

SLAUGHTER

With the blood of the pilot whale staining the waters off the remote Faroe Islands conservationists go to war on the killing

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HUNDREDS of gentle pilot whales are being backed to death in a brutal slaughter in the bays of the remote Faroe Islands, 900 miles northwest of the Shetlands.

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SEA OF BLOOD: The water runs red with the blood of dozens of dying pilot whales as islanders indulge in an orgy of killing.

Spearing
Last week the Faroese government published new regulations to speed up the slaughter of pilot whales.

It can take a month for the many grey whales to be taken, but now they can wait for an hour with hooks driven through their flukes.

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IN FOR THE KILL: Fishermen herd whales to certain death in an island slaughter.



SPECTATOR SPORT: Grouchy islanders gather on a rocky beach to witness the slaughter.

Ein ódámilig samanrenning av »idealismu« og stórkapitali

Viða hvar í heiminum hava fólk stóran áhuga fyri grindaðrápi okkara.

Vit hava fingið sendandi eitt bræv frá einum norðmanni, sum er lærari á Norðurlendska fólkaháskúlanum í Kungälv í Svøríki.

Hann sendi okkum eisini eina síðu úr enska blaðnum »Today«.

Eg sendi tykkum eina síðu úr enska tíðindablaðnum »Today« frá 25. maí. Hon sýnir, at herferðin móti grindaðrápi í Føroyum

var byrjað longu tá og, at onnur bløð enn »Sunday Times« hjá Murdoch eru við í hetsinum móti Føroyum.

Tað er uttan iva rætt, sum »oh« skrivur í »Sosialurim« 24. juni, at tað, sum Paul Watson fæst við, litið hevur at gera við veruliga herferð móti grindaðrápi.

Um tað er rætt ella ikki at drepa grind, ber sjálvandi til at tjakast um. Í hesum førinum er to bara talan um fólk, sum vilja gera reklamu fyri sær sjálvum. Hetta kemur eisini týðiliga fram í ti, »Sosialurim« tann 21. juni skrivur um telefonsamrøðurnar heim hjá Watson.

Tað er eisini lögdi, sum

»oh« visir á, at ongin mótmælir, at amerikanarar drepa 100.000 delfinir. Heldur ongin ger vart við, at japanesar drepa hetta hvalaslagið — ið hvussu so er ikki amerikanarar. Men tað sigur seg sjálv: Japan er millum størstu og týðningarmestu viðskiftalondini hjá USA og tá verður tilikt »gloymt«.

Og verður tað kannað, hvagan hetsin móti Føroyum og fyrri ein part eisini Noregi stavar, so átti úrslitið ikki at komið á óvart. Mótmælini eru harðast júst í teimum plássum í USA, har fiskivinnan hevur størstan týðning. Bæði í kongressini og amerikansku stjórnini eru sterkar kreftir, sum

vilja gera stóðu Føroya, Noregs og Íslands veikari og styrkja stóðu USA, tá talan er um at selja fiskavørur. At amerikanarar her eru farnir í sama bát sum bretar, undrar heldur ongan.

Í hesum sambandi er ikki av leið at spyrja, nær bretska blóðini fara undir eina herferð móti tað uligu bretska revaveiðini.

Og hvussu við tarvafiktigini í Spania? Hvørki hevur nakað sum helst við føði at gera, soleiðis sum grindaðrápið jú hevur tað. Vissuliga sigur Greenpeace, at felagsskapurin bara fæst við tað, sum hendir á havinum. Men ein tilikur hattur at velja sær eina moralska vreiði er

ogvuliga litið trúlig.

Orsøkin er sjálvandi, at hvørki Greenpeace og Paul Watson kunnu liva uttan fíggarligar stuðul frá sterkum kreftum í USA og Stóra Bretlandi og so er tað nógv lættari at gera PR um seg sjálvan við at leggja eftir heldur veikum samfeløgum í Norðuratlantshavi.

Greenpeace er millum heimsins mest miðstýrdu felagsskapir og bygdur upp á ein hátt, sum onki hevur við demokrati at gera. Limirnir hava onga ávirkan, men eru trælubundnir at fylgja boðum frá einum »stórráði« í hvørjum landi, sum so aftur fær boð frá einari miðstøð í USA.

Tilikt styrkslag hava vit

hoyrt um fyrr og vit hugsa ikki fyrst og fremst um humanismu og umhvørvi í sambandinum.

Tað ber sum sagt til at tjakast um grindaðráp er rætt ella ikki. Og um drápháttin. Sjálvur havi eg ikki sæð grindaðráp, men fái væntandi høvi til tess, tá eg komi til Føroya í juli.

Eitt orðaskifti um grindaðráp og um tað móguliga skal steðgast med alla eigur tó at vera sakligt og byggja á sannroyndir. Tað eigur eisini at takast við, um Føroyar kunnu vera fyrri uttan ta føði, grindin er.

Men fyrst og fremst eiga tað at vera føroyingar sjálvir, sum avgera hetta uttan trýst frá viðgongd-