quebec (SQ) is probably part of Hydro-Quebec's public relations strategy to smear the Cree people in Quebec and thus raise racial tensions against us." stated a Cree press release. If the issue of the proposed mega-projects were to be treated in a logical and normal way the Quebec public would realize that they are being hoodwinked by self-interested parties into accepting \$40 billion more of American debt.



The creation of this special police force with broad and uncertain powers reinforces the Cree's belief that their territory is a (unwilling) colony of Quebec. There are two standards applied here, there is a system of justice in the south and a declared private police state of Hydro-Quebec on Cree lands.

It has recently been revealed that dur-

ing the early days of the La Grande Phase I Project (1972-75), the police in northern Quebec had a supply of burial certificates pre-signed by the coroner. The Cree fear a repeat of similar cowboy tactics and dirty tricks under the new Hydro-Quebec force.

"This is a potential violation of Cree human rights and is potentially in contravention of the Canadian Constitution," stated Bill Namagoose.

Why is there a police force in the Cree territory which was never agreed to by them? Why is there a police force in Canada which reports to the President of Hydro-Quebec rather than to a Minister of the Crown?

A report obtained by environmental groups in Quebec indicates that these forces will also be operating in Vermont and will assume that all environmentalists and Native Americans working to oppose H-Q's efforts are ecoterrorists.

For more information please contact: Bill Namagoose, Tel: (613) 761-1655 or 829-2587 or Brian Craik, Tel: (613) 724-1097.

BLOCKADE IN SASKATCHEWAN

source: *Regroupment de Solidarite
avec les Autochtones*

A blockade was begun on May 13th, 1992 near Canoe Lake in Northern Saskatchewan and continues today, now in its eleventh month. This blockade/encampment consists of native elders and families from Cree, Dene and Métis communities who have taken the name Protectors Of Mother Earth (POME).

They are protesting companies like Millar-Western who are clear-cutting the forests for pulp to be sold to US companies. Scott Paper is a major client and use the trees for paper towels and toilet paper.

The people were made aware of Millar-Western's plans to destroy the land when, with no warning, mechanical harvesters suddenly appeared on the treaty

WUTTAWOLUNCKSIN

by D. Ogden

Wequamps was of the Great Beaver's bones
How did the strangers come to own them?
Maybe he had had enough
Ever since the white people
Came into the Valley
Bearing trouble for the people
Where the Quinnehtukut flows
His days had changed.
Unable to hunt the west side of
Pemawachuatuck
As he did a boy with his father,
Missing the easy smile of Mashalisk
Who fed more than his hungry stomach-
Witnessing the power of the rum among
the people,
The strange unfriendliness in his clan,
He grew despondent.
To throw his friends the rocks
Thru the white man's frozen water panes
Was a small act.
In payment judged by rules unknown
He gave away his home.
Today, closing the circle,
We offer the selectmen of South Deerfield
Three truckloads of window glass
For their town.
The first
in memory of Wuttawoluncksin
wronged by town fathers so long ago.
The second
in honor of the land
taken for granted, treated like dirt!
The last to see through our mistakes
and find the people waiting outside.

land and began clearcutting acres of forest. These harvesters are then followed by "mulching machines" which uproot all of the underbrush and overturn the fragile northern topsoil leaving sand—a literal desert. This sand then blows or washes away, causing siltation in the rivers and lakes. Nothing can ever grow back in these areas.

The Poisoning of the Missisquoi

by Lisa Brooks

The pollution of Ndakinna's waters is one of the biggest problems that the Abenaki community faces today. The waters which have given us, and all of the living things that we depend on, sustenance are being rapidly polluted and not enough is being done on a local, state or national level to stop it. The Missisquoi area has the highest concentrations of Phosphorus and Nitrogen of all of Lake Champlain. Missisquoi Bay, which used to contain the best fishing spots in Missisquoi, is at the very top of the list. This area now has the least diversity of organisms. All of these factors indicate that the Missisquoi area of the lake has the poorest water quality. Because of high levels of PCBs and mercury, the Lake Champlain health advisory has recommended that "infants, children under the age of 15, and women of childbearing age" should not eat fish from Lake Champlain and that anyone else should only eat large fish once a month. Nowadays, feeding yourself and your family through traditional subsistence methods is not only difficult, but dangerous.

Fishing has changed dramatically in the past couple of generations. When Peter Kalm travelled through Missisquoi in 1749, he described Betowbagok (Lake Champlain) as "abound[ing] with sturgeon ... which we often saw leaping into the air." Even into the latter part of this century, according to an Abenaki woman, "they'd snap right on and you could just bring 'em in, one after another." Now, she said, "you can sit for hours and sometimes catch only one or two." According to one of our most honored elders, the "beautiful trout" people used to catch from the springs and brooks of the Missisquoi water-

Despite freezing temperatures including a cold snap of -40 degrees, POME continues to occupy the Wiggins Bay logging road. The camp needs food, money and physical and moral support. Contact Ruth Iron (306) 829-4320, FAX (306) 829-4424. Donations by check: c/o Butch Irons, General Delivery, Canoe Narrows, Sask. S0M 0K0.

shed are gone, replaced by fish that are "small, slow and unaware." Everyone says the same thing—the waters are more polluted, the fish are smaller and there are a lot less of them to catch. "No matter where you go, there's not a brook or pond that's not contaminated." The elders know there is no easy solution.

Another elder said that they've seen the power plants, toxic waste dumps, additives, etc. come in and they've seen cancer and the poisoning of the waters come out. The elders can see that "the whole system of the earth is beginning to change." The elders and many other Abenakis know this because they know the land. They can see the seasons passing too quickly through the plants which bloom too soon. They can see it in the increased number of their people dying of lung diseases from breathing air that is increasingly contaminated. They can see it in the waters from which they derive their life. They realize that there is no easy answer but they can also see that the people who have the power to stop the destruction are sitting still. "Damage to the land equals damage to the people," and so-called professionals like the "engineers and the politicians are not thinking of the country, of the poor people who must get their food off the land." Especially in this case, the so often heard stereotype of the "stupid Indian" is a painfully ironic and, in the long run, universally detrimental lie.



114 Abenaki Cases to go to Trial

by Garth Allen

The last week in February, the US Supreme Court made it known that it would not hear an appeal by the Abenaki Nation regarding the Eliot decision of 1992. The Eliot decision is the infamous ruling that stated "due to the increasing weight of history," Abenaki people do not have a claim to "aboriginal rights" in the state of Vermont (see *Alarm #4*). This judgment brought sparkles to the eyes of one Howard Van Benthuyzen, State's Attorney and Grand Persecutor of the Abenaki Nation. Howard has 114 cases on hold in Franklin County Court, all against Abenaki people. This decision, by the US Supreme Court, will make it difficult for the defense to claim "aboriginal title" in these 114 when in fact these cases are all about "aboriginal title" or, in other words, the Abenaki Nation's ability to control its own affairs without the interference of a foreign government or power (the USA & the state of VT).

These 114 cases (plus the support of the recent US Supreme Court decision) are without a doubt an attempt by the state of Vermont to mobilize a final offensive against the Abenaki Nation, their objective being a closing of the books on the Abenaki Nation's claim to aboriginal title

once and for all. These court cases were all placed on hold because, back in January, a mistrial was ruled in the "key-stone case." The case was an alleged 1991 assault by Chief St. Francis against a cop in East Berkshire, VT. The mistrial was the divine intervention of a sleeping juror after three days of jury draw and long opening statements by both the prosecuting and defense attorneys. The mistrial judgment only temporarily delays the process, which is due to start up again in late March.

Biodiversity Liberation Front is continuing their solidarity with the Abenaki Nation and is now working on an informational sheet to distribute throughout the bioregion to muster support for the Abenaki people and their struggle against the state of Vermont. Court cases will most likely resume in the end of March or the first week of April and support by all peoples (by their presence or monetary donation) will be essential.

This struggle is not an isolated one. The results of these court cases will be precedents for other First Nations who also are struggling to return to the public eye and claim what is rightfully theirs, in this beginning of the sixth century of resistance against European genocide.

NORTHEAST RENDEZVOUS MAY 13-16

This year's major northeast Rendezvous will take place by Duck Pond in Willoughby State Forest near Barton, VT, May 13-16. A Carmageddon action will follow on the 17th. We're holding the Rendezvous a couple of weeks earlier than last year's "Black Fly 'Vous" (held at a different location in Willoughby) hoping to catch the area between snow melt and black fly invasion.

The Duck Pond area offers easy access for activists with children, yet is remote enough to enjoy the pristine beauty of the northeast kingdom. There are many hiking trails and Blake Pond is only a short plod away. Be prepared for primitive camping and changing weather. Please bring your own food, libations, and a no compromise attitude.

We plan to have entertainment and various workshops/seminars that will include tree-sitting, direct action tactics, group reports, a NFN update, northeast strategies—where hopefully we can formulate a northeast action plan—and discussions on the national movement and how we fit in. Anyone can give a presentation even if it's stupid.

Maine EF! will be co-ordinating this event. For further info, maps, etc., please contact: Billi Barker (207) 247-4112
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ABENAKI HERITAGE CELEBRATION WEEK

Commencing this year, Vermont Governor Howard Dean will sign a proclamation dedicating the first week of May to recognizing the Abenaki contribution to the cultural, social, and educational diversity, both past and present. This proclamation will be signed at the opening celebration on May 2, 1993 at the Franklin Field, adjacent to the Swanton (Franklin County State) Airport in Highgate, VT on Route 78.

A day long program is scheduled (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) with artists, storytellers, musicians, and speakers such as: Joseph Bruchac, Jeanne Brinks, Dee Brightstar, Wolfsong, Cheryl Bluto, Pablo Hurtado, Tom Obonswin, Children's Dance Troupe, and others. Native arts will be displayed and sold throughout the day. This event is open and free to the public, although donations would be accepted. Though the Governor proposed the celebration, he has said that no State money is available for the event.

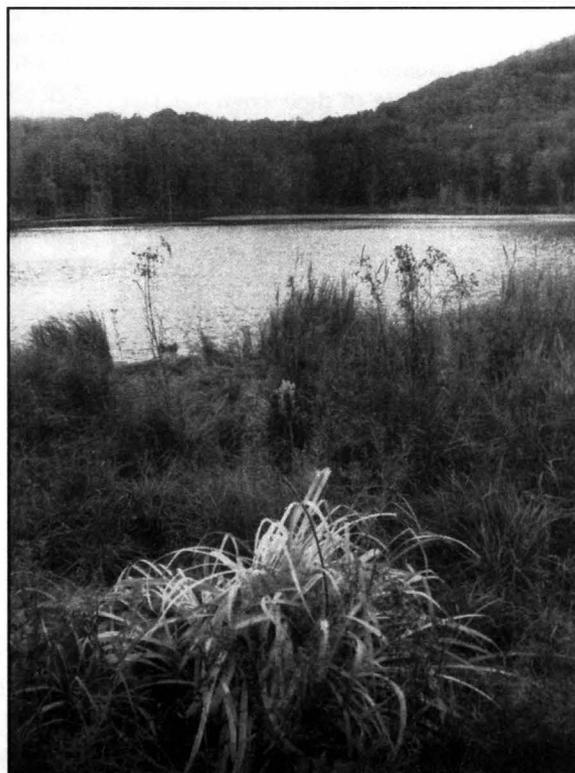
During the week we have targeted five communities best able to help host cultural events: Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Montpelier,

Rutland, and Woodstock. Artists and performers will be sharing the Abenaki experience with school children. The Abenaki Cultural Exhibit (Spirit of the Abenaki) will be displayed at the Chandler Art Gallery, in Randolph, VT.

We wish this period to be a time for our citizens to recognize, explore, and understand this ten thousand year-old culture, and for promoting appreciation of the diverse cultures that make up the State of Vermont.

To help the Abenaki Cultural Heritage Week, donations may be made to Abenaki Cultural Heritage Celebration, C/O Mark Mitchell, RD 3 Box 289A, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, or telephone/FAX 748-8477.

Information about the event also is available from the Governor's Advisory Commission on Native American Affairs, C/O Jeff Benay, 17 Grand Avenue, Swanton, VT 05488 or call 868-4033.



Duck Pond: this year's Rendezvous site.

Photo: Langelle

NATIVE FOREST NETWORK UPDATE

by Orin Langelle

International Hot Spots Identified

The NFN has identified several forest campaigns that we will be working on in 1993. These international hotspots include: 1) Tasmania; 2) East Gippsland—Victoria, Australia; 3) Chile; 4) Pacific Northwest—northern California, Oregon, Washington, coastal British Columbia, Alaska; 5) Wild Rockies—Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Alberta, inland British Columbia; 6) Northeast Forests—Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine; 7) James Bay—Quebec; and 8) Siberia. These campaigns are by no means the only areas NFN will focus on, but they reflect the input and direction from participants attending the NFN Inaugural Strategy Meeting held last November in Tasmania, Australia.

Since my arrival back in the States, I have proposed that the NFN closely monitor the Adirondacks and include the Forest Service's Region #9 which stretches from the Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois through the White Mountains here in the northeast. The timber industry and the FS claim Region 9 forests are mature and ripe for "harvest."

Despite the apathy towards the Hydro-Quebec destruction of the James Bay region caused by a New York state cancellation of one of their contracts last year, the situation of that region is highly critical. From reports it appears that salvage logging is going on and Hydro-Quebec is moving forward with their damned dams. The NFN hopes to be working soon with indigenous people and environmental groups opposed to the destruction of James Bay.

Of note, a bus will be leaving the northeast this summer eventually headed to Idaho for the Cove/Mallard campaign. This is a major campaign for Earth First!, and could develop into one of the biggest EF! direct actions ever (see related article). NFN in the northeast needs to support this effort in whatever way possible.

North American Continental Temperate Forest Conference

This conference will take place toward the second weekend of November, 1993. Presently the location will be in

Burlington, VT. We hope that the conference will draw participants of indigenous people, forest activists, conservation biologists and non-governmental organizations from all over North America and will have a notable keynote speaker. A NFN roadshow will start in early fall in the west coast and weave its way across North America to the conference. For further info on joining the NFN, receiving our publication, *Native Forest News*, or other matters concerning this international autonomous collective please contact us through the NFN Directory.

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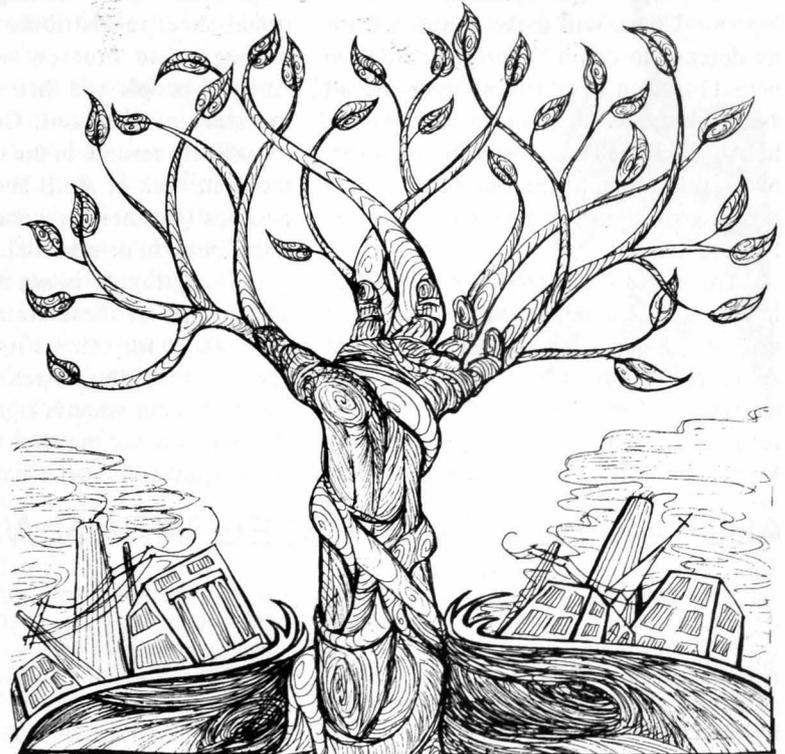


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SUMMER & FALL INTERNS NEEDED FOR NATIVE FOREST NETWORK

The Native Forest Network (NFN) is offering internship programs this summer and fall in the Burlington, VT, area. The NFN is a global autonomous collective of Forest Activists, Conservation Biologists and Non-Governmental Organizations whose mission is to protect the world's remaining Native Forests to ensure they can survive, flourish and maintain their evolutionary potential.

Those interested in these intern-

ship programs should be motivated self-starters who wish to learn more about the vanishing forests and inhabitants of this planet and a concerted global effort to protect them. These programs offer an opportunity to see how an international network that disseminates information and fosters activism on a grass-roots level functions.

Anyone interested should contact: Eastern North American NFN, POB 57, Burlington, VT 05402; or phone (802)658-2403.

IDAHO—1993 NATIONAL EARTH FIRST! CAMPAIGN

by Billi Barker

Are you wondering what to do with yourself after the RRR? Don't have a summer job; want to travel and don't have the money for transportation, food or rent? Hop on the bus! The Idaho-bound bus that is!

After the RRR in Arizona, Ramone, one of the key organizers for the Idaho Cove/Mallard campaign, and the rest of the bus crew will be headed for Idaho for the second time in this six year campaign to stop the massacre of the largest roadless area in the lower 48 states.

Once you're at the Idaho camp, fine vegan and vegetarian cuisine (and I do mean the finest) will be served twice a day. Camping is free on the beautiful public lands of Idaho and you will be within a day's-hike of old growth, the clearest raging rivers, and hot springs— an eco-warrior's paradise.

And of course there will be actions galore. If, by chance, you don't want front line action there will be a six-week long hike for the Wild Rockies from Dixie, Idaho (population 17) to Missoula,

ANCIENT FOREST BUS BRIGADE

The AFBB has purchased another bus for the purpose of hauling activists first out to the Earth First! national Round River Rendezvous and then to Idaho to defend the Cove/Mallard region.

The bus will be leaving from Newburyport, Massachusetts sometime around the 15th of June. The RRR is being held from 6/27 through 7/4 on Mt. Graham in AZ, and after that it's up to the permanent EF! base camp on 20 acres near Dixie, Idaho. The trip is one-way and riders need to bring some moola for gas and food along the way.

East Coast Coordinators for this grand excursion are:

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Montana thru the Bitterroots—one of the most spectacular mountain ranges on the planet.

I know we all work hard in our own bioregions saving what's left, or trying to re-wild what we've got, but let's band together for a working vacation and save the largest roadless area in the lower 48's.

WHY GO TO IDAHO?

Beauty

The Nez Perce National Forest is a roadless corridor that links the Frank Church River of No Return and the Gospel Hump designated wilderness areas together. The Forest Dis-Service has sold the Nez Perce to land rapers who are in the process of building 145 miles of logging roads in order to remove 80 million board feed of beautiful old growth Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir and Lodgepole Pine.

The area is prime Wolf and Grizzly Bear habitat as well as home to many other sensitive species such as the Pine Martin and Fischer, salamanders and frogs, fungus and orchids. The four rivers that grace this area are host to spawning Salmon.

Revenge

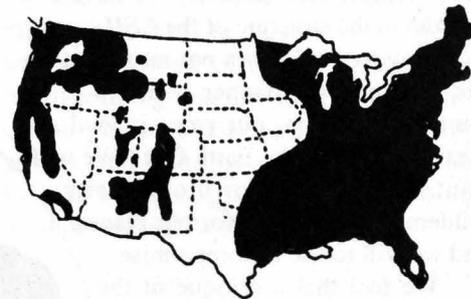
Last summer was a success in spite of the relatively few people we had in base camp. Our camp population (Freddies not included) ranged from 10-25 people. We sustained these numbers for two months after the RRR. Our success, though we unfortunately did not stop the road building (this will require the droves of activists we hope to lure out there this summer), was in slowing up the slaughter and costing the forest rippers over \$500,000. So come on out and help us turn their hoped-for-profits into debt and frustration.

At the end of the third week there were six arrests—apparently the Forest Dis-Service didn't like us explaining to the road builders that what they were doing was illegal. Their answer was to restrict our access to the road. We were not allowed within 50 feet of the work sites. We didn't abide.

As usual, the FS has not completed their sensitive plant and animal surveys for the area, as was documented in their Environmental Impact Statement (their excuse is that they don't have the funding). So, since we were supposed to keep away from the roads, two of us decided to

take a little hike to do some surveying on our own. We were arrested and held at gunpoint for violating the Federal road closure. This was my second arrest. We were carried out on stretchers by forest fire fighters a few miles to the nearest road since we didn't feel like walking out with them.

Another success was bringing this otherwise unknown issue to the public in



Virgin Forests 1620



Virgin Forests 1989

the form of a daily news story. As a result, a few financial donations came in to support the legal pursuit of suing the FS based on the Endangered Species Act. An injunction is still in the process.

Next summer the land rapers plan to finish most of the road building and start cutting. Once this is done the worst has happened—I don't need to explain the devastating consequences of 145 miles of new roads and 80 million board feet being removed in a now incredibly breathtaking land that is the habitat of the wild ones. With enough people we can stop them. But people we need. What's holding you back? Bring your instruments and or dancing feet, creative energy and sense of humor—that's all that is required...

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A BIODIVERSITY LIBERATION FRONT COMMUNIQUE TO THE EF! MOVEMENT

Regrettably, the BLF EF! collective can no longer deal with the the *Earth First! Journal*. After representatives attending the Shawnee activist conference reported back to the collective, it was decided by the BLF group that it was not feasible to publish our actions in that newspaper. This is a unanimous collective decision that is in effect until the Round River Rendezvous (RRR). We have lost all faith in the structure of the *EF!J*.

However, this does not mean that we are dropping the banner of Earth First! Quite the contrary, our voice is loud and clear that we put the Earth first. We will continue to stand for biodiversity, wilderness, and sanity for our planet; and we will refuse to compromise.

We feel that a critique of the *EF!J* is necessary. Our collective would also be remiss if we did not offer solutions to what BLF feels is a crisis situation concerning what purports to be the national voice of our movement. As anarchists and revolutionary ecologists we find the chaotic selection of the *EF!J*'s revolving collective to be an intolerable mess. No one who puts their life on the line for Gaia knows who will speak for us in the next issue.

Although there are good people that revolve in and out of the *EF!J*, we never know who the hell will be next or what philosophy the revolvers will have. This is not a healthy situation. In the Brigid issue, two extremely offensive pieces were almost published. One was racist and the other promoted violence. If either of those articles had been printed a lot of us in the movement would have had to denounce Earth First! The psychological operation (known to the Feds as "psy ops") of considering the publication of these articles was quite effective in destroying the Shawnee conference. Whether a nut or an agent submitted those articles does not matter. What matters is that they were considered for publication after consensus was reached last year at the RRR which strictly forbade the printing of such trash. A conscientious editor, if one were present in Missoula, would have thrown those articles in the trash bin of history. That would not have been censorship, that would have been common

sense. In essence the Shawnee conference, with activists present from thousands of miles away, should have focused on tactics of how to stop the destruction of our planet. Instead the conference turned into a rehashing of *Journal* issues that were supposedly decided at the RRR and the Portland activist conference.

THE BLF PROPOSAL

None of us should have to spend time rehashing the same bullshit year after year.



Hayduke sez, "What to do, what to do?" The first step is really simple: empower a *Journal* committee of five to ten folks who are trusted in the movement to straighten out the situation of the *EF!J*. Like their decision or lump it, but let's get back to what we have to do to protect Gaia, and not keep being caught in some bizarre psy ops. Because of the openness of our movement, it is impossible to make journalistic decisions at the RRR or activist conferences.

SUGGESTIONS FOR JOURNALISM

Get rid of the revolving collective. Some of us bought that concept at the Boulder '90 conference because it was presented that the revolving collective would encompass tried and true activists who had a background in our movement. Nowadays, we unfortunately don't recognize the names of a number of those folks who are defining our movement. In actuality, most of those characters revolving in

the Missoula maze would be considered interns in any type of a reputable news publication. Our apologies to those in current and past collectives and friends in Missoula who do have a clue.

We need editors. And we don't mean in name only. We also don't mean setting up a hierarchy. We do believe in trust. To us it seems like the EF! movement has tried to re-invent the wheel concerning the publication of a newspaper. Anyone who has studied journalism understands that someone has to be responsible for the content of the printed word. Without that responsibility there is a strong possibility that the truth can be skewed.

Unlike the capitalist press we have the great responsibility of coherently presenting the facts about the events that are leading to the collapse of our life support system. But we can learn from our capitalist antithesis. Their presses print garbage in order to make billions of dollars. But those publications have editors. Those editors oversee the philosophy of ignorance and support the money changers. And it works.

If the EF! movement is to have an international biocentric voice we need to have a responsible editor. To take this a step further and divest hierarchy, we need editorial news bureaus in our various bioregions. Those "field editors" will have the task of collecting and disseminating news and philosophy within their regions and have the collective responsibility of making certain our movement is represented in a truthful, sane, and holistic manner.

Another solution to the *EF!J* would simply be its dismantling. Hopefully bioregional newsletters would fill the void. At the Northeast Rendezvous in May '92, we decided to publish our own publication, the *ALARM*.

Smash the state, have a nice day, and fuck shit up! For those of you that don't understand this communique, dial 1-900-GET-A-CLU. Oh yeah, please take us off the directory list until the Earth is put first instead of putting Earth First! first. Rudolf the Red knows rain, dear! 'Nuff said (almost).

Illustration: Marko & Ms Chyph

The *ALARM*'s Fourth "It's All Bullshit" Award Goes to...

There are so many folks in the running nowadays that for the next issue we might just have to pick names out of a hat. Two characters from (we hope) different sides of the fence get to share the honor this time: Guy Versailles from Hydro-Quebec and Mike Roselle from *Earth First!*

Guy Versailles is Chief Media mouthpiece for H-Q. For those of you just waking up for the last twenty or so years, H-Q is the corporation that wants to destroy the James Bay region (and elsewhere) by damming rivers to convert them to electricity. In the process they are responsible for the destruction of entire eco-systems and robbing of traditional people's lands and culture. It's an eco-genocide thing

that was envisioned by Quebec Premier Robert (Boo-Boo) Bourassa.

When the CVPS poles in VT were notched (see related story), good old Guy responded to the destruction that H-Q is wreaking on the James Bay region by stating that hydro-electric power "remains the most ecological solution." What a dipshit!

Our other bullshit recipient is Mike Roselle, a founding patriarch of the EF! movement and now the current editor/dictator of the *Earth First! Journal* which purports to be the international voice of the movement. Mike, in his early years, was a brilliant and daring activist who spent many long days and nights in jail for his defense of the earth. At the Portland activist conference last year, Mike was

given the task of editing the *EF!J*. The problem for a lot of us in the movement is that Mike is hardly ever in Missoula where the *Journal* is put to bed. Unfortunately when Mike is present he dictates what's in the pages with a heavy authoritarian hand like forbidding a communique sent to the EF! movement by Biodiversity Liberation Front. Get a grip, Mike. Grow some veggies or go back to Greenpeace.

We almost gave this quarter's "Bullshit Award" to ourselves. By golly we use those awful computers, are not paid for doing this, get little or *no* financial or physical help from northeast EF! groups, and find that almost no one who submits to this mag knows what the word deadline means. We're full of it.

Eco-Bitch Speaks

by Helkat

I see very slow changes coming to *Earth First!*. Changes I most heartedly welcome. In the rough an' ready macho male world of *Earth First!* there are other voices: new voices.

Voices of women, mothers, lesbians, bisexuals, women in relationships with changing men, warrior women, quiet laid back ones, loud screaming ones... Ah, so many to watch and love in awe.

Voices of men, adventurous activists, gay, bi, rad faeries, eco-defenders, fathers, men who want to "rock-the-boat" within a boat-rockers realm.

Voices who want to change and bend our world's view of reality. Let us learn from Queer Nation that our actions and voices can be more expressive, more radical, in a joy-filled way. Eco-theatrics extraordinaire. Let us in EF! celebrate life in new ways. The way of the cosmic clown, the trickster. Let's have a parade, *Earth First!* circus. Let us laugh at ourselves and the world around us. As Orin Langelle says, "We must have humor in all of this."

Let's not allow ourselves (New England EF!ers) to be influenced by Puritanical thinking. Honey let it all hang out!!!

Shake your tits in the wind, wiggle your butt in the face of authority, spill your seed on the holy ground, Gaia's

flesh. Hey, let's have some fun!

Within our hard work we can blow the socks off our contemporaries. Let our voices ring with much jovial hilarity! Pop your cork, let the juices flow. Magic awaits.

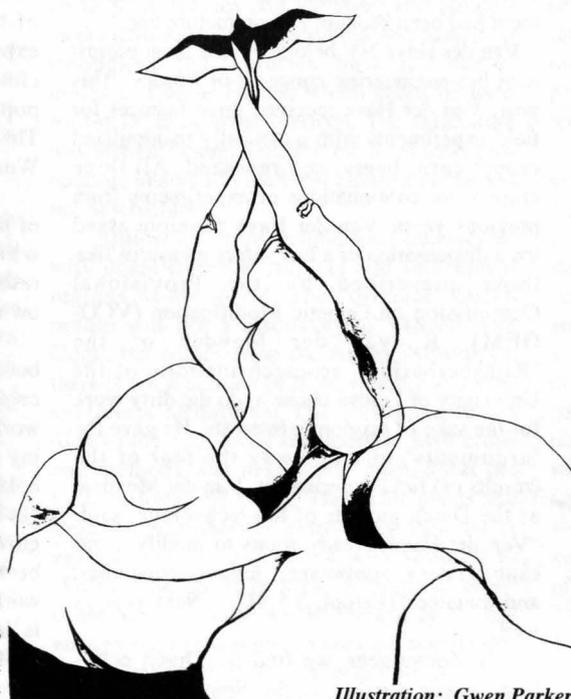


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Oh, the pansies grow wild in the woods. Faeries sprinkle their alluring dust. The dykes echo flooding waters of power, they usher forth. We can ride a bicycle both ways.

Let EF! parents raise Terra-Eco-Party-Warrior-Defending youngin'. Change is in the wind.

Boys, move over and make room for the Queen of Meshugana and her entourage! Wild women don't get the blues. Big Mama's Amazons are comin' to shake up the place. Our holy temple is in need. Let us work together, warrior and worker.

Calling all folks near and far! Come join the dance. Sha Boom! Come into the trance. Ommmmm... Let us be Shaman, Shamana, Shamama. Warrior Witches, Magical Bitches, savory sorcerers/ sorceresses. Into the spirit world we walk, whisper, wage war and wail.

Life is a great grand adventure. Yes, let us add venture into all of our endeavors. Stir up the cauldron. Bubble, bubble. Bless *Earth First!* with venerated vulva venus voyages, vim and vigor and a vindicated and vigilant view. Voom...

Let us awaken the sparks to kindle the fires. Burn baby burn. (Eat the rich) (Have a Ken and Barbie-Q).

Join EF!, come play in field and forest. Hug in the hills. Frolick on tundra and slither at seductive seashores. Be a part of the pleasure. Be a prankish provocateur. Purrr... Be merry and glow. Be you wimmin, faery, animal or shadowy ghost. We annoint you with earthly essence.

Rattle, shake and let your heart beat its drum.

AGAINST BIO-TECHNOLOGY!

Fiery Viruses Communiqué
source: autonome forum

In the night of 10/11 August 1992, a field of genetically manipulated corn was destroyed in Rilland, Holland. At the same time, an agricultural exhibition on bio-engineering at the four-yearly Floriade was 'dismantled'. These actions were claimed by the Vurige Virussen, the 'Fiery Viruses'. The following is a reprint of their communiqué.

With the help of bio-engineering, a handful of multi-nationals want to capture a monopoly on life and award their own practices with oppression and exploitation both here and in the Three Continents.

Four years after the first Dutch field experiments started with genetically manipulated plants, the group called 'Ziedende Bintjes' opened the weeding season in the summer of '89. A year later, the 'Woendende Excorts' followed their example (at two places in the same time), and in 1991 the 'Rasende Rooiers' (Raging Diggers) dug up potatoes and corn plants at three different locations. Next to the direct damage (of about a few hundred-thousand guilders) the actions especially opened room in the press for groups with arguments against bio-technology and thereby got the issue on the 'political agenda' (something groups hardly succeeded in before). One periodical of the bio-engineering lobby wrote: "The ruining of the field experiments... emphasizes the necessity of a much broader base of support: therefore the establishment of a wide-ranging and publicly working commission which goes into the more social questions is desirable" (From "Biotechnologie in Nederland" 1990 - 4). The bio-engineering lobby is really putting their back into it, at the level of the E.C. as well as in Holland, to make bio-engineering publicly acceptable and linked to adaptable legislation. In Holland, for example, this [was shown] this year at the Floriade. Bio-technology has to have a friendly image: friendly to people and to the environment. And although the resistance to bio-technology is slowly growing under environmental, rural, food, and agricultural organizations, the Dutch Greens (Groen Links) for example, has a cautious bio-technological standpoint (it's OK if there is good legislation).

The weeding actions hit the industries directly and they also made clear to ordinary people that food is being manipulated in their own backyards. That's why, for two years now, lists are published in Holland which show where field experiments will take place. So, take your spade in hand!

In the village of Rilland (Zeeland), for the second successive year, the plant improvement business 'Van der Have NV' carried out a field experiment with genetically manipulated corn (breed HE 89). The purpose of this experiment



was the same as last year: the determination of the characteristics of the genetically manipulated corn under field circumstances. A PTC-resistance is built into the cornplants against the weed-killer 'Basta' (of the chemical concern 'Hoechst'). Again, this year, the experiment had been brought to a premature end.

Van der Have NV belongs to the most prominent bio-engineering concerns of Europe. This year, Van der Have received three licences for field experiments with genetically manipulated crops: corn, beets, and rapeseed. All three crops were continuations of experiments from previous years. Van der Have therefore asked for a dispensation of a few safety measures like those prescribed by the Provisional Commission on Genetic Modification (VCO-GEM). R. van der Meyden of the 'Rijksherbarium' research institute of the University of Leiden chose to do the dirty work for the sake of economic interests. He gave the 'arguments' to take away the fear of the (results of) field experiments. Van der Meyden, as the Dutch pioneer of bio-technology, said: "Van der Have already wants to modify sugar cane, grasses, sunflowers, lettuce, cucumber, and tomatoes" (Parool, 3.8.91). Next year as well?

In Zoetermeer, we find the Dutch petty-bourgeoisie variant of the Spanish Expo: a gleaming and prestigious (and creepy) view of the history, the present, and the future. In the World Wonder Garden, as the Floriade is promoted, is the exhibition "Plant Improvement and Bio-technology". The exhibition is exemplary of the symbiosis of business, science, and the government (including Van der Have). The industries promise that, in time, there will finally be enough food, produced in an envi-

ronmentally-friendly way with the help of bio-technology. Science is saying that bio-engineering is based on no more than just the newest plant improving techniques, and the government lets us know that they'll see to it that everything is kept under control by means of their procedures and a commission of experts. This bio-technology propaganda is cloaked in a serious problem: the surplus of population and food-shortages of the world. The exhibition can't be visited anymore. The World Wonder Garden has lost a myth.

"What's the problem? The large number of poor people, or the 23 percent of the world which uses 80 percent of the natural resources?" -Vandana Shiva, during the shadow conference of UNCED

Among the many blessings which have been bestowed upon mankind thanks to bio-engineering is the banishment of hunger in the world, this is, at least, one of the most penetrating sounds which are produced by the bio-technological drum roll. The reasoning is simple: "In the near future, there will be an enormous growth in population. All these people have to be fed and it is noticeable already that the world food production doesn't keep pace. Rice is the most popular food for many people, so it is of great importance that there be many varieties which are resistant against diseases and plagues." (Prof. Schilperoot in "Transfer-nieuws", June 1992). The world food problem is thus reduced to a technical problem to which an answer is already being crammed down our throats. The hereby-propagated idea that bio-technology is the solution to world hunger is a denial of the structures and historical relations which produce hunger. Moreover, it proclaims that bio-technology is a neutral and values-free

Against Bio-tech

technology. It is developed because of charitable motives and with the best intentions. Bio-technology as the Good. This is a vision that just conceals the truth. The development of bio-engineering takes place behind the closed doors of the C-3 and C-4 laboratories of the companies and universities, during the private meetings and working consultations between the technological lobby and the state, envisaged by the experts of advisory committees and patent bureaus. Developing technology is an extensive program, one that is based on specific interests and perspectives. It's based on balances of power and it's an important factor of power itself as well. It has the power in and of itself to (re)define what is the nature of the problems in question: what is the solution and what isn't; what is superior and what isn't. Technologies carry, to a high degree, the codes of the balance of relations in which they have developed and produced. A capital-intensive technology, for example, forces an entrance into dependency relations with banks and financiers. So this application leads to the reproduction of exactly those relations that "built in" the matter of technology.

Bio-engineering is not a technology which is free of values, nor is it at all a solution to hunger. It clears the way for a sharpening of the relations of exploitation, which has already characterized the relation between the North and the South for ages. It is in these social structures that bio-technology is developed, and in these structures it will do its work.

Hunger

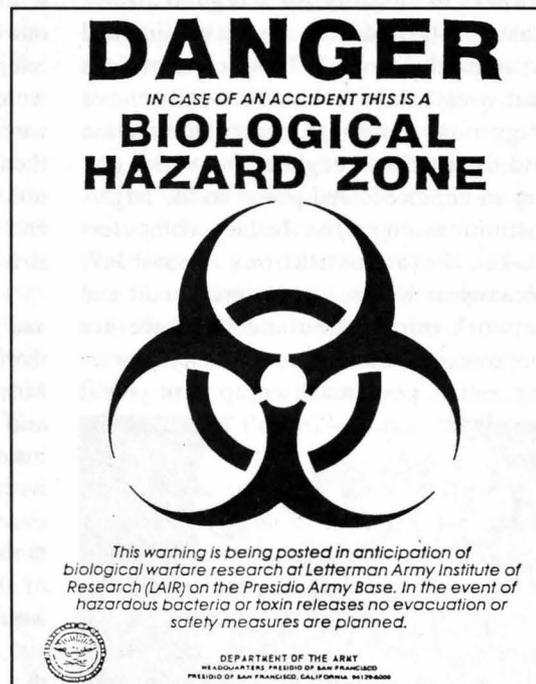
In 1887, Italian priests brought a ship with Italian cows and bulls to Eastern Africa. With that, they imported a form of hoof-and-mouth disease which eradicated 90 percent of the East African cattle stocks. At once, all of Eastern Africa was threatened by starvation. The myth of natural disasters as the reason for hunger and poverty was born.

If this had been only an isolated case, it would have maybe turned out better than expected. But everywhere where the whites passed by, they took their supposedly superior cattle and food-crops with them. Raw materials from the colonized countries filled the holds of their ships on their way back. After centuries of intensive Western interference with the countries of the Third World, millions are now facing starvation.

Images of swollen bellies, dry fields, and dried-up acres fill our TV screens regularly. The striking structures of exploitation, however, have simply been 'zapped' from the screen. Poverty and hunger are apparently uprooted, their causes reduced to too little rain, too many children, and stupid farmers. "The African agriculture is backward", stated Aart de Zeeuw,

the Dutch chairman of the agricultural commission of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). (Onze Wereld, December, 1987). It is exactly this racist notion of superiority that paved the way for centuries of exploitation and oppression.

Farmers of the Third World knew agricul-



tural structures that were based on a knowledge about plant species and varieties, and agricultural methods that were acquired and passed on throughout the centuries. Several kinds of grains and seeds existed which could be used for the dryer or wetter periods. The agriculture was self-sufficient, aimed at the local food-production, adapted to the local circumstances and social structures.

Almost all crops people feed themselves with come from the tropical and subtropical regions of the world. The "original" Dutch potato was not a discovery of Vincent van Gogh, but comes from the Andes. Nowadays, there is not much left of these wealthy and self-sufficient structures. The European rulers didn't only take away the peoples' own crops and methods, but negligently pushed out the local customs and habits. They stole plants and began to plant them at home. They imposed an agricultural model which was adapted to Western needs. It is these structures which cause hunger. In the whole, there is more than enough food production to feed the population. 80 percent of all these raw materials are eaten by 20 percent of mankind, those living in the rich North. Hunger is the result of the economic war of the North against the South.

The Green Counter-Revolution

The example of what is optimistically called the 'Green Revolution' in the history books shows, in a nutshell, how such processes work. In the 1960s, many countries set up large agricultural programs. The ones who took the initia-

tive were private institutions like the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and institutes like the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. This 'Green Revolution' meant large-scale intervention in the agricultural structures of the Third World. Local breeding methods had to leave the field. The use of varieties with high yields and monocultures, large-scale and intensive use of fertilizers, and the introduction of modern agricultural machines had to lead to an important extension of the yields. And in the first instance this also happened. But after a period of time, the winners and the losers became known. The losers are the local farmers. Because of the introduction of mono-cultures, plant diseases increased and it became necessary to use more weed killers. To do this, high investments were needed, so small farmers dropped out of the race. Acres with artificial fertilizer need more water, so irrigation projects had to follow, but there were no draining systems. Large areas were permanently flooded or changed into deserts. A few years later, the farmers are left with the results: a destroyed agriculture, spoiled soil and water, genetical erosion, high debts, crops with an over-sensitivity to all kinds of diseases, and an increasing use of all kinds of expensive Western inputs like artificial fertilizers and weed killers. A vicious circle of misery and hunger. The winners were the major chemical concerns and the seed industry and the Brabant farmers. Due to the overproduction of corn, the food for pigs is almost free. A new class of poor, landless slum inhabitants came into existence.

In agriculture, two-thirds of the work is done by women. In statistics and official reports, this is usually concealed by qualifying it as domestic work, or it is not worth mentioning because these jobs are unpaid. The engineers followed this patriarchally beaten-path and denied the importance of the knowledge and work of women. The large scale intervention in the social structure, under the pretext of 'modernizing', was exclusively directed to male farmers. Thus, the germ for her failure was already laid. The consequences of these actions mostly affected women. Men left and went to the cities or to the large plantations as agricultural labourers. Women, who did most of the work already, had to work even more. They lost their land to big companies, the burden of providing their own food rested only on their own shoulders. (Bio-tech article continued next issue)

For Additional Info on Bio-technology:

The *ALARM* received another good, informational piece regarding biotechnology, but we did not have the space to run both. To receive this second piece please send \$1 to Andy Buckley POBox 708, Littleton, MA 01460.

To Kill a Computer

by Roadblocks

In the Yule *EF! Journal*, the book *In the Absence of the Sacred* by Jerry Mander was reviewed. The subtitle reads ‘The Failure of Technology and the survival of Indian Nations’. We felt that a further mention of this book was in order.

It seems that it is very obvious that there is a real world and the MANufactured world. We, unfortunately, are stuck with the ever more pervasive and ultimately destructive MANufactured world. For us this is offset by knowing that the Earth is the real world and by the fact that we live in the woods. How much more obvious can it be when we return home from a difficult day spent in the stifling presence of techno-world.

Now this book arrives in our life, printed, distributed and even researched with the aid of technology. Yet the message is clear and undeniable. Technology has failed; failed in its promise to improve the lives of this one species as well as improving on the character of the planet.

Time and again the technological juggernaut has used the ‘best case scenarios’ to make promises that fail to materialize. More often than not, it has been the ‘worst case scenarios’ which the inventors suspected, that ends up owning the moment.

So do we head back to the Pleistocene? Probably. Can we do it quickly? No. But we need to take a direction that does not in any way count on technology to fix what it’s already fucked up. Retrace our steps.

Back to this book. For us the case is made, beyond a doubt, that technology is not neutral. It effects things just by its existence. Even its creation requires technology. Where, a generation ago, government, the military and industry each used technology to gain their separate ends, they have now become fused along with and a part of the technological rush to oblivion. This brings us to our main bitch about technology—the computer, that slick rig that seduces and produces. We have our bias. We are computer illiterate and proud of it. You’ll be reading this in the *Alarm!* (we hope) with the aid of a computer layout. Big fucking deal. Can’t get it done without the computer devil? If not, we better think of an *Alarm!* that can

be sent without a computer.

Think about it. Why do we need an *Alarm!* and an activism that crosses the borders of insanity on a regular basis? That is, who and what are we battling and what are their tools? This fusion of evils that uses computers to “instantly move staggering amounts of capital, information and equipment throughout the world, giving an unprecedented power to the largest institutions on earth. In fact, computers make these institutions possible”. Meanwhile we use computers to edit and network information and think we are empowered. Computers are disempowering and if you smash computers you’ll smash the state. After all isn’t that the goal?

So finally we’d like to say that we spent last weekend in jail. It was very obvious the role computers played in maintaining this jail and controlling the jailers. If it weren’t for computers we wouldn’t have been there and there wouldn’t have been a there. Technology is a failure and needs to be abandoned ASAP starting with computers.

The second half of the book deals with techno-fascism as the neo-colonial executioner of Native Peoples around the world. It details how these nations have withstood this charge and what is happening now, not just then. Let’s understand that indigenous people pose one of the last and most powerful threats to the technological age. There cannot ultimately be any coexistence. That a reverence for the earth “is subversive to Western society and the entire technological direction of the past century” is obvious. So the question remains, which side of the spectrum do we (mostly non-native) want to travel toward and can we get there carrying tools that don’t belong there? If we owned a computer we’d smash it!

ALARMist Response to Roadblocks:

We at the *ALARM* have no argument that technology sucks. We, too, are working toward the disbanding of the system and abandonment of technology. But how far do we take our anti-technology stance and still remain effective? If we choose to be completely technology-free, we also choose to limit our effectiveness. The government, in our opinion, would like

nothing better than to see us living in the most primitive way, with no computers, electricity, autos, pens, paper, monkey-wrenches, etc. For without these tools, our effectiveness is diminished. We need telephones to contact and rally activists, we need autos to get to the actions, etc. If we are going to indulge in *any* technology then we need to think about what technologies will increase our effectiveness and use them. Through their use we are striving to render them obsolete.

In fact, fuck Gutenberg and his press and even the first wild thing that uttered the first coherent word as communication. Most of us would rather grunt, fuck, fart and grow our own vegetables in peace instead of having to fight the beast. But without the on-going resistance we fear everything would be further shackled by the state and there would be total absence of the wild, and evolutionary potential would cease.

The computer is merely another tool that helps us fight the state. Computers decrease the amount of time it takes to put out the *ALARM* which is essential due to the fact that we are full-time front-line activists. This time-saving function has also been essential for the fact that very few of our writers meet deadline. Very little of what you read in this *ALARM* would have been in here, including “To Kill a Computer”, the Maine action piece, and the info from PA if it weren’t for the computer, due to the fact that they were submitted so late. We will continue to put out the *ALARM* and we will do it with a computer.

Why, then, do we need the *ALARM* at all? As we point out in our statement of purpose, an “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.” We need the *ALARM* to provide a voice to activists throughout our region and to provide a forum for communication that helps to bind us together and to inspire each other. It was after reporting in the *ALARM* about the banner hanging off of the Winooski-One crane that the Dartmouth students hung the banner that

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Dope Growers Can Save Northern Appalachians

by George Washington
Virginia Hemp Farmer

What do clearcuts and the war on drugs have to do with wilderness restoration? As the War on Drugs intensifies the grip of the police state around your throat and mine, it offers law-abiding citizens like us a chance to bust corporate, land-raping scum paper corporations that are replanting their clearcuts with cannabis sativa—marijuana.

Some states confiscate land from citizens who cultivate this sweet-smelling herb. Once the land is confiscated, it will never be returned, even if the owner is found not guilty of any charges. The police-state reasons thusly: either you are guilty, or you are an inattentive land owner. If pot is growing on your land, you are responsible, even if you didn't know it was growing there.

Many people are outraged by this land theft by the government. But a few of our higher thinkers believe that this law can rescue all privately-owned land that is abused by its owner.

We have heard industry apologists on

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helped convince the Board of that college to cancel a \$7.8 million contract with Hydro-Quebec.

Believe us when we say that we would not devote three weeks and \$750-\$1000 each quarter if we did not think that the *ALARM* was necessary.

As for the argument that without computers there would be no jails—in ancient times a prison was used for the detention of persons who displeased their ruler in any way. The oldest known prisons were the jails or gaols, established in accordance with the Assize of Clarendon, a decree issued by Henry II of England in 1166; clearly before computers were invented. Roadblocks, you went to gaol because you displeased the rulers who allow greedy bastards to rape the earth. You went to jail because of your commitment to defend Gaia. Thank you for your no compromise stance.

You even make the argument for using technology to disseminate anti-tech-

hundreds of occasions say that we need “balance” when examining environmental issues. Although the more cynical may scoff that industry doesn't want balance, they just want to muddle the truth, our higher thinkers respond to industry that we, too, seek balance on this dope growers' land confiscation policy.

So, green thumbers, here's the plan of action: plant marijuana in the clearcut soils of the paper company lands. After you harvest your fair share, be sure to leave a tithing—a sort of offering to the soils that nurtured the sweet weed. Next, contact (anonymously) the state's Drug Enforcement Agency and turn in the cor-



Illustration: Gwen Parker

nology ideas when you talk about the book *In the Absence of the Sacred* being printed and researched with the aid of technology. Without technology that book would remain an idea to which very few would have access. Even it's review was printed in the *EF! Journal* which also uses computers.

While it is true that the indigenous people hold the keys to how we, as humans, can live harmoniously with the earth, it is also true that the Native people of this country were pushed to near extinction because the invaders invaded quicker than the word was spread about how dangerous these pale-faced people were. Hence the native communities fell into the same trap time and again and were slaugh-

porate dope grower. Millions of acres of paper company land could fall (free of charge) into the public domain overnight. And all because of the wonderful war on drugs.

Many may worry that they will be caught by helicopter surveillance while they are in the middle of one of Maine's thousand acre clearcuts. Not to worry, those helicopters are employed by the multinational industrial police state. Their job is to harrass you and me. They do not patrol over the kingdoms of their lords and masters. They'll never spot you.

A more serious threat is posed by herbicide spraybombers that defoliate as much as 80,000-100,000 acres of Maine clearcuts. Not only is it possible that the toxic air force will spot you, but, worse, it might defoliate your crop (and you).

The solution is to diversify your garden sites. Plant on huge clearcuts; plant in smaller clearcuts; plant in strip cuts; plant in the middle of an opening; plant on the edge. And, most importantly, plant on different (absentee multinational or trust fund) owners “land”. A list of the ten largest “owners” in Maine should provide food for thought.

And, here's the best part. Assuming that your bumper crop reached the market place, the money earned selling “clearcut tobacco” can be used to buy the confiscated industry lands.

Talk about a renewable resource!

Enjoy that Northern Appalachian High!

tered time and again. With the *ALARM*, we are attempting to learn from history and enhance communication among activists so that we can learn from each other and avoid mistakes as well as avoid re-inventing wheels already created by others.

Maybe someday soon a virus will wipe out all computers everywhere. Until that day the *ALARM* will continue to use computers and regard our use of them as just another monkeywrench in our tool box.

Vigil for Jonathon Paul

On February 13th, Biodiversity Liberation Front activists held a vigil for Animal Liberation Front activist Jonathon Paul in front of the Federal Building in Burlington, VT. During the vigil, leaflets were handed out explaining what the Grand Jury is and how anyone can go to jail for committing no crime but the refusal to testify, for up to 18 months. Many people stopped to ask questions about Jonathon and the Grand Jury system. Of these folks, most were genuinely shocked that the government had the power to strip people of their rights in that manner. All in all the action was a great success.

Jonathon Paul continues to remain in jail. He will likely be there until next August or November and possibly as late as January, 1994.

Rik Scarce, another activist whom the government believes is affiliated with ALF because of a section he wrote about them in his book *Ecowarriors*, is also fac-



BLF hands out fliers for ALF activist Jonathon Paul.

Photo: Langelle

ing jailtime. At this point the government is threatening Rik with immunity if he continues to refuse to testify. After he is granted immunity, he must answer all questions or go to jail. It is likely that he,

too, will go to jail rather than rat on fellow activists.

For updates on the status of these two activists, people should contact their support team at (503) 236-0649.

Snagged in Court

On January 8, 1993 Biodiversity Liberation Front went to court for the first time under the jurisdiction of the State of Vermont. Thomas Carney was being charged with trespassing onto the site of the Winooski I Hydro Project, where the banner that graced the cover of the Fall issue of the *ALARM* was hung from an 140 ft crane. It read, "Earth First! No Dams! Free the Rivers!"

The court proceeding highlights included testimony from cops and the winner of the *ALARM'S* Fall "It's All Bullshit Award..." John Warshaw. The protester-turned-developer came into the courtroom with his little hard-hat, took the stand with his little hard hat, and left with it under his arm like a security blanket. The only exciting thing he did on the stand, besides playing with a picture of his torture site filling in the "No Trespassing" signs (showing what side he's really on!), was the dramatic movie-TV action of pointing out our banner hanger. "That's Him!" he said, his pointy finger extending to the defense table (Tom being the only one sitting there because the fine was too low for a public defender).

Tom, all by himself, tried to prove that there weren't any "No Trespassing"

signs in his path to the crane and that he was not given "reasonable notice" to get off the crane when he had no intention of remaining up there to slow work for the day (it was just a banner hanging, jeez). To the delight of the State's Attorney, who had a sick resemblance to Dan Fielding of Night Court, the verdict came down "Guilty, as charged." A stiff fine of \$250 was tacked onto the action, which Tom has not yet paid.

SO...here it comes, with the news comes the heartache of cash flow: if you have a couple extra bucks for Tom and Biodiversity Liberation Front's legal costs you can send it to the BLF PoBox 804, Burlington, Vt. 05042

WE CAN ONLY HOPE

As we go to press an unverified rumor has come to our attention. Apparently one of the turbines in the John Warshaw ("It's All Bullshit Award" recipient, *ALARM* #4) Winooski-One Hydro Project failed to function when turned on. It appears that one of the parts of the million dollar turbine did not work and the whole operation is shut down until it can be replaced. We wonder if a radical squirrel from the Biodiversity and Anarchy Revolutionary Faction (BARF) sabotaged it with a well placed nut.

Activist Found Guilty

For the second time in a month, an Earth First! activist was found guilty of the heinous crime of attempting to wake the public up to the ecological reality of the death Culture's effect on the earth.

At this trial, Anne Petermann of Biodiversity Liberation Front was found guilty of "reckless endangerment" for stopping a car driven recklessly by an off-duty police officer. The officer in question was attempting to show off for his fiancée by driving at a high rate of speed toward protesters who were blockading the road.

Needless to say, the jury believed the police officers and the fiancée, none of whose stories coincided with the others. The protestors, already prejudged by a jury who admitted disliking EF! tactics, were not believed even though their stories all matched perfectly, and clearly showed the actions of Anne to be justified by the reckless actions of the officer.

Once again the system, with all of the odds stacked in its favor, won the battle. The end result of this pyrrhic victory was the activists involved becoming more determined than ever to work toward the dissolution of the monster.

History Of Alarm

Mother Earth
Heather Fraser

OASIS
Andy Cantsin

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tuated each issue.

The Pittsburgh Manifesto of anarchist principles appeared in every number of *The Alarm* and on its masthead was listed its fundamental goals; "Equality of Opportunity for All—Hence, extinction of privilege and restriction, protection and oppression, chartered and vested wrongs. Free Land, Mutual Credit, Equitable Commerce—Hence, abolition of rent, interest, and profit. Sovereignty of the Individual—Hence, liberty, the cessation of authority, or industrial emancipation and social co-operation."

After suspending publication at the behest of the Chicago police in May 1886, *The Alarm* was revived the following November with Dyer Lum, a great American anarchist, at the helm, assisted by Lizzie Holmes. It took the lead in defending the Haymarket prisoners against the anti-radical mob consciousness that swept America in the aftermath of the bombing; it took the lead in condemning the hanging of innocent men; and it took up the martyrs' cause—justice, peace, and freedom—in the years after the executions.

The re-appearance in the 1990's of a radical publication with an anti-authoritarian, direct action perspective entitled the *ALARM* represents both the fulfillment of a prophecy and the assumption of a legacy. Writing from his death cell on October 25, 1887, hardly three weeks before his execution, Albert Parsons predicted



A. R. PARSONS IN HIS CELL MORNING NOV. 11, 1887.

Taken from sketch in Daily Paper of November 11, 1887.

that the struggle for a better world would go on and that other hands would reach out and carry forth the cry for justice. He envisioned the re-appearance of this journal, and his words speak to us clearly as though only spoken yesterday:

"*The Alarm*, as you know, ever rang out strong and clear the dangers that threatened the people. Edmund Burke said: 'I love clamor

Oh - Mother
I dreamt the machines
planted trees instead of telephone
poles
And the monstrous shovels that
strip you away
layer by layer
came to rest and you took them to
your breast
and returned them to yourself
with blankets of vine
and time
And a big wind came and
rolled back the asphalt and concrete
that smothers you
And your children came home
with hands together
They took comfort on the pine beds
and crystal lakes and
listened - finally
to your sweet laughter and
felt - finally
the glowing warmth of your arms.

when there is an abuse. *The Alarm* disturbs the slumber of the imates, but it awakens them to the dangers that threaten.' This paper was founded and conducted on the idea that, with all its mistakes of head or heart, it has done some service in behalf of despoiled and suffering humanity in arousing them to a consciousness of the 'dangers that threaten.'

To other hands is now committed the task which was mine in the work and duty as editor of this paper. Though fallen, wounded perhaps unto death, in the battle for liberty, the standard—the press—which my hands bore aloft in the midst of the struggle is caught up by other hands, and will be again and again, if needs, till the crimson banner waves in triumph over the enemies of peace, brotherhood, and happiness. Therefore, give to them in their work your heavy support.

And now to all I say: Falter not. Lay bare the iniquities of capitalism; expose the slavery of law; proclaim the tyranny of government; denounce the greed, cruelty, and abominations of the privileged class who riot and revel on the labor of their wage slaves. Farewell."

For Parsons and the supporters of the first *Alarm*, the cheapening of labor and human life and the resulting labor unrest, the miserable conditions of the working class, and the increasing wealth and power of the capitalist class in the late 1800's were the immediate "dangers that threatened." Today's *ALARM*, faced with the terrible facts that many species become extinct every 24 hours, that our forests, air and water are disappearing into junk bond scams, and that our fragile world is being exploited to the point of destruction, rouses us

Alone in the desert.
I struggle on, crawling, dying of thirst.
The thirst for the truth.
In this barren cultural desert,
Everywhere I look,
All I see are meaningless distractions.
Fragments of empty commercialism, greed, lust
and one-upmanship.
Too much competition,
At the expense of love, compassion and what
really matters.
The land of consumers.
Yet little consumed has value these days.
Under that fancy packaging it's mostly filler,
But still we happily swallow whole,
What is force fed to us,
Resisting little, obeying much.
Most never even bother to question,
Perhaps afraid of what the answers might bring.
This desert wasteland looms large,
Expanding to the horizon in every direction,
For as far as the eye can see.
Many are intimidated by it's size.
Yet still a few, however small the number,
Trudge onward,
Searching for their oasis.

to environmental defense. Despite this difference in focus brought on by a century's time, both journals share a love of freedom and happiness, a respect for this world and the living things that inhabit it, and a reverence for human worth and spirit. Both stand for a world whose resources exist for the benefit of all. And both "denounce the greed, cruelty, and abominations of the privileged class who riot and revel on the labor of their wage slaves."

We have come full circle— may it this time remain unbroken.

(Some information for this article comes from Paul Avrich's *The Haymarket Tragedy*. I am also indebted to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin for the use of their Albert Parsons Papers collection.)

DEADLINE

The deadline for the summer solstice edition of the *ALARM* is June 1st at 11:59 pm. Articles submitted after that will be used for toilet paper, with the exception of Mac Discs which we may return to stick up your ass. No longer can we tolerate excuses or apologies. Either of those and four bits will buy us a cup of coffee. We're really not kidding.

Not only has this issue been difficult for the fact that very few (especially field editors) respected those whose task it was to put this journal together, it seems that, for the second issue in a row now, submission mail is not reaching us. A few correspondents have sent it priority or two day priority and it never gets here. We suspect that they are in the possession of the federal authorities who have an office four floors above the Burlington, VT, Post Office. The confiscation of our submissions only makes us more determined to publish.

A solution for submitting material you wish to be published would be to fax it in. Earmark your chicken scratches to EF!, FAX# (802) 863-2532. C.J. Kaneda at autonome forum suggests another way to possibly insure delivery would be by registered mail.

By the way, the FEDS SUK and so do you if you don't meet deadline!

letters to the editor

Hey Y'all!

It's about time I sent you some money! Thanks for keeping me on your list. The *ALARM* is definitely a worthwhile publication and I don't even miss getting the *EF! Journal!*

I wish I had more freedom in my schedule (not to mention more freedom in general) so that I could join you on the Emily Proctor—perhaps later. Perhaps I'll also find time to write an article about Killington which ought to be decommissioned.

For the Earth first!
-a friend

Dear *ALARM*,

Thank you for *ALARM* #5. It has a good ring to it, content and all.

My training has led me to do rare plant surveys here so I appreciated your reply on page 23 (letters column) and the explanation that *disturbed* land has almost always the same species, the ones that love disturbed land everywhere, while many native species disappear as undisturbed land disappears.

We are trying to stop a downhill ski megaproject on southern Quebec's highest "peak", Mount Gosford. We need a Biodiversity Liberation Front up here!

Take care of business,
Geoff

Dear Earth First!ers,

The age of biotechnology is upon us. Soon, genetically altered tomatoes will be introduced in various supermarkets across the United States. Companies have already been allowed to patent life forms that they have "created" in the U.S. Patent Office. What's worse is that "the experts" claim that these new "products" are environmentally safe. The Monsanto company (the same company that brought us Agent Orange and claimed that it was safe), now want to bring us genetically engineered tomatoes. I urge you all to write to the local grocery stores in your area and tell them not to carry genetically engineered food products. And if your local grocery store decides to carry them anyway, boycott them.

Think wild Thoughts,
Andy P.O. Box 708 Littleton, MA 01460

FLIGHT

-by Micha de Liuda

A bird flies from
Its parents' nest

A flight into the unknown
Yet the instincts
Are always there

A resonance
Of the Cosmic Pulse.

Dear *ALARM*,

I have been disturbed about some of the attitudes from the *Earth First! Journal* folks out west. In mid-January I sent them a letter of complaint. Here is how it reads:

Dear Shit For Brains, Yes, you! I really resent your EF! bumper stickers that read "Pregnancy; another deadly sexually transmitted disease" and "Love your mother, don't become one". I am an Earth First! Eco-Bitch (bitch as in Mother-Protector)! Pregnancy is not a disease! It may be a dis-ease to you but a huge joy to me, other women and other beings.

I have four children (I know you think that is not politically correct). Well, I have also done home-herbal abortions and have gone to two clinics. We live in a world where death and birth are feared! You give women no respect when you give them the blame for everything. Having babies is not the problem that causes the devastation of the earth. Being *forced* to have them and an un-natural lifestyle is what causes so much pain for Gaia.

Lifestyles are the biggest problem with humans now. Most of us, EF!ers, help every day to kill our mother. Eco-warriors should not have electricity (TV's, video games, microwave ovens and other such bullshit items). How can you fight for the forest, wild animals, clean air, land, water and spirit when everyday you murder in small ways? Every one of you unplug!! Let us not have our feet in two different worlds, one of freedom for all beings and one of hungry greed. EF! should be raging more. I think our focus should expand. I'm all for smashing the state but what about looking

at ourselves? What about changing things right in our own homes and work spaces?

This woman will not take the blame for hundreds of years of earth killers. No one will ever tell me what to do with my body. I will do what I see fit. I'll give birth, give suck, suckle other's babes, help women abort, abort myself and sleep with both men and women.

It is sad that so many men are jealous that women can create life. Is it disempowering to men that we only need your seed? If it wasn't for women, womb and tits, you wouldn't be here at all! Here to enjoy this grand adventure called *life*.

Is it a deadly disease when other animals have babies? "Getting laid" is a wondrous, delicious, delightful celebration. It is a calling forth of the "cosmic intercourse", the calling of the life force whether or not you are making a child. Let us expand our sacredness of EF!ers.

In the name of the Mother,
Micha de Liuda

Dear Friends,

Have enclosed a *Do Or Die*. Yes, we've finally gotten ourselves together (for how long is another question) and the clans are starting to gather. We've been taking articles on biotechnology from *ALARM*, good stuff. Do you have a contact address for NN in Netherlands? We'd like to get more data.

We could also do with a big hit of support from across the water with regard to Twyford Down and Oxleas Wood. The "big" loaders (only 8 in Britain) are now heading for Twyford to start digging the pan. There's been a mass mobilization, especially since Channel 4 TV showed the corrupt goings-on and intimidation against protestors there. We hear the Oxleas court case failed and that the dozers may move into the ancient woodland during the summer.

There have been a few Earth Nights, the last one in conjunction with ALF. The next I'm told is April 1 and then June 1. It would be nice if fellow Earth Liberation Front and other EF!ers in the US could show solidarity.

Anyway, keep up the great mag, far more interesting than the *EF! Journal*.

All the best,
EF!
Glastonbury, Somerset, England

Dear BLF EF!, 12/15/92

The Board of Resist met on December 13th to consider proposals for funding. After discussion of your group and project, it was decided that we could not fund your request.

The Resist board believes that it is important for environmental advocates to work in coalition, and that labor groups are important allies. However, in your efforts to work with labor and working people, we feel that the IWW does not represent a significant portion of the working class. We believe that a more constructive strategy would be to work with a wider range of progressive labor activists as well.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Moniz for the Board of 'A Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority' One Summer Street, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143 (617)623-5110.

(It is apparent that Resist has no idea what the IWW is about due to their comment that it does not "represent a significant portion of the working class". The IWW has historically been about ending wage slavery which would lift all workers out of their bondage. The IWW struggled for and eventually won the 8-hour work day which also benefitted all workers. We work with the IWW because we refuse to work with any labor group that has sold out to the corporate bosses. By the way, what is legitimate authority?—Alarmists.)

Disgusting Plea for Mucho Moola

Sound the **ALARM!!** Guess what folks! We're still broke! In fact, we've gone beyond broke to being in the hole. Thanks to all of you who did subscribe but we are mucho dollars in debt. As you can see, we have revamped the subscription box to encourage people to dig down even further into their pocket-books to help us out. The *ALARM* is an expensive endeavor, but we have felt that it was worthwhile to provide a voice for activists in the northeast. We in Burlington, however, have been taking the brunt of the load. The other regions have not been pitching in. This means that we need you, the reader, to give us a hand in funding this here 'zine. Do you enjoy receiving the *ALARM*? Would you be mortified to no longer receive it each quarter? Then please lend a hand. Fill out the box and send it to us. Make checks payable to the *ALARM* and send to POBox 804 Burlington, VT 05402.

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BOYCOTT NEW ENGLAND

"Toxic Trio" Ski Race Disrupted by EF!

Earth First! went to the Killington Ski Area in Sherburne, VT on February 15 and to Mount Sunapee, New Hampshire on February 22 to protest the pro-dioxin stances shown by Governors Dean (VT), McKernan (ME) and Merrill (NH), also known as the "toxic trio".

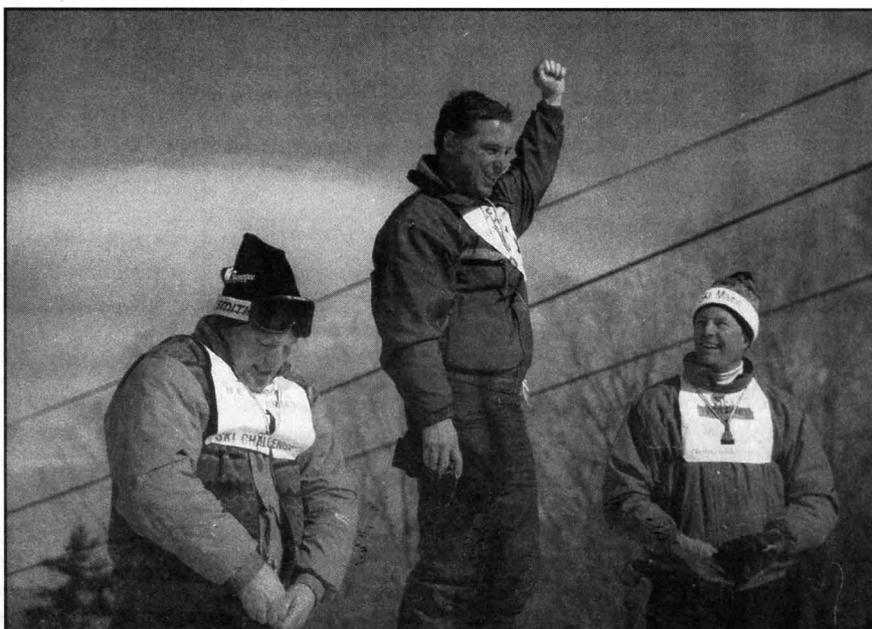
At both of these events, an EF! activist was assaulted by an individual wearing a 'Ski Vermont' jacket. In Vermont a cop went so far as to threaten the EF!er with arrest for being assaulted.

In Vermont, an EF!er infiltrated the ski race with a press pass and asked the Governors about their pro-dioxin stances. Governor McKernan responded to a question regarding the militant EF! actions against dioxin deregulations in Maine by stating "what Earth First! does doesn't matter." So much for representation.

In New Hampshire, two EF!ers got in Governor Dean's face asking him how he, a physician, could propose weakening dioxin regulations without being a disgrace to his profession. His intelligent response was "did you drive here?! Cars pollute you know!!" His day was clearly ruined.

These protests of the Governors stem from their pro-industry and pro-dioxin stances.

Governor Merrill governs a state whose level of water borne dioxin is 1.0 parts per



The "Toxic Trio". New Hampshire Governor Merrill (left), Vermont Governor Dean (center) and Maine Governor McKernan (right). Photo: Langelle

quadrillion (ppq), 77 times higher than the Federal standard of 0.013 ppq. This is likely due to the influence of the paper industry in New Hampshire, a major dioxin polluter.

Governor Dean has been pushing for an air toxins amendment that would relax restrictions against airborne dioxin. This new amendment would allow for the re-opening of a carcinogenic incinerator near Rutland, VT.

Governor McKernan wants to increase the allowable levels of dioxin in Maine's rivers by 38.5 times. This interest in killing that state's rivers may be due to the fact that McKernan's brother is a lobbyist for the paper industry, the main industry to benefit from the new regulations.

Dioxins are one of the most toxic groups of substances known to humans. Microscopic amounts are known to cause many forms of

cancer and mutations. Dioxins bioaccumulate (increase in concentration as they progress up the food chain); once they enter the body, they never leave. This means the concentrations are highest in carnivores. The dioxin dose consumed by eating a predatory fish that resides in contaminated water is equal to all of the dioxins consumed by all of the fish eaten by that fish over its lifetime. Because dioxins bioaccumulate by attaching themselves to fat cells, they are especially harmful to female mammals and their nursing young. Thus, the dose received by a nursing baby are many times that consumed at one time by the mother.

Earth First! is demanding the immediate end to the release of all forms of dioxin into air, water or land. Earth First! believes it is time to put biological health before industry's profits.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

To bring the issue home to the Governors, Earth First! is calling for a New England wide tourism boycott. We strongly urge readers of the *ALARM* to follow the example set by the Alaska tourism boycott as it was successful in stopping the wolf hunt. People from around the country called airlines to make reservations to fly to Alaska and made hotel reservations in Alaska only to cancel them stating that it was due to the wolf-killing tendencies of that State's Governor. The same tactics could be effective in countering the pro-dioxin stances of Merrill, McKernan and Dean.

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