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WAR VICTIMS of another kind:

These small baboons are among the countless numbers orphaned by the on-going battle between farmers, foresters and baboons. Many are found still clinging to the dead bodies of their mothers. Now they cling to Pat O'Neill, near Somerset West, whose compassionate care for a multitude of displaced or needy animals has become legendary - from a chimpanzee from Zaire to donkeys destined for pet food. Baboons are free game for hunters in South Africa. In the Cape Peninsula, where once they roamed freely over Table Mountain, their numbers have dwindled to such an extent that Cape Nature Conservation aims to rewrite legislation to afford baboons special protection in the Peninsula. ANIMAL VOICE CALLS FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION FOR BABOONS AND ALL OTHER UNPROTECTED WILD ANIMALS NATION-WIDE.

EDITORIAL

FIVE YEARS ON

What have we achieved?

Five years ago, Humanity for Hens started up as a voice in the wilderness decrying the repulsive practice of de-beaking baby chicks to fit them for life in a battery.

Little did many of us know then the extent and overwhelming enormity of animal suffering hidden from public view and perpetrated in the name of profit, "feeding the nation" and scientific research.

As we dug deeper, Humanity for Hens became ANIMAL VOICE of South Africa, and all of us have experienced the sense of sorrow, total despair and helplessness in the face of Big Business, where the Animals Protection Act is openly violated and flaunted. Even the Attorney General of the Cape - and the Government - by their failure to act, give tacit approval to the horrific, unspeakable torture meted out to our animals.

Sometimes perhaps all of us have felt like burying our heads in the sand as we recoil from the onslaught of information that sickens us to the core and weighs so heavily on our shoulders that lightheartedness is no longer part of our experience. And then, once again our hearts harden in the knowledge that if we don't talk, the animals remain voiceless and that any discomfort we may feel is insignificant in comparison to the horrible suffering of just one wild baboon, captured and confined in a laboratory, of just one

ostrich blindfolded and stripped naked before slaughter, of just one battery chicken confined for life in the size of a shoebox, of just one cow paralysed by the electro-immobilizer, of just one pig brutally put to death in the townships by means of a blunt screwdriver or wood saw (*Die Burger* 28 Sept. '95).

And the words of the song "He ain't heavy, he's my brother" come to mind.

BUT HAVE WE MANAGED TO GAIN ANY GROUND FOR THE ANIMALS? Good intentions are not enough.

In the pages to follow, I will attempt to show the steps forward taken by ANIMAL VOICE in what will ultimately be a very long road.

Before I proceed, I would like to say that every time I mention ANIMAL VOICE in the pages to come, it includes all those dedicated supporters who have faithfully provided financial support to enable the publication of ANIMAL VOICE, who have gone in search of signatures for Petitions, who have distributed ANIMAL VOICE and spoken out for our animals, who have kept me informed with countless newspaper and magazine cuttings.

I know none of you wants thanks for your efforts. You do it for the animals - for God, for Creation, for moral and ethical rightness.

Nevertheless, allow me to thank you. Your value to the Animal Cause is beyond words. Please contact me if you can take more ANIMAL VOICE's for distribution.

Louise van der Merwe

Editor

A STEP FORWARD

A STRONG VOICE FOR THE ANIMALS IN PARLIAMENT AND IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr Willie Hofmeyr, MP, who serves on the Justice Standing Committee for the Constitutional Assembly, has agreed to lobby for a better deal for the animals.

"I will help to pressurize for a better deal," says Mr Hofmeyr. "If we call ourselves civilized, then we have to behave in a civilized manner."

Although the rights of animals have so far been totally omitted from the section on "Fundamental Rights" in the New Constitution, Mr Hofmeyr has undertaken to raise the inclusion of a clause on animals with the relevant committee, even at this late stage.

He also hopes to put a halt to the present move to devolve the application of the Animals' Protection Act to each of the nine provinces.

"It would help considerably if the Animals' Protection Act could be retained at National Level," says Mr Hofmeyr. "It is difficult to enforce Animal Protection Legislation if you have different sets of laws for

each province especially regarding animals transported across boundaries.

"Because so much of animal protection has to be enforced by voluntary organisations, it will be very difficult for volunteers to have to learn nine different sets of laws."



Mr Willie Hofmeyr

(Photo courtesy The Argus)

Editor's Comment: Whether or not Mr Hofmeyr is successful in his endeavours, ANIMAL VOICE is immensely heartened to have his voice speaking for the animals in Parliament.

THIS IS A FIRST IN SOUTH AFRICAN HISTORY!

ACTION:

The draft Constitution will be circulated for public comment from about mid-November to early 1996. Mr Hofmeyr has said that it is imperative that we write once again en masse to the Constitutional Assembly requesting (1) that the New Constitution includes a clause on the rights of animals and (2) that the welfare of South Africa's animals be in the hands of the highest level of government and not be devolved and fragmented to the nine different provinces.

ANIMAL VOICE urges you to make this a priority. All you need to do is fill in the postcard enclosed and post it.

A STEP FORWARD



Alderman Eulalie Stott.

In her hands she holds the whole world - of six laying hens for their adult life-times.

ALDERMAN EULALIE STOTT LEADS THE MARCH TO PRESENT 27 000 SIGNATURES TO THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

EXTRACTS FROM ALDERMAN STOTT'S ADDRESS:

"It is dreadful to see the restrictions - the imprisonment - imposed on little laying hens in their millions today.

They are never able to see the sun or to exercise their instinctive behavioural patterns.

When I managed the retail distribution side of a large poultry farm 45 years ago, there was no cruelty to hens.

I believe that if legislators and animal welfare societies had been aware in advance of the development of the battery cage system, battery cages would

have been banned.

Now, with millions of rands in investment involved, tragically more than 12 million hapless little laying hens suffer every day of their brief lives....

Today all our citizens have a voice in Parliament and there are no more unjust laws for **PEOPLE**. If we had no trade unions and still had slavery, all food would be cheaper. But slavery is unjust. That's why we do not have it any more...

If hens are more humanely treated, perhaps eggs will be more expensive, but they must be humanely, justly, treated.

In the meantime, we plead with people who can afford to pay more, to ask to buy free range eggs."

Advocate Gert Myburgh, Deputy Minister of Justice, holds 27 000 signatures collected nationally for the phasing out of battery farming for laying hens. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mr Myburgh was unable to receive the Petition personally on the day of the march. However, he later made himself available for this photo. A big thank you to all those who joined our march up to the Ministry of Justice in Plein Street, Cape Town, on 14 August 1995 and to Mrs Stott for leading it.



COMMENT FROM ADV. MYBURGH'S OFFICE

Mr Blendyn Williams, Administrative Secretary to Deputy Minister Myburgh, said the essential message of the Petition plus the number of signa-

tories would be relayed to the MEC's responsible for animal welfare in each of the nine provinces for their further attention.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In early 1991, when Humanity for Hens was already underway, "free-range" was an almost forgotten concept. Not one free-range egg was available at any supermarket anywhere in the country. As a direct result of our campaign, the first free-range eggs were launched almost simultaneously in Pick 'n Pay and Woolworths in the Cape in November 1991. The South African Poultry Association does not have figures for how many hens are now free-range. But an informed guess puts the number at more than 100 000. Free-range today is not what it was 50 years ago.

Most of today's "free-range" hens are densely stocked with seldom a blade of grass in sight. Yet they do have some freedom of movement and the ability to feel the sunshine and the earth beneath their feet. They can dustbath, stretch their wings and lay their eggs in a nest. A caring farmer would see to it that the ground does not become fowl-sick and that supermarket vegetable off-cuts are given regularly. I believe that "free-range", in properly managed conditions, is a step in the right direction. Poor management under any system of husbandry can only lead to suffering.



Many of you will remember the above edition of *Animal Voice*. What you may not know is that *ANIMAL VOICE* broke this story. It was subsequently picked up by the local Press and the international Press.

We believe that this story has been one of our biggest achievements. It caused shock waves in the ostrich industry and the Department of Agriculture banned the plucking of live ostriches.

In June 1995, fresh allegations of live plucking of ostriches at the Oudtshoorn abattoir were relayed to *ANIMAL VOICE*. We immediately contacted the Directorate of Veterinary Public Health which then issued a further direction: That no ostriches which have been plucked shortly before transportation to the abattoir, would be admitted for slaughter.

According to a member of the ostrich industry, this has effectively put an end to live plucking.

(According to the Sunday Times of June 4, 1995, the sale of ostrich skins in 1994 fetched R196-million, ostrich meat R33-million and feathers R16-million.)

The recent death of an ostrich which collapsed under the weight of a tourist at Oudtshoorn, breaking its neck, has caused concern to some members of the ostrich industry. They feel that requiring an ostrich to run around with overweight tourists on their backs is unacceptable. *ANIMAL VOICE* agrees and urges an enquiry into the stress levels of these birds when being ridden.



FREE RANGE TABLE BIRDS

Woolworths leads the way with free-range table birds. For "competitive reasons" Woolworths are not prepared to give details about the success of this line but there is little doubt that it is successful and in far-too-short supply. Woolworths is currently still the only national chain of stores offering free-range table chickens.



ANIMAL VOICE exposed the story behind the menopause drug Premarin which is extracted from the urine of pregnant mares at terrible cost to them. (The story was first brought to light by the USA-based Animal Rights organisation PETA).

After our expose, *Femina* magazine took up the story, as did *Fair Lady* and M Net's *Carte Blanche*. Thousands of menopausal women are now aware that they do have a choice of Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) drugs to choose from and that synthetic-based HRT drugs are considered by medical experts to be just as effective.

Zimbabwe residents recently launched a Petition against the treatment of

MENOPAUSE DRUG NIGHTMARE

the mares. According to a Zimbabwe newspaper: "What the mares are provided with on the PMU (Pregnant Mare Urine) farms is a concrete pen measuring 1,5m by 2,6m long, quite often with little or no bedding, chained and strapped into a medieval device known as a "pee bag", kept in place by elasticated hoses secured round their flanks and run over a pulley attached to the ceiling....

The mare is locked away in these conditions for six months minimum a year, year after year after year, until finally, worn out, she is taken out and shot for dog meat.

This is the price thousands of mares have to pay in the manufacture of Premarin."

EDITOR'S NOTE:

However, one can never forget the plight of the millions of broiler chickens reared in sheds for mankind's consumption. 65 million chickens are consumed in the Greater Soweto area alone in one year. In the July 19 edition of *The Star*, an article highlighted the misery of being born a broiler chick. The article then went on to comment: "But don't feel too sentimental about it all. Chickens aren't generally renowned for their great brains. They may seem a little bewildered at times, but they don't suffer, the experts say." *ANIMAL VOICE* condemns this

comment for two reasons: Firstly, for its shallow appreciation of the suffering of the chickens and secondly, for its incorrect facts: Research experts report that some 90% of broiler chickens suffer leg abnormalities with 26% suffering an abnormality of sufficient severity for their welfare to be considered compromised. As a leader of opinion, we expect more from *The Star*.

"Verily We have created everything in due measure. Whatever God created in this universe was in due and proper proportion, both qualitatively and quantitatively." - The Holy Quran 54:49.



THE POWER OF VIDEO

When the possibility of sheep being imported from Australia was first mooted in March 1995, ANIMAL VOICE immediately sent for the video "For a Few Pennies More" from Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) in the UK. This video, which shows the incalculable suffering of animals in transit to slaughter in Europe, was directly responsible for bringing the plight of "meat" animals right into the European Parliament in Brussels. The video also brought the plight of "meat" animals into the homes of ordinary people and sparked off the demonstrations and vigils which still continue at the English ports from which animals are shipped.

ANIMAL VOICE made many copies of "For a Few Pennies More" in our efforts to stop the importation of sheep from Australia. It was viewed i.a. by the Meat Board, by Dr Kraai van Niekerk himself, by Parliamentarians, newspaper editors and technicians. A radio station invited ANIMAL VOICE to talk on the video and TV1's GMSA showed clips from it.

Armed with the video, ANIMAL VOICE was also directly responsible for the Sunday Times moving the "sheep" story from its Business section into the main body of the newspaper and for the Sunday Tribune featuring the story. (Regrettably, neither the Sunday Times nor the Sunday Tribune gave Animal Voice credit as being the source of their stories).

ANIMAL VOICE believes the video "For a Few Pennies More" was instrumental in heightening the public's awareness regarding Australia's sheep trade - and the public's revulsion thereto.



BST - DANGER TO COWS AND HUMANS?

ANIMAL VOICE (Summer 1994) brought the public's attention to the controversy surrounding BST, a pharmaceutically made hormone which is injected into cows to improve milk production and which was legalised in South Africa in 1994. There is considerable debate concerning the welfare implications of BST for the cow.

While the Landbouweekblad of 23 June 1995 reports that BST sharply increases profit, BST has been banned in the EU at least until the end of the century.

New research at Musgrove Hospital, in Taunton, UK, shows that when levels of IGF-1 (insulin growth factor) are increased - as they are in milk from BST-treated cows - then cells in human intestines grow abnormally so 'there is a possibility that a tumour can form'. (Researcher Dr David Challacombe quoted in UK Farmers Weekly 24/2/95).

ACTION: Ask your local dairy to confirm in writing whether it uses or allows BST and send their replies to ANIMAL VOICE

After the return of his fact-finding mission to Australia, Dr Kraai van Niekerk gave a resounding "NO" to the importation of the sheep during a Press Conference broadcast on National Televisions's 8 o'clock News on 20 September 1995.

The permit was denied on humanitarian grounds. Said Dr van Niekerk: "The transportation of meat in live form is archaic and inhumane".

Showing clips from the CIWF video "For a Few Pennies More" the newscaster said: "It is scenes



NO AUSTRALIAN SHEEP FOR SA

ANIMAL VOICE supporters recently rallied round to collect more than 15 000 signatures to present to the Ministry of Agriculture to protest against the possibility of live sheep being imported from Australia for slaughter at Cato Ridge. The United Meat Traders Association applied for a permit to import 500 000 live sheep per year. The signatures were

collected in a period of just five weeks as we had to hand them in before Dr Kraai van Niekerk made his decision as to whether or not to grant the permit. Our Petition also called for a ban on all long-distance transportation of live animals to slaughter.



Dr Johann de Wet, Director: Ministerial Liaison for the Department of Agriculture, receives our Petition.

like these that are causing the Australian Senate Committee on Animal Welfare to think again. They say if Australia could turn over a new leaf, they would not allow any trade in live sheep."

Editor's Note:

THANK YOU Dr van Niekerk. We trust the Government will not reverse its decision although it is under considerable pressure to do so. THANK YOU CIWF for so valiantly forging the way ahead for the animals worldwide.

ANIMAL VOICE also applauds and appreciates beyond words the dedication of its supporters in collecting so many signatures in so short a time. We abhor and condemn the massive cruelty to sheep perpetrated by the Australian Government.

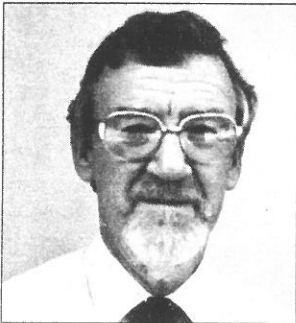
This is one good victory for us, but the remaining battle is to ban all long distance transport of live animals for slaughter including from SA to Mauritius and any proposed new transport deals with neighbouring states.

A STEP FORWARD

ANOTHER THEOLOGIAN SPEAKS OUT

Way back in 1992, Archbishop Desmond Tutu gave his official blessing to our endeavours to get a better deal for the animals. A year later Professor Jimmie Loader of the Department of Theology at Unisa signed our petition for the abolition of battery farming in South Africa.

Now the Reverend Hamish Holman of the Pietermaritzburg Hospital Chaplaincy, has spoken out too.



REV. HOLMAN

"It is my belief that God weeps when he sees what we do to his creatures."

Quoting the Scriptures, Rev. Holman says: "Then God commanded: 'Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life: domestic and wild, large and small - and it was done. So God made them all, and was pleased with what he saw. And then God said, 'And now we will make human beings; ... they will have power over the fish, the birds, and all the animals, domestic and wild, large and small.'"

Says Rev. Holman: "Notice that God was pleased with what he saw. Notice also that he gave power to human beings over animals, and in giving them this power, a tremendous responsibility to care for them. After all, they do belong to God. In other words, he was placing his trust in us.

Sadly, however, we have betrayed this trust by manifestly abusing this power in a variety of ways, but predominately through deliberate selfishness and neglect. It is my belief that contrary to being pleased, God weeps when he sees what we do to his creatures, especially when we do it for selfish reasons."

and now

If you believe that your efforts on behalf of ANIMAL VOICE, financial and otherwise, have been worth it... If you believe the animals in South Africa have benefited in some small measure from our efforts over the last five years...

THEN ANIMAL VOICE URGES YOU TO ASSIST WITH OUR MOST AMBITIOUS PROJECT YET.

WE WANT TO MAKE A VIDEO SHOWING THE PLIGHT OF "MEAT" ANIMALS IN TRANSIT TO SLAUGHTER IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

In a recent issue, THE ECONOMIST (August 19, 1995) noted: *"What television did for the opponents of the Vietnam war, the video cassette recorder has done for the animal rights movement..."*

"Perhaps the most significant part of what animal rights groups do is to educate, lifting the veil of ignorance that obscures the realities of farming. The public responds..."

"What has propelled bourgeois house-holders to the streets of Dover? In brief: video cameras and accessible targets..."

We believe that we can do for our animals what "For a Few Pennies More" and other such videos are doing for British and European animals.

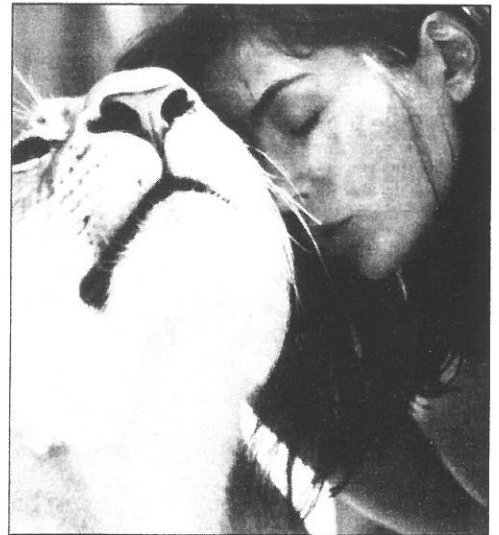
We want every single member of Parliament to witness the terrible, unspeakable plight of our "meat" animals en route to slaughter.

ANIMAL VOICE has a committed cameraman and TV producer with 22 years experience in television production, ready to do this video for us. He is prepared to go under cover if necessary. He estimates that he will need a month to shoot the video and a month to produce it.

BUT WE NEED FUNDS

A 20-minute professional video which can be sold to television here and overseas will cost us R35 000.

This may be too much for us to collect individually. Those who have a talent for fund-raising, please help us now by using it. Those supporters who would like to spearhead a fund-raising effort in your area, please contact ANIMAL VOICE.



"I give on behalf of Shingi in tribute to all Life." - Gillian van Houten

GILLIAN VAN HOUTEN, and MARIUS AND BARBARA DE WAAL of Wilderness, are among those who have started the fund, by contributing R1000 each.

Each and every contributor will be noted in the credits of the proposed video - not for personal "kudos" - but rather to show the powers-that-be that, like every revolution, it took the PEOPLE to do it.

CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE ANIMAL VOICE TRUST WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP ESPECIALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE. See coupon on page 10.

Details of the Trust are available on request

Victims of the Trans-Kalahari Hell Run - 600 kms to slaughter:

"He (the truck driver) stops frequently to check that the cattle in the two trailers he is towing don't lie down and he jolts them with a battery powered prod if they do. 'If one lies down the others will stand on it and kill it' he says." - Weekend Argus, May 27/28 1995.

THAT MOST ERUDITE VOICE OF REASON, THE ECONOMIST, SAYS THE PLIGHT OF ANIMALS IS A MORAL ISSUE "THAT IS NOT GOING TO GO AWAY".

The following are extracts from *The Economist* of August 19, 1995.

WHAT HUMANS OWE TO ANIMALS:

"Do animals have rights? This is how the question is usually put. It sounds like a useful, ground-clearing way to start. Actually, it isn't, because it presupposes an agreed account of human rights, which is something the world does not have..."

"Better to start with another, more fundamental, question: is the way we treat animals a moral issue at all?"

"Many deny it.. Any regard for the suffering of animals is seen as a mistake - a sentimental displacement of feeling that should properly be directed to other humans."

"This view, which holds that torturing a chimpanzee is morally equivalent to chopping wood, may seem bravely 'logical'. In fact it is simply shallow..."

"To see an animal in pain is enough, for most, to engage sympathy. When that happens, it is not a mistake: it is mankind's instinct for moral reasoning in action, an instinct that should be nurtured rather than mocked..."

"Historically, man has expanded the reach of his ethical calculations...first beyond family and tribe, later beyond religion, race and nation. To bring other species more fully into the range of those decisions may seem unthinkable to moderate opinion now. One day, decades or centuries hence, it may seem

no more than 'civilised' behaviour requires..

"So long as human beings remain as deeply divided as they are on these points, the answers must remain a matter of personal conscience..."

"However, it is all very well to say that individuals must wrestle with their consciences - but only if their consciences are awake and informed. Industrial society, alas, hides animals' suffering. Few people would themselves keep a hen in a shoebox for her egg-laying life; but practically every one will eat smartly packed, 'farm-fresh' eggs from battery hens. Many people who wear fur-lined gloves have barely heard of leghold traps, much less seen one in use; milk drinkers do not see the calves torn from their mothers..."

"In Britain, the RSPCA is pioneering 'Freedom Food'. Farm operations that meet the society's guidelines for humane farming can use the 'Freedom Food' logo..."

"It is a civilised - and civilising - beginning."

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UNIVERSALISM VS SPECIESISM

"One view sees animals as morally different from human beings, so that kicking a child and kicking a pig can never be equated without gravely demeaning the child and ludicrously fetishising the pig. (This is the traditionalist or speciesist view). The other view - call it universalist - sees higher animals as different from people (and from each other) in many ways, but fundamentally alike in that they are sentient and share the capacity to suffer." - *The Economist*, August 19, 1995.

"When it comes to animals, our species acts like Nazis," says Andrew Tyler of Animal Aid, a group based in Kent. He says he speaks as a Jew" - *The Economist*, August 19, 1995.

CLEM SUNTER'S VIEW OF THE FUTURE

Acclaimed South African futurist and business leader, Clem Sunter, who is chairman of Anglo American's gold and uranium divisions, writes a column for the *Sunday Argus* called *Sunter on Sunday*.

In the *Sunday Argus* of September 9/10 1995, Mr Sunter devoted his column to *The Economist* article and referred to the heightened sensitivity of the British towards food.

Said Mr Sunter: "Activists have very effectively used videos to show people footage of unnecessarily cruel acts towards animals and some of the more stomach-churning steps that turn an animal into a meal on the table."

"These revelations have literally put some of the more sensitive members of the



Clem Sunter

(Photo courtesy The Argus)

"I can already hear the regular steak-eaters chuckling"

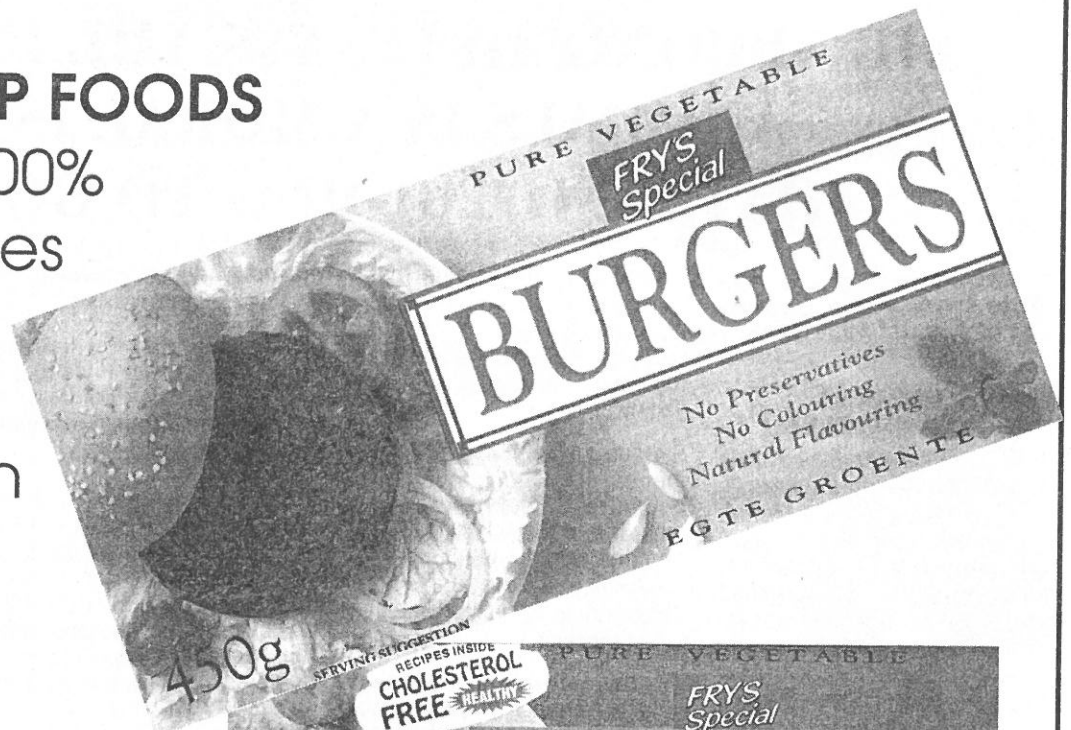
community off their food when it comes to meat...and increasing numbers of consumers (are also paying) a premium for meat products or eggs which are produced with a guarantee that certain standards of humaneness have been met.

"I can already hear the regular steak-eaters who read this article chuckling and saying it will never happen in South Africa. We are too carnivorous. Like lions, we have no problem with meat. But changes in Western habit have a funny way of fetching up on our shores - particularly among the young."

"We have had the liberation struggle for human beings. Who knows? The one for animals may be about to begin."

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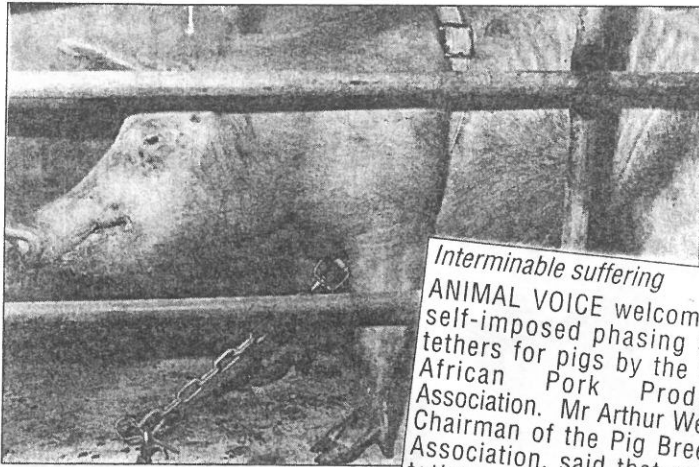
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PLIGHT OF ANGORA RABBITS

"Please could you help me draw some attention to the sad life of the Angora rabbit? I recently visited an Angora rabbit farm near Oudtshoorn. The way that we humans exploit these animals broke my heart.

"The rabbits live in separate cages (similar to bird cages)... The rabbits live for a few years in this fashion. Sitting in a little cage day in and day out. I think people should know the sad tale behind a soft jersey before purchasing one. It is time that we take responsibility for the emotional welfare of the animals that we use." - Rosanne Wille, Sea Point. - The Cape Times, May 17, 1995

YOUNG AMERICANS TURNING VEGETARIAN

For American teenagers, eating meat is "totally gross" and eating veggies is "righteous" according to a Newsweek article on "Trends". (Newsweek, 28 August 1995).

According to the article, one survey in America showed that 35% of girls and 18% of boys now think that being veggie is "in".

"Most veggies are indignant about factory-farming practices like debeaking chickens and clipping the tails off pigs. And they link eating meat with ecological destruction - another big teen concern."

Newsweek goes on to say that the latest notable acquisition to the Veggie Generation is Britain's 10-year-old Prince Harry who announced in July that he would no longer be eating meat.

Interminable suffering
ANIMAL VOICE welcomes the self-imposed phasing out of tethers for pigs by the South African Pork Producers Association. Mr Arthur Webber, Chairman of the Pig Breeders Association, said that no new tethers would be allowed as from 31 December 1995. At the time of Animal Voice going to print, the length of the phase-out had not yet been agreed upon. Regrettably sow stalls are to stay.

ANIMAL VOICE CONDEMNS AND DEPLORES THE SUGGESTION THAT FARMERS MAKE EXTRA MONEY BY SUPPLYING SANGOMAS AND MUTI SHOPS WITH ANIMAL-DERIVED "MUTI".

According to the Landbou-weekblad of May 12, 1995, Mr Deon Swart, Acting Head of Law Enforcement of Nature Conservation in North West Province, made the suggestion at a seminar of the "Transvaal Wildvereniging" at Warmbaths.

His suggestions included the provision of:

Python skin to promote cattle fertility

Vervet monkey to protect crops

Baboon to promote powerful fists

Ostrich foot to improve soccer skills

Aardvark to dream about the winning horse

Jackal to make you devious

Ostrich egg to relieve labour pains

Hyena to promote better sleep

Ant eater as a love potion

ANIMAL VOICE IS SPEECHLESS TO THINK THAT A NATURE CONSERVATIONIST MADE THESE PROPOSALS AND CALLS FOR SEVERE CENSURE OF MR SWART BY THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION OF NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

More than 100 supermarkets in Scotland have attached themselves to the RSPCA's farm animal welfare food labelling scheme. They are known as Freedom Food Retailers. - Meat Trades Journal, March 30, 1995.



courtesy Weekly Mail and Guardian.

FATHER OF THE ANIMAL RIGHTS REVOLUTION REACHES FURTHER - He wants a protected homeland for the great apes:

To every Animal Rightist, Peter Singer's name has special meaning. Twenty years ago, he wrote his seminal book ANIMAL RIGHTS which launched what has become an international revolution for the ethical treatment of animals.

Now, this respected Australian philosopher and Green politician is reaching further. His latest venture, the Great Ape Project, aims at international legal action to establish a bill of rights and eventually a "gorillastan" for the exclusive use of our fellow primates.

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