

prioritizes the profit margins of corporations over public health and the sustainability of life on this planet. While it's easy money to allow the environment to be trashed for personal and corporate wealth, those with the vision and foresight to recognize the long-term consequences of genetic engineering, global warming, deforestation, factory farming, and mass extinction of species are being locked away, labelled as "eco-terrorists."

Do your own research and think critically about what you are told by the corporate media and the government, which have vested interests in *not* telling you the whole story. Find out more about Jonathan Paul, Daniel McGowan, Exile and Sadie by accessing the resources listed on the back of this pamphlet. And think about what you can do in your everyday life to make a difference. The government's war on radical environmentalists and animal rights activists continues, as prosecutors have begun to target activists in the Midwest for repression. But global warming isn't something that only concerns environmentalists. It is a real phenomenon that threatens each and every one of us. Therefore, we are all part of the solution. Let's pursue a better future together, one in which corporate polluters need to worry about a big crackdown, while those who care for the Earth and its inhabitants are free.

Notes

1) The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA) was signed into law on November 27, 2006, by President Bush. This law plays off fears of 9/11 by labeling activists as "terrorists." Under the new law, animal rights activists have faced massive fines and serious jail time simply for running a website.

2) The Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other agencies, notably the Department of Homeland Security and local law enforcement. On April 28, 2005, Portland, Oregon, became the first city in the nation to withdraw from a JTTF. The American Civil Liberties Union and other civil liberties groups have expressed concerns over JTTF tactics, such as the infiltration of peace activist groups under assumed names. Such activities were restricted by regulations put in place after the Church Commission hearings in the 1970s, which exposed politically motivated spying and obstruction of first amendment rights by the FBI's COINTELPRO division. However, the Justice Department eliminated these regulations in 2002, leading many to view the JTTF as a direct threat to civil liberties. JTTFs engage in surveillance, electronic monitoring, source development and interviews in their pursuits. Prior to September 11, 2001, the United States had 35 JTTFs. Shortly after the attacks on September 11, FBI Director Robert Mueller instructed all FBI field offices to establish formal terrorism task forces. There are now 100 Joint Terrorism Task Forces nationwide.

3) Scare tactics — ranging from the absurd (such as labeling the children's movie *Hoot* as "soft-core eco-terrorism for kids" by entertainment columnist Jeanne Wolf) to the severe (such as the Seafarers' International Union pressuring the Canadian government to label Greenpeace activists as "terrorists" and hit them with stiff penalties for non-violent civil disobedience) — attempt to create a climate of fear. Speaking out in defense of the Earth is now equated with extremism or violence and can place someone in legal jeopardy.

4) Eco-sabotage — or simply sabotage — is a less inflammatory and more accurate term for these actions because it involves disruption of a business or governmental operation, but is directed against things, property or machines that cannot feel terror.

5) Read Will Potter's full story at www.GreenistheNewRed.com.

6) See Hugs for Puppies activist Nick Cooney's article "Sleeping With the Enemy" in issue #12 of *Bite Back* magazine at www.directaction.info.

7) Update: Briana Waters was convicted of two counts of arson in March 2006, but the jury was unable to reach a verdict on three other charges. She steadfastly maintains her innocence on all charges. See her website at www.supportbriana.org for more information.

How **YOU** can help!

Write letters to defendants in prison.

Prison is a lonely and isolating place. A letter from you will brighten the day of any of the people listed in this pamphlet. See the enclosed sheet for addresses of those whose cases are discussed here, and see the websites listed below for addresses of other environmental and animal rights defendants.

Plan an event in your city.

Show a documentary or movie and host a discussion about these cases. Reach out. Raising awareness about environmental concerns remains an important task.

Donate and raise funds to help cover the stupefying legal costs incurred by government crackdowns, and to help support eco-defense prisoners during their long terms of incarceration. Plan a bake sale or music concert, organize a run or walk, or hold a rummage sale, and send the proceeds to the support groups.

Use your imagination. There is no shortage of things to be done. Be creative, stand up for your civil rights, do what you can for the Earth *and fight the menace of tyranny with courage!*

To Learn More About the **Green Scare**:

GreenistheNewRed.com

GreenScare.org

MidwestGreenScare.org

EcoPrisoners.org

ELP News: ecoprisoners.org

Civil Liberties Defense Center: www.CLDC.org

Break the Chains: www.breakthechains.info

Daniel McGowan: www.supportdaniel.org

Jonathan Paul: www.supportjonathan.org

Briana Waters: www.supportbriana.org

Jeff Luers: www.freejeffluers.org

Rod Coronado: www.supportrod.org

Eric McDavid: www.supporteric.org

Tre Arrow: www.trearrow.org

SHAC 7: www.shac7.com

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WITH A SUPPORTING CAST OF HARD-WORKING CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEYS,
DEDICATED ENVIRONMENTALISTS, AND... **SLEAZY SWITCHES!**

What is the Green Scare?

“Green Scare” is a loose reference to the Red Scare, a term used to describe two shameful periods of U.S. history — from 1917 to 1920, and from 1947 to 1957 — when xenophobia and heightened paranoia over communist infiltration were used by the state to vilify and imprison so-called radicals, communists, and anyone else accused of being one of the “Reds.” Today, the term “Green Scare” refers to ongoing legal and extralegal actions taken by the U.S. government against the environmentalist and animal rights movements since 2002, when Congress convened hearings on “The Threat of Eco-Terrorism.” Somewhat like the Red Scare of yesteryear, today’s Green Scare uses new laws,¹ new factions of the government,² and propaganda-fueled scare tactics³ to repress dissent. By harshly punishing a few individuals, the federal government seeks to repress wider social movements to protect our threatened environment and all the species of which it is comprised.

Concern for the Natural World

People from all walks of life are increasingly concerned about the destruction of the natural world. Some of the most alarming changes are global warming and mass extinctions (some scientists estimate that half of all species living on Earth today will be extinct by the year 2100). Perhaps you know a child who suffers from asthma. Perhaps a member of your family has been lost to cancer. Now that pollution and global warming are affecting our everyday lives, impacting our families and our physical well-being, more people feel compelled to act on these valid and growing concerns.

Certain corporations are knowingly responsible for the worst of these offenses. The government has done little or nothing to stop them, and in many cases facilitates their abuses. Meanwhile, factory farming causes millions of deaths per year, horrible environmental impacts, and human health problems ranging from heart disease to colon cancer. Other industries needlessly kill five hundred animals per day for pointless and scientifically weak vivisections and tests. Seeing these injustices for what they are, well-intentioned people have attempted to disrupt these activities and bring attention to the havoc they are wreaking. Some of them are now in jail serving long sentences for their actions.

The War on Dissent

In December 2005, government agents carried out a nationwide sweep of arrests as part of the FBI’s “Operation Backfire,” charging fourteen individuals with a host of crimes relating to direct actions in the Pacific Northwest. Then-Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez (who was driven from office by Congressional investigations of his corruption and misconduct) falsely demonized these individuals as “eco-terrorists”⁴ during a press conference scheduled to coincide with the arrests.

According to journalist Will Potter, “Corporations and the politicians that represent them have been on a coordinated campaign to silence dissent by branding anyone who stands in their way a ‘terrorist.’ They’ve taken a few pages from the Red Scare playbook and a few from the ‘with us or against us’ playbook of the War on Terror.”⁵

The state has attached the word “terror” to acts of sabotage and civil disobedience in an effort to frighten environmental and animal advocacy activists, as well as anyone who may agree with their motivations. In the pursuit of this repressive agenda, the state has used surveillance powers that were illegal prior to being sanctioned by the Patriot Act in 2001. Dozens of people have been subpoenaed to appear before grand juries. The government has paid its informants with large amounts of cash. Undercover agent provocateurs have infiltrated activists’ bedrooms and their lives.⁶ Yet, we still have seen only a flickering shadow of the government’s post-9/11 program of surveillance.

Taking A Principled Stand

Though many people face charges in “Green Scare” cases⁷, this pamphlet focuses on four individuals who chose not to cooperate with the prosecution. Joyanna (Sadie) Zacher, Jonathan Paul, Daniel McGowan and Nathan (Exile) Block were among the fourteen people rounded up during the “Operation Backfire” arrests. This massive operation, targeting what the government claims to be “eco-terrorism,” was the centerpiece of the Bush Administration’s assault on domestic dissent, executed under the guise of “fighting terrorists.” The acts of “terrorism” that these defendants have admitted to would be more accurately described as simple acts of sabotage. These were attacks against property, never people. Out of the deepest concern for life, the individuals involved took the greatest care to ensure that no people were harmed. Buildings and cars of companies and government agencies involved in environmental destruction were burned. Wild horses, corralled for slaughter, were set free.

Because the state has attached the word “terrorism” to these charges, the defendants face longer sentences than they would otherwise serve for property destruction. Prosecutors threatened some defendants with life in prison for their ethically-motivated acts. With the threat of such lengthy sentences hanging over their heads, some individuals admitted guilt immediately after their arrests and agreed to provide information about the actions of other defendants. Others held out longer but eventually folded as well. To receive reduced sentences, their plea agreements mandated that they must cooperate with the state in ongoing investigations against the environmental movement

and, if needed, testify against their codefendants. This has profoundly saddened and angered much of the surrounding communities.

Sadie, Jonathan, Daniel and Exile chose not to provide any information about their friends and their communities, despite offers by the Feds for reduced sentences in exchange for their “cooperation.” At sentencing hearings during the summer of 2007, their supporters sat with them in the federal courtroom in Eugene, Oregon, as Judge Ann Aiken handed down long sentences and moralistic lectures chastising the non-cooperating defendants. On June 1, Sadie and Exile were both sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison and were ordered to pay a restitution of \$1,953,412. Daniel McGowan was sentenced with a \$1,944,033 restitution and seven years followed by three years of supervised probation. Daniel, Exile and Sadie all received “terrorism enhancements” on some aspects of their sentencing. Jonathan Paul was sentenced to four years and three months. Daniel had hoped to finish the last few weeks of his semester at Tri-State College of Acupuncture before reporting to prison, but Judge Aiken ordered him to report earlier, citing an interview Daniel gave with journalist Amy Goodman on *Democracy Now!*, a national news program. Making it clear that Daniel was being punished for speaking out, prosecutors also indicated to the judge that Daniel’s support group website, www.supportdaniel.org, was “still operational” as a reason for Daniel to report to prison on July 2.

Civil Liberties and the Environment

We ask that you show your support for those who have courageously chosen to stand by their principles of protecting the Earth and their communities, even in the face of harsh repression. We hope that you will continue to follow these cases and learn as much as you can about the environmental crisis. If you care about your civil liberties or the future of our environment, then please take a moment to consider what is at stake. Certainly the lives of these four compassionate human beings, who have been incarcerated, are at stake. But also consider this: The Earth is heating up, and while unique and irreplaceable species are disappearing, we are maintaining a culture that

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Special Update: The “Communications Management Unit” (CMU)

The Federal Bureau of Prisons has quietly opened at least two new prison units that severely restrict inmates’ ability to communicate with the outside world. There was no public comment period held prior to the creation of these new units for people involved with (but not necessarily convicted of) investigations of “terrorism.” In December 2006, several prisoners — most of them Arab Muslims — were moved to a new “Communications Management Unit” (CMU) in the U.S. Penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana. In May 2008, several more men were moved without any advance notice into another CMU at the federal prison in Marion, Illinois. Among the two non-Arab individuals placed in residence at the new CMU

was Daniel McGowan, possibly in retaliation for his continued environmental activism while behind bars.

The CMUs segregate inmates on the basis of ethnicity and religion, while punishing low-risk prisoners by sharply curtailing their ability to talk on the phone, see visitors, or correspond with loved ones by letter in a timely fashion. CMU inmates are only allowed one 15-minute phone call per week, which must be conducted in English. All mail that is sent or received is scrutinized by prison authorities, and any mail not written in English must be translated before being received by the inmate. Visits take place behind glass and are limited to four hours per month, and must also be conducted in English.

Officials of the Bureau of Prisons remain tight-lipped regarding these ominous new facilities, and they may be acting in violation of the regulations that govern their facilities. Please encourage local media in your area to investigate this situation, especially if you live near a federal penitentiary. Write letters to the editor and raise awareness among your friends.

For links to cited sources and more information, see:
<http://supportdaniel.org/cmu>

Read a recent *Eugene Weekly* article on CMUs at:
<http://www.eugeneweekly.com/2008/12/04/news1.html>