

# Is the Unabomber's skin green?

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Increasing evidence indicates that the most dangerous serial bomber in U.S. history, the so-called Unabomber, may be an environmental activist. In early August, one of the foremost experts on eco-terrorism, private investigator Barry Clausen, released a "hit list" that appeared in a 1990 underground newspaper distributed by members of the self-professed terrorist group Earth First! Two of the most recent victims of the Unabomber were among the top three names on the list of 11 targets. Two other victims had been singled out in the newspaper. This would seem to indicate that the Unabomber is using this material for his campaign to destroy industrial civilization.

Clausen's revelations became major news stories. On Aug. 3, the *Sacramento Bee* in California published a front-page story on the hit list. That evening, both ABC and NBC carried nationally televised interviews with Clausen describing the list and pointing out the similarities between the Unabomber's philosophy and that of Earth First! Clausen knows Earth First! well. He infiltrated the organization in the early 1990s, and was able to gather first-hand evidence of their terrorist activities and future plans. He also discovered the close ties between Earth First! and "mainstream" environmental groups such as Greenpeace.

The hit list, titled the "Eco-F—ker Hit List!," appeared in a 1990 issue of the underground newspaper *Live Wild or Die*. The first name on the list was that of the Timber Association of California. In April of this year, its head, Gil Murray, was killed by a bomb sent by the Unabomber. The bomb had been addressed to Murray's predecessor, care of the Timber Association of California. This is a tell-tale sign, since the association had been renamed the California Forestry Association several years ago. The Unabomber sent his mail-bomb to an old name and address.

The third name on the hit list was Exxon Corp. One of the individuals killed by the Unabomber last year was Thomas Mosser, an advertising executive who worked for Burson-Marsteller. In letters to the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, the Unabomber wrote that he had targeted Mosser because "among other misdeeds, Burson-Marsteller helped Exxon clean up its image after the *Exxon Valdez* incident."

The hit list as printed was framed on the top left side by a picture of the *Exxon Valdez* spill with the caption "Good Friday 1989. Prince William Sound, Alaska. They Anointed Our Waters With Oil. Our Cup Runneth Over," and flanked

by a blurb that read "Disarm Authority. Arm Your Desires." Underneath, there was another picture with the title "Sabotage." It stated, "Sabotage means to push back, pull out or break off the fangs of capitalism. W.D. Haywood." On the top right side there was a box titled "People who live in greenhouses shouldn't burn fossil fuels." The box advocated that environmentalists carry out acts of terrorism against Exxon in retaliation for the oil spill.

Others were targeted in an article on stopping animal rights "abusers." Those named were at the research biology laboratories at the University of California at Berkeley (UCB) and at San Francisco (UCSF). In June 1993, a mail bomb explosion injured Charles Epstein, a geneticist working at UCSF. Two Unabomber bombs exploded at UCB in the mid-1980s.

*Live Wild or Die* is a 40-page, underground version of the *Earth First! Journal*. While the *Journal* has over 6,000 subscribers and is sold at newsstands, one cannot subscribe to *Live Wild or Die* or purchase it publicly. The newspaper is personally handed out to people who have entered the "inner sanctum" of Earth First! Following his successful infiltration of Earth First!, Clausen received two issues of the paper from one of the top leaders of the group.

The targets on the "Eco-F—ker Hit List" were chosen from the steering committee of the National Wilderness Conference of 1989. Other names include the National Cattlemen's Association, the American Farm Bureau, the Nevada Mining Association, the Utah Association of Counties, and the Pacific Legal Foundation.

## CFA head backs Clausen

Clausen's revelations have been corroborated by the acting head of the California Forestry Association, Vice President Don Zea, the *Sacramento Bee* reported. Zea told the *Bee* that he obtained a copy of the hit list about two years ago. Following the murder of his boss, Murray, in April, Zea gave a copy of the list to the FBI. During his TV interviews, Clausen criticized the FBI for not following up on this lead, and for failing to alert the other targets named in the "Eco-F—ker Hit List."

Zea told the *Bee* that the hit list was published at the height of the battle against the failed Proposition 130, which would have authorized up to \$900 million in bonds to buy out vast forest tracts in California and turn them into protected habitats. It was backed both by Earth First! and Wall Street junk bond raiders, and opposed by the CFA, which denounced the alliance between the greens and Wall Street.

Zea said that the articles in *Live Wild or Die* bear an uncanny resemblance to the Unabomber letters published by the *New York Times*. He said that "the language in that *Live Wild or Die* document seems almost surrealistic to me. It seems so close to what the Unabomber has said."

The *Bee* also interviewed members of Earth First!, who claimed there was no connection between their group and *Live*

*Wild or Die*. Conveniently, one Earth First! leader, Karen Pickett, knew the contents of the underground newspaper well enough to assert that "none of the information published in *Live Wild or Die* represents a call to violence." Pickett said "that the rhetoric is extreme, but what it is, is a list of corporations that are doing harm to the environment and have been the target of direct action and protest, not murder."

After years of ignoring eco-terrorism in the United States, the FBI seems to be finally acknowledging the importance of Clausen's work. According to the *Bee*, FBI spokesman George Grotz in San Francisco stated, "I can confirm that we have met with [Barry Clausen] and we are very interested in what he has to say." The article is titled "'Hit list' Had Unabomber Targets. Terrorist's Possible Links to Underground Newspaper Probed by FBI."

In November of last year, Sens. Conrad Burns (R-Mont.) and Slade Gorton (R-Wash.) had written to FBI head Louis Freeh urging him to have the FBI look into the evidence on eco-terrorism and drug smuggling that had been uncovered by Clausen. According to Clausen, the FBI did not contact him until July of this year, but told him that it is now reviewing the evidence that he has gathered.

### Philip, the prince of eco-terror

The exposure of Earth First!'s potential connections to the Unabomber may lead directly to the doorstep of Prince Philip, due to the close collaboration between Earth First!, Greenpeace, and Philip's World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). This collaboration was detailed in an Oct. 28, 1994 *EIR Special Report*, "The Coming Fall of the House of Wind-

sor," commissioned by Lyndon LaRouche, and in a Jan. 13, 1995 *EIR* feature story. A German judge backed these claims, ruling against Greenpeace in a libel suit that "the collaboration of Greenpeace with the terrorist organization Earth First!" cannot be denied.

A source has told *EIR* that members of Earth First! have identified Earth First! activist Mitch Friedman as the publisher of *Live Wild or Die*. Friedman is now the head of the Greater Ecosystem Alliance (GEA) of Bellingham, Washington, an institution working to implement Prince Philip's vision of ecosystem management. GEA's publications reveal that it receives almost \$400,000 a year from blue-blood foundations, including the W. Alton Jones Foundation in Virginia, which has also funded attacks against Lyndon LaRouche and his collaborators.

The main activity of GEA is to draft the maps to implement Prince Philip's bioregion concept and to map out the breakup of Canada and the United States along the lines of the scenario in the book *The Nine Nations of North America* (see *EIR*, June 2, 1995). These maps are being used by WWF to promote a series of "bioregions" that will run from Alaska to New Mexico, cutting up western Canada and the western part of the United States.

The board of GEA reads like a "Who's Who" of Earth First! and the chief priests of the Gaia cult. These include David Foreman, founder of Earth First! and now head of the Wildlands Project; David Brower, a leader of the Sierra Club and co-founder of Friends of the Earth and the Earth Island Institute; and Reed Noss, a spokesman for the cult of Gaia's Deep Ecology belief structure.

## Clausen's special report

Private investigator Barry Clausen released a 50-page report on terrorism on July 22, documenting over 120 incidents of terrorism in the United States and Canada since 1983. The report concludes that "two groups, the Animal Liberation Front and Earth First!, are responsible for the majority of crimes and damages," and criticizes the FBI and the Justice Department for not taking action to stop these acts of terrorism and for failing to report their occurrence in their 1994 Report on Terrorism.

While the FBI report claims that "there were no incidents of terrorism [in the United States] in 1994," Clausen's report says that "there are several reports for the year 1994, that show acts of terrorism were committed in the United States. This information was easily attainable by North American Research [Clausen's private detective firm] and therefore should also be available to the FBI."

One such report "is one prepared by the Tennessee Val-

ley Authority [TVA] which documents malicious destruction of property. Under the FBI's definition of 'terrorism,' this qualifies as a terrorist incident, yet it fails to appear in the FBI's report on terrorism for 1994," Clausen said.

The TVA report describes the protest staged on July 11, 1994 by Earth First! against the Watts Bar nuclear plant in Tennessee. The local sheriff's department arrested 57 protesters, but not before their vandalism and sabotage cost TVA \$480,000.

Clausen concludes that the U.S. government, "even though provided with documentation, requests from two U.S. senators and, given the horrific nature of some of the crimes perpetrated under the flag of 'animal protection' and 'environmentalism,' has failed to respond to the threat radical environmentalists and animal rights groups pose to the safety and security of the citizens of the United States."

Clausen calls upon citizens to contact their elected representatives to demand that the FBI "take immediate action to put a stop to this carnage." A copy of his \$10 report can be obtained by calling 1-800-422-0074.