

oughly, signals that the U.S. is ripe for a wave of eco-terrorist violence. As we should have learned from the European experience with the eco-terrorism of the 1977-1987 interval, pretending that eco-terrorism is not eco-terrorism, and that eco-terrorists are not terrorists, is precisely the posture which ensures the relative maximum number of victims, and the gravest degree of threat to the internal security of the nation.

## Eco-terrorists assault congressman's office

by Rogelio A. Maduro

In Eureka, California on the morning of Oct. 16, the occupants of the building that houses the congressional offices of Frank Riggs (R), and other Federal offices, were suddenly stunned by a loud boom, right outside the entrance to the building. The building shook, the windows rattled, and one office staff member thought that "a bomb had gone off and we were going to experience Oklahoma City all over again." Seconds later, about a dozen ecological terrorists, in black camouflage fatigues and hoods, crashed through the doors of Congressman Riggs's office, screaming at the top of their lungs. The staffers thought they were going to die.

The black-hooded terrorists proceeded to ransack the office, terrorizing the congressman's staff. One staffer said, "My first reaction was to hit the panic button on the building alarm, because of the sheer terror of seeing the persons in black in our lobby, and the 'boom' and rattling sounds I had heard previously. There was no mistaking their actions as anything other than acts of aggression towards me, my co-worker, and the office we work in."

### 'It's a go'

Another witness told an investigator, "I went around the corner of the building to witness a white male reach up to his face and pull something off his head. I concluded it to be a ski mask. The white male held a walkie-talkie and said, 'It's a green light. It's a go. Let's go.'"

Several dozen additional eco-terrorists then joined the assault, some going into the office, while others protested outside.

The loud boom that shook the building was a very large, heavy tree stump that had been dropped from the back of a truck by the eco-terrorists. They rolled it into Riggs's office, where four unmasked female eco-terrorists locked themselves to it.

The police, as well as the news media, started to arrive.

At that point, the hooded terrorists left the scene, leaving some 50 of their fellows behind, to protest against Riggs's policies on forestry, before the assembled media.

The police drove the rest of the "demonstrators" out of the office, with the exception of the four women who had locked themselves to the tree stump. The terrorists were using an ingeniously designed V-shaped metal-locking device that forces the police to either cut the metal sheets with saws, beat the protesters into submission (or break their arms), or use pepper spray to get them to release their hold.

### The least amount of force

After repeatedly trying to get the terrorists to turn themselves over peacefully, the police had no choice but to use a small amount of pepper spray, applied to their faces, to subdue them.

This is an increasingly common police practice, used to deal with protesters with the least amount of force. Any other approach, such as cutting the locks with a saw, could have resulted in the injury, perhaps death, of some demonstrators. The office was strewn with more than six inches of sawdust and woodchips, which could have been ignited by sparks from power saws.

The use of pepper spray to remove these eco-terrorists has led to a media outcry against Riggs and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department. Instead of investigating the terrorist incident, the FBI has started an investigation of the use of pepper spray, alleging that the police may have committed civil rights violations.

This investigation sets a very dangerous precedent for any police department attempting to stop violent demonstrators and eco-terrorist incidents.

The Federal investigation comes in the midst of an upsurge in terrorist incidents in the United States. According to private investigator Barry Clausen, one of the foremost authorities in eco-terrorism in the world, there has been an increasing number of violent acts committed in the name of "saving Mother Earth" (see *Documentation*). In his "Report on Terrorism," Clausen details more than 1,200 acts of eco-terrorism and animal rights terrorism in the United States in the past ten years.

Clausen pointed out to *EIR* that the incident in Riggs's office falls within the Justice Department's official definition of terrorism: "The unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property, to intimidate or coerce a Government, the civilian population or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives."

Clausen also pointed out that the media attack against Riggs and the Humboldt Sheriff's Department has been led by CNN, Ted Turner's news channel. According to Clausen, the Turner Foundation has been providing vast amounts of funding directly and indirectly to the Earth First! apparatus. A visit to the CNN homepage on the World Wide Web, covering the incidents at Riggs's office, provides a direct link to

the home page of the terrorist group. The Turner Foundation is part of a network of foundations, including the Ford, Rockefeller, and W. Alton Jones foundations, that provides hundreds of millions of dollars in funding every year to the radical environmentalist movement.

### **A new pattern**

The attack on Riggs is part of new pattern of eco-terrorist deployments. According to knowledgeable sources, the Earth First! leadership has been instructing its members to target elected officials in their areas. Perhaps the best known such attack on public officials took place in Gardner, Montana, on March 23, 1997, during a public hearing on a proposed bison management plan. Delyla Wilson of Earth First!'s Bison Action Group threw a five-gallon bucket of bison entrails on Sen. Conrad Burns (R-Mont.), U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, and Gov. Mark Racicot.

The Montana State Court in Livingston convicted Wilson on Aug. 26 of misdemeanor assault and disorderly conduct. Wilson was sentenced to 190 days in jail and \$1,090 in fines, with the sentence stayed, pending appeal.

On Oct. 8, the same individual was convicted in Federal court, in Billings, Montana, of two counts of congressional assault. Wilson can be sentenced to up to two years in prison and a fine of \$200,000. U.S. Magistrate Richard Anderson scheduled sentencing for Jan. 7.

The backdrop of the Riggs incident is, in fact, the trial of Theodore Kaczynski, the Unabomber suspect. Many of the participants in the assault on Riggs's office are involved in a campaign to defend Kaczynski. His trial may reveal evidence of the real nature of the environmentalist movement and the ties between the "mainstream" environmentalist groups, such as the World Wildlife Fund, and the "radical" groups such as Earth First! and the Animal Liberation Front. As documented in "The 'Green' Terrorists on Prince Philip's Leash," *EIR*, Jan. 13, 1995, the entire worldwide environmentalist and animal rights movement is run top-down by the oligarchical families of Europe.

### **The media move in**

The media feeding frenzy erupted on Oct. 30, following the release of videotapes made by the police, showing sheriff's deputies using pepper spray to break up the demonstration. The tapes will be used as part of a civil rights suit that nine of the eco-terrorists filed in Federal court against the Sheriff's Department on Oct. 30. The lawsuit seeks damages for pain and suffering, punitive damages, and a court order stopping Humboldt County sheriffs and Eureka police from using pepper spray on these supposedly "peaceful, non-violent protesters."

Humboldt County Sheriff Dennis Lewis continues to defend his deputies, saying that pepper spray was the safest way to disperse the protesters. "What we're trying to do is deal

with the situation with a minimum of force and a minimum of hazard," Lewis told reporters. Eureka Police Chief Arnie Millsap backs Sheriff Lewis. "That's not torture," he pointed out to the press. "This is an outrageous accusation brought about by people who have absolutely no respect for the rights of others at all."

Riggs took the unusual step of addressing the House of Representatives on Oct. 31, to defend the actions of Humboldt officers and denounce the media for making "victims and martyrs" of demonstrators whom he described as "masked and screaming intruders" (see *Documentation*).

The question remains, why are the FBI and the news media not investigating and exposing the of eco-terrorism that is sweeping the country? With some arson attacks, including the torching of entire lumber mills, costing in excess of \$50 million in damages, and congressmen and senators, and their representatives, being personally assaulted, one would expect some action.

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## **Documentation**

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### **Riggs to the media: Get the story right**

*The following statement was made by Rep. Frank Riggs (R-Calif.) in the House of Representatives on Oct. 31.*

Madame Speaker, it is rather unusual circumstances that bring me to the floor to address my colleagues during special orders, but I really feel compelled to make this statement, because of some very, I think, one-sided, misleading reports that have appeared in the media recently, regarding a protest that occurred at my district office in Eureka, California, on Oct. 16.

On that day, over 60 protesters stormed my office. They trespassed my office. They threatened, they actually accosted and assaulted my two employees working in the office at the time, both female employees, wonderful, dedicated employees, by the names of Julie Rogers and Ronnie Pelligrini, who felt genuinely threatened and frightened for their safety when this incident began.

These protesters, however—four of whom were subsequently arrested—have now gone to the media, along with their criminal defense attorneys, claiming that they were the victims of improper police conduct or inappropriate use of force by law enforcement. So, I want to explain exactly what transpired in my office.

First of all, as I mentioned, the group was led by an individual wearing a ski mask and carrying a walkie-talkie. So,

imagine for a moment, if your workplace, your business, your office, was invaded by somebody wearing a ski mask, and a group of protesters.

As they came in the office, as I mentioned, they jostled my employees, who obviously had no idea what was transpiring at the time, and who were attempting to call for help. They then trashed and vandalized my office, throwing bark and sawdust six inches deep on all of the equipment and throughout the office on the floor, and they unloaded and wheeled into my office a gigantic tree stump, as part of this protest. When they off-loaded the tree stump in the parking lot, they did it with such a thud that my employees initially thought that some sort of a bomb had gone off outside.

Bear in mind, this was all part of an orchestrated protest, part of a series or ongoing series of protests that have become, unfortunately, a fact of life on California's north coast, but involve the harassment of private law-abiding citizens, intimidation, trespassing, vandalism of personal and commercial property, and resisting arrest.

After all this took place—and this was to protest my role in helping to secure congressional authorization and funding for the protection of living wage jobs in the forest product industry, and 7,500 acres of old growth forestland in my district, in the context of the annual spending bill for the Department of the Interior, they were protesting my role in that, because they wanted to preserve, they want to preserve, 60,000 acres of forestland, all of it privately owned in our district, and they would like to add that to the vast tracts of forestland that already is in the public domain, under public ownership.

But, as this protest continued, four individuals, one of them a minor, all female, chained themselves to this gigantic tree stump in my office. When the local law enforcement agencies arrived, they refused repeated commands, lawful orders from sworn peace officers, to separate themselves.

It turns out they had stuck their arms in metal sleeves, chained themselves to this tree stump, and law enforcement officers explained to these four protesters that not only were they under arrest, not only were they resisting arrest, but that law enforcement was afraid to cut through these metal sleeves for fear that the sparks might set off a fire in the office, which, as I mentioned, had been littered at that point with sawdust and wood chips everywhere.

So, after they gave repeated orders to these protesters to separate, to unchain themselves, and to submit to the custody of law enforcement because they were under arrest, after they repeatedly refused these lawful orders, the police officers involved, who have a very difficult, dangerous, and dirty job to do, then warned that they might use chemical agents to compel them to surrender to arrest. I am a former law enforcement officer myself. That is opposed to some other manner of peaceful restraint. They thought that was the proper arrest technique to use in this situation.

Even then, after being warned repeatedly, they refused to comply with the orders, so the law enforcement officers at that point applied a little pepper spray in the face area of these protesters, who still refused to comply with the orders of the law enforcement officers, who then, finally, as a last resort, used a chemical agent called pepper spray to force them to submit to arrest.

Now, these protesters are out there with their criminal defense attorneys, saying, and I quote one of the attorneys, "The abuse of this extremely dangerous and incredibly painful chemical weapon to force obedience of peaceful protesters is not related to any legitimate law enforcement objective."

I want to conclude by saying that these were not peaceful protesters, these were reckless, wanton lawbreakers. My message to the media is: Get it right, and tell the rest of the story.

## An open to letter FBI Director Freeh

*This letter was sent by investigator Barry Clausen to FBI Director Louis J. Freeh on Oct. 28, 1997. Copies were sent to numerous U.S. senators and congressmen, interested organizations, and individuals. Mr. Clausen's "Report on Terrorism" is available from North American Research, P.O. Box 65296, Port Ludlow, WA 98365; (360) 437-0453.*

Re: Terrorism and violence by radical extremists

Dear Mr. Freeh:

For over seven years my company, North American Research, has been involved in monitoring the actions of certain radical extremists and their organizations. Myself and others have compiled a list of terrorist acts, including those advocating terrorism. That list is now about 1,200 acts in a ten-year period. During the last few years of the Clinton administration it has rapidly expanded, with nothing being done. In some cases, extremists are openly breaking the laws of our country and they have been ignored by the current administration, your agency and some U.S. Forest Service law enforcement agents. . . .

Many, if not most, state, county and city law enforcement agencies are unhappy with the actions of the FBI. There are also federal agents that have expressed frustration. All involved agree more needs to be done. Some of these agencies have expressed not only frustration but anger towards and FBI and yourself for lack of direction and action on this issue. I have supplied information and been interviewed by your agents for hours, only to find the information supplied was not shared with other investigators; those that actually want

to see arrests.

Two examples of information I had prior to terrorist attacks: On Oct. 18, 1996 I informed three FBI offices about the possibility of a terrorist attack on Oct. 29. There was no response until the Oct. 29th arson fire at the Detroit Ranger Station and the October 30th \$5-7 million arson fire at the Oakridge Ranger station both on the Willamette National Forest in Oregon.

On Feb. 2, 1997 I notified the Rancho, a meat packing plant in Petaluma, California that they were about to become an arson victim. I also notified the local police and gave them my source of information. On February 19 there was an arson fire. I purposely did not give the information to your agency as I knew your agents would not respond. In March, the Bureau contacted me for the second time, wanting to know how I had prior knowledge of the arson. Labeling my information "suspicious" yet your agency refused to act on other information that could have resulted in arrests.

Currently we are seeing violence directed towards public officials. On Oct. 16, 1997 sixty (60) members of Earth First attacked the Eureka, California office of Congressman Riggs. There was a loud boom in the lobby of the office. The boom was loud enough to shake the building and rattle windows. The first impression of one office staff member was "that a bomb had gone off and we were going to experience Oklahoma City all over again. . . ."

The loud boom was a very large, heavy tree stump that had been carried into the office and dropped. Riggs' office was left in a mess with six inches of sawdust and wood chips covering the desk and carpets. There were four arrests after police used pepper spray to subdue the protesters. One protester was 16 years of age.

Wording in a recruitment ad designed for high school and college students by the group involved with the Riggs office incident states: "suggestions" to students is to "get arrested" and "MORE ARRESTS SPELL SUCCESS!!!" The recruitment ad goes on to say: "Protest the injustice being perpetrated against Theodore Kaczynski [Unabomber suspect] by right wingers" and "Pacific Lumber logging equipment is very expensive and has fragile hydraulic lines easily cut. Every truck decommissioned may save the lives of hundreds of trees (can you hear them scream?)." The ad ends "For more information contact: NorthCoast Earth First P.O. Box 4319 Arcata, CA 95518 Call: (707) 923 DEMO."

On March 23, 1997 during a public hearing in Gardner, Montana on the bison management plan, Delyla Wilson of Earth First's Bison Action Group from Bozeman, Montana threw a 5 gallon bucket of bison entrails on Montana Senator Conrad Burns, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman and Montana Governor Mark Racicot. The Montana State Court in Livingston convicted Wilson on August 26th of misdemeanor assault and disorderly conduct. Wilson was sentenced to 190 days in jail and \$1,090 in fines. The sentence

was stayed pending appeal. On Oct. 8, 1997 Wilson was convicted in Federal Court in Billings, Montana of two counts of congressional assault. Wilson could be sentenced to two years in prison and a fine of \$200,000. U.S. Magistrate Richard Anderson scheduled sentencing for Jan. 7, 1998.

I am in possession of an FBI verified, unpublished letter from the Unabomber, dated June 29, 1995. A letter that your agency has kept concealed from the American public. I can only speculate that it will be used as evidence in Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski's trial. Following the ideologies from published rhetoric by Earth First, the Unabomber killed Gil Murray of the California Forestry Association. One paragraph of the letter states:

"Contrary to what the FBI has suggested, our bombing at the California Forestry Association was in no way inspired by the Oklahoma City bombing. We strongly deplore the kind of indiscriminate slaughter that occur-

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red in the Oklahoma City event. We have no regret about the fact that our bomb blew up the 'wrong' man, Gilbert Murray, instead of William N. Dennison to whom it was addressed. Though Murray did not have Dennison's inflammatory style he was pursuing the same goals, and he was probably pursuing them more effectively because of the very fact that he was not inflammatory."

On February 11, 1990 during an investigation as licensed Montana private investigator, I was charged with crimes by Nels Swandal, the former Park County, Montana Prosecuting Attorney. Charges were eventually dropped, I then sued. Based on court documents from the incident I firmly believe this action was maliciously contrived by Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms agents in an effort to keep me quiet about the information I have pertaining to inappropriate, possible illegal actions of the FBI in another case. As part of a court

settlement Swandal sent my attorney a letter exonerating me of all charges. That letter is framed and hanging in my office as a constant reminder to me that by fighting to expose the truth, one person can make a difference.

There is a way to deal with this issue, however, we do not see the Clinton administration, Attorney General Janet Reno, the U.S. Forest Service law enforcement or your agency doing anything to stop ecoterrorism, the violence or to in any way protect the American people from this type of terrorism.

I believe that Senate or Congressional hearings is one way to expose the truth. We will see more violence and most involved with this issue believe it is only a matter of time until we see more deaths. I believe we can greatly lower the possibility of action is taken now. Will you support this effort?

Please help before we see additional violence and possibly more deaths.

Sincerely,  
Barry R. Clausen

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