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Corporate Fall Kicks Butt

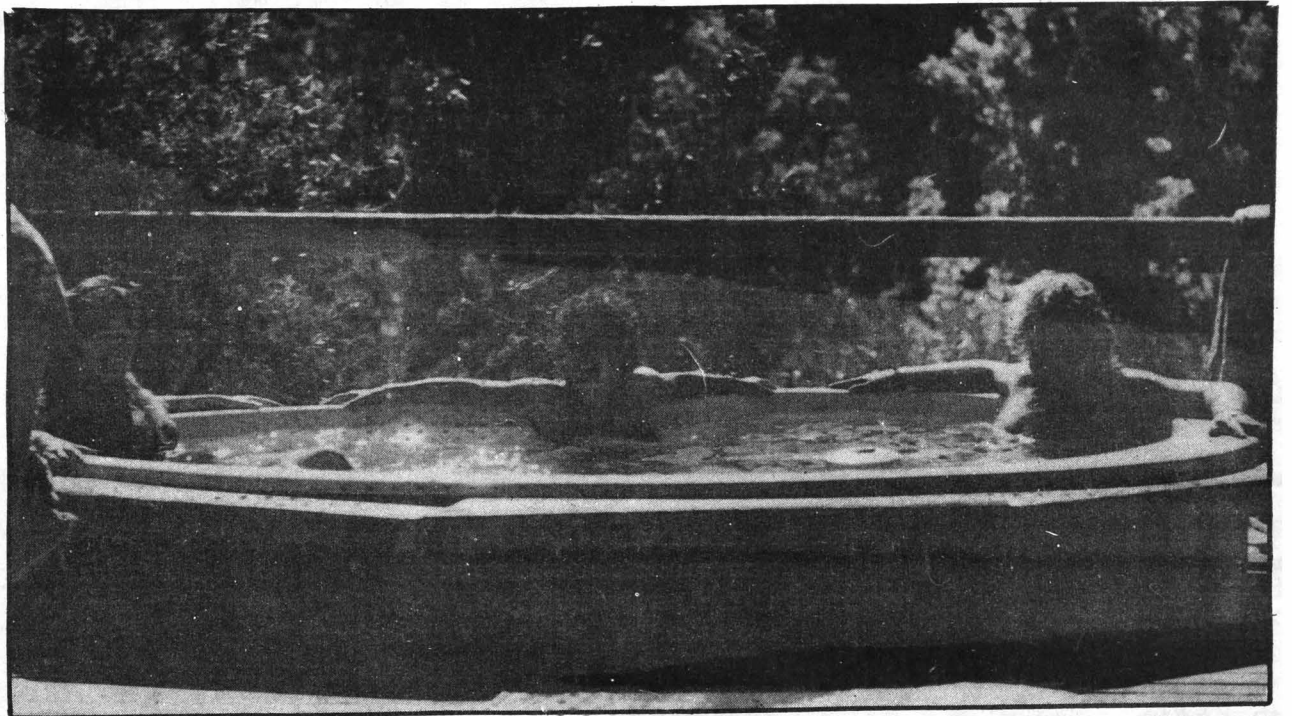
After Redwood Summer ended, most local EF!ers just wanted to take the phone off the hook, crawl into bed and hibernate until spring. But our sleep was haunted by real-life nightmares of corporate greed-heads Harry Merlo, Charles Hurwitz and T. Marshall Hahn loose in the forest, devouring the last of the redwoods. We couldn't let this go on-- it was time for Corporate Fall.

The idea of Corporate Fall was to bring the protests right to the posh offices and lavish homes of people who are actually responsible for the slaughter of the planet.

We announced the Corporate Fall campaign Sept. 17 at a hastily called rally in Ukiah right after L-P leveled Osprey Grove (see page 3). 50 EF!ers showed up to demand "L-P out of Mendo County," and to serve notice on the corporados that the next time they saw us, it would be closer to home.

EF! Goes To Houston

Corporate Fall surfaced next in Houston, Texas Sept. 27, when 150 demonstrators shouting "Stumps suck!" invaded MAXXAM's corporate headquarters. The crowd included a 10-foot walking redwood tree, several strange animals and people carrying huge photos of Hurwitz with the caption, "Today Hurwitz, tomorrow Trump." Charles Hurwitz unsuccessfully tried to get a court injunction to stop the demo because Darryl Cherney was coming and he might strap a body bomb to himself and blow up the MAXXAM building. Charlie was last seen cowering under his desk with his fingers in his ears.



Hot Tubbing At Harry's

After moonscaping half of Mendocino County, busting the union, shipping the logs to Mexico, and murdering millworker Fortunado eyes in the Ukiah mill, L-P President Harry Merlo was a prime target for Corporate Fall. So on Oct. 15, 50

EF!ers and IWW Local #1 members descended on Merlo's secret Shangri-La at 3400 Skaggs Spring Rd, just outside Healdsburg.

When Harry didn't show up for lunch, we IWW-EF! luncheon guests made ourselves at home, conducting ourselves with im-

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Ecotopia Secedes From U.S.

On Jan. 15th, 1991, the day President Bush may get the war he's looking for, Ecotopia EF! will secede from the U.S.

At high noon, with the rallying cry of "No War For Oil, No Oil For War!" the borders of Ecotopia will close from Santa Cruz through Washington State, the clenched fist flag will be raised, and with a defening silence, the last internal combustion engine will be turned off for all eternity.

Should the U.S. not end the war, get out of the Middle East, and immediately

convert from oil power to solar, wind and methane power, a secret Ecotopian Psychological Warfare Unit consisting of undercover hippies will be dispatched to the U.S. to infiltrate schools, offices, factories and the White House. After securing high positions of power in these institutions, the undercover Ecotopians will then render the system helpless by instituting consensus process for all levels of decision making.

So Bush, be warned! There will be no compromise in defense of Ecotopia!

peccable manners and good cheer for the 45 minutes it took for a ranch hand to summon the Law. Some picnicked on Harry's deck while others sunned themselves in his lounge chairs or soaked in his hot tub singing "I'm just wild about Harry..." Others draped Merlo's property with banners listing L-P's corporate crimes.

After at least an hour of such merrymaking a sheriff's helicopter finally arrived, and the demonstrators responded by forming themselves into the letters "EF!" so that the pilots would know they had reached the right address. By now all the demonstrators were off Merlo's property and onto the road, so the cops handpicked the most prominent organizers and arrested them. 5 Earth First!ers spent a cold, wet 12 hours in jail, spirits high, and all got off with time served except Karen and Pam, who were sentenced to an additional 24 hours.

"It was such a great bargain (serving 12 hours for hot tubing at Harry's)," said Anna Marie. "I'd do it again in a minute."

Stock Exchange Crash

At 6 am on Oct. 29, the anniversary of the Black Monday crash of 1929, 300 demonstrators, organized by Earth Action Network, marched behind a Corporate Fall banner to the Pacific Stock Exchange, chanting, drumming and scar-ing the shit out of the suit and tie set along the way.

Riot police blockaded the Exchange while possessed yup-pies desperately crashed against the police blockade while trying to get to work. Some demonstrators blocked the street and tied up traffic while others invaded a McDonald's.

The crowd moved on to the Chas Schwab brokerage, pounding on windows while corporate lackeys in 3-piece suits tried to keep up a facade of nonchalance. The suits eventually lost it, however, and whacked several demonstrators on the head with rolled-up Wall Street journals when they tried to enter. Someone responded by tossing a smoke bomb into their midst, transforming Chas Schwab into a smoking Corporate Hell.

EF! Visits Maxxam Hood

John Campbell, president of Pacific Lumber, has been a very naughty boy this year. Besides clearcutting the old growth redwoods, Campbell ram-

med a Redwood Summer picket line this August, carrying protester Bob Serina on his hood for half a mile. Serina was then arrested instead of Campbell, and is currently serving four months in jail. Twenty Corporate Fallers came caroling Dec. 2 to settle the score.

The Fallers gave Campbell gift-wrapped boxes of slash and coal, and serenaded him with "Hang Down Your Head, John Campbell." Unfortunately, Campbell didn't have a hot tub, and it was too cold for a dip in his pool... so we settled for a game of MAXXAM slam-dunk with an earth ball in Campbell's basketball court.

But Campbell, trapped in his fortress, called in reinforcements. Mother's Watch stooge Candy Boak drove down from Eureka with a half dozen mommies and daddies in tow, and tried to drown us out with Campbell's riding lawn mower, to no avail. Like usual, we just sang louder.

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That's it so far for Corporate Fall. But the beauty of this campaign is that Corporate Fall can happen any place, any season.

Following Corporate Fall will be Nuclear Winter, after which we have declared a four-year moratorium on naming campaigns after seasons.



Letters...

Thank you to all the people who have contributed to my trust fund or have given me help or support since the bombing last May. This outpouring of support is what has given me the strength to go on. I still have limited physical abilities and endurance, but you have enabled me to get past the worst of it, return to my home, and begin to get back into the struggle to save this planet.

I have learned from this terrifying experience something I should have already known -- that an industry which would destroy whole ecosystems would also resort to murder to silence its opponents.

The stakes are certainly high, but the alternative is to sit by and watch the earth be destroyed. My hope for the future lied in the love and solidarity which you have shown me.

Judi Bari

Dear Earth First!

My son, Jonathan Evans, who participated in Redwood Summer from Antioch College, was killed a month ago in an auto accident. Jonathan respected and admired your organization. He had only praise and good stories for/about Redwood Summer.

Because he was such an enthusiastic environmentalist, Earth First! seems like a good place to send contributions taken up in his memory. I'm enclosing a check representing contributions of his neighbors.

Thank you for inspiring Jonathan, for speaking forcefully for his concerns, and for giving him a focus for his commitment this summer. Thanks to all the friends he made there who supported him like family when he was arrested for trespassing in the old growth forest.

Thank you for reinforcing his belief that he could make things happen. I'm pleased that you were a part of his life.

His mom,
Hazel

Forestry By Revenge

Sleaziana Pacific President Harry Merlo's concept of "logging to infinity" hit an all time high on the greed meter this month when L-P broke off negotiations with Save the Redwood Leaguers offering to buy Osprey Grove. Merlo wants to cut the last 12 old growth redwoods in the grove and add them to the already sky-high log decks. The only thing keeping him from finishing off the slaughter is a still-pending lawsuit filed against L-P for violating their THP this fall.

Osprey Grove was discovered last July by neighbor Steve Heckerth, who immediately called in 60 Redwood Summer eco-warriors to occupy the grove. The woods activists were barraged by rocks thrown at them by loggers, and one man was assaulted by axe-handle wielding Lee Susan. Despite these attacks, the undaunted protesters continued to play "cat and mouse" in the woods until lawyer Rod Jones secured a Temporary Restraining Order on the remaining 5 acres. 39 people had been arrested.

Save the Redwoods League initiated negotiations to buy the grove, and L-P stopped cutting. But before an agreement could be reached with Save the Redwoods League, sleazemaster Merlo broke off negotiations and resumed cutting-- without notice -- on Sept. 13th. Again, on one-day's notice, 5 EF!ers went to the grove, 20-year old Zack Stentz leading the charge. He and his mom



Anna Marie delayed some logging for two days, and on Zack's birthday, he and Anna Marie sat inside a hollow redwood singing "The Internationale" while loggers screamed "This one is your grandmother!" and "I fuckin' love it!" as they felled trees only yards from the two EF!ers.

While Zack and Anna Marie were risking their lives for the trees, coast libs were calling up radio station KMFB and "sending their energy" in-

stead of their much-needed bodies to Osprey Grove. County Supervisor Liz Henry, however, sent her anger directly to L-P Western Division Rep. Joe Wheeler, who in turn ordered all cutting on the grove stopped.

After the crew belatedly stopped cutting, a logger attempted to take out one last tree. Zack and Anna Marie flew down the hill to block his chainsaw, standing firm despite the logger's threat that there would be "quite a mess" if they held their ground. The two EF!ers remained until the logging crew left Osprey Grove.

A standoff between Friends of Osprey grove and L-P ensued while the outraged community awaited some logical explanation from L-P for their spite cut. L-P's Shep Tucker oblidged by apologizing for L-P's "faux pas," and Joe Wheeler issued a condescending "official" apology for "the confusion regarding the disposition" of Osprey Grove and for "perceived arrogance on L-P's part."

Now EF! is gearing up to defend Osprey Grove a 3rd time should L-P win the lawsuit pending against them. Direct woods actions, and perhaps a boot to Merlo's head, will be needed if L-P sets foot once more in Osprey Grove. In preparation for either event, get your boots ready for stomping, and stay tuned for further updates.

A Short Quiz

Who made the following statements?

"In the United States, blacks and Chicanos of the inner cities are the ones most affected by air and water pollution, the ones most trapped by the unnatural confines of urbanity. So we decided that not only should eco-militants be concerned with human environmental problems; we should also make common ground with other progressive elements of society whenever possible [. . .] (T)here are issues where Earth radicals can cooperate with feminist, Indian rights, anti-nuke, peace, civil rights and civil liberties groups."

"Ever since the earth goddesses of ancient Greece were supplanted by the macho Olympians, repression of women and Earth has gone hand-in-hand with imperial organization..."

Choose one:

- 1) David Brower
- 2) Gloria Steinem
- 3) Mao Tse Tung
- 4) Dave Foreman
- 5) Judi Bari
- 6) Starhawk

Answer (upside down)

orders!
P.S. We were only following Dave Foreman in the Pro-ressive, Oct. 1981

Future Clearcuts

Greedy men never rest in Mendo Co! 175 acres of "residual overmature decadent trees" (that's virgin Doug Fir) has been found on state land northeast of Covelo; a THP was approved this Oct, and the site is scheduled for logging this winter.

There have been 4 confirmed spotted owl sightings on the land, and the area is slide-prone.

The owners -- the CA State Lands Commission -- plan to give the proceeds from the timber to the State Teachers Retirement Fund, which has \$4 billion invested in L-P, G-P, MAXXAM and a dozen other eco-destructive corporations.

So keep an eye on the Ham Pass THP, and call (707) 468-1660 for further updates.

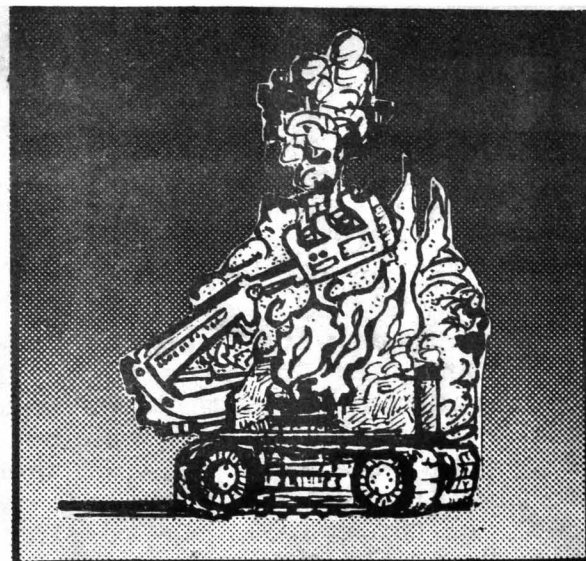
Fellerbuncher Flambeau

A third \$700,000 Okerstrom fellerbuncher -- the Pinto of logging equipment last seen ripping out baby redwoods near Daugherty Creek -- went up in flames Friday, Dec. , apparently of its own volition.

This third mechanical self-immolation will most likely be recorded as an "Act of God,"

as were the last two fire-damaged Okerstrom fellerbunchers, proving that God is indeed on our side.

Asked if He had intervened in human affairs to torch this pricey piece of logging equipment, God replied, "Of course it was an Act of God. Okerstrom isn't insured for equipment sabotage."



Headwaters Alert

Now that the elections are over and he thinks he won, Charles Hurwitz is trying once again to start logging the 3,000 acres of old growth redwood in Headwaters forest.

CDF denied two MAXXAM THPs to cut Headwaters this August, but MAXXAM will appeal the ruling at the Board of Forestry meeting scheduled for 9 am, Jan. 9th at the Resources Build-

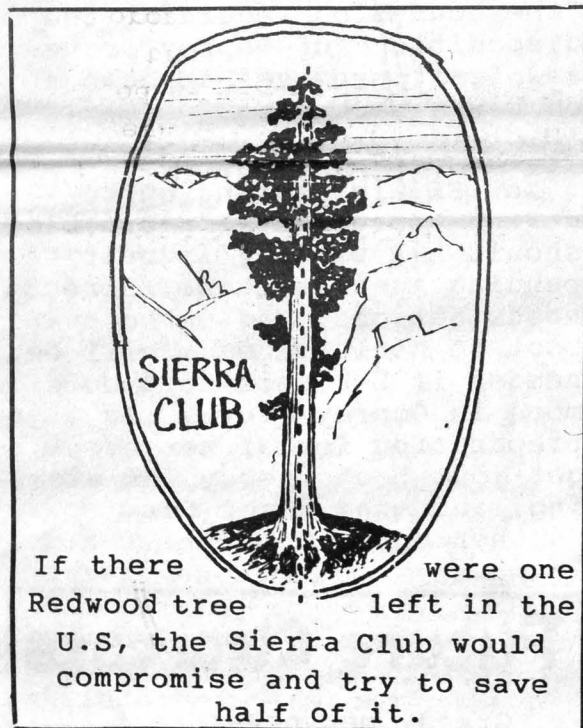
ing (1416 9th St.) in Sacramento. EF!ers will demonstrate both inside and outside the meeting to demand that the Board uphold the earlier ruling against MAXXAM.

The demonstration will start at 9 am outside the Resources Building -- bring theater, banners, drums, costumes, kryptonite locks, bags of sawdust... Public comments will be heard simultaneously inside the meeting. Anyone planning to speak should sign up at 8 am that day.

The Board of Forestry has a penchant for postponing Headwaters hearings-- please call the Board at (916) 445-2921 one day in advance to confirm the meeting, or call (707) 468-1660 if you can't get through.

For carpool info for your area, call: Eureka/Arcata (707) 822-5070; Garberville (707) 943-3623; Mendo Coast/Ukiah (707) 468-1660; Santa Rosa (707) 523-1229; SF/ Santa Cruz (415) 824-3841; Chico (916) 894-7362.

Should the Board approve the two THPs, woods actions will immediately follow. Call (707) 822-5070 for more information.



If there were one Redwood tree left in the U.S, the Sierra Club would compromise and try to save half of it.

Desperate Plea For Money

A basic building block of corporate fundraising is to never, ever send out a fundraising newsletter too close to Christmas. By our total obliviousness to this fact, you can rest assured that we in Ecotopia EF! are by no means corporate fundraisers.

In fact, our Corporate Fall actions this autumn have shown that we are worthy adversaries of the corporate greedmongers.

But fighting the forces of evil takes money. If you'd like to see EF! actions continue, please send whatever funds the holiday season has not sucked from your pocketbook to:

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