

## Unabomber admits ties to Earth First! eco-terrorists

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On Jan. 22, following weeks of newspaper drama regarding his mental stability and fights with his lawyers, Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski pleaded guilty to 13 counts that centered on charges of transporting explosive devices with the intent to kill or maim. He pleaded guilty to all Federal charges against him, involving five bombings. He also admitted in court that he had placed or mailed another 11 bombs, for which he was not charged. Kaczynski accepted a sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole, and gave up the right to appeal any rulings in the case.

While the press concentrated on human interest stories about the "solitary" bomber and his victims, the most important element of his trial was covered up: the fact that he was but one operative in a vast network of terrorists deployed to destroy modern civilization under cover of environmentalism. In fact, as his plea bargain details, Kaczynski was an active follower of the eco-terrorist group Earth First!

Investigator Barry Clausen, who once infiltrated Earth First! and spent many months as a member, has documented that more than 1,400 acts of eco-terrorism and animal rights terrorism have taken place in the United States in the past decade. There is a veritable guerrilla war being waged in the United States, particularly in the West. These attacks range from the destruction of logging equipment to the firebombing of logging mills and ships, at a cost sometimes exceeding \$50 million per attack. This war has caused damage in the billions of dollars and destroyed entire industries in many parts of the country. This war is being financed with hundreds of millions of dollars in tax-exempt contributions from foundations. As documented by *EIR*, it is being directed at the top by Prince Philip and the Club of the Isles.

But, for some time, the U.S. Justice Department and the FBI did nothing to intervene in this mayhem. Some officials

have even denied that such a thing as eco-terrorism exists. As Clausen reported in an open letter to FBI Director Louis Freeh (see *EIR*, Nov. 21, 1997, p. 65), "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."

With the role of Earth First! now exposed in the courtroom, perhaps law enforcement agencies will start to take more serious action.

The real drama in the courtroom centered around two issues: 1) Kaczynski did not want to be labelled insane, because that would have destroyed the credibility of his Manifesto, a diatribe against industrial civilization which was published in full in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* in September 1995; and 2) the prosecutors were intent on trying the case because they wanted to expose Kaczynski's connections to Earth First!

### Kaczynski's plea bargain

In the end, the prosecution won, but the media have covered up the actual contents of the plea bargain agreement. The agreement, the transcript of which is several hundred pages long, provides a wealth of evidence for anyone who wishes to pursue the networks of eco-terrorists that Kaczynski worked with.

The prosecutors presented evidence of the correspondence between Kaczynski and Earth First! about two bombings; the fact that his cabin was full of Earth First! literature; and that to select his last bombing targets, Kaczynski had used articles and a hit list taken from Earth First! publications.

These associations of the Unabomber with the networks of Earth First!, extending up to Greenpeace and the World Wildlife Fund, all the way to WWF founder Prince Philip of

Great Britain, were exposed in this magazine, as well as in the newspaper *New Federalist*, by the present author three years ago, a year before Kaczynski was arrested.

The association with Earth First! was exposed by Barry Clausen, who publicly pointed out that the Unabomber was using the Earth First! hit list. The prosecutor compared the letter from the Unabomber to the *New York Times*, following the murder of Burson-Marsteller executive Thomas Mosser in 1994, with an Earth First! article. The comparison used is almost identical to Clausen's arguments tying the Unabomber to Earth First!, although Clausen made the comparison almost a year before Kaczynski was arrested.

Although not mentioned in the plea bargain, the FBI has confirmed that Kaczynski attended a conference of the Native Forest Network in Missoula, Montana, in November 1994. The NFN was set up in 1990 in Tasmania by Prince Philip's Australian Conservation Foundation, Earth First!, and the Rainforest Action Network. Speakers at the Missoula conference included top leaders of the environmentalist movement, including the WWF, as well as the U.S. representative of Mexico's terrorist Zapatista National Liberation Army. That conference was identified in a cover story in *EIR* on Jan. 13, 1995, "The 'Greens' on Prince Philip's Leash," as having been a crucial deployment point for eco-terrorists.

The transcript of the plea bargain can be found on the Web (<http://www.unabombertrial.com/transcripts/012298kz.html>).

Prosecutor Stephen Lapham, presenting the case on the 1995 murder of Gil Murray of the California Forestry Association, made the following statement:

"The cabin searchers also found a copy of a letter to a radical environmental group known as Earth First!, and that letter began: 'This is a message from FC. The F.B.I. calls us Unabom. We are the people who recently assassinated the president of the California Forestry Association.'"

Concerning the murder of Thomas Mosser, an advertising executive from the Burson-Marsteller company, the transcript reads as follows:

"Your Honor, in a letter to the *New York Times* dated April 20th, 1995, the Unabomber stated in part, 'We blew up Thomas Mosser last December because he was a Burston-Marsteller [sic] executive. Among other misdeeds, Burston-Marsteller helped Exxon clean up its public image after the *Exxon Valdez* incident. But we attacked Burston-Marsteller less for its specific misdeeds than on general principles. Burston-Marsteller is about the biggest organization in the public relations fields. This means that its business is the development of techniques for manipulating people's attitudes. It was for this more than for its actions in specific cases that we sent a bomb to an executive of this company.'

"Your Honor, a carbon copy of that letter was found in the defendant's cabin.

"It is also worth pointing out, Your Honor, that that letter contained a number of misstatements, one of which was that Burson-Marsteller had anything to do with the *Exxon Valdez*

cleanup; it did not. Also, Burson-Marsteller was misspelled. The first name, Burson, did not contain a 't.' The relevance of that is, during a search of the defendant's cabin, searchers also found a copy of the *Earth First!* journal dated June 21st, 1993, in which the statement was made that Burson-Marsteller did have responsibility for the *Exxon Valdez* incident, for the cleanup of the image over that incident. Furthermore, in that *Earth First!* article, the name Burson-Marsteller is misspelled in the same fashion it is misspelled in the Unabomber letter.

"Furthermore, during the search of the defendant's cabin, the Government found a letter written to Earth First!ers. Its title was 'Suggestions for Earth First!ers from FC.' That letter stated in part, 'As for the Mosser bombing' — and I'm quoting now — 'our attention was called to Burson-Marsteller by an article that appeared in *Earth First!*, *Litha*,' which is the way of describing the edition of that journal, 'June 21st, 1993, page 4.' In that document, the letter to the Earth First!, the defendant states with respect to the mistake about Burson-Marsteller that 'to us it makes little difference.'

"Your Honor, the cabin searchers also found handwritten notes accurately setting forth bus schedules for a trip from Montana to the Bay Area for the December 1994 time period and a copy of the *San Francisco Examiner* which was dated December 2nd, 1994, which was the day immediately prior to the mailing of the Mosser bomb from the San Francisco Bay Area.

"Your Honor, we also found the typewriter which was used to type a mailing label for the Mosser device and for the Unabom correspondence related to the Mosser device.

"And that concludes the proffer with respect to the Mosser device."

**The Court:** "Mr. Kaczynski, do you agree with the factual representation just made by the Government's attorney?" (Discussion off the record between the defendant and Ms. Clarke.)

**The Defendant:** "Yes, Your Honor."

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## Commentary

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*This statement, "Exposing Terrorists and Radical Extremists," was issued by private investigator Barry R. Clausen, the head of North American Research.*

In the aftermath of the murder of Gilbert Murray, president of the California Forestry Association, through the explosion of a bomb sent by the Unabomber, I, as well as others, tied the actions of the Unabomber to Earth First! publications. On April 5, 1996, following the arrest of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski, I gave an exclusive interview to Brian Ross of ABC News, detailing the connections to Earth First!

After ABC aired these comments, a massive character-assassination campaign was undertaken against me by environmental extremists and published in the *Earth First! Journal* and other extremist publications.

With the plea bargain confession of Theodore Kaczynski, his admission that he was the Unabomber and that he is a follower of Earth First!, I stand fully vindicated. However, the feelings of pride that I was correct and that I have told the truth on these issues was short-lived, as it is my belief, as well

## Clausen to release new report on eco-terrorism

Barry Clausen, the head of North American Research, will soon issue a report on the state of eco-terrorist warfare, including some crucial documents authored by Theodore Kaczynski that have not been published anywhere else yet. According to a press release from North American Research, the report will cover:

*Section 1:* Definitions of terrorism, ideologies of radical extremists. An unpublished letter from Kaczynski, and the documents of Kaczynski's plea bargain, including his admission that he used the *Earth First! Journal* to target his victims.

*Section 2:* Selected financial records, including CNN's Ted Turner's funding of Earth First! and affiliated groups, and records from Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and from foundations that funnel millions of dollars every year to extremists in the United States and Canada.

*Section 3:* A chronology of all known terrorist acts of the last decade, over 1,400 listed so far, which range from smashed windows to multimillion-dollar acts of arson and bombings.

The report will include some Earth First! actions and the police records of those arrested. Also included will be the names of many "former" extremists, the groups that they are presently working with, and what they are currently doing. Among those covered are David Nathan Barbarash and Darren Todd Thurston of Earth First! and the Animal Liberation Front; Mitchell Alan Friedman of the Northwest Ecosystems Alliance; Dave Foreman, co-founder of Earth First! and now a board member of the Sierra Club; and Mike Roselle, co-founder of Earth First! and the Ted Turner-funded Ruckus Society.

The report can be purchased from North American Research, P.O. Box 65296, Port Ludlow, Washington 98365.

as that of competent law enforcement officials, that there will be other Kaczynskis.

The radical rhetoric published by extremists continues. This includes an October 1990 hit list published by members of Earth First! Companies and executives on the hit list include Microsoft, McDonald's, John Hancock, Nike, Boeing, and selected timber, mining, and oil companies. The stated goal of the hit list is: "Find an office, subsidiary, corporate executive home or ? near you and **ACT**." (The A in bold face is diagonally slashed, which is the symbol of the anarchists.) The main message of the printed material is to attack CEOs at their homes and offices, because they "threaten the existence of the natural world." These are the same words used by Kaczynski in his letters and manifesto.

The fact is that acts of eco-terrorism are on the rise and they have to be stopped. There have been some positive developments in this area recently. A Federal grand jury has convened to investigate eco-terrorism. Members of the Senate and Congress have contacted North American Research about hearings on this issue. On Dec. 17, 1997, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (the equivalent to the American CIA) declared animal rights extremists, "a threat to the security of Canada." This statement came as a result of a series of acts of terrorism by eco-terrorists and animal rights activists in Canada.

On Nov. 21, eco-terrorists carried out a series of bombing attacks on logging companies and equipment in Calgary, Alberta. Eight pieces of logging equipment belonging to Shurmann Enterprises and two belonging to logger Stew Brian were bombed and burnt. Damaged or destroyed were 3 cats, 1 log loader, 2 skidders, 2 delimiters, 1 grader, and 1 feller-buncher. The damage amounted to more than \$5 million.

On Nov. 25, 1997, six bombs were planted around the offices of BioChem Pharma, Inc., a high-profile developer of the anti-AIDS drug 3TC, in Montreal, Canada. The bombs were planted around the perimeter of the facility. Four bombs detonated, causing at least \$160,000 in damage to the buildings. The scariest part of the attack is that the terrorists used plastique as one of the components in the explosives. This denotes a high level of technical expertise and access to sophisticated materials and manufacturing capabilities. The Animal Liberation Front claimed credit for this terrorist attack.

North American Research has gathered evidence that millions of dollars are being sent to Canada from American extremists to destroy the very industries necessary to maintain the economy of Canada.

The "former" criminal elements of Earth First! are receiving millions of dollars to shut down logging, mining, ranching, and the recreational use of public lands in the United States. This is a threat to the security of America. A new report is being prepared by North American Research that will include who these "former" extremists are, the groups they are currently connected to, where they currently are, what they are doing, and who are some of their financial backers.