

## Mother's Pelt Under Offer

Norway, Sweden and Denmark will cut back their mink production. Last season's offering at the auction is was 15 % higher than last year's. All of these 2.5 million mink were breeding animals. Theoretically 10 million less mink will be bred and killed in the 1990-1991 season. Finland is expected to go through the same changes.

China has also slashed its production of mink. The number of mink born annually on Chinese fur farms is estimated around 5 million. At the April auction in Hong Kong however, only one million pelts from female mink were offered, almost 500,000 more than previous years. This means a slash in production of about 2 million animals in the coming winter.

source: Fur World, August 14 1989, May 7 1990

## Cut In Pro-Fur Promotions

The International Fur Trade Federation collected only 2.7 million last year through the 0.4% levy on auction purchases. The previous year it was 3.5 million US\$. The money is distributed among 15 countries on a matching-fund basis. These countries are the main consumer countries. Japan, also a main consumer is still to be able to cope on it's own. The main countries that recieve international support to save their fur trade are:

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| U.S.      | \$ 975,000 | previously \$ 1,500,000 |
| Italy     | \$ 500,000 | previously \$ 700,000   |
| Germany   | \$ 400,000 | previously \$ 750,000   |
| Canada    | \$ 300,000 | previously \$ 375,000   |
| Spain     | \$ 200,000 | for first time          |
| U.K.      | \$ 40,000  |                         |
| Hong Kong | \$ 19,000  |                         |
| Australla | \$ 3,600   |                         |
| Others    | \$ 262,400 |                         |

A quick calculation reveals that the total of world's auction sales last winter valued US\$ 675,000,000 and US\$ 875,000,000 in the previous winter.

A drop of \$ 200 million or 23 %!

source: Fur World, April 16 1990

## French Furlours

The French National Fur Trade Federation filed a law suit against the French television programme "30 Millions d'Amis" (30 Million Friends). They claimed that the showing of the film "Let Them Live", produced by CADAP and Bellerive Foundation in Geneva and distributed by WSPA, had caused them a lot of damage. The Paris court however stated that one should be free to express opinions and give information about fur and to promote alternatives. It was the third time the French Fur Trade Federation tried to use the court to protect their trade. It was also the third time they failed. Some people never learn.

source: press release CADAP, february 1990

## Fur Down Under

The fashion page in the New Zealand Herald reports: "Recently, thanks to world wide campaigns increasing numbers of us have reviewed our beliefs and intentions regarding fur and other animal-derived items. For the past few years there have been many women who are now admitting in public that although they owned furs, they were to embarrassed or afraid of the backlash to wear them. Sidney furriers recently admitted that their '90 farmed fur item were slashed to their lowest prices in years due to a fall-off in trade. Fashion has always reflected its time and the current reason for animal mania is to portray environmental awareness."

source: New Zealand Herald, 3 April 1990

## Furrier Arrested

New York manufacturer Phil Tendler of Tendler Furs saw red when he stepped into his home-bound Long Island Railroad train and was confronted by an anti-fur poster picturing a cuddly-looking fox. He promptly removed the poster and, as he sat waiting for the train to depart, he was arrested by railroad police and given a summons for disorderly conduct. His court hearing was April 16, but we haven't heard from Phil since.

source: Fur World, March 19 1990

## Indian Prime Minister Changes Hat

The Prime Minister of India V.P. Singh has responded to criticism from animal lovers and replaced his fur hat with one of synthetic materials. Singh who was became Prime Minister five months ago has been photographed many times with a hat of Karakul lamb. These animals are killed within 48 hours after birth to prevent the loss of curls in that special type of fur.

source: Associated Press, 10 february 1990