

SINGER SPEAKS



Henry Spira talks to animal rights/welfare workers at a workshop in Melbourne organised by Animal Rights and ANZFAS.

One of the world's leading animal rights activists, HENRY SPIRA, visited Australia in December 1988 to address the Senate Select Committee on Animal Welfare on toxicity testing using animals. He also spoke to politicians, advisory committees, bureaucrats and the media on animal experimentation and the available alternatives.

Henry Spira has been active in the animal liberation arena in the US for 15 years. He and the Animal Rights International Coalitions of which he is Co-ordinator, have confronted animal users head-on and have achieved substantial successes.

For instance, a campaign to stop the American Museum of Natural History's 20 years of deliberately mutilating cats so as to observe their sexual performance, convinced the public that the experiments were a crude and ineffectual

perversion of science. The cruelty was eventually stopped.

The first Animal Rights International Coalition was formed to fight the specific issues of the Draize and LD 50 tests. Now they are moving into the wider area of factory farming with the Coalition for Nonviolent Food.

While in Melbourne, Henry Spira attended a workshop arranged by ANZFAS for animal rights/welfare workers to discuss the strategies adopted by the Coalitions. He advised on how Australian animal welfare groups could use US experiences to devise new approaches for local action.

For *Animal Liberation Magazine* he talked with fellow activist, PROFESSOR PETER SINGER, author of *Animal Liberation*, about animal rights issues and his involvement in the movement.